#### Pulling the flow in an IT environment.

What to expect?

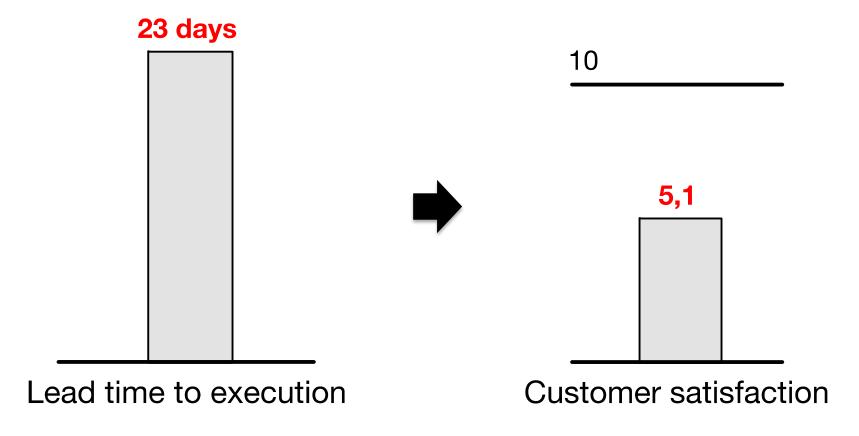
#### Where do we start from?

We are delivering programs that enable servers to exchange files automatically



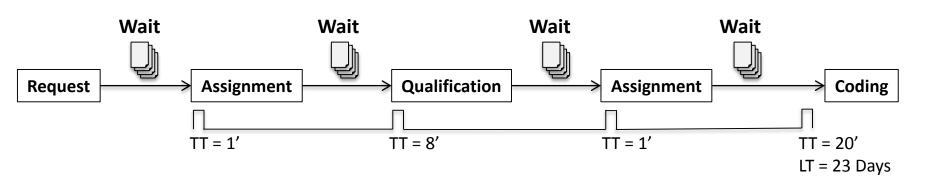
Our clients are unhappy

## The Quality is not satisfying the Lead Time is unbearably long



#### OK, we have to see this

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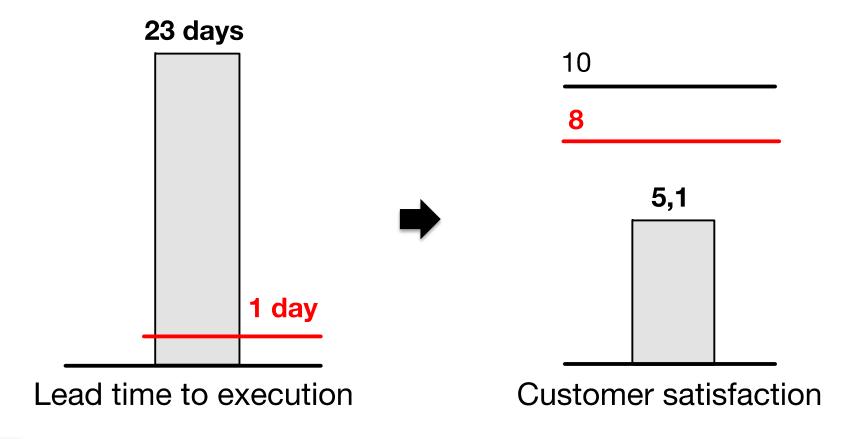
TT = Touch Time

LT = Lead Time



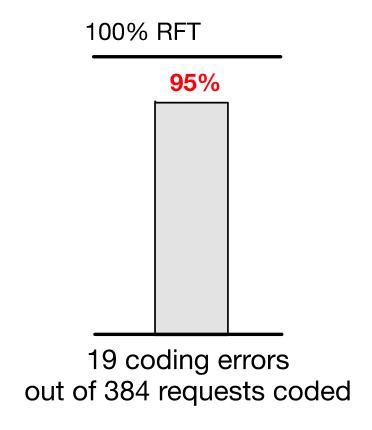
## What do we want to do about it

### We want to restore customer satisfaction by delivering within 1 day a fully functional program



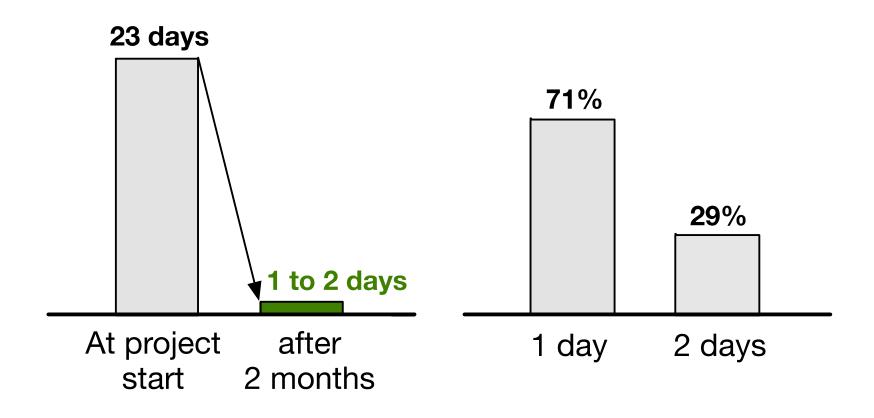
## Performance achieved within 2 months

#### The quality is measured



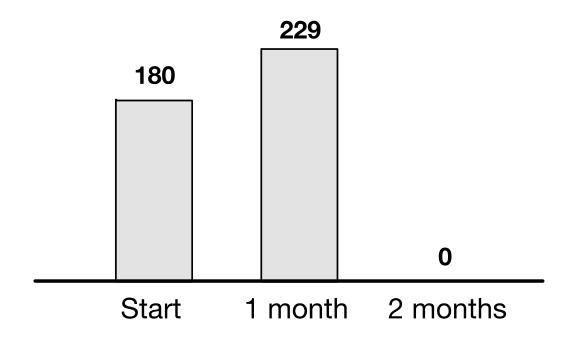
Fine, but is that an improvement? We humbly don't know

#### The Lead Time is divided by 20

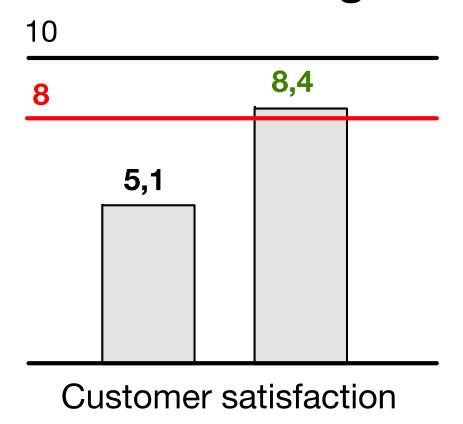




#### The Stock of requests is eliminated

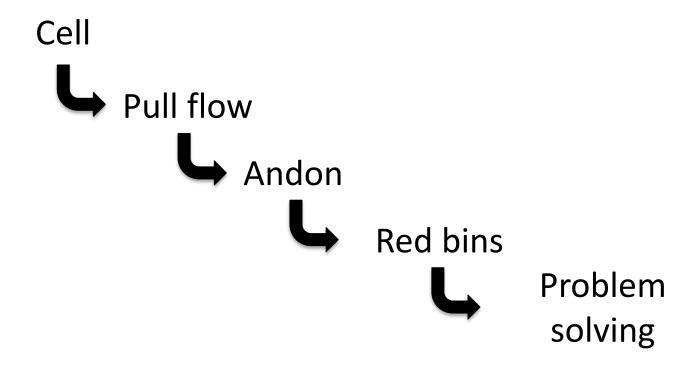


## And Customer Satisfaction climbs above our target



#### How do we go about it?

#### Roadmap

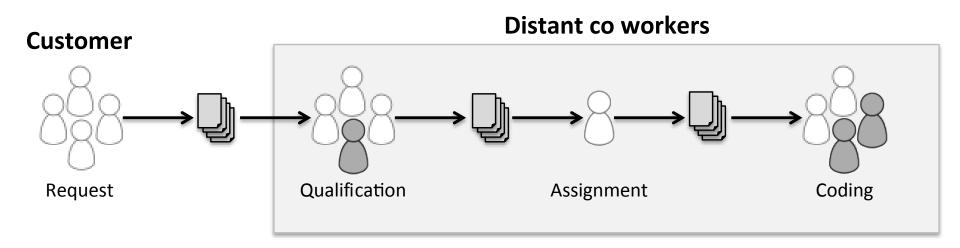


#### First we have to build the cell

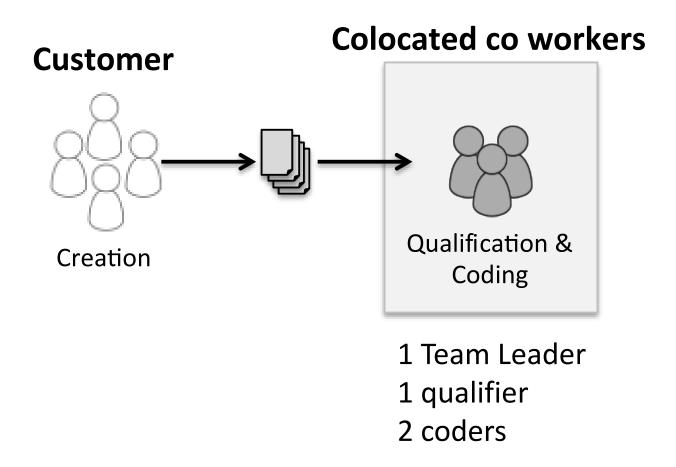
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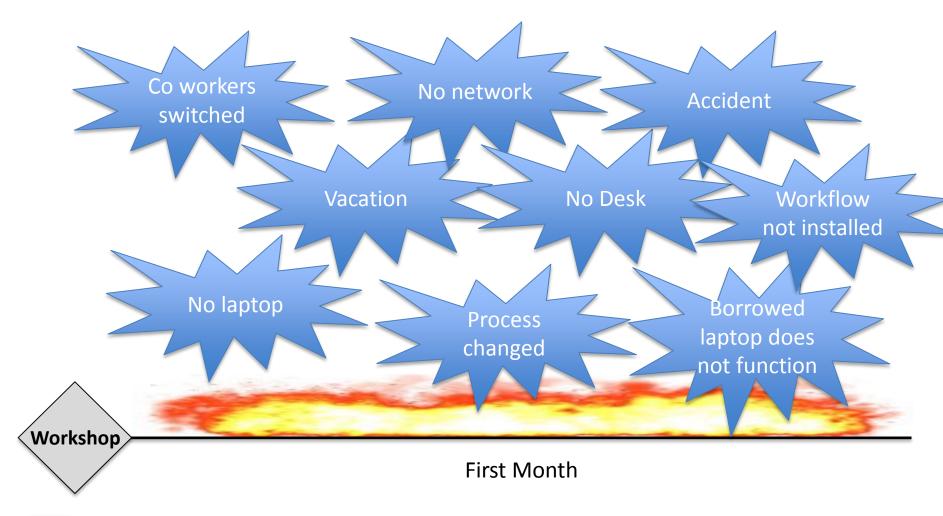
#### We decide to move from this ...



#### ... to this!

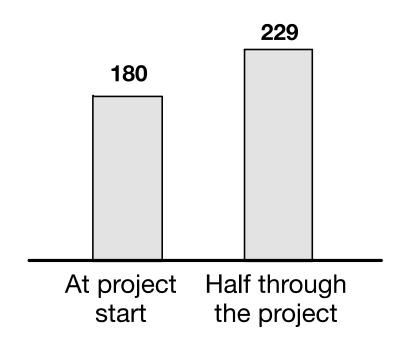


#### Sounds easy, right? Well ...





#### And meanwhile, obviously ...





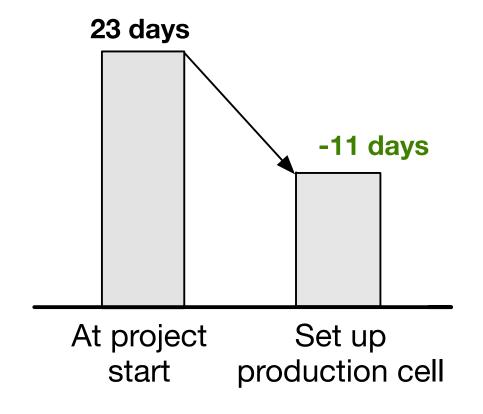
First Month

#### But finally... We are getting there!



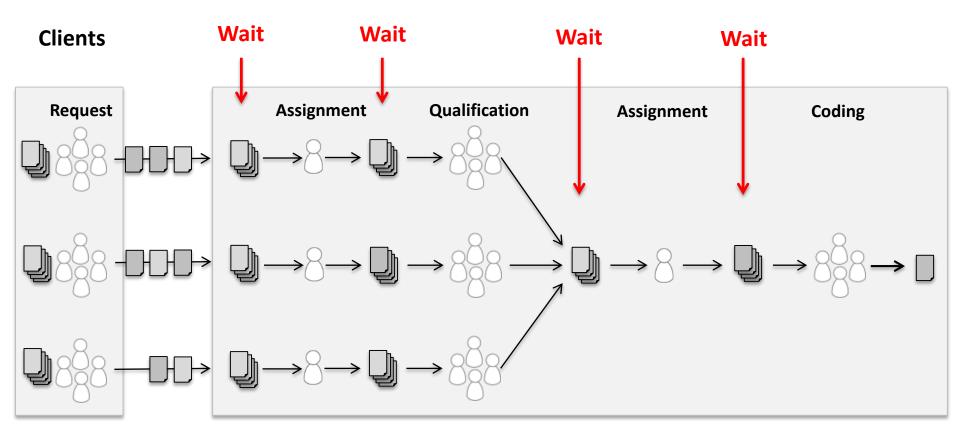


#### And it immediately pays off ...



#### ... by simply removing the wait

due to the disconnection of the qualification and coding processes



# But ultimately, is everything ok?

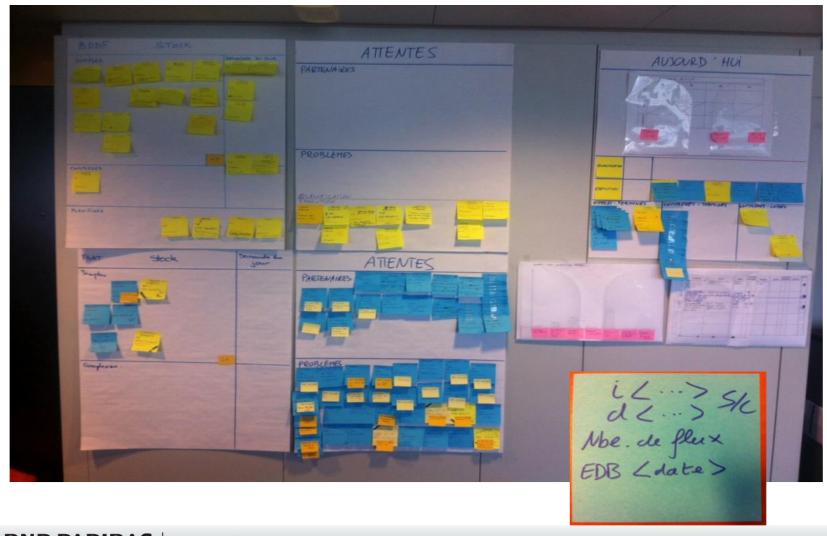
#### The situation is still very confusing

We still have no clue of today's requests, the work in progress, stock, lead time, quality of coding and productivity.

So first of all, we need to:

- 1 make the activities visible
- 2 drive the activities

#### 1 – Make the team activities visible





#### Benefits

#### We immediately know what is going on

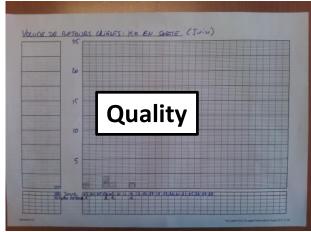
- Today's workload
- Coming days workload as long as there is stock to deal with
- Client incomplete requests awaiting further information

#### We can make informed decisions

- Not much to do today, I can take requests out of the stock
- Too much to do today, I know I have to ask for help

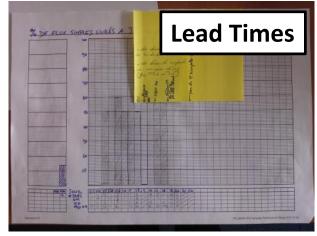
#### 2 – Drive the team activities

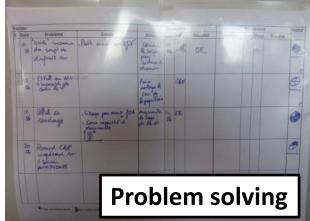






Indicators are updated every day at 5pm





#### Benefits

#### We have an impact on Lead Time

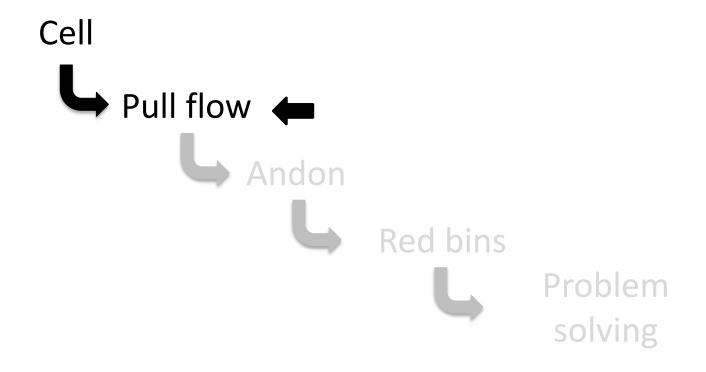
- show in real time if the team succeeds in fulfilling today's requests
- quickly identify why and what problems to solve

#### We have an impact on Quality

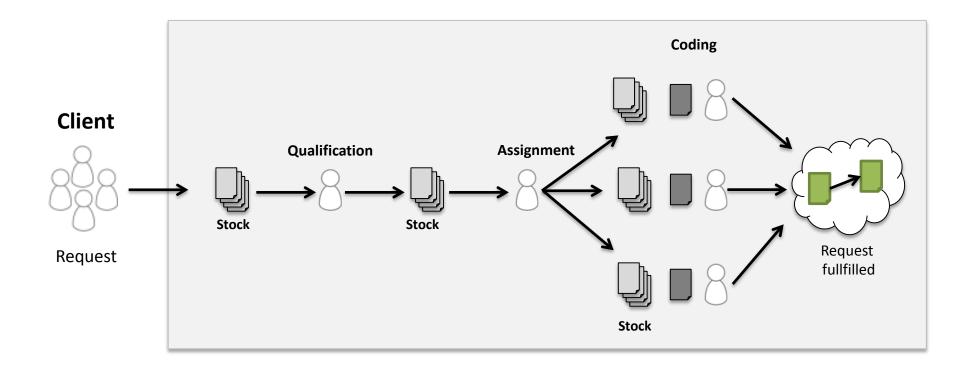
identify the causes of bad quality

# Now our activities are manageable, let's activate the cell

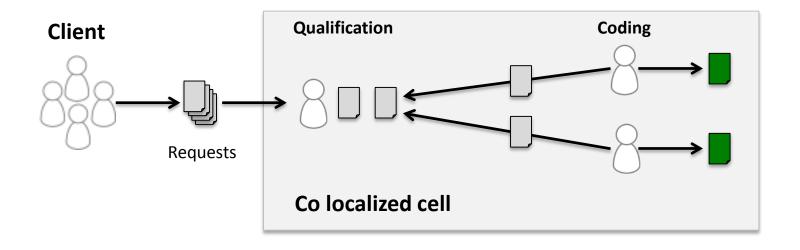
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#### Previously, we had a pushed flow ...



#### ... now we are setting up a pulled flow



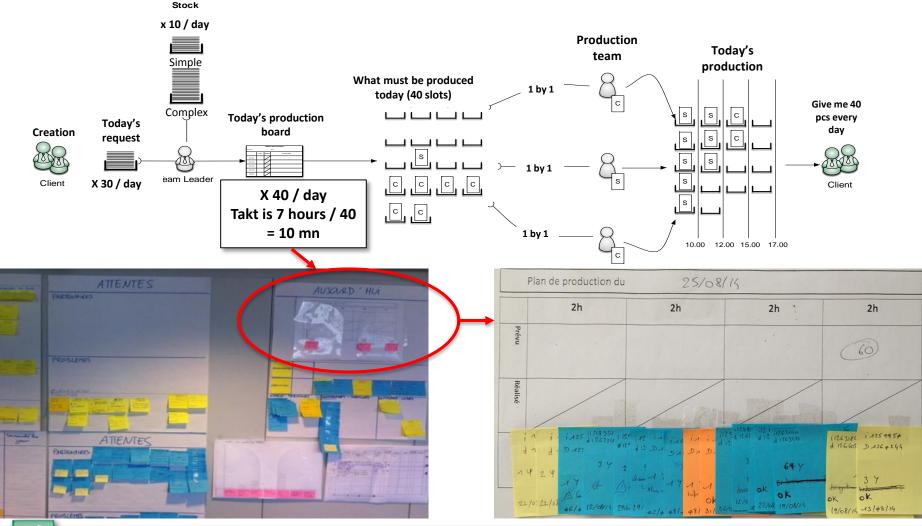
Rule #1: address today the requests arrived yesterday

Rule #2: do not qualify (and send to code) throughout the day, 10:30 am is the limit

Rule #3: only code requests from the stock if today's requests are fully addressed

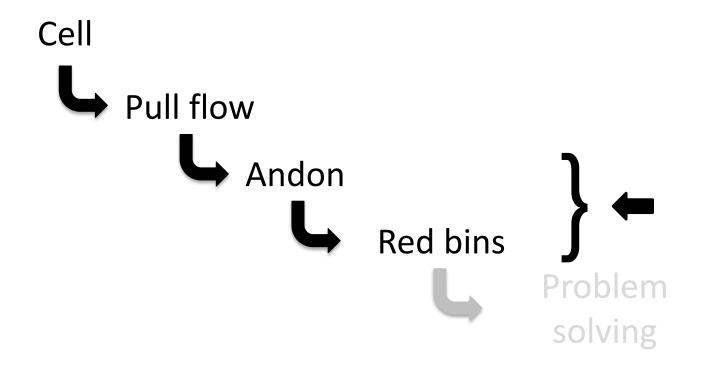


#### That's how it materialized



# All we need to do now is to allow the flow to, well ... flow

#### Roadmap



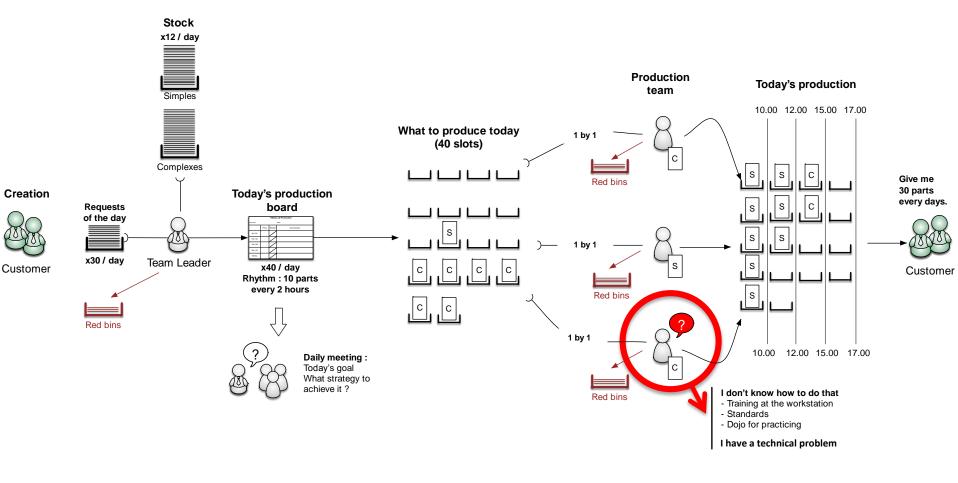
## Production is still difficult

Pulling the flow without any further action yields no result at all. Our main concern is that the team complains about impossible goals and get demotivated quickly.

We need to help the team produce:

- 1 Andon: stop at first difficulty, and call for help
- 2 Set up a Problem Solving Flow by using red bins

# 1 – Andon, where did we use it?





# 1 – Andon, what did we use it for?

For different reasons, an operator may be unable to code requests.

#### "I cannot do it"

Security device forbid access to the server

The requests asks for transfers circulating information to or from non secured environments Server names are unknown or non existent, I need to find that information

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#### "I don't know how to do it"

This particular transfer requires a specific configuration, which I am not familiar with This is a mainframe environment, I have no training on it

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#### "I don't understand what is required "

This request has too many inconsistencies, I cannot figure out what is required
This requests asks for the modification of a transfer that does not exist, what do I do?



# 1 – Andon, how did we use it?



Andon – Asking the Team Leader for help

- Stop the production when something goes wrong
- Solve problems immediately
- Train at the workstation : the expert helps and shows
- Fill the red bins for up-to-the-root-cause problem solving



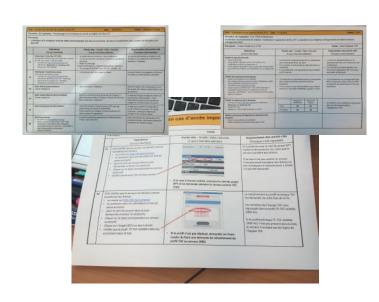
#### Benefits

#### The team is being helped

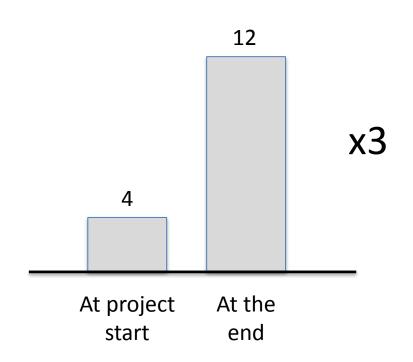
No one fights to resolve a problem on his own

#### Co workers gain competence

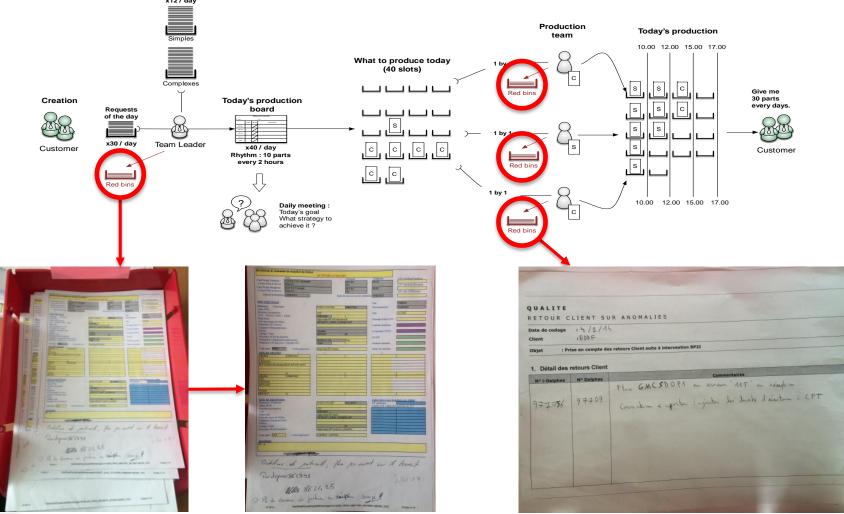
- They train at the workstation
- They write working standards



# Since we decided to solve problems immediately, productivity increases



# 2 - Set up a Problems Solving Flow





### Benefits

#### Red bins unveil problems where and when they arise

- This focuses the Team Leader's energy on real problems
- Solving them makes production smoother

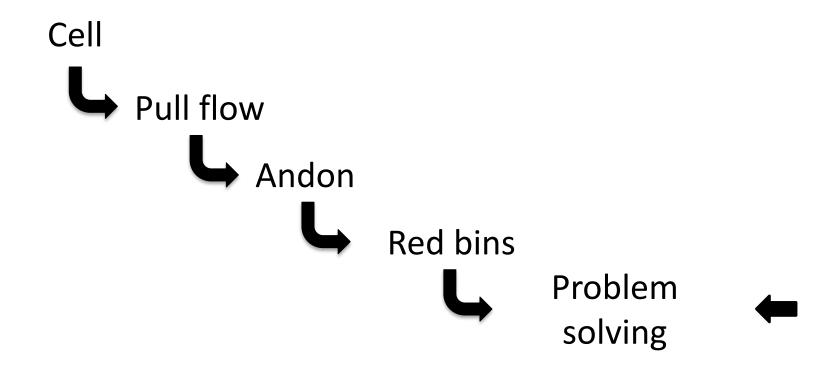
#### "Oobeya + Kaizen = Deep Thinkers"

 Solving problems where they are in order to produce builds up competence

(Within 2 months, our "rookie" was able to answer other experts' questions about technical issues, and judged the way we were using the file transfer technology within our IT)

# That provides us with generous amounts of problems we can solve

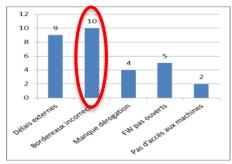
# Roadmap



# Example: protect the coding phase

#### **Initial situation**

- 60% of the incoming request forms are incomplete and require correction and rework
  - Forms are complicated and uneasy to fill in
  - Customers don't know how to go about it
- The cell has to stall the request, because they cannot understand it



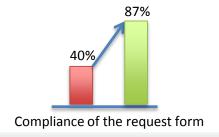
#### **Actions**

- Write a working standard to help the requester to correctly formulate his request
- TWI training for 10 requesters at their workstation

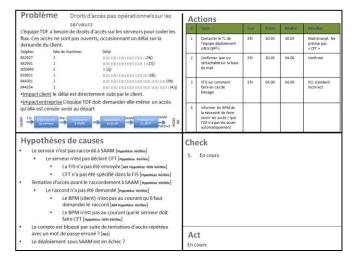
#### Results

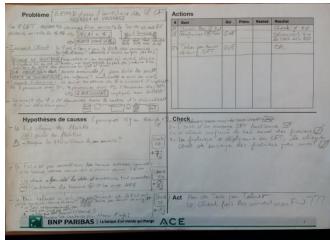
 The application of the standard increases the compliance of the request forms

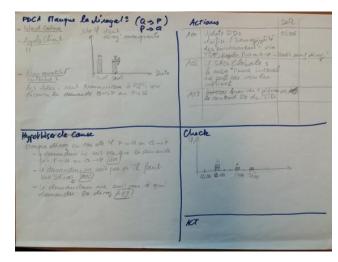


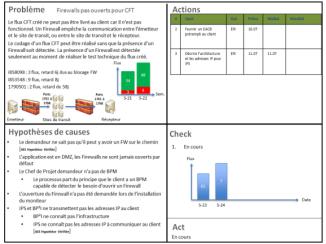


# More examples











# In conclusion

# Pulling the flow in IT, what to expect?

Your team will develop ground breaking performance

The system will fight back

People you involve will renew their interest in the lean journey

# Thank you for your attention

Any questions?