

Business Analysis in Agile Software Development

This **3-day** workshop provides insights, tools, techniques and best-practices on how to manage requirements development in an Agile environment and equips business analysts with the critical thinking, analytical skills, and necessary people skills they need to add value to every Agile project and the timing for performing key tasks and events.



Course Take-aways:

24
PDU



Who should Attend?

- Business analysts
- Business systems analysts
- Systems analysts
- Project managers
- Project sponsors and project owners
- Systems architects and designers
- Systems or application developers
- QA professionals
- Systems testers
- Leader of systems, projects or teams
- Business customers, users or partners
- Anyone else wanting to enhance their Agile BA skills

Seminar Focus:

- Importance of business analysis in Agile projects
- How analysis adds business value for an Agile project's sponsors and customers
- Key roles and responsibilities of Agile team members
- Ways business analysis aligns with the principles of the Agile Manifesto
- Role of the business analyst in an Agile project
- Similarities and differences between plan-driven and change-driven approaches and how business analysis supports both
- How to use early and continuous feedback to drive change in your projects
- Key concepts of Agile approaches such as backlogs, sprints, and stories
- How to write effective epics, user stories and define acceptance criteria for them
- Techniques of story mapping, story decomposition and story elaboration
- Connection between user stories and use cases or activity diagrams
- Concept of behavior-driven development
- Build an effective discovery and delivery framework to help your Agile project succeed

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Overview

Traditional system-development methodologies are rapidly being replaced by more iterative or agile approaches. More and more organizations are realizing the benefits of faster product deployment at a lower cost, with less rework due to missed requirements. Effective business analysis is key to developing those requirements and keeping projects on track. This indispensable course explores the contributions of good requirements development in an Agile environment and equips business analysts with the critical thinking, analytical skills, and necessary people skills they need to add value to every Agile project.

This practical workshop provides participants with an understanding of the changing role of the business analyst, the tools and techniques best suited to Agile, and the timing for performing key tasks and events. Explanatory, demonstrations, and practice exercises will provide you with the experience needed to create user stories that meet business needs.

This seminar examines the differences, as well as similarities between the more traditional approach and agile way of performing BA, using real-world examples.

"Traditional" Business Analyst	Agile Business Analyst
Requirements are documented in Use Cases, Business Requirements, Functional Requirements, UI Specifications, Business Rules.	Requirements are documented in Epics, User Stories and optionally Business (or Essential) Use cases.
Focuses on completeness of requirement and spends time in ensuring the requirement is unambiguous and has all the details.	Focuses on understanding the problem and being the domain expert so that s/he can answer questions from the development team swiftly and decisively.
Focuses on getting a 'sign off' on the requirements.	Focuses on ensuring the requirements meet the current business needs, even if it requires updating them.
Often there is a wall between the BA/Business and the Development team.	Agile BA/Product Owner is part of the team.
Tends to dictate solutions	Has to remain in the problem domain, leaving the development team 'space' to explore different solutions.
Long turnaround.	Quick turnaround
Focuses on being very specific in the requirements (constructed as inflexible)	Leave room for negotiation (and be flexible) as long as the problem is solved.

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Daily Agenda at a glance

Throughout this **3-day workshop**, each participant will acquire various Business Analysis skills, required for the Product Owner to successfully manage the "Business View" activities throughout the entire Product Development process.

Day 1

1. Agile Essentials

- We all know what Agile is... or do we not?
- The Manifesto and Guiding Principles + some more
- A Variety of Agile Approaches
- Hybridizing Agile - OH WOW... or not so "WOW"
- Which "Agile" is Right for You?
- Business Analysis for Agile Projects

2. The Agile Business Analyst

- The Role of Business Analyst in Agile Projects
- BA Underlying Competencies
- Review of Requirements Basics
- It's Still About Asking the Right Questions
- Business Analysis Techniques: Some You Know and Some New Ones
- Mapping BA Techniques to Agile
- Guidelines for Agile Business Analysis

3. The Product Vision

- A Framework for Assessing Business Needs and Value
- Defining the Product That Solves the Problem
- Building a Product Roadmap
- The Importance of Release Planning
- Stakeholders, Actors and Personas

Day 2

4. The Voice of the Customer

- Concepts: Goals, Themes, Epics and more

- User Stories
- Activity diagramming / Process modelling
- Use Cases
- Story/Feature Mapping
- Story Decomposition
- Story Elaboration
- Defining Acceptance Criteria
- Storyboarding for Validation

Day 3

5. Prioritizing for Business Value

- What is a Product Backlog?
- Prioritizing Items for the Backlog
- The Importance of Sprint Planning
- Managing and Grooming the Backlog

6. Moving Toward Behavior-Driven Development

- Understanding Behavior-Driven Development
- Using Analysis Models for Elaboration and Clarification
- The "Given/When/Then/And" Technique

7. Collaboration

- Creating a Safe Working Environment
- Using Collaborative Games
- The Importance of Stand-Ups and Sprint Reviews

8. Continuous Improvement

- Retrospectives: Lessons Learned
- Toward Continuous Improvement

CREDENTIAL

PMP PgMP PfMP PMI-ACP PMI-PBA PMI-RMP PMI-SP

Technical Project Management	6	2	2	2	6	1	1
Strategic & Business Management	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Leadership	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
PDU Total	24	20	20	20	24	19	19

Seminar starts each day at 8:30am and finishes at 4:30pm. Lunch, coffee & refreshments are provided.

All participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance. The course is in line with PMBOK® Guide 7th edition and BABOK® Version 3 and provides 24 PDUs / Contact Training Hours.



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Seminar Leader



Bart Bernink, PMP, CIPM, MPM, CBAP, an independent senior business improvement consultant/trainer since 1994, has more than 35 years' experience in Project / Program / Portfolio Management, Business Analysis and Business Improvement.

He worked for various leading companies in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and the USA. Mainly in the IT department, Project Management Office and Business Improvement/Change Management Office.

Specialist in aligning IT to support new or revised business strategies, Bart managed large fixed price projects in E-commerce, financial, airline and governmental organizations. He

worked as a project and program manager for Philips, KPN, Rabobank International, KLM, ABNAmro, Proximus, Shell, ING, Digital Equipment and Microsoft. Bart's current clients list include: Zadco (UAE), Shell, Barclays, HSBC(UK), Chevron(Angola, Kazaghstan), Rabobank Group, Etisalat Nigeria, Bpost(Belgium), Steedin, Vestada, Global Knowledge, ESI International Europe, Rio Tinto Guinee, Cisco, Kasbank, T-systems, Microsoft, KLM, Barclays Capital(UK), RASGAS(Qatar), ITA(Oman).

Since 2004 he is involved in introducing Agile development approaches for leading companies in Holland, Belgium and the UK. Not only in banking, oil and airline organizations but also with governmental departments. The solution development was done by 3 to 4 teams working parallel. For some teams played the role of Scrum Master. Based on his practical experience Bart helps organizations to improve their project management and business improvement skills via on-the-job coaching and/or delivering workshops. Helped organizations to professionalize:

- Business analysis by introducing Change Management Organization within companies. Result was less projects were challenged (39% down to 0%)
- Just In Time delivery, by introducing AGILE development approaches
- Project management by introducing state-of-the-art PMO organization, tooling and adjustment of existing project management processes
- Agile development

Since 2014, Bart has been delivering various workshops and seminars in Zagreb, organized by KTC International. He's most frequently visited seminars include:

Business Analysis Exam Prep
Advanced Preparation Workshop with Exam-Simulation on CBAP® Exam
Advanced Preparation Workshop with Exam-Simulation on PMI-PBA® Exam

This 2-day intensive workshop prepares delegates to successfully pass one of the most recognized, challenging and professional certifications in the field of Business Analysis (BA).

February 25-26, 2016 | Hotel & Congress Center Ante Starčević, Zagreb, Croatia

Workshop Focus:
• Gain a solid understanding of the concepts and practices of Business Analysis
• Learn how to apply BA to real-life situations
• Develop the skills required to pass the exam
• Practice exam questions and receive feedback from the instructor
• Learn how to prepare for the exam effectively

Course Takeaways:
• BABOK Version 3
• Business Analysis Fundamentals
• Continuous Improvement
• Configuration Management
• Data Management
• Governance
• Human Resources
• Information Technology
• Stakeholder Management
• Workforce Planning

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Business Analysis for Project Managers
This 2-day intensive workshop aims to provide managers of projects with the knowledge, skills and tools to successfully manage business analysis activities and deliver successful projects and programs. The seminar integrates Business Analysis, Project Management, and Business Analysis techniques. The focus is on how to successfully manage business analysis activities and deliver successful projects and programs.

May 20-21, 2019 | Hotel & Congress Center Ante Starčević, Zagreb, Croatia

Workshop Focus:
• Understand the role of business analysis in project management
• Learn how to identify and manage business requirements
• Develop skills for managing business analysis activities
• Learn how to use business analysis techniques to support project management tasks
• Practice applying business analysis techniques to real-world project scenarios

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Business Analysis 2.0: Strategic Enterprise Analysis for Project & Program Managers and Senior Business Analysts
This 3-day workshop will help delegates to understand the concepts and practices of strategic enterprise analysis, improving their ability to analyze and manage the needs of their organization and its stakeholders across all areas of strategic planning and program management.

September 21-22, 2018 | Hotel & Congress Center Ante Starčević, Zagreb, Croatia

Workshop Focus:
• Identify customer needs and requirements
• Develop a clear understanding of the organization's mission and vision
• Create a strategic plan for the organization
• Implement a strategic plan
• Monitor and evaluate performance
• Improve the organization's performance

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Business Analysis for Product Owners & Managers
This 3-day workshop provides insights, tools, techniques and best practices on how to identify customer needs & requirements, prioritize & prioritize solution design effectively, handle product development cascades, realize benefits and develop a business case. An essential Business Analysis toolbox for every Product Management Professional.

February 24-26, 2020 | Hotel & Congress Center Ante Starčević, Zagreb, Croatia

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First time in Zagreb!!

Who should Attend?
• Product Owners
• Project Managers
• Business Analysts
• Scrum Masters
• Program Managers & Team Leaders
• Program Managers
• Solution Architects
• System Architects and Designers
• Software Testers and Analysts
• Business Customers, Users Partners
• Anyone else involved in UX

Seminar Focus:
• Understand the concepts of strategic enterprise analysis
• Learn how to identify and manage business requirements
• Develop skills for managing business analysis activities
• Learn how to use business analysis techniques to support project management tasks
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