

Introducing Agile Programming Methods in Financial Systems Development

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Abstract

Banks are usually perceived as rather conservative organizations, with a “wait-and-see” attitude when it comes to innovation. But this is far from being the attitude at Hansabank’s IT department which for many years has embraced innovation both in technology and in working methods. This talk will expose the technology that we have recently adopted in Hansabank’s IT department. The talk will then expose the adoption of agile software development methods in the department, which we see as an essential enabler of innovation and responsiveness. The talk will expose the pros and cons of applying agile methods to the letter. Finally, the talk will reserve a special slot to the key resource in an IT department, namely its people. We will discuss the department’s expectations from university graduates and the training programs put in place to fill knowledge gaps and to complement the university education.