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Senior Agile Product Owner (ScrumAlliance CSPO and CSM)

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## CURRENT JOB

I currently work as **Product Owner** at a leading automotive manufacturer. My job is to collect **requirements**, prioritize them according to my stakeholders' and business needs and my personal take on the product and its development challenges, keep **communication** flowing and make my team engaged and productive.

I'm the main responsible person of the **product backlog** and the source of **delivery plans** for the development teams and the suppliers, but I'm also a technical person who can contribute to process improvement as well as product design decisions.

## PROFILE

I am a **Certified Scrum Product Owner** (CSPO) who had a development-to-management career progression, starting from a hands-on software developer role with increasing responsibility and then moving my focus to the process first (I am a **Certified ScrumMaster** - CSM) and eventually to the product. I'm an enthusiastic **Agilist**, with experience in waterfall and Agile working methodologies gained working for nearly 20 years in many roles, companies and businesses over the entire **Software Development Life Cycle** (from requirements collection to deployment).

As a product person I strive to bridge the gap between the developers and the customers by acting and thinking as the latter, trying to understand what they want, what they don't and what the pain points are.

As an agilist I believe that quality can be achieved by a creative and autonomous group of people working together with the right process, aimed at delivering often and regularly and getting qualified feedback in order to continuously adjust the product and the process.

## MAIN CERTIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

2020 (scheduled)	University of Cape Town (UCT)	online
▪	Project Management Foundations short course (10 weeks)	
2016	Hood Group	Ulm, DE
▪	IREB® CPRE Certified Professional for Requirement Engineering certification.	
2016	Scrum Alliance	
▪	Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Professional certification.	
2013	The Knowledge Academy	Amsterdam, NL
▪	Prince2 Foundation certificate.	
2013	Mountain Goat Software	London, UK
▪	Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Product Owner with Mike Cohn.	
2011	Xebia	Amsterdam, NL
▪	Scrum Alliance Scrum Master Certification (#128662) with Jeff Sutherland.	
2008	ISEB/ISTQB	Melbourn, UK
▪	Software testing-for-quality foundation certificate.	
2004	Università degli Studi	Pisa, IT
▪	Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering (BEng).	

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

2015.02-today	BMW Car IT (BMW Group)	Ulm-Munich, DE
<b>Product Owner (Apple CarPlay and [undisclosed project])</b>		
Requirement collection and backlog creation for CarPlay's next deployment on the new platform; requirement definition and backlog creation for an undisclosed feature for next generation's electric cars.		
<b>Product Owner (TouchCommand)</b>		
Took ownership of the Touch Command product and delivered its second version successfully and on time using Scrum, perfecting the process on the way.		
Led the development of the third version directing an internal and an offsite team using Scrum and Kanban and coordinating suppliers and stakeholders.		
<b>Product Owner (Speech)</b>		
Delivered a component of the Speech software stack establishing a Scrum process and creating the backlog for my phase and the following.		
2014.06-2015.01 (8m)	SatProf Engineering	Almere, NL
<b>Development manager ad interim, Product Owner and Agile Coach</b>		
Helped with the recruitment and the performance evaluation of a new team in the Netherlands, led the agile transformation and wrote the backlog according to specifications coming from the HQ in Russia.		
Delivered a series of security-related server-side applications and tools for access control in digital television.		
2014.02-2014.04 (3m)	Cognizant Technology Solutions	Amsterdam, NL
<b>Scrum Master/Manager</b>		
As part in the Agile Center of Excellence Benelux, managed three teams at a client location working in Scrum, leading the ceremonies and coaching the developers.		
2013.05-2014.01 (9m)	eVision Industry Software	Den Haag, NL
<b>Scrum/Kanban Product Owner</b>		
Frequently on a trip to oil & gas locations, collected requirements and directed a team working on the customization of several of the company's products, following the release with on-site demos and after-sales support.		
2008.09-2013.04 (4y 8m)	Irdeto Access	Hoofddorp, Amsterdam Area, NL
<b>Product Owner, Scrum Master and (Senior) Software engineer</b>		
As a developer, delivered several products coded in PHP, C, C++, .Net, Java and Python taking the leadership when required learning the principle of Agile and Scrum on the field, eventually delivering one of the first products with these methodologies.		
Appointed Scrum Master shortly before being sent to a SM training, led my team where still developing to release other products for digital television's access control.		
As a PO, coached another team and delivered two server-side applications.		
2006.11-2008.08 (1y 10m)	Motorola	Melbourn, Hertfordshire, UK
<b>Software engineer</b>		
Java development for the potential alternative Motorola AJAR Platform and part of the (embryonal) Agile team.		
Obtained Motorola Yellow Badge for quality in software production.		
2006.02-2006.11 (10m)	MBI Group	Pisa, IT
<b>Programmer on Linux-based DVBS</b>		
C++ programming on Linux-based STB MW and related activities for the Multimedia Department of the company, taking part in product meetings and contributing to design.		
2005.03-2006.01 (11m)	Università di Pisa	Pisa, IT
<b>Project leader and programmer of UniPos project</b>		
Responsible of UniPos product transition phase from experimental stage to production and PHP, C and SQL developer, I made UniPos a viable potential product, established a process in the product evolution, maintenance and support.		
2000.10-2005.01 (4y 4m)	galaxis technology ag.	Lübeck, DE/Livorno, IT
<b>Principal Engineer, software and firmware developer on embedded DVBS</b>		
STB firmware development in Embedded C and UI developer using OpenTV API (HPK + SDK). As part of the small Italian office I overhauled the architecture and performance of STB Graphic User Interface, improved middleware platform (performance, new applications) and successfully coded, tested and delivered to acceptance of many customized middleware.		

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## SKILLS

**Current** Automotive, Agile, Scrum, Kanban, ScrumMaster, Product Owner, lean, SDLC, eXtreme programming, pair programming, code reviews and pair reviews, Test Driven Development (TDD), Continuous Integration; Confluence, Jira.

**Other** Prince2.

## SPOKEN LANGUAGES

**Italian** Mother tongue (ILR 5).  
**English** Full professional proficiency (ILR 4).  
**German** Elementary proficiency (ILR 1).  
**Dutch** No proficiency (ILR 0).

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Marital status** Married, no children.  
**Birth** January, 16th 1969 in Orbetello (Italy), Italian nationality.  
**Driving licence** Full European, clean.  
**Personal interests** Photography, motorbiking, travels, football, tennis, gym.  
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**Groups** Member of Agile Amsterdam (2013-2015), Agile Munich (2015-today)  
**References** Available on my LinkedIn profile