

# MATURING FROM DATA QUALITY TO INFORMATION QUALITY TO BUSINESS QUALITY: *Keys to Business Performance Excellence*

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## MATURING FROM DATA QUALITY TO INFORMATION QUALITY TO BUSINESS QUALITY

- ❑ The Stages of IQ Management Maturity
- ❑ Taking Inventory: Where are You?
- ❑ Establishing a Vision: “Begin with the End in Mind”
- ❑ Planning your Next Steps: “Put First Things First”
- ❑ Controlling Processes to “Hold the Gain”
- ❑ Moving to Certainty: Measuring the Value Delivered

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## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

1. IQ is “data cleansing”
2. IQ is data assessment
3. IQ is “fitness of purpose”
4. Quality is *best-of-breed* or *zero defects*
5. IQ *problems* information are created by the producers
6. IQ improvement is what the Information Quality Team does
7. IQ problems can be edited out
8. TQM or TIQM® is a program / project
9. IQ is quality of data in databases
10. IQ is too expensive

IQ = Information Quality  
 TQM = Total Quality Mgt  
 TIQM® = Total Information Quality Mgt

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## TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- ❑ Information Quality is **NOT\*** about what is in databases  
 (\*well, it is, but that is not all)
- ❑ Information Quality (IQ) is **ABOUT business, service and manufacturing performance excellence** by improving processes to increase information quality

Information Quality addresses:

- Quality of information *definition, models, DB designs*
- Quality of information *content*
- Quality of information *presentation*
- Quality of *business communication*

↩ **Total** Information Quality Management results in:

- Increased *Customer* satisfaction
- Increased *Employee* satisfaction and *productivity*
- *Decreased* costs and *increased* profits / surplus

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## THE DISCIPLINE OF INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The application of *proven Quality Management principles, processes and practices* to information as a *product* of the enterprise processes (business, manufacturing & service) to meet or exceed information consumers' expectations

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## INFORMATION QUALITY

“Consistently meeting\*  
meeting\*”

*all* knowledge workers' and end-customers' expectations”

through information and information services so:

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

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### Components of Information Quality:

- Information Product Specifications and Information Architecture (Definition & Rules)
- Data Content
- Information Presentation

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

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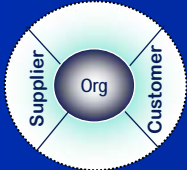
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## THE FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY PRINCIPLES

- **Customer Focus**
  - Market focus
  - Customer satisfaction
  - Supplier / Customer Partnership
- **Process Improvement** to reduce waste
  - Process definition
  - Product specification (customer-focused)
  - Team work
  - Continuous Process Improvement (CPI)
  - Business Process Re-engineering (BPR)
- **Proven, scientific Methods**
  - Statistical quality control
  - PDSA or PDCA (Shewhart cycle)
- **Management Accountability**





CPI = Continuous Process Improvement  
BPR = Business Process Reengineering

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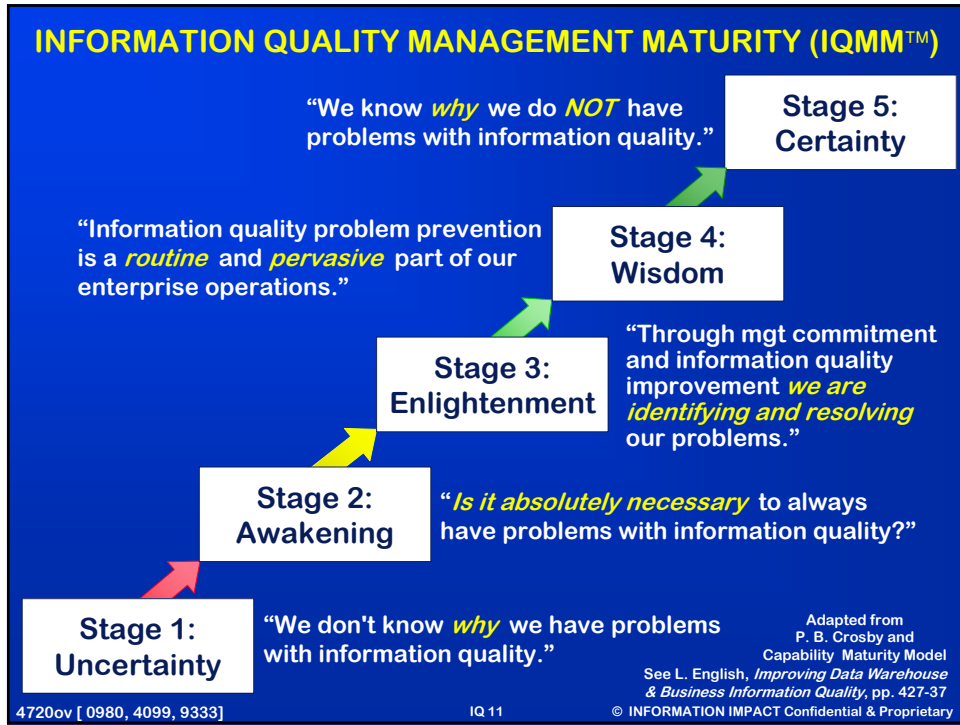
## INFORMATION QUALITY MATURATION



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Measurement Categories	Stage 1: Uncertainty (Ad hoc)	Stage 2: Awakening (Repeatable)	Stage 3: Enlightenment (Defined)	Stage 4: Wisdom (Managed)	Stage 5: Certainty (Optimizing)
1. Management understanding and attitude	No comprehension of information quality as a management tool. Tend to blame data administration or I/S org for "information quality problems" or vice versa.	Recognizing that information quality management may be of value but not willing to provide money or time to make it all happen.	While going through information quality improvement program learn more about quality management; becoming supportive and helpful.	Participating. Understand absolutes of information quality management. Recognize their personal role in continuing emphasis.	Consider information quality management an essential part of company system.
2. Information quality organization status	"Data" quality is hidden in application development departments. Data audits probably not part of organization. Emphasis on correcting bad data.	A stronger information quality role is "appointed" but main emphasis is still on correcting bad data.	Information quality organization exists, all assessment is incorporated and manager has role in development of applications.	Information quality manager reports to CIO; effective status reporting and preventive action. Involved with business areas.	Information quality manager is part of management team. Prevention is main focus. Information quality is a thought leader.
3. Information quality problem handling	Problems are fought as they occur; no resolution; inadequate definition; lots of yelling and accusations.	Teams are set up to attack major problems. Long-range solutions are not solicited.	Corrective action communication established. Problems are faced openly and resolved in orderly way.	Problems are identified early in their development. All functions are open to suggestion and improvement.	Except in the most unusual cases, information quality problems are prevented.
4. Cost of information quality as percent of revenue	Reported: unknown Actual: 20%	Reported: 5% Actual: 18%	Reported: 10% Actual: 15%	Reported: 8% Actual: 10%	Reported: 5% Actual: 5%
5. Information quality improvement actions	No organized activities. No understanding of such activities.	Trying obvious "motivational" short-range efforts.	Implementation of the 14 point program with thorough understanding and establishment of each step.	Continuing the 14 point program and starting to optimize.	Information quality improvement is a normal and continued activity.
Summation of company information quality posture	"We don't know why we have problems with information quality."	"Is it absolutely necessary to always have problems with information quality?"	"Through management commitment and information quality improvement we are identifying and resolving our problems."	"Information quality problem prevention is a routine part of our operation."	"We know why we do not have problems with information quality."

Adapted from P. B. Crosby & Capability Maturity Model

**INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT MATURITY GRID**

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## IQ 7. INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP FOR INFORMATION QUALITY

- 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+

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## IQ 14. TAKE ACTION TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSFORMATION FOR INFORMATION QUALITY

- Management must put everyone to work to transform org.
  - Must organize itself to administer the other 13 points
  - Senior management must feel the pain of 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
 

4. Roll the process out and study the results— what did we learn?

3. Observe the effects of the “improvement”

1. Study a defective process to identify root cause(s) and define improvement(s)

2. Implement the improvement in a controlled way

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

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## ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE VISION

Customer-Centered, Shared Vision + Capable, Trained, Empowered People +

Defined, Improved, Controlled Processes that delivers Quality Just-In-Time Information =

# SUCCESS !!!

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## INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### Mission / Vision

By implementing and performing sound and proven quality management principles and processes to our information processes, we enable the accomplishment of:

[ *ENTERPRISE MISSION HERE* ]

We do this by [e.g., “ ‘Increasing customer satisfaction’ by preventing errors in customer information, such as name misspelling, invoicing, sending wrong items.” or,

“ ‘Decreasing operating costs’ by decreasing costs of process failure, recovery and information ‘scrap and rework’ caused by poor quality information.”]

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**TWO SETS OF PLANS FOR INFORMATION QUALITY**

1. Long range Plan
  - Process P6:\* Establish the IQ environment
2. Immediate "Improvement Initiative" Plan(s)
  - Processes P1-P5:\* (1 or more)

\* TIQM Process numbers

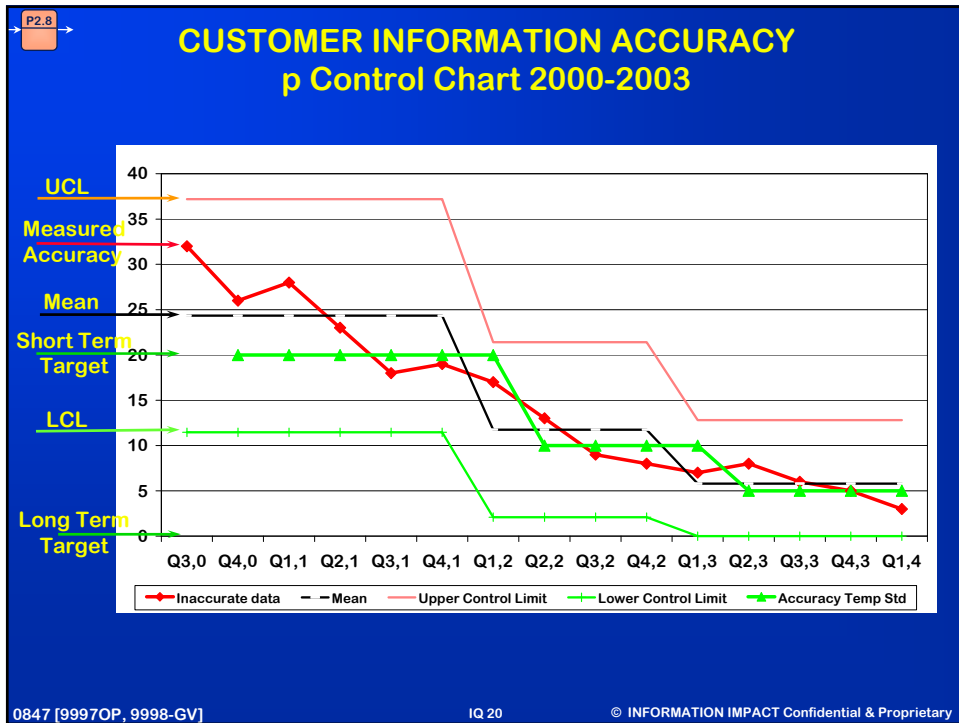
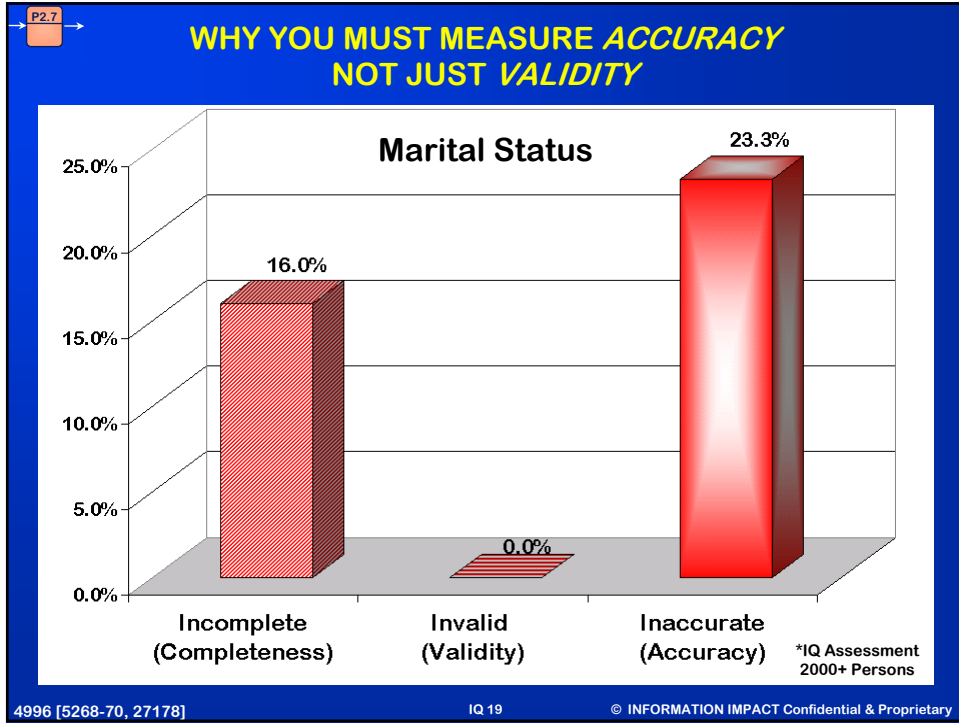
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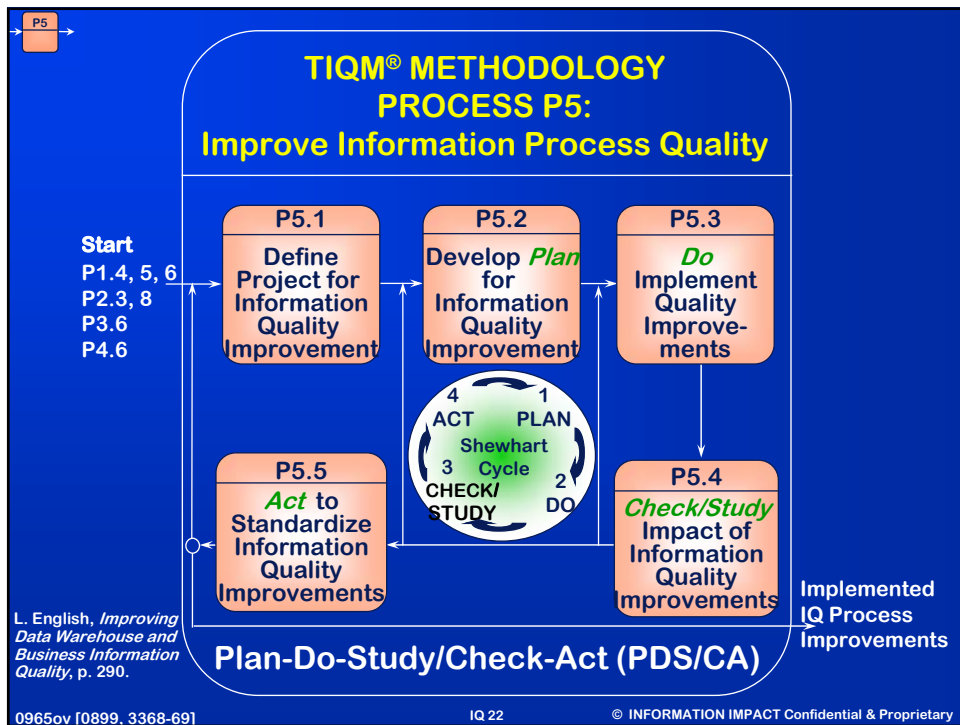
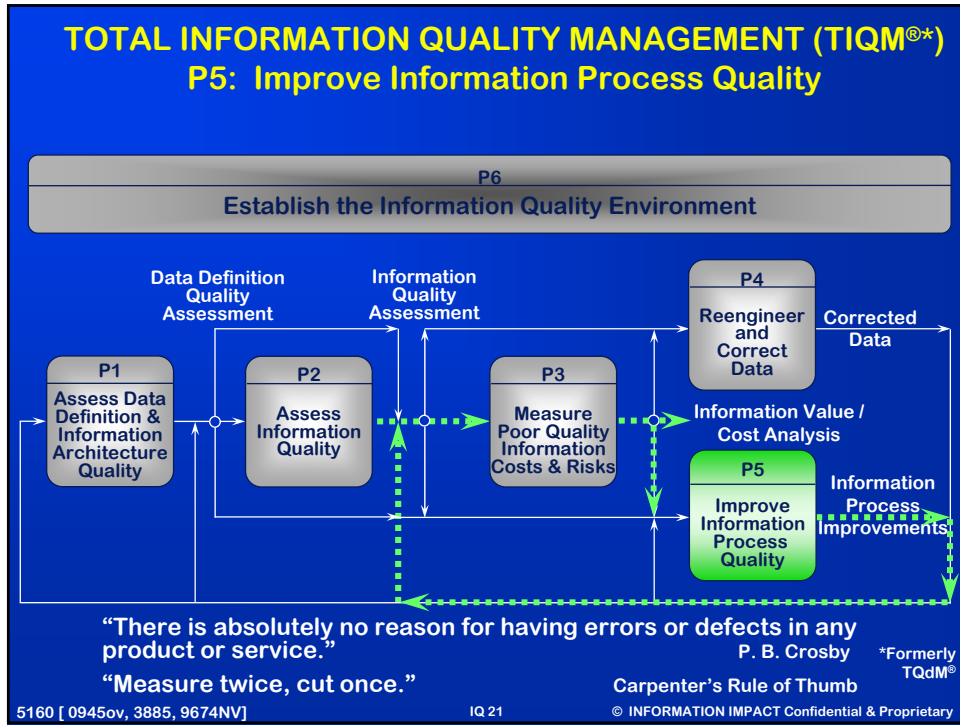
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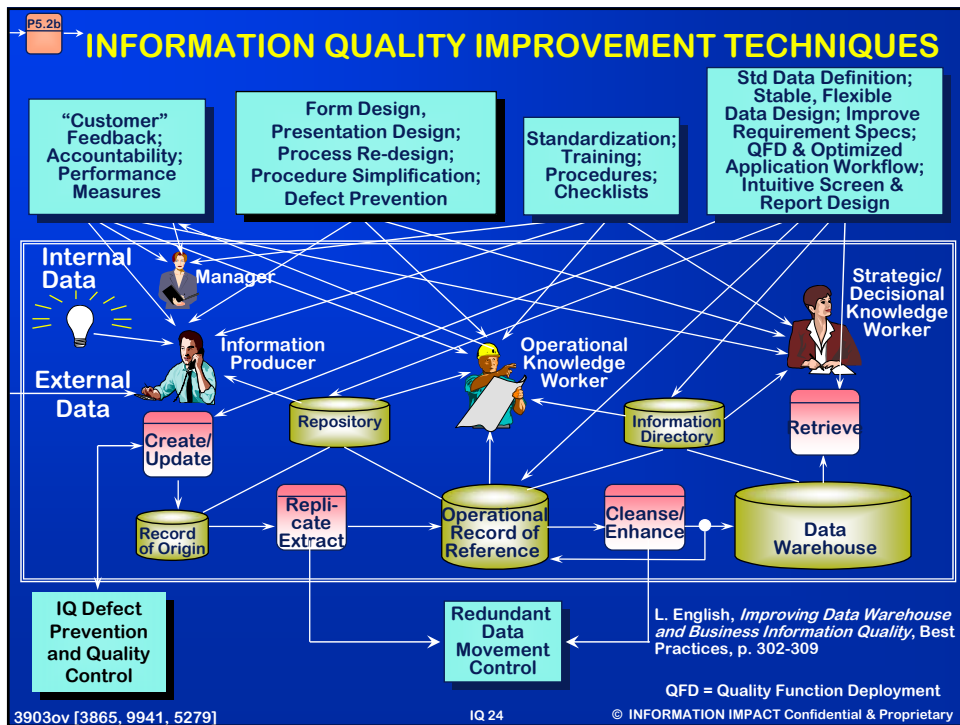
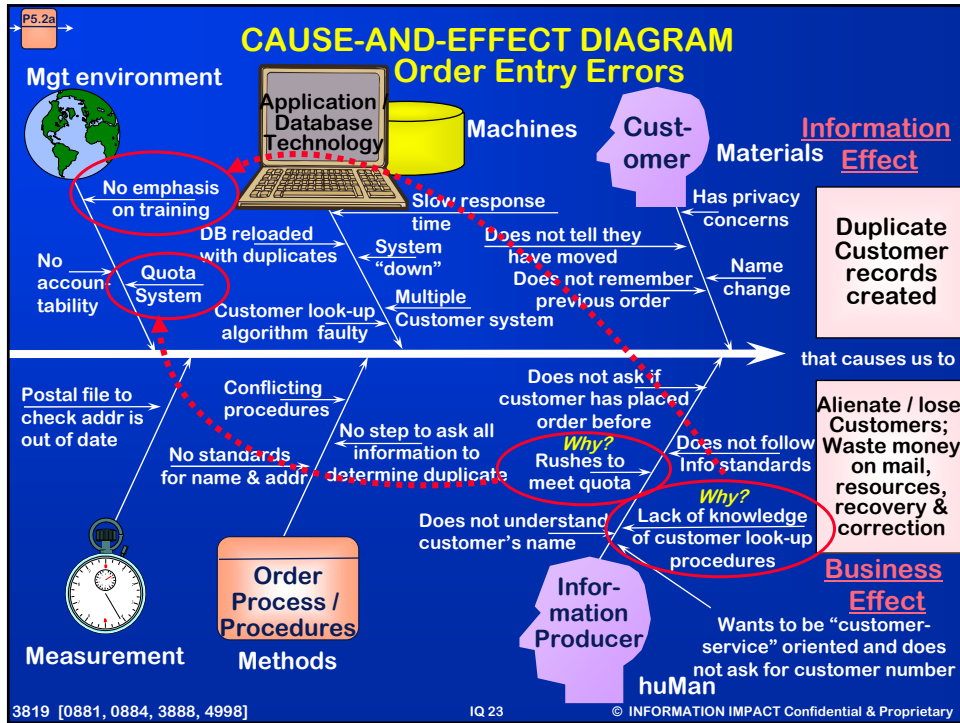
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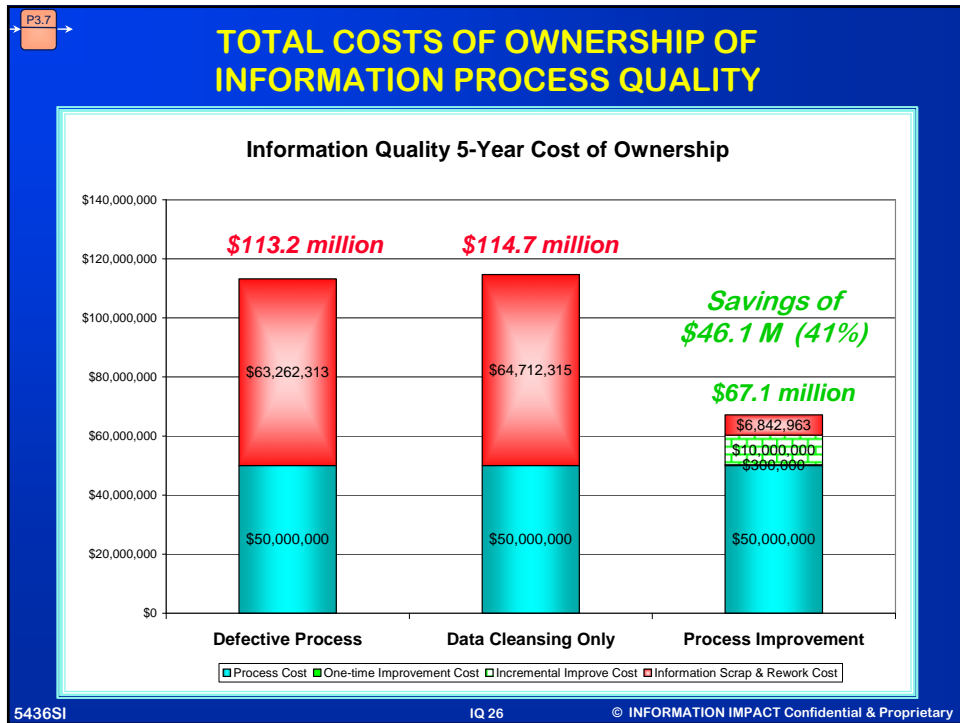
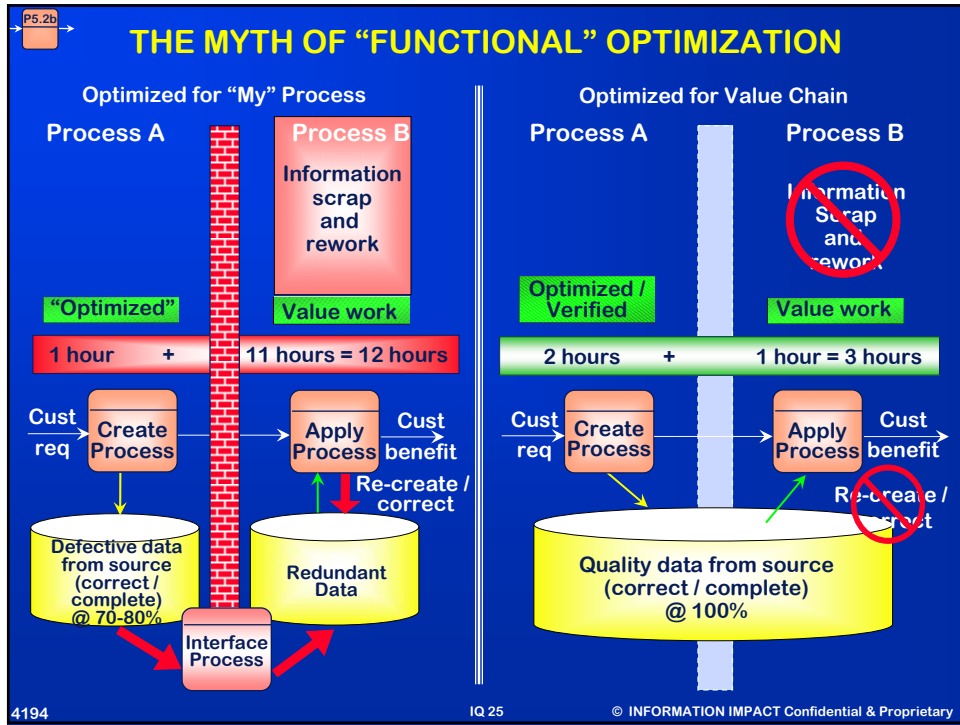
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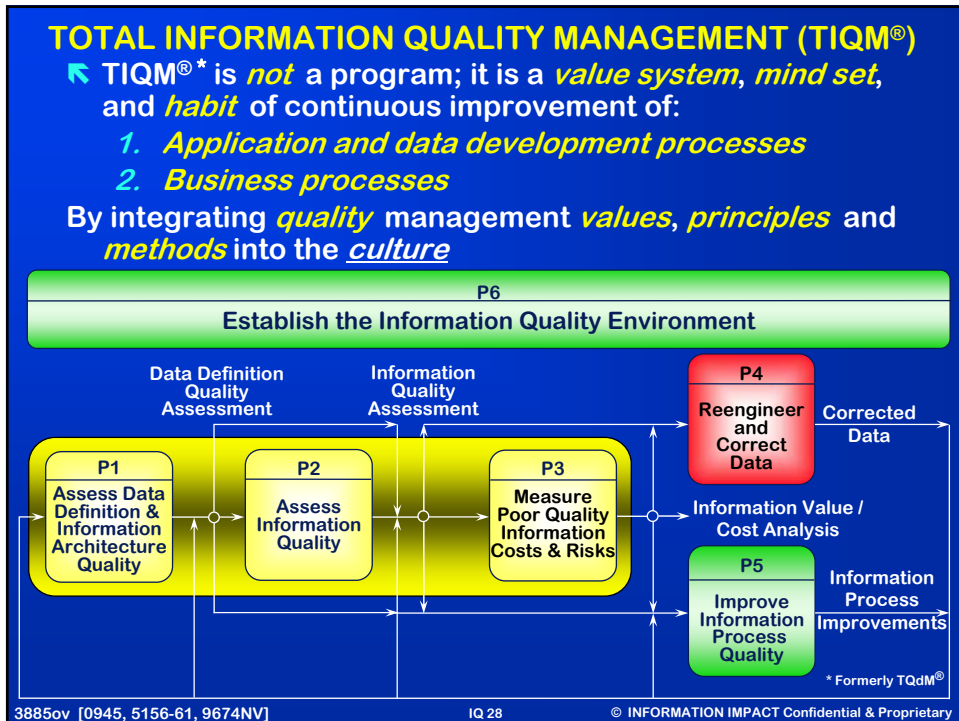
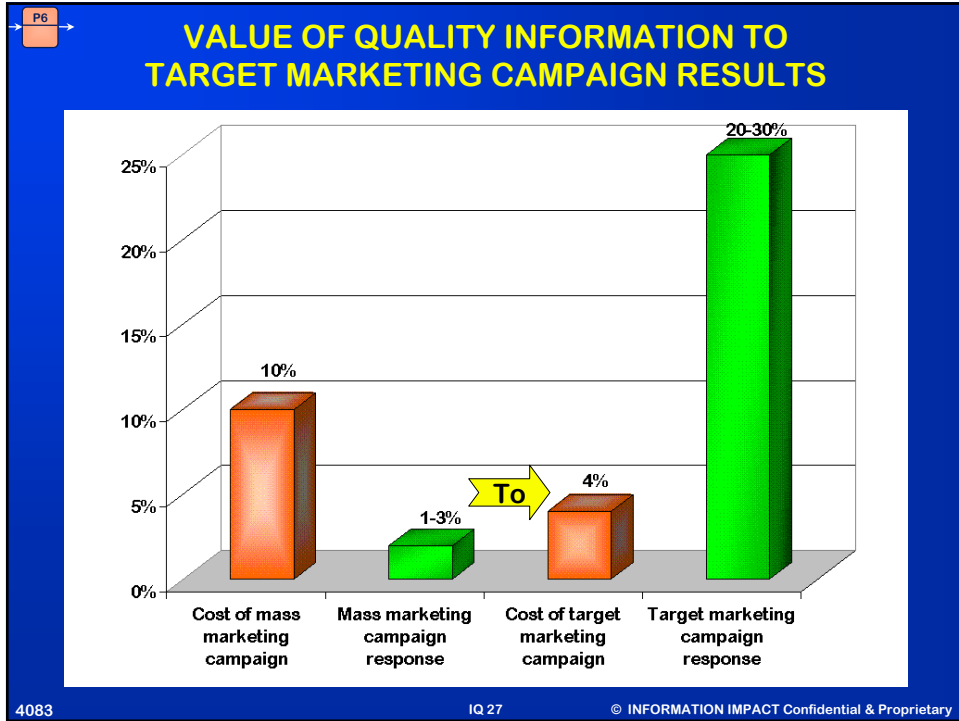
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## TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### Deming's 14 Points

1. Create constancy of purpose toward improvement of product and service, with the aim to become competitive and to stay in business, and to provide jobs.
2. Adopt the new philosophy. We are in a new economic age. Western management must awaken to the challenge, must learn their responsibilities, and take on leadership for change.
3. Cease dependence on mass inspection to achieve quality. Eliminate the need for inspection on a mass basis by building quality into the product in the first place.
4. End the practice of awarding business on the basis of price tag. Instead, minimize total cost. Move toward a single supplier for any one item, on a long-term relationship of loyalty and trust.
5. Improve constantly and forever the system of production and service, to improve quality and productivity, and thus constantly decrease costs.
6. Institute training on the job.
7. Institute leadership. The aim of supervision should be to help people and machines and gadgets to do a better job. Supervision of management is in need of overhaul, as well as supervision of... workers.

Source: Deming, *Out of the Crisis*  
Larry English, *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, p338

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## TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### Deming's 14 Points (Cont.)

8. Drive out fear, so everyone may work effectively for the company
9. Break down barriers between departments. People in research, design, sales, and production must work as a team, to foresee problems of production and in use that may be encountered with the product or service.
10. Eliminate slogans, exhortations, and targets for the work force asking for zero defects and new levels of productivity. Such exhortations only create adversarial relationships, as the bulk of the causes of low quality and low productivity belong to the system and thus lie beyond the power of the work force.
11. a. Eliminate work standards (quotas) on the factory floor. Substitute leadership.  
b. Eliminate management by objective. Eliminate management by numbers, numerical goals. Substitute leadership.
12. a. Remove barriers that rob the hourly worker of his right to pride of workmanship. The responsibility of supervisors must be changed from sheer numbers to quality.  
b. Remove barriers that rob people in management and in engineering of their right to pride of workmanship. This means, *inter alia*, abolishment of the annual or merit rating and of management by objective.
13. Institute a vigorous program of education and self-improvement.
14. Put everyone to work to accomplish the transformation. The transformation is everybody's job. Management will explain by seminars and other means why change is necessary, and that the change will involve everybody. Deming, *Out of the Crisis*  
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### TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 14 Points

1. Create constancy of purpose for improvement of *information* product and service: Long term plan; the obligation to the *knowledge worker* never ceases
2. Adopt the new philosophy of quality *shared information* as a tool for business improvement: “Reliable (*quality*) shared information reduces costs”
  - Means *transformation* of I / S & business management
3. Cease reliance on data and application *inspections alone* to achieve information quality: *Design quality in* to the information design and production processes
4. End the practice of developing applications on the basis of “on-time,” “within budget” measures alone and capturing data at the lowest cost: *Develop single data creation programs and trust* in information producers\*

\*Note: Contract with your information suppliers

\* Adapted from Deming's 14 Points, See L. English, *Improving Data Warehouse & Business Information Quality*, ch 11

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### TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 14 Points

5. *Improve constantly and forever the processes* of application and information development and service and of information production, through a *habit* of continuous “information defect prevention”
6. *Institute training* on information quality for all employees, especially management and producers
7. Institute leadership for information quality: appoint a full-time information quality leader; *management must assume accountability for* information quality
8. Drive out fear of data uncertainty or data correction: Implement incentive programs for finding / and correcting problem *causes; do not blame or punish*
9. *Break down barriers* between business areas: information management and application development; IT and business; business area and business area units

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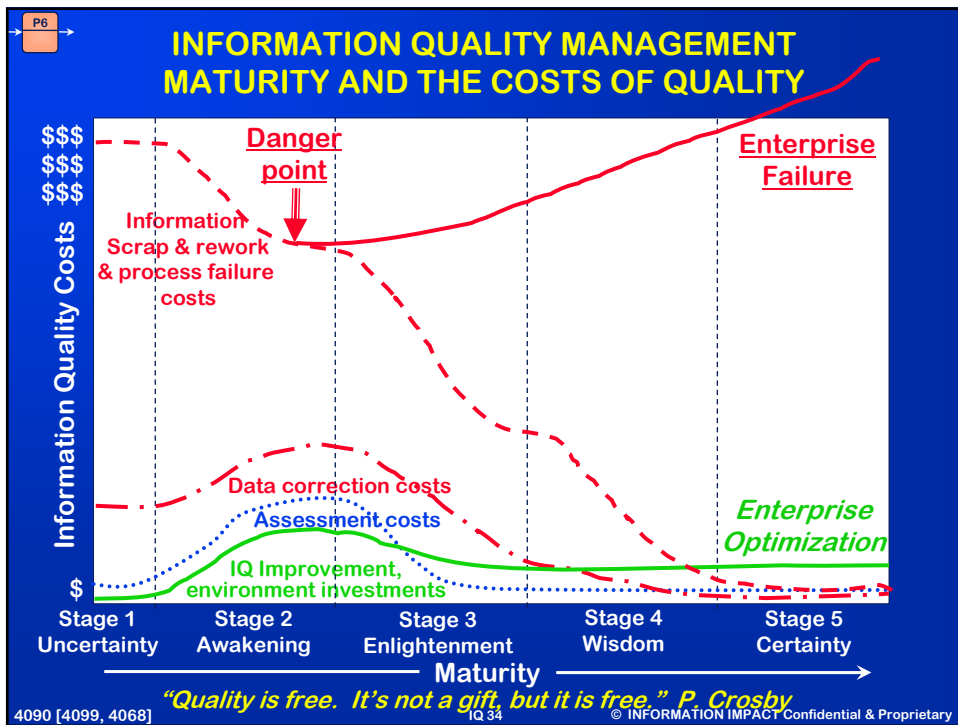
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**TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 14 Points**

10. Eliminate slogans and exhortations [only]; *replace with actions for information quality improvement*: Implement a Plan-Do-Check-Act process for information quality improvement
11. Eliminate quotas of “productivity” that increase errors and costs of scrap and rework: *Customer satisfaction*
12. Remove barriers to pride of workmanship; *empower information producers* to fix the broken processes
13. Institute a vigorous program of education and *self-improvement* for all people: understand the paradigm shift and learn tomorrow’s skills
14. Take action to accomplish the transformation for IQ: *Senior management must* feel the pain of the status quo, organize itself and communicate to a critical mass
  - Every process is a candidate for improvement

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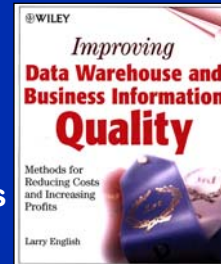
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