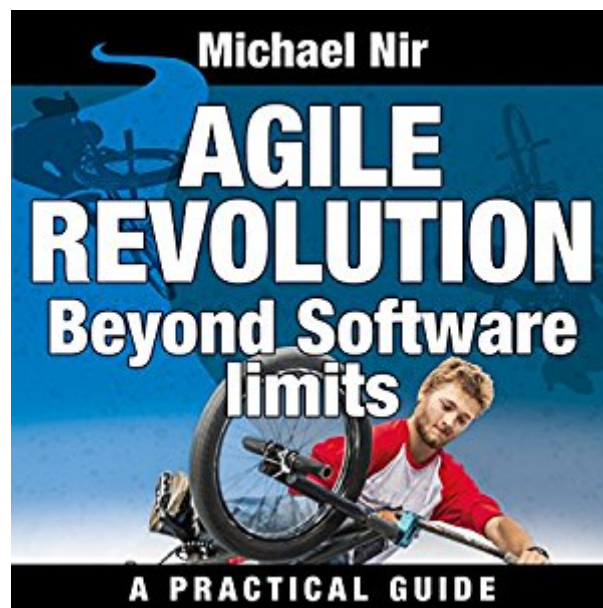


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# Agile Project Management: Agile Revolution, Beyond Software Limits: A Practical Guide To Implementing Agile Outside Software Development (Agile Business Leadership, Book 4)



## Synopsis

Agile Project Management - Achieve More - Practical Advice - Agile Revolution It is impossible to overstate the severe set of challenges caused by the overly administrative linear development approach and specifically the waterfall methodology. From Agile Project Management : Agile Revolution Waterfall methodology is part of the linear, scope-driven lifecycles family of approaches. As it is the manifestation of the command-and-control organization, it is highly prescriptive. Almost all organizations using the methodology have a similar set of processes, mostly based on the PMBOK (more on that later). Agile is an approach for managing software product development according to the guidelines set in the Agile manifesto. There are several methods and processes for implementing the Agile approach. It is 2014, I think to myself, and still businesses believe that having a 110-page project delivery methodology is a prudent approach to planning engineering customer-facing projects and products. Failure is written all over the pretty waterfall deployment approach and the numerous templates, work instructions, procedures, processes, decrees, and change approval committees. When I did introduce Agile concepts, I wasn't surprised that most didn't recognize the term. Indeed, while the software industry has been undergoing a paradigm shift other industries, project managers, and the respective project community have been ignorant of the benefits embedded in Agile approaches.... The heavy descriptive waterfall methodology they have concocted requires an upfront investment in feasibility assessment and the allocation of project resources to it. Agile approach, the Kanban method with some elements of Scrum, would be a much better solution to their feasibility phase ailments. For them and for everyone else who thinks that Agile is limited to software, I dedicate this guide....

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## Customer Reviews

This is a powerful book for those wishing to learn about Agile outside software development, it is robust and provides lots of details about what is Agile and its place in the future organization. You will learn practical tools and ideas that are relevant as the authors well describes. I learnt more about how to create a process for transitioning into a more Agile organizations. It is written in a conversational language and easy to follow presentations.

Thorough presentation of the topic – some pearls concerning the traditional approaches compared with new and novel approaches. The process of transitioning into an agile organization is aptly presented – worth reading whether you are currently doing agile or not, just for knowledge regarding development in general – as it shows trends in where businesses are probably going. I found the reading rewarding.

This book is intended to convince us of a necessary change in the way we develop and manage product development. It worked on me. It starts with the required background for those who don't know much about the topic, and continues with explaining why it is that agile is the proper way to go. All in all it is a useful read that gives pointers to consider and a process to follow.

I originally purchased this as an e-book, and found it almost impossible to read because of the author's poor writing skills. I thought there may have been something "lost in translation" from 's automated e-book generation, so I bought a copy of the paper version: It matches the writing quality of the e-book version. Though the information in it seems valuable, I could not finish this book. I don't have the time to decode what appears to be a high school level attempt at technical writing. I won't be buying any other books by Michael Nir. If you want to read a good book on Scrum, get Sutherland's book. It's much better written, and as long as you can handle the occasional woo factor, is a perfectly serviceable account (plus wikispeed).

It is a worthy read and also relevant – providing the approach to rollout the agile thinking in a variety of businesses especially the Kanban ideas are what makes this book effective. The topics presented are: Chapter 1 – What is it all about Chapter 2 – The ins and outs of Agile Chapter 3 –

Software Simplicity™ Chapter 4 “ Can system and hardware product and project development be Agile? Chapter 5 “ Agile System workshop, a 5 day overview Chapter 6 “ Imbedding Agile Culture with Lean Tools I found overall valuable ideas presented in an organized manner.

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