A new book to help you doing Valuable Agile Retrospectives

The book “Getting Value out of Agile Retrospectives – A Toolbox of Retrospective Exercises” by Luis Gonçalves and Ben Linders contains many exercises that you can use to facilitate retrospectives, supported with the “what” and “why” of retrospectives, the business value and benefits that they can bring you, and advice for introducing and improving retrospectives.

Getting Value out of Agile Retrospectives can be downloaded from InfoQ and Leanpub. Also available as paperback on Lulu and Amazon. See also the translated editions.

An agile retrospective, or sprint retrospective as Scrum calls it, is a practice used by self-organizing teams to reflect on their way of working, and to continuously become better in what they do.

With plenty of exercises for your retrospective toolbox, this book will help you to become more proficient in doing retrospectives, and to get more value out of them.

Increase your Agile Retrospective Skills

This book is the beginning of a journey. We are growing a small ecosystem around this book to release more exercises in the future, How To’s, retrospectives’ advices and many other things. If you want to stay up to date, the best way is to subscribe to our Valuable Agile Retrospectives mailing list.

You can discuss the book with other readers and learn from each other on LeanPub.

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The book has gotten good reviews on GoodReads, Amazon, Lulu, Shelfari, LibraryThing, ScrumExpert, Agile Consortium, SoftwareDevelopmentBooks, Scrumage and Techwell. We are always looking for feedback. Feel inspired to write a review or simply contact us via luis.goncalves@oikosofy.com or BenLinders@gmail.com. We love to hear from you.

More information about the book and the authors

Luis Gonçalves and Ben Linders blog at www.benlinders.com and lmsgoncalves.com. On our blogs we share our experiences on several agile and lean topics including retrospectives. Add yourself to our mailing-list: Luis´ and Ben’s

Many readers have told us that they value our blog posts. We started thinking about how we could make things easier for them, by providing a small book on a specific topic – a book that they can carry with them that has hands-on information that they can use in their daily work...
to get business value out of agile retrospectives. These thoughts led us to produce this book about agile retrospectives.

We are aiming this book at agile coaches, scrum masters, project managers, product managers and facilitators who have some experience with doing retrospectives. They know about the purpose of retrospective, how they fit into agile and how to arrange and perform them.

During the years we have conducted many different kinds of retrospectives. We think that it helps when you develop your own personal toolbox with retrospective exercises.

Please feel free to share the book with your colleagues and friends

What readers say about this book

From the foreword written by Esther Derby:
Ben and Luis offer guidance to help you and your teams make the most of your retrospectives. They have collected activities that will help you and your teams think together and spark discussion.

Esther Derby: Co-author of Agile Retrospectives: Making Good Teams Great

Getting Value out of Agile Retrospectives is a handy book for Scrum masters, agile coaches, Product Owners on retrospective exercises / games. All the games are explained in simple terms and easy to follow even for newbie SMs / teams and a good reference book for experienced SMs / Agile coaches. A good addition to your Agile bookshelf.

Srinath (from Goodreads)

Handig, alles bij elkaar in een boekje. Heb ‘m meteen gedownload. Ben, bedankt!
Mary Beijleveld – Business Consultant

“@BenLinders: Getting Value Out of #Agile Retros – a Toolbox http://buff.ly/1a5MFwh ” – Book looks great. I’ll check it out & share w/my team
Stephen Barr (via Twitter)

Excellent compilation of techniques that can be used to run effective retrospectives. Mostly they originate from others but its very handy to have them collected in one place. Also having them in a templated format, when to use, what you can expect, how to use is very useful.
Sven (from GoodReads)

Don’t miss this great book: Getting Value out of #Agile#Retrospectives by@BenLindershttp://buff.ly/1a5zY1a
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