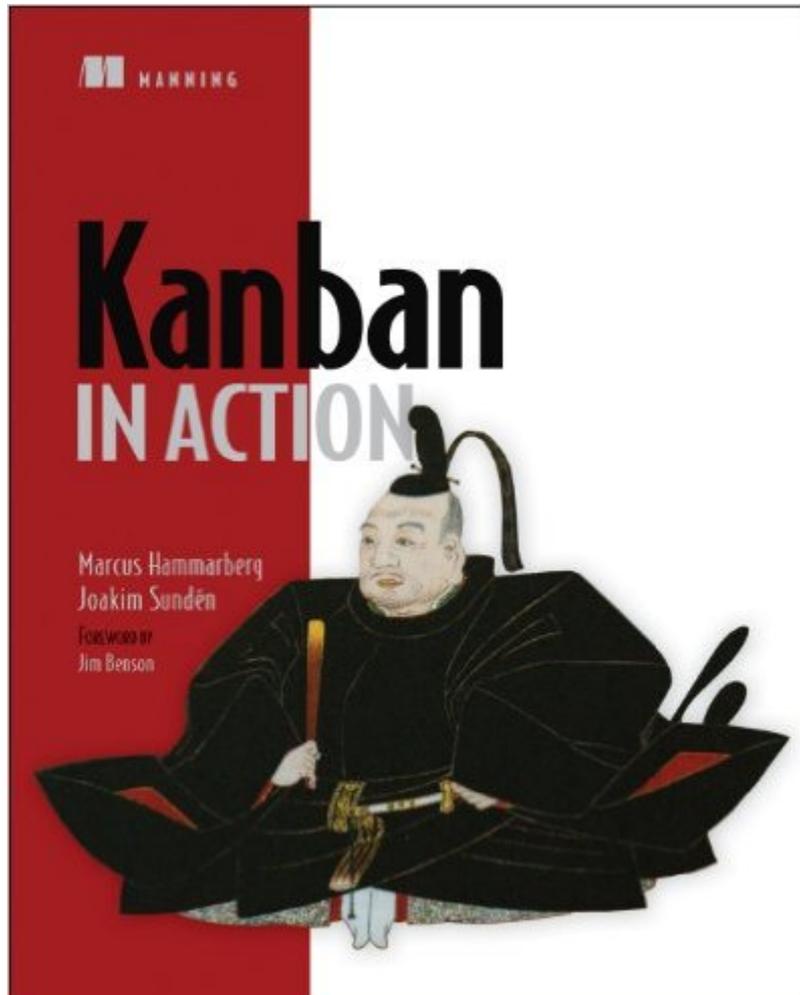# The book was found

Kanban In Action

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SummaryKanban in Action is a down-to-earth, no-frills, get-to-know-the-ropes introduction to kanban. It's based on the real-world experience and observations from two kanban coaches who have introduced this process to dozens of teams. You'll learn the principles of why kanban works, as well as nitty-gritty details like how to use different color stickies on a kanban board to help you organize and track your work items.About the BookToo much work and too little time? If this is daily life for your team, you need kanban, a lean knowledge-management method designed to involve all team members in continuous improvement of your process.Kanban in Action is a practical introduction to kanban. Written by two kanban coaches who have taught the method to dozens of teams, the book covers techniques for planning and forecasting, establishing meaningful metrics, visualizing queues and bottlenecks, and constructing and using a kanban board.Written for all members of the development team, including leaders, coders, and business stakeholders. No experience with kanban is required.Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications.What's InsideHow to focus on work in process and finish fasterExamples of successful implementationsHow team members can make informed decisionsAbout the AuthorsMarcus Hammarberg is a kanban coach and software developer with experience in BDD, TDD, Specification by Example, Scrum, and XP. Joakim Sundén is an agile coach at Spotify who cofounded the first kanban user groups in Europe.Table of ContentsPART 1 LEARNING KANBANTeam Kanbaneros gets startedPART 2 UNDERSTANDING KANBANKanban principlesVisualizing your work Work itemsWork in processLimiting work in processManaging flowPART 3 ADVANCED KANBANClasses of servicePlanning and estimatingProcess improvement Using metrics to guide improvementsKanban pitfallsTeaching kanban through games

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I'm an XP fan by choice and a (Certified :)) Scrum Practitioner by necessity who despite it's creator's dogmatic rants about Scrum being the One True Religion of Agile wanted to look at the wisdom in other lean/agile ways of doing and being. Though i had read several blogs on Kanban over the past few years, this was my first book, and it provided a wealth of information.The book is divided into 3 parts.Part I is a gripping novella about the "kanbaneros" - a team drowning in work, that gets up and going with kanban in 2 hours. The team member personas were well-developed, and corresponded very well with reality. This, to me, was like a demo, that allowed me to visualize the entire product (kanban) in a short time.Another gem that was hidden in there was about how to coach teams, by asking the right questions, and letting the team come up with answers that they could own, instead of telling them what to do - something i found invaluable as a coach, because it's very tempting to spurt out "the right way" to do something.I learned about "Pass the pennies" for the first time, and liked it better than some of the other multi-tasking games I have done.Part II was getting into the details of Understanding Kanban, which underscored the fact that inspite of all the "new" additions from thought leaders in the field, Kanban is still about 3 basic principles:Visualize your workflowLimit WIPManage your workflow (continuous improvement)It did however provide an informative sidebar about the 5 properties/6 practices.Lots of good details about the board (let the team design it so they own it!) and the work-item cards (stickies) that go up on the board.

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