



Lost in the Agile jungle?

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“Agile” is a much used buzzword in the world of technology development. At DBS the Agile way of working is being embedded across the organization in order to enable us all to work smarter and better.

While the concept underpinning Agile is very intuitive – a different way of working that is centered around collaboration and fixing problems in bite sized pieces – exactly how it works can be rather more difficult to understand.



With all these new terms and roles, starting an agile project might feel overwhelming. If you are feeling lost, worry not! We the Agile team have found you and will lead you out of this jungle.

Project Management Office of Core Systems Technology
has developed two orientation tools for their Agile teams:



The Agile Handbook



The Agile Orientation Sessions



The Agile Handbook – Your Agile companion

Leveraging on CST's experience with Agile, the handbook is the perfect companion for Agile practitioners during the Agile Journey. The Handbook distills the essential Agile practices that CST recommends for Agile teams to implement, along with tips and real CST examples. The guide covers the 3 main phases of any Agile project: pre-inception, inception and iterative delivery.



The Agile Handbook also presents the many spaces set up by CST for Agile practitioners to share and learn from each other – e.g. Communities of Practice or Yammer groups.



The Agile Orientation Sessions – Familiarize yourself with the Handbook

To help you utilize the handbook optimally, CST also offers sessions where Agile Coaches will walk you through the handbook. During these highly interactive sessions, the participants have the opportunity to discuss the Handbook, experiment with some hands on activities – eg. how to design the best agenda for an Inception - and share their experiences working on Agile projects.

The sessions are delivered in an Agile manner – each session is unique and incorporates feedback from previous participants. Thus far, the feedback has been very encouraging, with many great ideas to make the sessions better!



Testimonials from our satisfied project teams:

"Good content and interaction during training"

"Provided information, guidelines to follow DBS Agile Methods for CST, specific, very good to understand the expectations"

"Very useful materials / content"

"Very good training"



Agile is a journey and not a destination. Taking that value to heart, CST has identified several next steps to further embed Agile into our work culture. One idea is to include Agile orientation into the revamped on-boarding process for new joiners, so that they can start their Agile journey from day one.



If you want to learn more about these initiatives, feel free to email [John Ng](#), [Majid Bhatti](#) and [Sylvain Mahe](#).

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