

# Lecture 2: Accepting and Sharing Responsibility

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## Understanding and Accepting Responsibility: Moral Responsibility

### ☐ Obligations: Types of actions that are morally mandatory

- Incumbent Obligations: honest, fair, decent
- Role Responsibilities: associated with a professional role

### ☐ Accountability: The capacity to understand and act on moral reasons, answerable for meeting particular obligations.

- Voluntary wrongdoing: disregard to known responsibilities and known risks, weakness of will.
- Negligence: unintentional failure in meeting responsibilities (shoddy engineering)

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## Understanding and Accepting Responsibility: Moral Responsibility

### ☐ Conscientiousness: Diligence and vigilance in the assigned role

### ☐ Blame and Praise: Accountability as an issue

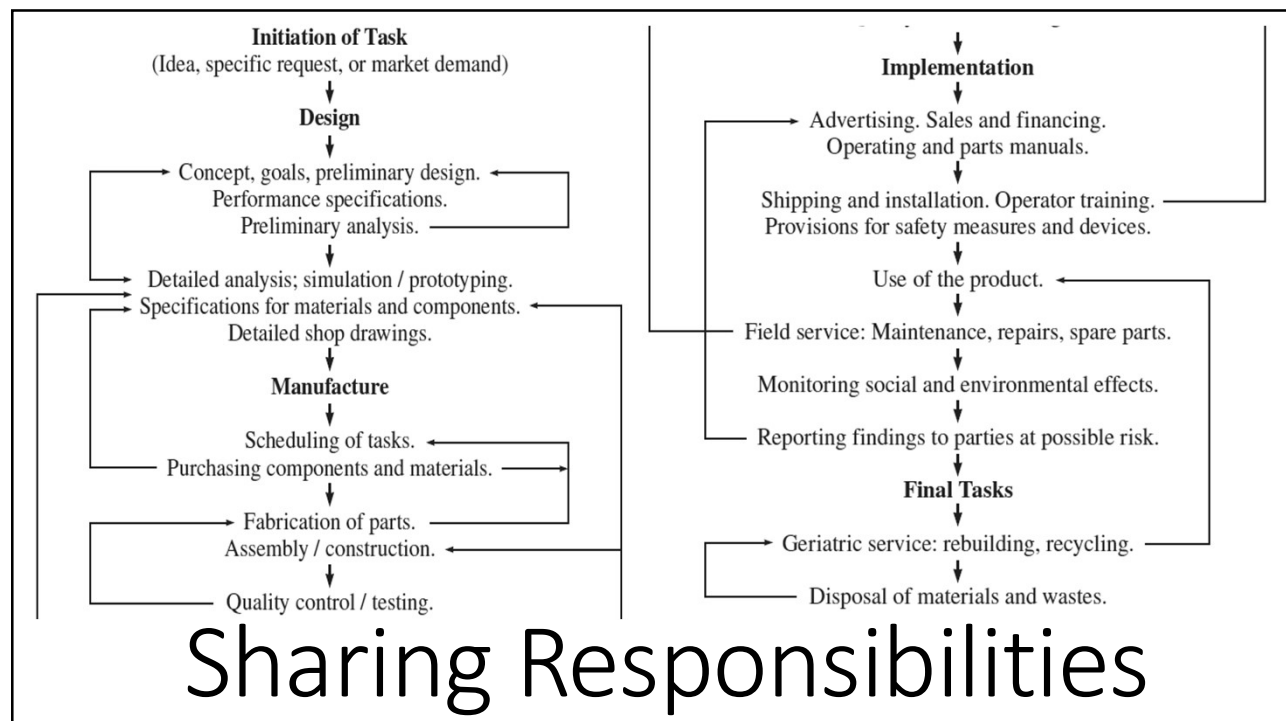
- Wrongdoing: Blameworthy
- Right Conduct: Praiseworthy

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## Understanding and Accepting Responsibility: Causal, Job and Legal Responsibilities

- ❑ Causal Responsibility: Being a cause of some event
- ❑ Job Responsibility: Assigned tasks
- ❑ Legal Responsibility: Legal obligations and accountability to meet them

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## Activity

- ❑ Choose a professional platform such as LinkedIn, Indeed etc. and Search a few job descriptions. Relate them with whatever you have studied in the class.

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## References

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