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Agile 2009 In Review!

The most wonderful Agile conferences I have ever attended sadly had to come to a close. Each session I attended felt even better than the next and the people were just amazing to bounce ideas off of and rub shoulders with!

I had the chance to meet over 50 people who recognized me from AgileDad or from this newsletter and it really felt great to know that I was truly making a difference in the Agile community! One big thing I noticed was a shift in the mindset from traditional basic topics and an outreach to embrace newer and leaner Agile concepts in an effort to keep Agile moving forward.

I especially enjoyed sharing my ideas and thoughts with each of you and truly appreciated all of you who took the time to swing by the VersionOne booth and tell me hello. I started a tradition a few years ago when I released the ABC's of Agile that I learned from the conference. This year, I have decided in true SportsCenter fashion to reduce my list to the Agile 2009 top 10 recap.

Coming in at number 10, the reduction in the number of people who really knew nothing about Agile. I attribute this to the tightening of the purse strings by many organizations that resulted in far fewer people who were brand new to Agile.

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Number 9 would have to be the conference giveaways! This is the first year where I truly felt like people went out of their way to provide thoughtful tangible memories of the conference. Even the marketing collateral was stepped up a notch. I did not ever consider what the vendors provided to be remotely thoughtful, nor had I ever really felt like someone went out of their way to really give the conference attendees a real first class experience.

Number 8 goes to Christopher Avery and his empowerment session. I have a psychology degree of my own and just when I thought I had it all together... I had to attend this session and see just how far I really had to go. I made an oath in class to get out of denial and get my life back on track! Please hold me to it folks!

Lucky number 7 goes to Jeff Patton and his session on personas. It really made sense when he cross and sub-divided the room into segments and had you meet your polar opposite persona. I was all the way in the back right corner of the room and I got to meet the person in the far front left. She was very young, cute, polite, and well spoken. Am I supposed to be her twin or opposite? This session made me see how even when people are different, they can be very well alike.

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- V. Lee Henson CST

Number 6 goes to Luke Hohmann and his Innovation Games! Not only did I learn that Luke is truly the nicest person on the planet, but he also announced an integration with buy a feature and VersionOne. After playing a bit with the integration, I am VERY impressed and I can see where this integration will wind up yielding positive results for all who give it a shot! My hats off to you Luke!

Number 5 goes to the Scrum Alliance. They took the time to make their presence known at this non-Scrum gathering and gained a load of support for their newly minted certification program. As a Certified Scrum Trainer, I already see value in the certification. Now I truly feel as an employer that all of the new credentials will allow businesses to gain a higher level of confidence in the qualifications of any Certified Scrum Candidate. In addition, they took the time to introduce and roll out the Certified Scrum Developer Program. Great Job Jim and other Scrum Alliance members!

Number 4 goes to VersionOne for one of the most memorable and truly fun boat cruises I have ever embarked on! These guys really pulled out all of the stops and made employees, customers, and prospects all feel great about the company, product, and most importantly people.

I have never seen an organization go so far out of their way to reach out to as many people as possible and take the time to really show true appreciation to the people who make them successful as a company.

The booth seemed to always be full and the people always seemed to leave happy and edified. Mike Cottmeyer commented to me just how great it was to give out many hours of what equated to free coaching. It is truly tiring to remain on your feet and on your toes mentally for so many hours each day. I would not have traded this experience for many other things out there.

Coming in at number 3 would have to be Dr. Cockburn's session in blitz planning. This had to be in my opinion one of the best sessions I have attended in some time. The message was succinct and was easy to swallow for most participants. The room was packed and everyone I spoke with all left with the same feeling of WOW! Great job with this session!

"Teams should be judged on output."

- V. Lee Henson CST

Number 2 has to allow me a chance to toot my little Agile horn! The Agile Checklist was the definitive best document at conference,

It was VERY well received by many senior level practitioners who had a chance to review and take a copy. The overall message I received was that it has been a long wait for someone to put together such a thorough document. People seemed to marvel at the fact that it contained so much useful information and I often got the I have been working on something like this.

I was most impressed with the final graphical representation of the list and with the foreword written by Robert Holler CEO of VersionOne. My hat is off once again to VersionOne for translating my thoughts and Ideas into such a beautiful document. Visit <http://www.versionone.com> to download a PDF copy of the checklist for your teams! You will be glad that you did!



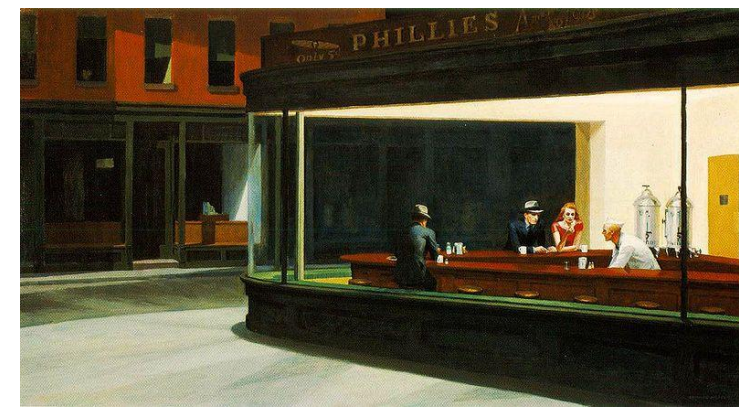
Now it is time to introduce this year's number one pick for Agile 2009! The winning selection goes to Doctor Cockburn and his keynote presentation I come not to praise Agile but to Bury it.

The Scottish bagpipes upon entry, the use the of Julius Caesar eulogy to patronize Agile. The effort put forth to embrace a better way and to engage a full house audience. Nobody alive could have executed this keynote better. The thoughts were spot-on and the crown hung on to his every word.

The people quickly realized that this level where sophistication meets education is not easily achieved and took note of his every movement.

This session alone would have been worth the price of the entire conference admission. Congrats for a job well done!

Honorable mention goes out to all of the people who made this conference all that it is! Thank you and thank you!



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