

## Quality Principles, Processes and Techniques Applied to Information Quality Management

### ABSTRACT

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Quality Management is predicated on the theory of a common core set of Principles, Processes, with Techniques applied to improve Quality of manufactured products or delivered services. These Principles, Processes and Techniques apply to Information Quality Management with only slight variations.

World-class organizations apply the same quality principles, such as Deming's Fourteen Points, Kaizen, Quality Function Deployment (QFD), the Baldrige Criteria and Six Sigma for Business Performance Excellence to Information. This presentation addresses how these principles and techniques apply directly to information as a product and knowledge workers and information producers as "information consumers."

In this tutorial Mr. English describes the fundamental principles of Quality Management and how they apply to Total Information Quality Management. He describes how an organization can improve the quality and value of its information resources. He describes metrics for measuring information quality and the management principles for implementing an effective information quality environment. Mr. English describes how organizations have successfully implemented information quality processes to improve the effectiveness of their business and information system processes.

- Fundamental Principles of Quality Management Applied to Information Quality
- Applying Principles of Quality Management to Information Process Quality
- Culture Transformation: Creating a Sustainable Environment for Quality Information

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# QUALITY PRINCIPLES, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

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A frequent keynote speaker, Mr. English writes the monthly "Plain English about Information Quality" column for *DM Review*, and is the author of the highly acclaimed *Improving Data Warehouse and Business Information Quality*, also available in Japanese, and numerous articles for publications in the US and Europe.

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## QUALITY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO IQ MANAGEMENT Learning Objectives

- Understand How the proven Quality Management Principles of Deming, Juran, Crosby, Kaizen and other proven Quality Systems apply to *Information Quality Management*
- Understand Why and How Proven Quality Management Principles Must be applied to *Information as a Product* of Business and Information Processes

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## SHORT LIST OF PROVEN QUALITY SYSTEMS

- ❑ Deming's System of Profound Knowledge and 14 Points of Mgt Transformation (*Out of the Crisis*)
- ❑ Juran's Trilogy: *Quality Planning, Quality Control, Quality Improvement*
- ❑ Walter Shewhart: *Quality Control Charts* and the *Plan-Do-Study-Act* cycle of Process Improvement
- ❑ Armand Fegeinbaum: *Total Quality Control*
- ❑ Genichi Taguchi: *Robust Engineering* and the Quality Loss Function
- ❑ Philip Crosby: *Quality Is Free, Quality Without Tears*
- ❑ Masaaki Imai: *Kaizen* and *Gemba Kaizen*
- ❑ *The Baldrige Criteria*
- ❑ *Six Sigma*

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## THREE CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INFORMATION QUALITY DISCIPLINE

1. You can maintain the *Status Quo* of your current rate of defective information, incurring the high costs of process failure and Information Scrap and Rework, possibly leading to Enterprise Failure
2. You can embrace a conservative, reactive approach of "Playing at Information Quality" by following a failed "*Inspect and Correct*" model of "data profiling" and "data cleansing" [sic. "Information Scrap and Rework"]
3. You can embrace a proactive model of *Total Information Quality Management* by designing quality and error-proofing into the Information Processes. This requires transforming the Culture of the Enterprise through education, training and replacing detrimental performance measures of speed with measures of *Information Consumer Satisfaction and Continuous Information Process Improvement*

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## PHILIP CROSBY'S QUALITY "ABSOLUTES"

1. Quality has to be defined as *conformance to [customer] requirements*, not as goodness
2. The system for causing quality is *prevention*, not appraisal
3. The performance standard must be *zero defects*, not "that's close enough"
4. The measurement of quality is the *price of nonconformance*, not indexes [scorecards]

Crosby, *Quality Without Tears*

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## KAIZEN QUALITY AND INFORMATION QUALITY

↖ *Kaizen\* and Management*: Two major functions:

- Maintaining management and quality standards
- Elevating quality standards and innovation

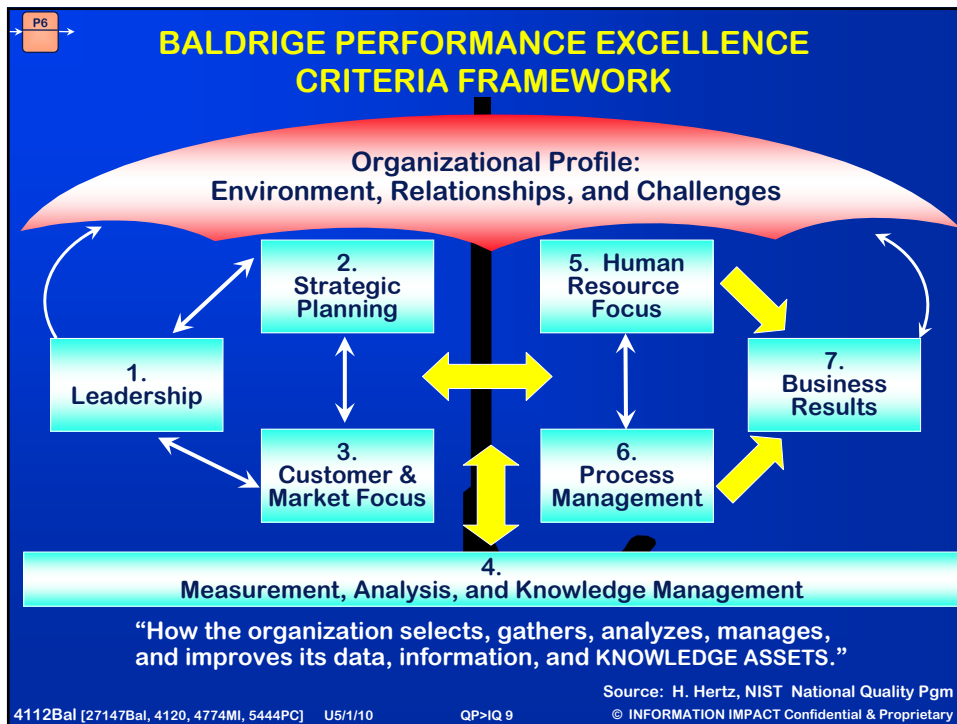
- The next process is the Customer*
- Establish non-blame, non-judgmental environment*
- Process versus Result*
- Speak with Data* ["Manage by Fact"]
- Follow the Plan-Do-Check/Study-Act and Standardize-Do-Check/Study-Act Cycles\*\**
- Put Quality FIRST*
- Eliminate Muda* ("waste")
- Solve Information Quality problems at *Gemba* ("the real place")

\* Kaizen: Japanese word for continuous process improvement involving everybody

\*\*PDSA or PDCA & SDSA or SDCA

Adapted from: Masaaki Imai, *Gemba Kaizen*

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- ## SEVEN DEADLY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT INFORMATION QUALITY
1. “Information Quality is *data cleansing*”
  2. “Information Quality is *data assessment*”
  3. “Conformance to business rules *is same as accuracy*”
  4. “Information Quality is *data accuracy*”; and counterpoint: ‘Information Quality is *‘fitness for purpose*’”
  5. “Information Quality problems *are caused by Information Producers*”; and its corollary: ‘Information Quality *is produced by an Information Quality Group*’”
  6. “Information Quality problems *can be edited out by implementing Business Rules*”
  7. “Information Quality *is too expensive*”
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**P6** → **THE FUNDAMENTAL QUALITY PRINCIPLES**

- **Customer Focus**
  - Customer satisfaction
  - Supplier / Customer Partnership
- **Continuous Process Improvement**
  - Process definition
  - Product specification (customer-focused)
  - Process Improvement (CPI) and Business Process Reengineering (BPR)
- **Proven, scientific Methods**
  - Statistical quality control
  - PDS/CA (Shewhart) cycle
  - SIPOC\*
- **Management Accountability**







CPI = Continuous Process Improvement  
 BPR = Business Process Reengineering  
 SIPOC = Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer

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**P4.2.1** → **SUB-OPTIMIZED VALUE / COST CIRCLE**

**Repair Order Facts**

Svc Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Equip Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Problem Desc: \_\_\_\_\_

Ord Date: 3/12/00  
 Cust ID: 44123  
 Tel Num: 555-1234  
 Time: 3 hours

(2-6 hours) Rediscover

Partial Capture

Customer Request →

Customer Benefit

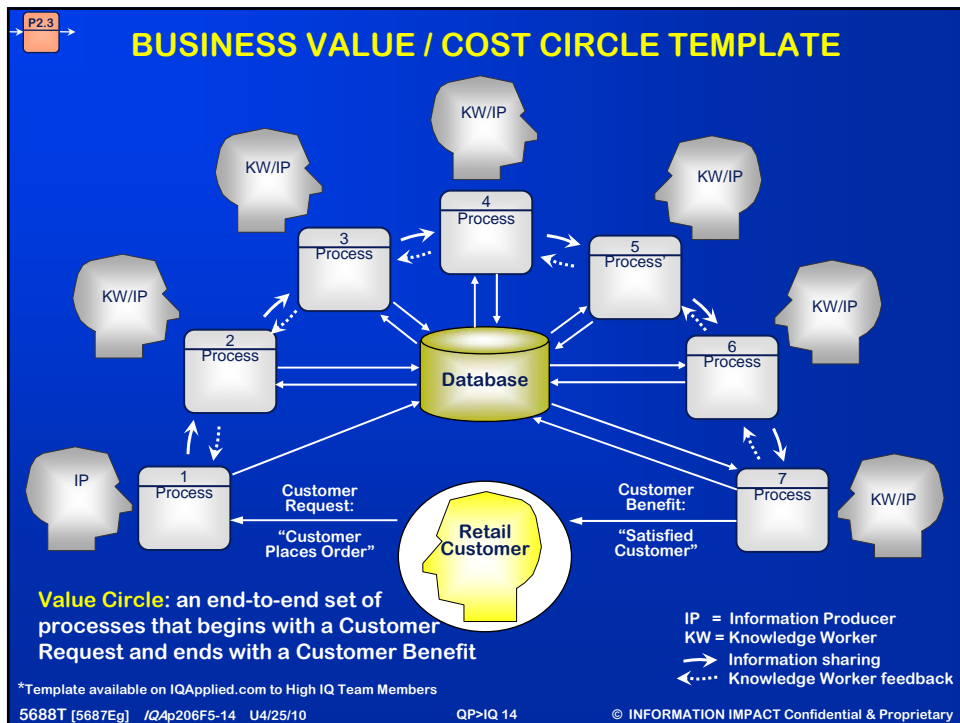
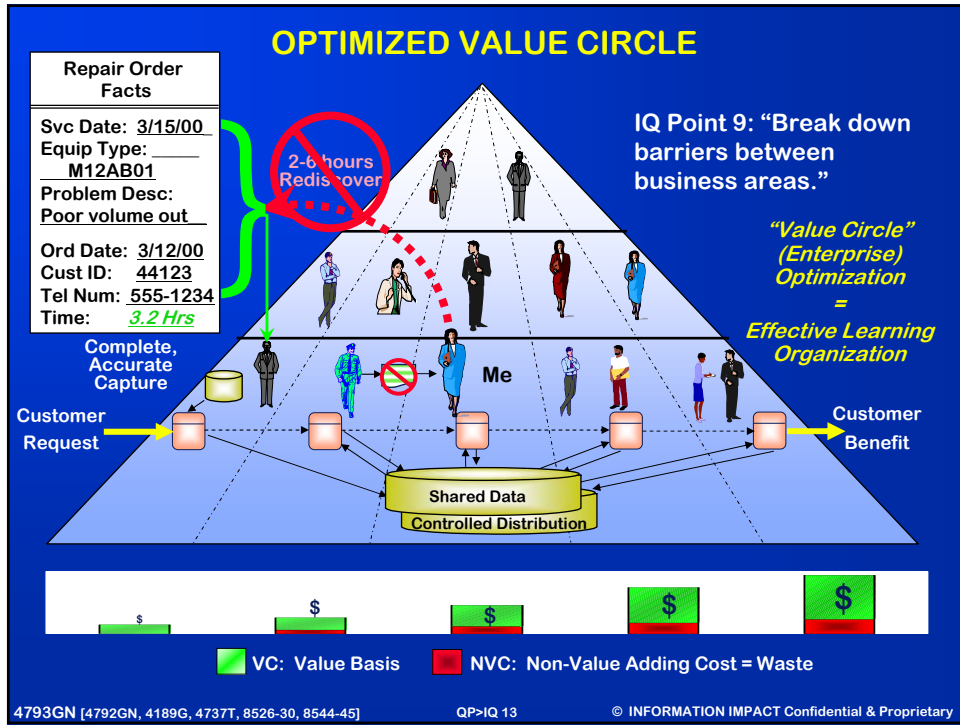
Value Circle: "A closed-loop, end-to-end set of activities that begins with a *request* from a *Customer* and ends with a *benefit* to *Customer*. *Activities either add Value or they add Waste & Cost.*"

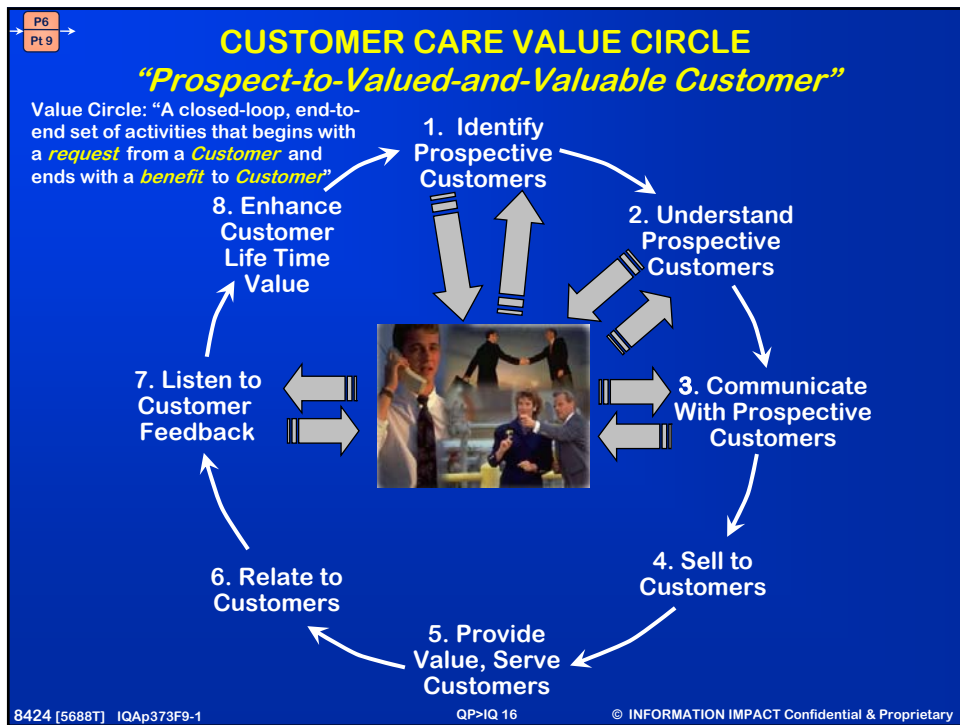
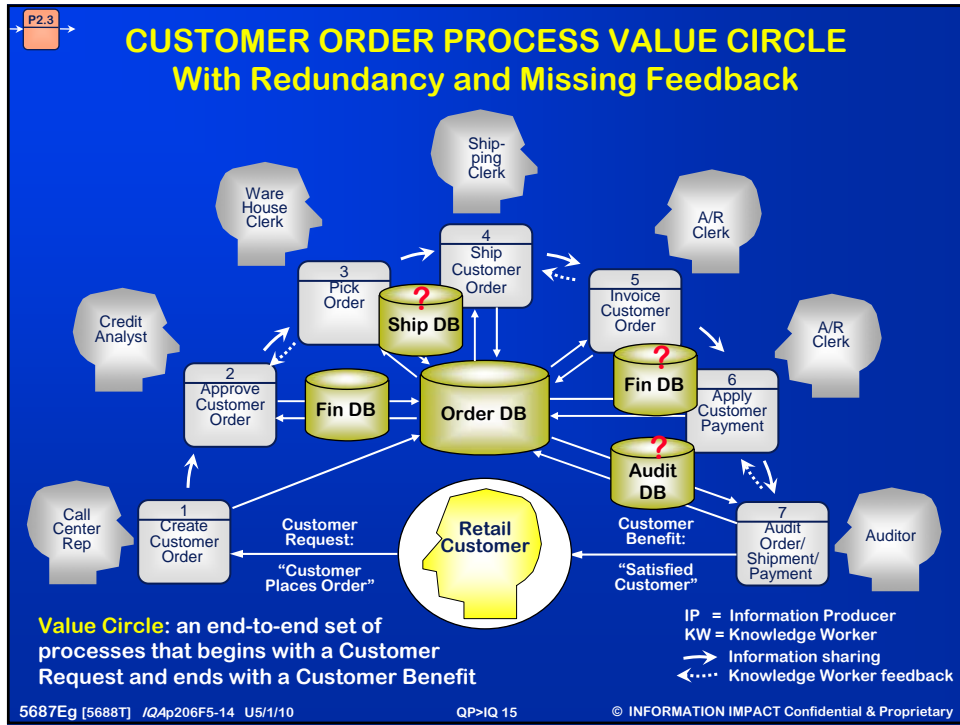
**"Functional Optimization" = Dysfunctional Enterprise**

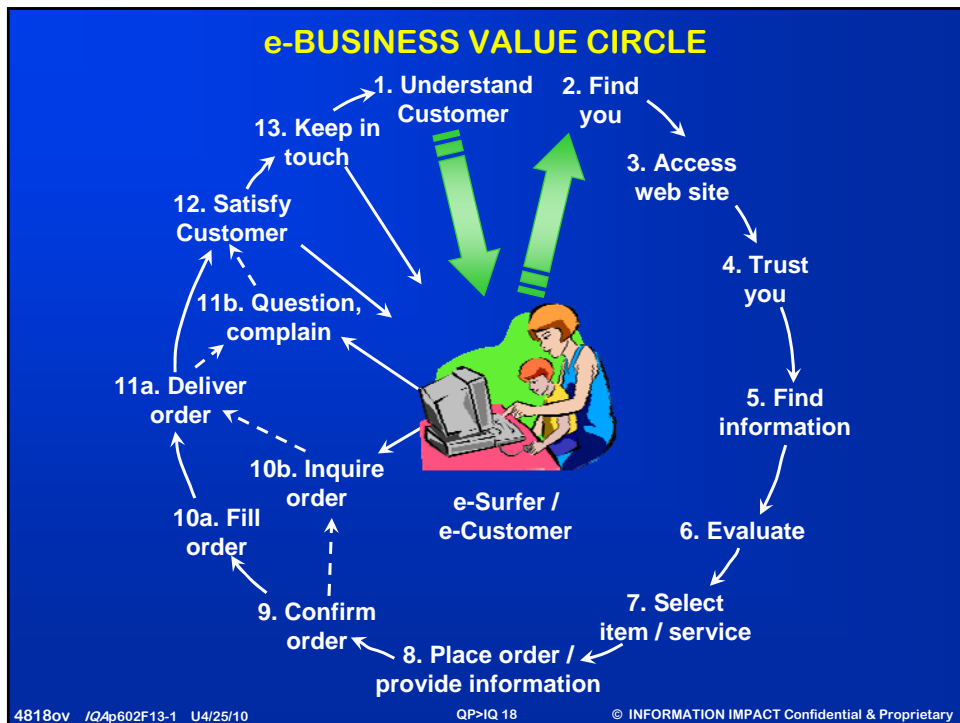
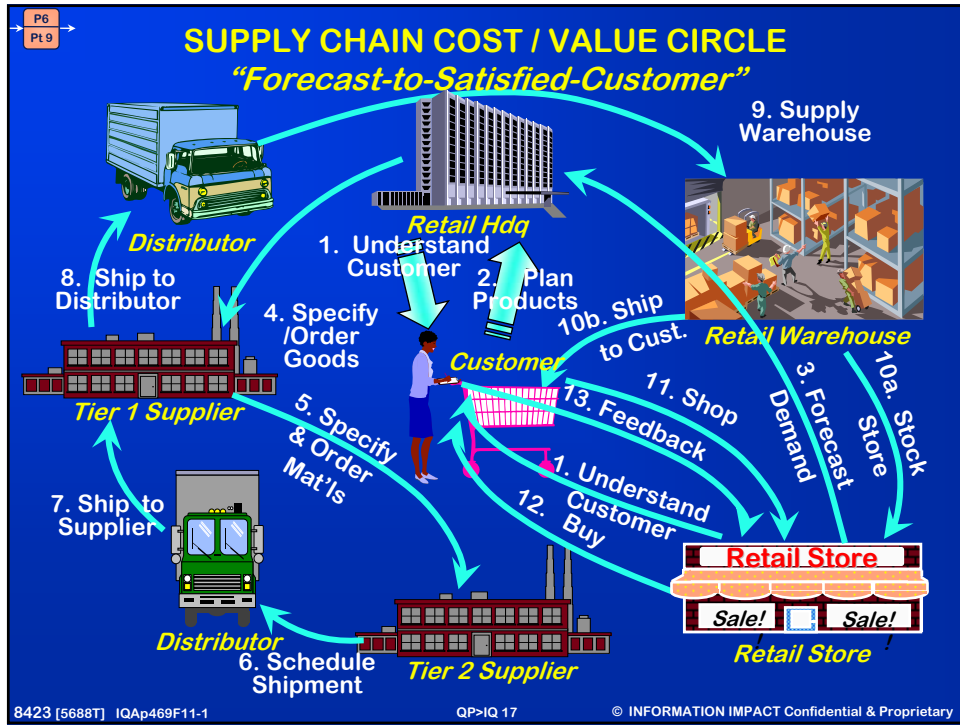
VC: Value Basis
  NVC: Non-Value Adding Cost = Waste

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**P6** → **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 information process quality for mission accomplishment**

TIQM 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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**Pl.1** → **TOTAL INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

**“Consistently meeting\*  
all Knowledge Workers’ and end-Customers’  
Expectations”**

through Information and Information Services so:

- **Knowledge Workers** accomplish enterprise objectives
- **Customers** are Successful with your products

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↖ **Components** of Information Quality:

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

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

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## THE DISCIPLINE OF INFORMATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT

**Information Quality Management is:**  
 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* so they can accomplish the Mission of the Enterprise

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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*

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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*, Chapter 2

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## 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."  
*Deming*
- "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"

IM = Information Management  
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## IQ 2. ADOPT THE NEW PHILOSOPHY—*QUALITY INFORMATION REDUCES COSTS*

- The economic realities of today require new standards
  - "Reliable service reduces costs"  
*Deming*
  - "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

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### IQ 3. CEASE DEPENDENCE ON DATA ASSESSMENTS & INSPECTIONS ALONE—*DESIGN QUALITY INTO PROCESS*

- 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

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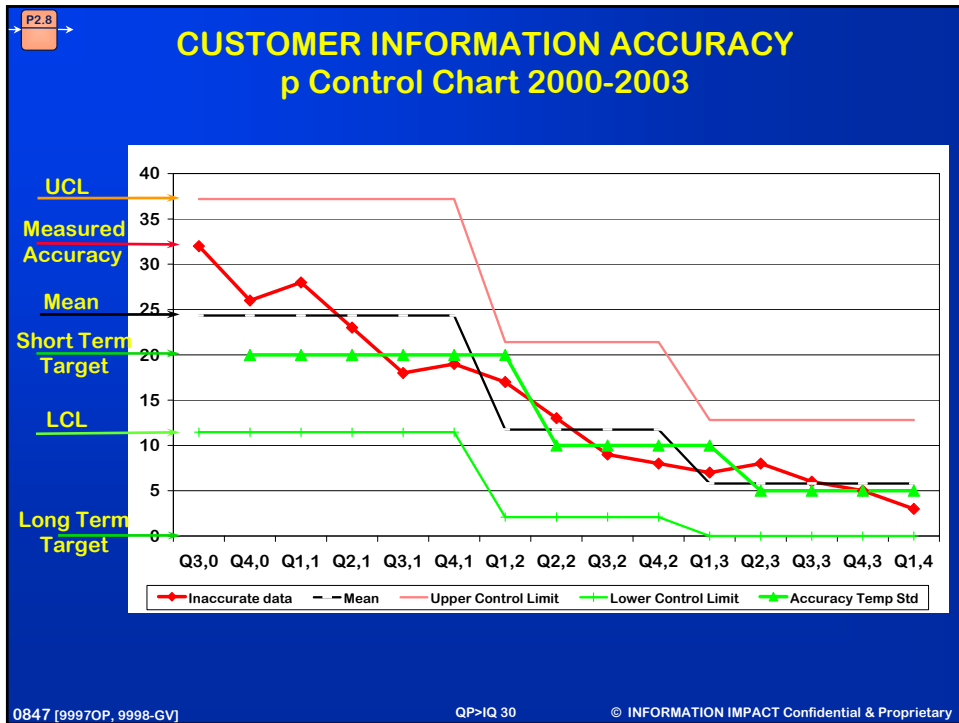
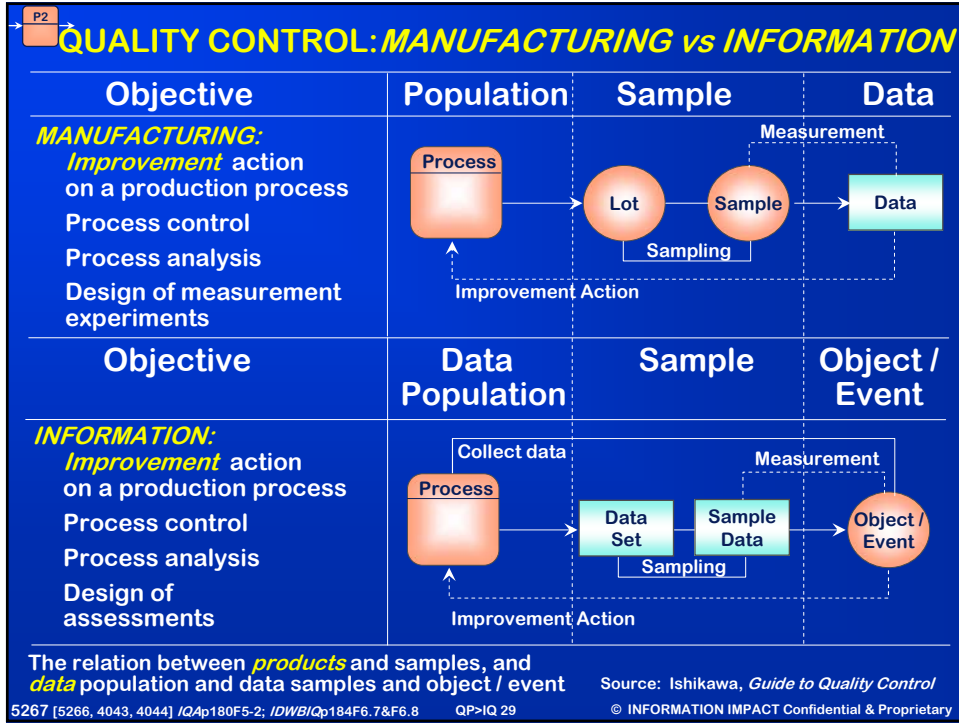
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### THE BUSINESS CASE FOR IQ MANAGEMENT: Poor Quality Information Costs

- “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 20 to 30+ percent of a large organization’s [operating] revenue or budget.”\**

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## IQ 4. END THE PRACTICE OF PROJECTS OR DATA CAPTURE ON COST OR TIME MEASURES ALONE

❑ 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 natural Information Producers

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## APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT PARADIGMS

❑ **Wrong:** Application Requirements Analysis (“IPO”\*) only

Upstream Information Producer → Process → Input → Me (Process) → Output → Process → Downstream Stakeholder

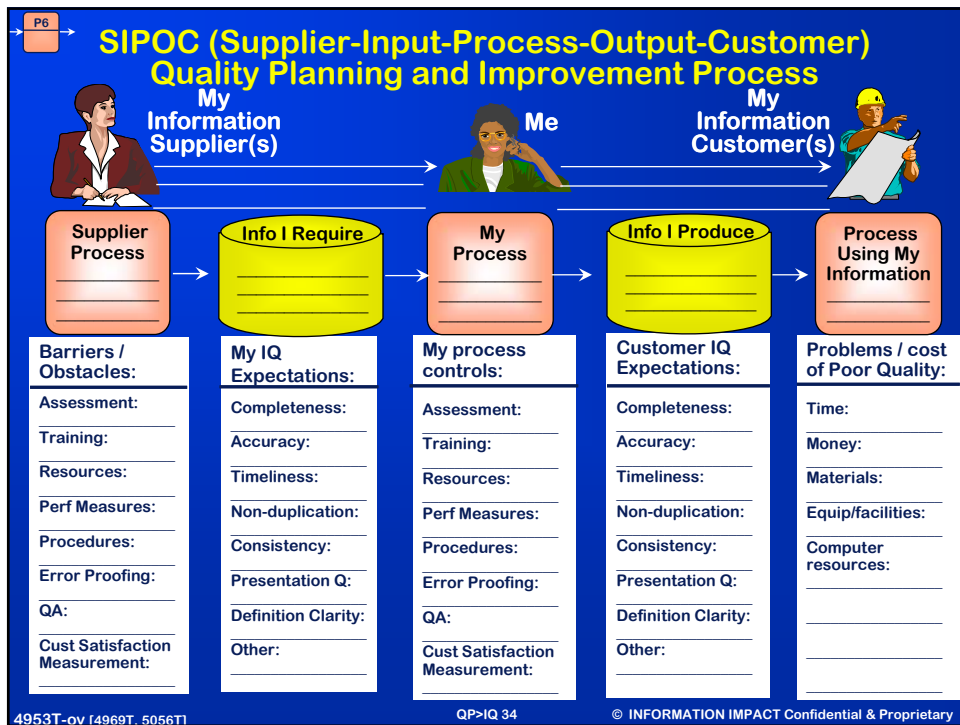
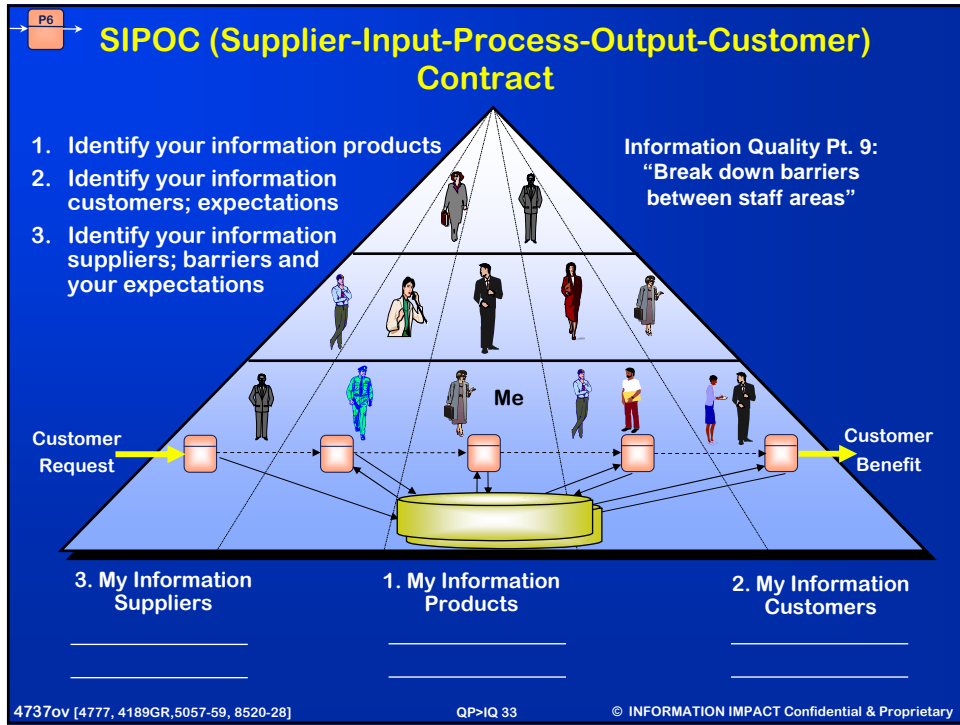
❑ **Right:** \*Value Circle Analysis (SIPOC\*)


My Information Producer → Process → Me (Process) → My Information Customer → Process → My Information Customer → Process → Our End-Customers → Process

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

\*SIPOC = Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer


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 **SIPOC (Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer)  
Quality Planning / Improvement Procedure Steps (1 of 3)**

1. Identify the process(es) you or your work team(s) perform
2. Identify the important Information Groups (such as Customer Address data, or Product Price data) created or updated by your process(es)
  - Create a SIPOC chart for each Information Group
3. Identify all customer groups who require that data
  - Document in the enterprise Data Dictionary or repository for future reference
- 4a. Identify all processes that depend on the data
- 4b. List the general (or specific, if known) costs incurred if the data is wrong, missing or not available on an acceptable time frame

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 **SIPOC (Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer)  
Quality Planning / Improvement Procedure Steps (2 of 3)**

- 5a. List and understand the quality requirements each customer group has for the information
- 5b. Measure or have the data measured against the quality requirements
6. If there are gaps, conduct a PDCA\* to identify root cause and plan, test and implement improvements
  - Note: measure costs of nonquality before, and cost-reductions / opportunity gain afterwards
  - Document ROI (return on investment) and lessons learned in the Information Quality knowledge base
7. List the Information Group(s) (such as Product Inventory data or Supplier Contact data) you require to perform your process(es)

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## SIPOC (Supplier-Input-Process-Output-Customer) Quality Planning / Improvement Procedure Steps (3 of 3)

8. Identify your Information Producer(s) (Supplier(s))
9. Identify the processes that create or update the information you require
10. Understand the obstacles and barriers, if any, confronted by the information producers
  - If the information does not meet your expectations work with the Information Producers or with the Information Quality team to conduct a PDCA\* to eliminate root causes of Information Quality problems
11. Share your ongoing Information Quality requirements for the data you require with your Information Producers

\*PDCA= Plan-Do-Check-Act Process Improvement

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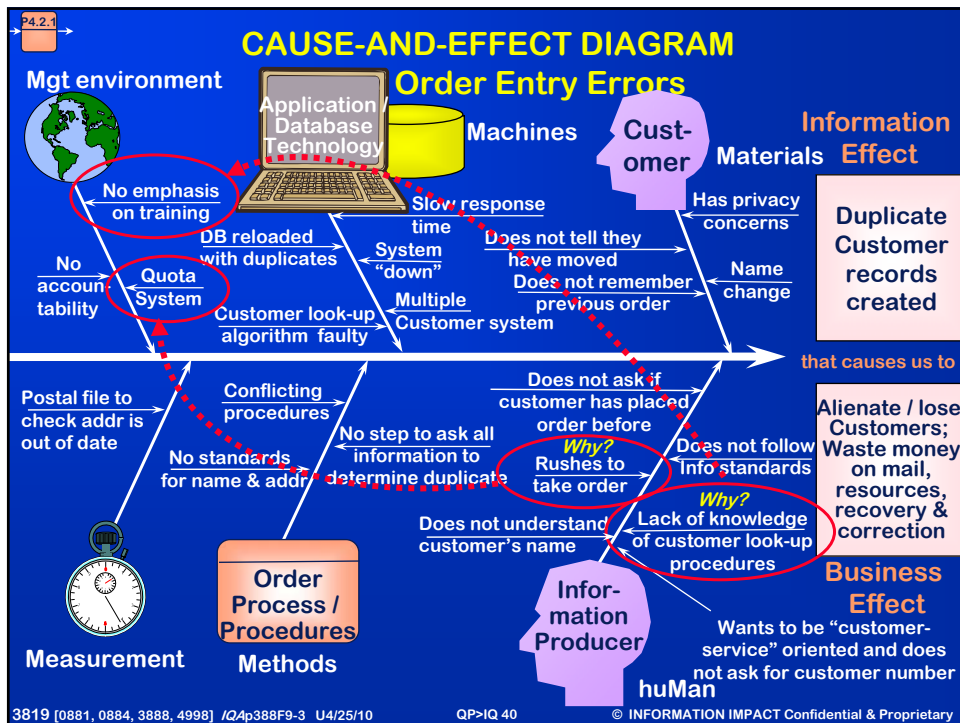
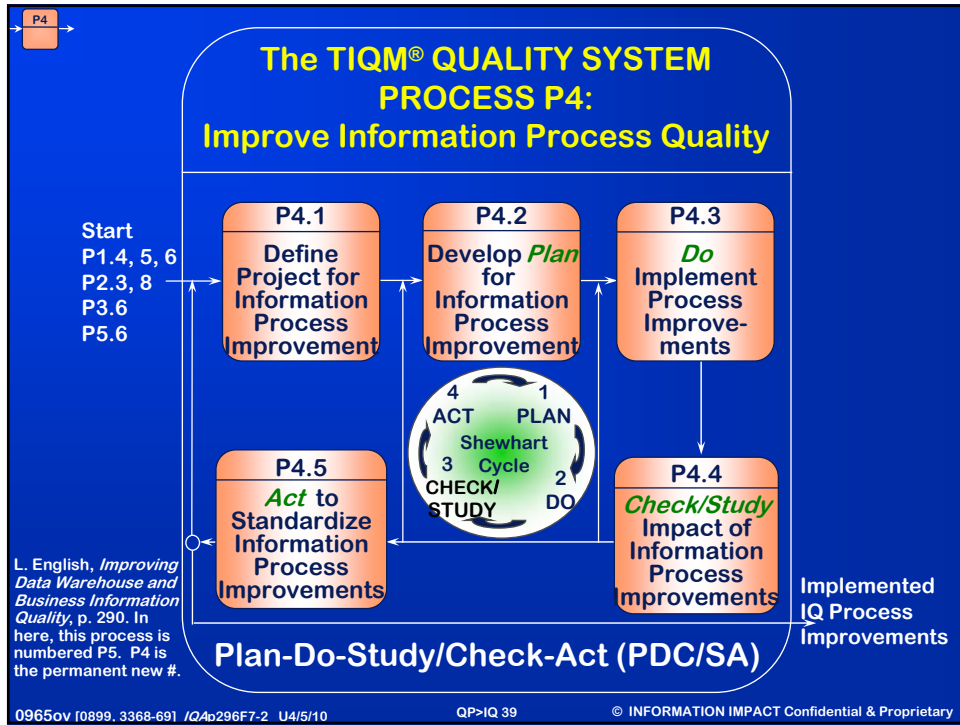
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## IQ 5. IMPROVE CONSTANTLY & FOREVER PROCESSES OF I/S+ DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION "PRODUCTION"

- Improvement is not a one time effort—management is obligated to continual improvement
  - Quality "must be built in at the design stage" *Deming*
  - "Everyone and every department in the company must subscribe to constant improvement" *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

+I/S = Information Systems  
\*IRM = Information Resource Management  
\*\* QFD = Quality Function Deployment

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## IQ 6. INSTITUTE TRAINING FOR INFORMATION QUALITY

- 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)

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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

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## IQ 8. DRIVE OUT FEAR SO INFORMATION PRODUCERS & KNOWLEDGE WORKERS CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY

- 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

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## IQ 9. BREAK DOWN BARRIERS BETWEEN STAFF AREAS (INFO SYSTEMS TO BUSINESS & BUSINESS TO BUSINESS)

- Enterprise Failure occurs when organizational units *operate autonomously toward their own goals*
  - The parable of the shoes
- ↩ Information Quality ramifications:
  - Create IRM\* / Application Development partnership
  - Create Information Systems to Business Partnerships
  - Define *Cross-functional Business Value Circles*
  - Develop Business Area Partnerships across *Business Value Circles*
  - ↩ *Define Supplier-customer “contracts” between Business Area Managers for Information Quality*
  - ↩ *Provide Training and Resources to deliver quality*

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**Pl.10** → **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)

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**Pl.11** → **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

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### IQ 12. REMOVE BARRIERS TO PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP: Let Information Producers Improve Their Own 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

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### 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+

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



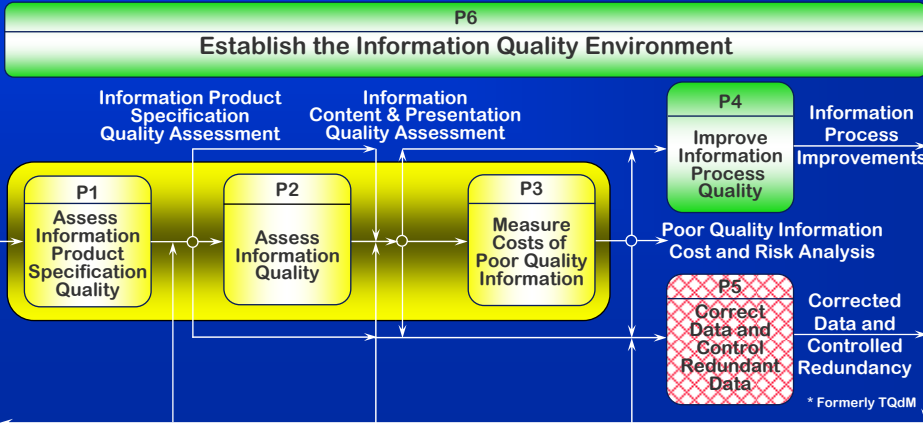
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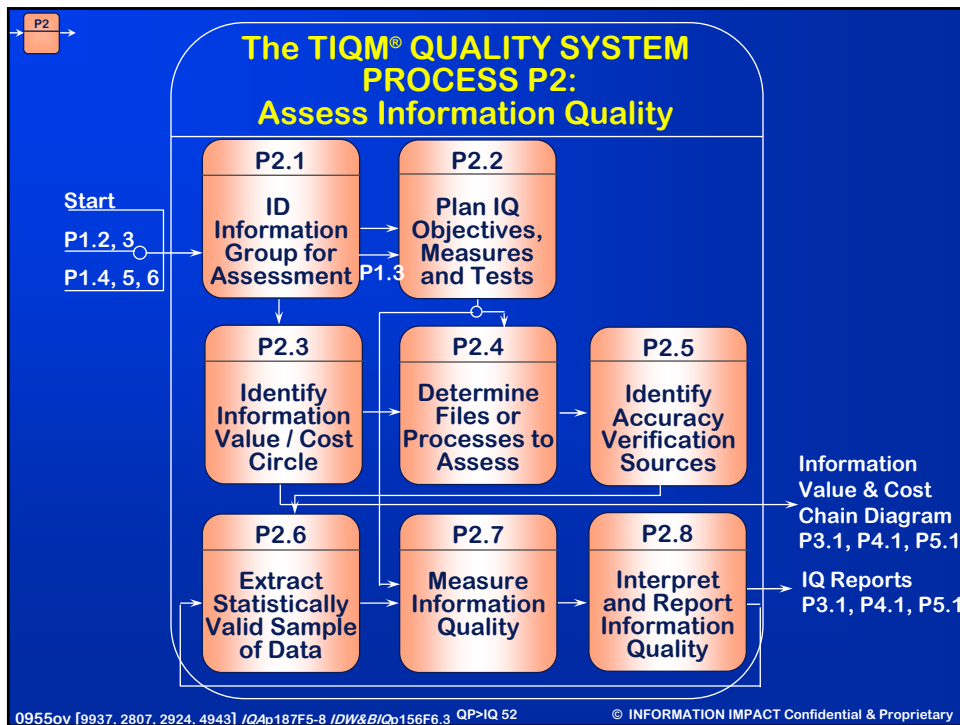
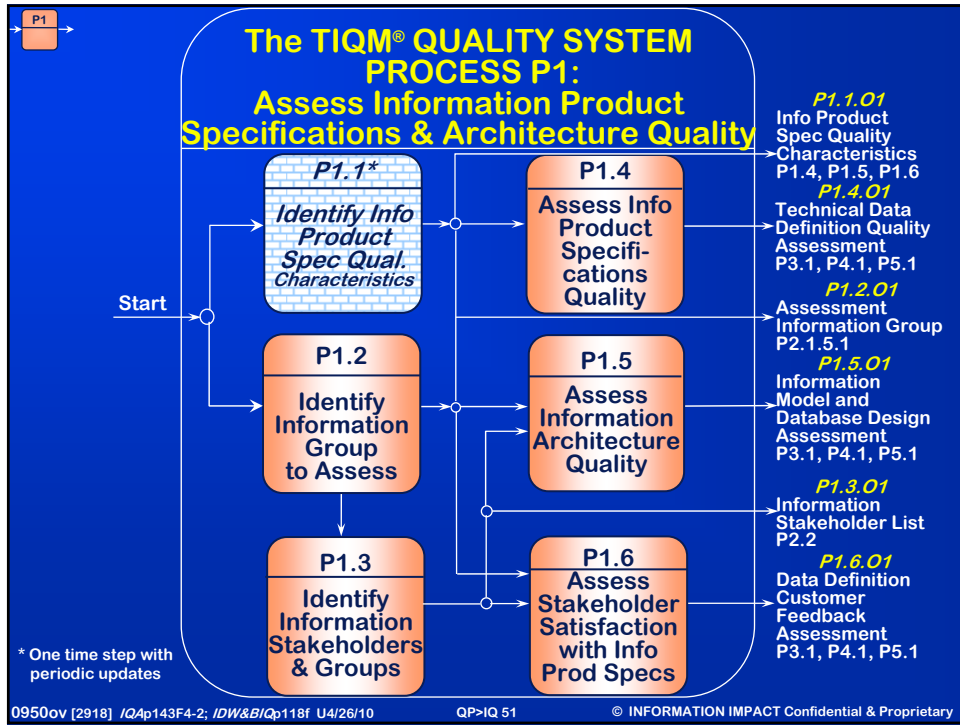
TIQM®\* is *not* a program; it is a *value system, mind set,* and *habit* of continuous improvement of:

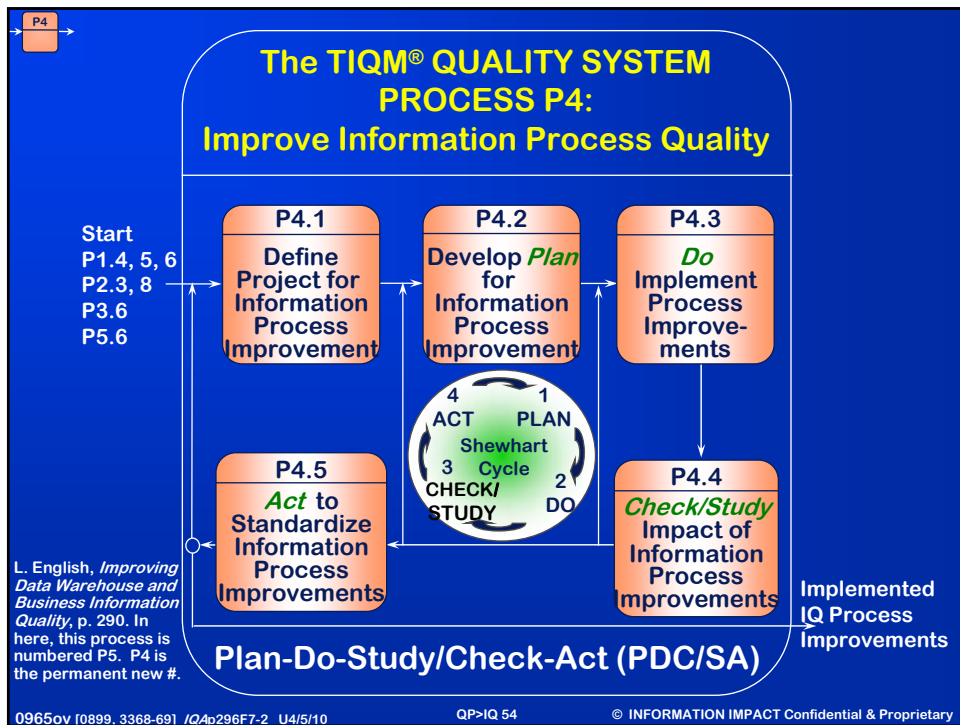
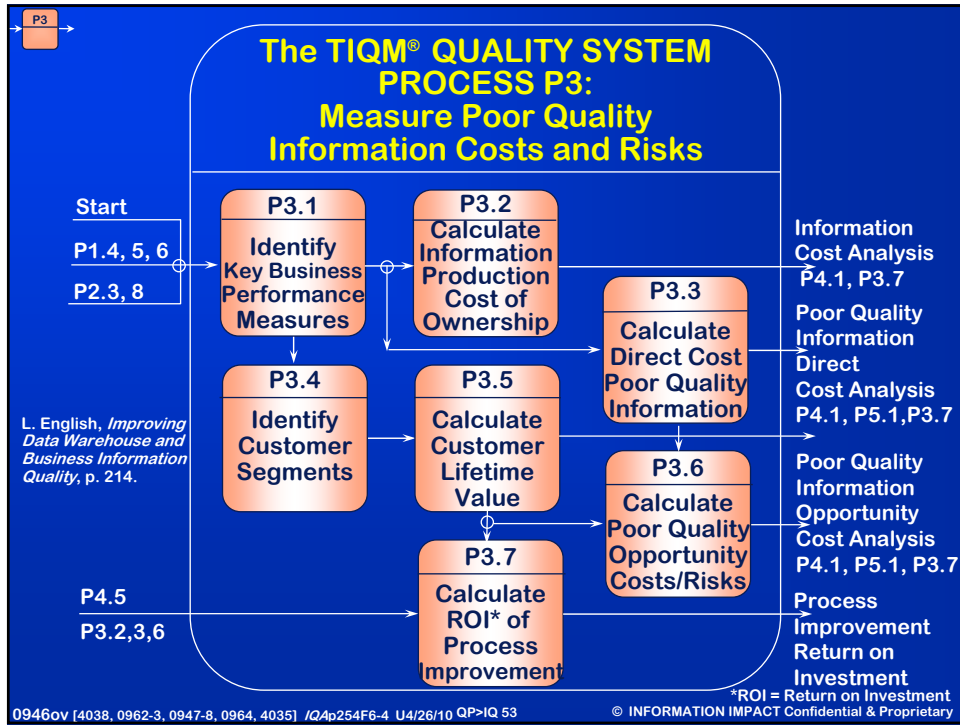
1. *Application and data development processes*
2. *Business processes*

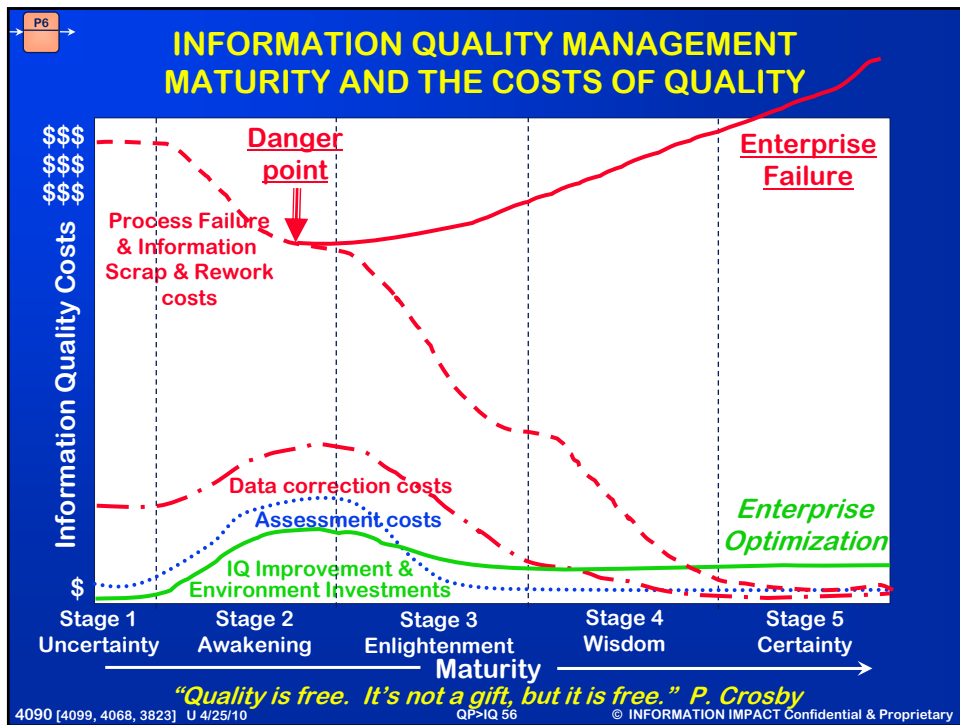
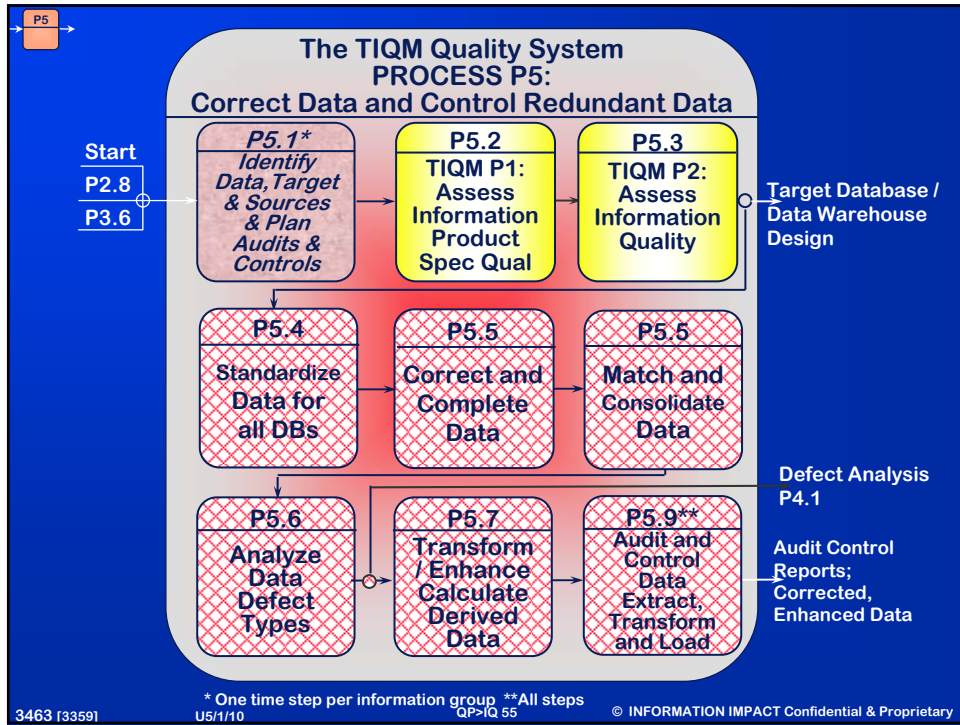
By integrating *quality* management *values, principles* and *methods* into the *culture*



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## EPILOGUE

“Quality is free. It’s not a gift, but it is free. What costs money are the unquality things—all the actions that involve not doing jobs right the first time.

“Quality is not only free, it is an honest-to-everything profit maker. Every penny you don’t spend on doing things wrong, over, or instead becomes half a penny right on the bottom line. If you concentrate on making quality certain you can probably increase your profit by an amount equal to 5 to 10 percent of your sales. . . . . That is a lot of money for free.”

Philip B. Crosby, *Quality Is Free*

And this does not count the increased opportunity gain that comes from exploitation of high quality information

To re-iterate:

**“QUALITY IS FREE. IT’S NOT A GIFT...”**

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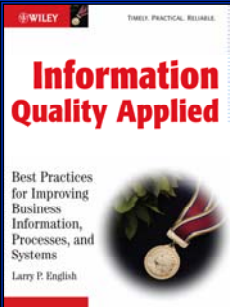
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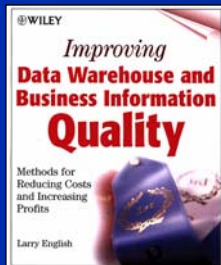
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