Rally Software Introduces New Capabilities for Scaling Agile

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Rally has introduced new Rally Portfolio Manager capabilities that enable enterprises to scale Agile practices across the entire organization and help deliver more value to the market faster. The enhancements support any methodology used for scaling Agile practices, including the Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe), a proven, publicly available process for applying Lean and Agile practices at scale developed by Dean Leffingwell and Scaled Agile Inc.

When paired with Rally’s coaching services, Rally can uniquely help enterprises successfully transform into an Agile business that can deliver innovations to market faster and more predictably. The announcement was made this week at Rally’s annual user conference, RallyON, which brings together Agile enthusiasts from around the world to discuss and create new ways to transform and lead Agile organizations.

“A second wave of Agile adoption is now underway in larger, pragmatic organizations,” said Ryan Martens, founder and CTO of Rally Software. “It’s being driven by three main factors: SAFe as a common recipe for scaling Agile, rapid adoption of Rally’s cloud-based products that coordinate large, multi-team programs, and a wealth of Rally services and partners worldwide.”

New additions to Rally’s whole solution for scaled Agile success include:
* Program Level Planning: Using Rally’s release attribute, users can now directly assign features to a release, enabling product and program managers to easily plan program roadmaps and synchronize teams and their work to meet program objectives.
* Portfolio Steering: Rally’s new Portfolio Burnup and Cumulative Flow diagrams provide product and program managers visibility into feature progress, facilitating steering that results in optimal value delivery in releases.
* Program - Team Alignment: In a large-scale Agile program, it is critical that development teams know which features they are working on and why. In Rally, teams can now easily associate user stories they are working on to features they are part of, helping them quickly align their work with the business priorities.
* Enhanced Transformation Services: Rally’s new Leading SAFe course provides organizational leaders the understanding of how the Lean and Agile principles and practices of the Scaled Agile Framework® can improve productivity, employee engagement, time to market, and quality.

“Rally’s new capabilities are a dream for program managers who can see feature progress and know whether they will make it into a specific release,” says Dean Leffingwell, creator of the Scaled Agile Framework® and author of Agile Software Requirements: Lean Requirements for Teams, Programs, and the Enterprise. “These Rally features have been on my wishlist for awhile, and demonstrate how strongly Rally’s products support SAFe from the team, to the program, to the enterprise level.”

About Rally

Rally Software is a leading global provider of cloud-based solutions for managing Agile software development. The Rally Agile application lifecycle management (ALM) platform transforms the way organizations manage the software development lifecycle by closely aligning software development and strategic business objectives, facilitating collaboration, increasing transparency and automating manual processes. Companies use Rally to accelerate the pace of innovation, improve productivity and more effectively adapt to rapidly changing customer needs and competitive dynamics. Rally supports 168,000 paid users and more than 1,000 customers, including 34 of the Fortune 100 companies.