DEMING’S 14 POINTS OF QUALITY APPLIED TO INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand How Dr. Deming’s Theory of Management applies to Management in the Information Age
- Understand How Deming’s 14 Points of Transformation Apply to Information Quality Management
W. EDWARDS DEMING’S SYSTEM OF PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE*

- Appreciation of the Organization as a *System*
- Knowledge about *Variation*
- Theory of *Knowledge*
- Understanding of *Psychology*

Repair Order Facts

Svc Date: _______
Equip Type: _______
Problem Desc: _______________________
Ord Date: 3/12/00
Cust ID: 44123
Tel Num: 555-1234
Time: 3 hours

Value Chain: “An end-to-end set of activities that begins with a request from a customer and ends with a benefit to a customer.”

“Functional Optimization” = Dysfunctional Enterprise

Customer Request → Create

Customer Benefit

Value Chain: VC: Value Basis
Non-Value Adding Cost = Waste (NVC)
Repair Order Facts
Svc Date: 3/15/00
Equip Type: M12AB01
Problem Desc: Poor volume out
Ord Date: 3/12/00
Cust ID: 44123
Tel Num: 555-1234
Time: 3.2 Hrs

IQ Point 9: “Break down barriers between business areas.”

“Value chain” (Enterprise) Optimization = Effective Learning Organization

Customer Request

Complete, Accurate Capture

Customer Benefit

2-6 hours Rediscover

Shared Data
Controlled Distribution

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THE FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY PRINCIPLES

- **Customer Focus**
  - Customer satisfaction
  - Supplier / Customer Partnership

- **Process Improvement**
  - Process definition
  - Product specification (customer-focused)
  - Process Improvement (CPI) and Reengineering (BPR)

- **Proven, scientific Methods**
  - Statistical quality control
  - PDS/CA (Shewhart) cycle

- **Management Accountability**

CPI = Continuous Process Improvement
BPR = Business Process Reengineering
TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
Deming’s 14 Points

1. Create constancy of purpose for improvement of product and service
2. Adopt the new philosophy. In a new economic age
3. Cease dependence on mass inspection to achieve quality . . . but from improving the production process
4. End the practice of awarding business on the basis of price tag alone. Instead, minimize total cost
5. Improve constantly and forever the system of production and service to improve quality and decrease cost
6. Institute training
7. Adopt and institute leadership with the aim to help people and machines do a better job

Source: Deming, Out of the Crisis
Larry English, Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality, p338
TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
Deming’s 14 Points (Cont.)

8. Drive out fear, so everyone may work effectively

9. Break down barriers between staff areas

10. Eliminate slogans, exhortations and targets for the work force

11. Eliminate numerical quotas for the work force and numerical goals for people in management

12. Remove barriers that rob people of pride of workmanship

13. Institute a vigorous program of education and self-improvement for everyone

14. Take action to accomplish the transformation. Put everyone to work to accomplish the transformation

Source: Deming, *Out of the Crisis*
Larry English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p338
IQ 1. CREATE CONSTANCY OF PURPOSE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION PRODUCT & SERVICE

- Management’s two sets of problems:
  - Those of today: “It is easy to stay bound up in the tangled knots of the problems of today, becoming even more efficient in them.”
  - Those of tomorrow: “No company without a plan for the future will stay in business.”

- “The obligation to the customer never ceases”

- Information Quality ramifications:
  - Define IM / IQ Mission, Vision and Objectives based on enterprise mission and vision to include quality for information products & services to meet information consumers’ needs.
  - Develop IM / IQ plans with both long term and short term deliverables that enable strategic business objectives.
  - Implement and define IM / IQ processes & tools with customer focus that leads to quality & process improvement.

- “The obligation to the knowledge worker never ceases”

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 339+

IM = Information Management

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“Consistently meeting* all knowledge workers’ and end-customers’ expectations” through information and information services so:

- **Knowledge workers** accomplish enterprise objectives
- **Customers** are successful

*World-class organizations do not stop here—they strive to “delight” their customers*

**Components** of Data and Information Quality:
- Definition (and Architecture)
- Content
- Presentation
IQ 2. ADOPT THE NEW PHILOSOPHY—
QUALITY INFORMATION REDUCES COSTS

- The economic realities of today require new standards
  “Reliable service reduces costs”  
  “Point two really means . . . a transformation of management”  
  Deming

- Information Quality ramifications:
  - Enable a paradigm shift to information as a shared 
    business resource and quality information as a product
  - Implement quality information philosophy and policy:
    ➢ “Reliable, managed information reduces costs and 
      increases value”
    ➢ “Reliable, quality shared information reduces costs 
      and increases value”
  - This means a transformation of business and information 
    systems management
    ➢ Business management accountability for information
    ➢ Systems management accountability for value delivery

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 342+
THE REAL CAUSES OF POOR QUALITY INFORMATION

- **Precipitating** causes:
  - Failure to treat and manage information as a strategic *enterprise resource*
  - Failure to treat and manage information as a *product* of business, manufacturing and service processes

- **Root** causes:
  - Overlaying information technology on top of obsolete industrial organization & management structure
  - Building information technology *“solutions”* using the *“systems approach”* instead of *“systems thinking”*
    - i.e., automating the Industrial-Age functions versus transforming the cross-functional value chain
THE BUSINESS CASE FOR IQ MANAGEMENT:
Poor Quality Information Costs

- “As much as **40 to 50 %** or more of the typical IT budget is really ‘information scrap and rework’” and waste of moving and transforming data to disparately defined redundant databases*

- “Poor quality information often causes **40 to 60 %** of manufacturing scrap and rework costs”

- “The direct costs of poor quality information, including irrecoverable costs, rework of products and services, workarounds, and fines and customer compensation can be as high as **15 to 25+ percent** of a large organization’s [operating] revenue or budget.”*

*L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p. 12
Quality assurance (inspection) has a goal to discover faulty products and correct them (rework) or throw them out (scrap).

"Quality comes not from inspection but from improvement of the process"

Deming

Information Quality ramifications:

- Replace data model and definition “review and approval” with front-end; cross-functional, business-driven data modeling that builds quality in and produces databases that are **(1) stable, (2) flexible, and (3) reused**

- Reengineer processes to eliminate causes of defects before automating them

- Design error-proofing techniques into the databases, process, forms, application screens and programs, and procedures and training that prevent cause of defects

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 345+
## QUALITY CONTROL: MANUFACTURING vs INFORMATION

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**INFORMATION:**
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- Process control
- Process analysis
- Design of assessments

### The relation between products and samples, and data population and data samples and object / event


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TIQM® METHODOLOGY
PROCESS P5:
Improve Information Process Quality

P5.1 Define Project for Information Quality Improvement
P5.2 Develop Plan for Information Quality Improvement
P5.3 Do Implement Quality Improvements
P5.4 Study/Check Impact of Information Quality Improvements
P5.5 Act to Standardize Information Quality Improvements

Plan-Do-Study/Check-Act (PDS/CA)

Duplicate Customer records created

Order Entry Errors

- No emphasis on training
- No accountability
- Postal file to check address is out of date
- Conflicting procedures
- No standards for name & address
- Measurement
- DB reloaded with duplicates
- Slow response time
- Customer look-up algorithm faulty
- Multiple Customer system
- System “down”
- Does not tell they have moved
- Does not remember previous order
- Does not ask if customer has placed order before
- Rushes to meet quota
- Does not understand customer’s name
- Lack of knowledge of customer look-up procedures
- Information Producer
- Information Effect
- Mgt environment
- Application Database Technology
- Machines
- Customer
- Materials
- Has privacy concerns
- Name change

Duplicate Customer records created

- Alienate / lose Customers;
- Waste money on mail, resources, recovery & correction

- Wants to be “customer-service” oriented and does not ask for customer number

Order Process / Procedures

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The practice of lowest price has had the impact of actually *increasing costs* while increasing defects—instead, minimize "total costs" of ownership.

"Price has no meaning without a measure of the quality purchased" — *Deming*

"Purchasing should be a team effort and ... include ... representatives ... of [all] departments involved with the product" — *Deming*

"A buyer will serve his company best by developing a long-term relationship of loyalty and trust with a single vendor" — *Deming*

Information Quality ramifications:

- Include quality guarantee / measures in cost estimate
- Measure software & information “cost of ownership"
- Develop databases to support *all* knowledge workers
- Develop relationships of trust in information producers

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 350+
CUSTOMER INFORMATION ACCURACY
Control Chart 2000-2003

- Inaccurate data
- Mean
- Upper Control Limit
- Lower Control Limit
- Accuracy Temp Std

CUSTOMER INFORMATION ACCURACY

- UCL
- Measured Accuracy
- Mean
- Short Term Target
- LCL
- Long Term Target

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Wrong: Application Requirements Analysis ("IPO" only)

Right: *Value Chain Analysis (SIPOC*)

* Identify information required by downstream knowledge workers inherent to create processes & information required from upstream information producers

*SIPOC = Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer
IQ 5. IMPROVE CONSTANTLY & FOREVER PROCESSES OF I/S+ DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION “PRODUCTION”

- Improvement is not a one time effort–management is obligated to continual improvement
  - Quality “must be built in at the design stage” \[\text{Deming}\]
  - “Everyone and every department in the company must subscribe to constant improvement” \[\text{Mary Walton}\]

- Fixing a problem is not the same as process improvement

- Information Quality ramifications:
  - **Data cleansing** is not same as **process improvement**
  - Identify and involve the customers of IRM products and services—understand their information req’s
  - Design **quality into** process, application and database involving knowledge workers in the design (QFD**)
  - Everyone and every unit must participate in continual information process improvement

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*IRM = Information Resource Management*

**QFD = Quality Function Deployment**

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 358+

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Proper training is essential for workers to perform their jobs effectively

“If someone learns how to play the piano from a self-taught piano teacher; they will learn a lot wrong, some right” and “neither pupil nor teacher will know what is right and what is wrong”  

Deming

Information Quality ramifications:

- Institute IQ education and training at all levels:
  - Executive Leadership
  - Business Management
  - Knowledge Workers and Information Producers
  - Information Systems Management
  - Information Resource Management staff
  - Application Developers
  - New employees (Orientation)

“14 Points of IQ,” Improving Data Warehouse & Business Information Quality, pp. 337-399
Management is *Leadership*—not “supervision”

- Leaders enable workers to improve their processes
- Most supervisors are just the opposite, because they implement inappropriate measures and rewards

Information Quality ramifications:

- Take the *lead* in information quality improvement
- Educate and *coach* executives
- Implement management *accountability*
- Learn how your customers use information
- Measure and reward the right things:
  - Teamwork, customer satisfaction, waste reduction, total cost of ownership

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 367+
Improvement in quality requires people to feel secure
“Most people … do not understand what their job is, nor what is right or wrong” Deming
“So seldom is anything done to correct problems that there is no incentive to expose them” Mary Walton

Information Quality ramifications:

- Establish a non-blame, non-judgmental environment
  - Provide producers training in information quality requirements, information customer expectations; and empower them to improve processes
  - Implement accountability and encourage eliminating information problem causes and take action
  - Create an anonymous information quality hotline
- Allow risk to try and fail without punishment

Source: L. English, Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality, p 372+
Enterprise failure occurs when organizational units operate autonomously toward their own goals.

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Information Quality ramifications:

- Develop IRM* / application development partnership
- Develop information systems to business partnerships
- Define cross-functional business value chains
- Develop business area partnerships across business value chains

Define supplier-customer “contracts” between business area managers for information quality

Provide training and resources to deliver quality

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 376+

*IRM = Information Resource Management
IQ 10. ELIMINATE SLOGANS AND EXHORTATIONS; REPLACE WITH ACTIONS FOR INFORMATION QUALITY

- Slogans do not help people do a good job
  - “Don’t skate on an oil slick” (sign in a U.S. factory) *versus*
  - Elimination of oil slicks

- Information Quality ramifications:
  - Develop *effective* information management and information quality improvement processes
  - Develop IQ improvement processes that prevent information “oil slicks” by eliminating the causes
  - Then, when you discover data defects, don’t just fix or ignore them—identify and eliminate the cause(s)

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 385+
IQ 11. ELIMINATE QUOTAS OF “PRODUCTIVITY” WITH METRICS OF QUALITY

- Quotas and other work standards hurt quality probably more than any other single working condition.
- Quotas cause above-average workers to slow their output and cause below-average workers frustration.

Information Quality ramifications:

- Replace “productivity” metrics with focus on real business performance:
  - Management ownership (total) costs of doing business
  - Reduced costs of information scrap and rework
  - Internal knowledge worker satisfaction surveys of information products, both immediate and downstream, and both after implementation and on continued basis
  - External end-customer satisfaction, including communication and information

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 387+
IQ 12. REMOVE BARRIERS TO PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP; LET PRODUCERS IMPROVE THEIR PROCESSES

- Workers, apart from management, know the problems of their jobs and given an opportunity, will fix them.

- **Management must listen** to their employees, *involve them actively*, not with “quick fix” programs to defuse employee frustration but to solve the real problems.

Information Quality ramifications:

- Systems and business management must listen to their employees as sources of quality improvement.

- Involve employees actively in information planning, root cause analysis and process improvement.

- *And* incorporate their suggestions to improve information processes.

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 390+
IQ 13. INSTITUTE A VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF EDUCATION & SELF-IMPROVEMENT FOR EVERYONE

- It is not enough to have good people with today’s skills
  - “What an organization needs is not just good people; it needs people that are improving with education”
  - Quality must not cost jobs. An organization “must make it clear that no one will lose their job because of improvement in productivity”

→ Information Quality ramifications: Information-Age Paradigm shift

- Knowledge worker paradigm: “information products” and “information customers”
- Information systems paradigm shift: information as a shared resource; value-centric applications
- Mgt: the Information Revolution requires business management across value chains; not down functions

Source: L. English, Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality, p 393+
IQ 14. TAKE ACTION TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSFORMATION FOR INFORMATION QUALITY

- Management must organize itself to administer the other 13 points of quality
  - Senior management must feel the pain of the status quo
  - Senior management must communicate to a critical mass of people why change is necessary for all
  - Every activity is a process that can be improved

- Use the Shewhart Cycle

1. Study a defective process to identify root cause(s) and define improvement(s)
2. Implement the improvement in a controlled way
3. Observe the effects of the “improvement”
4. Roll the process out and study the results—what did we learn?

Source: L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p 350+

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TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TIQM®)

- TIQM®* is not a program; it is a value system, mind set, and habit of continuous improvement of:
  1. Application and data development processes
  2. Business processes

By integrating quality management values, principles and methods into the culture

* Formerly TQdM®

TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TIQM®)
INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT MATURITY AND THE COSTS OF QUALITY

“Quality is free. It’s not a gift, but it is free.” P. Crosby

Stage 1: Uncertainty
Stage 2: Awakening
Stage 3: Enlightenment
Stage 4: Wisdom
Stage 5: Certainty

Information
Scrap & rework
& process failure costs

Data correction costs

Assessment costs

IQ Improvement, environment investments

Danger point

Enterprise Failure

Enterprise Optimization

Risk
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