Three Types of Continuous Improvement
Maturity Path

Kaizen Event
- Scheduled improvement
- Planned Top down
- Break-thru change
- Major project
- Driven by value stream maps—current to future state
- Fast & radical
- Learning events
- Strategic problem solving approach

Continuous Improvement
- Weekly improvement
- Value stream team driven
- On-going improvement
- Many smaller projects
- Driven by Performance Measurements—towards future state
- Value stream problem solving approach --team learning
- Significant change over time

Just-Do-It
- Daily improvement
- Cell or departmental team
- Stop to fix problems
- Driven by local issues & problems
- Cell level problem solving approach
- Thousands of small changes resulting in massive improvement

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