

XP Day Benelux 2004 is a one day conference about Agile Software Development. The sessions are organized by people who have experience with agile methods, like DSDM, Scrum, Extreme Programming, lean software development, Feature-driven development, and Crystal. The principles of agile software development are described in the Agile Manifesto (<http://www.agilemanifesto.org>).

XP Day Benelux is an organization of *Agile Systems* vzw (<http://www.agilestystems.org>). Agile Systems is a non-profit organisation with the goal of collecting and disseminating knowledge and experience about agile software development and systems thinking.

## Objectives and audience

The XP Day Benelux conference is for software developers, project leaders, IT managers, testers, architects, and coaches. It provides a good opportunity for exchanging ideas and sharing experiences, and is suited for both experienced participants and beginners in Agile Software Development. The focus of this conference is on practical knowledge, real-world experience and active participation of all attendees.

## History

This is the second event of its kind. Last year, XP Day Benelux 2003 had more than 80 participants. Participants found the conference useful, enjoyable, and good value for money. They found it interestingly different from other events.

## Other XP Days

London XP Day: <http://www.xpday.org>  
XP Days Germany: <http://www.xpdays.de>

## Registration

Registration is possible through the XP Day Benelux website:

<http://www.xpday.net/registration>

On-site registration will not be possible.

The number of participants is limited to 100, on a first paid, first served basis.

Early fee (before 1-11-2004): € 125

Late fee (from 1-11-2004 to 15-11-2004): € 150

Fees are exclusive of 21% VAT. The fee includes conference access, session materials, lunch, drinks and closing reception.

## Training: Introduction to Agile Software Development

On Thursday 18 November 2004, the day before XP Day Benelux, Agile Systems will organise an introductory course to Agile Software Development in Mechelen.

Agile Software Development lets organisations deliver valuable software early. An increasing number of organisations is successfully using or exploring Agile approaches to software and business development. How do they do it? Are these methods applicable in your organisation?

### Objectives

After this one-day course participants will have an understanding of several agile methodologies, sufficient to make improvements in their workplace. Participants will know how they and their organisation can benefit from agile principles and practices. This course enables you to get more out of XP Day Benelux.

### Audience

Managers, programmers, and others who want to gain know-how about Agile Software Development principles and practices through dialogue with experts and peers, as well as practical exercises.

### Topics

Depending on the participants' backgrounds and interests, a selection of topics will be made:

- *Principles and Practices*: test driven design, defect prevention, requirements management, refactoring, design patterns, planning, tracking, project evaluation (retrospectives), process customization, scaling agile.
- *How to get started with Agile Software Development*. Which practices or process is appropriate for my environment? How does agile compare with other software development approaches? Agile experience reports.

The topics will be covered using diverse formats like presentations, games, interactive demonstrations, and exercises.

The course is led by a number of experienced agile software development coaches and session organizers: Marc Evers, Nynke Fokma, Pascal Van Cauwenberghe, Peter Schrier, Rob Westgeest, Vera Peeters, and Willem van den Ende.

### Cost and registration

The price for the Agile Software Development Introduction Training is €990 (ex. VAT) and includes a full day training, lunch, dinner with the XP Day Benelux presenters, overnight stay and a ticket for XP Day Benelux. The price without the overnight stay is €890 (ex. VAT).

The number of places is limited to 25.

Information about registration and other details can be found on the Agile Systems website: <http://www.agilestystems.org/agiletutorial>

## Program

*Improvisation - An unorthodox approach to teambuilding* - Arjen Uittenbogaard

*Who's dropped the ball? Understanding team dynamics* - Marc Evers & Willem van den Ende

*Xtreme Databases* - Pramod Sadalage & Nick Ashley

*Getting your Story Straight* - Rachel Davies & Andy Pols

*Project Mapping* - Rachel Davies & Frank Westphal

*The extreme power of short releases* - Koen De Wel & Vera Peeters

*The Drawing Carousel, a Pair Programming experience* - Vera Peeters & Peter Schrier

*How to defeat agile resistance* - Rob Westgeest

*Refactoring thumbnails* - Sven Gorts

*Be empowered... or else!* - Laurent Bossavit & Emmanuel Gaillot

*Muda in the Software Process - Does Every Activity Add Value?* - Kevin Rutherford & Andy Lawrence

*Refactoring, keeping software malleable* - Duncan Pierce & Ivan Moore

*XP Day Lightning Talks* - Bernard Vander Beken

*NLP for Software Development Coaches* - Marco Jansen & Dan North

➤ See <http://www.xpday.net/program>

## Organising committee

- Willem van den Ende (Living Software)
- Marc Evers (NIWI-KNAW)
- Nynke Fokma (Moebius)
- Erik Groeneveld (CQ2)
- Vera Peeters (Tryx)
- Peter Schrier (Exoftware/TriCAT Agileon)
- Pascal Van Cauwenberghe (Nayima)
- Rob Westgeest (Agidem)

What people said about XP Day Benelux 2003:

*"Highly interactive sessions. A lot of discussion"*

*"High proportion of real practitioners"*

*"Nice people, good interaction between people"*

*"Great sessions"*

*"The informal atmosphere made it a true learning experience"*

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