

Leading SAFe®

Lead agile at scale with the Scaled Agile Framework, in two practical, interactive days.

DURATION

2 days · 16 hours

LEVEL

Intermediate

CURRICULUM

8 modules · 3 labs

DELIVERY

Live online, Onsite,
Corporate

Course overview

When many agile teams work on the same solution, they need a way to align on priorities, plan together and deliver in a predictable rhythm. The Scaled Agile Framework provides one widely used approach. This two-day course introduces SAFe from a leader's perspective and prepares you for the SAFe Agilist (SA) exam.

Day one explains why business agility matters and establishes the foundations: the Lean-Agile mindset, SAFe core values and principles, the role of Lean-Agile leaders, and how teams and agile release trains are organised. Day two covers delivering value: the planning interval, PI planning and its outputs, executing and inspecting a PI, the continuous delivery pipeline, Lean portfolio management, and how to lead a SAFe implementation.

The highlight is a simulated PI planning session where participants form teams, plan features against capacity, identify dependencies and risks, and present plans for review. You will also explore value streams, discuss leadership behaviours and consider how SAFe would apply to your own organisation.

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Highlights

- 16 hours of live, interactive sessions
- Lean-Agile mindset and leadership
- Agile release trains and PI planning simulation
- Lean portfolio management basics
- Preparation for the SAFe Agilist exam

What's included

- Interactive, workshop-style delivery
- Simulated PI planning session
- Value stream and leadership exercises
- Lean portfolio management introduction
- Exam preparation and practice questions
- Trainer licensing confirmed for each batch

Who this course is for

Who should attend

- Executives and senior managers
- Programme and portfolio managers
- Agile coaches and Scrum Masters in large organisations
- Product and engineering leaders
- Transformation and PMO leads

Prerequisites

- Familiarity with agile concepts and Scrum is recommended
- Experience in software, product or IT delivery is helpful

Detailed curriculum — 2 days, 16 hours, 8 modules, 3 hands-on labs

Day 1 Business Agility and Lean-Agile Foundations

8 hours

1.1 Business agility

- Why business agility matters
- Network and hierarchy
- Competencies of business agility

1.2 Lean-Agile mindset and principles

- Lean thinking and agile values
- SAFe principles
- SAFe core values

LAB Map a value stream for a sample product · 40 min

1.3 Teams and trains

- Agile teams
- Team and technical agility
- Agile release trains and roles

LAB Design teams and an agile release train · 35 min

1.4 Lean-Agile leadership

- Leading by example
- Leading change
- Mindset and principles in practice

Day 2 Delivering Value and Portfolio Agility

8 hours

2.1 PI planning

- Planning interval structure
- Team and program boards
- Inputs and outputs

LAB Simulated PI planning session · 90 min

2.2 Executing a PI

- Iterations and system demos
- Continuous delivery pipeline
- Inspect and adapt

2.3 Lean portfolio management

- Strategy and investment funding
- Lean governance
- Portfolio Kanban and epics

2.4 Implementation and exam preparation

- Leading a SAFe implementation
- Practice questions
- Exam format

Skills and tools

Skills you will build

SAFe

Lean-Agile leadership

Business agility

Value streams

Agile release trains

PI planning

Inspect and adapt

Lean portfolio management

Tools used in class

Miro

Program boards

Jira

Certification exam

This course is aligned to the exam below and prepares you for it. The exam itself is booked and taken with the vendor.

Exam	SAFe Agilist (SA)
Exam code	SA
Delivery	Online proctored
Official page	https://scaledagile.com/training/leading-safe/

Exam skill areas covered

Leading SAFe: Fundamentals and Leadership

Exam details are pending verification. Confirm the current exam code, format and fee on the official vendor page before booking.

Frequently asked questions

Will I receive the official certification from this course?

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When do I take the exam?

After the course, you take the SAFe Agilist exam online through Scaled Agile's learning platform.

Do I need SAFe experience?

No. Familiarity with agile concepts helps, but SAFe is introduced from the start.

Is this course suitable for executives?

Yes. Leading SAFe is designed for leaders and managers as well as practitioners.

Book a batch or talk to an advisor

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