

Achieving Zen in
Software Testing:
A Journey
Through

JAPANESE CONCEPTS

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JAPANESE CULTURE

Japanese culture has a long history of emphasizing excellence and appreciation of detail. Japanese concepts are ideas, values, and beliefs that are important in Japanese culture.





Kaizen



Kaizen is an approach to continuously improve processes, products, and services on small incremental levels. It requires that everyone involved in a project take responsibility for their actions and ensure that processes are continually improved.



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Kanban



Kanban is a popular method for managing tasks and processes, using visual cards to track progress and prioritize tasks. It emphasizes doing only the necessary tasks to reach the goal and uses visual signals to identify and stimulate process improvement.

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Genchi Genbutsu

Genchi Genbutsu is a Japanese phrase meaning “go and see” that encourages us to observe and learn about the end-user experience.

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Shikata Ga Nai


The Japanese phrase "Shikata ga nai" or "Sho ga Nai" means "it cannot be helped" and nothing can be done about it. However, after strenuous effort, things can not work the way desired at times. It's the art of letting it go

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Kata



Kata is a Japanese word meaning "form" or "pattern" and is used to describe specific sequences of exercises used to teach martial arts techniques. Knowing the pattern can help to gain a deeper understanding of the application behavior and to debug problems.

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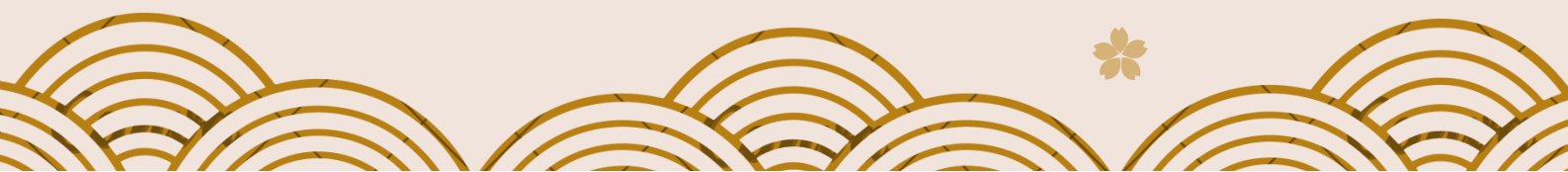




Jidoka

Jidoka is an automated quality control technique pioneered by Sakichi Toyoda of the Toyota Corporation in the early 20th century. It is used to identify and correct defects in a process or product before it is sent to a customer.

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Jishuken

Jishuken is a Japanese management style focusing on self-improvement and small, steady improvements. It utilizes a team-based approach to problem-solving, incorporating small incremental changes in improvement processes.



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Muda

Muda is a Japanese business term for "waste" derived from Lean manufacturing. Waste or any activity that does not add value to the product or service is identified and eliminated to save time and effort.



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Poka-Yoke

Poka-Yoke is an approach to error-proofing processes, products, and services to ensure the user gets the expected and correct outcome. Its purpose is to reduce defects by avoiding or correcting mistakes in the early design and development phases.



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Hansei



Hansei is a process of reflection and self-criticism used to improve one's self. It translates to "self-reflection" and is a reflective process that focuses on challenging one's own beliefs and opening up to alternatives.

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Ishikawa Diagram



The Ishikawa diagram is a graphical representation of various causes for an event, used to identify and categorize potential causes in order to prevent errors and defects.

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