Choosing the Proper Framework - Context Counts!

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Most Popular

Agile Methodologies Used
Scrum, ScrumBan and Scrum/XP Hybrid (70%) continue to be the most common agile methodologies used by respondents’ organizations.
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Scaling Methods and Approaches

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Why Context Counts

Let’s select the **BEST** tool among the following

The **BEST** tool does **NOT** exist!
Why Context Counts

Applying wisdom in the given context is more valuable than running behind popular frameworks and tools, because...
Is Scrum enough

A Bun placed on top (Inception phase) answers these questions!

The heart (patty) of DAD’s Agile lifecycle is Scrum based Construction phase, it has multiple iterations but without any Scrum branding...

Still this Burger is incomplete because we need the answers for...

• How will it be deployed?
• Who will support it?
• What constitutes done?

Like a patty in any Burger, Scrum is the heart of DAD’s Agile lifecycle

Scrum can’t give you complete satisfaction because it doesn’t answer...

• Where is the funding coming from?
• Is there a business case?
• How long will it take?
• What are the risks?
• Who are the stakeholders?
• Who is the team?
• What is the technical strategy?

Governance is the wrapper to keep it intact!

Another Bun placed at the end (Transition phase) answers these questions!

The following questions are still unanswered...

• How will the project be governed?
• Are there key milestones?
• How are risks managed?
Is SAFe enough

- SAFe is not optimized for Small to Mid-range implementations, which are in the majority everywhere (e.g. an Agile Release Train (ART) needs to have 50-125 people, but what if my projects are independent and most of them require less than 50 people?) [https://www.scaledagileframework.com/agile-release-train](https://www.scaledagileframework.com/agile-release-train)
- SAFe has more than 35% waste built into its framework for managing, planning, and coordinating large groups of agile teams
- SAFe requires large upfront financial investment, which may or may not provide desired ROI later [https://www.scaledagileframework.com/implementation-roadmap/](https://www.scaledagileframework.com/implementation-roadmap/)
- SAFe doesn’t provide enough guidance about Inception and Transition goals
- SAFe is very prescriptive in nature and requires a rigid organizational structure
- Disciplined Agile provides the solid delivery foundation missing from SAFe
What is the solution

• Choose a framework
  • Which is pragmatic and context sensitive
  • Which addresses full delivery lifecycle, not only Construction activities
  • Which can fit easily into your existing organizational structure
  • Which is flexible and goal driven, not prescriptive
  • Which doesn’t waste your precious resources in just setting up the basic framework
Here is my suggestion

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**Disciplined Agile Delivery (DAD)**

- Outside In Dev.
- SAFe
- And more...
- XP
- Agile Modeling
- Scrum
- Kanban
- Lean

DAD leverages proven strategies from several sources, providing a decision framework to guide your adoption and tailoring of them in a *context-driven* manner.
Don’t limit yourself to any popular framework or tool!
Your situation is unique, so choose a context sensitive and goal driven framework and then apply your wisdom to cherry-pick the relevant practices which are beneficial in your own context.
Thank you!

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