
Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing

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We'd also like to thank [Sharna Sammy](#) for her fantastic cover designs for our "Coach's Guide" series.

About the Authors

Sam Laing (left) and Karen Greaves (right)

We are Sam Laing and Karen Greaves. We have worked in software our whole lives. With Type A personalities and a strong work ethic, we have both done our share of overtime on Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) death march projects. Eventually we knew we had to find another way. Agile brought us together

when we worked at a company trying to do Scrum for the first time.

In 2012, we took the plunge and started our own business, [Growing Agile](#). Since then we have been doing the work that we are passionate about - introducing and improving agile. Best of all we have a positive impact on other people's lives.

One of the first things we did as a company was bring Janet Gregory to South Africa to run her Whole Team Test Approach course. Her training resonated with us. We felt there were key insights about agile testing we could share with teams in Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) short workshops, that could help them think differently about testing. We've been delivering talks and workshops on agile testing every since.

As always, we love feedback, so don't hesitate to send us your thoughts via email info@growingagile.co.za or Twitter [@GrowingAgile](#).

How To Use The Coach's Guide Series

As agile coaches we often find ourselves running workshops or training sessions with people we are coaching. We put a great deal of effort into creating the plans for these sessions to help the participants get value. Over the past Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) 2 years we have collected a lot of these plans. This series is our way of sharing these workshop and training plans with other Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) agile Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) coaches to enable you to run similar workshops.

All the books in this [series](#) are structured in a similar way, this section explains the concepts you'll need to effectively use any of the books in the series. We've put it here at the start of the book, so that if you've used any of the other books in the series you don't need to read through this again, it's the same in each book.

4Cs Plans

Each chapter in Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) these books includes a 4Cs plan. The technique comes from a training style called [Training from the BACK of the room](#) (TFTBOTR) developed by Sharon Bowman.

TFTBOTR is based on how adults learn and is focused on maximising learning and retention.

TFTBOTR describes four parts that should be included in any training plan. These parts are Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) known as the 4Cs and are described below.

- C1 – Connections: To get participants to connect with each other and the trainers, and to connect participants to what they might already know about the topic
- C2 – Concepts: Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) Some facts and theoretical concepts about the topic
- C3 – Concrete Practice: An activity or simulation to experience the topic
- C4 – Conclusion: An opportunity for participants to evaluate what they have learned about the topic

Another important part of TFTBOTR is making sure you use a variety of methods to keep people engaged. Read more about it in this article on the [Six Trumps](#) by Sharon Bowman.

After using this technique extensively for training, we started using it for workshops as well. The 4Cs plan Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) is a great way to weave new information or a technique into a working meeting. You can use C2, the concept stage to talk briefly about a technique, then spend time in C3, getting practice on using the technique on your work items.

Note

Occasionally it makes sense to swap the order of the C2 and C3. For some topics it is better for people to experience what you are talking about with Concrete Practice first, and then for you to teach the theory. This is especially true if you have a great game or simulation to illustrate the point. When we do this we just put the C3 in the C2 Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) block of the template, and vice versa.

We drive all our workshops and courses from these 4Cs plans. If you usually train from slides this might take time to get used to. We print out the 4Cs plans and refer to them during the course or workshop to see what's up next and if we are on track.

We have created our own template for the 4Cs plans. The template can be found in the Coach Toolkit for each book. Use Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A

Coach's Guide Series Book 2) it to create your own Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) training plans.

Here is a short overview to help you understand the template.

- The box in the top left corner is for the name of the topic.
- The big clock icon gives the time for the entire plan; the smaller clock icons Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) in each quadrant gives the time needed for that section.
- The box in the top right corner has a space for you to enter the time for a section. For example 9:00 to 9:30 am. This helps you stay on track during the training. These are not filled in on the training plans we provide. We suggest you fill them in when you have planned your training.
- The rest of Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) the page has a quadrant for each of the 4Cs. C1 covers connection activities. C2 is for concepts and is quite often a short lecture. C3 is for concrete practices or some activity to help people understand what they have learned. Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2)
- At the bottom of each quadrant you can circle what the participants are doing in each section: *Move, Speak, Draw, Listen, Write*. This helps ensure that you have sufficient variety in each topic.

Chapter Layout

Each chapter contains the following:

- overview of the topic covered in Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) the 4Cs plan
- 4Cs training plan
- notes on delivering each 4Cs part
- slides used for the topic
- exercises used for the topic.

Once you have a feel for what each topic covers you can structure your own workshops using one or more topics depending on your goal and time available.

Coach Toolkit

Each book in the series includes a Coach Toolkit which you can download from our [website](#). The toolkit contains the following items.

Training plansPDF combining all the Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) 4Cs training plans. You should print these out and use them when you train. You will notice that these plans are handwritten, we find them much easier to create and change by hand than if they are typed.

Slides:PPTX containing all the slides used. These slides were created using scanned hand drawings. Some slides have been edited to allow you to insert your own details. For these slides we used [Lauren C. Brown font](#) as it closely matches the handwriting on the other slides. If you prefer not to use slides you can recreate these images on flipcharts.

4C template:Use this blank template to create your own 4Cs plans on new topics.

Agreement CardsPDF of cards used in the Getting Started chapter of each book. We printed and laminated them and use them in nearly every workshop we run. You don't need to use Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) all the cards each time. Look through the cards before each workshop and decide which agreements are appropriate. The cards help make sure you don't forget anything important.

WorkbookDOC containing all the pages of a participant workbook. You should print one per participant for them to fill in. Feel free to edit the order and cover page of the workbook. Many of the workbook images were created in Omnigraffle and pasted as images into the workbook.

Handouts:Not all books in this series contain a workbook, since we generally only use workbooks in training courses. For Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) topics that work well individually we provide PDFs of handouts that can be printed for each participant.

Other materialsPDFs containing materials to be printed Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide to Agile Testing (Growing Agile: A Coach's Guide Series Book 2) and used in various chapters. Each chapter will reference these if they are needed. These are different in each book.

Growing Agile A Coach S Guide To Agile Testing Growing Agile A Coach S Guide Series Book 2

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