



# SAFe® for Architects

Architecting for continuous  
value flow with SAFe®



## Overview

Attendees can improve collaboration and alignment in a SAFe® Lean-Agile enterprise when they become a SAFe 6.0 Architect. The SAFe® for Architects course prepares system, solution, and enterprise architects to engage across the organisation as effective leaders and change agents who collaboratively deliver architectural solutions.

During this three-day course, attendees will explore the roles, responsibilities, and mindset of agile architects, and appreciate how to align architecture with business value and drive continuous flow to large systems-of-systems while supporting SAFe program execution.

This course is for senior technical contributors who need to understand the role of system, solution, and enterprise architects in Lean-Agile enterprises. The course is also appropriate for individuals desiring a deeper view into how architecture enables continuous value flow and how architects engage in, and contribute to, a Lean-Agile enterprise.





# Key Topics

- » Exemplifying Lean-Agile architecture
- » Architecting for DevOps and Release on Demand
- » Aligning architecture with business value
- » Developing Solution Vision, Solution Intent, and Roadmaps
- » Preparing architecture for Program Increment (PI) Planning
- » Coordinating architecture throughout PI Planning
- » Supporting Continuous Delivery during PI execution
- » Supporting new Strategic Themes and Value Streams
- » Leading as an architect during a Lean-Agile transformation



# Objectives

## Duration

WEEKDAY/  
VIRTUAL

**3 days**

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- » Explain SAFe agile principles
- » Apply SAFe principles to managing trade-offs between functionality, cost, risk, and sustainability
- » Ensure designs can be implemented in small batches with continuous integration/continuous delivery deployment model
- » Communicate solution context and intent to agile teams and trains
- » Establish intentional architecture guidelines and enable flexibility to allow emergent technology
- » Prepare architectural runway to enable delivery success
- » Steer architecture decisions, support risk and issue resolution, participate in management review and problem solving during Program Increment execution
- » Define, implement, and monitor quality practices, including CI/CD and DevOps
- » Ensure that technology decisions made within an ART work end-to-end across components in a Solution
- » Ensure that Solution complies with Portfolio technology strategy
- » Enable Lean-Agile transformations and coach Lean-Agile practitioners

## Exam and Certification

Attending this course prepares you to take the SAFe for Architects (6.0) exam and become a Certified SAFe Architect. The exam is a multiple choice, closed-book, web-based examination (120 mins, 60 questions, 75% passing score) taken **after course completion**.

Attendees who pass the exam will receive:

- » Certified SAFe Architect PDF certificate
- » Certified SAFe Architect digital badge to promote your accomplishment online
- » One-year membership to the SAFe Community Platform, with access to the ARCH Community of Practice
- » Access to Meetup groups and events that connect you with other SAFe certified professionals
- » A variety of learning resources to support you during your SAFe journey



Note: First exam attempt is included as part of the course registration fee if the exam is taken within **30 days of course completion**.

Attendees must attend the three days to be eligible for the exam.



# Course Delivery

Courses are facilitated by our qualified and experienced trainers who have been through a rigorous process in demonstrating their experience and practical working knowledge. Courses can be conducted onsite, at our premises or virtually. All courses can be customised to suit your requirements.

**Virtual training:** You can learn more about our virtual delivery [here](#).



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# Who is this course for?

The following individuals will benefit from this course:

- » Scrum master
- » Agile coach
- » Consultant
- » Architect, solution architect and system architect

## Participants should:

- » Have attended at least one SAFe course
- » Have participated in at least one ART and one PI

## Professional Development Units (PDUs)

Participants who have been awarded the Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> credential by the Project Management Institute (PMI)<sup>®</sup> are eligible to earn **21 PDUs** for their participation in this course (12 Ways of Working, 6 Business Acumen and 3 Power Skills).

## CPDs

Participants holding any of the Project Management accreditations (CPPP/CPPM/CPPD) are eligible to earn **20 CPDs** for this short course.

# Why learn with PM-Partners?

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