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Value Stream Mapping Across the Organization:

How to Visualize Work and Align Leadership for
Organizational Transformation

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Problem Statement: Too much silo thinking!

- Lack of common understanding of:
 - Overall performance
 - Biggest constraints / pain points
- Lack of alignment (across the organization) of:
 - Where to improve
 - Allocation of resources (time, technology, money)
- No one responsible for “the whole”



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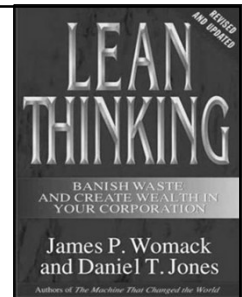
Workshop Objectives

- Understand how Value Stream Mapping (VSM) is used to build leadership consensus and engagement for developing a strategic-level transformation plan
- Provide the foundations to broaden VSM as an effective management practice throughout your organization
- Learn how to properly scope, plan, socialize and execute effective VSM activities
- See how to address unique issues in office-based value streams

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Roots of VSM

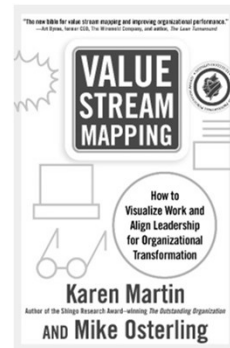
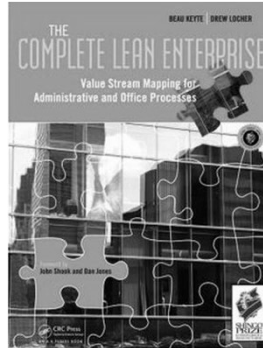
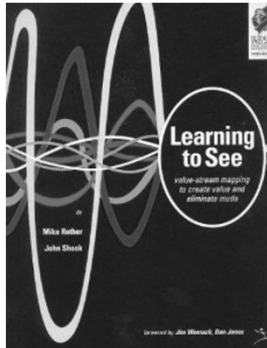
1. Specify value from the *external* customer's perspective
- 2. *Identify, understand & manage the value streams***
3. Create flow
4. Pull at the demand of the customer (or where flow is not possible)
5. Pursuit of perfection



Lean Thinking, Womack & Jones

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Roots of VSM



Whenever there is a product (or service) for a customer, there is a value stream.
The challenge lies in seeing it.

Mike Rother & John Shook, *Learning to See*

What is a Value Stream?

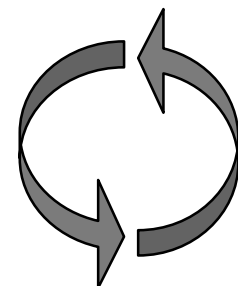
All the activities required to transform a customer request into a good or a service



Customer
Request

Customer
Receipt

Value Stream



Closed Loop

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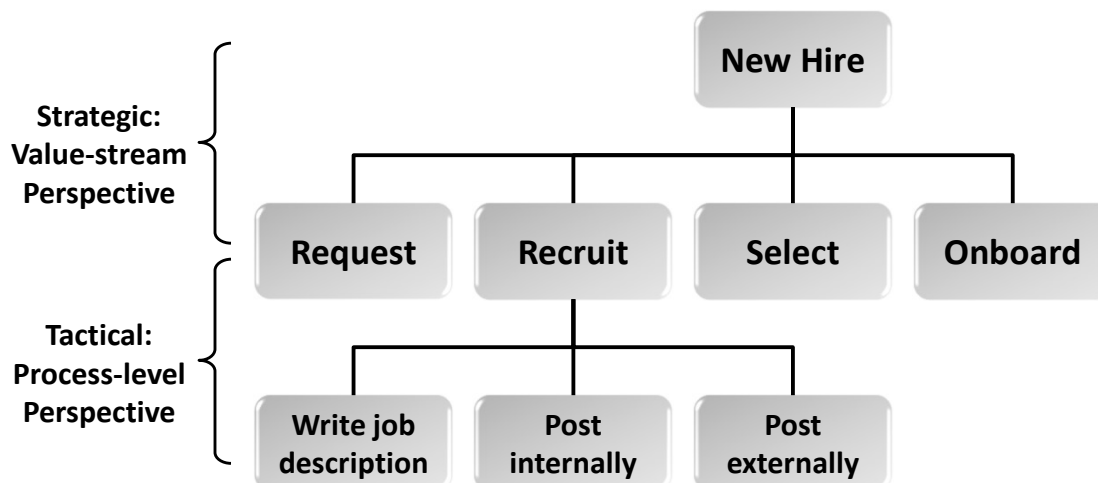
Types of Value Streams

- Good or Service (**Core** Value Streams)
- Value-Enabling Work (**Support** Value Streams)
 - ***Not part of the core VS!!***
 - Examples: new- hire process; RFI; new- equipment acquisition...



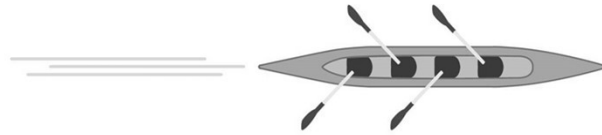
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New Hire (Support) Value Stream Degrees of Granularity



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VSM → System Thinking



System Efficiency & Effectiveness = Optimal Value Stream Performance



Departmental Efficiency ≠ System Optimization

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What is Value Stream Mapping?

High level, **strategic** perspective of a process

1. Understanding the **current state**, following the process from beginning to end and visualizing:
 - Primary transformation **steps**
 - **Information** flows
 - Process flow / **delays**
 - **Pain points** / *Barriers to flow*
 - Key **metrics** (time, quality, and...)
2. Designing a “**future state**” of how value should flow
3. Creation of a transformation **strategy & plan**



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Improvement: Strategy Before Tactics

Where are we?

Where do we want to go?

Which route should we take?



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I-40



Route 66



VSM: Macro-Level View of Work Flow

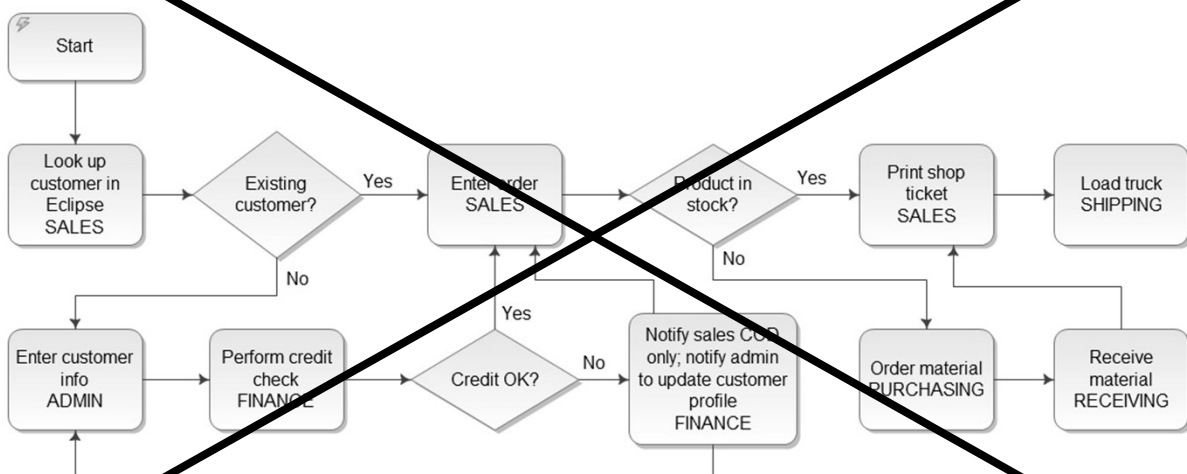


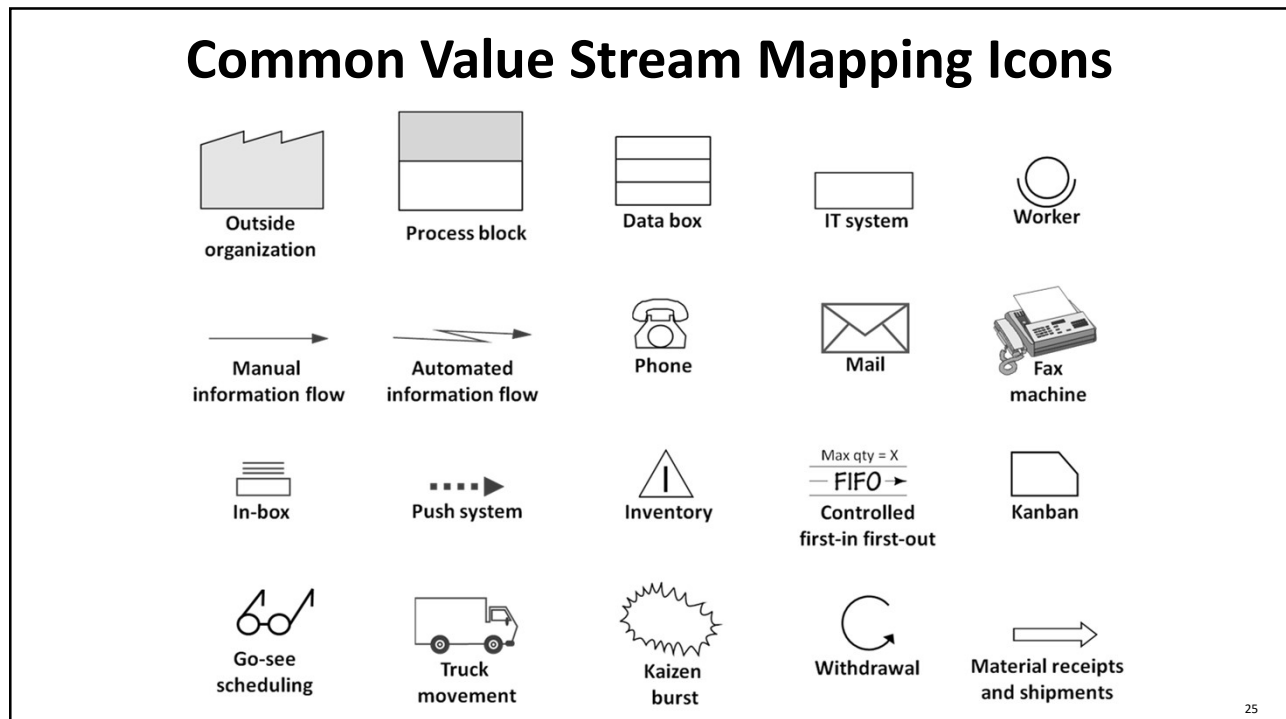
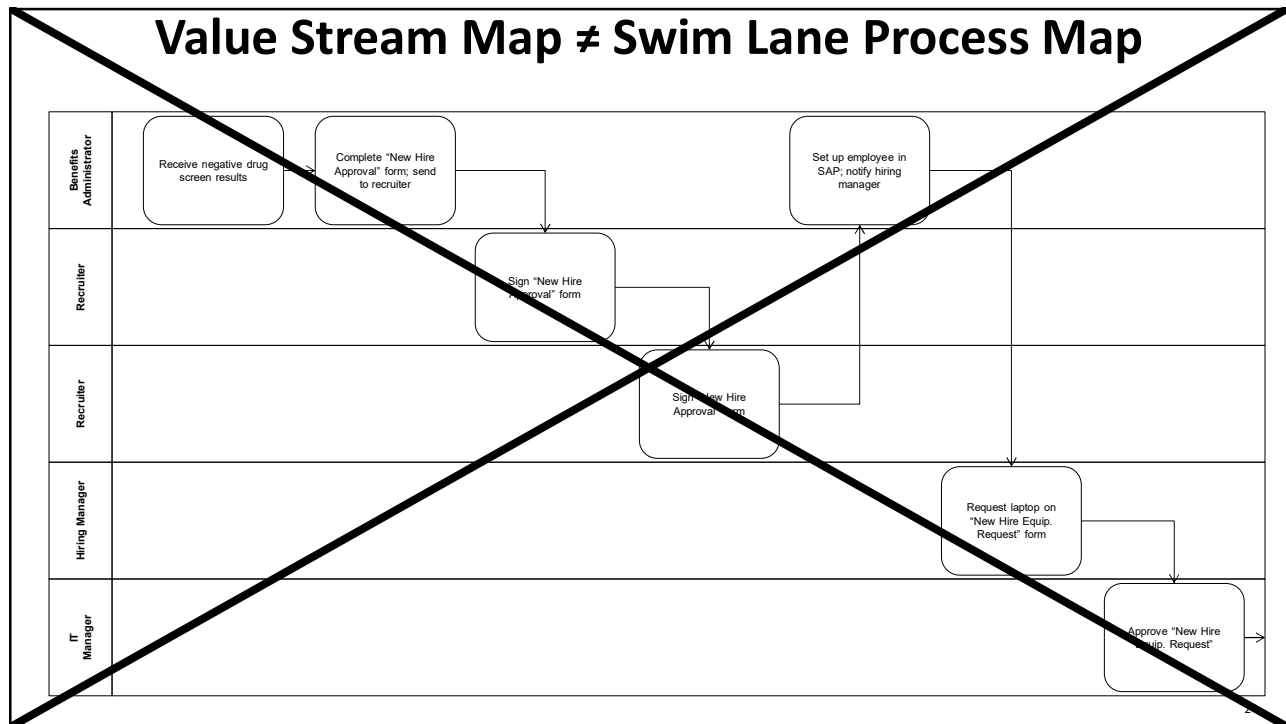
**Facilitates
Leadership
Consensus and
Accelerates
Improvement**



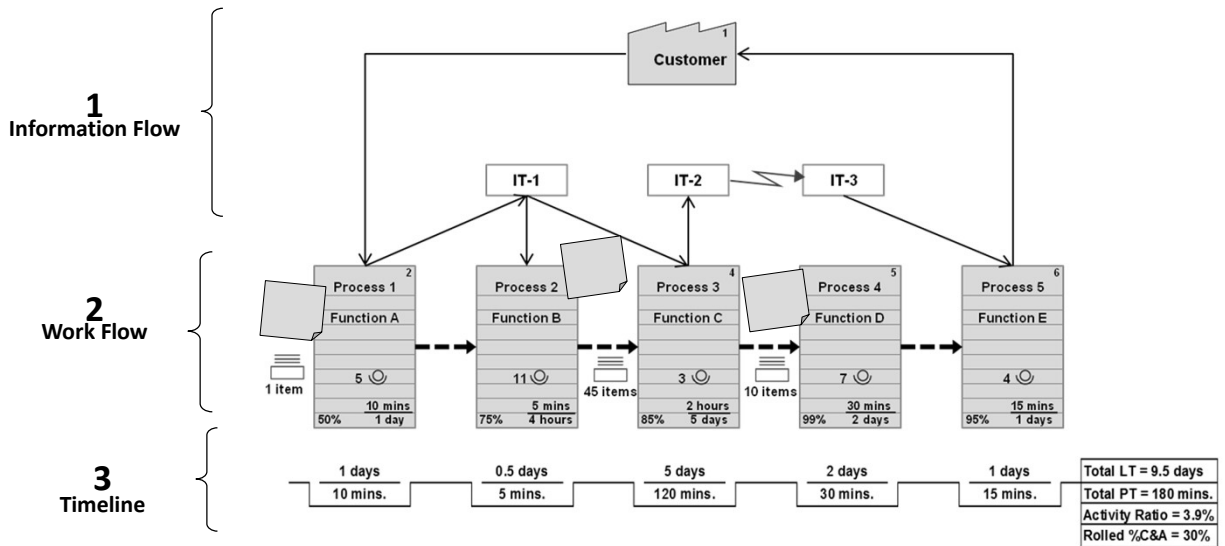
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Value Stream Map \neq Process Flow Chart

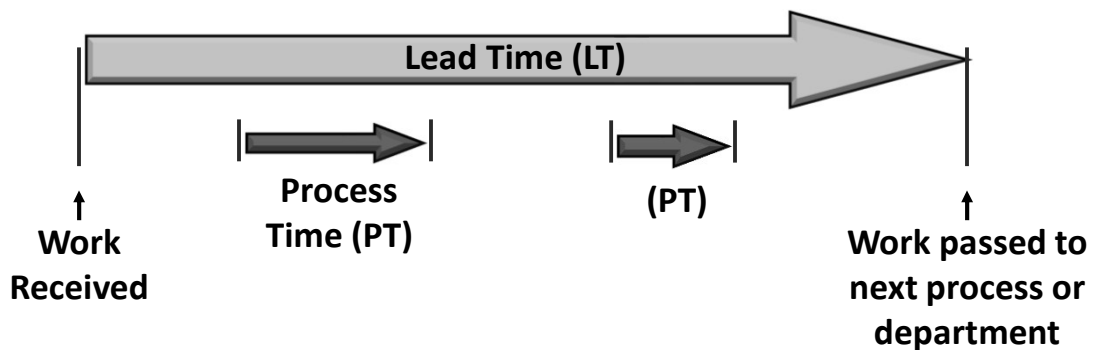




Basic Value Stream Map



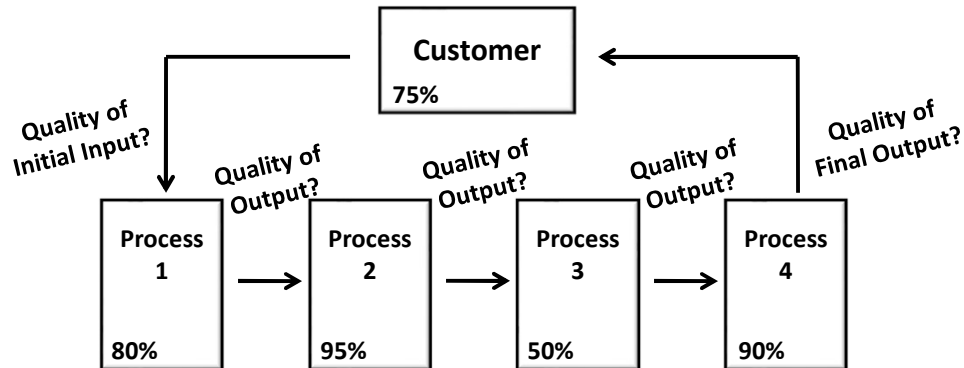
Key Metrics: Lead Time & Process Time



Lead Time = Elapsed time; throughput time; turnaround time

Process Time = Touch time; work time (for one "thing")

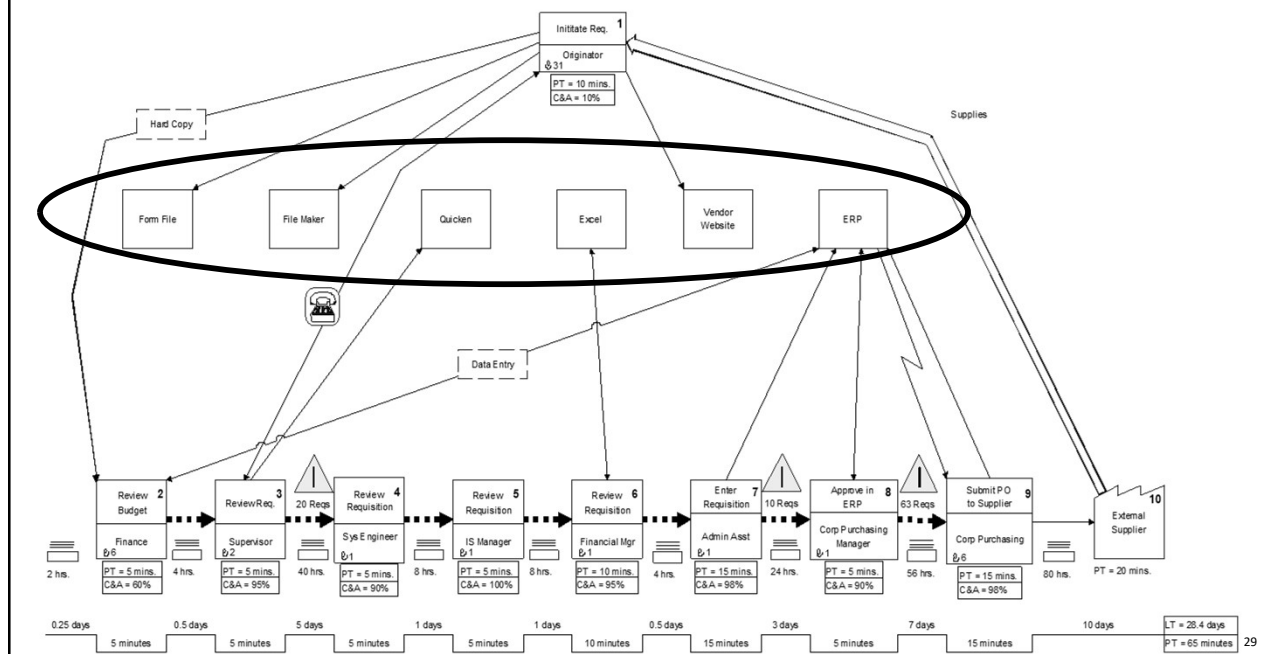
Key Metric: Percent Complete & Accurate (%C&A)



Correcting, Adding, Clarifying = Rework

- Similar to first pass yield in manufacturing
- %C&A is measured by **downstream** process(es)

Current State - Purchase Requisition Value Stream



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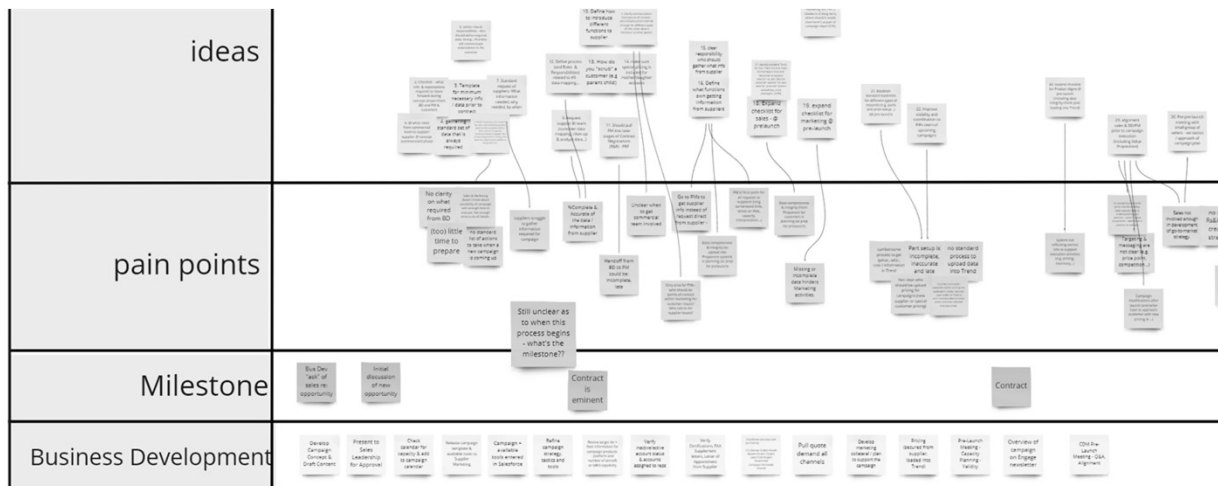
Current State VSM



Start: Contract negotiation
End: Receipt of payment

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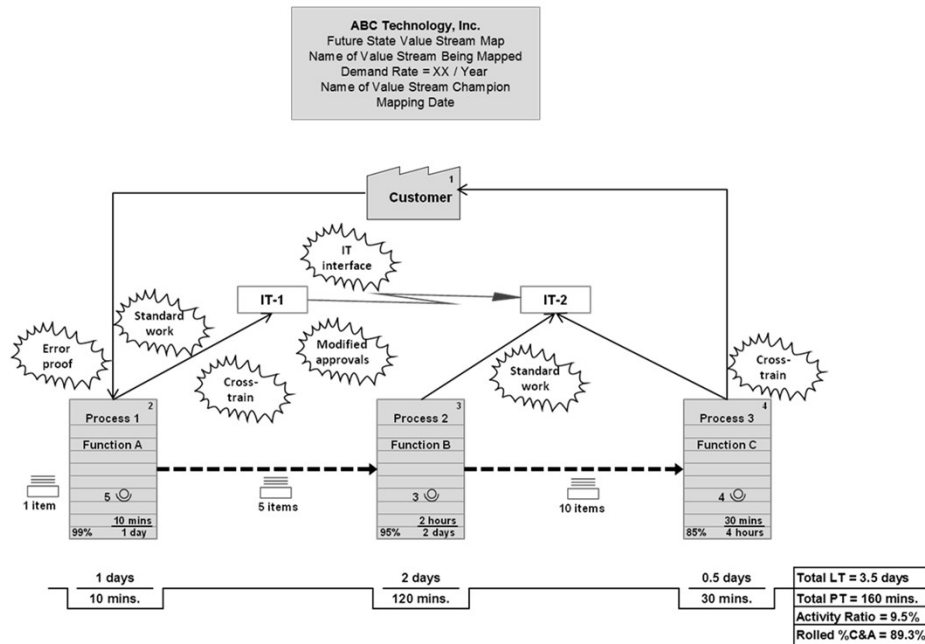
Current State VSM



Start: Identification of opportunity / need for Sales Campaign
End: Post-campaign review of results & effectiveness

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Basic Future State Value Stream Map

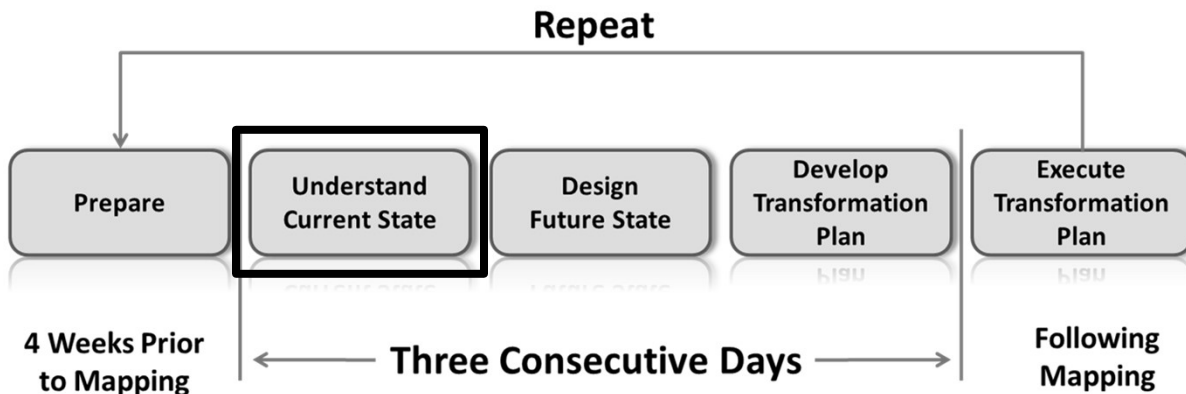


Value Stream Performance

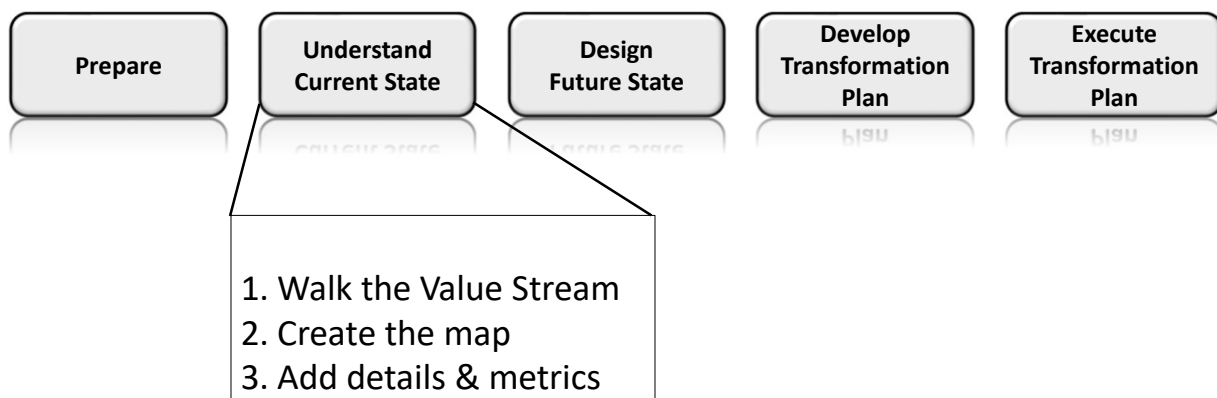
Metric	Current State	Projected Future State	Projected % Improvement
Lead Time	9.5 days	3.5 days	63%
Process Time	180 minutes	160 minutes	11%
Activity Ratio	3.9%	9.5%	144%
Rolled % Complete & Accurate	30%	89%	198%
User defined			
User defined			

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Value Stream Mapping Activity Phases and Timing



Creating the Current State Map

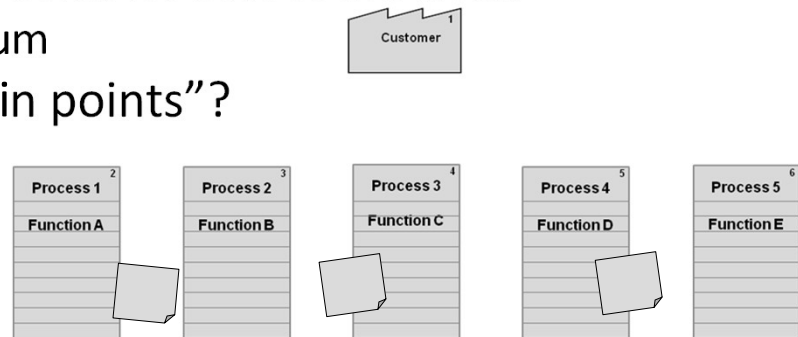


Go to Gemba!

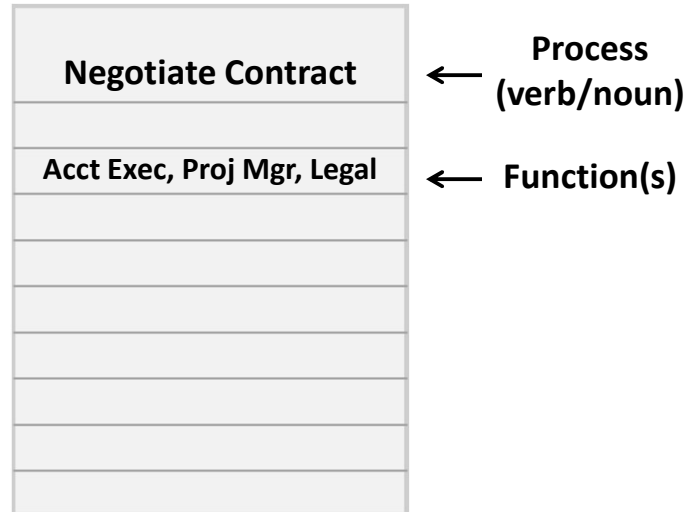
- Observe the work. Talk to the workers – what’s really happening???
- Get key metrics: LT, PT, %C&A
- IT systems and applications used
- *Identify significant barriers to flow & pain points*
- **Don’t improve the process yet – first understand it**

Creating the Map...

- Discuss gemba observations
- Post-its on mapping paper
 - Consensus on number of Post-its (where does “flow” stop?)
 - Create a map that works for 80% of the work.
 - ~20 blocks maximum
- Where are the “pain points”?



Post-it Note Convention – First Pass



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Case Study/Simulation Intro – ABC Millworks

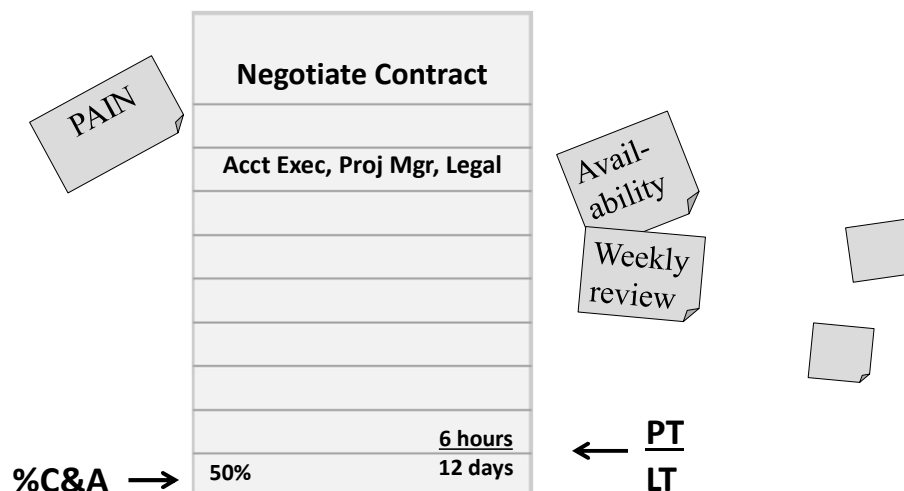
- Size & growth
 - \$300M annual sales; 10-15% annual growth
 - 1200 employees; 8 plants
- **Problem:** *losing sales due to long quote response times, late deliveries and issues @ installation.*
- Two major value streams:
 1. Residential doors & windows– standard, config to order, and custom
 2. Commercial doors & windows – all custom
- **Target value stream** for improvement: Windows
- **Specific conditions:** Custom commercial windows. (30% of their revenue and 10% of the incoming orders.)
 - 2500 orders per year
 - Good progress in manufacturing (activity ratio = 83%) and inventory management (25 turns per year)
 - Supply base is stable; 98% of their parts and material is reliably managed via kanban pull systems
- 4 years on the Lean journey
- Operates five days per week (250 workdays per year); one 8-hour shift; 1,950 available work hours per employee per year

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VSM Next Pass – Add Details to the Map

- Record process metrics
 - PT and LT
 - %C&A
- Information systems and applications; and related information flow arrows
- WIP and push arrows as appropriate
- Any additional pain points
- Summary metrics

Post-it Note Convention - Completed



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Documenting % C&A From Multiple Downstream Customers

Block 5 reported that they rework Block 4's output 25% of the time

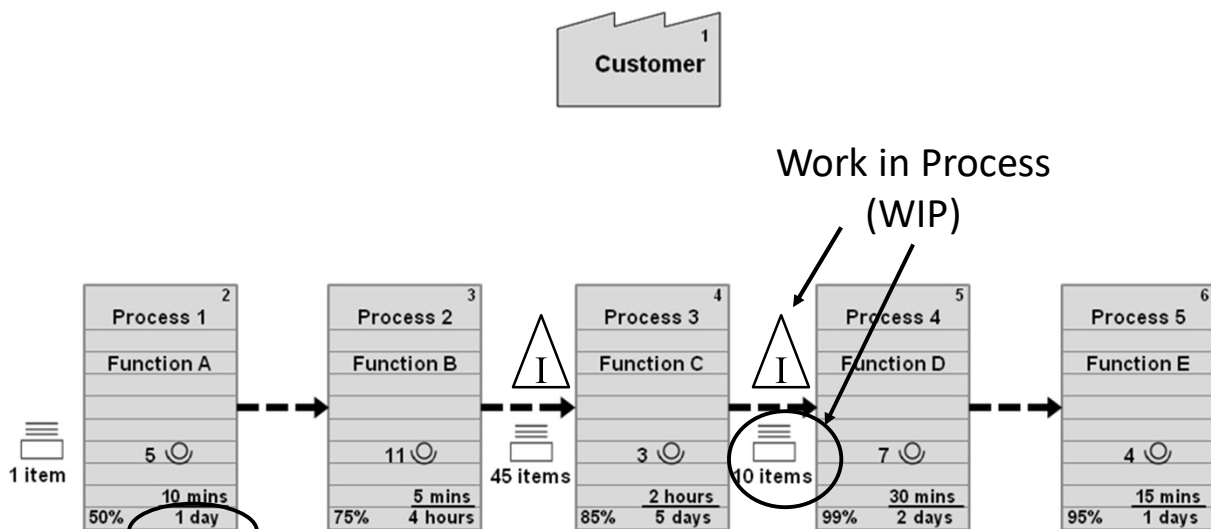
Block 7 reported that they, too, rework Block 4's output 50% of the time.

$$(0.75 \times 0.50) \times 100 = 37.5\% \quad 37.5\%$$

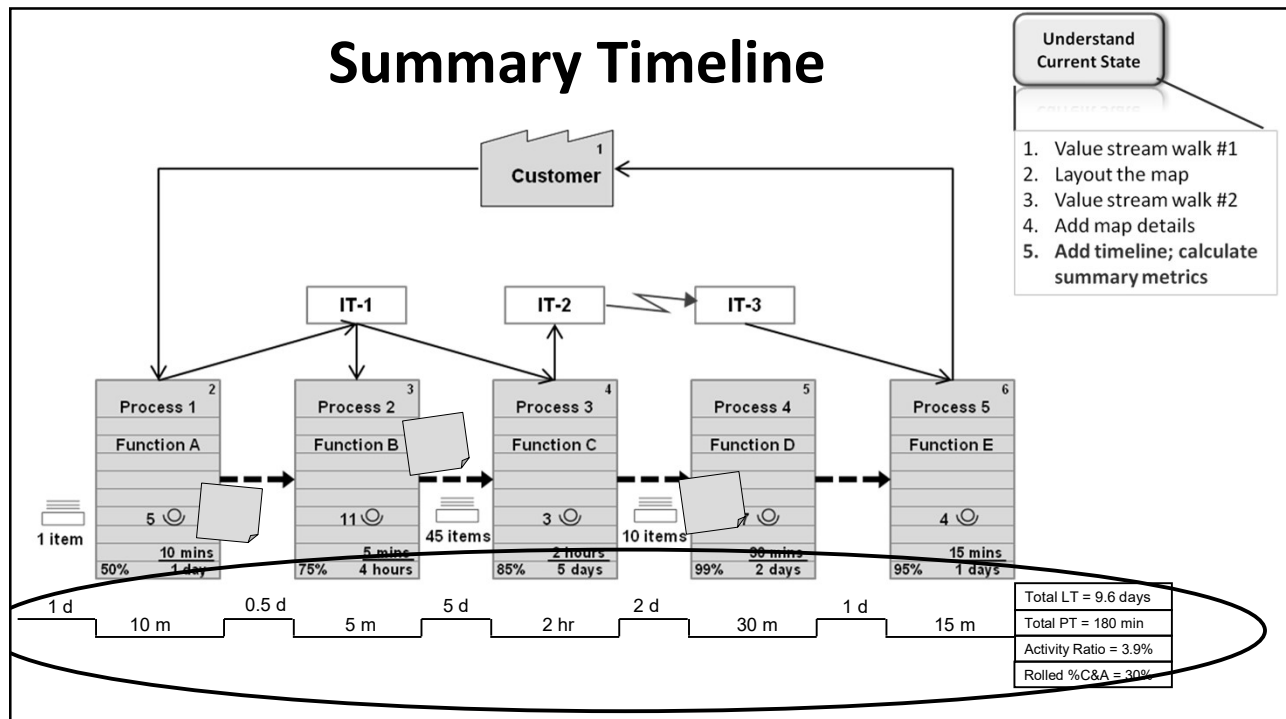
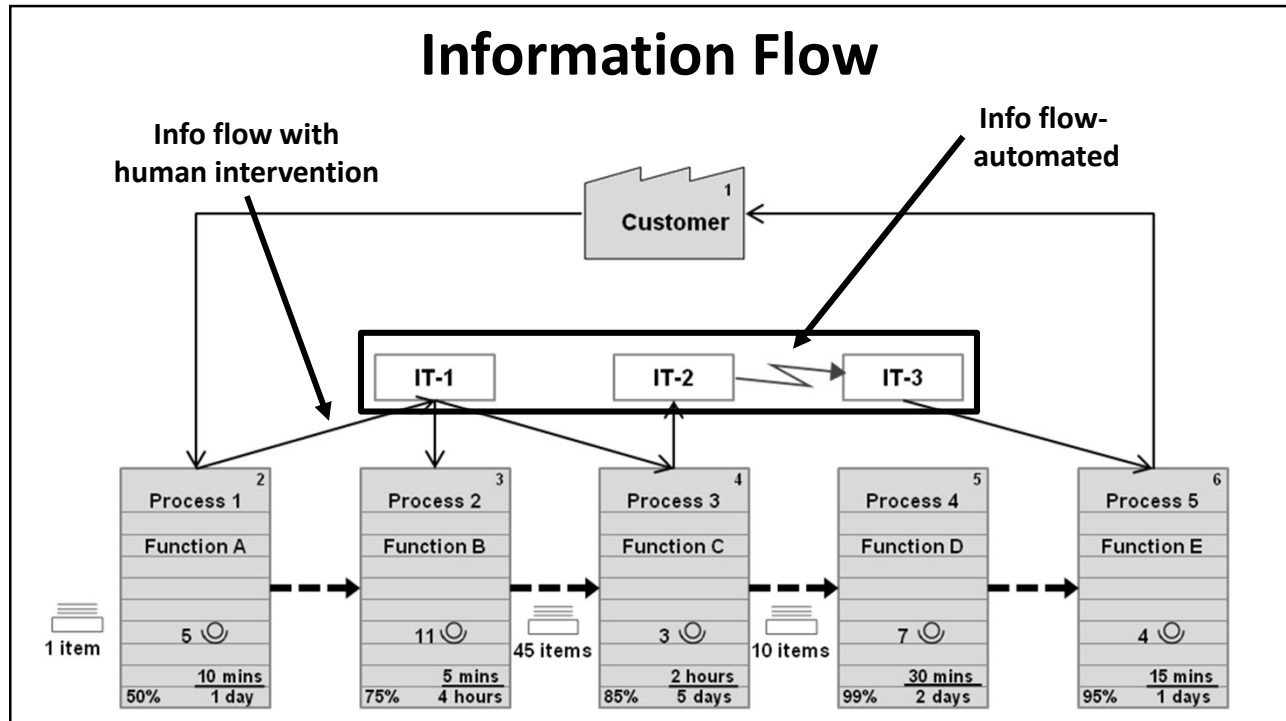
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Negotiate Contract
Acct Exec, Proj Mgr, Legal
Batching: Weekly review of contracts
6 hours 12 days

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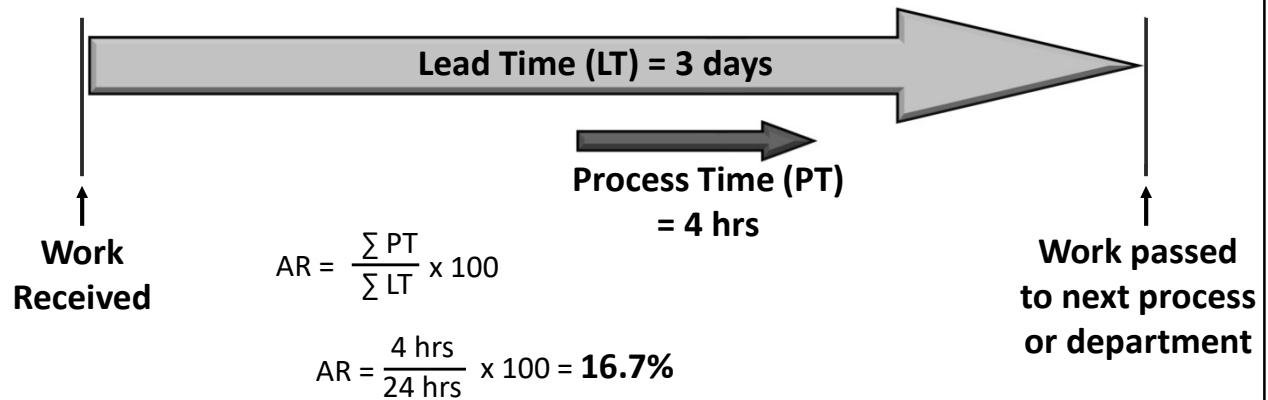
Typical LT (or Amount of WIP)



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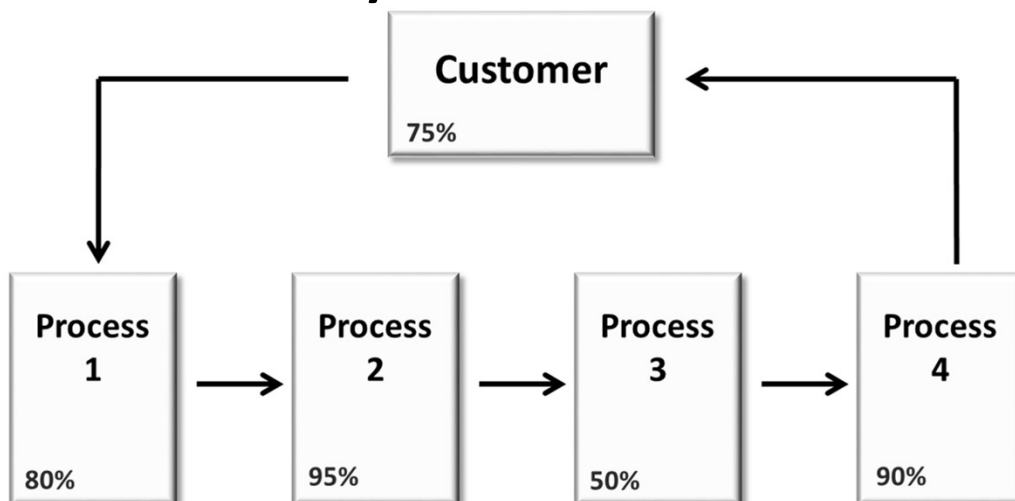


Summary Metric: Activity Ratio



AR (Activity Ratio) = Percentage of time the request is being worked on as it passes through the value stream

Summary Metric: Rolled %C&A



- **Rolled %C&A** - The percent of value stream output that passes through the process “clean,” with no “hiccups” or rework required (correct, add, clarify)
- **Rolled %C&A** = $(0.75 \times 0.80 \times 0.95 \times 0.50 \times 0.90) \times 100 = 25.7\%$

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Summary Metrics: Labor Requirements

- Total PT
 - Sum of **all** activities, not just critical path
- Labor Requirements

$$\# \text{ FTEs} = \frac{\text{Total PT (in hrs)} \times \# \text{ occurrences/year}}{\text{Available work hrs/year}}$$

$$\text{Freed Capacity} = \text{Current State FTEs} - \text{Future State FTEs}$$

* FTE = Full-time Equivalent (example: 2 half time employees = 1 FTE)

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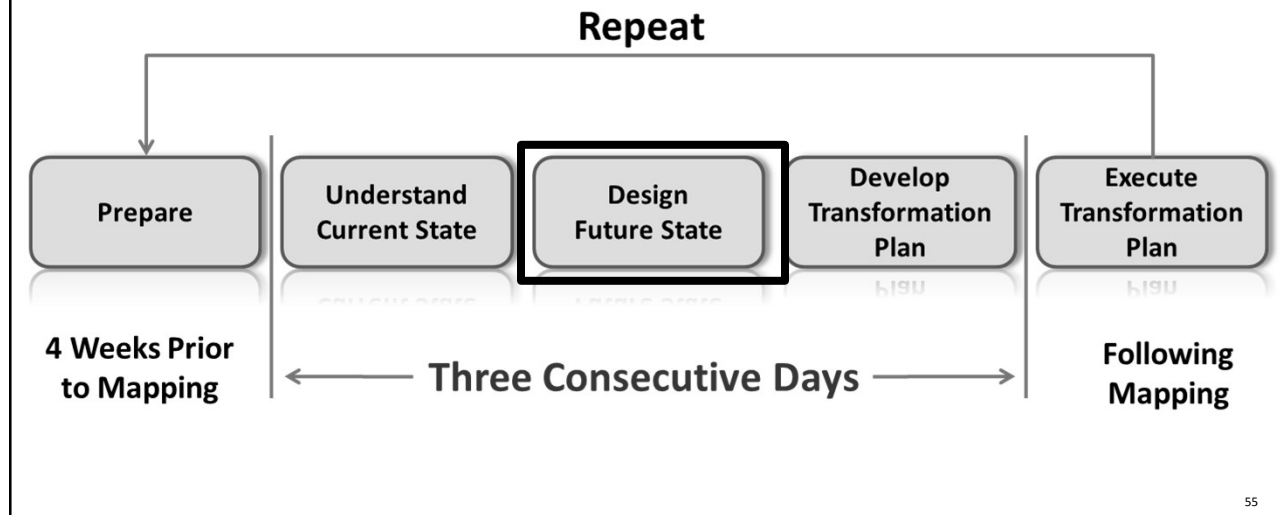
ABC Millworks Value Stream: Commercial Windows

Metric	Current State	Projected Future State	Projected % Improvement
Process Time			
Lead Time (LT)			
LT – RFQ (CS blocks 2-4)			
LT – PO-Dev (CS blocks 6-10)			
Activity Ratio (full value stream)			
Rolled %C&A			
Labor requirements			

* Based on 2500 orders per year and 1,950 available work hours per employee per year.

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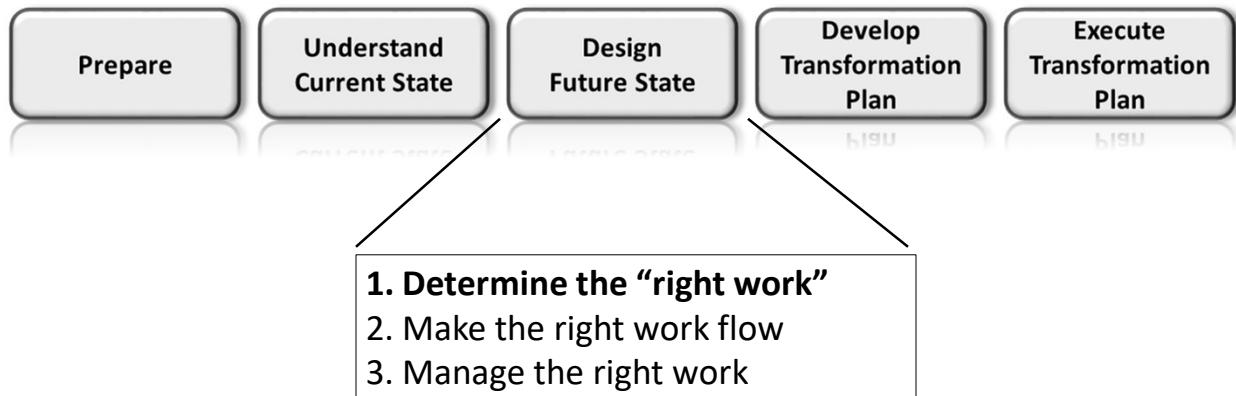


Common Current-state Findings

- Poor x-departmental alignment
- Functions missing or getting involved too early or too late in the process
- Unnecessary handoffs
- High variation in how work is done
- Low % Complete & Accurate (and resulting rework, loopbacks, delays...)
- Excessive inspection (review, approvals, audits)
- Compliance overkill
- Existing technology not fully leveraged
- Overspecialization of staff
- Underutilization of skills
- Delays due to juggling multiple responsibilities
- No standard work
- Redundant activities
- Excessive motion & transportation
- Batching
- Push and overburden
- ***No one is responsible for the overall value stream***

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Design the Future State Map: 3 Steps



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Questions for Designing the Future State – Office & Service

What is the business issue? What are the goals / objectives?
Service, quality, capacity, morale...

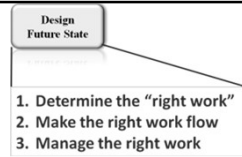
1. Are there redundant / unnecessary touches?
2. Are there redundant / unnecessary transactions?
3. Are there redundant systems?
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4. How can we deal with delays?
–Process more frequently; smaller batches; cross train & coverage
5. Designated resources per value streams?
6. Is available technology fully utilized?
– Can information flow be streamlined (manual and system flows)?
7. What is the best workflow?
–Address %C&A; best sequence; combine work; synchronization?
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8. How will we measure, monitor and manage the process?

Design
Future State

1. Determine the “right work”
2. Make the right work flow
3. Manage the right work

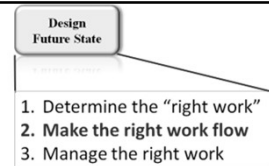
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Determining the “Right Work” Touches, Transactions, Systems...



- Maximum results with minimum effort
 - How can we improve downstream performance and customer satisfaction?
 - Typical objectives: reduce total PT, reduce total LT, improve %C&A
- Value-adding (VA) & non-value-adding (NVA) work
 - Eliminate *unnecessary* NVA
 - Reduce necessary NVA
 - Optimize VA
- Eliminate work, *or add work*
 - To eliminate work, need to address reason work was there (e.g. eliminate an inspection)
 - Add work as required if it will improve overall performance

Making the Right Work Flow



- Ideal flow: $LT = PT$
 - LT reductions force the issues to the surface
- Address the barriers to flow
 - Application of classic Lean countermeasures (e.g. standard work, visual controls, poka yoke, batch size reduction, service level agreements...)
- Define the best sequence
 - Earlier, later, parallel

Approach to Future State Design Strategic Choice

Start FS design from scratch (blank sheet)?

...or...

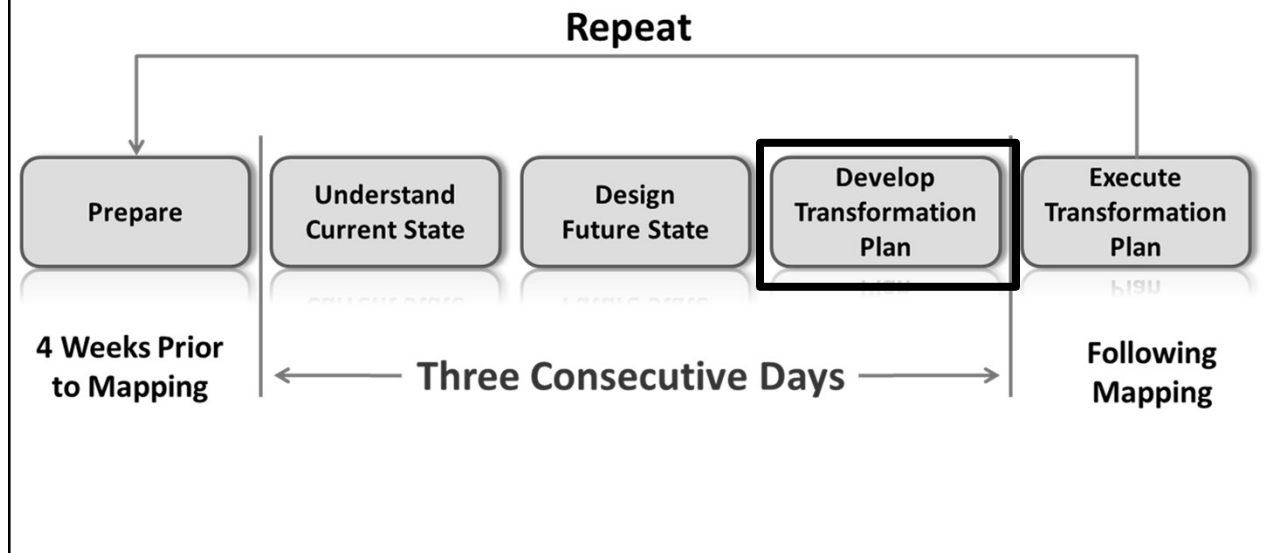
Focus on ideas related to the pain points?

ABC Millworks – Commercial Windows

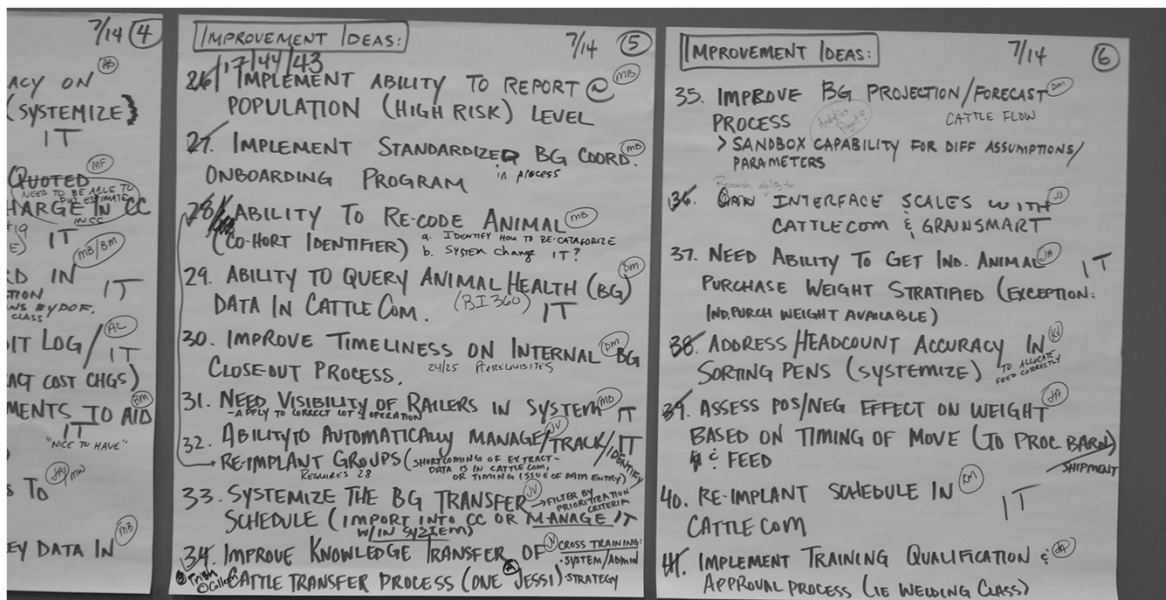
Metric	Current State	Projected Future State	Projected % Improvement
Process Time	38.0 hours		
Lead Time (LT)	49.0 days		
LT – RFQ (CS blocks 2-4)	11 days		
LT – PO-Dev (CS blocks 6-9)	17 days		
Activity Ratio (full value stream)	9.7%		
Rolled %C&A	6.3%		
Labor requirements	48.7 FTEs*		

* Based on 2500 orders per year and 1,950 available work hours per employee per year.

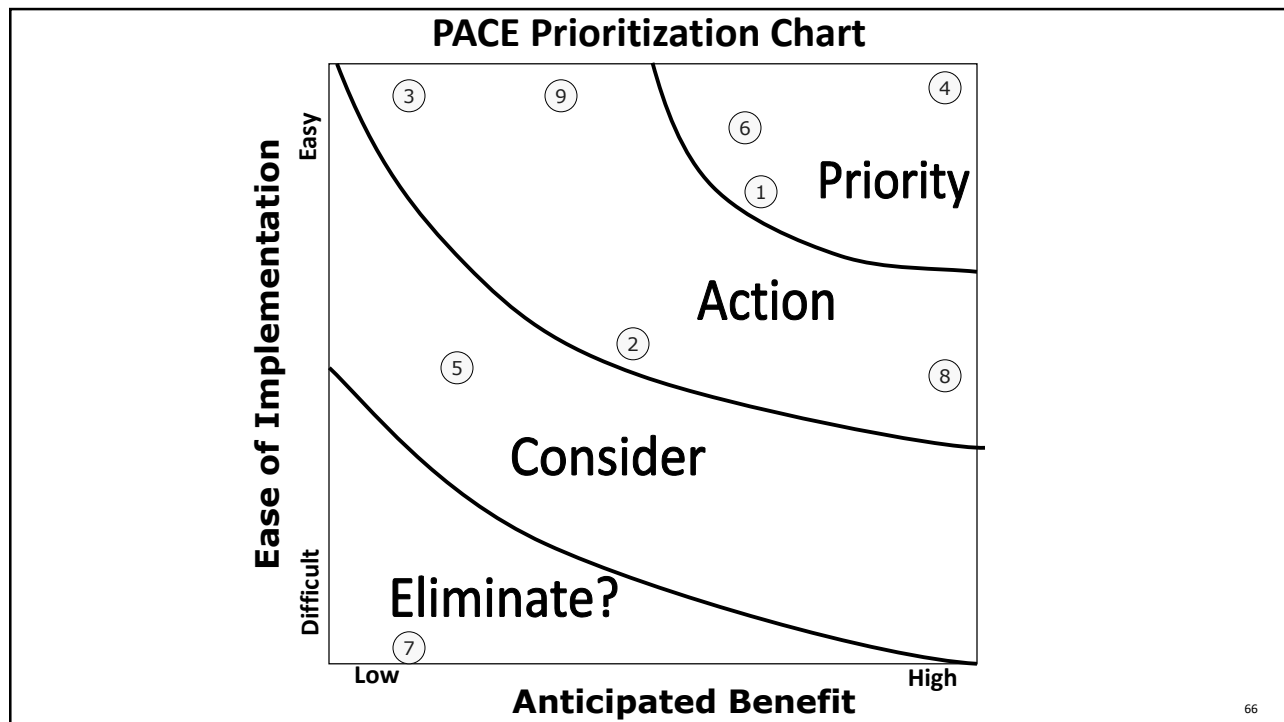
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Lots of Great Ideas...



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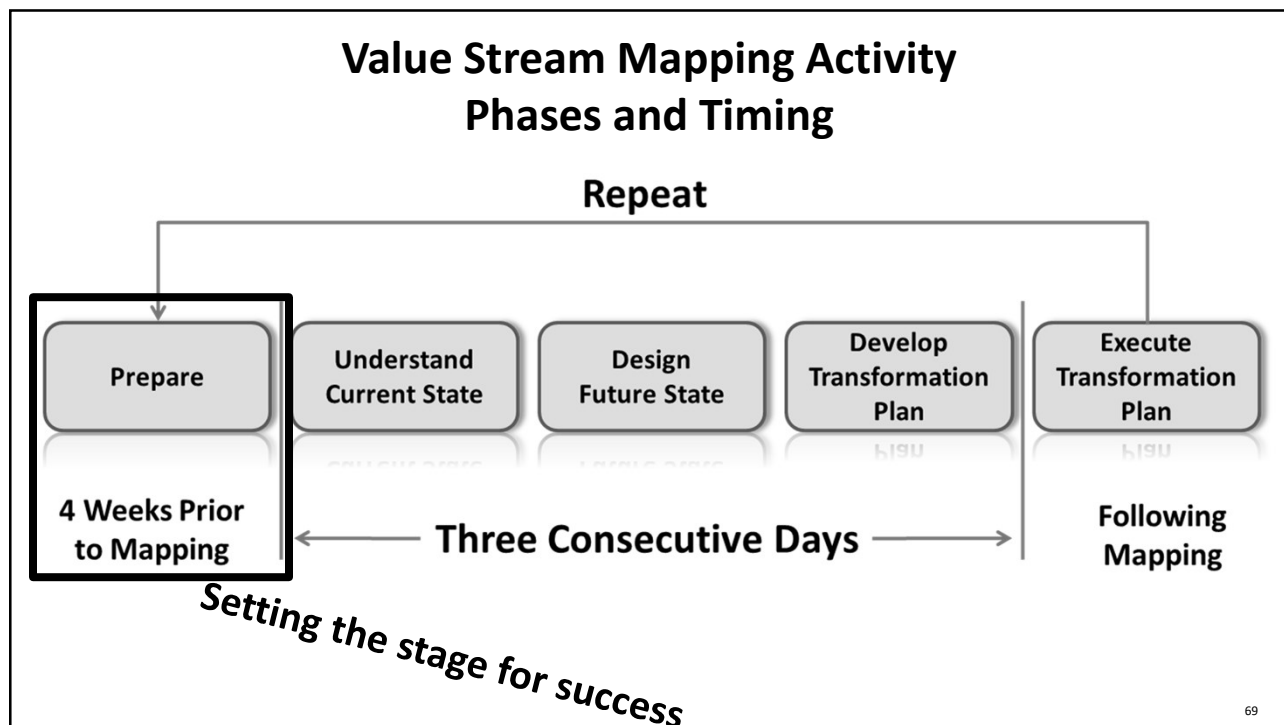


Value Stream Transformation Plan																		
Value Stream		ABC Millworks				Scheduled Review Dates												
Executive Sponsor		Allen Ward				9-Aug-19						18-Oct-19						
Value Stream Champion		Nancy Little				23-Aug-19						8-Nov-19						
Value Stream Mapping Facilitator		Dave Parks				9-Sep-19						26-Nov-19						
Date Created		7/26/2019				30-Sep-19						19-Dec-19						
FS VSM Block #	Goal or Measurable Target	Proposed Countermeasure	Exec. Method*	Owner	Planned Timeline for Execution												Status	
					J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
1	All existing customers with RFQ have access to form; %C&A of quotes = 90%	Standard RFQ form/checklist developed and made available to customers	KE1	Sean Michaels												X	X	50%
2	Reduce PT @ review step and ensure RFQ omissions are detected at this step	Standard review criteria developed for sales to check incoming RFQs	KE1	Sean Michaels												X	X	30%
3	All estimates created using template; reduce estimate PT to 1.5 hours	Update existing estimating template	KE2	Dave Gerald										X	X			10%
3,4	Central repository for estimate history	Link Excel and Salesforce	Proj	Diana Marie										X				100%
6	Eliminate manual emails between sales and estimating	Activate auto-notification in Salesforce (work flow)	Proj	Diana Marie											X	X		40%
8	Fewer detailing errors passed on to production	Improved library of standard details	KE3	Ryan Austin								X						100%
8	Designated resources for custom windows (residential & comm) - shorter LT & improved leveraging of experience	Designated team	Proj	Michael O'Shea												X	X	0%
8,9	Less guessing re: customer requirement; fewer assumptions and bad design passed to production	Give Detailing open access to sales and specification documents from quoting process	JDI	Diana Marie						X	X							100%
9,9	Eliminate need for CS to compile specification for detailing	Link data files in Salesforce to SO and	Proj	Dianne											X	X	X	100%

It's not about the map...

It's about the conversations,
the insights, the decisions,
alignment, and organizational healing
that mapping enables.

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Key People

- **Executive Sponsor**
 - VP or higher
 - Authority over significant portion of value stream (or strong influencer)
 - Ultimately accountable for results
 - Must attend briefings
- **Value Stream Champion**
 - Oversees significant portion of the value stream
 - Heavily engaged in entire value stream transformation (own the transformation plan)
 - Member of mapping team
- **Facilitator**
 - Objective; no skin in the game
 - Skilled in both mapping/improvement mechanics, and high-level team dynamics.

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VSM Preparation



1. Engage executive sponsor
2. Draft charter
3. Socialize charter
4. Plan logistics
5. Gather data
6. Deliver VSM overview

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Engage Executive Sponsor & Champion

- Hold initial conversation with executive sponsor, value stream champion & facilitator.
- Assure alignment between value stream activity and strategic goals / priorities
- Explain planning , execution and follow-up phases.
- Explain his/her role in each phase of the transformation process.

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Charter: Critical planning, communication, and consensus-building tool						
Scope		Accountable Parties		Logistics		
Value Stream	Windows	Executive Sponsor	Allen Ward	Event Dates & Times	July 24-26, 2019 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Specific Conditions	Commercial windows, custom design	Value Stream Champion	Nancy Little	Base-camp Location	Surf's Up - Room A	
Demand Rate	2500	Facilitator	Dave Parks	Meals Provided	Continental breakfast & lunch	
Trigger	Customer submits RFQ	Logistics Coordinator	Dave Parks	Briefing Dates & Times	July 24, 25, & 26 4:00-5:00 pm	
First Step	Sales reviews the RFQ	Briefing Attendees	** Allen W (COO), Joe M (CIO), Sal T (VP Sales)	When?		
Last Step	Production ships product	** required *optional	Bruce R (VP Ops), Carlos P (HR), Su T (CFO), Bill M (VP CS)			
Boundaries & Limitations	No new software; only minor changes to existing IT systems; no additional staff; no budget changes					
Improvement Time Frame	Future state design is fully realized by December 31, 2019.					
Current State Problems & Business Needs		Mapping Team				
1	Desire to stay ahead of the competition & deepen customer loyalty.	Function / Title	Name	Contact Information		
2	Forecasted growth of 10% for next fiscal year.	1 Sales, Director	Sean Michaels			
3	Customers at risk - quality & information issues @ installation	2 IT, Director	Diana Marie			
4	RFQ lead time = 2 weeks; PO to design lead time = 3 weeks	3 Finance, Controller	Dave Gerald			
5	Competition's RFQ LT is 1 wk; PO to delivery is 1 wks	4 Engineering, Vice President	Nancy Little			
Goals & Measurable Target Conditions		5 Manufacturing, Director	Ambreen Motiwala			
1	Reduce RFQ LT from 2 weeks to 3 days (70% improvement).	6 Customer Service, Manager	Danny Tran			
2	Reduce PO to design LT from 3 wks to 5 days (67% improvement)	7 Customer (Const Mgmt)	Ryan Austin			
3	Reduce install issues by 50%	8				
4		9				
5		10				
Benefits to Customers & Business		On-Call Support				
1	Fast delivery; less hassle; less cost.	Function	Name	Contact Information		
2	Better working relationships between sales, estimating & engineering.	1 Planning / Purchasing, Planner	Lourdes Dwyer			
3	Increased capacity to absorb additional business w/o increasing staff.	2 Production Supervisor	Tom St. James			
4		3				
5		4				
Relevant Data		Agreement				
1	Sales effectiveness: RFQ conversion rate.	Executive Sponsor	Value Stream Champion	Facilitator		
2	Financial: Estimate to actual cost comparison					

What & Why?

Who?

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What & Why?

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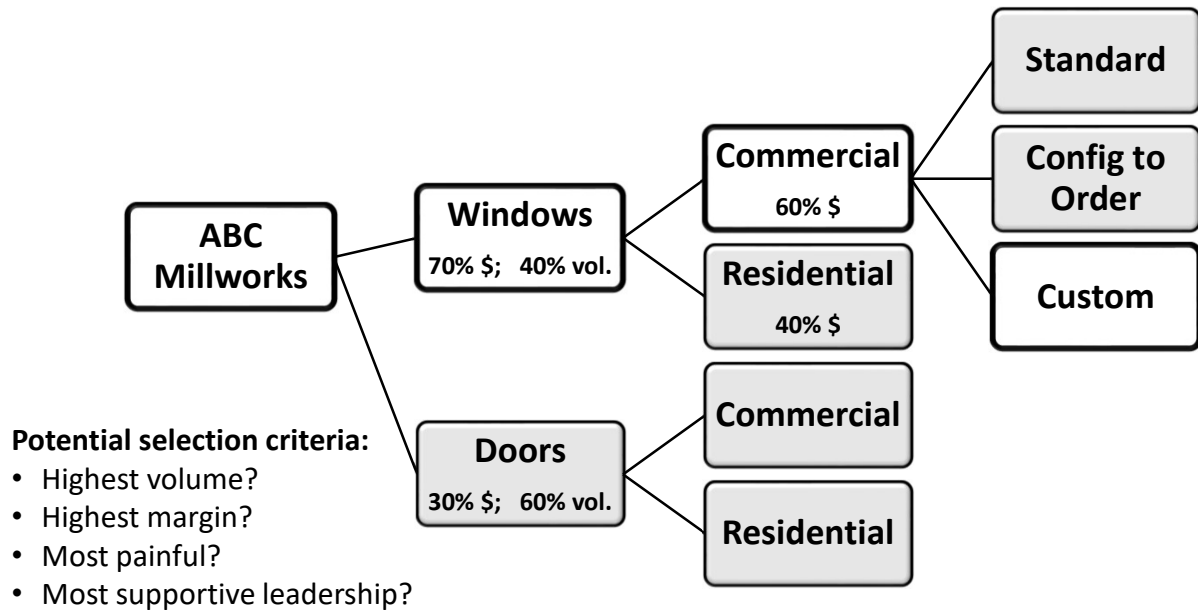
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Specific Conditions

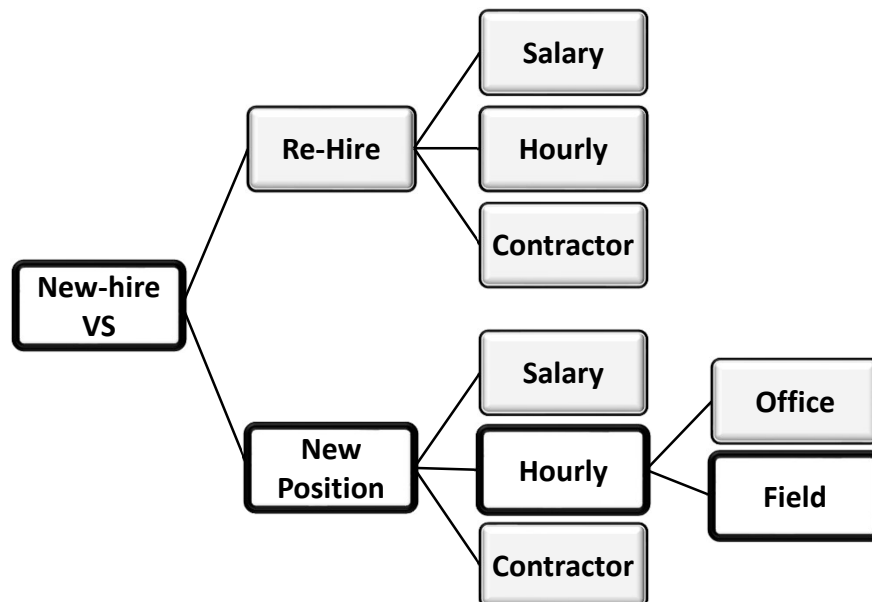
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Value Stream Scoping Diagram: Defining Specific Conditions



VS Scoping Diagram: Defining Specific Conditions



Boundaries and Limitations; Timeframe

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First Step		Logistics Coordinator			
Last Step					
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Improvement Timeframe					
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3		2			
4		3			
5		4			
Measurable Target Condition		5			
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Benefits to Customers & Business		On-Call Support			
1		Function	Name	Contact Information	
2		1			
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4		3			
5		4			
Relevant Data		Agreement			
1		Executive Sponsor	Value Stream Champion	Facilitator	
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3		Signature:	Signature:	Signature:	
4		Date:	Date:	Date:	

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Value Stream Mapping Charter			
Scope	Accountable Parties		Lead
Executive Sponsor	Allen Ward	Event Dates & Times	July 8-10
Value Stream Champion	Nancy Little	Base-camp Location	Surf
Facilitator	Dave Parks	Meals Provided	Con
Logistics Coordinator	Dave Parks	Briefing Attendees	July 4-10
Briefing Attendees	** Allen W (COO), Joe M (CIO), Sal T (VP Sales) ** required * optional		
Problems & Business Needs	Mapping Team		
Function / Title	Name		
1 Sales, Director	Sean Michaels		
2 IT, Director	Diana Marie		
3 Finance, Controller	Dave Gerald		
4 Engineering, Vice President	Nancy Little		
5 Manufacturing, Director	Ambreen Motwala		
6 Customer Service, Manager	Danny Tran		
7 Customer (Const Mgmt)	Ryan Austin		
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Customers & Business	On-Call Support		
Function	Name		
1 Planning / Purchasing, Planner	Lourdes Dwyer		
2 Production Supervisor	Tom St. James		
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Team Composition

- Authority - Leadership over primary functions engaged in the value stream
- Influencers
- Vision

Shoot for as high as you can; settle for as low as you must

- “On-call” members
 - Leadership from ancillary functions
 - Subject matter experts



Team Members - Common Rules of Engagement

1. Team starts and ends the day (and breaks) together.
2. No interruptions or distractions – 100% focus; other apps closed, ignore the phone...
3. One conversation at a time; no side bars.
4. The current process isn't broken – it can be improved.
5. When walking the process, approach with curiosity, humility, and respect for the people doing the work.
6. Finger-pointing and blame has no place: "It is what it is."
7. Respectful disagreement is encouraged.
8. Rank has no privilege.
9. No veto power from outside the team.
10. Seek the wisdom of ten versus the knowledge of one.
11. No silent objectors; don't leave in silent disagreement.
12. Creativity before capital.
13. Ban "Can't" and "No, because..." from your vocabulary.
14. Be bold! Ask Why? Why not? What if?



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Daily Leadership Briefings



#1 – Share insights; reduce resistance

#2 – Build consensus re: future state

#3 – Reality check & gain commitment for action plan

Small Group Activity

For the Value Stream You Selected Earlier –

- Based on the specific conditions, as well as first and last steps, start identifying “who”
 - Team
 - On call
 - Executive sponsor
 - Champion
 - Briefing attendees
- 15 minutes – work
- 10 minutes – debrief

Accountable Parties		
Executive Sponsor		Event Dates & Times
Value Stream Champion		
Facilitator		Base-camp Location
Logistics Coordinator		Meals Provided
Briefing Attendees ** required *optional		Briefing Dates & Times
Mapping Team		
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On-Call Support		
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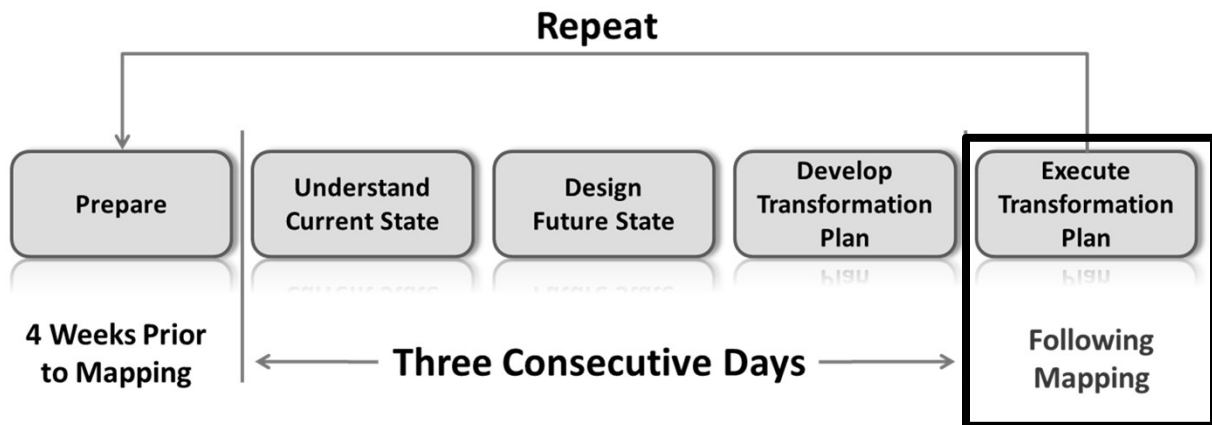
Socializing the Charter

- **Conversation** with functional leadership
- Alignment of focus, problem, objectives, team
- Notify folks what will be happening
- Modify charter as required
- Post the charter



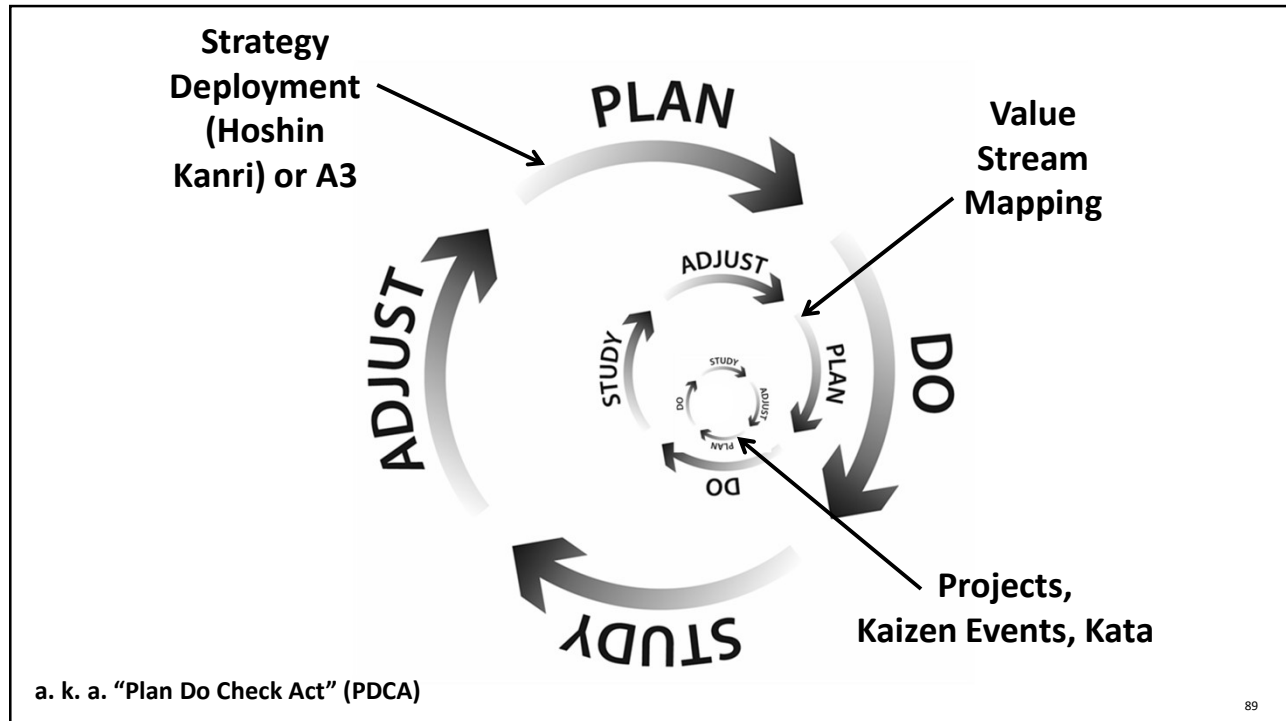
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Value Stream Mapping Activity Phases and Timing

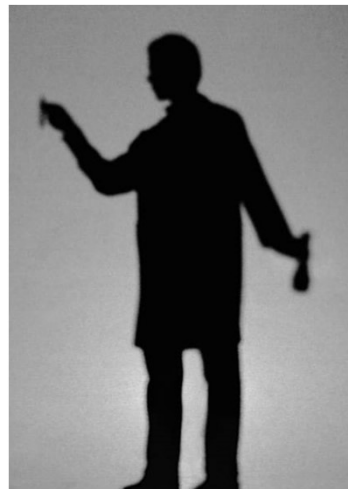


Managing the Transformation

- **Ownership**
 - Designated person – Value Stream Manager
 - Monitors metrics and communicates performance to plan
 - Facilitates problem solving
 - Leads ongoing improvements; ensures aligned with strategy
 - Influences changes if going off course
- **Key Performance Metrics**
 - Two to five relevant KPIs
 - Value Stream level as well as process level
 - Specific to process in question; operational
 - Set goals, visualize & track

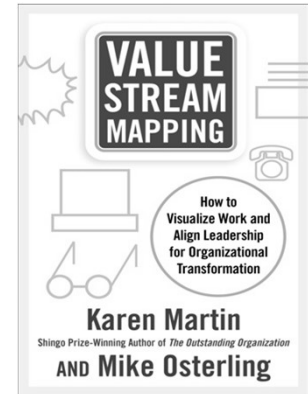


Value Stream Mapping: As Much Art as Science



Resources

- *Learning to See*, Rother & Shook
- *Value Stream Mapping: How to Visualize Process and Align People for Organizational Transformation*, Karen Martin & Mike Osterling
- *Value Stream Mapping for Lean Development: A How-to Guide to Streamline Time to Market*, Locher



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ABC Millworks – Commercial Windows

Metric	Current State	Projected Future State	Projected % Improvement
Process Time	38.0 hours	35.5 hours	6.5%
Lead Time (LT)	49 days	32 days	34.7%
LT – RFQ (CS blocks 2-4)	11 days	5 days	54.5%
LT – PO-Design (CS blocks 6-9)	17 days	6 days	64.7%
Activity Ratio (full value stream)	9.7%	13.5%	39.2%
Rolled %C&A	6.3%	45.4%	621%
Labor requirements	48.7 FTEs*	48.6 FTEs**	----

* Based on 2500 orders per year and 1,950 available work hours per employee per year.

** Based on **2750** orders per year and 1,950 available work hours per employee per year.

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