Study with Friends Ceremony

Parties interested in taking an exam study together by reading the text out loud to each other, creating study notes, and writing practice test questions on what has just been read.

Purpose

To prepare for professional certification exams and increase team cohesion.

Preparation

Copies of the certification text are acquired for all participants.

Participants (roles)

Reader, Study Notes Creator, Ringer (optional)

Pattern

Open—Reader announces the page in the study text where they will begin reading.

Execute—Reader reads the text out loud to the Study Notes Creators.

Study Notes Creators jointly take notes, creating a study outline, as they follow along in their own texts.

Reader continues until they reach a point where they wish to start writing practice test questions.

Everyone engages in writing practice test questions and reading them out loud. Everyone answers the test questions and they discuss how to make the practice test questions better.

Reader and Study Notes Creators may swap roles during the ceremony.

Close—Reader announces the end of the session and records the page in the text they have stopped on.

Product

A record of where to start reading in the next ceremony.

Study notes and practice test questions.

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Tips

Great way to study for Scrum.org professional certification exams.

Participants may improve study notes and practice questions outside of the ceremony.

Participants may wish to stop reading after one or two paragraphs to review notes and write practice questions.

A Ringer, someone who has already passed the exam, may be included to help the participants write questions more likely to appear on the exam, and to answer questions.

If possible, quote text directly from the source study material to demonstrate the correct answer to a practice question.

After a participant passes the exam they can become the Ringer for the next group.

Each group should build their own questions as this is a key part of how participants learn in this ceremony. However, practice questions from previous groups can be used to create a large mock certification exam for additional practice.