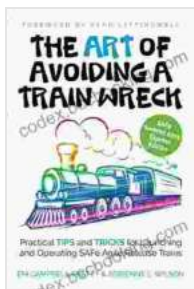# Practical Tips and Tricks for Launching and Operating Safe Agile Release Trains

In today's fast-paced business world, organizations are constantly striving to find ways to deliver value faster, more efficiently, and with higher quality. **Agile** has emerged as a leading approach to software development that enables organizations to achieve these goals. Agile is a set of principles and practices that emphasizes iterative development, team collaboration, and customer feedback.

Safe Agile Release Trains (ARTs) are a scaled Agile framework that helps organizations to implement Agile principles and practices at scale. ARTs are cross-functional teams that are responsible for delivering a specific set of features or capabilities. ARTs are typically composed of 5-12 teams, and they are typically led by a Release Train Engineer (RTE).

ARTs can be a powerful way to improve the performance of Agile organizations. However, launching and operating ARTs can be challenging. This article provides practical tips and tricks for launching and operating Safe Agile Release Trains.

The ART of Avoiding a Train Wreck: Practical Tips and Tricks for Launching and Operating SAFe Agile Release Trains by Em Campbell-Pretty

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The first step in launching an ART is to identify the right projects for the ART. The projects should be large enough to justify the investment of an ART, but they should not be so large that they are too complex to manage. The projects should also be aligned with the organization's strategic goals.

Once the projects have been identified, the next step is to form the ART. The ART should be cross-functional, and it should include members from all of the disciplines that are required to deliver the projects. The ART should also be led by a Release Train Engineer (RTE). The RTE is responsible for facilitating the ART and ensuring that it is operating effectively.

Once the ART has been formed, the next step is to develop a PI Planning plan. The PI Planning plan is a roadmap for the ART, and it outlines the work that the ART will complete during the next Program Increment (PI). The PI Planning plan should be developed collaboratively by the ART, and it should be based on the projects that the ART has committed to deliver.

Once the PI Planning plan has been developed, the next step is to execute the plan. The ART should work iteratively, and it should deliver a working product increment at the end of each iteration. The ART should also hold regular retrospectives to reflect on its progress and to identify areas for improvement.

Operating an ART can be challenging, but there are a number of things that organizations can do to ensure that their ARTs are successful. The following are a few tips for operating an ART:

- **Provide the ART with the resources it needs.** The ART needs to have the right people, the right tools, and the right environment to be successful. The organization should provide the ART with the resources it needs to get the job done.

- **Empower the ART to make decisions.** The ART should be empowered to make decisions about how it will deliver the projects. The organization should trust the ART to make the right decisions, and it should not micromanage the ART.

- **Hold the ART accountable for its results.** The ART should be held accountable for delivering the projects that it has committed to. The organization should track the ART's progress, and it should provide the ART with feedback on its performance.

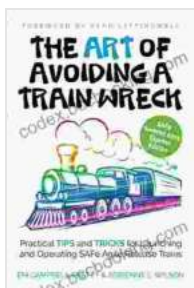ARTs can provide organizations with a number of benefits, including:

- **Increased productivity:** ARTs can help organizations to deliver projects faster and more efficiently.

- **Higher quality:** ARTs can help organizations to deliver products of higher quality.

- **Improved customer satisfaction:** ARTs can help organizations to deliver products that meet the needs of customers.

- **Reduced risk:** ARTs can help organizations to reduce the risk of project failure.

- **Increased agility:** ARTs can help organizations to become more agile and responsive to change.

ARTs can be a powerful way to improve the performance of Agile organizations. However, launching and operating ARTs can be challenging. By following the tips and tricks in this article, organizations can increase their chances of success with ARTs.

Practical Tips and Tricks for Launching and Operating Safe Agile Release Trains is a comprehensive guide to launching and operating ARTs. The book provides step-by-step instructions on how to launch an ART, how to develop a PI Planning plan, and how to operate an ART. The book also includes a number of case studies from organizations that have successfully implemented ARTs.

Practical Tips and Tricks for Launching and Operating Safe Agile Release Trains is an essential resource for anyone who is involved in launching or operating an ART. The book provides practical advice that can help organizations to achieve success with ARTs.

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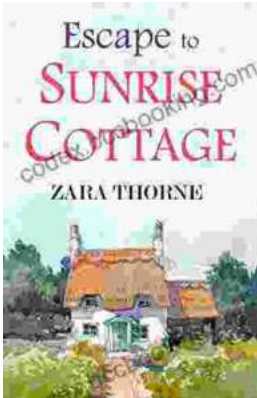
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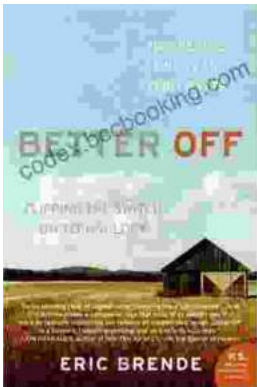|	
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