Jimi Fosdick, CST, PMP

TRAINER PROFILE

With more than 20 years of experience in product development, Jimi Fosdick has worked in a wide range of industries, including publishing, software, advertising, financial services and the public sector. As a CollabNet VersionOne Certified Scrum Trainer, he conducts wildly popular, interactive, “full-immersion” public Scrum Courses around the world each year, helping organizations to surface dysfunction and improve processes through Scrum. Since becoming a Certified Scrum Trainer in 2008, Jimi has certified more than 2000 Scrum Masters and Product Owners.

Before joining CollabNet VersionOne, Fosdick spent four years advocating agile approaches to project management, first as a program and project manager and, later, as an independent agile and Scrum consultant. During this time, he worked with companies such as CIBER, Inc., Avenue A Razorfish, MTV Networks, and Microsoft, helping them transform to more agile ways of working using Scrum. During his work at CIBER, he helped introduce Scrum and agile techniques to the entire Government Products branch, serving as an advocate for these processes internally and for CIBER’s clients, while also managing multimillion dollar, business-critical product development efforts. Similarly, at MTV Networks, he helped initiate a pilot project that served as a proof of Scrum’s transformative potential for the entire MTVN project organization, which he is presently helping to transition to an enterprise-sized installation.

Prior to these consulting engagements, he spent a decade working in various capacities in software, including as a program manager of software product development and solutions architecture at the Riverside Publishing Company and a senior staff developer at Polycom, Inc.

Fosdick is a PMI-certified PMP and received his MBA in project management from Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago. As an undergraduate, he studied mathematics and computer science at Loyola University in Chicago. He currently lives just outside of Portland, Ore. with his wife, Christine, and their children, Jaz and Sophie.

For more of Jimi’s thoughts on Scrum, visit his blog at http://blogs.collab.net/agile.

“Jimi had GREAT energy and enthusiasm. He’s also a clear expert on the topic.”
—Rick Dame, Project or Functional Manager

“Jimi has proven his leadership ability by successfully organizing and initiating Scrum as a development practice here at CIBER.”
—Felix DeHerrera, Certified ScrumMaster, CIBER

“Jimi is a very talented trainer. Everybody here was impressed by his attitude and teaching skills. He helped us a lot and, thanks to him, we are going to start our first sprint next Monday.”
—Sascia Pastori, Senior Project Manager, MTV Networks
**JIMI FOSDICK – CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS**

“Jimi managed to take over and complete a train wreck of a project successfully by implementing and teaching Scrum to our team. Since then, I have been involved in three separate projects with Jimi, and received a CSM under his help. His advice has seriously helped me to integrate an effective management framework with Agile programming practices to better help me deliver product to customers.”

—Ben Acker, Java/.NET Developer, CIBER, Inc.

“Jimi has been a pleasure to work with, bringing a high level of competence and a very level headed approach to a wide range of scenarios (even in the most trying situations). While working with him at CIBER and AvenueA | Razorfish, I was consistently impressed with the depth and breadth of knowledge that he brought to the table. Most recently, he was brought into a classic “nightmare” project that was rapidly spiraling out of control. He managed to help steer the development team in a direction that allowed us to complete a project that otherwise would have likely never made it out the door. His willingness to jump in and help sort things out was a huge help and I would gladly work with him again given the opportunity.”

—Luke Veach, Senior Presentation Layer Developer, Avenue A – Razorfish

“Jimi was instrumental in bringing Scrum and the Agile practice to CIBER in Vancouver Washington. He is a clear and decisive leader of the highest caliber. He is an asset to any business.” March 2, 2009

—Felix De Herrera, ScrumMaster, CIBER

“Jimi was fantastic and an excellent communicator. The course material came across very clearly. I will definitely recommend this course.”

—Eric Gagnon, Developer

“What I liked most was the instructor and the exercises. Jimi was excellent!”

—Mercia Lacks, System Engineer

“Jimi was AWESOME! He was very funny and had a great style of explaining concepts. Basically I most enjoyed the instructor. I have a lot of knowledge, but I really enjoyed his no nonsense approach.”

—Melanie Mitchell, ScrumMaster

“I feel that I learned a great deal about scrum from this course. Thanks Jimi!”

“Jimi knew the material very well and was able to bring in his personal experience to help illustrate ideas. He was very knowledgeable and the course was very thorough!”

—Michael Piff, Project Manager

“Jimi has excellent training skills!”

—Junaid Ahmed, Program Manager
“Jimi provided a fantastic amount of information interestingly presented and with great enthusiasm. Thank you!”
—Christian Osterguard, Owner/Facilitator

“Jimi had a very good style and pacing. He brought in real cases which was great. It was great that he made himself available for questions afterwards and the course was very open. FUN!”
—Storg Piko

“Jimi was great and engaged. I love what he’s doing! Excellent job!”
—Kenpe Caurent, Sr. Solution Architect