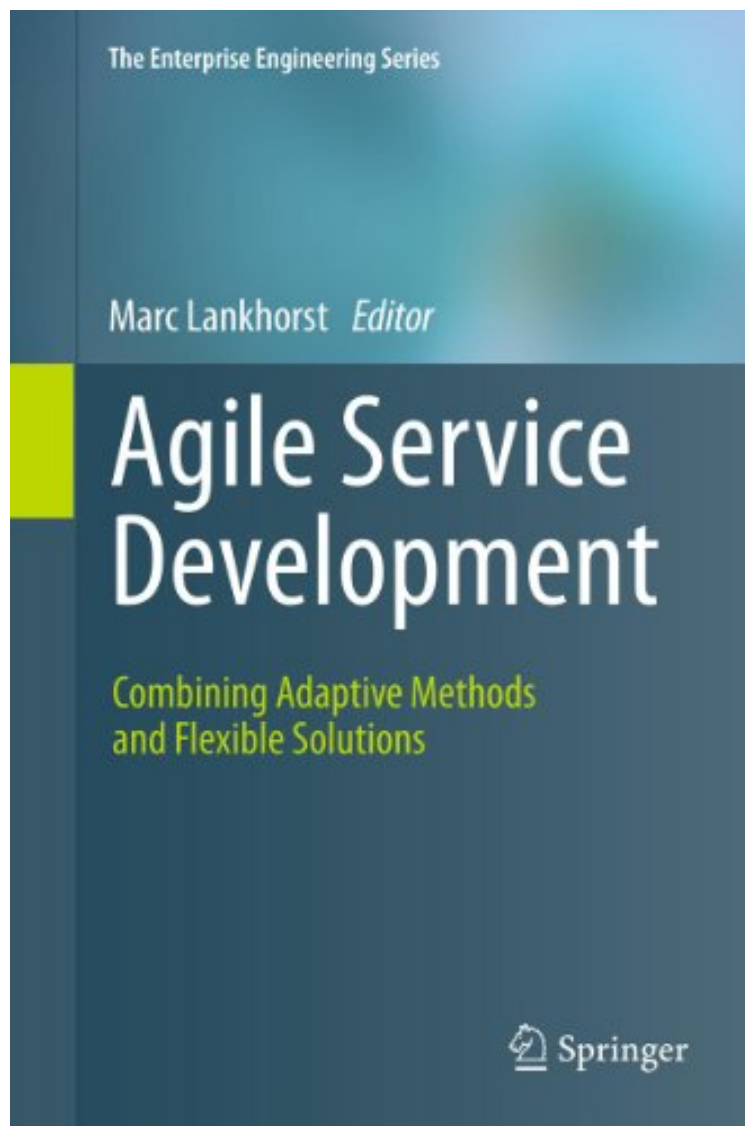


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— from the Foreword by Kerrie Holley, IBM Fellow and CTO Global Business Services, Application Innovation Services, USA

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