

# Neal Taylor

## Technology Strategy Leader / Enterprise Consultant / Startup Advisor

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Technology Strategy Leader, Enterprise Consultant & Startup advisor with 15+ years of experience working with organisations to start teams, achieve high-performance and build great technology.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Transformation Lead for a €100m+ cloud and AI-infrastructure programme
- Transformation Lead for a global digital learning platform serving 4bn visits per year
- C-Suite Technology Advisor to a global tech firm on the Enterprise tooling stack
- Co-founder of an award-winning iPhone application
- Co-founder & Angel Investor into an audio hardware startup
- Trainer and co-author of Team Liftoffs Workshop (Clients: World Bank, Fidelity, RELX)
- Non-executive Director experience for two tech businesses

### KEY AREAS

- **Executive Advisory:** trusted advisor for high-stakes technology investment decisions and risks
- **Enterprise Agility:** operational excellence and high performance at scale at €100m+ projects
- **Technology Strategy:** tooling transformations impacting 100,000+ global employees
- **Team launches:** creator of canvases, workshops, videos, articles about starting teams
- **Automation & AI:** design and deployment of sector-specific AI workflows
- **AI Strategy and Enablement:** Enterprise AI adoption, use cases, and agentic AI + models
- **Transformation Lead:** Agile transformation of a Global Educational Platform (150m users)
- **Speaker, thought leadership:** Regular speaker at events, e.g. Berlin Business Agility Forum

### CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Do It Agile GmbH : Enterprise Consultant & Non-Executive Advisor Oct 2023 - Present

- Business development, network outreach & introductions, slide deck preparation and pitching
- Market research trends (roles, opportunities) and strategic guidance
- Designed and implemented AI-augmented operating models, including agent-based workflows across delivery, sales, marketing, and team performance
- **Result:** Helped pivot consultancy towards AI consultancy (based on market research), created client artefacts which enabled lead generation for new clients.

#### Volkswagen AG : Consultant & Release Engineer

Nov 2023 - Jan 2026

- Responsible for revamping a struggling Portfolio (€100m project / 10 teams) into a benchmark of performance and predictability (see result).
- Scaled to a Solution Train integrating AI, FinOps, and enterprise data management.
- Led Pre-PIP, PI Planning, OKR writing, ART Syncs, capability refinements, and solution demos.
- **Result:** From 20% quarterly predictability to achieving 90% quarterly scheduling accuracy while managing financial cutbacks and became example of best practice. Testimonial: *"This team went from scapegoat to standard-setter."*

#### Accenture : Technology Strategy Manager

Sep 2021 - July 2023

- Transformed businesses and IT organisations to achieve agility at scale, through new operating models, trusted advice, workforce strategies, and modern technology. Advised on Business agility, technology strategy, Enterprise tooling.

### **VHI : Delivery Lead & Enterprise Agile Coach**

- Led a programme of five teams (40 people) within a SRE, DevSecOps, CI/CD capability.
- Brought in agile practices to provide greater transparency and predictability for a cloud migration to update the infrastructure, set up an IDP, and reduce technical debt.
- Completed the budgeting, reporting, contracting and accounts for £5m+ project.

### **Bank of Ireland : Business Agility Trainer**

- Agile training of over 100 staff on the fundamentals of agile.

### **Sky : Technology Strategist**

- Investigation and implementation of all enterprise tooling and practices to lay the groundwork for a cloud migration. Led small team of consultants.
- Supported the full adoption of SAFe6 to Portfolio level, in a pilot value stream.
- Advised C-suite on a full enterprise-wide technology stack. Led team of consultants.

### **Saltwood Sounds: Angel Investor, Director**

**Dec 2020 – Present**

- Award winning high end audio brand. Initial investment and sit on the board
- Business development and client outreach - successfully expoiing the products and closing deals with retailers and distributors.

### **Cambridge University Press: Agile Coach → Transformation Lead Dec 2017 – Sep 2021**

- Agile coach for CambridgeOne.org - an ambitious £20m project to become the world's top destination for English language materials with 160 million users.
- Full lift off, set up all the artifacts and workflows, scrum master and trainer and lead the scaled agile transformation (scrum at scale)
- Recruited additional scrum masters, line-managed and mentored them.
- Completed an on-site full Agile investigation of the off-shore development team, surfacing inefficiencies, coaching tech leads, streamlining the communication and resolving issues with the release management and operations.
- Demonstrated the value of Agile to the traditionally waterfall business.
- **Result:** secured extra funding to scale up to 12 teams and led the transformation team to scale agile.

### **Pendragon : Developer → Product Manager → Director Sep 2008 – Sep 2016**

- Member of dynamic team, building educational software with funding from the EU. Clients included the World Bank, United Nations, British Council.
- Started as developer and progressed to manager and director.
- Built up the eCommerce product and commercialized it. Took on client facing responsibilities, pitching to corporate and governmental clients.
- **Result:** Won an EU award for innovation in eLearning

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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| ICAgile                   | Certified Professional Agile Coach (ICP-ACC)  |
| Leading SAFe              | Practitioner                                  |
| Scrum Alliance            | Certified Scrum Master (CSM)                  |
| Scrum Inc                 | Certified Scrum at Scale Practitioner (CS@SP) |
| Non-Violent Communication | Practitioner                                  |
| Atlassian                 | Agile at Scale Technical Delivery             |
| Amazon Web Services       | Certified AWS Cloud Practitioner              |

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AI Agent certification

## **EDUCATION**

Post Graduate Certificate of Education  
Economics  
Management & Language.

University of Exeter, UK  
WHU School of Management, Germany International  
School of Management, University of Bath, UK

## **LANGUAGES**

English (Native), German (Fluent), Spanish (Conversational), Arabic (Conversational)

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Jira, Jira Align, Clarity, Confluence, Miro, Teams, Confluence, BI, Google Analytics, Copilot, Rovo, Gemini, OpenAI

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Competed at European and World Masters' Swimming Competitions.
- British Masters National Champion for 200m Freestyle.
- British Record holder for the Men's Masters 4X100 Freestyle team
- Grew up in India and Oman, lived and worked in the UK, Germany, Spain & LATAM.
- Co-founder TeamLiftoffs.com