



Unit #1:

Management & Organizations

Who are Managers?

Managers may not be who or what you might expect!

Managers can be under the age of 18 to over age of 80

Not all **Managers** jobs are the same!

They run large corporations as well as entrepreneurial startups. Can be found in

- Government departments
- Hospitals
- Small businesses
- Not for profit agencies
- Museums
- Schools

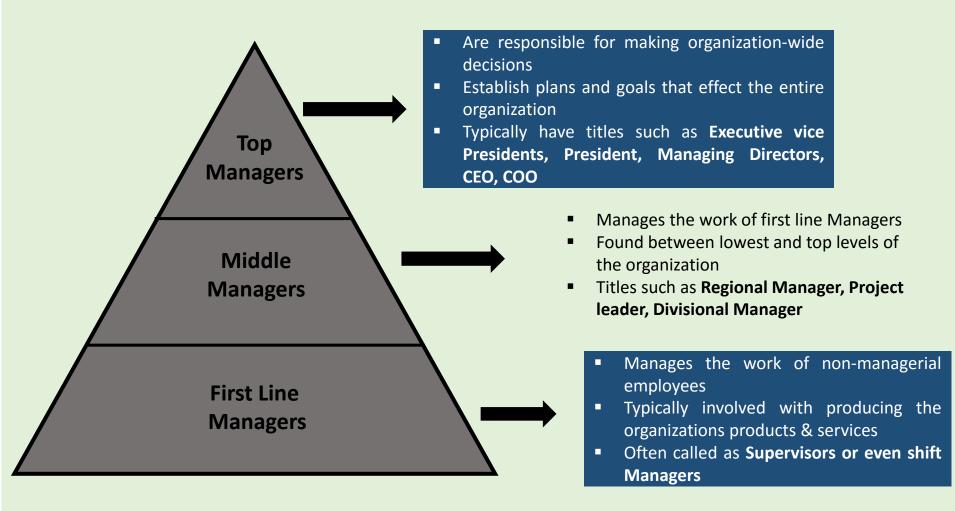
Definition

A **Manager** is someone who coordinates and oversees the work of other of other people so that organizational goals can be accomplished.

Manager use conceptual, human and technical skills to perform the four management functions i.e. *Planning, organizing, leading & controlling* in all organizations; be it small or large, manufacturing or service, profit or non – profit, traditional or internet based.

Who are Managers?

Classification of Managers



Role of Managers

- Managers just don't go out and haphazardly perform their responsibilities.
 - ❖ As per the functions approach, a Manager's role keeps on varying from time to time.

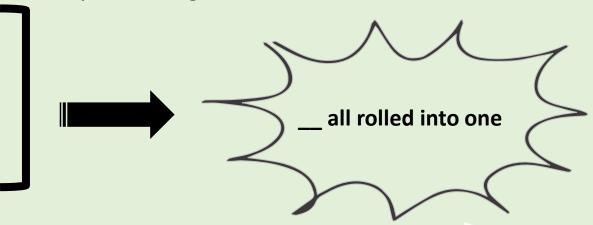


❖ Although this approach is popular for describing what Managers do but some have argued this is not relevant.

Role of Managers

A **Manager** wears many hats. Not only is a manager a team leader, but he or she is also a

- > planner,
- > organizer,
- > cheerleader,
- > coach,
- problem solver, and
- decision maker



Mintzberg's Managerial Roles

- ❖ In his managerial book, The Nature of Managerial Work, Henry Mintzberg indicated that the diverse Manager activities can be organized into ten roles.
- These roles are divided into three conceptual categories i.e.
 - Informational
 - Interpersonal
 - Decisional

Role

... is a set of expectations for one's behaviour

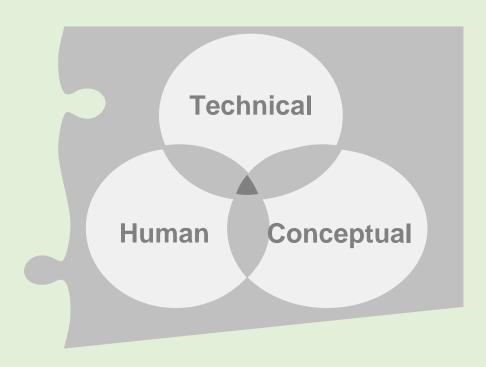
Role of Managers

Mintzberg's Managerial Roles

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Category	Role	Activity	
Informational	Monitor	Seek and receive information, scan periodicals and reports, maintain personal contacts	
Managing by information	Disseminator	Forward information to other organization members, send memos & reports, make phone calls	
	Spokesperson	Transmit information to outsiders through speeches, reports, memos	
Interpersonal	Figurehead	Perform ceremonial and symbolic duties such as greeting visitors, signing legal documents	
Managing through people	Leader	Direct and motivate subordinates, train, counsel and communicate with subordinates	
	Liaison	Maintain information links both inside and outside organization, use mail, phone calls, meetings	
Decisional	Entrepreneur	Initiate improvement projects, identify new ideas, delegate idea responsibility to others	
Managing through action	Disturbance Handler	Take corrective action during disputes or crises, resolve conflicts among subordinates, adapt to environmental crises	
	Resource Allocator	Decide who gets resources, schedule, budget and set priorities	
	Negotiator	Represent department during negotiation of union contracts, sales, purchases, budgets, represent departmental interests	

Why are Managers important?

Certain skills, or abilities to translate knowledge into action that results in desired performance and help other employees become more productive. These include;



Although all three categories contain skills essential for managers, their relative importance tends to vary by level of managerial responsibility.

Why are Managers important?

Details of certain **skills**, or abilities to translate knowledge into action for productive performance

Conceptual

- This skill calls for the ability to think analytically
- Analytical skills enable managers to break down problems into smaller parts, to see the relations among the parts, and to recognize the implications of any one problem for others
- Initially acquired through formal education further develop them through training and job experience.
- The higher the management level, the more important conceptual skills become

Human

- This skill demonstrates the ability to work well in cooperation with others
- Human skills emerge in the workplace as a spirit of trust, enthusiasm, and genuine involvement in interpersonal relationships
- Some managers are naturally born with great human skills, while others improve their skills through classes or experience

Technical

- This skill requires the ability to use a special proficiency or expertise to perform particular tasks
- For example; Accountants, engineers, market researchers, and computer scientists possess technical skills
- Initially acquired through formal education
- Further develop them through training and job experience.

Why are Managers important?

- ❖ In order to develop the required technical, human and conceptual skills many organizations even educational institutions are working on the following skills and personal characteristics that contribute to high performance in a management job
 - Leadership ability to influence others to perform tasks
 - Self-objectivity ability to evaluate yourself realistically
 - Analytic thinking ability to interpret and explain patterns in information
 - Behavioral flexibility ability to modify personal behavior to react objectively rather than subjectively to accomplish organizational goals
 - Oral communication ability to express ideas clearly in words
 - Written communication ability to express ideas clearly in writing
 - Personal impact ability to create a good impression and instill confidence
 - Resistance to stress ability to perform under stressful conditions
 - Tolerance for uncertainty ability to perform in ambiguous situations

How is a Manager's job changing?

The drastic restructuring and innovation results in the changing nature of a Manager, which is depicted as following;

Change		Impact of Change
Changing Technology (Digitalization)	→	 Shifting organizational boundaries Virtual workplace Flexible work arrangements Empowered employees Work life – personal life balance
Increased emphasis on organizational & Managerial Ethics	→	 Redefined values Rebuilding trust Increased accountability
Increased Competitiveness		 Customer service Innovation Globalization Efficiency / productivity
Changing Security Threats		 Risk management Uncertainty over future energy sources / prices Restructured workplace Uncertainty over economic climate Employee assistance



The End