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Lean Coffee



Spilling the Beans...

- With 150+ participants, our **Webinar on Unified Product Backlog** in partnership with Klera received a fantastic response
- Our last month's blog post on Scrum Master interview questions was well received. By popular demand it is now shared on LinkedIn
- Our team worked hard last month on online self-paced offerings. Watch out for our first self-paced training!

What's Brewing?



- Stay tuned for our next Webinar in August
- We are set to add one online video training each quarter starting Q3 of 2020
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- We are working with Scrum Alliance to consider them towards SEUs
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- We are set to add online Product Backlog and Kanban Workshop in coming quarters. They will be online to begin with.



Cream & Sugar!

- We received 2 very specific requests last month. First for providing mentoring and coaching sessions, and second for sharing easy to use tools. We will be sharing those details with you soon
- After our last month's Newsletter, there have been suggestions to share interview questions for Product Owner role. We will bring that to you soon

Coffee break with ApexOrion



Hello Agile and Scrum Enthusiasts,

Last month we talked about what type of questions to expect during an interview for a Scrum Master position. More importantly you should know what questions YOU should ASK when interviewing with a company. I have interviewed a lot of people, and I usually start the interview with explaining the position and the team structure. At the end of the interview, I ask, "Do you have any questions for me?" I find most Scrum Masters say, "None that I can think of. You already answered my questions." This answer or a similar answer is usually indicative of one of the three things listed below :

1. You understand everything very clearly, and there are no questions or unknowns left to answer.
2. You are desperate for the position, and will take it no matter what.
 - a. So, no point in asking any questions, right? Probably not. Many-a-times, we make the mistake of taking up a job that is not right.
 - b. Many years ago, when I was at the beginning of my career, I was offered a lead role for an engineering team, with a promise to travel overseas in under 6 months. Only catch was the company wanted to keep my original qualifications and passport till they sent me on an overseas project. I was young, naïve, and desperate, and wanted to take the job. But my Uncle stopped me from taking that job, saying I will not be happy there.
 - c. You should always think through what you are getting into. Ask yourself, if I was not desperate, will I take this job?
3. You do not have experience working in this position, and do not know what questions to ask.
 - a. Whether you realize it or not, if you do not ask any questions, you make the interviewer think about your experience and credibility.

For the full essay and more interview questions, visit our [blog](#)

I continue to pray for all our well-being and for the world to get back on its feet and start running again, much healthier than what it is today. May God Bless us all!

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