

# What is Lean?

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This presentation provides an introduction and definition for Lean and its goal of eliminating non-value added waste

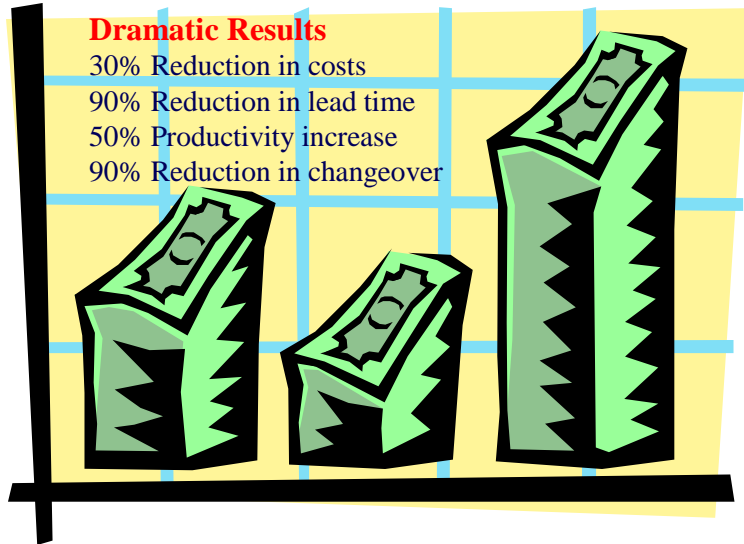


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With all the excitement about Lean and stories of 70% to 90+%

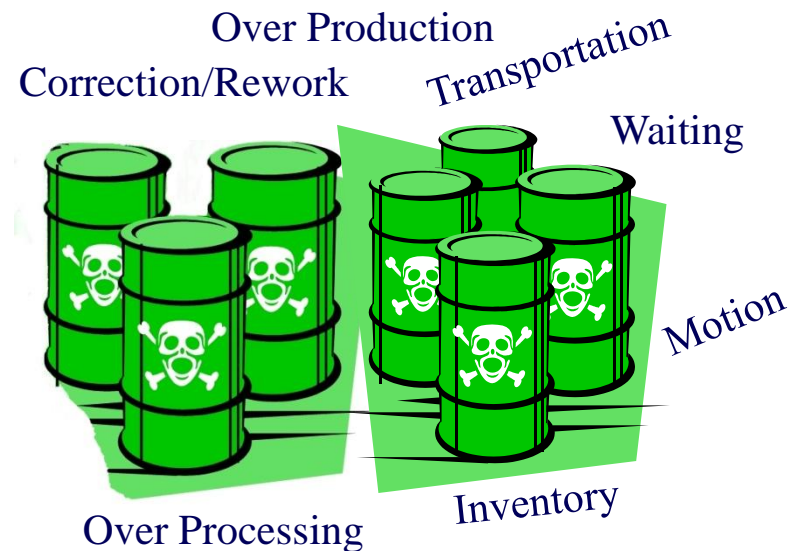
improvements, it's important we understand what is "Lean" and how can we use it. After all, our competitors are learning! So, what *is* Lean?

# A Definition of Lean:

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A systematic, logical method of identifying and eliminating *waste* (non-value-added activities) using continuous assessment and improvement to achieve improved effectiveness in response to customer demand

Lean is all about eliminating deadly waste ... non-value added activities our customer is unwilling to pay for!



# Put simply ...

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We want to do it only if ...

1) The customer care\$

2) It physically changes the product

3) It can be done right the first time



# And the scary part ...

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*Using these definitions,  
most of our total order  
entry to delivery time is*  
**WASTE!!!**

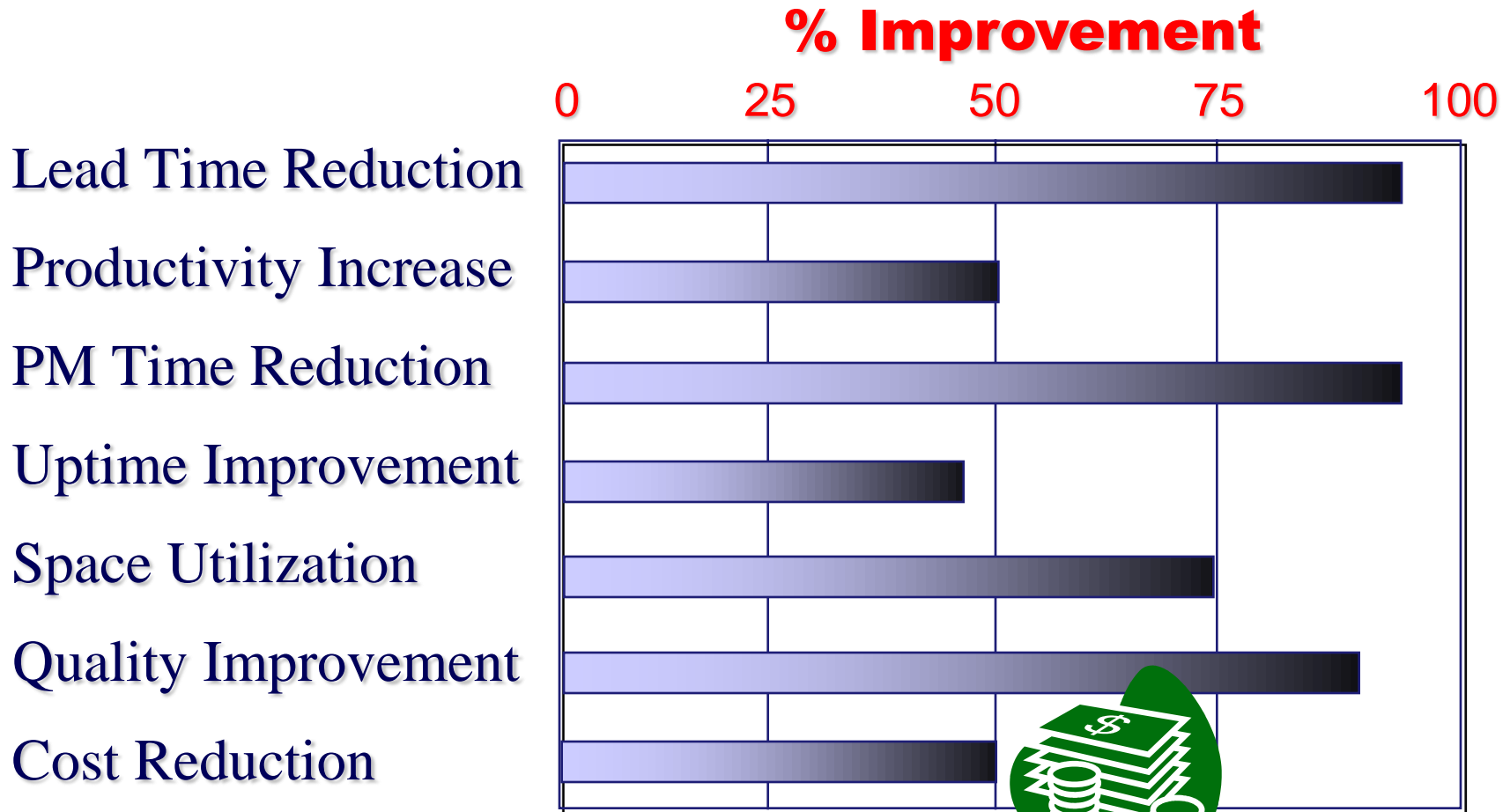
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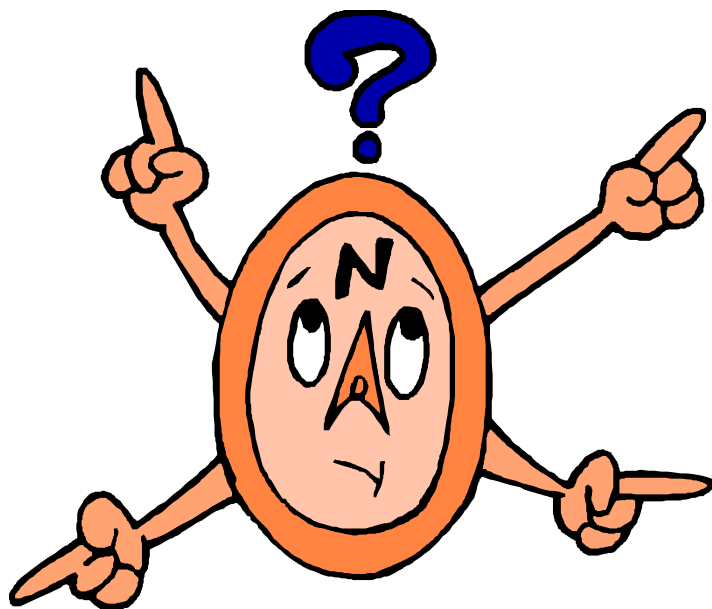
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- Excessive paperwork
- Double-handling
- Lost tools
- Long changeovers
- Result-less meetings ...

# Lean Results Seen





# Questions?

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