

Software Development Event Schedule Summer | Fall 2011

Northwest Cadence delivers deep technical acumen and broad process perspective. After all, technologies alone do not translate into success. Productivity is about clearing bottlenecks and reducing waste while leveling the load wherever possible. It is also about optimizing flow, while preserving quality and minimizing risk. All of this makes for a delicate balance.



Join Northwest Cadence as we explore software processes, train on best practices and keys to leverage, and work with your teams to assist you in meeting your business goals.

Friday, July 22 | **Scrum versus Kanban** | [Register to attend](#)

Scrum is a process model that promotes highly iterative, value driven development and has been successfully adopted by agile teams world-wide. Kanban, meaning “signboard”, is a concept relation to Lean and focuses on the reduction of work in progress and visual signals to indicate that new work should be started. Both models have proven track records, and in this session Martin Hinshelwood (ALM MVP and Scrum proponent) and Steven Borg (ALM MVP and Kanban fan) will go head to head to discuss their similarities, their differences, and which you should choose for your software development.

Friday, August 5 | **Introduction to Kanban** | [Register to attend](#)

Kanban is a Lean-inspired approach to software development. Although the rules of Kanban are simple, they are also remarkably powerful. By simply visualizing work, limiting work in process, and monitoring the flow of work, the team begins a powerful process of discovery and improvement. This has resulted in impressive improvements in nearly all areas of software development time and time again. During this event, we will talk about the five basic principles of Kanban adoption, the benefits of adoption, and the pitfalls along the way.

Friday, August 19 | **Introduction to Scrum** | [Register to attend](#)

Scrum is the most adopted agile methodology. Time and again, it has transformed low performing development teams into powerful creators of business value. Scrum does particularly well in environments where requirements shift or change unpredictably and in areas with substantial uncertainty. During this event, we will introduce the three Scrum roles, dive into the basic Scrum processes, and explore the reasons behind Scrum’s power. Although this event is an introduction to Scrum, we will provide several tips and tricks to assist in Scrum adoption.

Friday, September 9 | **Visualize Work – The Power of Big Visible Displays** | [Register to attend](#)

Visible work has a profound impact on a team. By making work visible, teams can rapidly identify bottlenecks and issues, visualize the amount of work the team has under development, and most importantly understand the “life story” of the features they are working on. At a glance, teams can identify overloaded people, problematic stories, quality problems, and overall development speed. Visualization is one of the key tools in an effective Kanban implementation. During this event, we will discuss how Kanban teams visualize work, where to get started with visualization, and the tools available to help build effective visualizations electronically.

Friday, September 23 | **Limit Work in Process (WIP)** | [Register to attend](#)

Overloaded individuals and teams suffer from bad multitasking. They are also cursed with long lead times, poor quality, and high rates of failure. Kanban limits work in process (WIP) to improve the flow in a development process. This event is more technical than the earlier Kanban events. During the event, we will expose the problems caused by excessive WIP, and the wide-ranging benefits of reducing WIP.

Friday, October 7 | **Scrum-damentals** | [Register to attend](#)

Scrum is the most adopted and recognized agile methodology. However, there are still challenges to Scrum adoption. This event will dive into several Scrum adoption pitfalls and how an organization can avoid them. In particular, we will highlight some of the proven practices that have worked for diverse sets of teams. We will also leave time for questions and encourage attendees to bring your most challenging problems!

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November 15-17 | **ALM Summit: ALM for the Microsoft Platform** | Northwest Cadence is a proud Platinum Sponsor

November 18 Post-Summit Training Event:

Enterprise Management of the Software Process | [Register to attend](#)

This workshop exposes the practices and measures that drive continued improvement, and how they can be introduced gently to the organization. We will show you how incremental, measurable improvements can be adopted with minimal risk. Think you have to rework your entire development process and radically change everything overnight to get agile success? Think again. Real improvements are easily accomplished without the need for radical changes, using the tools taught in this workshop.

Additional Training and Resources on Software Development Process

Private, Onsite Training Session | **Agile Project Management**

This 1-day training course will help you understand how to lead software projects and move your team onto agile methods for greater productivity and higher quality applications. It will define the domain ad terminology, methods for managing the effort, and changing roles across the team.

Private, Onsite Training Session | **Scrum Fundamentals**

This 2-day training course will help you understand how to implement software using the Scrum framework. It will provide all attendees with a practical working experience on a Scrum team, as well as in-depth knowledge of best practices and tools.

For more details on these and other Software Development Process training offerings, contact Amanda.Jaworski@nwcadence.com

[Martin Hinshelwood blog](#)

ALM MVP of the year, Martin is a member of the [Visual Studio ALM Rangers](#) and is a Professional Scrum Trainer

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Our collective thoughts on TFS, Agile, Lean, Kanban, Scrum, and other collaborative technologies and techniques