

Project Management update from Kraków



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Polish IT start-ups invading Silicon Valley

Polish IT start-up scene is growing at the fast pace. Polish innovative companies not only operate on local market, they also successfully enter western and US markets with their products.

The team from Krakow took first place in the competition organized on the occasion of TechCrunch Disrupt SF. Poles impressed the judges a great product and the existing achievements. As a reward, the person will spend two weeks in China, where they learn to live as the distribution of technology solutions.

Estimote (<http://www.estimote.com>) is a system of sensors connected to a mobile application that collects data about customers such as store. When you buy a set of three iBeaconów for nearly \$ 99, we can provide information and assistance in choosing the right things to our client. The one that goes near our premises can also receive information about promotions.



Audioteka, is a platform to buy professionally produced audio books. Startup was due to Martin Beme who in 2008 decided to create one of Poland's most popular e-businesses. Helped in the development of funds received. To this day Audioteka invested several million (exact figures have not been made public). Audioteka operates in Poland, Czech Republic, France, Spain, Finland, Lithuania and Hungary.

Service **Vocabla** was created in 2011, and the brainchild of Michael Dyrda. Entrepreneurs worked at the beginning of a business angel Rafał Han and other private investors. Startup developed to the extent that interest Krakow Satus Ventures investment fund. Last year, it invested 1.2 million. With vocable we can learn words using the tests. There are mobile apps for iOS, Android and Chrome plugin. Vocable promoted in Poland, Spain, Argentina, Peru and Chile.

Tabletized.us (<http://www.tabletized.us>) is a polish startup aimed at the growing mobile and tablet market. Tabletized is a marketing platform that allows small and medium size companies to kick start mobile advertizing. The platform allows to create ready to use mobile marketing applications and execute tailor mobile strategy within days. The company is already present on the the US market helping various companies in their quest to reach mobile audience.

IVO Software

Lukasz Osowski and Michał Kaszczuk, two graduates of the University of Gdynia agree in 2001 to open IVO Software. Originators interested in artificial intelligence begin work on an application, which is to voice communication between computer and human. Its functions are to be primarily used for sound production of websites and web content writing in the form of mp3 files. Originators startup seeing potential in established technologies agree to take over the world in your product.

IVO Software company gets in your way to success many awards, but it is not resting on its laurels. According to the trends, the company's management decided after a few years of the move-to-speech functionality for smartphones. Therefore, in September 2011, created an application for Android, which allows the individual to be read content. In the same year, the original name of the company (IVO Software) is changed to IVONA Software.

IVONA is the most famous speech synthesizer in the world.

International Conference AgileByExample.

16-18 October in Warsaw, for the third time, an international conference will be held AgileByExample presenting examples of successes and failures in agile projects.

AgileByExample a unique opportunity to learn how agile is used by world-class experts on how to avoid common mistakes and improve team effectiveness.

Among this year's presenters were:

- Jeff Sutherland - one of the founders of Scrum and
- Jurgen Appelo - author of "*Management 3.0: Leading Agile Developers, Developing Agile Leaders*"

The third day of the conference is a workshop LeanAgile Dojo - a unique opportunity to gain practical skills in the use of agile methods.

The first 150 registered people will be able to attend free workshops LeanAgile Dojo Day.

More information: <http://2013.agilebyexample.com/>

Highly recommended !

PM Training Platform

If you are interested in the subject of innovative project management ? Always wanted to be a Project Manager? Or maybe your adventure with projects not yet even begun? Whatever the answer, we invite both novices and experts to participate in a series of trainings and workshops Platform Training PM Days. This year's theme is Project Management innovative use of modern technology.

Platform Training Classes are aimed at students of Warsaw University. The organizers of the training and workshops are members of the Student Research Project Management operates at the School of Economics in Warsaw.

Workshops and training will be conducted by representatives of companies operating in the industry and business environment. Participants interested in this subject and experienced project managers will have the opportunity to meet, make new contacts and expand your knowledge. In addition, the participants will be waiting for interesting activities and competitions.

Classes will be held every week from October 24 to hours 18.00 - 20.30 at the Warsaw School of Economics (<http://tiny.pl/hzvwt>).

The presence of the training will be certified.

Details at www.platforma-szkoleniowa.pl/

Project of the Year PMI Poland Chapter 2012

Project of the Year is an annual competition, which seeks to identify companies and their achievements in the field of project management in different areas. Promote best practices and the ability to apply them in the design environment.

Competition Project of the Year are:

Promotion of and methods to manage it on a forum-ing competition Sound system and recognition of the project and the Project Team, both within the organization and audience-tion of information in the media.

Applicants design teams are given a written assessment report, prepared by qualified and experienced different assessors.

It's the perfect way to motivation and method for project teams to thank the Team for a job well done. It's also a way to celebrate the completion of the project with success.

The ability to identify areas for improvement and verification of the own merits.

The award ceremony during the VIII Congress of PMI Poland Chapter.

Promoting knowledge of the principles and benefits of project management in your organization.

Strengthening the position of project managers involved in the project on the labor market.

Project of the Year 2010 - a prestigious award given by the Polish branch of the Project Management Institute went to the implementation of SAP HR by Animex Group. After the project, carried out in three business units of the Group Animex and rollo-utach standard solutions to other companies of the group from the end of 2011. The payroll processes for eight thousand employees are implemented in SAP HR. The project was carried out using the methodology called BCC Go Forward.

Animex is a leader in the meat market in Poland, with over 60 years of tradition and experience. The most popular brands are the Krakus, Morrope, Masuria and Yano. It is also the largest exporter of meat in Poland.

Animeksie for 2009-2011 were marked by large projects business and information-matic. The first project has started pro-deploying SAP HR. In the second order of running a separate project implementation of SAP ERP system. Both implementa-tion were carried out by BCC in accordance with the author's Go Forward Methodology.

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Artur Bialy is an experienced project manager, program manager and technical manager/leader, with approximately 15 years of experience managing IT projects on various levels. He has managed the implementation of complex internet applications, data warehouse and real-time systems. Artur has worked in various roles for international companies in Poland, Ireland, France and Spain. He is an expert in IT project management, business intelligence and real-time applications. Mr. Bialy graduated from the University of Technology and Science, the Department of Computer Science, where he was conducting research into Intelligent Agent Systems and Artificial Intelligence. Artur holds Masters Degree in Applied Computer Science. He also holds the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification from the Project Management Institute (PMI®) and is an active member of PMI; he was a founding member of the PMI Poland Chapter. He is involved in new agile project management practices, works as an active Scrum Master and helps in implementations of lean/agile practices. He is certified Scrum Master and as one of few in Poland - Certified Scrum Practitioner (CSP) by Scrum Alliance. Artur is a Member of PMI® and the Scrum Alliance (Certified ScrumMaster). Artur Bialy lives in Kraków, Poland and can be contacted at artur@bialy.eu. Artur's project management blog can be found at <http://www.bialy.eu>.