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Ken Schwaber and Gunther Verheyen close a collaborative partnership deal

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Ken Schwaber, co-creator of Scrum, and Gunther Verheyen have signed a collaborative partnership deal. The collaboration will be implemented within Scrum.org and covers the creative evolution of Scrum and the Professional Scrum programs of Scrum.org.

In 2009 Ken Schwaber established Scrum.org as a small and creative organization to improve the profession of software development via promotion and support of the Scrum framework.

Over the past 3 years Ken Schwaber and Gunther Verheyen have established a firm working relationship. They created and shared many ideas on Scrum, its promotion and utilization, and ways to improve the understanding of Scrum in the software industry.

Ken and Gunther recently decided to tighten the relationship even more. As from June 2013, Gunther will join Scrum.org. Gunther will be Director of the Professional Programs, including the courseware and assessments for the PSD, PSM, PSF, and PSPO programs. He will also promote Scrum in Europe, contribute to the Enterprise Scrum program, and be an active member of Scrum.org.

Ken and Gunther express their profound belief that their energetic collaborative partnership will be highly beneficial. They join forces to increase the measurable impact that Scrum.org aims to have at the improvement of the software development business.

Gunther will be reaching out to those who have been working on the various professional programs. He will provide guidance to their work, where Ken might have otherwise done so.

Ken Schwaber
Scrum co-creator

Gunther Verheyen
Director, Professional Programs



Ken Schwaber



Ken Schwaber (ken.schwaber@scrum.org) is co-creator of the Scrum framework with Jeff Sutherland and founder of Scrum.org.

In 1985 Ken formed the ADM company ('Advanced Development Methods'). From a pure consulting mission, ADM moved into developing and selling process management software. It helped Ken discover that the applied software processes, now referred to as 'traditional', have very low yield rates.

Ken worked with Jeff Sutherland upon that finding and together they created the Scrum framework, which was officially introduced in 1995. In 2001 Ken and Jeff were signatories to the Agile Manifesto and Ken became founder and chairman of the Scrum Alliance in 2002.

After leaving the Scrum Alliance, Ken created the Scrum.org platform in 2009, thereby returning to the communities of Scrum users and practitioners. Scrum.org provides resources, training, assessment, and certification for Scrum Masters, Scrum Product Owners and Scrum Developers. Scrum.org is known as the 'Home of Scrum' and hosts the official Scrum Guide, maintained by Ken and Jeff.

In 2012 Ken and Gunther started working on the Enterprise Scrum Framework, which they regard as a major evolution in guiding organizations in adopting and benefitting from the Scrum framework.

Gunther Verheyen



Gunther Verheyen (gunther.verheyen@scrum.org) has a career in IT and software development that started after graduating in 1992. He started applying extreme Programming in 2003 and Scrum in 2004.

Gunther has implemented, applied and coached Scrum, much in combination with extreme programming, in various enterprises as an IT consultant. He has been the driving force of large-scale enterprise transformations, whereby Gunther collaborated with C-level managers, Scrum Teams, stakeholders, Scrum coaches and Scrum trainers.

Gunther is the author of several Scrum trainings and is Professional Scrum trainer at [Scrum.org](https://www.scrum.org). Gunther has been curriculum steward for the Professional Scrum Master and the Professional Scrum Product Owner courseware for Scrum.org.

Ken and Gunther believe Enterprise Scrum will be for enterprise agility what Scrum has been for software development, a lightweight framework that helps people and organizations discover what works best for them; as opposed to the idea that agility can be achieved via a large methodological prescriptions.