

**CENTER  
SMART SERVICES**



RWTH certificate course

# Digital Product Manager

**Smart Logistics Cluster on RWTH Aachen Campus**

# Introduction

## Digital Product Manager

In the age of digitalization and Industrie 4.0, data-based, digital services represent an important part of the service portfolio of machine and plant manufacturers and industrial service providers. Data-based services can, for example, help to identify implicit customer needs and address them with value-added services. New flexibility opportunities, such as software-defined platforms, offer the potential to adapt the offered services continuously to changing conditions. The scalability of data-based services also creates the opportunity to reach many customers in a very short time.

Are you wondering what data-based services look like in the context of your business activities and how you can develop them and introduce them to the market in a short amount of time? Do you want to get to know the potentials and challenges that go hand in hand with the development and offering of data-based services and the transformation of business models? Do you want to get to know real Smart Service use cases, understand the underlying strategies of the providers and create your own service offerings based on collected data? We can provide what you need, because this is exactly where the new RWTH certificate course 'Digital Product Manager' comes in:

The objective of the course 'Digital Product Manager' is to provide comprehensive training in key skills in the field of development and management of data-based services for executives. Experts from industry and research areas will teach current trends and developments in the management of data-based services, which are important for executives working on setting up a company division and for the development of data-based service offerings. Participants will learn proven and tested methods for the development and management of Smart Services. They will go into further detail and apply what they have learned in case studies and practical exercises. The exercises and the opportunities to get in touch with the course instructors help to make the course participants aware of current challenges and of hurdles the future might hold. They are also given the opportunity to expand their personal network through valuable contacts and to implement ideas in their own company.

We hope to have sparked your interest and look forward to your participation!



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Managing Director of FIR e. V. at  
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Maximilian Schacht  
Managing Director Center Smart Services

# Course overview

## What is an RWTH certificate course?

RWTH certificate courses are part of a certified advanced training program at RWTH Aachen University. They are part of a training program for industry partners and experts on various current research topics. The courses consist of classroom-style modules lasting several days each and usually include a module in which the participants work on a business case independently and independently of location.

Successful participation in a certificate course not only sends a competence signal, but also gives you the opportunity to exchange experiences in an exclusive network and to establish valuable contacts with other companies and researchers.

## Objective

By participating in the certificate course “Digital Product Manager”, you will gain valuable knowledge about digital products in numerous lectures by industry and research experts. One particular focus of the course content is on digital products in the field of Mechanical Engineering. You will learn

about the current trends and developments in the management of data-based services and receive the necessary tools to actively promote the area of data-based services in your company in the future. After participating in the course, you will be able to quickly recognize and evaluate the potential of new digital products and initiate the appropriate measures for implementing the service in existing organizational structures. You will learn how to develop a digitalization strategy and design a sustainable business model. You will also understand the modern methods of data analysis and be able to estimate their potential by getting to know the typical use cases. The RWTH certificate course ‘Digital Product Manager’ helps you to:

- develop data-based business models,
- manage and guide organizations and departments to ensure the successful development of digital products,
- recognize the benefits of data and realize them for your customers and your company with a systematic approach.

## Overview:

Certificate	RWTH-certificate “Digital Product Manager”		
Course period	Spring and autumn of each year		
Duration	6 days		
Access requirements	Experience in the area of product management and or service development		
Fee	Regular:	4,200 €	
	Early-bird discount:	3,360 € (discount valid until 08.03.2023)	
	Centers Smart Services members:	2,940 €	Prices do not include VAT.

# Program

## Module 1

Module 1, Day 1	Module 1, Day 2	Module 1, Day 3
	<b>08.15 – 10.15 am</b> <b>Case Study: Business Models for Digital Products</b> Alisa Friedrich, Center Smart Services	<b>08.15 – 10.15 Uhr</b> <b>Lecture from the industry</b>
<b>10.00 am</b> <b>Get Together</b>	<b>10.15 – 10.30 am</b> <b>Break</b>	<b>10.15 – 10.30 am</b> <b>Break</b>
<b>10.15 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>Course Introduction</b> Lea Wietschorke, Center Smart Services	<b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>Lecture from the industry</b>	<b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>KI Workshop</b> Justus Benning, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University
<b>12.30 – 1.30 pm</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.30 – 1.30 pm</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>1.30– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Analysis of Potentials of Data-based Services</b> Maximilian Schacht, Center Smart Services	<b>1.30 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Lecture from the industry</b>	
<b>3.30 – 4.00 pm</b> <b>Break</b>	<b>3.30 – 4.00 pm</b> <b>Break</b>	
<b>4.00 – 6.00 pm</b> <b>Digital Strategy</b> Alisa Friedrich, Center Smart Services	<b>4.00 – 6.00 pm</b> <b>Digital Leadership</b> Clara Herkenrath, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	
<b>7.30 pm</b> <b>Social Event</b>		

### Social Events

In order to be able to offer you an open and efficient learning environment, we actively promote the exchange between the participants and the speakers. There are special events that make it possible to get to know the other course participants, to make important contacts and communicate with the course organizers and speakers.

# Program

16. – 18. November 2022

Module 2, Day 1	Module 2, Day 2	Module 2, Day 3
	<b>08.15 – 10.15 am</b> <b>Skills for Monetizing Digital Products</b> Lennard Holst, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	<b>08.15 – 10.00 am</b> <b>Certificate Exam</b>
<b>10.00 am</b> <b>Get Together &amp; Summary</b>	<b>10.15 – 10.30 am</b> <b>Break</b>	<b>10.15 – 11.00 am</b> <b>Practice DFA Lab</b>
<b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>Lecture from the industry</b>	<b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b> <b>Development of an Integrated Service Portfolio</b> Calvin Rix, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	<b>11.00 am – 12.00 pm</b> <b>Perspectives and Outlook &amp; Presentation of Certificates</b> Maximilian Schacht, Center Smart Services
<b>12.30 – 1.30 pm</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.30 – 1.30 pm</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12.00 – 1.00 am</b> <b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>1.30 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Smart Prototyping</b> Murtaza Abbas, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	<b>1.30– 3.30 pm</b> <b>Pricing of Digital Products</b> Regina Schrank, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	
<b>3.30 – 4.00 pm</b> <b>Break</b>	<b>3.30 – 4.00 pm</b> <b>Break</b>	
<b>4.00 – 6.00 pm</b> <b>Lecture from the industry</b>	<b>4.00 – 6.00 pm</b> <b>Launching and Selling Digital Products</b> Franziska Sommer, FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University	
<b>7.30 pm</b> <b>Social Event</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b> <b>Self-Study</b>	



**More information:**

<https://center-smart-services.com/en/events/rwth-certified-course-smart-service-manager>

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# Center Smart Services: Engineering Digital Business

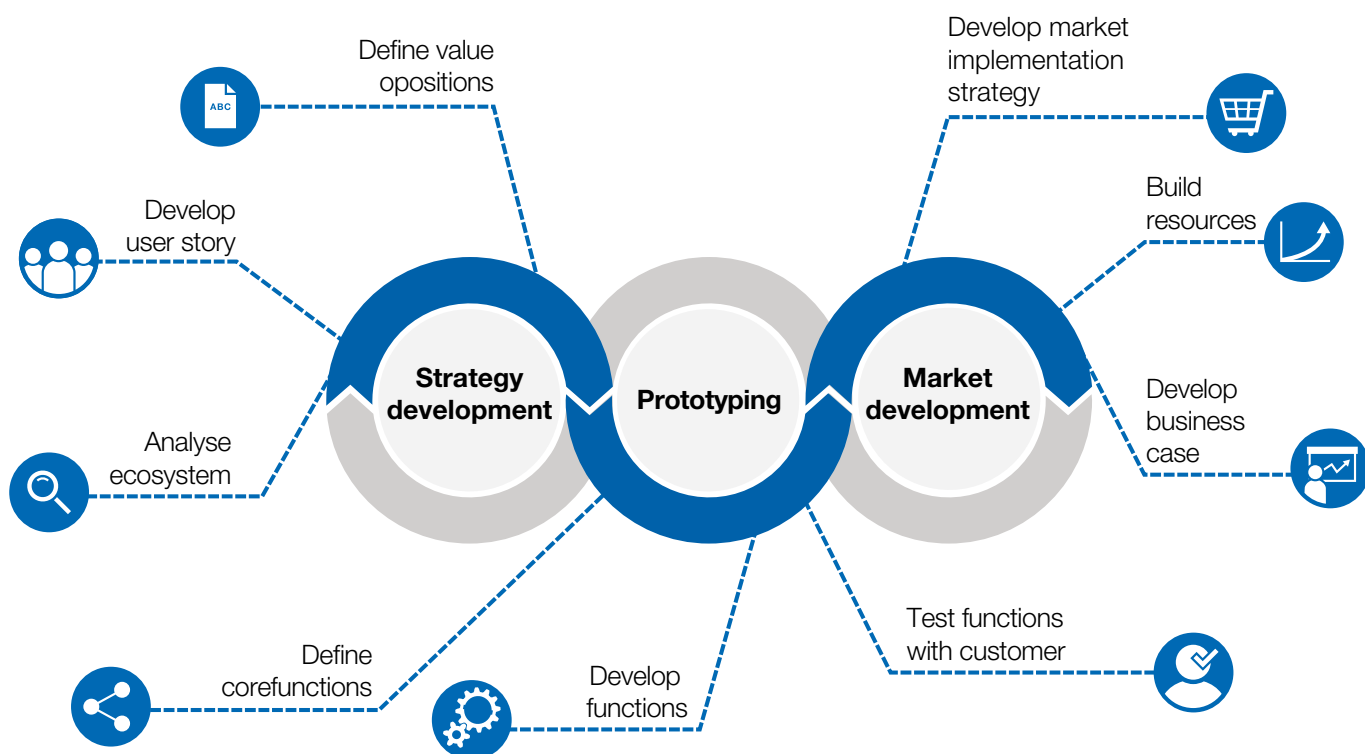
The subjects Digital Transformation and Smart Services have been growing increasingly in all industry areas for a few years now - more and more companies are recognizing the enormous value of data for their development and success. For this reason, research and industry worldwide are working on bringing the idea of Industrie 4.0 from theory to reality. The Center Smart Services has also committed itself to this idea - in a unique alliance of international, renowned partners from science and practice.

Since our establishment in 2015, we have not only successfully developed and optimized data-based services for the manufacturing industry but have also helped numerous companies in this sector to gain insights from available data and specify recommendations for action. Moreover, we have grown into a large network, whose strength and wealth of ideas provides a benefit to every member.

The Center Smart Services is responsible for the conception and organization of the "Digital Product Manager" course.



# Smart Service Engineering



The Smart Service Engineering model provides the basis for the "Digital Product Manager" course.

In order to support manufacturing companies in the development of data-based services, we have developed our own innovative process model: The "Smart Service Engineering". The core of this process model (see above) consists of the rapid development and testing of solution-oriented prototypes.

Instead of remaining in protracted and costly analysis and development phases, this procedure of so-called prototyping enables quick learning effects through high implementation speed. Speed in the development and implementation of targeted solution concepts is the new decisive target factor that determines the success of digital transformation. While more and more companies are pushing into the market with their industrialization efforts, it is essential to be able to offer innovative solutions to customers and partners quickly with suitable smart service offers.

That's why "speed as a success factor" was the title of our Center Smart Service meeting during the Cluster Insights series in December 2017, during which we discussed this idea with our members, interested companies and guests. With the Smart Service Engineering model, we support companies throughout the entire development process of service innovations. This process ranges from strategic positioning, identification of customer needs and development of prototypes to the roll-out of marketable Smart Services and the development of new markets. We use an extraordinary set of methods and benefit from the unique infrastructure at the Campus Cluster Logistics, which was developed and implemented together with our partners. This includes a demonstration factory and innovation laboratories as well as various IT infrastructures, such as operational IoT platforms.



# Organizer/Partner



## Center Smart Services

The Center Smart Services establishes digital business models for the manufacturing industry using data and modern methods of data analysis. By using the special development approach “Smart Service Engineering” as well as the unique infrastructure at the Smart Logistics Cluster, digital business models can be brought to market maturity much faster and more successfully. The Smart Service Engineering approach is based on agile development principles and enables quick learning effects by trying ideas out at an early stage, allowing you to test them under real conditions. As a result, relevant questions can be answered, such as the selection of the right data, data analysis processes and the design of a user interface. Companies that use this approach place digital business models on the market up to six times faster.

[www.center-smart-services.com](http://www.center-smart-services.com)



## FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University

FIR at RWTH Aachen University is one of the leading institutes for applied research in the field of business organization and corporate development. For over 60 years, the institute has been focusing on topics related to increasing competitiveness, entering new markets and securing and creating new jobs. Activities focus on the areas business transformation, services, information and production management as well as Smart Work. In addition to this, the FIR offers professionals and managers additional qualifications in various subject areas on an academic level and prepares participants for positions in senior management.

[www.fir.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.fir.rwth-aachen.de)



## RWTH International Academy

The further education academy “RWTH International Academy” offers practitioners and professionals the opportunity to benefit from the university’s wide range of topics as well as its practice-oriented training and current expertise. The formats on offer range from refresher courses to courses focusing on the specialization within a field or special training for a specific area of application.

[www.rwth-academy.com](http://www.rwth-academy.com)



# Speakers



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# Organization

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## Registration

You can register for this course via fax (see attachment) or online. We recommend the simple and quick online registration on our website at:



<https://center-smart-services.com/en/our-offer/further-education/>

## Withdrawal/Cancellation policy

All participants have the option of appointing a replacement participant before the event starts. There is no fee for this change. Cancellations must be made in writing by letter, fax or E-Mail. If a registration is canceled later than four weeks in advance of the event, a fee of 50% of the participation fee is due. If the organizer receives a cancellation later than two weeks before the start of the event, the full participation fee must be paid.

It is possible to reserve a spot in one of our courses via telephone. If we do not receive your written registration up to four weeks after this reservation, we reserve the right to give your temporarily reserved space to another interested party.

## Sources

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## Registration

### Certificate Course “Digital Product Manager” |

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Course fee: 4,200 € (Regular fee) | 3,360 € (Early-bird discount valid until 08.03.2023) | 2,940 € (Enrolled members)

Prices do not include VAT.

I hereby register to participate.

Yes, I am an enrolled member of the Center Smart Services.

No, I am not an enrolled member of the Center Smart Services.

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\*Mandatory details

Please return the completed form to the Center Smart Services, EICe Aachen GmbH, Campus-Boulevard 55, 52074 Aachen  
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I agree that my name and business address will be included in the list of participants and will be processed and stored using IT technology for the purposes of event organization.

Data protection information: We will use your data to provide you with similar offerings (see our terms and conditions for details). Please let us know if you want us to send you event information

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