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What is Kanban

Kanban was born out of lean manufacturing techniques, pioneered by Toyota in the 1940s. Kanban is Japanese for “signboard” or “card”.

Kanban is a visual workflow management tool utilising a ‘pull’ approach to reduce waste and maximise the flow of value through the system. The aim is to achieve higher throughput with lower lead times.



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Kanban Practices

1. Visualise the flow of work
2. Limit work in process (WIP)
3. Maximise flow
4. Explicit process policies
5. Implement feedback loops
6. Improve collaboratively and continuously

