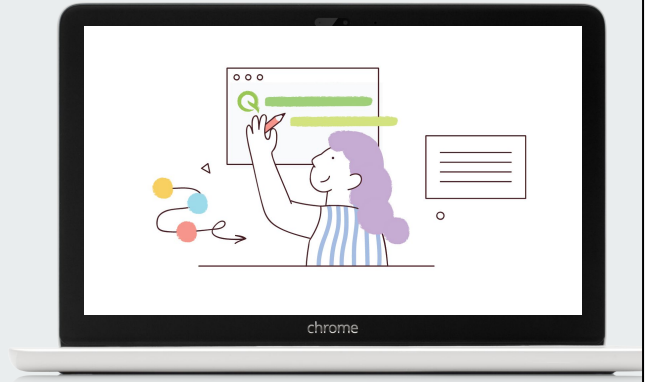
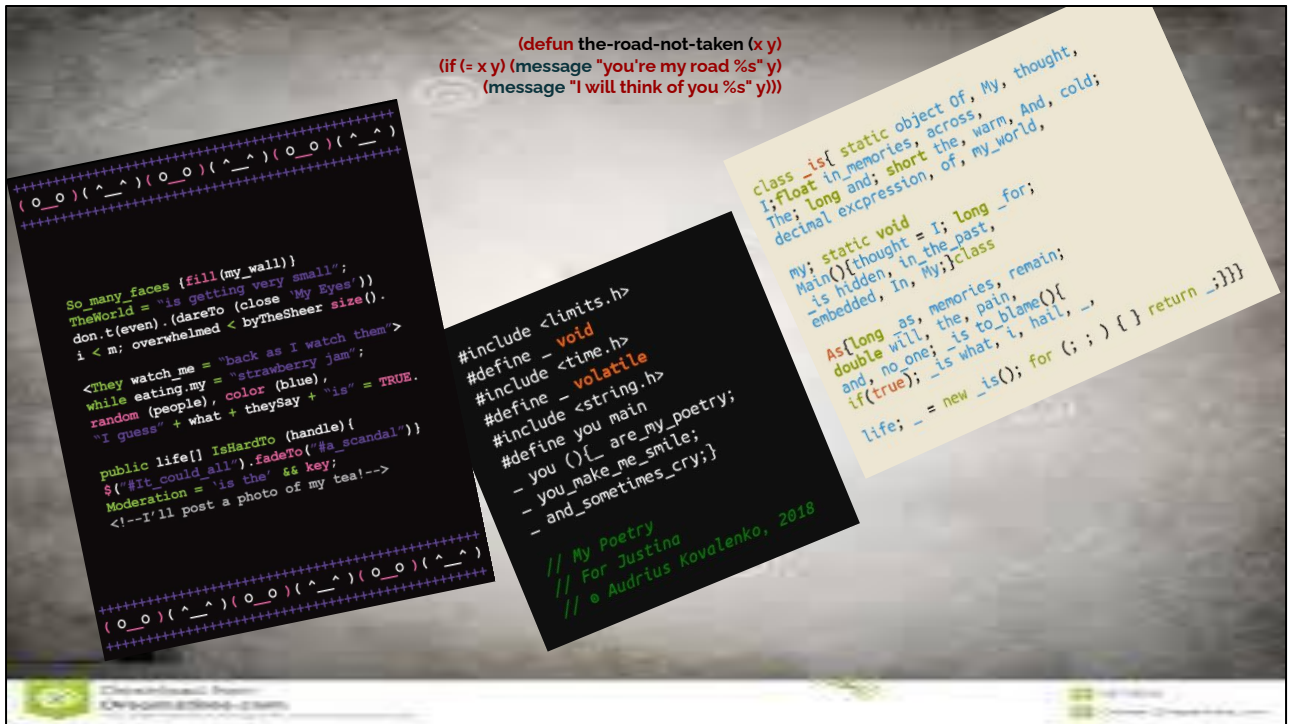


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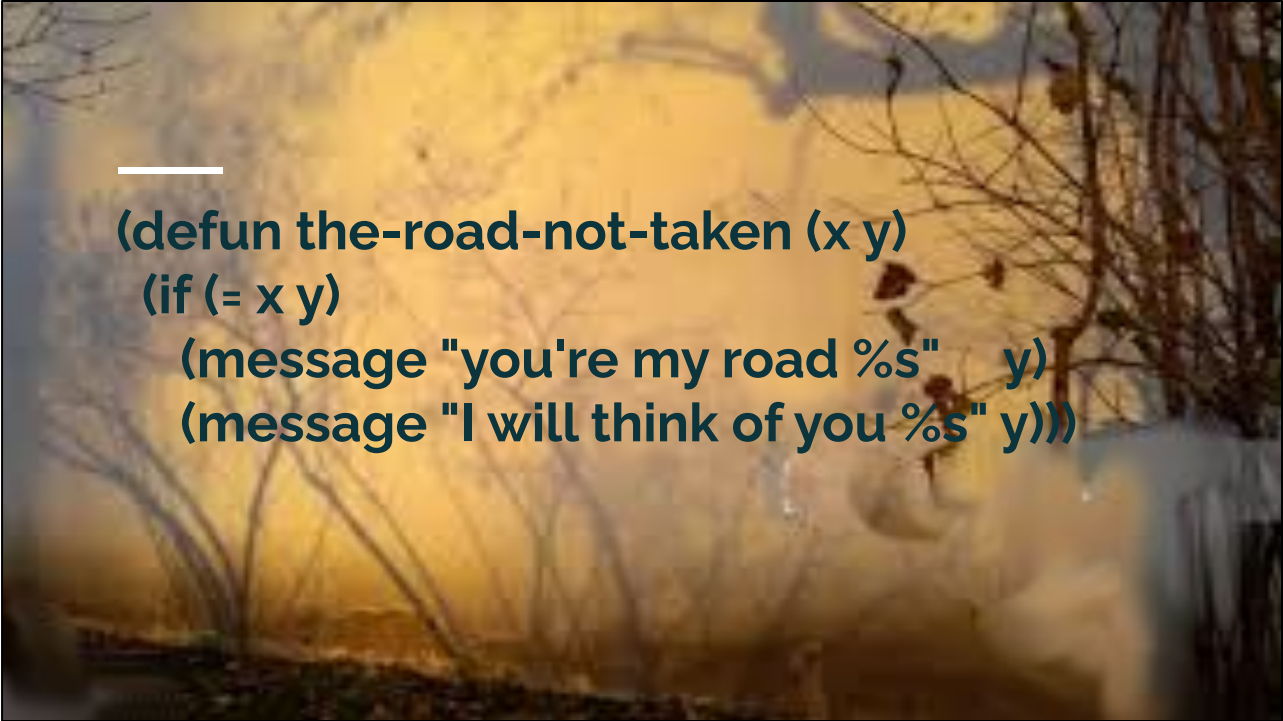
Workflows to optimize value to
optimize value by optimizing flow.



Attending to the brief requirement for this task I am going to summarize the Kanban methodology though my choice is still a mystery I cannot explain entirely, yet.



I should say that I got a bias toward reading poetry,
an interest that swapped to coding



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(defun the-road-not-taken (x y)
  (if (= x y)
      (message "you're my road %s" y)
      (message "I will think of you %s" y)))
```

when once learned a little about programming I used to find myself quite long whiles awestruck by the beautiful simplicity of some scripts.



**Kanban is a strategy for optimizing
the flow of value through a
process that uses a visual**

The same appealing reaction I got after learning that the key of the Kanban methodology was not that visually centred workflow tracking system everybody uses to talk about when defining Kanban

As most workflows exist to optimize value, the strategy of Kanban is to optimize value by optimizing flow

Defining and visualizing a workflow

Actively managing items in a workflow

Improving a workflow

this is just a myth among others, here the keystone is the insight you might get by focusing on the quest of the method, which reads as follows "from workflow to optimise value, to optimise value by optimising flow".

The Basic (No) tandem (but) Triplet

- DoW
- Actively Managing Workflow
- Improving Workflow

Being this complexity crowded with so many concerns in action, namely customer requirements, team skills and conditions the first quest is to get proper definitions, do it properly and measure it. The Kanban handbook calls it the basic Tandem:

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- **Define When started & Finish**
 - **WIP (Work in Progress) one or more states the work item flows from start to finish.**
 - **Define how-to control WIP**
 - **Explicit policies about how items can flow through each state**
 - **a SLE (Service level expectation) which is a forecast of how long it should take a WI to flow from started to finish**

And here is the mysterious connection. You probably will get new insights by stopping and unblocking blocked tasks, a kind of self-facilitator (?), let's see more about this system..

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- **Controlling WIP** (Work-Items in a workflow or slots/tokens on a Kanban board).
 - **Avoiding W-Items piling up any part of the flow**
 - **Ensuring work not age** (tool: SLE)
 - **Unblocking blocked Work**

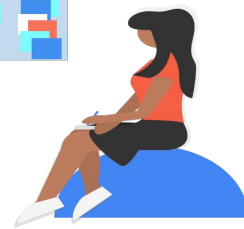


(it seems obvious but checking out what is actually blocking and purging it makes all difference) because solving tasks by coding is really of the same nature as crafting expressions with words, and as poetry, it depends so much on inspiration. Here creativity is a strategy.

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- **Checking WIP-limits (on board)**
 - **Gain information from board (visualisation and other Kanban measures)**

State the problem you are solving in one or two sentences.

Make sure to explain why it is a real problem.



Tools are self explanatory about how-to deal with issues...

Kanban Metrics

- WIP,
- Through-Put:
WItems finished per
unit of time,
- Wl age,
- Cycle Time)



same regarding how-to gain experience and improve as a team, as described at this point, by making use of some smart metrics.

As a temporal conclusion, the Kanban methodology seems to be a kind of a self-help system in the field of project management methodologies, given that you or your team should have potential returns to give, the system helps it to flow and targets get accomplished.