



*The Four Pitfalls of VSM and
How to Avoid Them*

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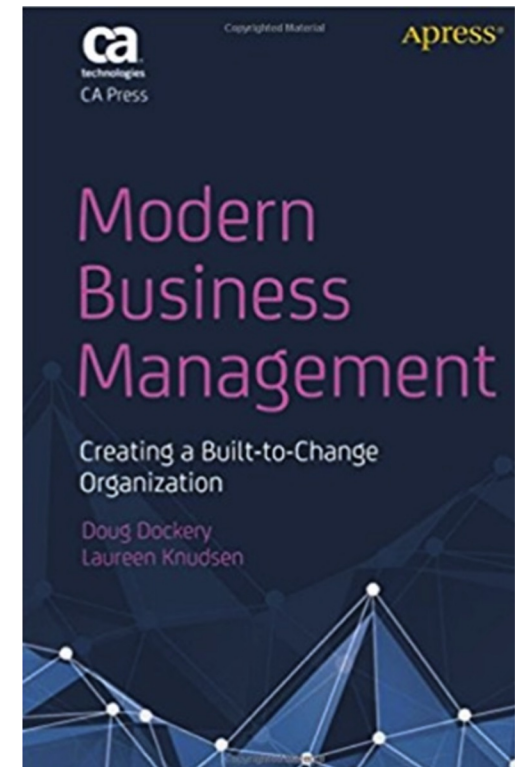


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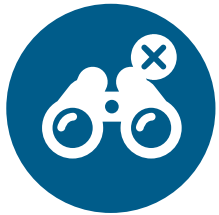
Agenda



Value Stream Defined



VSM Metrics and Measurements



Incorrect Identification of Value



End to End (VSM) vs. Single process (BPM); strategic (VSM) vs. tactical (BPM) and macro (VSM) vs. micro (BPM)



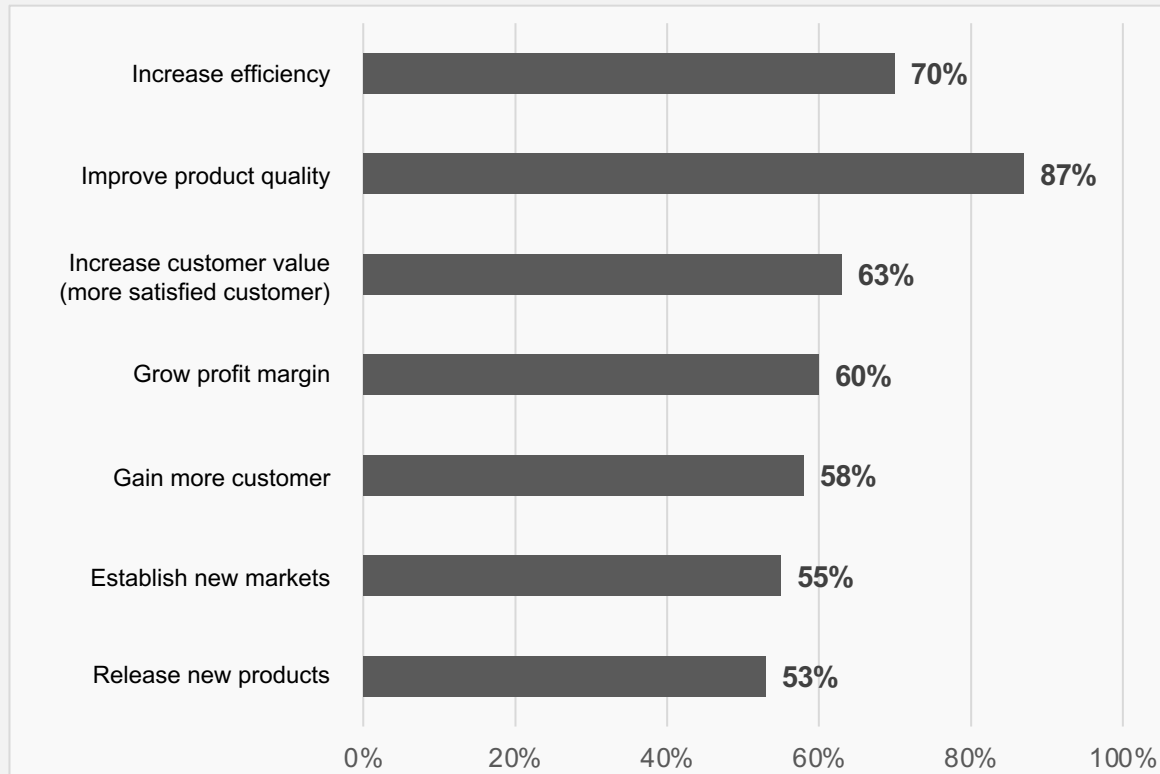
Misidentification of Value Streams



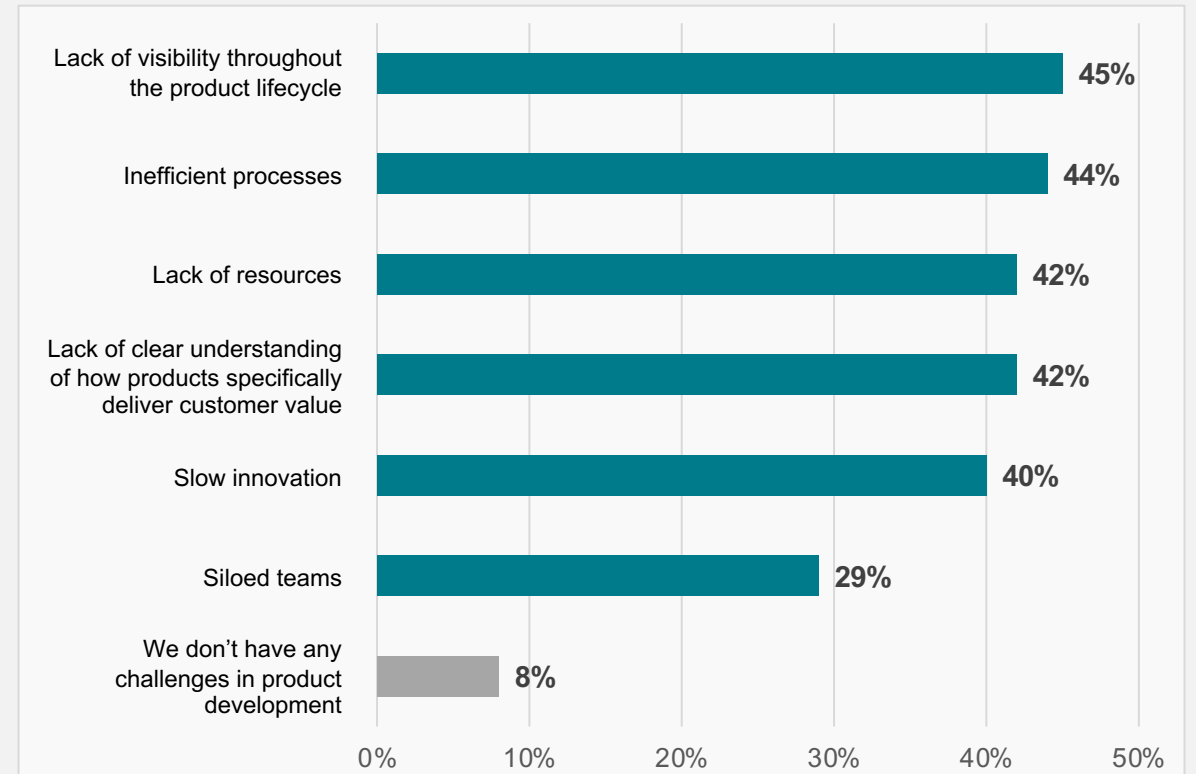
Q & A

Why Value Streams?

Companies will be focused on increasing efficiencies, Improving product Quality, and customer value in 2022



92% cited Product challenges with poor product lifecycle visibility and inefficiencies are they biggest challenges for 2022



VSM Incorporates Other Lean Management Techniques

Optimize End-to-end Flow of Value

Value Stream Management
Alignment – Efficiency – Effectiveness

Lean Portfolio Management

Agile Program Management

DevOps

Agile/Digital Product Management

Agile Teams

Operations and Monitoring

Collaborative Work

Flow the Work

Lightweight Business Cases

Minimally Viable Products

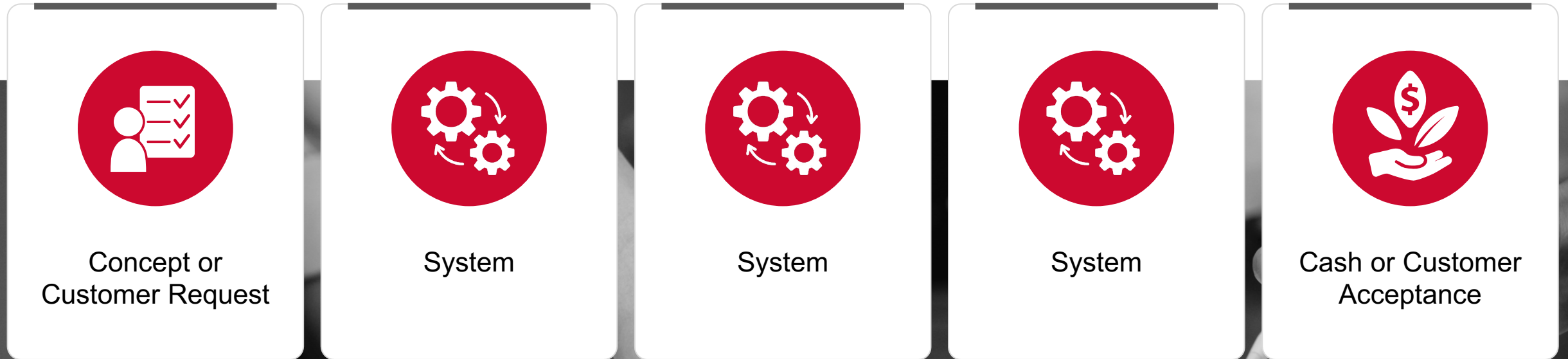
Fund Products vs Projects

Align around Lean & Agile Principles

Stabilize People & Teams

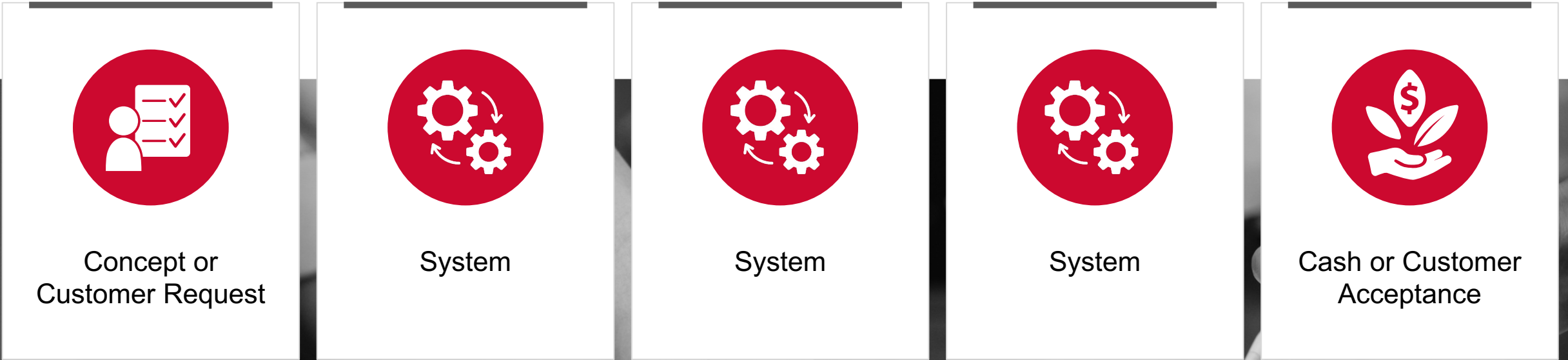
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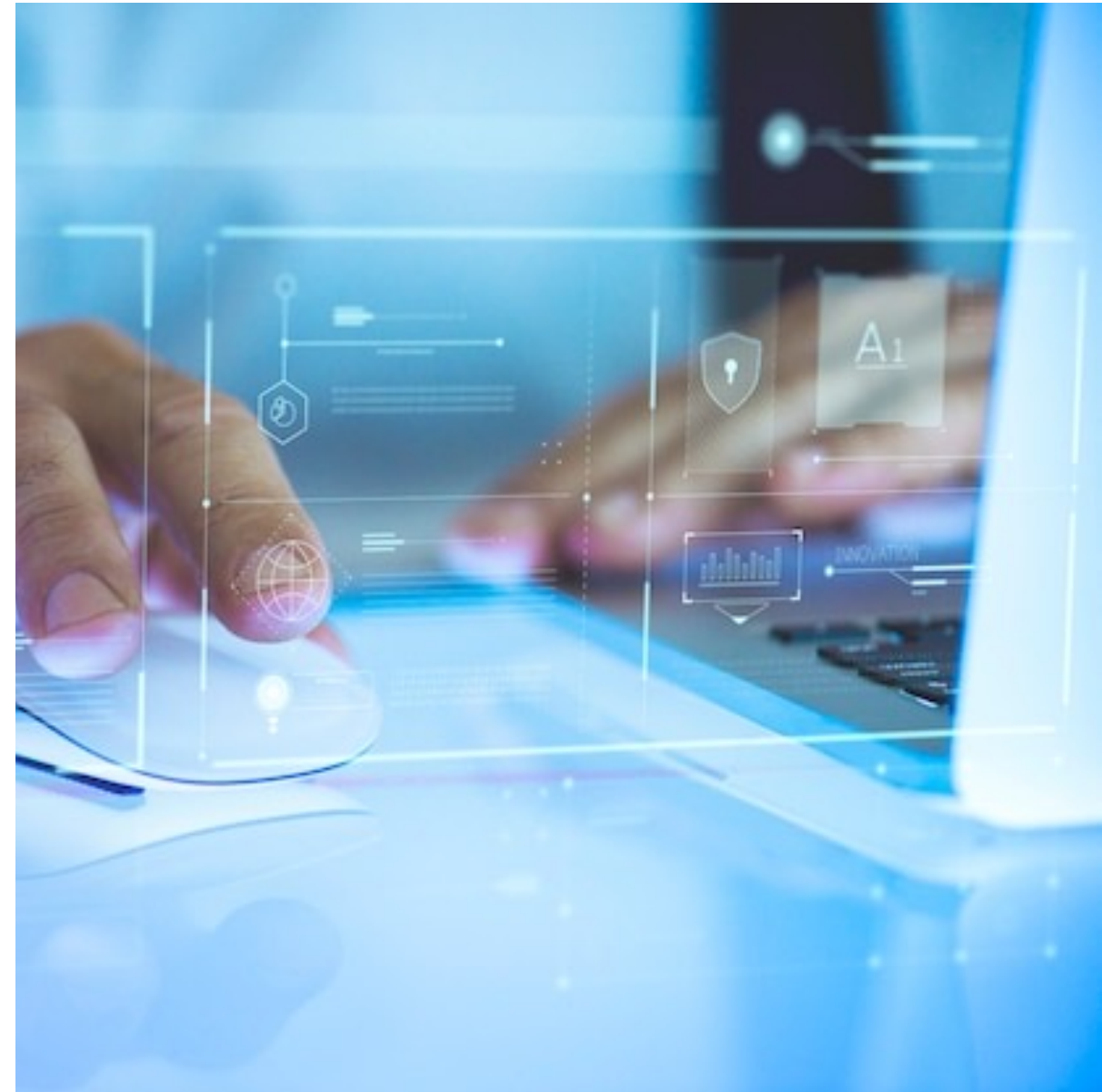


Pitfall #1: Incorrect Identification of Value

Leaders at each level see value differently

Likely Sources of Business Value:

- Economic
- Compliance / Regulatory
- Parity with Competitors
- Risk Mitigation



Success Patterns

Frequently Overlooked:

- OKRs
- Innovation Investments
 - Opportunity to Upskill and Reskill Workforce
 - Improvements to Product Development Flow
- Reputational Uplift



Pitfall #2: Misidentification of Value Streams

Value Streams are often bigger than we think

Dev work is only one portion of the VS

- Marketing
- Sales
- Operations



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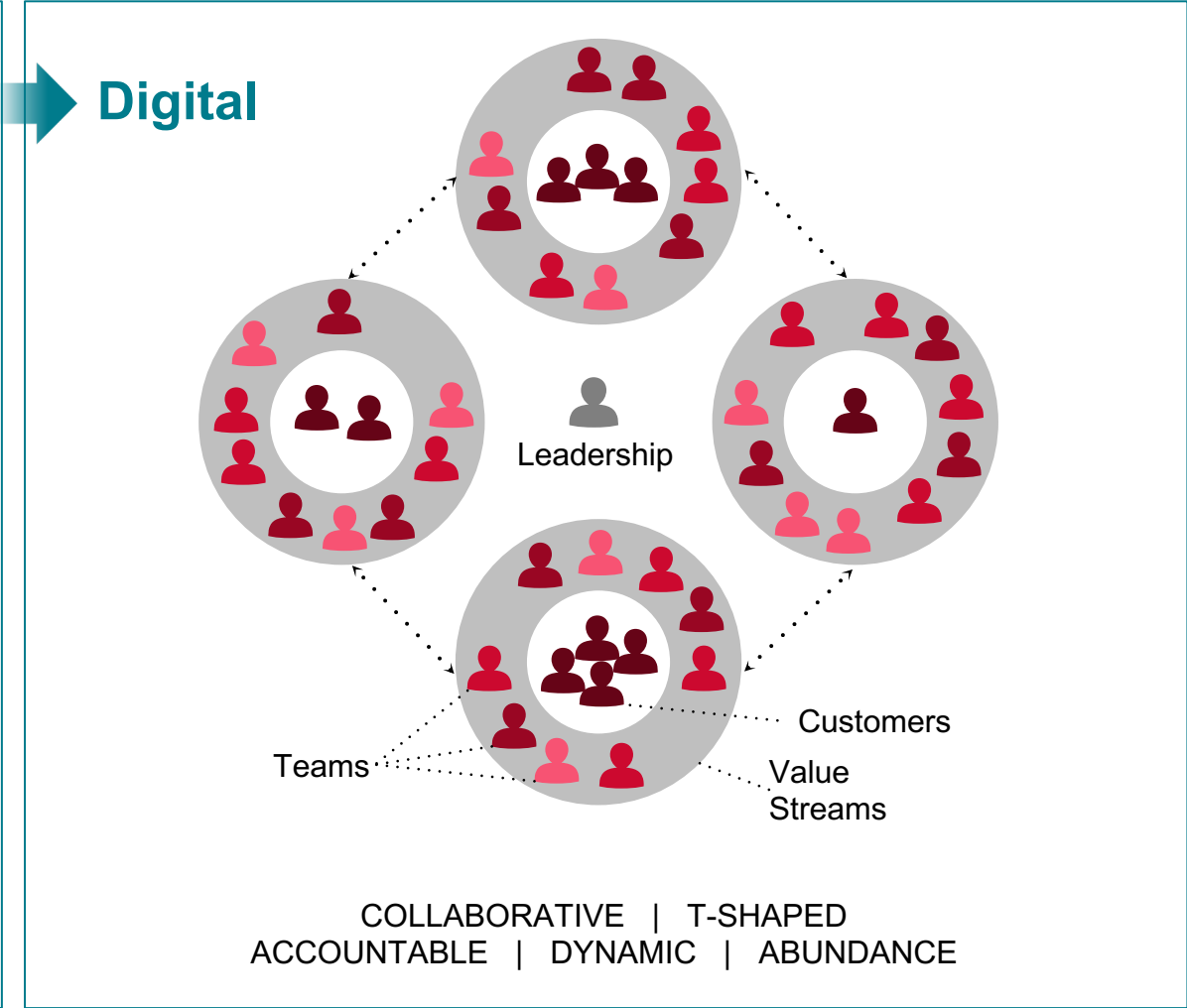
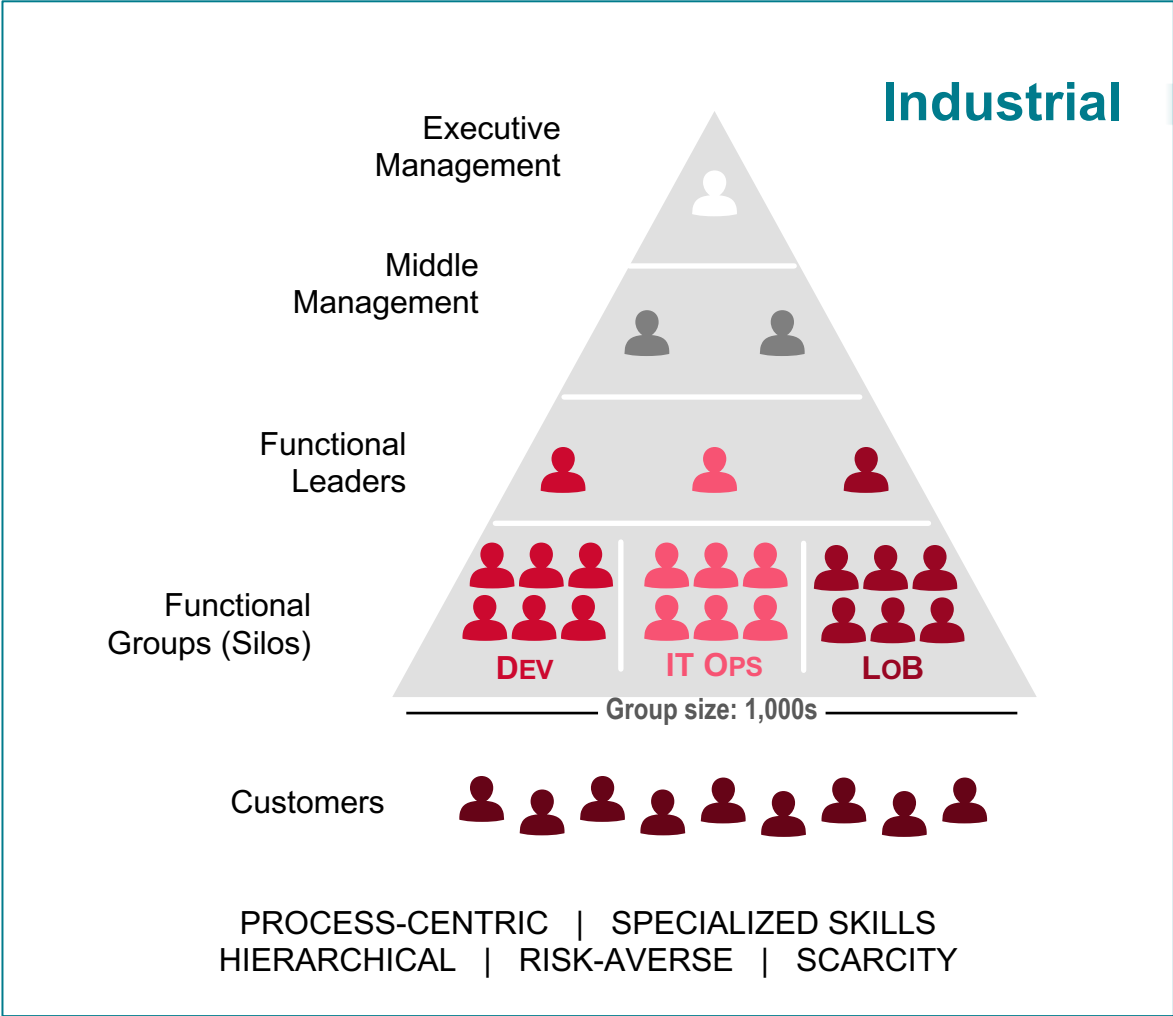
Alignment of Development and Operational VS's is very important and harder than we think

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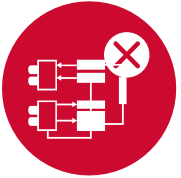
- Establish objectives and key results (OKRs) to develop outcome-oriented measures



Value Streams need an Agile Operating Model



For Whom Do You Create Value?



Identifying Value Streams does not mean mapping



Look inward and determine primary strategies, priorities, objectives, and key results



Look outward at current groups of customers

- What value do you provide each group?
- Are you meeting all their needs?
- Is there anything you can provide to differentiate your offering?



Often there isn't just one way to look at this, but there is usually a best way



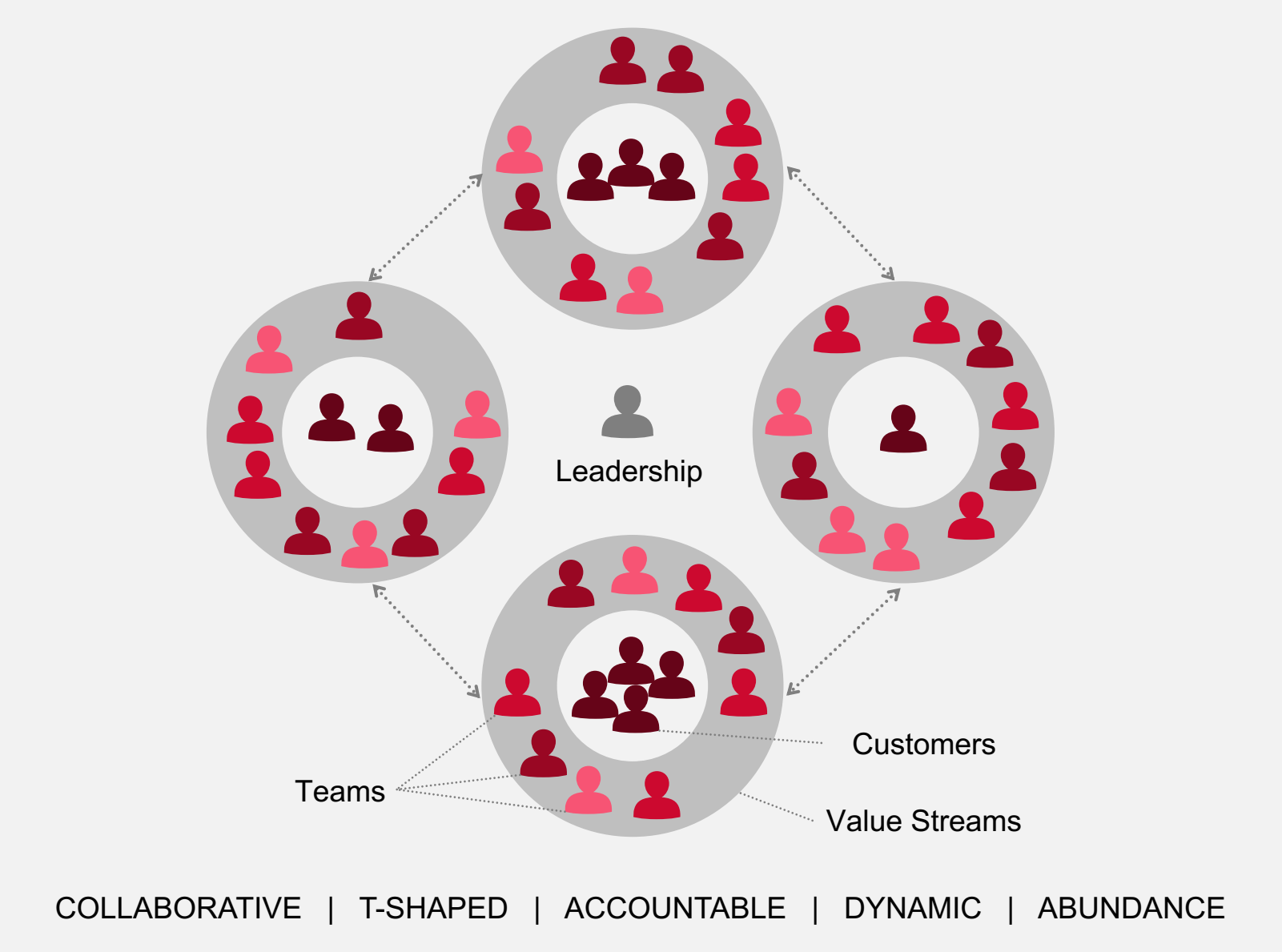
Value streams must span the entire business, from the initial investment idea through to customer value delivered, and they must be measurable

Who Is Involved in Creating Value?

This step is often done by a team of executives or leaders

First determine the teams involved in creating the value

Then determine the supporting players



What Goes into Creating the Value?

This is where mapping comes in

But before you map, think about who needs to be involved in mapping



Pitfall #3: Metrics Traps

What gets measured get managed

Don't exclusively measure
the development teams

- Cycle Time
- Lead time
- WIP



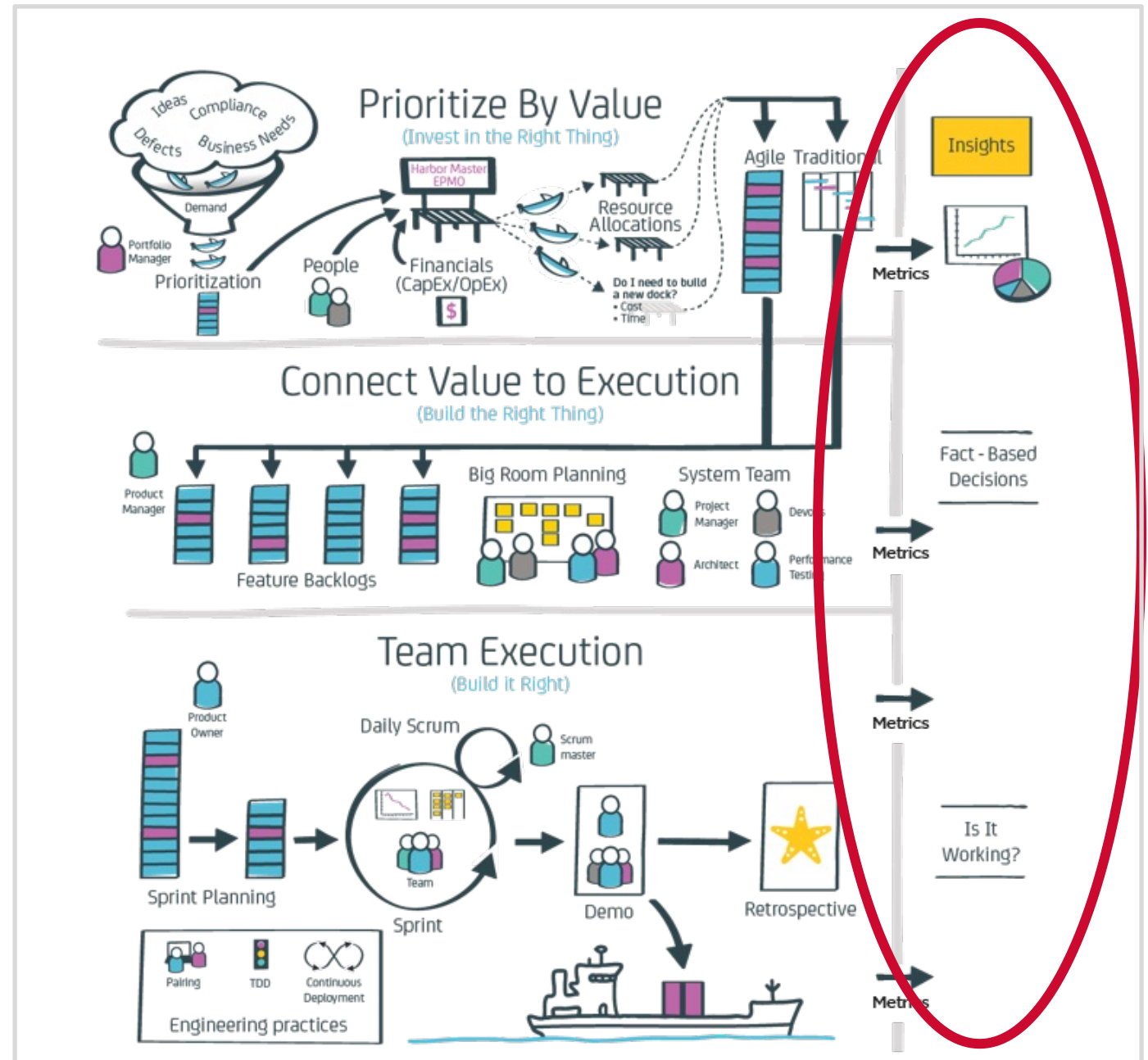
Metrics at Every Level

We want to prioritize by customer value to invest in the right things

Connect the value to execution to build the right things

Align team execution to build it right

And have the data as a natural outcome to make data-driven decisions



Success Patterns

Additional Metrics that Matter:

- Deployment Frequency
- Throughput
- Distribution
- Flow load (WIP for entire VS)
- Bottlenecks



Pitfall #4: End to End (VSM) vs. Single Process (BPM)

	VALUE STREAM MAPPING	PROCESS MAPPING
VIEW	End to End - the whole value stream	Single process
PURPOSE	Strategic improvement plan	Tactical improvement plan
PERSPECTIVE	Macro – interconnected processes	Micro – steps within each process
PARTICIPATION	Heavy leadership involvement	Heavy frontline involvement
MAP	Streamlined. Few branches. Covers 80% of the cases	Conditional. Many branches and/or swim lanes. Covers 100% of the cases.

Map Line of Sight from Idea to Value Realization



IDEAS

VALUE



Your maps should show the line of sight from ideas to customers



First create a simple view, then add in complexity



Use the familiar to define today's process

Eliminate Anti-Patterns

This takes **collaboration and planning**

Enlist HR to help ensure **goals are aligned across the value stream**, regardless of department. Business, Technology, and Marketing should all have the same goals around delivering to the market.

Practice systems thinking to ensure the entire **Value Stream** is included.

Keep the **customer in view at all times**.

The goal is to do **as little as possible to succeed**. Work to change the mindset of everyone in your organization towards effectiveness and efficiency.

Change at the **right pace** for your organization and teams



Foundational Things to Consider

Address inconsistencies in agile practices across teams.

Determine how teams governed by the iterations, and system teams work together.

Define outcomes at every level—have managers and directors help with this.

Managers are responsible for making sure their teams are continuously improving.

Remove the gaps in work breakdown and data rollup.

Regardless of tools used, all dashboards should show the same thing.



Pulling It All Together

Make sure your process transformations don't get derailed by dogma

Adopt an evidence-based approach to your Value Stream Management practices

Align development tools and platforms to teams around service-based pipelines and flow

Increasing velocity is not just doing the same things faster—it's also maximizing the amount of work not done

Measure the rate of transformation, watch for anti-patterns, vanity metrics, and goals not being met





Questions?

