

Kanban — an Adaptive Delivery Framework Which Optimizes Value

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If your only exposure to Kanban has been work boards, you may be surprised to learn that Kanban provides a complete delivery alternative to other frameworks. It starts from where your team currently is by understanding its current state but empowers them to improve their delivery practices in a value-focused manner.

Kanban is an adaptive framework that is designed to optimize workflow and efficiency, without having to micro-manage the team or stretch the team beyond their limits. It is applicable to both project and non-project (operational) work, however unlike many other adaptive delivery approaches (e.g. Scrum) which are prescriptive, Kanban enables the team to make decisions about roles, artifacts and ceremonies.

This workshop will teach you the fundamentals of the Kanban framework and give you hands-on practice with the tools you need to introduce it within your team.

Who Should Attend

- Project Managers
- Delivery Leads
- Project Leads
- Department Managers
- Product Owners

Applicable Project Environments

- Predictive (traditional), adaptive (agile) and hybrid project environments
- Projects with deliverables in which task timing and allocation of resources can benefit from optimization through improved workflow
- Project environments in which
 - the project team is self-motivated
 - Adaptive techniques such as Scrum are too “rigid” in their approach or are not delivering anticipated benefits
 - Traditional (predictive) frameworks such as “waterfall” do not improve workflow

Learning Outcomes

Through the exploration of scenarios, hands-on group exercises, and facilitated discussion, participants completing this workshop will learn how to:

- Understand why Kanban might be a better choice to another delivery framework
- Learn a step-by-step approach to implement Kanban within your team
- Discover metrics which you can use to measure your team’s work and workflow
- Understand how to improve your delivery approach over time

Materials

- Course workbook containing copies of presentation slides and exercises
- Certificate of completion

Prerequisites

Participants of this workshop should have previously had formal training and experience in both predictive and adaptive project management fundamentals. We therefore recommend:

- 3-day *Project Management Essentials: Part 1 – the Fundamentals* (or its equivalent)
- 2-day *Foundations of Agile Delivery* (or similar foundational Agile workshop)
- Experience as a team member or lead on at least one project using adaptive approaches

Course Outline

1. Challenges with Scrum
2. What is Kanban & what is it based upon?
3. Kanban foundations
 - 3.1. Values & principles
 - 3.2. Tools
 - 3.3. Metrics
4. Implementing Kanban
5. Kanban everywhere!
6. What's next

Additional information

- This course is available both on-site at your location as well as publicly in open enrollment sessions
 - On-site courses can be customized to fit your team's context
 - Public deliveries of this workshop available as live-virtual sessions as well as in person in Mississauga, Toronto, and Kitchener
- Participants who complete this workshop qualify for 7 Professional Development Units (PDUs)/Contact Hours: 5 Technology, 1 Leadership and 1 Strategic and Business Management.

For more information or to arrange an in-house delivery of this workshop, call us toll free at 1-800-214-8096 or email us at info@wcpconsulting.com