

Renaissance Software Consulting - Feedback

Customer: [REDACTED]
Workshop: Agile startup workshop
Dates: 1/14/2009 - 1/16/2009
Coach: James Grenning

Comments on the workshop content:

- Great content - it was exactly what I was looking for
- I liked how you tailored it to our knowledge → more focus on hands on activities instead of overview info.

Comments on the workshop activities:

Hands on activities were good. I wish we had more time for iteration planning. I think this is where we will struggle the most.

Comments on the coach:

- Great knowledge & great delivery
- I felt that his ~~to~~ industry experience really showed through

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

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Would it be possible to have sort of a "Good Practice" guide on Iterative Planning. There is a lot to remember & a lot to be disciplined on.

- Iterative Planning
- TDD

How might the activity be improved?

- More iteration practice (multiple iterations)

General comments:

Great workshop! Learned a lot!

Overall rating:

1 2 3 4 4.5 5
poor fair good very good excellent

Would you recommend this workshop to others? Yes No

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This was my first experience in a workshop like this within a development team, and really my first w/ a dev team itself so seeing the effectiveness of this Agile process ~~was~~ made perfect sense to me. It was equally as beneficial for me to see the pains ~~of~~ of other experienced developers as they spoke about current methods and issues.

Comments on the workshop activities:

Very engaging for both the customer team and App. Corps.

Comments on the coach:

Refreshing to see a coach with the confidence to say "I don't know" sometimes and still equally portray a deep belief in the system.

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

DTSTTCPW → notecards ← KISS

What is the most useful thing you learned?

Keep the results visible for each story. These blocks of progress ^{will} seem to keep everyone on the same page.

How might the activity be improved?

General comments:

Thanks for your genuine interest in our success.

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May we use your name in promotional material? Yes _____ No _____

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Comments on the workshop activities:

Very practical - ~~the~~ I was impressed that you were willing to leave the curricula & deal w/ the tough issues we have...

Comments on the coach:

Excellent communication w/ engineering & Business people

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

What is the most useful thing you learned?

How might the activity be improved?

General comments:

We need more time / handholding - Not your fault!

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Comments on the workshop content:

GOOD - NOT OVERLY POWER-POINT INTENSIVE LIKE MANY TRAINING WORKSHOPS
TEND TO BE.

Comments on the workshop activities:

VERY GOOD. THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES OF CREATING THE STORIES, ASSIGNING POINTS,
CREATING ITERATIONS, ETC WAS VERY VALUABLE.

Comments on the coach:

APPRECIATE HOW YOU TOOK THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND OUR PRODUCTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF
THE WORKSHOP.

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

What is the most useful thing you learned?

HOW TO SHIFT OUR THINKING TO IDENTIFY SMALLER PIECES OF DELIVERABLE
CUSTOMER FUNCTIONALITY.

How might the activity be improved?

General comments:

THE PACE WAS GOOD; ENOUGH TIME FOR QUESTIONS, BUT WE KEPT MOVING.

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Comments on the workshop content: *Good workshop. I feel well informed and left with few questions*

Comments on the workshop activities: *I like how we actually tried the activities*

Comments on the coach: *Good, energetic, and informative.*

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

What is the most useful thing you learned? *How to get started*

How might the activity be improved?

General comments:

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Comments on the coach:

Comments on the materials used in the workshop:

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How might the activity be improved?

General comments:

Instead of filling out all blanks. The following applies to all.
 I thought the instruction & workshops were excellent. ~~It won't~~ I think we are at the stage where there is a lot that we don't know we don't know. It seems your instruction is exactly what we needed, but only

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 poor fair good very good **excellent**

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