

Delivery Roles in SAFe

Most organizations start with the 'Essential' configuration of SAFe.

In SAFe®, Agile Teams deliver the work. Other roles supporting delivery are linked to the levels in your SAFe configuration. Team and Program levels are 'Essential'. Portfolio and Large Solution levels are optional.

Agile Team

Team Level

- Decide how to deliver Stories, within the constraints of the organization
- Responsible for delivery, including the quality of the increments delivered
- Have as much autonomy as possible
- Advise the Product Owner on the value of Enabler Stories, so the Product Owner can prioritize them accordingly
- Attend all Team events and some program events, such as Program Increment Planning, and the Inspect and Adapt Workshop.
- Can be Technical or Non-Technical

Enterprise Architect

(Optional) Portfolio Level

- Guides Solution and Agile Release Train members in their delivery
- Not an 'approver' of technical designs
- Likely to be Epic Owners for Enabler Epics
- May provide Lean Portfolio Management with initial, high-level estimates for proposed Epics, as guidance for the Portfolio Roadmap

System Architect / Engineer

Program Level

- Guides Agile Teams, to aid their delivery of Features
- Not an 'approver' of technical designs
- Advises the Product Manager on the value of Enabler Features, so the Product Manager can prioritize them accordingly
- May provide the Product Manager with initial, high-level estimates for proposed Features, as guidance for the Program Increment Roadmap

Solution Architect / Engineer

(Optional) 'Large Solution' Level

- Guides Agile Release Train members, to aid their delivery of Capabilities
- Not an 'approver' of technical designs
- Advises the Solution Manager on the value of Enabler Capabilities, so the Solution Manager can prioritize them accordingly
- May provide the Solution Manager with initial, high-level estimates for proposed Capabilities, as guidance for the Solution Roadmap