# Knowledge Work Game Knowledge Work Interruptions 

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## Purpose of the Game

- Introduce participants of the current productivity challenges in the Office and Knowledge Work
- Facilitate discussion on applying Lean in Office and Knowledge Work



## Purpose of the Game

- This game is about carving blocks manually out from the template
- Participants need to follow work instructions
- Fastest player wins!


## WORK INSTRUCTIONS:

Tear the paper with hands, start with the the $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{job}$, and $1^{\text {st }}$ block, follow the drawing lines. Then move to $2^{\text {nd }}$ job and carve out the $1^{\text {st }}$ block. Then move back to $1^{\text {st }}$ job, and carve out $2^{\text {nd }}$ block and so on...
$\Rightarrow$ Put the blocks to 2 stacks

- When a participant is done, they need to record their time and then count the number of paper pieces produced, there should be totally $30(15+15$ )

Time to start Game Round1!



# LET'S PLAY! 

## Results Table

| Name | Round 1 Time | Quantity | Interruptions | Round 2 Time | Quantity | Interruptions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N.N. |  | Job 1: <br> 13/15 <br> Job 2 : <br> 14/15 | 1 email |  | Job 1: <br> 15/15 <br> Job 2 <br> 15/15 | - |
|  |  | Job 1: <br> 16/15 <br> Job 2 <br> 17/15 | 1 email 1 phonecall |  | Job 1: <br> 15/15 <br> Job 2 <br> 15/15 | - |
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## Discussion after <br> Game Round 1 <br> $+1+$ <br> 

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Is there is more productive way of doing the work?

- How to minimize knowledge work interruptions?
- How to minimize multitasking?
- What is value adding work?
- What is non-value adding?
- How to increase the value adding time?
*Do one job at the time
*Phones to silent mode?
*Email to Offline?
*Hide the pop-up windows?

What is possible?
Who decides what is possible?
What means Lean for Knowledge Worker?

## Knowledge Work Interruptions

 at the Office which lead to multitasking- Emails
- Skype messages
- Chat messages
- Phone Calls
- Colleague visit
- What else?
$\rightarrow$ Not all is waste but value enabling!


## Game

 Round 2 workinstructions:Focus only to do $1^{\text {st }}$ job carving, then move to $2^{\text {nd }}$ job carving.

No multitasking.
$\rightarrow$ Put the blocks to 2 stacks

When a participant is done, they need to record their time and then count the number of paper pieces produced.

Time to start Game Round 2!



# LET'S PLAY! 

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Interruptions } \\
& \text { Print } 10 \text { Emails } \\
& \text { Print } 10 \text { Phone Calls }
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## YOU HAVE A NEW EMAIL!

Please make following calculations:
$7 \times 3=$
$5 \times 4 \times 5=$
$(3+3) \times 5+6 / 3=$

Then continue with the original work.

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## YOU HAVE A NEW PHONECALL!

Please make following calculations:
$5 \times 3=$
$3 \times 3 \times 1=$
$(3 \times 3) \times 5+6 / 3+3+5+1+4=$

Then continue with the original work.


## Game Template for Carving

Print 2 sheets for each participants


Carving template $\rightarrow$ Print out 2 for each participant


CarvingTemplate PrintOut



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## Thank you!

