

SAFe® Adoption and Readiness Planning

An assessment and planning service for organizations preparing to adopt the Scaled Agile Framework®



This service is provided in association with our Gold Partners, Scaled Agile Inc.

Audience

This service is ideal for larger software enterprises that are considering, or planning for, the adoption of the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe).

When

Prior to adopting SAFe for the first time, i.e. before starting the first Agile Release Train (ART).

Benefits

This service will help you determine the suitability of SAFe for your teams and programs, and outline a strategy to ensure its successful adoption.

Topics Covered

- Lean and agile practices at scale
 - An overview of SAFe
- The Team, Program and Portfolio levels in SAFe
 - Agile Release Trains (ARTs)
 - SAFe and architecture
 - Leadership and SAFe
- Roles and skills required for SAFe adoption
 - Implementing SAFe within an organisation
 - SAFe adoption strategies
 - SAFe case studies
 - Q&A session

Techniques

- Face-to face interviews
 - Artefact reviews
 - Group sessions
- Management workshops

Duration: 1-2 weeks depending on number and size of programs in scope

Approach: Consulting, Workshops, Planning Sessions

Many organizations are considering the introduction of Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) into their software development portfolios and programs, as a way to scale the successes that they have had with Scrum and other agile practices at a team level. Adopting SAFe can reach deep into an organization and affect many existing structures, processes and practices, so proper preparation is vital for pain-free adoption.

Our experienced, SAFe Certified consultants will help you understand exactly what to look out for and how to ensure your SAFe adoption delivers maximum benefit. We work with your internal change agents and other SAFe adoption stakeholders, to assess the suitability of SAFe for your programs and portfolios, understand the impact and benefits of adoption, highlight potential risks or impediments, and outline a clear SAFe adoption strategy.

Objectives

SAFe Adoption and Readiness Planning will help you achieve the following objectives:

- Assess the suitability of SAFe (or elements of SAFe) for use as a framework for running your existing programs and the benefits it would provide
- Understand the impact of SAFe adoption on your teams, programs and portfolios
- Determine the readiness of your programs to adopt SAFe and in particular its approach to running and steering the Agile Release Train (ARTs)
- Determine the readiness of the Portfolio and Program Management teams to adopt SAFe's lean and agile approach to funding, monitoring and driving the ARTs
- Understand how the adoption of SAFe would allow the portfolio to balance supply and demand
- Identify any risks, impediments and barriers to the successful adoption of SAFe
- Define a strategy for the successful adoption of SAFe

Approach

Our approach is based primarily around individuals and interactions that occur, rather than the processes and tools currently in place. We work in an agile, iterative manner and demonstrate progress on a regular basis.

All aspects of the portfolio will be considered in order to provide a comprehensive assessment of the applicability of SAFe across the enterprise, and to establish what actions would be required to make SAFe adoption successful.

We will also look at how the existing organizational structures map onto the roles and responsibilities within SAFe, identify potential skills gaps, and outline a tailored training program to ensure rapid transformation.