Vlad Bobu



Senior Project Manager & Scrum Master

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PROFILE

Senior Project Manager and Scrum Master with 20+ years in software delivery: fifteen years as a PHP full-stack engineer, then team lead, and since 2020 full-time delivery for banking, payments and data platforms. I run Scrum and Kanban for one or several teams, keep plans and metrics honest, and bridge engineers and business stakeholders. I build AI agents (Claude, GitHub Copilot) that automate reporting, meeting notes and project knowledge, so teams spend their time on the work that matters.

EXPERIENCE

Cognizant
05.2025 – present

Senior Project Manager · Scrum Master

Two agile squads (18 people in Romania, the Netherlands and India) on a regulatory risk data platform for a tier-1 European bank.

- Scrum ceremonies, sprint planning and predictability, delivery reporting, stakeholder communication and cross-team coordination.
- Built an AI-assisted project memory, delivery dashboards and reporting used for governance and stakeholder updates.

Endava
11.2017 – 05.2025

Senior Project Manager · Scrum Master · 12.2020 – 05.2025

Four agile teams, 30+ people in Romania, Croatia and Bulgaria, for a global payments provider.

- Merchant portal replacing a legacy back office; modernised hosted payment page aligned with the European gateway strategy.
- New Shopify payments plugin, migrated and adopted by 400+ merchants.
- Post-merger integration automating onboarding, sales-lead and billing sync across Salesforce and internal systems.
- Stakeholder management, Scrum Master coaching, staffing and onboarding, RFP responses, delivery financials and forecasts.

Proxy PM / Team Lead / Senior PHP Developer · 09.2019 – 12.2020

- Payment gateway SDK and plugins (WooCommerce, Magento, PrestaShop, OpenCart) for a major US bank's payments business: 4× gateway adoption. Combined PM and Scrum Master duties with hands-on development.

Team Lead / Senior PHP Developer · 11.2017 – 09.2019

- Performance and search rebuild of a European boat-holiday platform (Laravel, Lumen SDK, Elasticsearch, Apache Solr): +40% performance, +50% mobile and tablet experience.

NTT DATA
12.2013 – 11.2017

Senior PHP Full-Stack Developer

- German bank: legacy credit-risk platform split into microservices (Apigility, REST APIs, Bootstrap UI): +50% performance. (2016 – 2017)
- Global software company: event-management platform built from scratch (Symfony 2, AWS), core data model and booking flows: 7,000+ events in the first year. (2013 – 2016)

Agencies & startups
09.2004 – 03.2013

PHP Developer → Senior PHP Full-Stack Developer

US and European startups, retailers and studios.

- CodeIgniter CMS / e-commerce platform for 100+ affiliated sites; 25+ projects delivered.
- Online horse auction platform: 600+ customers and brokers, unit-testing strategy.
- Event and contest platform for a Hollywood studio (Zend Framework, Google Maps API): 2× attendance.
- Magento stability and performance redesign for a US luxury retailer (+30%); Facebook ad automation for a US online store (7× sales).

SKILLS

Delivery
Scrum, Kanban, multi-team coordination, sprint metrics and predictability, risk and dependency management, stakeholder reporting

AI
Claude (agents, skills, subagents), GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, prompt engineering

Industries
Banking, payments, data & analytics, retail & e-commerce, travel, events, telecom

Tools
Jira (incl. Structure), Confluence, Azure DevOps, Miro, Excel, PowerPoint

Engineering
PHP (Laravel, Symfony, Zend, CodeIgniter), MySQL, Oracle, Redis, REST, Docker, AWS, Linux, Git, Jenkins

CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Scrum Master I · Scrum.org	2021
PRINCE2® Foundation · AXELOS	2021
Magento Certified Developer	2014
Zend Certified Engineer	2013

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

BSc Computer Science · Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași	2004 – 2009
Romanian	native
English	fluent