

Mistakes to Avoid in Agile Project Management

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Skill level

Beginner

Lessons

24

Pre-requisites

No prior experience needed

Video duration

1h 24m

Estimated study time

1h 24m

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Introduction

- 1 Getting started**
Agile Project Management does not have to be difficult.

Launching Agile Project Management

- 2 Misunderstanding agile**
To implement agile, you must first understand what it is.
- 3 Don't over-promise results**
When implementing agile, it's important to advocate for its benefits without overpromising to those who are impacted.
- 4 Set the right pace**
Don't rush change. After this lesson, you will recognize how to set a pace for implementing organizational change with agile.
- 5 Consistent project titles**
While new names and slogans can provide a temporary lift, true benefits are more than skin deep.

Mistakes When Gaining Buy-in

- 6 Not setting the tone**
Leaders lead from the front, and implement the practices and behaviors that they want the rest of the people in the organization to follow.
- 7 Too much regulation**
Leaders catalyze autonomy by trusting teams to manage themselves, and self-organizing is important for agile success.

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Lack of transparency

Successful leaders are open about what they do not know and what mistakes they have made.

Mistakes When Building Teams

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Assigning tasks

Agile project managers don't assign work to team members.

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Overlooking values

Agile focuses on values instead of tools and processes.

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Predicting, not estimating

Instead of making hard and fast predictions about when work will be done, agile teams estimate.

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Managing change incorrectly

Agile teams zero in on what they can change and don't spend time complaining about what they can't change.

Mistakes When Setting Cadence

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Not planning

Agile teams plan so they can coordinate their efforts, not because they think they can predict the future.

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Not releasing frequently

Agile teams release products frequently to get feedback from customers and deliver value.

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Avoiding stakeholders

Communicating with internal stakeholders about product progress is a responsibility of an agile project manager.

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Missing feedback

Agile teams give each other feedback on how to improve.

Mistakes When Making Improvements

17 **Starting too large**
When starting to improve, start small.

18 **Avoiding metrics**
Avoiding metrics when evaluating performance leaves room for error.

19 **Sitting still**
Continuing to identify new ways to improve is important when working in agile.

20 **Overlooking handoffs**
The art of a smooth handoff is one that's necessary for new and experienced teams.

Mistakes When Managing Work

21 **Unclear priorities**
Agile teams work in priority order, so it's important that the ordering of tasks is always clear.

22 **Finishing vs. Starting**
Agile teams finish work before they start new work.

23 **Adding work**
It's important for you to only assign work for your team that feels comfortable for them to complete.

Conclusion

24 **Set yourself up for long-term success**
Apply what you have learned in this course every day and you will be a successful agile project manager.

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