



How to Make and Use a Good Agile Plan

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Build Plans that Reduce the Impact

- Don't shorten future tasks
 - Have early discussions on how to adjust your course

- Reduce the local buffer
 - Turn the 20-page research paper into 20 one-page papers

- Be transparent about the likelihood to deliver early
 - Use fact-based information to drive your forecast

What makes planning agile?

1. Agile planning is more focused on the planning than the plan.
 2. Agile planning encourages change with plans that can be easily changed.
 3. Agile planning is spread throughout the project.
- Are you more focused on the deliverable or in the planning activities?
 - Does it take hours or even days to update your plan due to change?
 - Does your process expect all the planning to happen at the beginning?
 - Are you setting expectations that precision is replacing accuracy?

Good Agile Planning

- ❑ Allows leaders to make reliable decisions about their investments.
- ❑ Allows us to make accurate predictions, that get more precise as we know more.
- ❑ Produces plans are easily updated and shared.
- ❑ Spreads the planning throughout the project.
- ❑ Regularly engage in dialog that may adjust the course of the project.

Early Conversations

- Do we bring in more resources to get the work done sooner?
- Can we delay the release until the work is completed?
- Can we deliver what we have by that date and continue to add more?
- Should we cancel/postpone the project altogether?
- How can we reduce the impact of that dependency?

Questions?

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Thank You!



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