

## Business Agility And The True Economics Of Cloud Computing

It's no secret that we are living in the Digital Age. Technology companies make up seven of the world's ten largest firms by market capitalization. And the key to their success is the key to all modern organizations. Jonathan Smart, business agility practitioner, thought leader, and coach, reveals the patterns and antipatterns that will help organizations from every industry deliver better value sooner, safer, and happier through high levels of engagement, inclusion, and empowerment. Through his decades of experience in the technology world, Smart provides business leaders with a blueprint for creating a world-class organization of the future. Through Agile and Lean ways of working, business leaders can empower teams to improve production, grow together, and create better services for their customers. These better ways of working have overflowed from the IT department to every corner of successful organizations, taking root in every industry from aerospace to accounting, insurance to shipping. This book is not about software development. It is not a book about the computer industry. This book is about applying agility across the entire organization. It's a book that will put you at the front of change and ahead of the competition.

Building the Agile Business through Digital Transformation is a guide for organizational development professionals and change managers needing to better understand, implement and lead digital transformation in the workplace. It sets aside traditional thinking and outdated strategies to explain what steps need to be taken for an organization to become truly agile. It addresses how to build organizational velocity and establish iterative working, remove unnecessary process, embed innovation, map strategy to motivation and develop talent to succeed. Building the Agile Business through Digital Transformation provides guidance on how to set the pace and frequency for change and shows how to break old habits and reform the behaviours of a workforce to embed digital transformation, achieve organizational agility and ensure high performance. Full of practical advice, examples and real-life insights from organizational development professionals at the leading edge of digital transformation, this book is an essential guide to building an agile business.

Use Lean Techniques to Integrate Enterprise Systems Faster, with Far Less Cost and Risk By some estimates, 40 percent of IT budgets are devoted to integration. However, most organizations still attack integration on a project-by-project basis, causing unnecessary expense, waste, risk, and delay. They struggle with integration “hairballs”: complex point-to-point information exchanges that are expensive to maintain, difficult to change, and unpredictable in operation. The solution is Lean Integration. This book demonstrates how to use proven “lean” techniques to take control over the entire integration process. John Schmidt and David Lyle show how to establish “integration factories” that leverage the powerful benefits of repeatability and continuous improvement across every integration project you undertake. Drawing

on their immense experience, Schmidt and Lyle bring together best practices; solid management principles; and specific, measurable actions for streamlining integration development and maintenance. Whether you're an IT manager, project leader, architect, analyst, or developer, this book will help you systematically improve the way you integrate—adding value that is both substantial and sustainable. Coverage includes Treating integration as a business strategy and implementing management disciplines that systematically address its people, process, policy, and technology dimensions Providing maximum business flexibility and supporting rapid change without compromising stability, quality, control, or efficiency Applying improvements incrementally without “Boiling the Ocean” Automating processes so you can deliver IT solutions faster—while avoiding the pitfalls of automation Building in both data and integration quality up front, rather than inspecting quality in later More than a dozen in-depth case studies that show how real organizations are applying Lean Integration practices and the lessons they've learned Visit [integrationfactory.com](http://integrationfactory.com) for additional resources, including more case studies, best practices, templates, software demos, and reference links, plus a direct connection to lean integration practitioners worldwide.

Are you struggling to deliver true business value even with more agile projects? Does the structure of your business allow you to keep up with the pace of change? Are you a metrics data producer, consumer, neither, or both? How long business value reporting has your team used agile practices/principles? How is it going to make your business better? This breakthrough Business Agility self-assessment will make you the reliable Business Agility domain authority by revealing just what you need to know to be fluent and ready for any Business Agility challenge. How do I reduce the effort in the Business Agility work to be done to get problems solved? How can I ensure that plans of action include every Business Agility task and that every Business Agility outcome is in place? How will I save time investigating strategic and tactical options and ensuring Business Agility costs are low? How can I deliver tailored Business Agility advice instantly with structured going-forward plans? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed best-selling author Gerard Blokdyk. Blokdyk ensures all Business Agility essentials are covered, from every angle: the Business Agility self-assessment shows succinctly and clearly that what needs to be clarified to organize the required activities and processes so that Business Agility outcomes are achieved. Contains extensive criteria grounded in past and current successful projects and activities by experienced Business Agility practitioners. Their mastery, combined with the easy elegance of the self-assessment, provides its superior value to you in knowing how to ensure the outcome of any efforts in Business Agility are maximized with professional results. Your purchase includes access details to the Business Agility self-assessment dashboard download which gives you your dynamically prioritized projects-ready tool and shows you exactly what to do next. Your exclusive instant access details can be found in your book. You will receive

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The future of business will be determined by its effectiveness in performing knowledge-based work. Scrum has proven itself in one exceptionally important form of knowledge-based work: software development. Now, Enterprise Scrum is increasingly proving itself in large-scale knowledge work of all kinds: not just software development, but team and multi-team projects and business processes at all levels, including enterprise-wide. In this book, Scrum/agile pioneer Mike Beedle introduces Enterprise Scrum, and demonstrates how to apply it to achieve unprecedented levels of productivity and transparency across your organization. Beedle begins with the big picture, introducing Scrum from the standpoint of knowledge-based decision-makers and process owners. Next, he systematically introduces powerful techniques for applying and scaling Scrum in new environments, both within the enterprise and beyond to clients/customers, service providers, suppliers, and even to SaaS and mobile platforms. Drawing on his extensive "in the trenches" experience, Beedle presents patterns for successfully utilizing Enterprise Scrum, and walks through several start-to-finish case studies -- in software development, marketing, operational strategy, and product development. The techniques he presents in this book are applicable in a wide range of industries, from pharmaceuticals to fashion to finance, and are relevant in any business process where knowledge, creativity, and change come together.

Do you find it increasingly difficult to lead in the midst of change that is relentless, disruptive, unprecedented? What if I told you that you do not have to be at the mercy of change ... that you can actually harness change for your competitive advantage! In past markets that had low rates of change, business leaders were accustomed to making "right" decisions. Unfortunately, this is ineffective in today's world of uncertainty. Blindly proceeding with the "right" plan increasingly turns out wrong. To succeed, leaders must now reverse their approach from "right until wrong" to "wrong until right." Their businesses must become more like a guided missile that is almost always incorrect and "off" to a degree in flight but continually adjusts until it reaches its always changing target. The missile is built for and pursues a "wrong until right" approach. You can too, and this book tells you how!

The agile community has figured out how to build and then continually improve very high-performance software

development teams. This is akin to creating a race car engine and then evolving it to get more power, better fuel efficiency, and greater speed. Sadly in many cases we take these great engines, put them into an organizational tractor, and then complain that we're not winning the race. What we need to do is take our great race car engines (our development teams), put them into a race car (a DevOps ecosystem), have a great pit crew and driver (an effective IT organization), and then provide somewhere to race (an organization that can leverage IT to make money). That's what this book is all about - Moving from optimizing team performance to optimizing the entire enterprise. Business agility - being an adaptive, lean, responsive, and learning organization - is the race that enterprises need to win today. Yet there is no quick fix, no silver bullet, to attain business agility. This is a multi-year journey requiring hard work, experimentation, and most importantly a willingness to improve. The Disciplined Agile framework lowers risks and provides a path to accelerate your journey to business agility. The framework is unique in that it is the only one that puts all the pieces together into a cohesive enterprise roadmap for business agility transformation. This book begins with an overview of the challenges and opportunities that organizations face. We then describe seven principles that provide the underpinnings of the Disciplined Agile framework. Then the book works through Disciplined Agile Delivery (how to build a world-class engine), Disciplined DevOps (the race car), Disciplined Agile IT (the race car and its team), and what it means to be a Disciplined Agile Enterprise (the racing business). The book ends with a plan for starting with an Agile transformation and then evolving into a long-term continuous improvement strategy. Do you have the discipline it takes to win the race to business agility?

Thriving in today's marketplace frequently depends on making a transformation to become more agile. Those successful in the transition enjoy faster delivery speed and ROI, higher satisfaction, continuous improvement, and additional benefits. Based on actual events, *Agile Transformation: A Brief Story of How an Entertainment Company Developed New Capabilities and Unlocked Business Agility to Thrive in an Era of Rapid Change* provides a revealing behind-the-scenes account of a successful agile implementation at a global entertainment company. Scott M. Graffius' first book, *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions*, provides readers with practical information they can use to get benefits from the most popular agile framework, Scrum. It presents top practices from successful implementations based on Scott's hands-on experience and 116 diverse sources such as the Scrum Alliance, the Project Management Institute, MIT, the IEEE, Gartner, and the Software Engineering Institute. BookAuthority named *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions* "One of the Best Scrum Books of All Time." The publication garnered 17 first place awards from national and international competitions. Scott and his book have been featured in Yahoo Finance, Computer Weekly, the PM World Journal, Learning Solutions, Innovation Management, and additional media

publications. In *Agile Transformation: A Brief Story of How an Entertainment Company Developed New Capabilities and Unlocked Business Agility to Thrive in an Era of Rapid Change*, Scott shares a behind-the-scenes account of a successful agile implementation at a global entertainment company. The story is based on actual events and it's told from Scott's perspective as an agile coach. The transformation dramatically improved the way the organization works and delivers business value. New capabilities and practices enabled the enterprise to adapt to its changing environment, move faster, and drive innovation, which made it more competitive and prosperous.

The relentless pursuit of industrial efficiency no longer yields the profits it once did because it requires a level of business predictability that no longer exists. Instead, the Internet and global video and telecom systems provide a massive and continuous flow of data that causes the whole world to behave like a giant stock market, with all the volatility and uncertainty that goes along with such markets. Responsiveness now trumps efficiency. By being responsive to the evolving needs and desires of specific groups of customers, companies can wrap their products and services in a tailored blanket of value-added services to consistently earn an additional four percent or more gross margin than they would otherwise earn for the product or service alone. This customer and market specialization is the most promising and the most sustainable source of profits in our fluid, real-time economy. Part of the Microsoft Executive Leadership Series, *Business Agility* discusses the three fundamental process loops that drive an agile enterprise and how they work together to deliver the responsiveness that generates profits in a high-change economy. Providing strategies for innovative and pragmatic use of people, process, and technology to drive operations in an agile enterprise, this book reveals the principles of the agile enterprise, backed by real-world case studies from the author's own experience. Michael Hugos is a speaker, writer, and practitioner in IT and business agility, and agile system development methods. He writes a column for *Computerworld* and a blog titled "Doing Business in Real Time" for *CIO* magazine.

Describes how organizations can learn to move swiftly to accommodate change while still providing the necessary structures that nurture employees and long-term success.

*Business Agility: Sustainable Prosperity in a Relentlessly Competitive World* John Wiley and Sons

m-Business technology enables you to achieve extraordinary organizational agility and deliver unprecedented value to customers wherever they are. In *Business Agility*, Internet Week columnist Nicholas D. Evans draws upon real case studies to illuminate today's best m-Business strategies and tactics, and offers a complete step-by-step blueprint for execution: planning, process models, architecture, implementation, and much more.

Most businesses must change, and change quickly, to remain competitive in a dynamic and often chaotic marketplace. Information systems are central to business change, yet IT struggles to adapt its systems quickly enough to



meet business demands. Even agile software development methodologies have had only limited impact on true business agility. Why is this so hard? Clearly, a barrier stands between the rigid systems of the past and the agile systems that businesses so urgently need--an Agility Barrier. Breaking Through the Agility Barrier tackles these problems head-on, offering practical advice about how to break through that barrier. With clear insight, guiding principles, an organizing framework, and practical advice, this book offers IT leaders the know-how they need to create information systems that achieve new levels of agility not simply in the information systems or the IT organization but at the business level, and on the bottom line.

Design IT Organizations for Agility at Scale Aspiring digital businesses need overall IT agility, not just development team agility. In *Agile IT Organization Design*, IT management consultant and ThoughtWorks veteran Sriram Narayan shows how to infuse agility throughout your organization. Drawing on more than fifteen years' experience working with enterprise clients in IT-intensive industries, he introduces an agile approach to "Business-IT Effectiveness" that is as practical as it is valuable. The author shows how structural, political, operational, and cultural facets of organization design influence overall IT agility—and how you can promote better collaboration across diverse functions, from sales and marketing to product development, and engineering to IT operations. Through real examples, he helps you evaluate and improve organization designs that enhance autonomy, mastery, and purpose: the key ingredients for a highly motivated workforce. You'll find "close range" coverage of team design, accountability, alignment, project finance, tooling, metrics, organizational norms, communication, and culture. For each, you'll gain a deeper understanding of where your organization stands, and clear direction for making improvements. Ready to optimize the performance of your IT organization or digital business? Here are practical solutions for the long term, and for right now. Govern for value over predictability Organize for responsiveness, not lowest cost Clarify accountability for outcomes and for decisions along the way Strengthen the alignment of autonomous teams Move beyond project teams to capability teams Break down tool-induced silos Choose financial practices that are free of harmful side effects Create and retain great teams despite today's "talent crunch" Reform metrics to promote (not prevent) agility Evolve culture through improvements to structure, practices, and leadership—and careful, deliberate interventions

Enterprise Agility is practical framework for enhancing Agility and equipping your company with the tools to survive. Key Features Prepare your company to navigate the rapidly-moving business world Enhance Agility in every component of your organization Build a framework that meets the unique requirements of your enterprise Book Description The biggest challenge enterprises face today is dealing with fast-paced change in all spheres of business. Enterprise Agility shows how an enterprise can address this challenge head on and thrive in the dynamic environment. Avoiding the mechanistic

construction of existing enterprises that focus on predictability and certainty, Enterprise Agility delivers practical advice for responding and adapting to the scale and accelerating pace of disruptive change in the business environment. Agility is a fundamental shift in thinking about how enterprises work to effectively deal with disruptive changes in the business environment. The core belief underlying agility is that enterprises are open and living systems. These living systems, also known as complex adaptive systems (CAS), are ideally suited to deal with change very effectively. Agility is to enterprises what health is to humans. There are some foundational principles that can be broadly applied, but the definition of healthy is very specific to each individual. Enterprise Agility takes a similar approach with regard to agility: it suggests foundational practices to improve the overall health of the body—culture, mindset, and leadership—and the health of its various organs: people, process, governance, structure, technology, and customers. The book also suggests a practical framework to create a plan to enhance agility. What you will learn

- Drive agility-oriented change across the enterprise
- Understand why agility matters (more than ever) to modern enterprises
- Adopt and influence an Agile mindset in your teams and in your organization
- Understand the concept of a CAS and how to model enterprise and leadership behaviors on CAS characteristics to enhance enterprise agility
- Understand and convey the differences between Agile and true enterprise agility
- Create an enterprise-specific action plan to enhance agility
- Become a champion for enterprise agility
- Recognize the advantages and challenges of distributed teams, and how Agile ways of working can remedy the rough spots
- Enable and motivate your IT partners to adopt Agile ways of working
- Who this book is for

Enterprise Agility is a tool for anyone with the motivation to influence outcomes in an enterprise, who aspires to improve Agility. Readers from the following backgrounds will benefit: chief executive officer, chief information officer, people/human resource director, information technology director, head of change program, head of transformation, and Agile coach/consultant.

The WHY, WHAT and HOW to create business agility and sustainable growth all combined into one book. A refreshing approach to business agile transformations, where people form the heart organisations.

Practical Guidance and Inspiration for Launching, Sustaining, or Improving Any Agile Enterprise Transformation Initiative

As long-time competitive advantages disappear, astute executives and change agents know they must achieve true agile transformation. In *Unlocking Agility*, Jorgen Hesselberg reveals what works, what doesn't, and how to overcome the daunting obstacles. Distilling 10+ years of experience leading agile transformation in the enterprise, Hesselberg guides you on jumpstarting change, sustaining momentum, and executing superbly on customer commitments as you move forward. He helps you identify appropriate roles for consultants, optimize organizational structures, set realistic expectations, and measure against them. He shares first-hand accounts from pioneering transformation leaders at firms including Intel, Nokia, Salesforce.com, Spotify, and many more.

- Balance building the right thing, the right way, at the

right speed • Design a holistic transformation strategy using five dimensions of agility: Technology, Organizational Design, People, Leadership, and Culture • Promote agile skills, knowledge, and abilities throughout your workforce • Incorporate powerful leadership models, including Level 5, Teal, and Beyond Budgeting • Leverage business agility metrics to affect norms and change organizational culture • Establish your Agile Working Group, the engine of agile transformation • Define operating models and strategic roadmaps for unlocking agility, and track your progress You already know agile transformation is essential. Now, discover how to customize your strategy, execute on it in your environment, and achieve it.

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Addresses the field of enterprise systems, covering progressive technologies, leading theories, and advanced applications.

Manage and improve your organization's agile transformation Adopting an enterprise agile framework is a radical organizational change, and this book will help you get there without ever breaking a sweat. In Enterprise Agile For Dummies, you'll discover how to successfully choose



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and implement the right framework based on your organization's own unique culture. Organizational culture is one of the most overlooked challenges when trying to make a change to enterprise agile, and there are lots of resources out there that claim to have the perfect, one-size-fits-all solution. Luckily, this book takes a neutral stance and covers popular organizational change management techniques that you can implement to suit to your unique needs. Packed with step-by-step instruction and complemented with real-world case studies, this book offers everything you need to know in order to embrace a more agile mindset. Understand the benefits of an agile approach Pick the best enterprise agile framework for your organization Create a successful enterprise change management plan Let Enterprise Agile For Dummies help you optimize your business processes, and watch your productivity soar.

Enterprises must achieve "true agility" to sustain businesses and drive outcomes in this fast-paced, competitive, and rapidly-changing environment. This book is specially designed for thought leaders who are leading agile transformation efforts, coaching agile or lean frameworks, implementing OKRs, or bringing more business agility to their enterprise. With step-by-step instructions, inspiring quotes, and real-world examples, this book offers everything you need to know in order to achieve Enterprise Agility (EA), including but not limited to: The House of Enterprise Agility and its 6 Pillars Planning Agility Funding Agility Team Agility Technical Agility Leadership Agility HR Agility Role of OKRs (Objectives and Key Results) Real-world examples for well-written and poorly-written OKRs Join me on the journey to enterprise agility. Grab your copy of the book today.

"Focuses on the technology innovations that may help in building virtual businesses and making existing businesses smarter and efficient in their operations. Intended to help key decision makers understand more about introducing new technologies into businesses"--

"The counterintuitive approach to achieving your true potential, heralded by the Harvard Business Review as a groundbreaking idea of the year"--

This balanced guide to agility gets past the hype and frustration to help frustrated leaders transform their agile transformations. Agile transformations are supposed to make organizations modern, competitive, and relevant. But in the well-intentioned effort to move into the future, change leaders find themselves frustrated by pushback, limited impact, poor practices, and unfair criticism. What's going on? Jesse Fewell's book cuts through the "quick-fix" hype of agile theory and explains a recurring transformational pattern that unpacks what holds organizations back. The boost is the initial gains from logical first steps; the barrier is the unavoidable roadblock that must come next; and the rebound is the way forward to further gains by leaning against the concept of the original boost. With these counterintuitive rebounds, Fewell identifies seven leadership moves that can be used to unblock stalled agile transformations. No, your transformation is not a failure. It turns out the buy-in, the talent, the alignment, and the growth you need to break through are already in front of you; it's all simply hidden under the surface—undiscovered, unutilized, and untapped.

This is the first book to seriously address the disconnection between nimble Agile teams and other groups in the enterprise, including enterprise architecture, the program management office (PMO), human resources, and even business executives. When an enterprise experiments with practice improvements, software development teams often jump on board with excitement, while other groups are left to wonder how they will fit in. We address how these groups can adapt to Agile teams. More importantly, we show how many Agile teams cause their own problems, damaging scalability and sustainability, by requiring special treatment, and by failing to bridge the gaps between themselves and other groups. We call this phenomenon "Agile illth." Adopting a set of "best practices" is not enough. All of us, Agile teams and the corporate groups, must change our intentions and worldviews to be more compatible with the success of the enterprise. Join us on

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the journey to enterprise agility. It is a crooked path, fraught with danger, confusion and complexity. It is the only way to reach the pinnacles we hope to experience in the form of better business value delivered faster for less cost.

Understand and Solve Your Customers' Real Problems with Agile Business Analysis To deliver real value, you must understand what your customers truly value, and solve the problems they really need solved. Business analysis can help you do this—and it's as crucial in agile environments now as it always has been. In *Business Analysis Agility*, leading experts James Robertson and Suzanne Robertson show how to perform business analysis in an agile way: trying new things, adapting to changes and discoveries, staying flexible, and being quick. Drawing on their unsurpassed experience of hundreds of projects and organizations, the Robertsons help you prioritize relentlessly, focus investments on delivering value, and learn in ways that improve your results. Uncover the real customer problems hidden behind assumptions and conventional solutions Hypothesize potential solutions and quickly test them with safe-to-fail probes Understand how people, hardware, software, organizations, and other components come together in an optimal customer experience Write stories that help you find solutions that deliver more value to customers and the business Think about problems and projects in more agile, nimble, and open-minded ways The Robertsons' approach to analytical thinking will be valuable to anyone who wants to build better software in agile environments: analysts, developers, team leads, project managers, software architects, and other team members and stakeholders at all levels of experience.

As tech giants and startups disrupt every market, those who master large-scale software delivery will define the economic landscape of the 21st century, just as the masters of mass production defined the landscape in the 20th. Unfortunately, business and technology leaders are woefully ill-equipped to solve the problems posed by digital transformation. At the current rate of disruption, half of S&P 500 companies will be replaced in the next ten years. A new approach is needed. In *Project to Product*, Value Stream Network pioneer and technology business leader Dr. Mik Kersten introduces the Flow Framework—a new way of seeing, measuring, and managing software delivery. The Flow Framework will enable your company's evolution from project-oriented dinosaur to product-centric innovator that thrives in the Age of Software. If you're driving your organization's transformation at any level, this is the book for you.

All of the agile cards have been pulled, and nonetheless new products still do not get faster to the market. If this situation seems familiar, you should read this story about a company that prepared their agile transition in exemplary fashion: 600 employees reorganized into cross-functional teams, their work visualized and practically perfect Standups and Retrospectives held. The result: Time-to-Market for the products became worse - and not a trace of business agility. This book shows you what goes wrong with many agile transitions and why the desired improvements fail to materialize. You also learn how to get out of a dead end and what can be done before starting a transformation in order to prevent heading down a dead end to begin with. A little preview: Do not start by making teams agile - this will save your nerves and lots of money!

How to win market leadership in a fast-changing world In the past, companies could pick a strategy and stick with it, maintaining a competitive edge for years. But today, companies surge ahead, fall behind, or even disappear in mere months. If you and your company are going to thrive for the long run, you need to continuously evolve, change, and stay a step ahead of your competition. The ability to see and capitalize on new opportunities is the cornerstone of agility. Successful technology-based firms like Google, Tesla, and Amazon have all mastered agility within their core business practices, but companies in any sector can—and must—learn to spot new opportunities and make the right choices about what to invest in, what to change, and what to abandon. *The Agility Advantage* first shows how to identify those aspects of your business

where agility is most crucial—where the business environment is changing fast—and which elements have the greatest impact on the customer's decision to buy. Amanda Setili then shows how to master the three components of agility: Market agility: Gain ideas from your most demanding and forward-thinking customers and from outside your industry. Engage, observe, and mix with customers to identify the opportunities created by their changing demands. Decision agility: Anticipate the changes that may affect you and turn even troubling trends into opportunities. Design your strategy to maximize learning and to manage risk. Generate diverse alternatives and make fast, fact-based decisions about which to pursue. Execution agility: Build new capabilities, shed what doesn't fit, and take the first steps in a new direction. Experiment, then reinforce and build on what works. Enlist and inspire your organization around a compelling purpose and grant employees the autonomy and resources to continuously adapt and adjust course. The future will present more opportunities but narrower windows to capture them. With a wealth of valuable information and practical strategies, *The Agility Advantage* is essential reading to help any organization adapt and thrive—both today and tomorrow.

How can businesses transform to achieve competitive advantage in a digital-enabled world? How can managers and leaders create a culture that supports lasting change through these transformations? *Building the Agile Business through Digital Transformation* is an in-depth guide for all those needing to better understand, implement and lead digital transformation in the workplace. It sets aside traditional thinking and outdated strategies to explain what steps need to be taken for an organization to become truly agile, embed innovation and develop talent to succeed. This majorly revised second edition of *Building the Agile Business through Digital Transformation* contains new material on the culture and mindset challenges of shifting at scale from linear to agile working, and using data effectively in organizational decision-making. Full of practical advice, examples and real-life insights from organizations at the leading edge of digital transformation including Airbnb, Amazon and Google, this book is an essential guide to driving success by becoming an agile and digital native business.

Today, companies are expected to be flexible and both rapidly responsive and resilient to change, which basically asks them to be agile. By combining *Beyond Budgeting*, *Open Space*, *Sociocracy*, and *Agile*, this book provides a practical guide for companies that want to be agile company-wide. Notes to the 2nd edition: This second edition reflects such updates as: the new Agile Fluency Model, the renaming / rebranding of Statoil to Equinor, and some small additions to complexity. We also enhanced the description of Organizational Open Space and explain how it differs from *Liberating Structures*. Enjoy insights in the book shared by Jez Humble, Diana Larsen, James Shore, Johanna Rothman, and Bjarte Bogsnes. Find out what Spotify, ING, Ericsson, and Walmart say in the book. Quotes from early readers: “[This is] a very important book. My hopes are that it will be the missing link between agile for teams and the flexible, adaptive and humane organisations we want to build. It's a great book. Thanks for writing it!” ~ Sandy Mamoli, author of *Creating Great Teams* “Just as Spotify has worked hard to make all aspects of product development align well and work together - I see Jutta and John in this book exploring methods and processes that will work very well across the whole company.” ~ Anders Ivarsson, Spotify “I love how those practices [are] integrated and summarized into actionable recommendations.” ~ Yves Lin, Titansoft “Really wonderful balance of structure and space, rigor and creativity, that you're suggesting.” ~ Michael Herman, Openspaceworld.org “Company-wide Agility with *Beyond Budgeting*, *Open Space* and *Sociocracy* [...] makes an important case for companies to regard trust and autonomy the norm, rather than a privilege. [...] Overall a great overview of how leaders can reimagine the way power is distributed within their companies.” ~ Aimee Groth, Author of *The Kingdom of Happiness: Inside Tony Hsieh's Zapponian Utopia* This book invites you to take a new perspective that addresses the challenges of doing business in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world.

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Economies around the globe have evolved into being largely service-oriented economies. Consumers no longer just want a printer or a car, they rather ask for a printing service or a mobility service. In addition, service-oriented organizations increasingly exploit new devices, technologies and infrastructures. Agility is the ability to deal with such changing requirements and environments. Agile ways of working embrace change as a positive force and harness it to the organization's competitive advantage. The approach described in this book focuses on the notion of a service as a piece of functionality that offers value to its customers. Instead of solely looking at agility in the context of system or software development, agility is approached in a broader context. The authors illustrate three kinds of agility that can be found in an agile enterprise: business, process and system agility. These three types of agility reinforce each other and establish the foundation for the agile enterprise. Architecture, patterns, models, and all of the best practices in system development contribute to agile service development and building agile applications. This book addresses two audiences. On the one hand, it aims at agile and architecture practitioners who are looking for more agile ways of working in designing and building business services or who are interested in extending and improving their agile methods by using models and model-based architectures. On the other hand, it addresses students of (enterprise) architecture and software development or service science courses, both in computer science and in business administration.

Praise for Service-Oriented Architecture "This book provides a superb overview of the SOA topic. Marks and Bell provide practical guidance across the entire SOA life cycle—from business imperatives and motivations to the post-deployment business and technical metrics to consider. With this book, Marks and Bell demonstrate a unique ability to take the complex dynamics of SOA, and through an eloquent set of metaphors, models, and principles, provide an understandable and insightful how-to manual for both technical and business executives. This will become a required handbook for any organization implementing SOA." —Dan Bertrand, Enterprise Technology Officer & EDS Fellow, EDS Corporation "A fundamental breakthrough in the business and technology perspectives of SOA—this book belongs in every software developer, architect, and IT executive library. Marks and Bell demonstrate a creative and practical approach to building complex, service-oriented systems. I especially liked the hands-on perspective brought to multiple aspects of SOA. A must-have guide in the technology turbulence of the future." —Ariel Aloni, Chief Technology Officer, SunGard Data Management Solutions "This outstanding text gets straight to the heart of the matter, cutting through the hyperbole and discussing how to drive real business value through SOA. It will certainly impact my behavior, our governance models, and, subsequently, the successful business outcomes we derive as we continue to embrace SOA. A must-read for battle-scarred SOA veterans and fledgling architects alike." —Christopher Crowhurst, Vice President and Chief Architect, Thomson Learning "Too often, SOA has been perceived as 'all about the technology'—standards, technology stacks, operational monitoring, and the like. In this book, Marks and Bell expand beyond the technology to provide a refreshing business-driven perspective to SOA, connecting the dots between business requirements, architecture, and development and operations, and overlaying these perspectives with tried-and-true governance techniques to keep SOA initiatives on track. A must-read for those leading the charge to adopt SOA within their enterprise." —Brent Carlson, Chief Technology Officer, LogicLibrary and coauthor of San Francisco Design Patterns: Blueprints for Business Software "Marks and Bell have captured a wealth of practical experience and lessons learned in what has become the hottest topic in software development. In this book, they explain in detail what works and what does not, from procedural issues to technical challenges. This book is an invaluable reference for organizations seeking the benefits of SOAs." —Dr. Jeffrey S. Poulin, System Architect, Lockheed Martin and author of Measuring Software Reuse: Principles, Practices, and Economic Models "One of the last things companies often consider when implementing a business solution such as SOA is the impact on people. Marks and Bell provide an in-depth look at 'what has to change' from



a process standpoint to make any SOA implementation a success. A great read for those considering to embark on an enterprise SOA and looking for the right mix of people, process, and products." —Alan Himler, Vice President of Product Management and Marketing, LogicLibrary SOA is a complex topic and a complex organizational goal Service-Oriented Architecture: A Planning and Implementation Guide for Business and Technology shows you how to plan, implement, and achieve SOA value through its prescriptive approach, joining the business and strategic perspective to the technical and architectural perspective. Applicable to all industries, technology platforms, and operating environments, this innovative book provides you with the essential strateg

Proven Solutions for the Most Widespread and Frustrating Agile Challenges "This book gives you the answers that a wise mentor would have given you, if you had one. Daniel Gullo shares his insights on the principal questions that everyone coming to the world of Agile will inevitably encounter. " —From the foreword by Stephen Denning, author of The Leader's Guide to Radical Management Agile is becoming ubiquitous, but successful Agile implementation remains difficult. Organizations keep getting stuck on the same issues. However, with Real World Agility: Practical Guidance for Agile Practitioners, that need not happen to you. World-renowned Agile coach and consultant Daniel James Gullo identifies and addresses nearly sixty widespread challenges faced by anyone trying to derive value from Agile. Drawing on his vast experience guiding Agile teams to success, Gullo helps you accurately diagnose your problems, describes each solution with maximum clarity, and concisely presents the details you need in order to act effectively. This accessible guide is for every project participant and stakeholder: from ScrumMasters and team leads to developers, project managers, product owners, and customers. Gullo addresses methods ranging from Scrum to Kanban, guides you on scaling Agile, and even helps you apply it beyond software development. Coverage includes Making sense of Agile's many "flavors" Overcoming key hurdles in transitioning from waterfall Addressing cultural obstacles Meshing Agile teams with your management hierarchy Engaging executives with Agile practices and values Clarifying relationships among ScrumMasters, product owners, and project managers Smoothly handling key tasks, such as organizing backlogs and defining sprints Taking advantage of continuous integration and test-driven development Bringing Agile to distributed teams and large product portfolios Throughout, vignettes show exactly how Agile problems manifest in the real world—and how Gullo's solutions can help you overcome them. As you learn from others' experiences, you'll quickly begin to see a clear path to success.

Transform your entire organization, not just a part of it. Take a modern look now that the world is focusing on business agility rather than thinking about team-level or even scaled Agile. Many people and businesses believe that "doing Agile" will solve all their business and organizational problems. The truth is that "doing Agile", especially team-level agility, is not the same as being an agile organization. Authors Doug Dockery and Laureen Knudsen share their years of experience in transforming corporations and organizations to successfully compete and win in today's fast-paced markets. Using proven techniques and stories of actual experiences in a multitude of organizations, Doug and Laureen relate what it takes to successfully transform your organization, as well as how to tell if your transformation is working. Modern Business Management details what you need to know to transform your business to deliver value and thrive. Coverage includes: What Agile means to an executive and the benefits you should be seeing The top failure modes and why so many transformations fail A framework for success, including an operational framework and a transformation framework How big data internal to a company is needed to successfully run a world-wide corporation today The definition of a modern business and what it looks like What You'll learn Understand why businesses are not getting the benefits out of their current Agile transformation Follow the process that organizations need to go through to succeed See how C-level executives can benefit from Agile practices Know how to succeed where others are failing Discover how to keep up with a



constantly disrupted and ever-changing market Who This Book Is For Management and executives in corporations from the director level to the C-level

In recent years, the concept of agility has captured the executive imagination, and leaders in a variety of industries and companies of all sizes are now searching for ideas on how to effectively utilize agile thinking. This book provides insights on agility from world-class experts on leadership, strategy and organization, alongside seasoned practitioners who have successfully implemented agility programs for companies such as Daimler, Ford Motor Company, J. W. Thompson, Siemens, and NASA. By combining theoretical expertise with a variety of managerial experiences, it provides a wide-ranging yet succinct guide for companies seeking to engage in the transformative journey towards becoming more agile. As such, it will be of great use and interest to executives in all industries, executive education participants and consultants, M.B.A. students and researchers interested in agile. Agility.X prepares leaders for managing under uncertainty and organizations for thriving in turbulent environments.

Leadership Agility is the master competency needed for sustained success in today's complex, fast-paced business environment. Richly illustrated with stories based on original research and decades of work with clients, this groundbreaking book identifies five levels that leaders move through in developing their agility. Significantly, only 10% have mastered the level of agility needed for consistent effectiveness in our turbulent era of global competition. Written in an engaging, down-to-earth style, this book not only provides a map that guides readers in identifying their current level of agility. It also provides practical advice and concrete examples that show managers and leadership development professionals how they can bring greater agility to the initiatives they take every day.

As the Fourth Industrial Revolution barrels forward and the pace of disruption accelerates, all organizations must operate with agility. But this urgent priority, now widely-accepted by senior leaders, presents a major challenge: In business, government, and warfare, agility is a buzzword. There is no common understanding of what it means, or of what it takes to be consistently agile. In this groundbreaking book, Leo Tilman and Charles Jacoby offer the first comprehensive assessment of the fundamental nature of organizational agility and then describe the essential leadership practices for achieving it. They show that agility is far superior to mere speed or adaptability. Pinpointing its distinctive features, they define agility as the ability to detect and assess changes in the competitive environment in real time and then take decisive action. They demonstrate that agility enables an organization to outmaneuver competitors by seizing opportunities; better defending against threats; and acting as a well-orchestrated collective of teams that are empowered to take disciplined initiative. Combining their personal experience of building and leading agile organizations, Tilman in the realm of business and finance and Jacoby in battlefield command and homeland security, they present a powerful approach to fostering agility up and down an organization, and out to its very edges. They show how to detect opportunities and threats by fighting for risk intelligence; how to pierce through complexity and unleash creativity by

nurturing a culture of honesty and trust; how to meld top-down vision and planning with decentralized execution; and how to enhance strategy by recognizing organizations as dynamic portfolios of risk. In a world where leaders and their teams must brave the unknown and step confidently forward – or risk extinction – Agility provides a vital roadmap for seizing the unprecedented possibilities of the new age and dominating change instead of being dominated by it.

Know how to lead and establish business agility in your organization. Benefit from clear, actionable steps based on change management truths that have been long underutilized and have limited the success of agile expansion into your business. This book provides a pragmatic framework for leading your business toward shifting to an agile mindset. Achieving Business Agility offers strategies and concrete examples to engage business executives and will teach you how to effectively execute these strategies. Whether you are a delivery executive, a change advocate, a consultant, a business leader, or a newcomer to agile, you will learn clear actions from a practical, business-oriented perspective that is vital to effect change and bring agile into your business. The book is structured in three sections. The first provides you with a deep understanding of each of four strategies. The second section tells the story of a company that applied these strategies through the eyes of several key players. The last section helps you get started applying what you learned in your own company. What You'll Learn Get the attention of your executives by alerting them to a company problem that can impact them personally and create a sense of urgency to address it Collaborate with your executives in a way that gets them to open up and to see how their operating model is a contributing cause to the company problem Demonstrate how your executives can specifically benefit from a new agile business operating model and address the company problem Create a reinforcement structure on a larger scale to establish agile as the new standard operating model in your organization Who This Book Is For Managers, business leaders, and consultants at/for large enterprises or small startups who want their company to better compete in today's fast-moving markets that present threats and opportunities at every turn. No agile expertise is required.

The world is ever-changing in unpredictable ways. Leaders, therefore, need to constantly re-examine their assumptions of what it means to be a "great" leader as old models of leadership quickly fade into irrelevance. In short, leaders need an agile mindset. But how can leaders become agile? We need to update and disrupt past definitions of leadership. To challenge ourselves and test our relevance often. We need to recognize challenges swiftly and respond decisively, especially when our environment is volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. 8 Paradoxes of Leadership Agility shows the way by describing how leaders met challenging conundrums with agility and emerged stronger, using the Re4 Coaching Model developed by Chuen Chuen. This book addresses the gap between theory and practice through stories of leaders distilled into eight representational paradoxes that can occur in any culture, contexts, levels of seniority or

industries. The Re4 Coaching Model, clearly illustrated in this book, helps leaders see their world with objective clarity, understand what has to be done and why. Through this coaching model, leaders gain the resolve and confidence to overcome challenges with authenticity. Through it, they integrate theoretical learning with practical steps and learn to thrive. Now you too can benefit from the Re4 Coaching Model as this book contains exercises with guiding questions you can use to navigate your paradoxes. It's time to grow and thrive.

Adopting the latest agile tools and practices won't be enough to respond to rapid market change. Leaders must first lay the groundwork by creating the right environment for these tools to work. Many managers struggle to install the underlying organizational operating system for business agility. High-performing agile organizations depend on the strength of six key enabling factors: leadership, culture, structure, people, governance, and ways of working. This book explains why these factors are important and how they work together to increase organizational agility. Real-world examples, stories, and tools will help leaders get realistic about the scope of changes needed in their organizations and show them how to get started. Karim Harbott does not offer a book of recipes. Instead, he focuses on mindset, principles, and general patterns. This book summarizes of the most important factors in increasing organizational agility and why they work, which leaders will need to consider in a so-called agile transformation. Because every organization is different, each will have its own route to agility and high performance. Managers will need to tackle all the areas that are crucial to creating an environment in which any chosen approach can work.

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