

PM INDUSTRY NEWS

PMI Announces Acquisition of Disciplined Agile

Move Expands Offerings for Project Managers and Teams to Choose Their "Way of Working"

9 August 2019 – Philadelphia, PA, USA – The Project Management Institute (PMI) has announced the acquisition of Disciplined Agile (DA). According to the PMI press release, the DA toolkit is the world's only comprehensive agile body of knowledge (BOK) that provides straightforward and practical guidance to help individuals, teams and enterprises choose their "way of working" in a context-specific way. Key principles of DA include customer centricity, being pragmatic rather than purist, providing a range of agile and lean options, applying context-based practices, and optimizing flow across the entire enterprise. Applying the DA toolkit allows organizations to customize any method or framework -- such as traditional, Scrum, or SAFe – to drive outcomes that differentiate them from their competitors.

The combination of these two organizations offers a unique and unparalleled value proposition to stakeholders who are committed to improving their personal, team and enterprise agility.

By leveraging Disciplined Agile:

- PMI members will add strong, credible new capabilities and certifications that will differentiate them and open doors.
- Current agile practitioners will be able to leverage a more mindful, tailored approach to agility, driven by an agile and lean mindset and enabled by processes that fit their context – enabling stronger outcomes than would be possible with more prescriptive approaches.
- Enterprises around the world will enjoy a more tailored approach to enterprise agility based on their specific needs and context.
- PMI and DA partners will have access to an expanded set of product offerings for their stakeholders and customers.
- Both PMI and DA members will receive access to both organizations' frameworks and online content, as well as the richness that comes with a broad-based, diverse community.

According to PMI President & CEO Sunil Prashara, "This acquisition is another important building block for PMI -- addressing new ways of working in an increasingly agile world, and greatly expanding the capabilities of project managers and agile practitioners alike. PMI is now positioned to add even more value for members by providing a full continuum of products, services, training and certifications to project managers, agile leaders, and their teams wherever they are in their careers – sometimes even before they know they need

it. Regardless of approach, whether it be traditional or agile, project or product, PMI is uniquely positioned to deliver value for individuals and the organizations they serve.”

Mark Lines, co-creator with Scott Ambler of Disciplined Agile, added “Nearly all businesses today are attempting to become more agile. ‘One-size fits all’ solutions are sometimes a good starting point, but then they get stuck. The Disciplined Agile approach recognizes that every organization is different, and within each organization there are different ways of working. The Disciplined Agile approach meets you where you are and allows you to tailor solutions for the way that you and your organization need to work.”

The integration of the acquisition is beginning immediately, and PMI will provide additional details to members and other stakeholders in due course.

About PMI

The Project Management Institute (PMI) is the world's leading association for those who consider project, program or portfolio management their profession. Founded in 1969, PMI delivers value for more than three million professionals working in nearly every country through global advocacy, collaboration, education and research. We advance careers, improve organizational success and further mature the project management profession through globally-recognized standards, certifications, communities, resources, tools, academic research, publications, professional development courses and networking opportunities. As part of the PMI family, ProjectManagement.com creates online global communities that deliver more resources, better tools, larger networks and broader perspectives. Visit us at www.PMI.org, www.projectmanagement.com, www.facebook.com/PMIInstitute and on Twitter [@PMIInstitute](https://twitter.com/PMIInstitute).



About Disciplined Agile

The Disciplined Agile toolkit is the industry-leading approach to help individuals and teams make informed choices, improve their way of working, and help organizations streamline agile and leans strategies to make better decisions. Certified Partners and Coaches provide a customized experience to help optimize IT solution delivery for true business agility. Companies increasingly depend on certified Disciplined Agile coaches and our Partners to accelerate delivery of business value using disciplined agile strategies that reflect the realities of agile delivery in complex enterprise situations. Over 12,000 practitioners in 30 countries have been trained in Disciplined Agile and over 50,000 Disciplined Agile books have been sold.

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