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**Extreme Success with Agile**

Software development is cheaper, faster and delivering better business value when Agile Methodologies such as Extreme Programming are used. Shine Technologies, a Melbourne based boutique IT consultancy, today published their survey results on the use of Agile Methodologies: a new software development theory that encourages results over process. To be 'Agile' is to value people, working software, relationships with customers and responsiveness to a changing environment.

"Shine Technologies has been using Agile processes since we started, we just didn't have a name for it. When we came across the Agile Alliance (<http://www.agilealliance.org/>) we found others finally had. Our own professional experience backs up the results of this survey, but what surprised us was the level of success being achieved amongst practitioners." Says Mark Johnson, Principal.

The survey results have been unexpectedly positive;

93% said team productivity improved

88% found the quality of applications was better

83% experienced better business satisfaction with the software

As a practitioner of Agile, Rob Clark, Director of Product Management, Oracle says, "First, we delivered on schedule. Then, what we delivered was well received from the customers. We had comments like *'this is the best and most useful release of the product we have ever seen.'*"

More surprising was that 95% of respondents found their development costs to be unchanged, or less than usual when adopting Agile practices. The survey is still active on the Shine Technologies website and can be reached at:

[http://www.shinotech.com/agile\\_survey.jsp](http://www.shinotech.com/agile_survey.jsp).

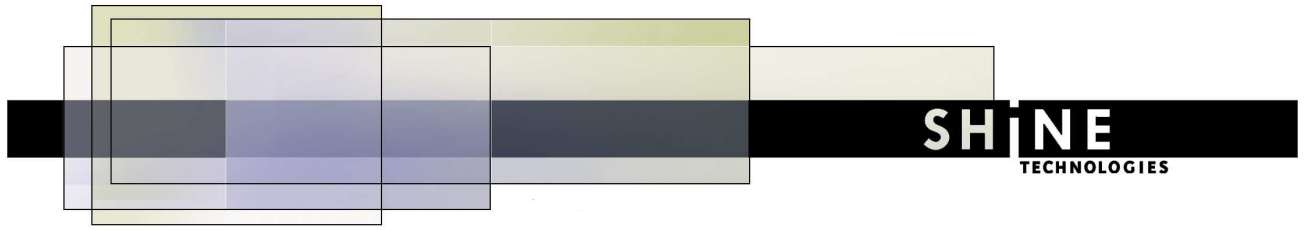
For full results of the survey, log onto [http://www.shinotech.com/agile\\_survey\\_results.jsp](http://www.shinotech.com/agile_survey_results.jsp)

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## Fact Sheet

### About Shine Technologies

- Shine Technologies is a boutique IT Consultancy that specialises in Java Enterprise development.
- Shine Technologies provides consultancy and development services to major Australian companies such as AGL, TXU Australia, Loyalty Pacific and Spotlight Australia.
- Shine Technologies was formed in 1997 and is based in Melbourne, Australia.

For more information about Shine Technologies, log onto [www.shinotech.com](http://www.shinotech.com)

### Manifesto for Agile Software Development

Created in February 2001 by *The Agile Alliance*, a group of seventeen independent thinkers about software development, based in the USA:

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

**Individuals and interactions** over processes and tools

**Working software** over comprehensive documentation

**Customer collaboration** over contract negotiation

**Responding to change** over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.