SAFe 6.0 Upgrade Guide

Inspire & Empower Your Organization with SAFe 6.0

Much like the realities of the marketplace, SAFe itself is ever-changing. SAFe 6.0—the most recent version of SAFe—has the guidance to help your ARTs and Agile Teams work more effectively than ever before.

Below you'll find assets and information to help your organization make effective use of SAFe Studio and upgrade to SAFe 6.0.

What About SAFe Implementations In-Progress?

Many of our customers transition to the newest version of SAFe in a gradual manner. This approach allows customers with transformations in-flight to roll-out the upgrade where and when it works best for them. To that end, Scaled Agile is releasing updated course versions over the next several months.

How to Upgrade to SAFe 6.0

With this latest version of SAFe we are introducing a new, more streamlined upgrade process for upgrading SAFe 5 certifications to SAFe 6. The process to upgrade includes:

- A self-directed e-learning series with 10 short modules:
    - SAFe 6.0 Upgrade Series Overview
    - The SAFe 6.0 Big Picture and Terminology
    - Lean-Agile Mindset, Core Values, and Principles
    - Accelerating Value Flow
    - Empowering Teams and Clarifying Responsibilities
    - The SPC Role in 6.0
    - The Implementation Roadmap
    - Measure and Grow
    - SAFe Studio
    - SAFe 6.0 Upgrade Next Steps
- (SPCs only) The SAFe 6.0 Expert Upgrade will require passing a 20-question quiz
- Upon successful completion of the upgrade learning plan, members with existing SAFe 5 certifications will see their certifications upgraded to version 6.0 and will become eligible for SAFe 6 digital badges.



If your certification is Version 4, you will have two options:

- You can complete the SAFe 5.0 upgrade and the associated exam and then complete the SAFe 6.0 Upgrade.
- You can take a SAFe 6.0 course and pass the associated exam.

If your certification is Version 3 or older, you will need to take a SAFe 6.0 course and pass the associated exam.

SAFe 6.0 Upgrade Timeline

General Availability - March 15, 2023

Beginning on March 15, 2023, all active SAFe members will gain access to a free online self-directed upgrade learning plan. Two different learning plans are available, one for SPCs and another for other SAFe members. All members can access these plans from SAFe Studio.

Expert Upgrade (SPCs)

The SAFe 6.0 Expert Upgrade expected completion time is three hours. Upon completion of the upgrade online learning, SPCs will complete one twenty question enablement quiz to upgrade all their certifications to SAFe 6.0. There is no planned deadline to complete this upgrade, and SPCs may take the enablement quiz as many times as needed to pass.

Certified Member Upgrade

The SAFe 6.0 Certified Member Upgrade expected completion time is ninety minutes. Upon completion of the upgrade online learning, certified members will earn an achievement that will upgrade all their existing SAFe 5 certifications to SAFe 6.0. There is no enablement quiz necessary to upgrade non-SPC certifications.

Non-Certified Members

Any/all SAFe Studio members will have access to the SAFe 6.0 Upgrade self-paced e-learning to stay up to date with the new language, concepts, and guidance found in version 6.0. However, only members who have acquired SAFe 5 certification(s) will upgrade their certification(s) to 6.0 and receive their SAFe 6 digital badge(s).*

**Non-certified members and those with certifications based on older versions of SAFe (4.6 and below) must earn SAFe 5 certification or attend a version 6.0 course to upgrade their certifications and receive a SAFe 6 digital badge.*

Course Release Schedule

The March 15 release includes the courses recommended for ART launches.

In this table you can view the GA date for each 6.0 course and the languages available with the March 15th launch.

6.0 Course	Release Date	Languages
Implementing SAFe	March 15, 2023	English
Leading SAFe	March 15, 2023	English, Japanese, S-Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, French, German
Product Owner/Product Manager	March 15, 2023	English
SAFe Scrum Master	March 15, 2023	English
SAFe for Teams	March 15, 2023	English
Lean Portfolio Management	March 15, 2023	English

Q2 2023 & Beyond

Continue the SAFe 6.0 Journey

Be sure to sign up for Introducing SAFe 6.0 and SAFe Studio webinars and further release emails from Scaled Agile.

6.0 Course	Release Date	Languages
SAFe Release Train Engineer	Q2 2023	English
SAFe for Architects	Q2 2023	English
Implementing SAFe	Q2 2023	Japanese
Agile Product Management	Q2 2023	English
SAFe DevOps	Q2 2023	English
Advanced Scrum Master	Q2 2023	English
SAFe for Marketing	2023	English
Leading in the Digital Age	2023	English
SAFe for Government	NOT UPGRADING TO 6.0	N/A
Agile Software Engineering	NOT UPGRADING TO 6.0	N/A

Moving to SAFe 6.0 Workshop

This one-day workshop will facilitate the development of a backlog of items to implement SAFe 6.0 guidance. Organizations and LACE leaders will have the opportunity to consider their own context and design a backlog of items to implement SAFe 6.0 guidance across the enterprise.

Advancing with SAFe Studio



The SAFe Studio platform will continue to evolve with new releases through the remainder of 2023. Improvements include Big picture navigation integration, recommendation engine, and a collection of new platform capabilities that helps manage the transformation and subscription.

SAFe 6.0 Upgrade Resources

Upgrade trailer video

One minute introduction of the SAFe 6.0 upgrade to share with your stakeholders so they can get excited to learn about the latest SAFe release.



https://share.vidyard.com/watch/PXdCWW1ZDFaxoHi91Bsy1M

What's New in SAFe 6.0? Article

Get a quick view of the changes in SAFe 6.0 and understand the key themes of this new version of the framework. This can be a great tool for your own internal communication as well. Or you could guide your organization to this article or the online upgrade learning for a quick introduction before further learning.



https://www.scaledagileframework.com/videos-and-presentations/

What's New in SAFe 6.0? Slides

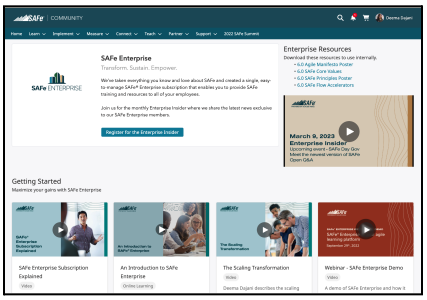
You can use the slides below to present an overview of what's new in SAFe 6.0. It's perfect for an in-person session to share and discuss SAFe 6.0 with your organization.



https://www.scaledagileframework.com/videos-and-presentations/

Resources for SAFe Enterprise Customers

SAFe Enterprise customers can access the the 6.0 SAFe Big Picture and Implementation roadmap, plus many other downloadable posters on the SAFe Enterprise page: Navigate to Implement, SAFe Enterprise



https://community.scaledagile.com/s/safe-enterprise-resources

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs - SAFe 6.0

FAQs - SAFe 6.0 Upgrade (for members with acquired SAFe 5 certifications)

FAQs - SPC Trainer Enablement

FAQs - SAFe Studio

Note: You may want to curate a list of the FAQs relevant to your organization and share direct links.