

LEAN STATEMENTS

These statements were developed by a group within the Lean community to help evolve the language we use to describe Lean. Each level is designed to provide an explanation, exposing deeper insight yet evoking a desire to learn more. The vision statement distills the key elements of the overarching statement in a memorable phrase yet conveys the power of Lean. The overarching statement is meant to be accessible, aspirational, and anchored in Lean's principles while emphasizing its transformative, future-oriented nature. This statement is supported by key points that further explain the elements of the overarching statement. A list of paradox statements illustrates the perceived contradictions in Lean thinking and practice. These statements challenge the assumption that two opposing objectives cannot be met simultaneously.



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Vision Statement:

*Lean: Transforming work, realizing potential, creating
a better world.*

Overarching Statement:

Lean is a socio-technical system that transforms organizations and enables people to pursue their full potential through developing

Paradox Statements (1/2):

1. Simple yet complex Lean is often described as simple and based on common sense, yet is simultaneously complex, counterintuitive, challenging to master, and difficult to implement fully.

2. Customer-focused yet employee-empowering Lean is driven by delivering value to the customer yet focuses on empowering and engaging employees to reach their full potential, which ultimately benefits the customer.

3. Bottom up, yet top down Lean requires leadership to provide clear direction and create an environment where all workers drive innovations and improvements. Both leadership and individual contribution are essential.

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