

Catalyst for Today's Conversation

- What is value stream management
- What is a value stream assessment
- What is pattern thinking
- Is this another transformation initiative
- Do we need a budget and resources
- Where do I begin

Agenda

Why Create a VSM Practice

Understanding Value Streams

How to Start a VSM Practice

Decomposing Patterns



Why Create a VSM Practice

- Challenges
- Value



Where to Start?





How many of you:

- Think in the context of value streams?
- Can articulate what a value stream is?



Are you comfortable having in-depth conversations across the entire Product Delivery Value Stream?

The Challenge



Understanding the Concept of VSM

•Complexity of the Concept •Differentiating from Similar Concepts



Cultural Resistance and Change Management

Resistance to ChangeSiloed Mindsets



Identifying the Scope and Boundaries

Scope DefinitionPrioritization

Core VSM Tenants



Practice Value



Cost savings as non-value added activities are eliminated



Reduced **tool chain complexity** as redundant tools and processes are removed from the value stream



Enhanced **feedback loops** allowing for quick identification of problem areas resulting in timely remediation



Fewer handoffs and delays increases team productivity and accelerates time to market



Blueprint for Success to plan and build future state strategy



Value Stream Definition

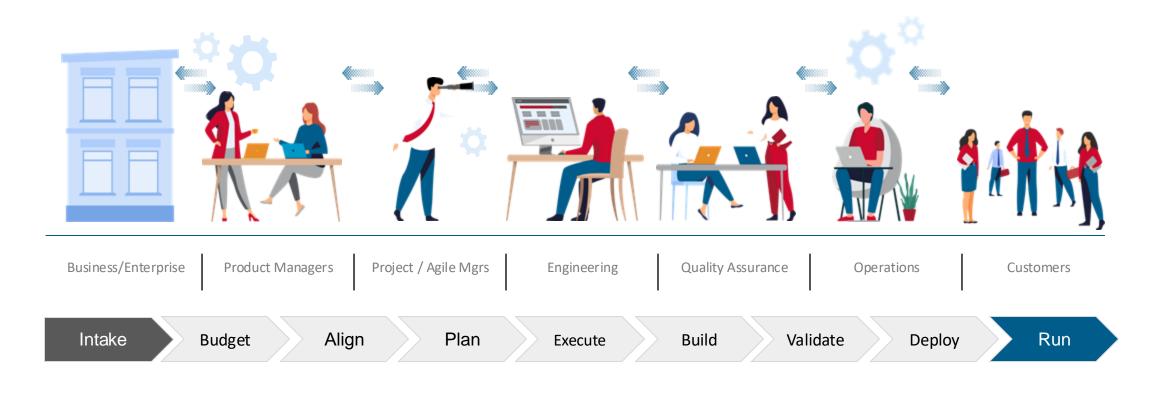


All the steps – both **value-added** and **non-value-added** – required to take a product or service from its raw materials state into the waiting arms of a happy customer.

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Value streams can be found in every industry, including manufacturing, healthcare, software development, service-oriented businesses, and so on!

Product Delivery Value Stream



The flow happens across silos and is difficult to see and visualize!

Value Stream Characteristics



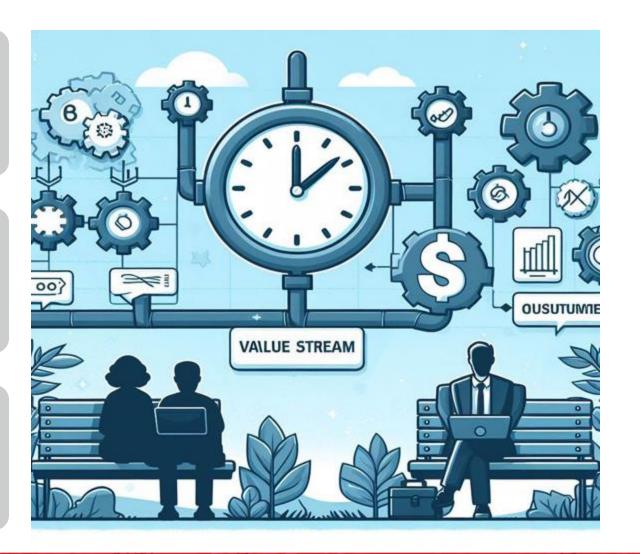
Customer Focus: The value stream is centered around meeting customer needs and delivering value to the customer. It should align with customer expectations and requirements.



Cross-Functional: Value streams often involve multiple departments and functions within an organization, with each contributing to different stages of the process. These functions collaborate to ensure the smooth flow of work and information.



Flow-Oriented: A well-designed value stream aims to minimize interruptions, delays, and waste. It focuses on creating a seamless flow of work from one step to the next.



Value Stream Characteristics











Visibility: Value streams are typically visualized using tools like value stream maps, which provide a clear and concise representation of the process. This visualization helps identify inefficiencies and opportunities for improvement.



Continuous Improvement: Value streams are subject to continuous evaluation and optimization. Organizations seek to eliminate waste, reduce lead times, improve quality, and enhance overall efficiency within their value streams.



Measurable: To assess performance and progress, key performance indicators (KPIs) and metrics are often associated with value streams. These metrics may include cycle time, lead time, defect rates, and customer satisfaction scores

A picture is worth a 1000 words



Establish a **common language** and understanding of workflow among all team members



Level set everyone's role in the value stream and how they **impact work** both up and down stream



Ensure every step is geared towards **delivering maximum value** to the customer



Highlight areas ripe for **innovation**, through new technologies, improved processes, or automation.



Have Meaningful Dialogue

Timely Delivery with Quality & Predictability







Value Stream Assessment

A Value Stream Assessment (VSA) is a systematic analysis and evaluation of the processes and activities within an organization's value stream or value chain. The primary goal of a Value Stream Assessment is to identify opportunities for improvement in order to optimize the flow of value to customers, reduce waste, and enhance overall efficiency and effectiveness.

Assessment Phases



Pre-Discovery

- Define Objectives
- Assemble a
 Cross-Functional

 Team
- 2 Hour Workshop
- Tool Chain Map
- Recommendation (Blueprint for Success)



Discover

- Process & Data Collection
- Reverse Demos
- Identify Value and Waste
- Bottleneck Analysis
- Capture Current State



Design

- Future State Mapping
- Re-factor Process and Flows
- Set Improvement Goals
- Action Planning
- Metrics & KPIs
- Workflow Diagrams



Deliver

- Implementation Plan
- ChangeManagement
- Monitoring & Control
- Sustain Improvements
- Feedback and Adaption

Assessment Objectives

Identify Value-Add Analyze Flow and Identify Waste Map Value Stream Bottlenecks Activities begins with the creation of a distinguishes between activities looks at the flow of work through aims to identify and categorize that add value and those that do visual representation of the entire the value stream to identify various types of waste in the value value stream. not. inefficiencies stream **Implementation** Continuous Future State Design **Baseline Metrics** Approach

identifies Metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to assess the performance of the value stream.

creates a more efficient and effective process flow, reducing waste, and improving overall performance.

results in a plan for implementing the proposed changes and improvements

reviews and reassess clients value streams to identify further opportunities for improvement.

Improvement

Decomposing Patterns

Frameworks/Methodologies - structured approaches used to analyze, optimize, and improve the flow of value within an organization's processes. Each methodology brings its own set of tools, principles, and philosophies that can be tailored to enhance VSM efforts.





Value Stream Functions - specific work activities, tasks, actions, and steps involved in the execution of processes within an organization. These activities have a direct impact on the way a value stream functions, is planned, and executed.

Decomposing Patterns

Teams - Composition of members from one or multiple Functional Areas providing a facility for cross-functional collaboration. Teams work together to understand how their work contributes to the overall value stream while ensuring adherence to the entire delivery process.













Requirements Mgmt.

Functional Areas - distinct segments within an organization that focus on specific tasks, processes, or functions, such as marketing, sales, finance, operations, etc. Functional areas impact value streams by influencing how processes are structured, resources are allocated, and collaboration is facilitated.

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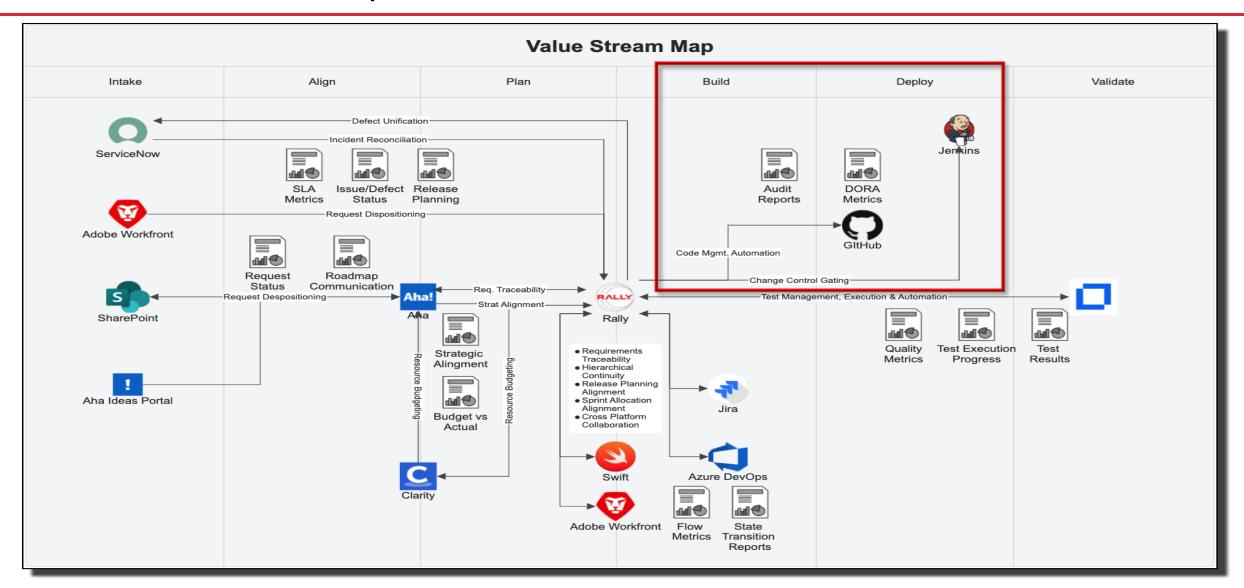
Automation Patterns - exist between the intersections of Functional Areas and Teams working within specific Frameworks & Methodologies. It is at these intersections that you will find the software solutions and processes used to govern and facilitate work across the Value Stream Functions







Tool Chain Map





Example Patterns - Code Management

Problem Statement: In modern software development, the **disjointed utilization** of DevOps tools within the Build, Deploy, and Run process introduces significant **challenges** that **hinder** the **seamless delivery** and **operation** of software products. The lack of integration among these tools results in **inefficiencies**, **bottlenecks**, and **increased manual interventions**, ultimately **impeding** the speed, reliability, and scalability of the development and operations workflow.

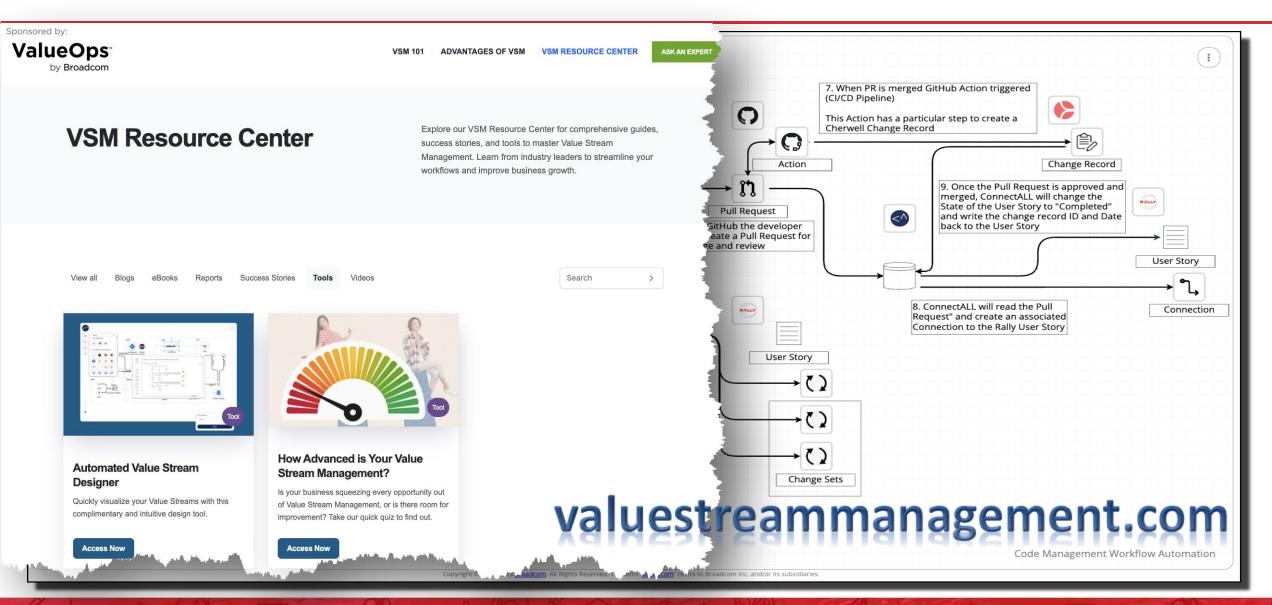
Personas: Developer, QA Tester, Build Manager, DevOps Engineer, Build Manager

Patterns: Branching Standardization, Commit Visibility, PR Traceability

Solutions: Jira, ADO, GitHub, Jenkins, Octopus, Fortify, Add More

Automation Types: Synchronization, Trigger, & Monitor

Value Stream Workflow



Elevate the Conversation







Enhance
Visibility &
Transformation

Improve
Alignment and
Collaboration

Data-Driven
Decision Making







Customer Centric Focus

Proactive Risk Management and Compliance Continuous Improvement



Questions?







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