

The Scrum.org Professional Series – Updates 2015

Announcement

In 2015, Scrum.org will refine the **Professional Scrum Master (PSM)** assessments, PSM I and PSM II, in line with following objectives:

- PSM I tests practice-level insights and knowledge of Scrum required for anyone entering a Scrum Team to know how to participate.
- PSM II tests the ability to apply the knowledge demonstrated through PSM I. It tests the ability to develop software effectively in a Scrum team and optimize common development issues based on the values of Scrum and the basis of empiricism and transparency.

A **Professional Scrum Development (PSD)** level II assessment will be launched:

- PSD II tests the ability of professional software creation as part of self-organizing, cross-functional teams, including architecting, designing and building Increments of releasable product in the large.

A new credential will be created, **Professional Scrum Expert (PSE)**.

- PSE tests expert insights and knowledge of the implementation of Scrum, how to maximize the implementation of Scrum, its roles and rules, and the impact on the development and product management organization.

Why Evolve the Professional Series?

Scrum is the most used process for software development, agile or otherwise. Organizations increasingly rely on Scrum to create value and compete. With assurance, they train their people with Scrum.org Professional Series courses, and they evaluate the knowledge and skills of people depending on their assessment credentials.

Scrum.org addresses the evolved needs of teams, practitioners, and managers with an updated and finer grained curriculum.

Background

Over the past five years, software professionals have benefitted from clear, focused professional development resources offered by Scrum.org.

The courseware of Scrum.org's Professional Series improves the ability to develop valuable software; the credentialing helps people assert their capabilities and organizations find people who have those capabilities.

We look forward to serving you better, and providing you better aids to improve your skills and get more out of Scrum.

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Appendix: Professional Scrum Credentials

Following is the outline of the Professional Scrum credentials as envisioned through the 2015 evolutions:

PSM I

For: anyone new to Scrum, new or future Scrum Team members and specifically aspiring and new Scrum Masters (0-6 months of experience).

Keywords: Practice level, Scrum, Scrum Master

Credential: "demonstrated a fundamental understanding of the roles, events, artifacts of the Scrum framework and the rules that bind them together as described in the Scrum Guide."

PSM II

For: anyone well-versed in Scrum, and specifically experienced Scrum Masters (2-3 years of experience).

Keywords: Advanced level, Scrum, Scrum Master

Credential: "demonstrated an advanced understanding of the Scrum framework, its foundation in empirical process control and the servant-leadership role of the Scrum Master in order to maximize the effectiveness Scrum."

PSPO I

For: aspiring and new Product Owners, Scrum Team members with a business background (0-6 months of experience) and Scrum Masters wanting to increasing their service levels to Product Owners.

Keywords: Practice level, Scrum, Product Owner

Credential: "demonstrated a fundamental understanding of Product Ownership within the Scrum framework, while working with self-organizing, cross-functional Development Teams."

PSPO II

For: anyone well-versed in product development with Scrum, product managers and specifically experienced Product Owners (2-3 years of experience).

Keywords: Advanced level, Product Management, Product Owner

Credential: "demonstrated an advanced understanding to deliver valuable software and maximize the value of software through Scrum and empiricism, while working with self-organizing, cross-functional Development Teams."

PSD I

For: aspiring and new Scrum Development Teams and team members (0-6 months of experience).

Keywords: Practice level, Scrum, Software Development

Credential: "demonstrated a fundamental understanding of professional software development using Scrum. This includes building Increments of releasable product;

applying contemporary software engineering practices and tooling; and working as part of a self-organizing, cross-functional team."

PSD II

For: anyone well-versed in software development with Scrum (2-3 years of experience).

Keywords: Advanced level, Scrum, Software Development

Credential: "demonstrated an advanced understanding of professional software development using Scrum. This includes architecting, designing and building Increments of releasable product in the large, while working as part of self-organizing, cross-functional teams."

PSE

For: Scrum professionals, people speaking and living Scrum.

Keywords: Expert level, Scrum, Enterprise Scrum

Credential: "demonstrated expert knowledge in implementing and rolling out Scrum throughout an organization."