

IIBA and Agile Alliance Release Version 2 of The Agile Extension to the BABOK Guide

Version 2 of the Agile Extension is the leading guide for effective agile business analysis approach across all levels of an organization.

Toronto, ON – (August 7, 2017) – [The International Institute of Business Analysis™ \(IIBA®\)](#), in partnership with [Agile Alliance](#), released Version 2 of the Agile Extension to the *BABOK® Guide* at [AGILE2017](#), the largest international gathering of Agilists. Version 2 of the Agile Extension contains extensive revisions including new and updated techniques designed for agile practitioners to maximize customer and business value across all levels of an organization.

Version 2 provides a framework for agile business analysis that accelerates learning and helps determine what is really needed to deliver actual customer value. Agile techniques help practitioners maximize business value, rapidly learn, adapt and respond to change, and reduce waste. The Agile Extension fosters an understanding of how to use learning derived from stakeholder feedback to continually improve the delivery process and produce value constantly, in turn increasing the delivery of business value.

Introducing a multi-level rolling planning model, Version 2 helps practitioners, teams, and organizations incorporate customer feedback to make changes and deliver value fast. Version 2 features a description of the agile mindset that enables practitioners to adapt quickly as customer needs change, ensuring that value is always added.

“In fast paced and complex environments, an agile mindset is a competitive advantage,” said Kent McDonald, Founder, KBP.media and core team member for the Agile Extension. “An agile mindset helps teams effectively deliver the right things by focusing on small increments at a time and incorporating actionable feedback, rather than performing the majority of the analysis up front.”

Version 2 has evolved beyond software development and demonstrates how an agile mindset can be applied to all domains and how any *BABOK® Guide* task can be performed in an agile context. In addition, the concept of three planning Horizons - Strategy, Initiative and Delivery, helps practitioners understand three different views of change within an organization.

“Whether you’re a business analysis practitioner, team lead, or organizational leader, learning to leverage an agile mindset will deliver the most efficient and effective results for the business and the customer,” said Shane Hastie, former Director, Agile Alliance and Director of Agile Learning Programs at ICAgile and core team member for the Agile Extension.

“The new extension will bring enormous value to the community. In today’s uncertain, highly competitive world, the Agile Extension Version 2 becomes your foundational resource to help you sense, adapt and respond in ways that allow you to create better business outcomes and deliver greater business value,” said Jas Phul, Director Product/IP Development with IIBA.

The Agile Extension to the *BABOK® Guide* will be available online for IIBA and Agile Alliance Members in August 2017. It will be released for all audiences in print for \$44.99 USD and digital for \$24.99, and will be available for enterprise licensing in September 2017. For more information, visit <http://www.iiba.org/babok-guide/Agile-Extension-to-the-BABOK-Guide-IIBA.aspx>.

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About Agile Alliance

[Agile Alliance](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the concepts of Agile software development as outlined in the Agile Manifesto. With nearly 38,000 members and subscribers around the globe, Agile Alliance is driven by the principles of Agile methodologies and the value delivered to developers, business and end users. Agile Alliance organizes and supports events to bring the Agile community together on a global stage.

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