



Enterprise Platforms – CAI

What is Kanban?

Kanban for Software Development

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Agenda

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What is Kanban

Kanban

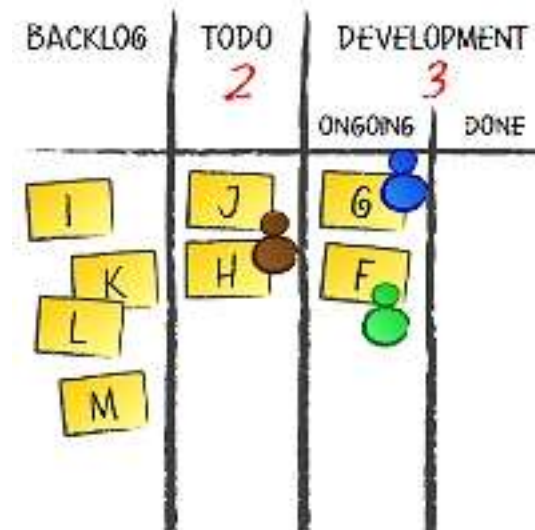
- ❑ Kanban is a method for just-in-time scheduling of work.
- ❑ Developed in Japan by **Taiichi Onho** for Toyota in the late 1940's and adapted for software development by **David J. Anderson** in the early 2000's.
- ❑ Leverages actual usage (**pull**) to drive work-load vs. forecasted usage (push).
- ❑ Objective is to have a steady and controlled flow of work, eliminate work wait times, disruptions, and distractions.

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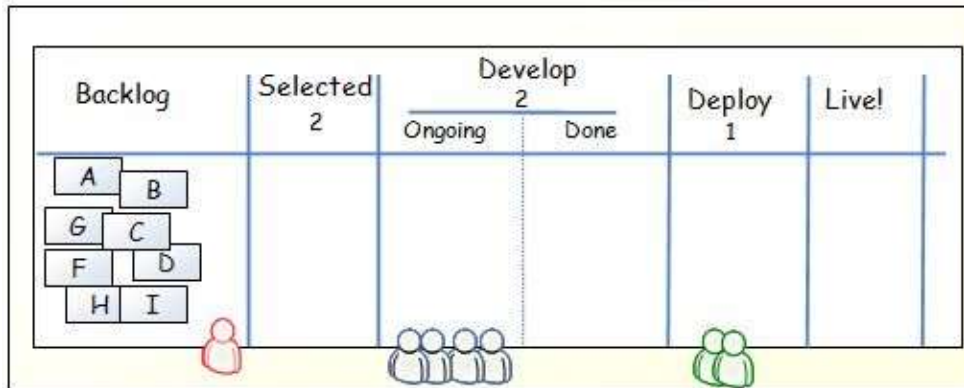
Kanban

- ❑ Kanban is a Japanese word meaning sign-board.
- ❑ Three Essential Components of Kanban
 1. Visual Board to Represent Your Work Flow (value-stream)
 2. Pull System of Work
 3. Work-In-Process Limits
- ❑ Major Tenant is **Continuous Improvement**

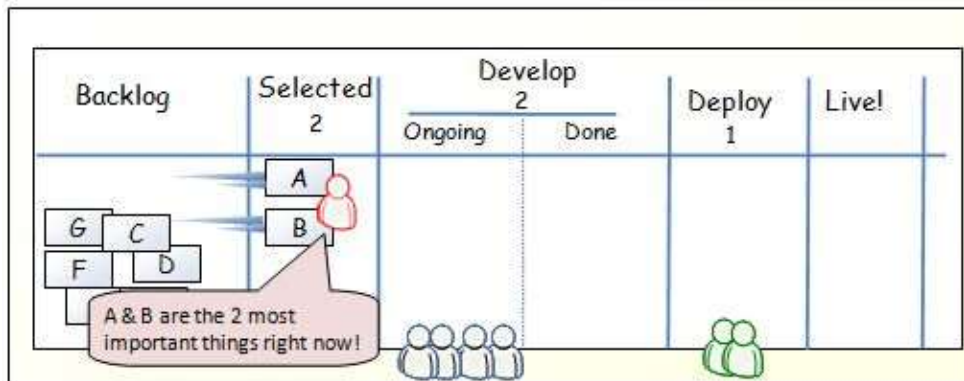
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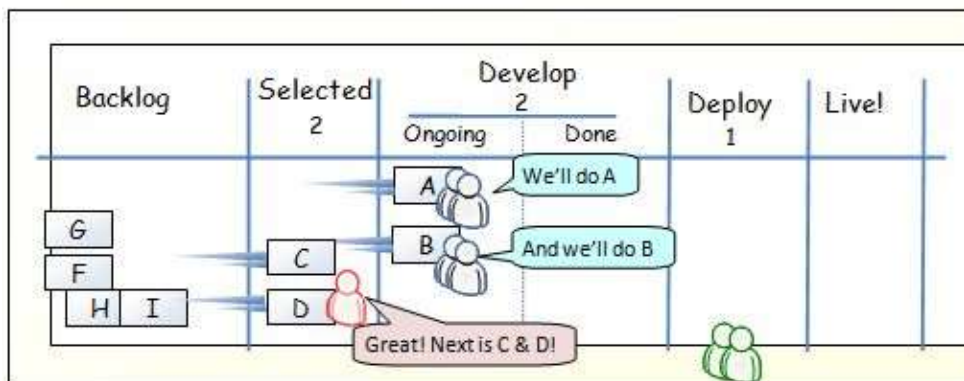
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Simplified Team:
Product owner (**red**),
Developers (**blue**),
& Deployment (**green**).

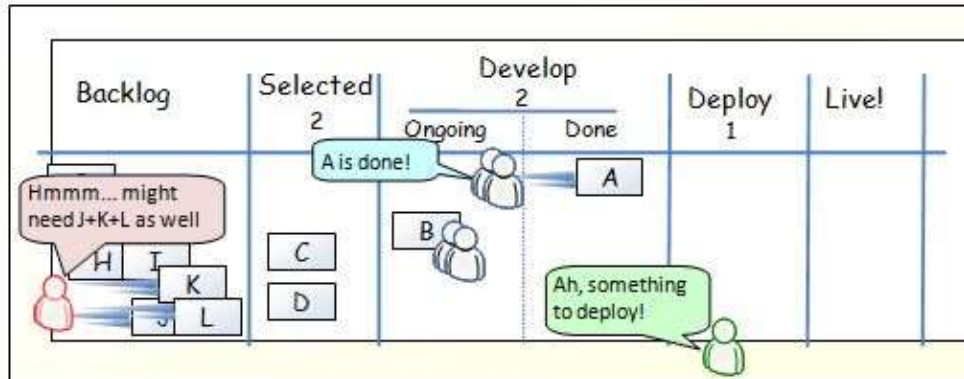


Product owner can only
select 2 items based on
WIP limit.

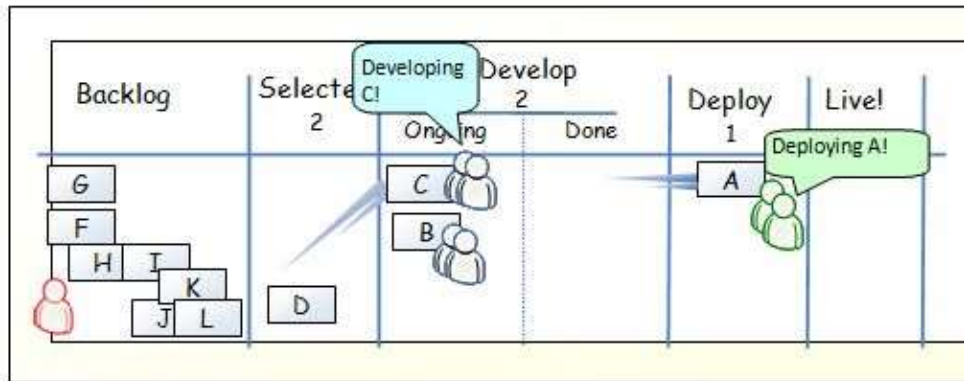


Developers PULL cards
to work on.

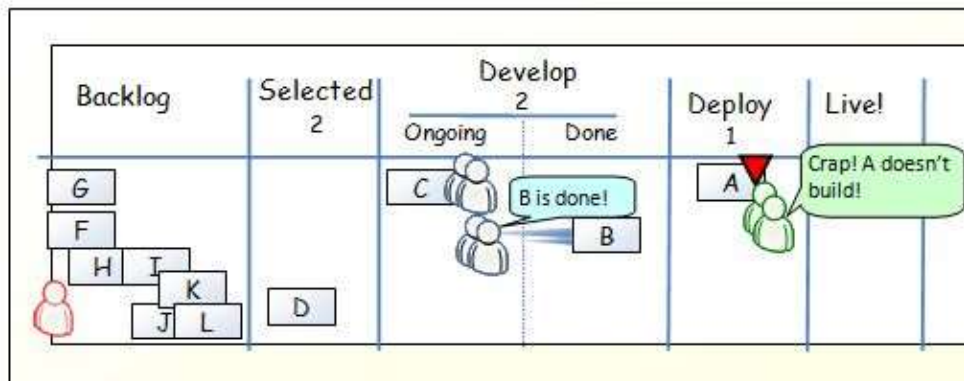
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Developers move items to DONE when complete.

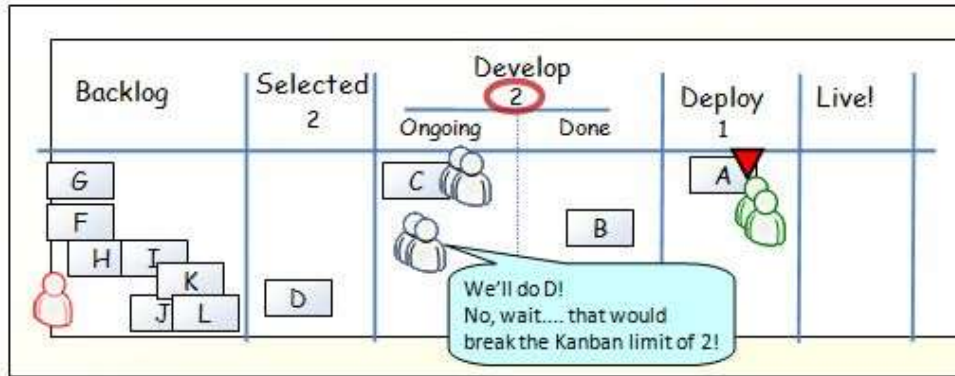


Deployment can only select 1 item to deploy based on WIP limit.

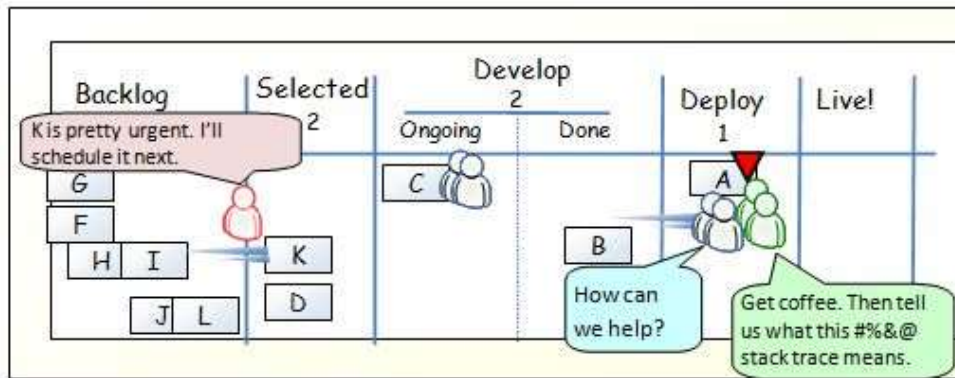


Deployment encounters problem and flags item as having a **BLOCK**.

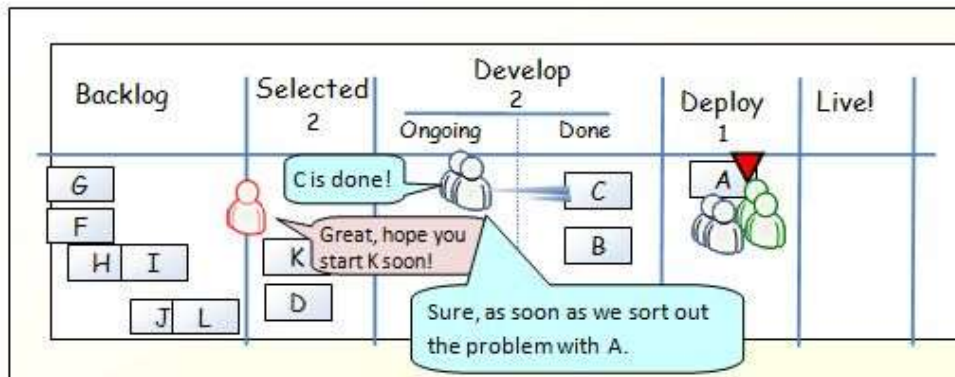
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Meanwhile Developers are ready to PULL next task, but wait, WIP is 2.

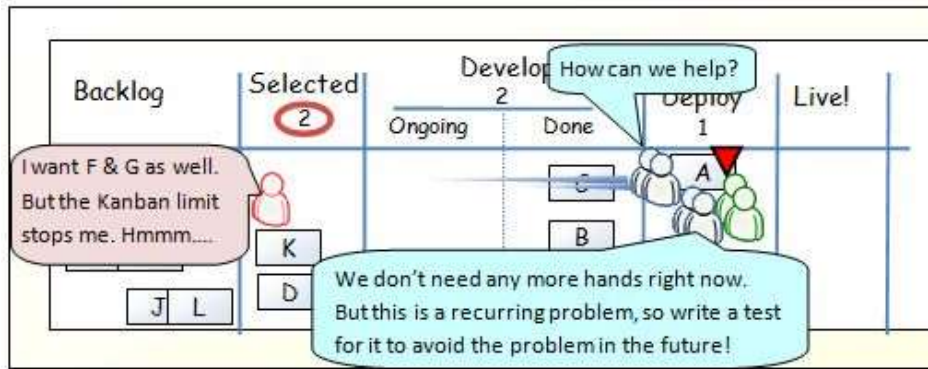


Developers see **BLOCK** on the board and try to help.

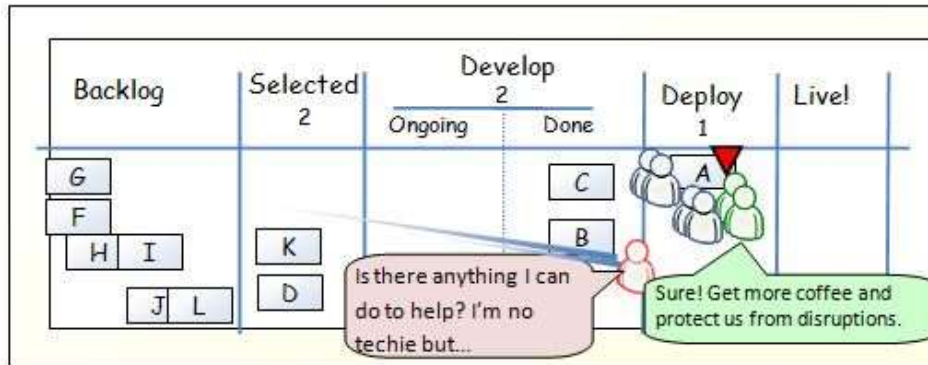


Product owner wants Developers to work on more but must wait.

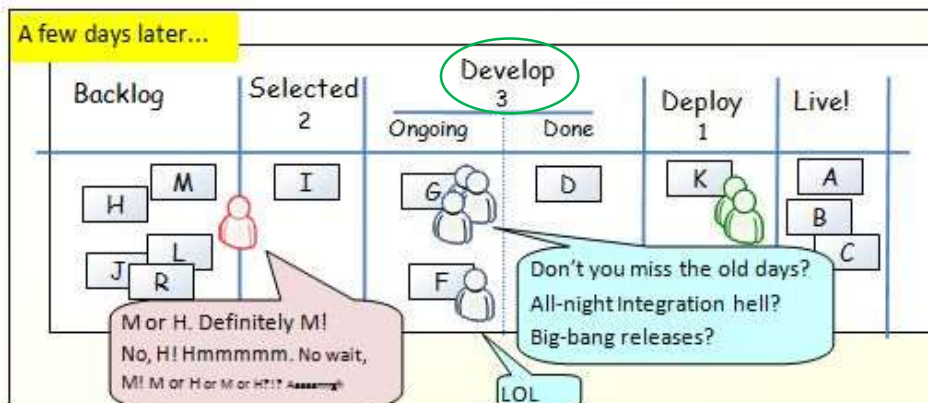
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Developer come up with solution to prevent issue from happening again.



Product Owner sees blockage and notifies upstream management.



Item **un-blocked** and work-flow proceeds in improved system.



Kanban creates a **Pull System**
across the entire portfolio that is
limited by your **Actual Capacity**

Live Demo

- ❑ Using a Kanban board for managing the People Data Program
 - Coinstar.LeanKit.com



QUESTIONS

Resources

- ❑ Leankit – www.Leankit.com
- ❑ Agile consultant Henrik Kniberg's Blog -
<http://blog.crisp.se/2009/06/26/henrikkniberg/1246053060000>
- ❑ Kanban Cumulative Flow Diagrams
<http://www.slideshare.net/yayeret/explaining-cumulative-flow-diagrams-cfd>
- ❑ Lean Kanban University Resource
<http://leankanbanuniversity.com/what-lean-kanban-0>
- ❑ Kanban Tools Review
<http://www.toolsjournal.com/tools-world/item/142-kanban-tools>
- ❑ Kanban Applied to Scrum
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EIMxyFw9T8>
- ❑ Kanban and Agile for Program and Portfolio Management
<http://www.versionone.com/webcasts/AgileLIVE-Achieving-Business-Agility-at-The-Portfolio-Level.asp>