







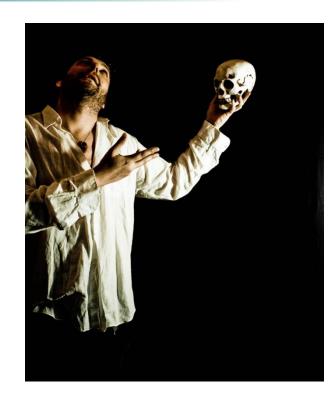
coaching up to the c-suite

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## personas





- risk-adverse
- disengaged
- results-driven
- metrics-driven
- dictator
- executive change agent

# risk-adverse





## traits





- status quo
- failure is not an option
- fear of change
- not adaptable
- sure things only
- traditional project management
- insecure
- needs documentation

#### tells

- needs gantt charts
- punishes failure
- needs constant reassurance
- desires safety
- needs demonstrated success
- loves pilot programs
- needs broad base of support
- focused on peer comparisons
- prefers bottom-up support



### how to relate





- high contact
- understand risk concerns
- propose low risk solutions
- be patient, gentle, reassuring
- risk exposure

#### tools

- the phoenix project by gene kim
- the goal by eli goldratt
- <u>agile jenga</u> by nanda lankalapalli
- <u>ball point game</u> by declan whelan
- risk exposure
- j curve









#### traits

- too busy
- delegation without support
- green phaser
- hidden agenda
- niifm
- fire fighting exhaustion
- agile is a fad





## tells





- can't get a meeting
- distracted
- rescheduling of meetings
- ignores emails
- does not have most recent info
- info comes from wrong source

#### how to relate

- coaching session with c-suite peers
- give them a stage to shine
- build critical mass
- identify influencers, influence them
- be concise, crisp, clear



## tools





- <u>coaching agile teams</u> by lyssa adkins
- <u>leading change</u> by john kotter
- <u>lego city</u> by agile42

## results-driven







## traits





- i don't care as long as i get what i want
- massage the metrics
- customer sat
- my bonus depends on it
- traditional project management

#### tells

- punishes failure
- concrete goals
- upset by goal disagreement
- squeaky wheel
- ignores management chain



#### how to relate





- explain agile metrics
- identify useful results
- assure adaption occurs
- demonstrate success

#### tools

- information radiators by alistair cockburn
- penny game by tasty cupcakes
- from just in case to just in time by steve bockman
- the high cost of multitasking by fuzebox
- getkanban board game by russell healy









#### traits

- lots of docs
- historical comparisons
- valueless metrics
- illogical comparisons
- plays the stats
- seeks advantageous metrics
- balancing the budget
- lacks human-ness



## tells





- slide decks rule
- data sources not understood
- wants costs
- uses external data
- compares velocities
- seeks precision

#### how to relate

- explain agile metrics
- identify valuable metrics
- demonstrate analysis
- translate into money







- chaos report by the standish group
- state of scrum report by scrum alliance
- state of agile survey by versionone
- scrum transition deck by olivier lafontan
- 9 scrum metrics to keep your team on track by pragmatic marketing
- pro sw development by uncle bob
- sonarqube by sonarsource
- jenkins by kohsuke kawaguchi
- cost of delay, essential scrum by kenneth rubin
- <u>cfd</u>







#### traits

- an expert in everything
- no faith in people
- delegates responsibility without empowerment
- threatens and instills fear
- single scope of authority
- bottleneck
- dictator's pet
- impatient
- unforgiving







- upset being questioned
- strong and rash decisions
- focused on chain of command
- surrounded by technical experts
- prefers yes people
- discourages email collaboration

#### how to relate

- be nice but firm
- stroke their ego
- identify motives and influence them
- be the pet



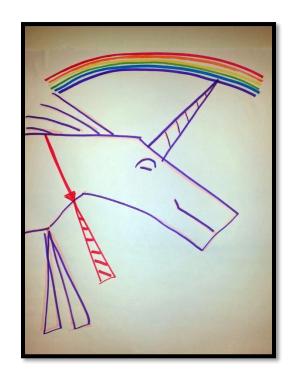
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- scrum et al by ken schwaber
- agile product ownership in a nutshell by kenrik kniberg
- shit bad scrum masters say by adam weisbart

# executive change agent





## traits





- trusts
- empowers
- engaged
- company success over personal success
- open to change and failure
- thirst for knowledge
- supportive at all levels
- servant leader

#### how to enable

- provide easily consumable information
- integrate them into training
- involve them in team activities
- cxo retrospective backlog
- cxo retreat
- help with leadership path



#### how to enable





- gather metrics and report them
- provide training
- continuous communication
- executive lunches
- internal blog
- scrum of cxo's

- agile software requirements by dean leffingwell
- the scrum guide by jeff sutherland and ken schwaber
- innovation games by luke hohmann
- the agile samurai by jonathan rasmusson
- the people's scrum by tobias mayer
- <u>agile adoption patterns</u> by amr elssamadisy
- agile retrospectives by esther derby and diana larsen



- <u>leadership agility</u> by william joiner and stephen josephs
- the lean startup by eric ries
- agile in a flash by jeff langr and tim ottinger
- <u>agile testing</u> by lisa crispin and janet gregory
- the scrum field guide by mitch lacey
- succeeding with agile by mike cohn
- <u>large-scale scrum</u> by craig larman and bas vodde





- agile estimation and planning by mike cohn
- tastycupcakes.org by agile games group
- the multitasking name game by henrik kniberg
- conscious discipline by becky bailey
- <u>disciplined agile delivery</u> by scott ambler
- a practical guide to distributed scrum by elizabeth woodward, steffan surdek, and matthew ganis

- kanban by david anderson
- collaboration explained by jean tabaka
- scaling agile @ spotify by henrik kniberg and anders ivarsson
- game storming by dave gray, sunni brown, and james macanufo
- user stories applied by mike cohn
- rapid development by steve mcconnell





ai & agility: a comprehensive introduction by scrum alliance

## coaching prompt



role – chatgpt will play the role of executive coach, expert in scrum, facilitating adoption of scrum, you will aim to empathize, offering insight, and challenging traditional waterfall assumptions

context – we will have a coaching conversation, i want this to be a human dialog, this is an afternoon reflection exercise

instruction – you will ask one question at a time, and you will wait for my response before proceeding to the next question. here are the questions:

what problem are you facing? what are the reactions in your body? what are some of your thoughts? what are some of your assumptions? how might you approach it as an opportunity? how is the opportunity connected to you? what might you learn from this opportunity? what might you be appreciative of in this situation? what actions are emerging?

end with a 100-word summary

# virtual coach



https://agiletwist.com/BeijingCoach





#### feedback



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