



UPM Team Member Profile

Name: Mark Lines

Position: Co-founder of UPM

Current Engagements:

Agile Coach for Co-operators Life Insurance Company
Instructor of IBM Rational courses

Past Roles:

Software Engineering Specialist at IBM Rational Software
Partner at Sierra Systems
Director Software Development at INSI Strategic Technologies

Years in the Industry: over 20 years

Specialties:

- Agile Coaching, Mentoring, and Team Leader
- Software Development Best Practices, Use Case Workshops, Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) tools.
- Methodology & Process Adoption
- Assessments either across the development lifecycle or by Discipline
- Custom courseware related to project management, requirements, OOAD, UML.
- Course corrections for troubled projects
- On or off-site quality review of work products (e.g. Use Cases)
- Executive-level presentations on a variety of topics.
- Tools-related advice
- "bootcamps" to accelerate custom UP implementations for organisations.

Summary:

Mark is a "Disciplined Agile" specialist. He has been building software for over 20 years in the Financial, Retail, Oil & Gas Industries and Government organisations. Since discovering RUP many years ago, Iterative and Agile Project Management has become his passion. During his career he has acted as lead in most aspects of the software development lifecycle, including Lead Architect, Analyst and Project Manager. He operates as a coach for organisations and projects seeking to improve their capability and maturity in the adoption of software development best practices. He has also been a Director of Software Development and Partner of a large IT Services firm.

Mark facilitates the RUP Discussion Forum for IBM's developerWorks, sits with Julian and Joshua on IBM's worldwide Client Advisory Group for Methods, and teaches both IBM Rational and UPMentors courses across Canada. He is also an IBM developerWorks Contributing Author, and is a technical reviewer of manuscripts for IBM Press and Addison-Wesley. Mark writes for publications such as the IBM Rational Edge, the Agile Journal, and is an Agile dZone MVP author.