

# Joakim Sundén

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## SUMMARY

Joakim Sundén is a consultant with Crisp, helping leaders and organizations to improve the world of work. Between 2011 and 2017 he was a team and leadership coach at Spotify, the world's biggest music streaming service. During the last 6 years of Spotify's hyper growth he worked with a half dozen different leadership/management teams and dozens of delivery teams in Stockholm, San Francisco, New York and Boston, to help them align and continuously improve their software delivery. In his work Joakim often draws on his experience from Lean and Agile methods and Systems and Complexity thinking. He is also the author of Kanban in Action (Manning, 2014).

## SELECTION OF ASSIGNMENTS CONSULTING FOR CRISP

### Volvo VBS/Car Configurator, Gothenburg

Oct 2017 - February 2018

Improvement workshops with, and coaching of, leaders and Scrum Masters for multiple teams in the new Car Configurator project.

### Telenor Sverige, Stockholm

Sept 2017 - Jan 2018

Helped senior management with organisational design of department, management and leadership roles, governance, etc. Advised agile transformation.

### ABSA/Barclays, Cape Town, South Africa

Nov 2017

Agile at Scale training of managers, Scrum Masters, and other leaders.

### Grindr, Los Angeles, USA

Dec 2017

Agile at scale and Crucial Conversations training, coaching and improvement workshops with CTO & CPO and leadership team.

## SELECTION OF COURSES I OFFER

<b>Agile at Scale, Inspired by Spotify</b>	Developed together with colleague Jimmy Janlén
<b>Crucial Conversations</b>	Certified teacher by VitalSmarts
<b>Kanban in Action</b>	Based on my book Kanban in Action
<b>Leading SAFe, SAFe for Teams, SAFe Scrum Master, SAFe Advanced Scrum Master, SAFe Product Owner/Product Manager</b>	Certified SAFe Program Consultant

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<b>Extreme Leadership</b>	Certified teacher by Extreme Leadership Institute
<b>The Leadership Circle</b>	Certified to work with TLC 360° Profile for effective leadership

## PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Agile Coach at Spotify, Stockholm (2011-2015) and Boston (2015-2017) Aug 2011-Sept 2017**

Joined Spotify in 2011 as one of the first Agile Coaches and worked together with the CTO and R&D Leadership to develop and introduce concepts like tribes, chapters, squads and guilds, aka "The Spotify Model" of agile at scale. During six years of hyper growth I've worked with many different tribes (departments) and their management teams and dozens of different squads (delivery teams) in Stockholm, Boston, New York and San Francisco. As one of Spotify's first coaches I helped lay the foundation for and develop a now 50+ people strong global agile coach group. Coached Product Owners, engineering managers and other leaders as well as individual contributors. Initiated and organized Spotify's first Hack Week. Collaborated with Company and Strategy Operations to refine and implement Spotify's strategic alignment and deployment aka Spotify Rhythm (Priorities & Achievements, Objectives and Key Results, etc). Acted as Agile Guild Coordinator, accountable for global cross-tribe improvement, leading Agile community of practice Organizer and facilitator of several big retrospectives, offsites and unconferences, often involving over 100 people. Trained hundreds of people in topics such as Scrum, Kanban, XP and all sorts of Agile Practices, Lean Problem Solving, facilitation, feedback, leadership and Crucial Conversations.

### **Lean-Agile Coach, Avega Group, Stockholm Dec 2006-Aug 2011**

Initially engaged as software architect, developer, developer coach and mentor. From 2008 almost exclusively as Lean-Agile Coach.

Some of my engagements during this time:

- 2008-2009 Scrum Master/Agile Coach at H&M, working with three project teams to build a new interior ordering system. Trained and coached all team members in agile practices & principles, including XP practices such as TDD, Continuous Integration, Pair-Programming. Acted as Scrum Master on 1-2 of the teams. Developed a Kanban approach for software project delivery.
- 2009-2010 Agile Coach at ICA IT, developing and introducing a new development model based on Lean and Agile principles in a 300 people department. Trained and coached a dozen software development teams in Scrum and Kanban. Worked with leaders and the management team to improve value streams and team alignment & coordination. Lead the competence programs for Microsoft.NET and Lean-Agile knowledge areas, organizing dozens of internal and external workshops and seminars with invited speakers as well as presenting and running workshops myself.

Helped organize internal conferences and "unconferences", facilitating full day Open Spaces with 300+ participants.

### **Consultant, Sogeti, Stockholm Sept 2005-Dec 2006**

Certified Microsoft .NET Solution Architect, Microsoft.NET developer and developer mentor/coach. Lead the Microsoft.NET competence development group, organizing and delivering talks and seminars.

**Technical PM, System Designer & Developer, Nuevo, Stockholm** **2003-2005**  
Lead the development and technical implementation of the web content management used for stockholm.se and all its subdomains (stadsdelar, förvaltningar). Technical project manager for all client work.

at ETC 2001 - 2003 (3 years) System Developer 2000 - 2001 (2 years)

**Software Developer, ETC Produktion, Stockholm** **2001-2003**

**Software Developer, Cubicfoot, Stockholm** **2000-2001**

## EDUCATION

**Uppsala university** **1993-2000**  
History of science and ideas, Political Science, Economics, History of Economics, Literature, Philosophy  
System Development, Object-oriented programming using Java and C++

## OTHER

**Member of Advisory Council (Ledamot, Insynsråd), Bolagsverket, Sundsvall** **Dec 2017-**  
In December I was appointed by the government (Regeringen) to serve as a member of the advisory council (insynsråd) for the Swedish Companies Registration Office (Bolagsverket), a government agency which examines, registers and informs to ensure easy entrepreneurial activities and legal security for the trade and the business industry. The objective is to make a business start-up quick, easy and correct.

