



## The Agile Mindset: Understanding Users' Needs and Aspirations Early

**When:** August 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 to 7:00 PM - Networking and Food.  
7:00 PM Announcements and Speaker Presentation.

**Where:** [Pepperdine University: West LA Graduate Campus \(Howard Hughes Center\)](#)  
6100 Center Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Room 230, Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Register:** Early-bird (until Aug 5<sup>th</sup>) is \$30 -Members (use code AITPLA18), \$35 - Non-Members  
Here is a link:

<https://pmi-la.org/event-detail-articles/913-august-9-monthly-flagship-meeting>

### Speaker: **Soni Rani**



Agility is the foundation for growth. Agile is neither a tool nor a technique. It is a mindset. It is all about developing the willingness and ability to be more user oriented. Every user has their own set of needs and aspirations clubbed with the timeline. It is necessary to understand and respond to users' aspirations early. Agile is all about this mindset.

This workshop introduces participants to the fundamental mindset of agile. This workshop also presents the opportunity to make use of key concepts and techniques in the Agile way of doing things.

### Learning Objectives

At the end of this session you should be able to:

- Appreciate the 4 values and 12 principles of the Agile mindset
- Describe the 3 Pillars, 3 Roles, 4 Ceremonies and 3 artifacts used in Scrum

- Write good user stories applying the INVEST criteria
- Use retrospective tools & techniques for continuous improvement

## **Parking Instructions**

Free parking at the 6100 Center Dr Parking Garage (enter from Park Terrace). Validate parking ticket at the registration desk.

## **About the Speaker**

**Soni Rani** is an experienced Project Manager with more than 11 years of experience in IT and a Master's degree in computer science. She has unique skills that connect business, technology and design towards successful deliveries.

She has carried out the high-quality delivery of managing and leading software development and enterprise wide implementation projects for F500 clients including: Disney Worldwide Services, Procter & Gamble and Standard Insurance. She has led teams across broad technical and business disciplines.

Key Certifications include: Project Management Professional (PMP), PMI - Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP), ITIL Expert Certified, VCP 5.5 Certified [VMware Certified Professional] , Course on CCNA Introduction to Networks, Performance Engineering Level 1.0 Certification. She is also a certified facilitator by DG [www.dgonline.in](http://www.dgonline.in) and has successfully completed the workshop "Enabling the facilitator" <http://www.dgonline.in/18TTTTFP01MCL.php>