

THE FIVE STAGES OF LEAN



STAGE 0

WHAT'S LEAN?

You're the type who waits until new ideas have proven themselves beyond dispute.



STAGE 1

RESEARCH

You're gathering research, perhaps by attending events such as the LCI Congress, a terrific source of information and networking.



STAGE 2

CULTURE

A lean advocate in your company is boosting awareness and, critically, establishing a culture of lean.



STAGE 3

PROTOTYPING

Entire teams practice lean, learning and establishing best practices. It's at this stage that technology helps, because it facilitates the capture and presentation of key metrics such as planned percent complete, or PPC, the tracking of which is essential to making lean work.



STAGE 4

BECOMING LEAN

In the words of a successful lean practitioner, you don't practice lean: You **are** lean; the practice is in your bones.

What's next?

If you're in stage 3 or 4, you're ready for technology to help the process.

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