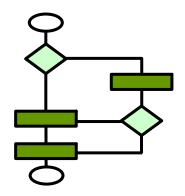
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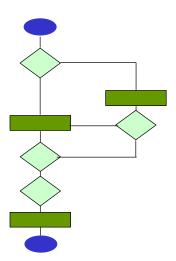
Flowcharting



Managing **Deciding & Selecting Planning & Project Management* Pros and Cons PDPC** Risk Importance-Urgency Mapping RACI Matrix Stakeholders Analysis Break-even Analysis **RAID Logs FMEA** Cost -Benefit Analysis **PEST** PERT/CPM **Activity Diagram** Force Field Analysis Fault Tree Analysis **SWOT** Voting Project Charter Roadmaps **Pugh Matrix Gantt Chart** Risk Assessment* Decision Tree **TPN Analysis PDCA Control Planning** Matrix Diagram Gap Analysis **OFD** Traffic Light Assessment Kaizen **Prioritization Matrix** Hoshin Kanri Kano Analysis How-How Diagram **KPIs** Lean Measures Paired Comparison Tree Diagram** Critical-to Tree Standard work **Identifying &** Capability Indices **OEE** Pareto Analysis Cause & Effect Matrix Simulation TPM**Implementing** RTY Descriptive Statistics **MSA** Confidence Intervals Understanding Mistake Proofing Solutions*** Cost of Quality Cause & Effect Probability Distributions ANOVA **Pull Systems** JIT **Ergonomics** Design of Experiments Reliability Analysis Graphical Analysis Hypothesis Testing Work Balancing Automation Regression Bottleneck Analysis Visual Management Scatter Plot Correlation **Understanding Run Charts** Multi-Vari Charts Flow Performance 5 Whys Chi-Square Test 5S **Control Charts** Value Analysis Relations Mapping* Benchmarking Fishbone Diagram **SMED** Wastes Analysis Sampling **TRIZ***** Time Value Map Process Redesign Brainstorming Focus groups **Interviews** Analogy SCAMPER*** IDEF0 Nominal Group Technique SIPOC Photography Mind Mapping* Value Stream Mapping **Check Sheets** Attribute Analysis Flow Process Chart Process Mapping Affinity Diagram **Measles Charts** Surveys Visioning **Flowcharting** Service Blueprints Lateral Thinking **Data** Critical Incident Technique Collection **Creating Ideas** Designing & Analyzing Processes Observations**

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- □ Flowcharts are used in designing and documenting complex processes or programs.
- □ Visually show the steps and decisions and how they fit together.
- Contained in procedures and quality manuals.
- □ Show how the process should be.



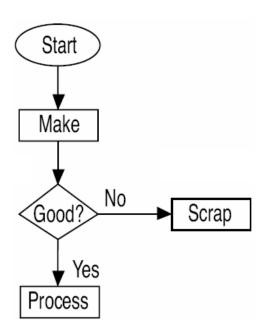
When to Use It?

- □ Define a process.
- Analyze a process.
- □ Identify bottlenecks and troubleshoot a problem.
- Document a process.
- Communicate steps to other people involved in a process.
- ☐ Improve a process.
- □ Standardize a process.

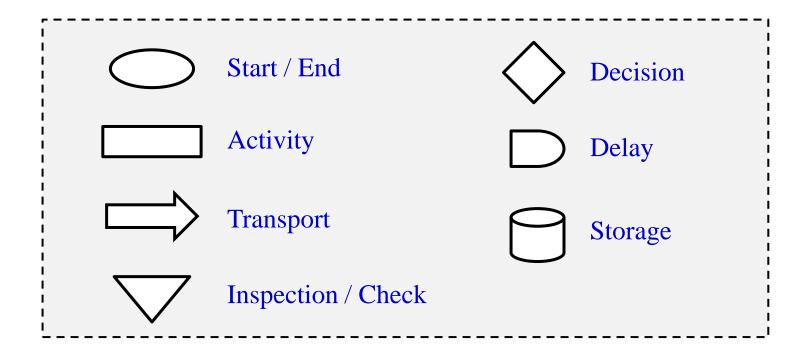


Components:

- □ Step name.
- Step number.
- Step description.
- Relationships between steps.
- □ The decision points.
- □ The control / inspection points.
- Data collection / storage points.
- □ The inputs and the outputs for each step.
- Reference to the SOP or work instruction.

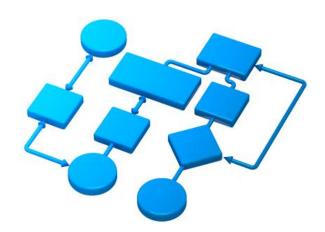


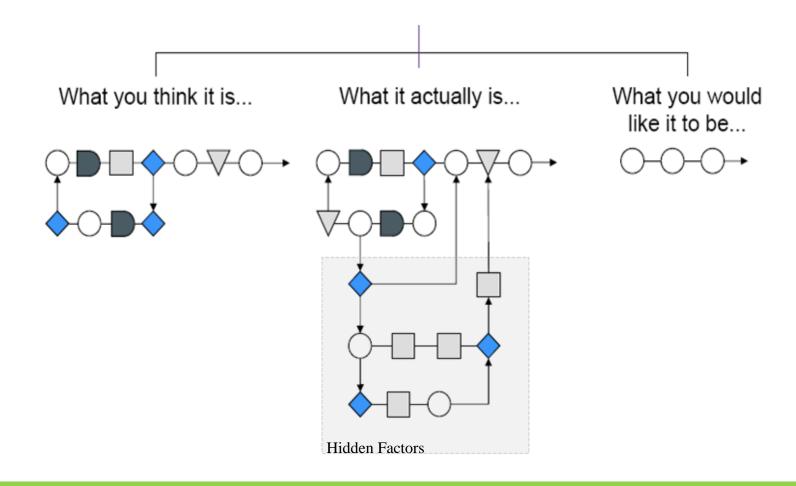
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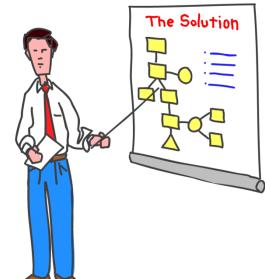
Approach:

- □ Identify the process owners.
- Identify the process boundaries.
- Document the inputs and outputs of the process.
- □ Document the **ideal** operations (brainstorming).
- Add decision, inspection, data collection
 & storage points.
- □ Test the Flowchart.
- Challenge the Flowchart if you want to improve it.





- □ A flowchart is described as cross-functional when the page is divided into different "swimlanes" describing the control of different organizational units.
- □ Use **connectors** when they become long and complicated.
- Software developers can use flow charts to map out a process that needs to be automated.



Example – Shipping Flowchart:

