The 14 Most Valuable IT Certifications

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In Technology, there's no substitute for experience. However, certifications remain a valuable tool for advancing one's career. Employers want candidates (and employees) with up-to-date knowledge and skills, and certifications demonstrate a person's mastery of the respective subject. The author reviewed data from multiple sources — including BMC, CIO, Clearance Jobs, Indeed, and Robert Half — to determine the consensus on the most valuable Technology related certifications. Fourteen emerged. Here they are, in alphabetical order:

1. AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
2. Certified Cloud Security Professional (CCSP)
3. Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE)
4. Certified Data Professional (CDP)
5. Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
6. Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
7. Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
8. Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)
9. Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)
10. CompTIA (A+, Cloud+, Security+)
11. Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)
12. Oracle MySQL Database Administration
13. Project Management Professional (PMP)
14. Salesforce Certified Development Lifecycle and Deployment Designer

If you're interested in learning about the project management related certifications, visit the Scrum Alliance for the Certified ScrumMaster (CSM) and the Project Management Institute for the Project Management Professional (PMP).

Many employers prefer to hire certified professionals, especially those who also have college degrees and successful work experience. Those who invest in professional credentials typically enjoy larger salaries.

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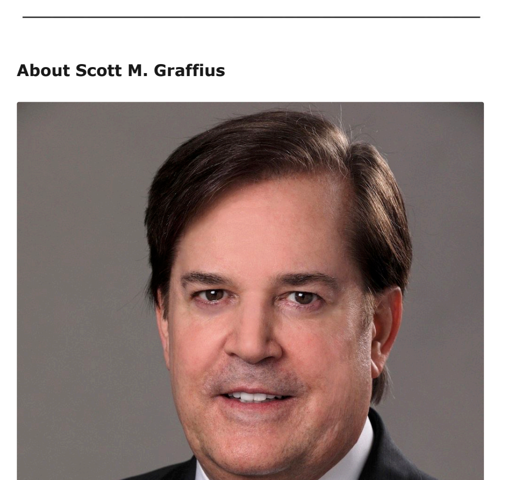

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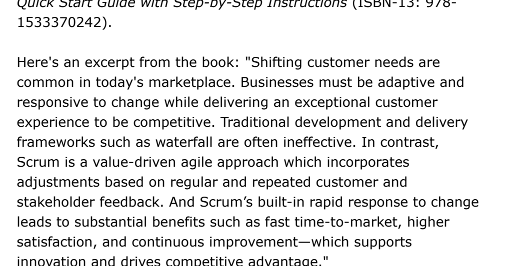

A fantastic agile transformation experience and result with a client organization in the entertainment industry was the inspiration for Scott M. Graffius's multi award-winning book, *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions* (ISBN-13: 978-1533370242).

Here's an excerpt from the book: "Shifting customer needs are common in today's marketplace. Businesses must be adaptive and responsive to change while delivering an exceptional customer experience to be competitive. Traditional development and delivery frameworks such as waterfall are often ineffective. In contrast, Scrum is a value-driven agile approach which incorporates adjustments based on regular and repeated customer and stakeholder feedback. And Scrum's built-in rapid response to change leads to substantial benefits such as fast time-to-market, higher satisfaction, and continuous improvement—which supports innovation and drives competitive advantage."

With clear and easy to follow instructions, *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions* helps you:

- Implement and use the most popular agile framework—Scrum;
- Deliver products in short cycles with rapid adaptation to change, fast time-to-market, and continuous improvement; and
- Support innovation and drive competitive advantage.

Hailed by Literary Titan as "the book highlights the versatility of Scrum beautifully."

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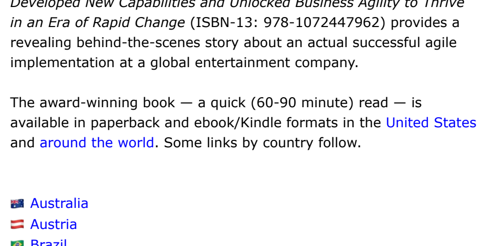

Thriving in today's marketplace frequently depends on making a transformation to become more agile. Those successful in the transition enjoy faster delivery speed and ROI, higher satisfaction, continuous improvement, and additional benefits. *Agile Transformation: A Brief Story of How an Entertainment Company Developed New Capabilities and Unlocked Business Agility to Thrive in an Era of Rapid Change* (ISBN-13: 978-1072447962) provides a revealing behind-the-scenes story about an actual successful agile implementation at a global entertainment company.

The award-winning book — a quick (60-90 minute) read — is available in paperback and ebook/Kindle formats in the United States and around the world. Some links by country follow.

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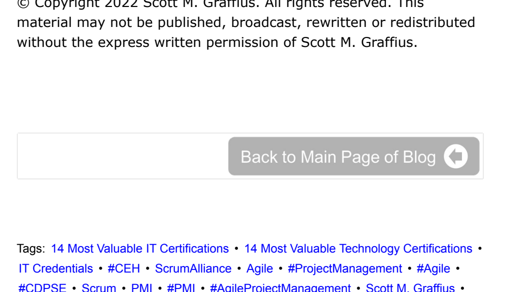

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