

Dave West: The Future of IT Professionals (if they have one)

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Topic

Agile, Lean, Adaptive, and Domain-centric methods are putting IT back in the spotlight. Unfortunately, the glare of klieg lights reveals, yet again, the dark core of the profession as well as the sparkly successes at the fringe. The numbers still show that most software projects fail. At the same time that Agility is putting the human developer on center stage management is dismissing the idea of software professionals in favor of the notion of commodity coders. Calls for fundamental change (Agile / Lean in themselves are not fundamental changes) in the profession are increasingly heard. What might the nature of such a fundamental change be? How can it be brought about? Does the profession, and do professionals, have a future? Dave will attempt to limn answers to these questions while exploring the ideas of "better people," the software "calling," community, and upending academia.

Speaker

Dave West is a leading educator and trainer in object-oriented software development with extensive experience consulting for Fortune 500 companies. He authored the "Object Thinking" book and co-founded the Object Technology User Group.

Logistics

5:30 - 7:00 Social hour / food

7:00 - 10:00 Lecture with a break for snacks and books give-away

[JRC - Room #126 \(John R. Roach Center for the Liberal Arts\)](#)

Register online at <http://www.otug.org>. Attendance fee is \$25. UST faculty and students can attend free of charge upon presentation of UST ID. There is also no charge for students of other schools with current ID.

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