

CHAPTER 17

Productivity and Quality  
in Operations

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Operations Management

The design, planning, and control of the  
factors that enable us to provide the  
product or service outputs of the  
organization.

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Operating Systems

Low variety/High volume  
(Specific purpose)

High variety/Low volume  
(Flexible purpose)



Product orientationProcess orientation

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### **Manufacturing Systems**

- Repetitive Systems
- Continuous-Flow System
- Job-Shop System
- Project System

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### **Service Systems**

- Standard Service Systems
- Custom Service Systems

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### **Operations Management Decisions**

- Long-term
- Short-term

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### Long-Term System Design Decisions

- Choice of a product or service
- Product or service design
- System capacity
- Process selection
- Facility location

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### Facility Layout

**The arrangement of the work areas and equipment so that inputs progress through the transformation process in as orderly a fashion as possible.**

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### Facility Layout Issues

- Process layout
- Product layout
- Hybrid layout
- Fixed position layout

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### Short-Term Decisions

- **Aggregate planning**
- **Master production schedule**
- **Inventory management**
- **Materials requirement planning**
- **Just-in-time inventory management**
- **Supply chain management**

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### Aggregate Planning

- **Customer demand**
- **Resources**
- **Costs**

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### Master Production Schedule

- **A detailed statement**
  - **Each item**
  - **Each time period**
- **A more detailed breakdown**

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### Inventory Management

- Raw materials
- Work-in process
- Finished goods
- Supplies

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### Materials Requirements Planning

**Methodology that uses the production schedule for the finished products to derive demand and production schedules for component items that make up the final product.**

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### Just-in-Time Inventory Management

- Continual improvement in operations
- Reduce inventory

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### Supply Chain Management (SCM)

- Suppliers
  - Warehouses
  - Operations
  - Retail outlets
- ... to synchronize functions

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### Productivity

A measure of the efficiency with which a firm transforms inputs into outputs, calculated as output divided by input.

$$\text{Productivity} = \frac{\text{system outputs}}{\text{system inputs}}$$

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### Improving Productivity

- Technology
- Diverse workforce
- Design

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### Fundamentals of Quality

- **Quality Control (QC)**
- **Quality Assurance (QA)**
- **Total Quality Management (TQM)**

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### Assessing Quality

- **Product Factors**
- **Service Factors**

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### Cost of Quality

- **Prevention Costs**
- **Appraisal Costs**
- **Internal-Failure Costs**
- **External-Failure Costs**

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### **TQM - Global Competitiveness**

- **Customer-driven standards**
- **Management and labor commitment**
- **Organization and coordination of effects**
- **Employee participation**

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### **Customer-Driven Standards**

- External customer
- Internal customer

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### **Management and Labor**

- **Organizational culture**
  - **Embraced by top leaders**
  - **Communicated by leaders**

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### Organization and Coordination

- **Benchmarking**
- **Kaizen**

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### Employee Participation

- **Quality Circle**
- **Special-Purpose Team**

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### Quality Management Philosophers

- **W. Edwards Deming**
- **Joseph Juran**
- **Armand Feigenbaum**
- **Kaoru Ishikawa**
- **Philip Crosby**

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