Business Value of Lean Leadership

22 Attributes of Successful Business Executives, Directors, and Managers

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LEAN Leadership Principles

- ✓ Guide organizations to deliver new impactful products and services at the speed-of-light.
- ✓ Reduce risk using millions of inexpensive learning loops per day to uncover tacit market needs.
- ✓ Apply digital transformation principles to increase value and reduce waste, defects, and cycle-time.



Servant Leadership

lead·er·ship (lē'dər-shĭp') Guide, shepherd, direct, influence, inspire; To show the path forward.

- Recognized lean thinker
- ✓ Promotes lean principles
- ✓ Builds a lean organization

RESULT: Lean organizational change institutionalizes much faster



Conversationally Rich

con·ver·sa·tion (kŏn'vər-sā'shən) Chat, discuss, exchange, dialogue; To exchange thoughts, feelings.

- ✓ Daily F2F communications
- ✓ Mostly casual and informal
- Unstructured conversation

RESULT: Lean just-in-time exchange of up-to-date information/data



Highly Collaborative

col·lab·o·ra·tive (kə-lăb'ə-rə-tĭv) Cooperative, synergistic, together; To create a new idea together.

- ✓ Extremely small teams
- ✓ Work in collaborative pairs
- ✓ Temporary as-needed basis

RESULT: Lean innovations developed and delivered extremely fast



Visually Intensive

vi·su·al (vĭzh'oō-əl) Draw, paint, picture, model, illustrate, elucidate; To communicate with images.

- ✓ Simple, informal visuals
- ✓ More pictures than words
- ✓ Low cost, easy to maintain

RESULT: Lean information exchanged holistically and completely



Social Atmosphere

so·cial (sō'shəl) Friendly, congenial, kind, amicable, intimate, neighborly; To interact in a positive way.

- ✓ A congenial workplace
- ✓ Make it informal, intimate
- Conducive to cooperation

RESULT: Lean performance optimizes, balances, and stabilizes

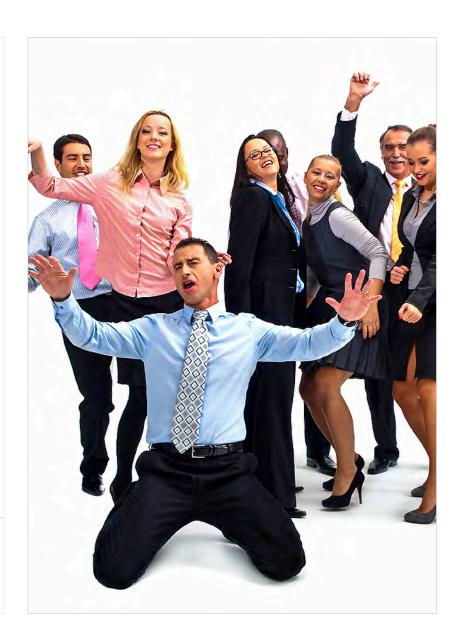


Empowerment Oriented

em·pow·er (ĕm-pou'ər) Delegate, permit, endow, entitle, authorize; To grant equal decision rights.

- ✓ Delegate power, authority
- ✓ Instill employee ownership
- Bottom up decision making

RESULT: Lean performance is enabled to reach peak speed/quality



Focused Single Tasking

fo·cused (fō'kəst) Aim, point, direct, zero-in, undivided, concentrate on; To concentrate on a single task.

- ✓ Do one small task at a time
- ✓ Prepare, start, and finish
- ✓ Minimize interruptions

RESULT: Lean speed, quality, cycle time, performance improve

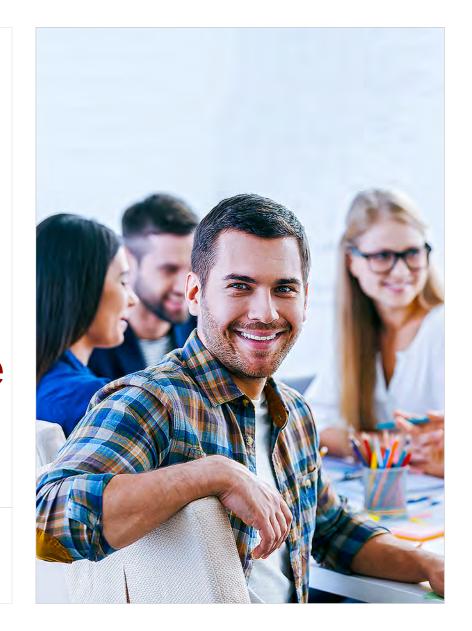


Lightened Workloads

light en (līt'ən) Ease, decrease, lessen, remove, relieve, alleviate; To decrease size of a large task.

- ✓ Decrease task sizes
- ✓ Build in excess capacity
- ✓ Allow time to be productive

RESULT: Lean throughput, lead time, cycle time, quality improve



Balanced Workflow

bal·anced (băl'ənst) Level, match, align, smooth, equalize, harmonize; To harmonize opposing forces.

- Match demand to capacity
- ✓ Pull work through system
- ✓ Start work you can finish

RESULT: Lean wait time, bottlenecks, queues and delays reduced

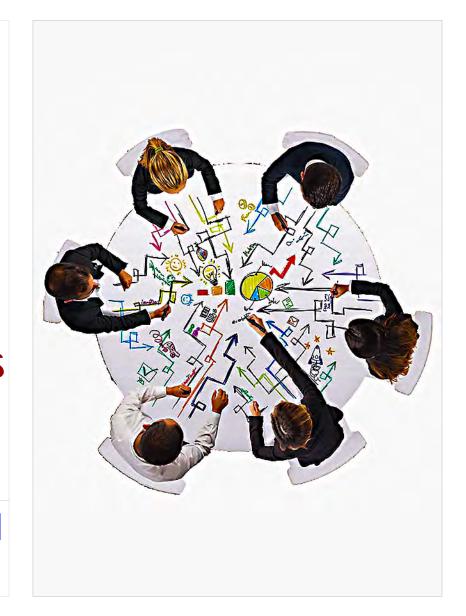


Product Orientation

prod·uct (prŏd'əkt) Wares, goods,
yield, output, release, merchandise;
To deliver a valuable request.

- ✓ Establish value streams
- ✓ Deliver small products fast
- Create product ecosystems

RESULT: Lean value creation achieved via rapid product feedback

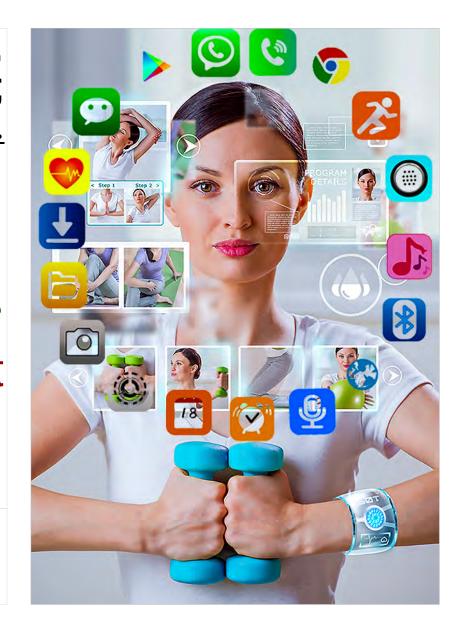


Small Experiments

ex·per·i·ment (ĭk-spĕr'ə-mənt) Test, trial, probe, model, sample, prototype; To gather rapid data from a test.

- ✓ Form business hypotheses
- ✓ Develop fast, low-cost tests
- ✓ Gather feedback and repeat

RESULT: Lean throughput, value, and performance achieved fast

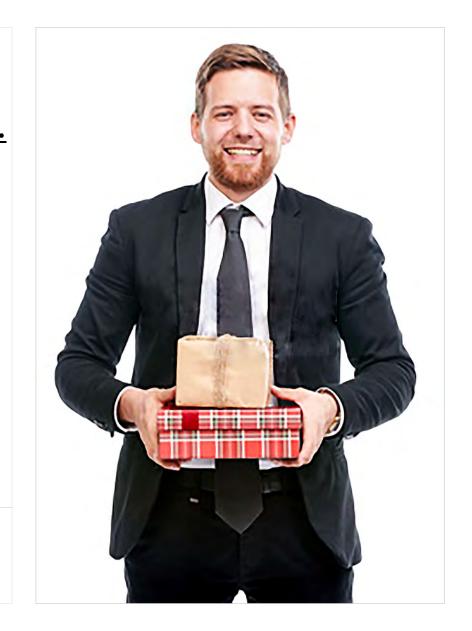


Extremely Small Batches

batch·es (băch'əs) Group, set, lot, pack, bunch, collection, aggregate; To order a large amount of jobs.

- ✓ Decrease batch sizes
- ✓ Shorten delivery times
- Plan for fast turnaround

RESULT: Lean lead, cycle time, and feedback cycles decreased

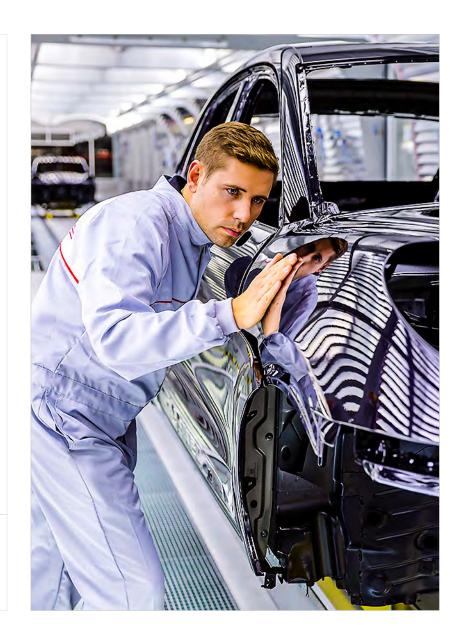


One-Piece Workflow

one piece (wun'pes) Single, only, isolated, solitary, discrete, individual; To order one element at a time.

- ✓ One requirement at a time
- ✓ Make requirements small
- ✓ Deploy requirement fast

RESULT: Lean performance, feedback, and value achieved quickly

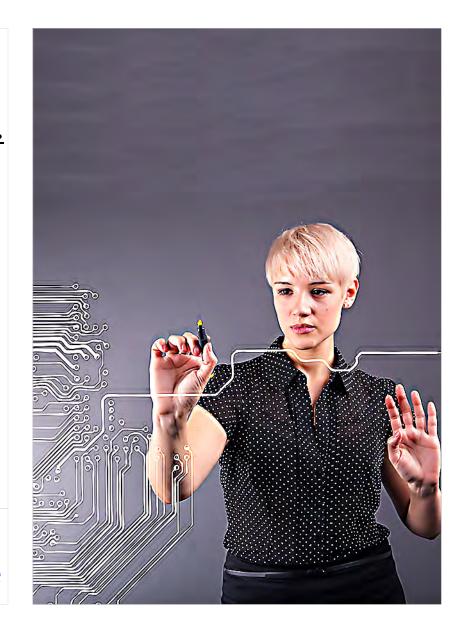


Minimalistic Design

min·i·mal (mĭn'ə-məl) Easy, small, simple, elementary, uncomplicated; To create a very simple solution.

- ✓ Form very simple designs
- ✓ Independent as possible
- Create a single function

RESULT: Lean lead times, cycle times, and delivery speeds increase

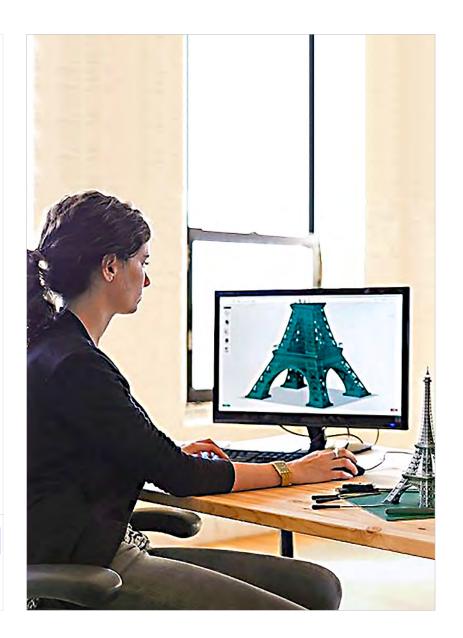


Emergent Architecture

e·mer·gent (ĭ-mûr'jənt) Grow, form, rise, evolve, unfold, develop, mature; To gradually evolve a solution.

- ✓ Gradually create designs
- ✓ Grow and evolve solutions
- Adapt to unplanned change

RESULT: Lean customer value reached very quickly and completely

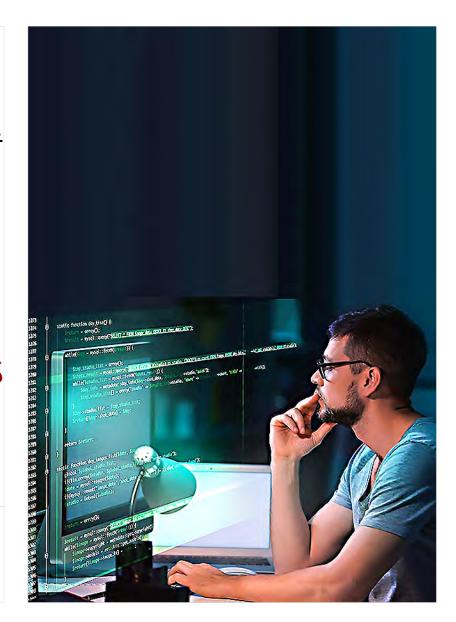


Modularized Microservices

mod·u·lar (mŏj'ə-lər) Unit, chunk, block, interchangeable component; To make small independent units.

- ✓ Create small services
- ✓ Functionally independent
- ✓ Amalgamate to ecosystems

RESULT: Lean value is achieved fast, efficiently, and effectively



Intense DevOps Automation

dev-ops (dĕv'ŏps) Early, automated, iterative, fast, test, integrate, deploy; To automate test and deployment.

- Automate version control
- ✓ Automate end-to-end tests
- ✓ Create automated pipelines

RESULT: Lean balance of work flows, demand and value achieved

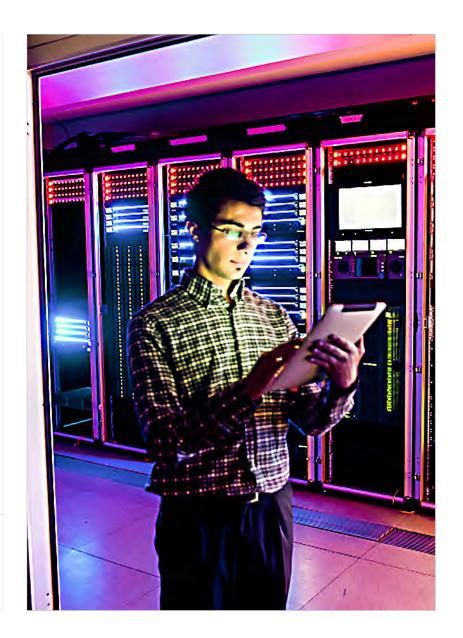


Frequent Small Deployments

de·ploy (dĭ-ploi') Send, ship, deliver, launch, release, install, distribute; To quickly deploy small services.

- ✓ Create small microservices
- Automatic test and certify
- ✓ Fast automatic deploys

RESULT: Lean workflow, effectiveness, efficiency, value, & feedback



Fast End-to-End Cycle Times

cy·cle·time (sī'kəl-tīm) Effort, hours, duration, schedule, throughput, interval; To accelerate end-to-end delivery.

- ✓ Map end-to-end value stream
- ✓ Eliminate low-value activity
- ✓ Automate manual process

RESULT: Lean workflow fast, efficient, value adding, & inexpensive



Shift-Left Innovation

in·no·vate (ĭn'ə-vāt') Invent, create, new, fresh, original, novelty, futuristic; To create new original solution.

- ✓ More up-front designers
- ✓ Fast small experimentation
- Automated backend deploy

RESULT: Lean value adding product and service development



Customer Measurement

meas·ure (mězh'ər) Count, quantify, qualify, appraise, assess, evaluate; To quickly assess customer value.

- ✓ Quickly market prototypes
- ✓ Assess customer reaction
- ✓ Optimize customer value

RESULT: Lean end-to-end enterprise value creation & optimization

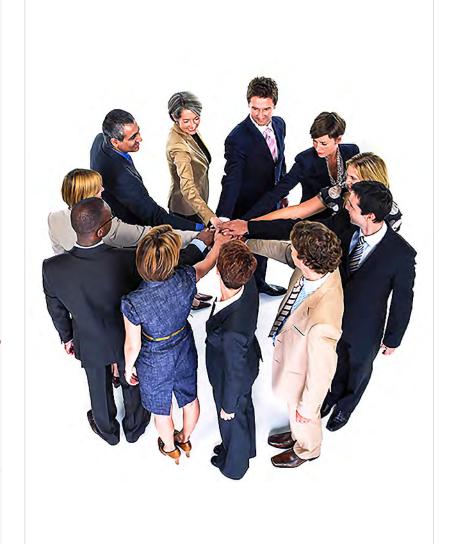


Relentless Improvement

im·prove (ĭm-proov') Fix, enhance, amend, refine, polish, purify, perfect; To make fast frequent correction.

- ✓ Frequently retrospect
- ✓ Radical process redesign
- Quickly implement changes

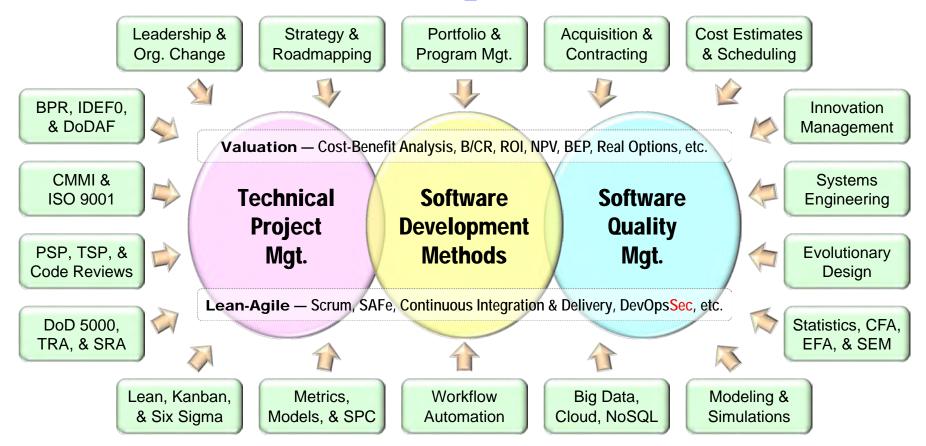
RESULT: Lean end-to-end efficiency, effectiveness & market value



Summary

- ✓ Servant Leadership
- √ Extremely Small Batches
- ✓ Business Experimentation
- √ Simple Minimalistic Designs
- √ Emergent & Evolutionary Design
- √ Small, Highly-Collaborative Teams
- √ Focused, Single-Tasking, Limited WIP
- ✓ Long-Lived Value Streams & Budgeting
- ✓ Rich, High-Context Informal Conversations
- ✓ End-to-End Fully Automated DevOps Pipelines
- ✓ Level Workflow by Matching Capacity to Demand
- ✓ One-Piece Workflow & Frequent Small Deployments
- ✓ Highly-Modularized Design-Independent Microservices
- ✓ Excess Capacity for Fewer High-Value Adding Innovations
- ✓ Frequent Qualitative & Quantitative Customer Measurements
- ✓ Continuous Improvement, Adaptation to Change, Pivot & Move
- ✓ Radical End-to-End Value Stream Lead & Cycle Time Reductions
- ✓ Simple Visualization, Openness, and Transparent Communications
- √ Happy, Healthy, & Informal Social Relationships, Trust, & Attitudes
- ✓ Empowerment, Employee Ownership, & Frontline Bottoms-Up Decision-Making
- ✓ Shift-Left Thinking--More People Creating & Innovating than Testing & Validating

Dave's Capabilities



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