

5 Agile Myth Busters



5 myths about Agile that need busting. Now.

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IN AGILE, “WE DON’T DO PLANNING”

We often hear that Agile projects do not require planning activities. They do — but flexibility is part of the plan.

Myth Buster: Agile frameworks employ continuous planning techniques that adapt to changing circumstances, rather than just relying on a single upfront plan.

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AGILE IS ONLY FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Many people hear about Agile practices in the context of software development. But the mindset can be adopted elsewhere very successfully.

Myth Buster: The Agile mindset originates from the computer industry. In recent years — it has been successfully applied in other industries that employ “knowledge workers”, such as the Fashion, Construction and Aerospace Industries.

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AGILE EQUALS FASTER DELIVERY

The whole point of using Agile methods is to speed things up, right?

Myth Buster: This is not true, and unfortunately this view can create unrealistic pressures and disappointments. Agile enables organisations to deliver the most important features to their consumer base first, without having to wait for all of the planned features.

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AGILE DOES NOT REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION

The idea that Agile projects run without any documentation is prevalent but incorrect.

Myth Buster: Agile favours providing "just enough" documentation to meet the project's needs without unnecessary complexity.

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AGILE MEANS NO JOB ROLES IN TEAMS

Some people think that adopting Agile methodology eliminates any need for structured roles within teams.

Myth Buster: An Agile mindset promotes the efforts of the team and not the individual. However, roles are needed in teams. Although Agile frameworks define roles and responsibilities to be more collaborative and less rigid, it does not remove them.



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