

Value Stream Mapping Symbols

Symbol	Description
→	Manual Communication Flow Used to represent manual communications between departments and/or supplier and customer.
N	Electronic Communication Used to represent electronic communications between departments and/or supplier and customer.
	Pull Arrow Used to represent information/products/services being pulled from the previous process step.
	Push Arrow Used to represent information/products/services being pushed to the next process step.
	Customer Used to represent the customer in a process.
Process Step Data Data	Dedicated Process Box Used to represent steps in a process. Designed to contain a series of data, including VA/NVA time, error rate, cycle time, and number of workers.
	<u>Database</u> Used to represent a database in use.
	Mail Delivery Used to represent mail between supplier and customer.



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	Queue Used to represent wait time between process steps.
X	Exceptions or Disruptions Used to represent exceptions or disruptions in a process.
	Worker Used to represent a human resource or resources in a process.
EW.	Improvement Project Used to designate an area targeted for improvement. Typically used in Future State Value Stream Maps.
Process Step Data Data	Shared Process Box Used to represent a process step that is shared between value streams.
va va nva nva	<u>Timeline</u> Used to represent the process timeline, including value add and non-value add time. Typically displayed below the process boxes of the Current and Future State Value Stream Maps.