Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

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Learning Objective:
Equip design engineers with the knowledge and tools to create designs that are easy to manufacture while meeting functional requirements

Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding CAD/CAM Applications in Manufacturing Design
- Role of Simulation and Modeling in Product Development
- Applying Principles of Design for Manufacturability (DFM)

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Application of concepts:

- **Examples**: Mahindra's use of DFM guidelines into their CAD workflows, Rolls-Royce's use of CAM in jet engine manufacturing, EL Forge Ltd., Chennai, Micro Plastics Pvt. Ltd.
- **Case Study**: Boeing strategic solutions for collaboration, design efficiency, error reduction
- **Interactive Exercise:** From Concept to Production: Integrating CAD/CAM, Simulation, and DFM in Manufacturing Design

Case Study:
Navigating the Skies: Boeing's Strategic Solutions for Collaboration, Design Efficiency, and Error Reduction using CAD Systems
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MqVz33_XYhbJ88LDGnaHWRBDTR84nBaGmJtVIugg2r4/edit

Pre read for the session

1. How to Design for Manufacture and Assembly

   [7-vcc-how-to-design-for-manufacture-and-assembly.pdf (rolls-royce.com)]

Prerequisite for the session

1. Basic understanding of CAD/ CAM software
2. Understanding of your organizations’ design and manufacturing process

Definition & scope of digital manufacturing and design

Digital Manufacturing and Design (DM&D) refers to the use of computer-based systems and software to design, simulate, manufacture, and optimize products and processes in an integrated manner.

It involves the digitization of manufacturing processes from the initial concept to the final product, creating a seamless flow of information and enabling real-time decision-making to improve efficiency, quality, and flexibility in the production lifecycle.

Core Concepts of digital manufacturing and design

1. **Computer-Aided Design (CAD):** Including 2D and 3D modeling, parametric design, assembly modeling etc. CAD software like AutoCAD, CATIA, or Siemens NX is used to create detailed 3D models of automotive parts, such as engine components or body panels.
2. **Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM):** Including tool path generation, CNC programming, process simulation etc. CAM software like Mastercam or Delcam is used to generate tool paths for CNC machining, ensuring that parts like gears or engine blocks are manufactured with precision.
3. **Industry 4.0:** The integration of digital technologies like IoT, AI, robotics, and data analytics into manufacturing to create smart, connected factories that can operate autonomously.
4. **Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing):** A process of creating physical objects from digital models by adding material layer by layer. It offers flexibility in design, reduces material waste, and enables rapid prototyping.
5. **Internet of Things (IoT):** A network of interconnected devices and sensors that collect and exchange data, enabling real-time monitoring and control of manufacturing processes.
6. **Digital Twin:** A digital replica of a physical product, process, or system that allows for real-time monitoring and simulation. It enables predictive maintenance, performance optimization, and improved decision-making.
7. **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning:** AI and machine learning algorithms are used to analyze data, predict outcomes, and optimize manufacturing processes. They enable autonomous decision-making and continuous improvement.

Scope of digital manufacturing and design

The scope of Digital Manufacturing and Design is vast, encompassing various stages of the product lifecycle:

1. **Product Design:**
   - Utilization of digital tools like CAD and simulation software to create, modify, and optimize product designs.
   - Integration of virtual prototypes and digital twins to simulate real-world conditions and predict performance.
2. **Process Planning:**
   - Plan manufacturing processes, including material selection, machining paths, and workflow optimization.
   - Use of simulation and modeling to identify potential bottlenecks and optimize production efficiency.
3. **Manufacturing Execution:**
   - Implementation of IoT, sensors, and automation to monitor and control manufacturing processes in real time.
   - Use of digital platforms for production scheduling, resource allocation, and supply chain management.
4. **Quality Control and Testing:**
   - Digital inspection tools and sensors ensure that products meet quality standards during production.
   - Use of data analytics to predict defects and implement corrective actions proactively.
5. **Supply Chain and Logistics:**
   - Integration of digital tools for real-time tracking of materials and products throughout the supply chain.
   - Use of data analytics for demand forecasting, inventory management, and logistics optimization.
6. **Maintenance and After-Sales Support:**
   - Implementation of predictive maintenance using IoT and data analytics to minimize downtime.
   - Use of digital platforms for customer support, troubleshooting, and product updates.

Tata Motors' use of digital technologies in design of Nexon EV

Invested ₹1,000 crore in technology, infrastructure, & processes to ensure that the vehicle met global standards for performance, safety, & efficiency. In general, digital tools can reduce overall vehicle development time by 30-50%.

- Typically, developing a new vehicle model can take 3-5 years. Tata Motors managed to develop the Nexon EV within this timeframe, even with the added complexity of electric vehicle technology
- The Nexon EV's battery technology, with a range of 312 km on a single charge, was on par with global competitors, setting a new standard in the Indian market.
- The Ziptron electric powertrain technology, the foundation for the Nexon EV, includes a permanent magnet synchronous motor, a high-voltage 30.2 kWh lithium-ion battery, and regenerative braking capabilities.

Implemented PLM system to manage all design data, ensuring seamless collaboration between different teams & tracking design changes

1. Computer-Aided Design (CAD): Detailed 3D models of the Nexon EV

- Precise design of both exterior and interior components, including the unique EV powertrain layout
- In general, CAD and simulation tools can increase design productivity by 20-30%

2. Virtual Prototyping: enabled to test different design iterations quickly and cost-effectively

- In general, the number of design iterations can increase by 50-100%, leading to more optimized final designs
- Digital prototyping can reduce prototyping costs by 40-60%

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3. **Simulation and Analysis**:
   - Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to optimize vehicle's aerodynamics, making adjustments to reduce drag, crucial for EV range
   - Finite Element Analysis (FEA) to ensure structural integrity & crash safety
4. **Digital Manufacturing**:
   - CAD models to program CNC machines for precision manufacturing of components
   - 3D printing for rapid prototyping of certain parts like dashboard, air vents, & other interior components during development phase Reduced lead times & costs from 3D printed jigs & fixtures. In general, digital quality control can reduce defects by 20-50%
5. **Virtual Reality (VR)**: To visualize car's design in full scale, to assess aesthetics and ergonomics in an immersive environment
6. **Internet of Things (IoT) and Digital Twins**: For optimizing design & improving the vehicle's reliability before it enters mass production
   - IoT sensors to collect real-time data from prototype vehicles for engine performance, fuel efficiency, and driver behavior.
   - Data used to create digital twins, simulate different driving conditions, performance optimization & predict maintenance needs
7. **Data Analytics**: Big data to process the vast amount of data collected during virtual and physical testing
   - Helped in fine-tuning the battery management system & overall vehicle performance. For electric vehicles specifically, digital optimization of powertrains can improve energy efficiency by 5-15%
   - In general, virtual crash testing can reduce physical crash tests by 65-80%, while still meeting or exceeding safety standards
8. **Augmented Reality (AR)**: For battery assembly & testing at Sanand facility
   - AR-guided assembly for complex tasks helps meet stringent quality. Assembly line errors can be reduced by 20-35%

Session Duration: 4 hours (105 minutes + 120 minutes) + Q&A

9:30 am to 11:15 am
Presentation and Case Study (60 minutes)
Interactive Exercise (45 minutes)

Break

11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Presentation and Group discussion (75 minutes)
Interactive Exercise (45 minutes)
Open floor: Q&A and further engagement

Lunch

Learning Objective 1

Application of CAD / CAM tools in design

Skill Sets to acquire:
Manufacturing design, CAD,CAM, CNC

Core Concepts

- Challenges in CAD 2D drafting & 3D visualization and advanced CAM techniques
- Global Best Practices and Frameworks for CAD and CAM
- Common issues in CNC technologies and steps for ease of manufacturing

Challenges in CAD 2D drafting

CAD involves the use of computer software to create, modify, analyze, or optimize a design

Inconsistent Drafting Standards across teams or departments can lead to inconsistent drawings, which may cause confusion and errors during manufacturing

- Implement Standardization
- Training of employees

Inaccurate Dimensions and Tolerances in 2D drawings can lead to manufacturing errors, resulting in parts that do not fit together correctly or meet specifications

- Precision Tools and Checks
- Automated Checking Tools

Difficulty in Visualizing Complex Geometries leading to misinterpretation during manufacturing or assembly

- Supplement with 3D Views
- 3D Model Integration

Excessive Detailing can clutter the design, making it harder to interpret the critical information needed for manufacturing

- Focus on Essential Information
- Layer Management

Challenges in CAD 3D modeling/visualization

Poor Model Integrity and Parametric Errors: Poorly defined constraints can lead to model instability, where changes in one part of the model inadvertently affect other parts

- Robust Parametric Design Practices
- Version Control and Backtracking

Inaccurate or Incomplete Assembly Models leading to assembly issues on the shop floor

- Assembly Validation Tools to check for incorrect mate constraints, or overlooked interferences
- BOM (Bill of Materials) Integration to check for missing components

Long Rendering Times and Performance Issues Particularly complex models with high detail on less powerful hardware

- Optimize Models
- Hardware and Software Upgrades

Difficulty in Communicating Design Intent especially when working with complex models that involve multiple stakeholders.

- Annotation and Markup Tools
- Visualization and Collaboration Tools

Inefficient Model Reuse leading to wasted time and effort.

- Model Libraries
- Template Use

Global Best Practices & Frameworks for CAD

1. Establishing CAD Standards and Best Practices include guidelines on dimensioning, layering, parametric design, and file management. Siemens and GE have well-documented CAD standards that are regularly updated and enforced through training and automated checks within their CAD systems.

2. Leveraging Advanced CAD Features ie. parametric modeling, simulation, and validation tools. These features help in detecting errors early, optimizing designs, and ensuring that models are robust and accurate.

3. Collaboration and Communication Tools multiple stakeholders to interact with the model in real time. This improves communication, ensures that everyone is aligned with the design intent, and reduces the likelihood of misunderstandings.

4. Implementing Quality Control Processes including peer reviews, automated checks, and validation against standards. Toyota employs a multi-step quality control process for CAD drawings and models, which includes peer reviews, automated dimension checks, and validation against a comprehensive CAD standard.

5. Continuous Training and Upskilling with latest CAD tools and techniques. Regular workshops, online courses, and certifications can help improve skills and reduce errors. Boeing runs continuous professional development programs focused on CAD for their design teams.

Pressing Need for CAD/CAM Integration

1. **Increasing Complexity of Products:** Modern products, especially in sectors like automotive, aerospace, and consumer electronics, are becoming increasingly complex. Traditional design and manufacturing methods are insufficient to handle these complexities efficiently.
2. **Time-to-Market Pressure:** As markets become more competitive, reducing the time from concept to market is crucial. CAD/CAM integration accelerates design iterations and optimizes production processes, enabling faster product development.
3. **Precision and Quality Requirements:** High precision and quality are non-negotiable in modern manufacturing, particularly in sectors like healthcare and automotive. CAD/CAM allows for detailed design and precise manufacturing, ensuring that products meet stringent quality standards.

Standards: Smooth data transfer b/w CAD / CAM tools helps in seamless work, reducing compatibility issues

ISO 10303 (STEP): A standard for the exchange of product data models between different CAD systems, ensuring interoperability and data integrity.

ASME Y14.5: A standard for geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, which defines the permissible limits for parts dimensions and ensures consistency in design documentation.

Example - Indian / global financial firm

Tata Motors uses CATIA for the design of its automotive parts, which enables engineers to visualize complex 3D models and assemblies and conduct interference checks before any physical prototypes are created.

HAL and ISRO leverage CAD/CAM and simulation tools to design and manufacture aircraft and spacecraft components. The ability to simulate real-world conditions before physical production is critical in this sector, where precision and reliability are paramount. These tools have enabled Indian aerospace organizations to develop more advanced and reliable products, such as the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft and the GSLV Mk III, within shorter timeframes and at reduced costs.

Case Study: EL Forge Ltd., Chennai

EL Forge relied on manual tool design, leading to inaccuracies in the forging process, higher tool wear, and frequent breakdowns.

- Due to suboptimal design and process control, the material utilization rate was low, leading to higher production costs.
- Variability in the forging process resulted in inconsistent product dimensions, leading to increased rework and scrap.

Automotive clients, including Tata Motors and Ashok Leyland, demanded higher precision and lower defect rates, which the existing processes could not achieve. Rising raw material and labor costs necessitated the adoption of more efficient processes to remain profitable. To compete with international forging companies, EL Forge needed to improve product quality and reduce lead times.

During 2017-18, it invested ₹1.5 Crores (~$200,000) for

1. **Adoption of AutoCAD and CATIA and integration of** Siemens NX CAM for toolpath generation for CNC machining
2. **DFM Adoption for Forging Process Optimization** focusing on reducing material waste and improving tool life
   Finite Element Analysis (FEA) used to simulate and predict the behavior of forged components under stress
3. Investing in high-precision CNC machines, which were integrated with the new CAM systems

Levels Achieved After Modernization:

- Material utilization improved by 18% (industry benchmark 15-20%), leading to significant cost savings in raw materials.
- Optimized design & process control extended tool life by 30% (benchmark 20-30%), reducing downtime & maintenance
- 25% reduction in product defects, meeting the stringent quality requirements of its automotive clients

EL Forge's investments helped it meet global standards, enabling the company to compete more effectively in export markets.

CAM for easy manufacturing & easy to Assemble Designs

Design for Assembly (DFA) Principles

- **Minimize Parts Count**
- **Standardize Components:** Common fasteners & connectors, to reduce the variety of tools & assembly methods

Clear Parts Orientation

- **Design for Symmetry:** To reduce the likelihood of incorrect assembly. Symmetrical parts are easier to align and orient
- **Orientation Features:** ie. tabs, notches, or grooves that clearly indicate how parts should be positioned during assembly.

Simplified Joining Methods

- **Use Self-Locating Features:** Features that allow parts to locate themselves during assembly, reducing the need for manual adjustment. ie. snap-fit joints, dowel pins, and interlocking tabs.
- **Minimize Fasteners:** ie. screws or bolts. Instead use snap fits, adhesives, or welded joints that are quicker & easier

Provide Clear Assembly Instructions

- **Detailed Assembly Drawings:** Highlight parts orientation, joining methods, & special instructions. Use exploded views & color coding
- **Step-by-Step Assembly Guides:** that detail the sequence of operations, tools required, & specific guidelines for handling parts. Ensure these guides are accessible on the shop floor

Issues in G-code programming & Tool path generation

Manual G-Code Programming Errors: Adopting CAM software that automatically generates G-code based on CAD models can significantly reduce errors. CAM software allows for simulation and verification of tool paths before actual machining

Inefficient Tool Path Optimization:

- Implementing advanced CAM software with tool path optimization features can help create efficient tool paths.
- Adaptive clearing, high-speed machining, & automated tool path optimization can reduce cycle times, tool wear & cost

Inconsistent Tool Path Generation Across Different Machines: due to variations in machine capabilities, control systems, or programming languages. This inconsistency can lead to inefficiencies and quality issues.

- Post-processors that are tailored to each machine's specific requirements can help.
- This ensures that G-code is optimized for each CNC machine, leading to consistent tool paths and machining results.

Lack of Simulation and Verification: Causes machining errors, collisions, & tool breakage, leading to costly rework & downtime

- Simulations allow operators to visualize the machining process, check for potential collisions, & verify tool paths

High Setup Changes and Downtime: due to inefficient tool path can reduce overall equipment effectiveness & increase costs.

- Implementing CAM software that supports automated setup reduction and quick tool changes can reduce downtime
- Adopting modular tooling systems & standardizing setup procedures can streamline process

Industry Examples

Bharat Forge uses Siemens NX to automate the production of precision-engineered components, for industries like automotive, aerospace, and oil & gas. It has reduced machining time by up to 30% and minimizing errors, achieving a 15% reduction in scrap rates and a 20% increase in productivity.

Samsung India uses CAD/CAM software to design and manufacture consumer electronics, including smartphones and home appliances. Simulation tools are used to test the durability and performance of products before they go into mass production. The integration of these tools has resulted in better product quality and faster time-to-market, helping companies like Samsung maintain a competitive edge in the electronics market.

Industry Benchmarks:

- **Efficiency:** CAM systems are benchmarked on their ability to optimize tool paths, reducing machining time by up to 30-50%.
- **Material Utilization**: CAM software is expected to minimize waste, with benchmarks often targeting less than 5% material waste during machining.

Case Study: Micro Plastics Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore

Micro Plastics relied on manual drafting and conventional plastic mold design methods. This process was time-consuming and prone to errors. Lack of precision in mold design resulted in longer injection molding cycle times, higher scrap rates & variability in quality

Clients demanded higher precision and faster turnaround times, which the existing processes could not meet. The company faced growing competition from both domestic and international manufacturers, especially in the toy and consumer goods segments.

Micro Plastics invested ₹1 Crore (~$135,000) during 2016-17

- **Adoption of SolidWorks for CAD:** 3D models of products, allowing for precise design and simulation
- **CAM Software Integration:** Mastercam for toolpath generation, reducing machining time and improving mold accuracy
- **DFM tools:** To conduct mold flow analysis, optimizing gate locations, reducing warpage, & minimizing cycle times
- **Design Simplification:** Products redesigned for manufacturability, reducing components & simplifying assembly processes

Levels Achieved After Modernization:

- **Injection molding Cycle Time Reduction:** by 20% (industry benchmark 15-20%), leading to higher throughput & lower cost
- **Quality Improvement:** Scrap rates decreased by 15% (industry benchmark 10-15%), & rework cost reduction by 10%
- **Faster Time-to-Market for new products:** Reduced by 25%, enabling the company to respond quickly to customer demands

Competing firms in the region began investing in similar technologies to keep pace with Micro Plastics. However, Micro Plastics' early adoption gave it a competitive edge, allowing it to secure long-term contracts with major global toy manufacturers.

Common follow-up questions

1. How do CAD and CAM tools integrate with each other, and what are the benefits of this integration in the design and manufacturing process?
2. What are the key differences between 2D drafting and 3D modeling in CAD, and when should each be used?
3. What are some of the most common challenges faced when transitioning from CAD design to CAM programming for CNC machines?
4. How can advanced CAM techniques improve manufacturing efficiency, and what are some examples of these techniques?
5. What are the global best practices for ensuring quality and efficiency in CAD/CAM processes, particularly when dealing with complex geometries?

Assessment

Assignment 1 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Which of the following is a drawback of not incorporating DFM principles in the design phase?

A) Reduced production costs

B) Shorter time to market

C) Increased manufacturing complexity

D) Enhanced product innovation

Explanation Assignment 1 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Failing to apply DFM principles can lead to designs that are difficult or expensive to manufacture, thereby increasing complexity and costs.

Assignment 2 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Which of the following is NOT a function of CAD software in manufacturing?

A) 3D modeling

B) Finite element analysis

C) Material selection

D) CNC machine tool programming

Explanation Assignment 2 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

CNC machine tool programming is typically handled by CAM software, while CAD software focuses on design, modeling, and analysis.

Assignment 3 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Which stage of product development benefits most directly from simulation and modeling?

A) Marketing

B) Design and engineering

C) Distribution

D) Customer support

Explanation Assignment 3 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Simulation and modeling are critical during the design and engineering stage to test and refine designs before moving to production

Assignment 4 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

In simulation, which factor is often considered to predict product behavior under real-world conditions?

A) Material cost

B) Environmental conditions

C) Market demand

D) Branding strategy

Explanation Assignment 4 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

Simulation tools model how products will behave under various environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, stress), which is essential for ensuring reliability and performance.

Assignment 5 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

What is a key advantage of using 3D modeling in CAD software?

A) It requires no specialized training

B) It limits design revisions

C) It allows for visualizing the product in detail before manufacturing

D) It reduces the need for prototyping

Explanation Assignment 5 Digital Tools for Manufacturing Design

3D modeling provides a detailed view of the product, helping designers to visualize and refine their designs before moving to production.

Learning Objective 2

Role of simulation and modeling in product development

Skill Sets to acquire:
Simulation, modeling, Product Development

Core Concepts

- Different types and usage of simulation and modeling
- Key Benefits and application of Simulation and Modeling in Product Development
- Benchmarks and Industry Standards for adoption

Types and usage of simulation and modeling

Modeling involves creating a digital representation of a physical object or system.

- **Geometric Modeling:** 3D CAD models that represent the product's shape, dimensions, & other physical attributes.
- **Mathematical Modeling:** Equations or algo that describe physical behaviors of product, ie. stress, heat flow or fluid dynamics

Simulation is the process of using a model to study the behavior of a system under various conditions. It involves running scenarios in a virtual environment to predict how the product will perform in the real world.

Utilizing CAM software that includes robust simulation & verification tools can prevent machining errors, collisions, and tool breakage, which can lead to costly rework & downtime. Simulations allow operators to visualize machining process, check for potential collisions, & verify accuracy of tool paths before actual machining, thus reducing risk of costly errors & improves first-pass yield

- **Finite Element Analysis (FEA):** Software like ANSYS or Abaqus is used to simulate how a product reacts to real-world forces, such as vibration, heat, & pressure. ie. simulate the stress and strain on automotive components, such as chassis or suspension parts and identify potential issues before physical prototypes are built
- **Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):** Used to simulate the flow of fluids (liquids and gases) around and through a product.
- **Multibody Dynamics:** Simulates motion of interconnected bodies within a product, used in automotive & aerospace

Benefits of Simulation & Modeling in Product Development

Cost Reduction

- **Virtual Prototyping:** Reduces the need for multiple physical prototypes. This significantly cuts down on material & manufacturing costs associated with building & testing prototypes
- **Optimized Design:** By simulating different design scenarios, engineers can identify & eliminate inefficiencies early in the development process, reducing the cost of rework & modifications later on

Shortened Development Cycles

- **Parallel Product Development:** Multiple design scenarios can be tested simultaneously
- **Early Problem Detection:** In design phase, reducing delays that typically occur during prototyping or manufacturing stages

Improved Product Quality and Performance

- **Enhanced Accuracy:** Insights into how a product will behave under various conditions, leading to more accurate designs
- **Optimization:** Of a product, such as material usage, weight, durability, and energy efficiency, to meet quality standards

Risk Mitigation

- **Failure Prediction:** in a product, allowing for design adjustments to prevent these failures before they occur in the real world
- **Regulatory Compliance and Safety Certification:** of products before they are physically tested, reducing compliance

Applications of Simulation & Modeling

Automotive Industry

- **Crash Simulation:** Predicting the effects on the car's structure and occupants, without relying on multiple physical crash tests
- **Aerodynamics:** Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulations are used to optimize the aerodynamic performance of vehicles, improving fuel efficiency and stability

B. Aerospace Industry

- **Structural Integrity:** Finite Element Analysis (FEA) is used to simulate the stresses and strains on aircraft components, ensuring they can withstand the forces experienced during flight
- **Thermal Management systems:** Preventing overheating of critical components

C. Consumer Electronics

- **Heat Dissipation:** Model heat dissipation in electronic devices (ie smartphones and laptops), to minimize overheating
- **Electromagnetic Interference (EMI):** Predicting & mitigating EMI, which is crucial for maintaining performance & safety

D. Medical Devices

- **Biomechanics:** Model interaction b/w medical devices (ie implants & prosthetics) & human body, for correct & safe function
- **CFD simulations:** For safe & efficient operations of medical devices that involve fluid flow, ie. blood pumps & inhalers

Benchmarks & Industry Standards for Best Practices

Benchmark	Target/Benchmark	Industry Standard	Best Practices
Model Accuracy	Simulation results within **5-10%** of actual test results	**ISO 9001 / ISO 10303 (STEP):**Emphasizes accuracy and validation	Validate models against experimental data, use sensitivity analysis
Time-to-Market Reduction	**20-30%** reduction in development cycle time	**PLM Standards (CIMdata):**Streamline processes	Implement concurrent engineering, integrate simulation early in design
Cost Savings on Prototyping	**20-40%** reduction in physical prototyping costs	**ASME V&V 10-2006:** Verification and validation in computational modeling	Use digital twin technology for virtual testing and iterations
Product Quality and Reliability	**10-20%** improvement in first-pass yield rates	**ISO/TS 16949:** Focuses on product quality (automotive)	Integrate FMEA with simulation to predict and prevent failures
Simulation Process Efficiency	**20-30%** reduction in simulation turnaround time	**HPC Benchmarking (SPEC):**Measure and improve efficiency	Use parallel processing, cloud computing, and workflow automation
Resource Utilization and Efficiency	**10-15%** reduction in material usage	**ISO 14001:** Emphasizes resource efficiency	Use topology optimization and generative design for material-efficient designs
Collaboration and Integration	**50%** improvement in team collaboration	**PLM Integration (OAGIS):**Ensures seamless data exchange	Implement integrated PLM systems for real-time data sharing and collaboration
Compliance and Regulatory Adherence	**20-30%** reduction in compliance effort	**FDA Guidance (Medical Devices):** Ensures regulatory requirements are met	Develop and reuse validated simulation models for streamlined compliance

Examples

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) uses simulation software to test the aerodynamics and structural integrity of aircraft components. This reduces the need for multiple physical prototypes, speeding up the development process.

Standards:

- **ISO 9001:** Although a general quality management standard, ISO 9001 includes provisions that ensure simulation and modeling processes meet quality benchmarks in automotive manufacturing.
- **ISO 26262:** Focuses on functional safety in automotive electronics but includes guidelines for simulation to ensure safety-related components meet rigorous testing standards.

Industry Benchmarks:

- **Simulation Accuracy:** FEA and CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) simulations are benchmarked on their ability to replicate real-world conditions with a margin of error of less than 5%.
- **Processing Time:** Automotive companies often benchmark simulation software on its ability to complete complex analyses within hours, rather than days, to keep up with development cycles.

Common follow-up questions

1. What are the key differences between various types of simulations (e.g., finite element analysis, computational fluid dynamics), and how do you decide which one to use for a specific product development scenario?
2. How does simulation and modeling contribute to reducing the overall product development timeline?
3. What are the common challenges faced when implementing simulation and modeling in the product development process, and how can they be overcome?
4. How do benchmarks and industry standards influence the adoption of simulation and modeling tools in different industries?
5. Can simulation and modeling completely replace physical prototyping in product development, or do they serve as complementary processes?

Assessment

Assignment 1 Role of simulation and modeling in product development

Which of the following is a primary advantage of using simulation and modeling in product development?

a) **Enhanced collaboration between teams**

b) **Reduced reliance on third-party validation**

c) **Ability to predict product performance before physical testing**

d) **Increased use of annual calculations**

Explanation Assignment 1

Correct Answer: c) **Ability to predict product performance before physical testing**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
  - **a) Enhanced collaboration between teams:** While simulation can improve collaboration, it is not the primary advantage over physical testing.
  - **b) Reduced reliance on third-party validation:** Simulation may reduce the need for some external tests, but third-party validation is still crucial in many industries.
  - **d) Increased use of manual calculations:** Simulation reduces the need for manual calculations by automating complex analyses.

Assignment 2 Role of simulation and modeling in product development

What is Finite Element Analysis (FEA) commonly used for in product development?

a) **Simulating the thermal expansion of materials**

b) **Optimizing material usage in lightweight structures**

c) **Analyzing the structural integrity of a product under stress**

d) **Determining the best manufacturing process for a product**

Explanation Assignment 2

Correct Answer: c) **Analyzing the structural integrity of a product under stress**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
    - **a) Simulating the thermal expansion of materials:** This can be part of FEA, but FEA is primarily focused on structural analysis.
    - **b) Optimizing material usage in lightweight structures:** This is a potential outcome of FEA but not its primary purpose.
    - **d) Determining the best manufacturing process for a product:** This involves process engineering, not FEA.

Assignment 3 Role of simulation and modeling in product development

Which type of simulation is particularly useful for predicting the behavior of moving parts in a mechanical system?

a) **Dynamic Load Simulation**

b) **Kinematic Simulation**

c) **Vibration Analysis**

d) **Load Path Analysis**

Explanation Assignment 3

Correct Answer: b) **Kinematic Simulation**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
  - **a) Dynamic Load Simulation:** This analyzes how loads affect the system over time, not specifically the movement of parts.
  - **c) Vibration Analysis:** This focuses on how parts vibrate under loads, not how they move.
  - **d) Load Path Analysis:** This deals with the distribution of forces through a structure, not the movement of parts.

Assignment 4 Role of simulation and modeling in product development

What is a common challenge when implementing simulation and modeling in product development?

a) **Balancing model accuracy with computational efficiency**

b) **Excessive reliance on physical testing**

c) **Simplifying the analysis to the point of inaccuracy**

d) **Difficulty in visualizing product aesthetics**

Explanation Assignment 4

Correct Answer: a) **Balancing model accuracy with computational efficiency**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
  - **b) Excessive reliance on physical testing:** Simulation aims to reduce this, not increase it.
  - **c) Simplifying the analysis to the point of inaccuracy:** This is a risk but can be managed by careful modeling.
  - **d) Difficulty in visualizing product aesthetics:** This is not a primary concern in most simulation tasks, which focus on functionality.

Assignment 5 Role of simulation and modeling in product development

Why is it important to follow industry standards and benchmarks in simulation and modeling?

a) **To ensure compatibility with other engineering processes**

b) **To increase the complexity of simulation models**

c) **To reduce the time spent on simulations**

d) **To avoid using non-validated software tools**

Explanation Assignment 5

Correct Answer: a) **To ensure compatibility with other engineering processes**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
    - **b) To increase the complexity of simulation models:** Standards aim to standardize, not necessarily increase complexity.
    - **c) To reduce the time spent on simulations:** While standardization can make processes more efficient, it doesn't specifically aim to reduce time.
    - **d) To avoid using non-validated software tools:** While standards ensure quality, this option is less directly related to the purpose of standards.

Learning Objective 3

Design for Manufacturability (DFM)

Skill Sets to acquire:
DFM techniques

Core Concepts

- Core principles of DFM
- Steps to realize DFM benefits
- Industry benchmarks to measure DFM adoption benefits

Core principles of DFM

- **Simplification:** Minimize parts & features in a design to reduce complexity & manufacturing time
- **Standardization:** Use standard components & materials to lower costs & simplify assembly
- **Material Optimization:** Materials that are easy to process, readily available, & cost-effective
- **Tolerance Design:** Design tolerances that are achievable with the chosen manufacturing process without incurring unnecessary costs.
- **Ease of Assembly:** Ensure that parts can be easily aligned, assembled, and joined, reducing the need for specialized tools or processes

High-level examples of DFM tasks include:

- Comparing design alternatives with fewest manufacturability issues and low expensive to produce
- Uncovering why a design is returning higher bids from supply chain partners than expected
- Manufacturing issues don’t surface in later stages of design lifecycle & hold up product rollout

Steps to realize DFM benefits

Design Simplification:

- Techniques for reducing the number of parts and simplifying geometries.
- Identifying design features that unnecessarily drive requirements for additional manufacturing operations or negatively impact sustainability initiatives

Material Selection:

- Criteria for selecting materials that are easy to process and cost-effective.
- Trade-offs between material properties and manufacturability.

Tolerance Design:

- Setting achievable tolerances that do not drive up manufacturing costs.
- Understanding the impact of tight tolerances on production processes.

Tooling and Fixtures:

- Designing with existing tooling and fixtures in mind.
- Minimizing the need for custom tools and fixtures.

Steps to realize DFM benefits

Select CAD/CAM tool that integrates with CAM/CAD tool, supports DFM principles & integrates with manufacturing systems:

- **CAD Software:** (e.g., SolidWorks, AutoCAD, CATIA) includes features for DFM analysis, such as built-in design checks & manufacturability assessment tools, plug-ins or extensions which provide real-time feedback on manufacturability issues against DFM guidelines such as tight tolerances, complex geometries, & difficult-to-manufacture features.
- **CAM Software:** Use CAM tool (e.g., Mastercam, Siemens NX) that can directly import CAD models & generate optimized toolpaths based on the design, taking into account DFM principles like material removal rates & tool accessibility.

Collaborate with Manufacturing Teams Early: including designers, manufacturing engineers, & quality control specialists. This ensures that manufacturing considerations are integrated from the beginning of the design process

- Employ change management techniques - clear communication of the benefits of DFM, involve employees to increase buy-in
- Provide incentives for employees who successfully integrate DFM into their workflows and recognize change efforts

Use Digital Twins & Simulation for DFM Validation: visualize how the product will be manufactured

- **Digital Twin:** To simulate manufacturing process & identify potential issues with tooling, assembly, or material handling
- **Simulation Software:** To model manufacturing process, including stress analysis, thermal analysis & material flow. This helps ensure that the design can be produced efficiently & without defects

Integrate DFM in Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) Systems

- **PLM Integration:** (e.g., Siemens Teamcenter, PTC Windchill) that integrates DFM considerations into development process
- **Design Repositories:** Store design rules, standards, & best practices related to DFM in the PLM system, making them easily accessible to all team members during the design process

Industry benchmarks to measure DFM adoption benefits

Guideline	Description	Example
Minimize Part Count	Reduce the number of separate parts in the design to simplify manufacturing and assembly.	Combine multiple components into a single molded or machined part.
Standardize Components	Use standardized components and materials wherever possible to reduce costs and simplify sourcing.	Use standard fasteners and materials readily available in the supply chain.
Design for Tolerances	Specify tolerances that are achievable with the selected manufacturing process, avoiding unnecessarily tight tolerances.	Set tolerances based on the capabilities of CNC machining rather than overly tight specifications.
Facilitate Assembly	Design parts for easy orientation and assembly, minimizing the need for specialized tools or fixtures.	Include alignment features such as tabs or slots to ensure correct assembly.
Optimize Material Utilization	Choose materials that minimize waste and are compatible with the manufacturing process.	Select materials that can be efficiently cut or formed with minimal scrap.
Consider Surface Finish Requirements	Specify surface finishes that are necessary for functionality or aesthetics, avoiding excessive requirements that add cost.	Use standard surface finishes unless high precision or specific aesthetics are required.
Design for Automation	Ensure the design is compatible with automated manufacturing and assembly processes, including robotics and CNC machines.	Design parts that can be easily picked and placed by robots, with consistent geometries and features.

DFM Cost-Benefit Analysis Template as per design choices

Material Costs

- **Cost Per Unit:** Calculate the cost per unit of the materials specified in the design. Consider factors like bulk purchasing, availability, and waste during processing
- **Material Utilization:** Assess how efficiently the material is used in the design. Higher material waste increases costs, so optimizing material usage can lead to significant savings

Manufacturing Costs

- **Process Costs:** Estimate the cost of the manufacturing processes required for each design option. This includes machining, molding, casting, or any other process. More complex designs typically incur higher process costs
- **Tooling Costs:** Calculate the cost of tooling, such as molds, dies, or jigs, required to produce the part. Designs that require custom tooling are generally more expensive to manufacture

Assembly Costs

- **Labor Costs:** Associated with assembling the product. Complex designs with many parts or specialized joining methods will require more labor time, increasing costs
- **Automation Potential:** Consider whether design can be automated. Designs suitable for automation often reduce labor cost

Quality and Rework Costs

- **Defect Rates:** Evaluate defect rates for each design. High defect rates can lead to increased rework costs & scrap
- **Testing and Inspection:** Calculate the cost of additional testing or inspection that may be required for more complex designs. Simplified designs often reduce these costs

DFM Cost-Benefit Analysis Template as per design choices

Design Option	Manufacturing Cost	Assembly Cost	Material Cost	Tooling Cost	Total Cost	Estimated Savings	Comments
Original Design	$X	$Y	$Z	$A	$B	-	Higher complexity leads to increased manufacturing time.
Simplified Design	$X-10%	$Y-15%	$Z	$A-20%	$B-12%	$C	Simplified design reduces assembly and tooling costs.
Standardized Components	$X	$Y-5%	$Z-10%	$A	$B-8%	$C	Use of standard components reduces material and assembly costs.

DFM Checklist Template

Category	Checklist Item	Status	Comments
Design Simplification	Have the number of parts been minimized?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Are there any unnecessary features or complexities?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Material Selection	Is the material easy to process and cost-effective?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Are materials standardized across the design?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Tolerance Design	Are tolerances achievable with the chosen process?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Are tight tolerances avoided where possible?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Ease of Assembly	Is the design easy to assemble with minimal tools?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Are parts easy to align and join?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Manufacturing Process	Can existing manufacturing processes be used?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Is there a need for custom tooling?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
Cost Considerations	Have cost implications been analyzed?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	
	Are there opportunities for cost savings?	[ ] Yes [ ] No	

Mahindra’s use of DFM to reduce manufacturing complexity

Mahindra & Mahindra integrated DFM guidelines into its CAD workflows to optimize automotive designs, upgrade its design & manufacturing facilities in Chakan, Nashik, etc. with investment of **₹300 crore (~ $40 M)**

Investment in CAD Tools with simulation & modeling capabilities: allowed virtual prototyping & testing, which reduced need of physical prototypes

- **Example:** The use of advanced CAD tools enabled Mahindra to simulate the entire assembly process for new models, identifying potential bottlenecks and optimizing the design before production began
- **Shortened Development Cycles:** Advanced CAD tools & DFM principles reduced time required to bring new models to market by approximately 25% (Industry 20-30%), enhancing ability to respond to market demands

Integration of DFM Guidelines into CAD Workflows:

- Real-time feedback and adjustments enabled designers to assess manufacturability during the design phase
- **Example:** When designing new SUVs, engineers evaluated part complexity, material selection, & assembly processes. This led to the simplification of parts & reduced the need for custom tooling
- **Cost Reduction:** Reduction of manufacturing costs by up to 20%. This was achieved through the simplification of designs, reduced material waste, and optimized production processes. (Industry benchmarks 10-20%).

Implementation of Lean Manufacturing Practices: To further streamline production, reduce waste, & improve efficiency

- **Example:** Reduced the cycle time for assembling key components, ie. engines & transmissions, by up to 20%
- **Improved Product Quality:** Simplified designs led to fewer manufacturing defects & improved overall product quality. The reduction in part complexity & use of standard components contributed to more consistent & reliable vehicle performance. (Industry benchmarks 10-15% reduction in defect rates)

Mahindra’s use of DFM to reduce manufacturing complexity

Scorpio N

Engine and Transmission Integration: By using a more compact design for powertrain, space required for installation was reduced. This integration simplified assembly & allowed for better weight distribution, contributing to improved handling & fuel efficiency.

Chassis and Body-on-Frame Design: Simplified body-on-frame construction. Chassis has fewer welding points and a higher degree of modularity, making it easier to assemble & reducing potential for errors. This design change also helped in reducing the vehicle's overall weight, which is critical for performance & fuel efficiency.

Suspension System: Shock absorbers and control arms standardized across different variants of the Scorpio N to reduced the complexity of the supply chain and assembly process. This standardization also facilitated easier maintenance and repairs.

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Monocoque Structure: Integrates body & chassis into a single unit, significantly reduces number of components & assembly steps compared to traditional body-on-frame designs. This structure simplified manufacturing & improved structural rigidity & safety

Front Fascia and Lighting: By integrating the headlamps, grille, & bumper into a single assembly, Mahindra reduced the number of components & assembly time, & also allowed for better alignment & quality control during production. The lighting system was standardized with fewer variants, reducing complexity of manufacturing different versions of the vehicle.

Interior Modular Components: dashboard, center console, & seating were designed to be easily assembled and disassembled. This modular approach simplified initial assembly and made it easier to offer different interior configurations without significant retooling.

Rolls-Royce's use of CAM in jet engine manufacturing

Rolls-Royce is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of jet engines, known for its high precision, reliability, and advanced engineering. To maintain its competitive edge, Rolls-Royce has invested **£150 M ($200 M)** over several years in CAM systems to produce complex jet engine components with exceptional precision & efficiency & modernizing its manufacturing facilities in Derby & Bristol, in UK

Implementation of Advanced CAM Systems: (Siemens NX and Dassault Systèmes CATIA)

- Which enabled highly precise and efficient programming of CNC machines
- **Example:** CAM systems were used to program multi-axis CNC machines for the production of turbine blades with complex geometries. This allowed for greater precision and consistency, reducing the need for manual adjustments and rework.
- **Lower Scrap Rates:** due to precision & consistency achieved through CAM systems, leading to material cost savings & improved sustainability

Investment in High-Precision CNC Machines: with complex operations in a single setup

- Reducing the number of setups required and minimizing the risk of errors
- **Example:** 5-axis CNC machining centers could produce compressor discs with intricate cooling channels, critical for engine performance
- **Increased Precision:** Achieve tolerances of 5 microns, (industry benchmark <10 microns), more consistent quality in its jet engine components. This was particularly important for critical parts like turbine blades and compressor discs

Process Optimization and Simulation: simulate the entire machining process, from tool path generation to material removal

- Allowed engineers to optimize the process, identify potential issues, and make adjustments before actual production began
- **Example:** Rolls-Royce reduced machining cycle times for turbine components by up to 30%, significantly speeding production
- **Reduced Lead Times:** The modernization efforts reduced lead times by up to 40% (aerospace industry benchmark of 20-30%), enabling Rolls-Royce to meet customer demands more quickly and efficiently

Common follow-up questions

1. How do the principles of Design for Manufacturability (DFM) differ across various industries, such as electronics versus automotive?
2. What are the most critical steps to ensure that DFM principles are applied effectively throughout the product development process?
3. How can DFM lead to cost reductions without compromising product quality?
4. What industry benchmarks are most useful for measuring the success of DFM implementation?
5. How does the early adoption of DFM principles impact the overall product lifecycle and time-to-market?

Assessment

Assignment 1

Which of the following is a primary principle of Design for Manufacturability (DFM)?

a) **Minimizing the number of parts in a product design**

b) **Increasing the aesthetic appeal of the product**

c) **Maximizing the variety of materials used**

d) **Focusing on a complex design to increase uniqueness**

Explanation Assignment 1

Correct Answer: a) **Minimizing the number of parts in a product design**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
  - **b) Increasing the aesthetic appeal of the product:** Aesthetic appeal is important but not a primary focus of DFM, which is more concerned with ease of manufacturing.
  - **c) Maximizing the variety of materials used:** DFM aims to reduce material variety to simplify manufacturing and lower costs.
  - **d) Focusing on a complex design to increase uniqueness:** Complexity generally increases manufacturing difficulty and cost, which is contrary to DFM principles.

Assignment 2

Which of the following is an industry benchmark used to measure DFM adoption benefits?

a) **Design Complexity Index (DCI)**

b) **Manufacturing Cost Reduction Ratio**

c) **Aesthetic Value Score**

d) **Product Differentiation Metric**

Explanation Assignment 2

Correct Answer: b) **Manufacturing Cost Reduction Ratio**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
    - **a) Design Complexity Index (DCI):** While DCI might measure complexity, it doesn't directly reflect DFM benefits.
    - **c) Aesthetic Value Score:** This focuses on visual appeal, not manufacturability.
    - **d) Product Differentiation Metric:** This measures how unique a product is, not how easily it can be manufactured.

Assignment 3

Which principle of DFM helps in reducing manufacturing errors?

a) **Increasing the number of assembly steps**

b) **Using standardized components**

c) **Employing custom tooling for each product**

d) **Maximizing design complexity**

Explanation Assignment 3

Correct Answer: b) **Using standardized components**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
    - **a) Increasing the number of assembly steps:** More steps generally increase the risk of errors.
    - **c) Employing custom tooling for each product:** Custom tooling can increase costs and complexity, leading to potential errors.
    - **d) Maximizing design complexity:** Complexity often leads to higher error rates in manufacturing.

Assignment 4

How does DFM impact the overall cost of a product?

a) **It generally increases the cost by adding more design features**

b) **It reduces costs by simplifying designs and manufacturing processes**

c) **It has no significant impact on product cost**

d) **It increases the cost due to the need for additional prototyping**

Explanation Assignment 4

Correct Answer: b) **It reduces costs by simplifying designs and manufacturing processes**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
  - **a) It generally increases the cost by adding more design features:** DFM aims to reduce unnecessary features that complicate manufacturing.
  - **c) It has no significant impact on product cost:** DFM is designed to lower manufacturing costs.
  - **d) It increases the cost due to the need for additional prototyping:** DFM reduces the need for prototyping by optimizing designs upfront.

Assignment 5

Which of the following is a potential outcome of not applying DFM principles?

a) **Improved manufacturing efficiency**

b) **Increased production costs and time**

c) **Higher quality control**

d) **Enhanced product durability**

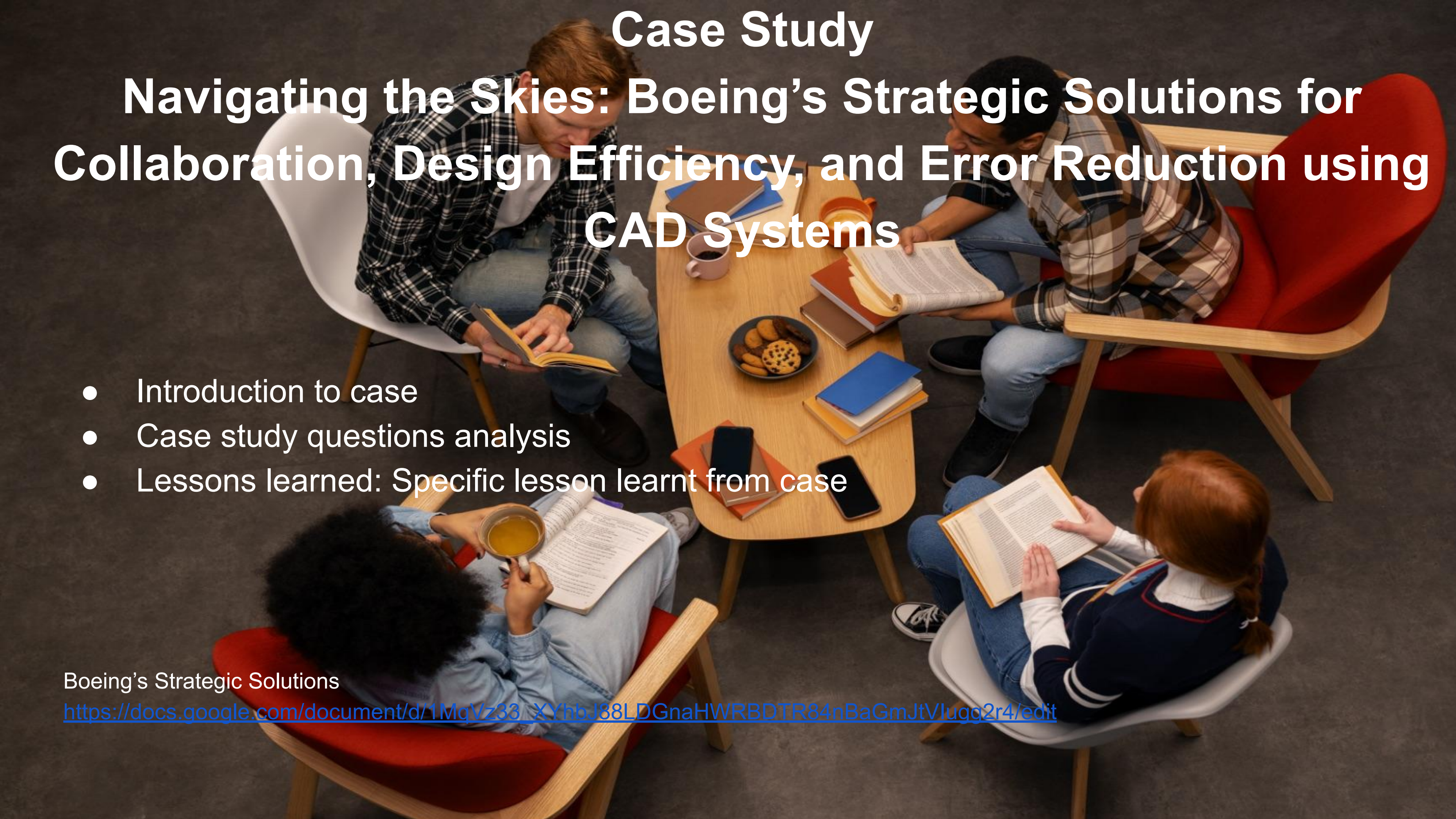
Explanation Assignment 5

Correct Answer: b) **Increased production costs and time**

- **Explanation for Incorrect Options:**
    - **a) Improved manufacturing efficiency:** Not applying DFM is likely to decrease efficiency due to design and production mismatches.
    - **c) Higher quality control:** Quality control might suffer as a result of design flaws that make manufacturing difficult.
    - **d) Enhanced product durability:** Durability could be compromised if manufacturing issues lead to weaker or less reliable products.

Case Study

Navigating the Skies: Boeing’s Strategic Solutions for Collaboration, Design Efficiency, and Error Reduction using CAD Systems



- Introduction to case
- Case study questions analysis
- Lessons learned: Specific lesson learnt from case

Boeing’s Strategic Solutions
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MqVz33_XYhbJ88LDGnaHWRBDTR84nBaGmJtVIugg2r4/edit

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Case Study

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Navigating the Skies: Boeing’s Strategic Solutions

Preparation (15 minutes):

- Divide participants into small groups (4-5 members each)
- Distribute copies of the relevant sections of case to each group
- Provide a brief overview of the relevant section from the case

Group Presentation and Discussion (30 minutes):

- Each group presents their findings, focusing on their analysis and observations
- Discuss the implications of their analysis for case discussed and strategic decisions
- Encourage groups to suggest potential strategic actions based on their analysis

Q&A and Debrief (15 minutes):

- Open the floor for questions and further discussion
- Summarize key learnings and highlight salient points

Interactive Exercise

Interactive Group Exercise - From Concept to Production: Integrating CAD/CAM, Simulation, & DFM in Manufacturing Design

Group Formation and Task Explanation (5 minutes):

- **Form Groups:** Divide participants into small groups (4-6 people each).
- **Task Overview:** Each group will be tasked with designing a mechanical component or assembly using CAD software, simulating its performance, and optimizing the design based on DFM principles.

Initial Design Concept (20 minutes):

- **Product Design Brief:** Provide each group with a design brief for a mechanical component or assembly (e.g., a bracket, gear, or housing). Include specifications such as dimensions, material properties, and functional requirements.
- **Brainstorming and Sketching:** Have the groups brainstorm initial design concepts. They can sketch ideas on a whiteboard or paper before moving to CAD software.

CAD Modeling and Design Development (30 minutes):

- **Create CAD Model:** Using CAD software, each group will create a 3D model of their product. They should focus on accurately representing the geometry, material properties, and any features critical to the product's function.
- **Discuss Design Choices:** Encourage groups to discuss and document their design choices, such as material selection, dimensional tolerances, and assembly considerations.

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Simulation and Modeling (25 minutes):

- **Set Up Simulations:** Each group will use simulation software to test their CAD model under various conditions (e.g., stress analysis, thermal analysis, or dynamic loads). The goal is to validate the design and identify potential issues.
- **Analyze Results:** Groups will analyze the simulation results to determine if the design meets performance requirements. If issues are found, they should iterate on their CAD model and re-run simulations.

Applying DFM Principles (20 minutes):

- **Evaluate for Manufacturability:** Have each group evaluate their design against DFM principles, considering factors like ease of manufacturing, cost-effectiveness, material usage, and potential production challenges.
- **Design Optimization:** Based on their DFM analysis, groups will make necessary adjustments to their design. This could involve simplifying geometries, optimizing for material usage, or adjusting tolerances to improve manufacturability.

Final Presentation and Discussion (20 minutes):

- **Group Presentations:** Each group will present their final design, including:
  - The initial design concept and CAD model
  - Simulation results and how they informed design changes
  - DFM considerations and the final optimized design

Feedback and Discussion: The facilitator will provide feedback on each group’s design, emphasizing how effectively they integrated CAD/CAM, simulation, and DFM principles. Participants can ask questions and discuss alternative approaches.

Mini Exercise

Task 1: Optimizing Geometric Tolerances in CAD Models

Objective: Improve accuracy in applying and verifying geometric tolerances.

Activity: Participants will work on a real-world part design and apply geometric dimensioning and tolerancing (GD&T) principles. They will export the design into CAM software to check how tolerances are interpreted.

Instructions:

1. Open a provided CAD model.
2. Apply geometric tolerances using GD&T symbols.
3. Export to CAM software and simulate manufacturing output.
4. Compare expected vs actual tolerance behavior in the simulation.

Measuring Effectiveness: Compare the tolerances in the CAD model with the manufactured output in the simulation. Measure accuracy using metrology tools.

Improvement: Provide feedback on best practices for defining tolerances and integrating real-world manufacturing constraints into the CAD design.

Task 2: Simulating Material Properties for Accurate Modeling

Objective: Learn to simulate material behavior effectively within CAD software.

Activity: Engineers will simulate the effects of stress and thermal expansion on different materials and validate the results using CAM.

Instructions:

1. Select materials from a built-in CAD material library.
2. Run stress and thermal expansion simulations on provided geometries.
3. Analyze the simulation results and optimize material selection.

Measuring Effectiveness: Compare simulation results with known material properties and real-world testing data to ensure accuracy.

Improvement: Encourage the use of custom material databases to enhance simulation accuracy for unique materials.

Task 3: File Management & Version Control in Assemblies

Objective: Improve the management of large CAD assemblies.

Activity: Participants will work on large assemblies and learn how to manage versions and backups effectively, focusing on compression techniques and cloud storage.

Instructions:

1. Open a large CAD assembly and perform operations like part modifications.
2. Save multiple versions of the assembly and compare file sizes.
3. Use a PDM (Product Data Management) tool to track versions.

Measuring Effectiveness: Monitor the reduction in file size, version tracking accuracy, and system performance.

Improvement: Provide training on PDM best practices and techniques for reducing assembly size without losing data.

Task 4: Collaborative Design and Manufacturing Workflow

Objective: Improve collaboration between CAD designers and CAM engineers.

Activity: Participants will work in pairs (designer and CAM engineer) to develop a part, ensuring proper communication of design intent through a cloud-based collaboration platform.

Instructions:

1. CAD designer creates a part with detailed notes on design intent.
2. CAM engineer reviews the design and simulates the machining process.
3. Feedback is provided on manufacturability, and adjustments are made in real-time.

Measuring Effectiveness: Track the number of revisions needed after communication between the CAD and CAM teams and measure time spent on collaborative tasks.

Improvement: Use feedback loops to teach how to make communication more efficient and how to leverage cloud-based tools.

Task 5: Tool Path Optimization

Objective: Optimize CAM tool paths for efficient machining.

Activity: Engineers will work on creating and optimizing tool paths for a complex part, using CAM software to minimize machining time while maintaining quality.

Instructions:

1. Import a CAD model into CAM software.
2. Create an initial tool path and run a time estimate simulation.
3. Optimize the tool path using CAM features such as adaptive clearing.
4. Compare the original and optimized results.

Measuring Effectiveness: Measure reduction in machining time and tool wear compared to initial tool path simulations.

Improvement: Provide insights on using AI-driven CAM optimization tools for improved efficiency

Task 6: Managing CAD Model Versions

Objective: Ensure proper version control of CAD models to prevent errors.

Activity: Participants will create multiple versions of the same design and learn to manage these versions using a PDM system.

Instructions:

1. Save a model in three different iterations (original, revised, and final).
2. Upload to a PDM system and manage version history.
3. Retrieve specific versions and apply necessary modifications.

Measuring Effectiveness: Count the errors in version retrieval and the time saved by using proper version management techniques.

Improvement: Train participants on advanced PDM features for smoother project management

Task 7: Reducing simulation time w/o compromising accuracy

Objective: Ensure proper version control of CAD models to prevent errors.

Activity: Participants will create multiple versions of the same design and learn to manage these versions using a PDM system.

Instructions:

1. Save a model in three different iterations (original, revised, and final).
2. Upload to a PDM system and manage version history.
3. Retrieve specific versions and apply necessary modifications.

Measuring Effectiveness: Count the errors in version retrieval and the time saved by using proper version management techniques.

Improvement: Train participants on advanced PDM features for smoother project management

Task 8: Integrating DFM Principles

Objective: Integrate DFM principles into the CAD design workflow to reduce rework.

Activity: Participants will design a part, run a manufacturability check, and adjust the design based on DFM feedback.

Instructions:

1. Create a simple part in CAD software.
2. Run a DFM analysis to identify potential manufacturing issues.
3. Modify the design to resolve the identified issues.

Measuring Effectiveness: Track the number of DFM issues found and resolved.

Improvement: Discuss common DFM errors and how to avoid them during the design phase

Task 9: Multi-Material Design Simulation

Objective: Understand the challenges of multi-material designs.

Activity: Participants will create a part with two materials and simulate how the materials behave under stress and temperature.

Instructions:

1. Design a multi-material part in CAD software.
2. Assign different material properties to each component.
3. Run a simulation to evaluate how the materials interact under stress.

Measuring Effectiveness: Analyze the material interaction data and assess simulation accuracy.

Improvement: Provide insights into multi-material design and how to simulate complex material behaviors effectively

Task 10: Customizing CAM Post-Processing

Objective: Learn to customize CAM post-processing scripts for specific manufacturing setups.

Activity: Engineers will modify post-processing scripts to fit specific machine requirements.

Instructions:

1. Open a CAM post-processing script.
2. Modify the script to meet the requirements of a given machine.
3. Simulate the machining process and validate that the script works correctly.

Measuring Effectiveness: Measure the time saved and the improvements in machining accuracy after customizing the post-processing script.

Improvement: Encourage the use of open-source post-processors to allow more flexibility and customization

Giveaways -Tools, datasets & frameworks

1. **Key principles of DFM**
   aPrioris-Guide-to-Design-for-Manufacturing.pdf
2. **DFM check list**
   DFM Check List | PCBflow by Siemens
3. **Guidelines / Company standards on dimensioning, layering, parametric design, and file management in CAD files**

Assignment questions

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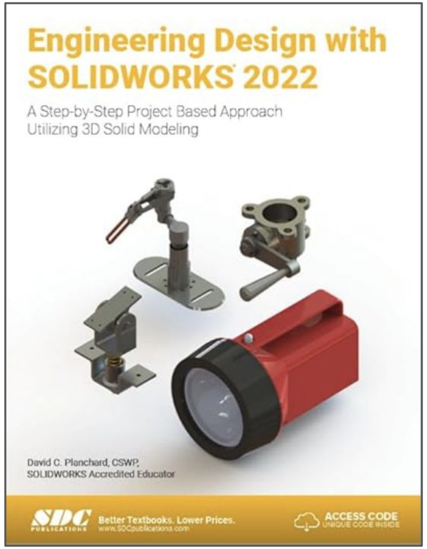
Questions & Further Reading

Q&A
Feedback

Recommended Books



[Engineering Design with SOLIDWORKS](#)
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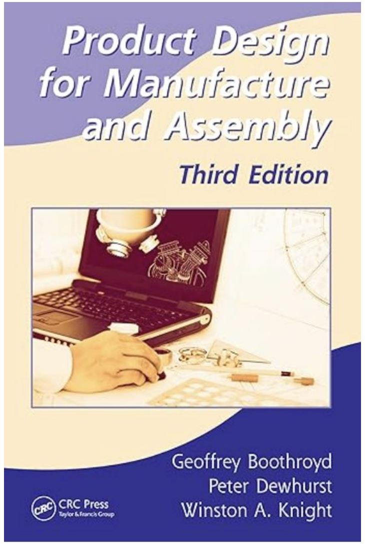

[Product Design for Manufacture and Assembly](#)
[Geoffrey Boothroyd, Peter Dewhurst, and Winston A. Knight](#)

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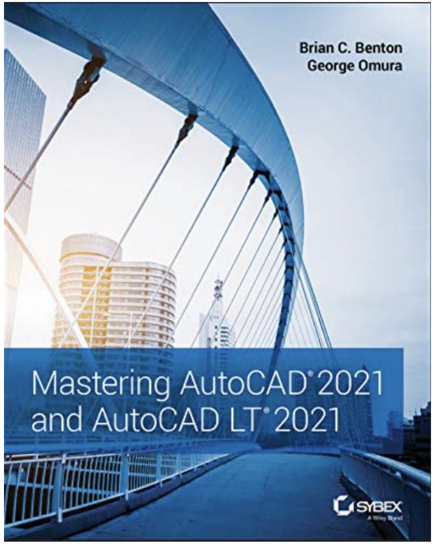
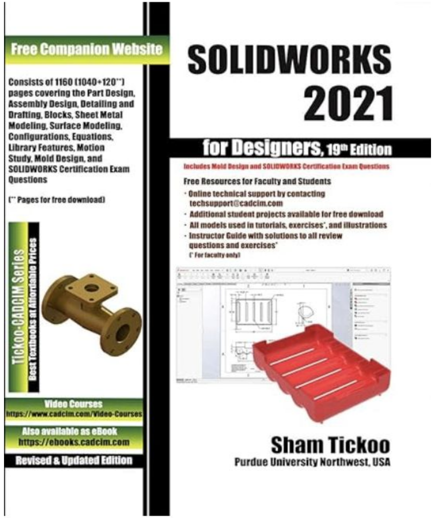


[Mastering AutoCAD 2021 and AutoCAD LT 2021](#)
[George Omura and Brian C. Benton](#)



[SolidWorks 2021 for Designers](#)
[Prof. Sham Tickoo](#)

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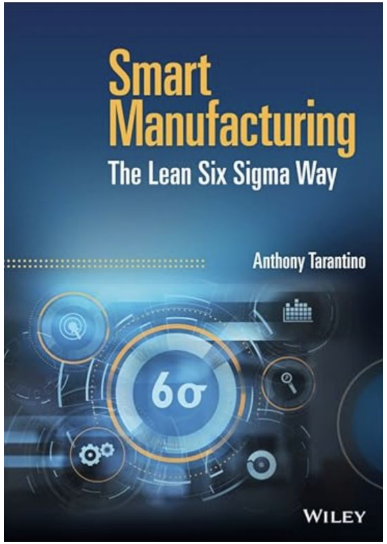
[*The Fourth Industrial Revolution*](#)
[Klaus Schwab](#)



[*Smart Manufacturing: The Lean Six Sigma Way*](#)
[Anthony Tarantino](#)

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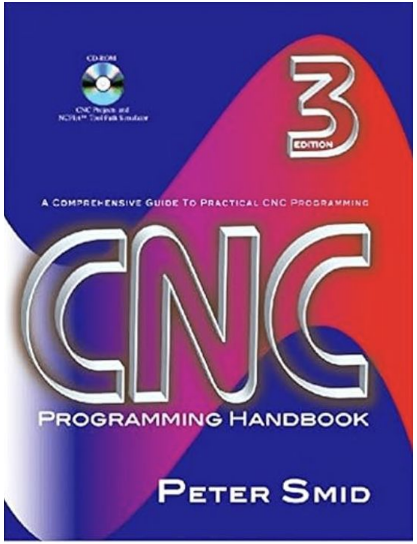
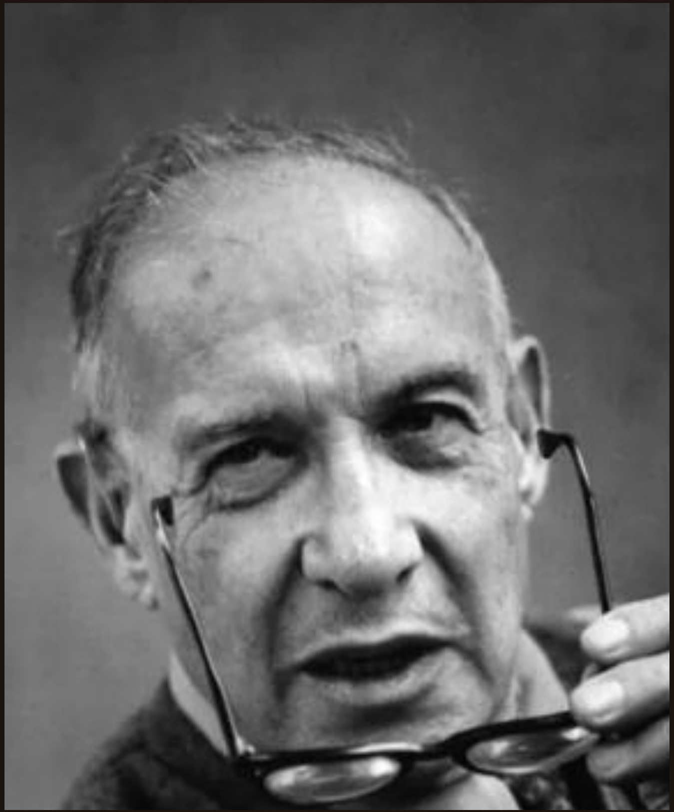
[Machining Simulation Using SOLIDWORKS CAM 2020](#)
[Kuang-Hua Chang](#)



[CNC Programming Handbook](#)
[Peter Smid](#)

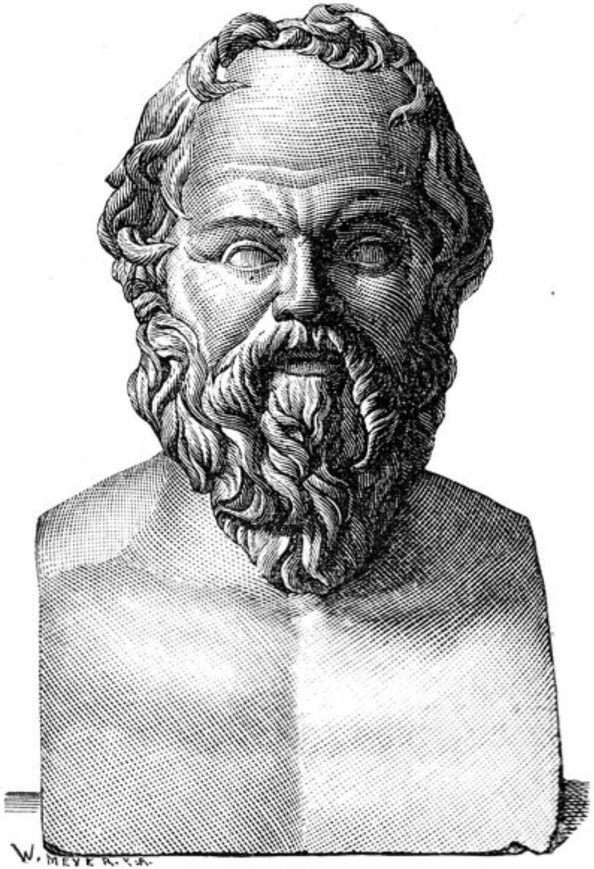


The greatest danger in times of turbulence is not the turbulence—it is to act with yesterday's logic.

Peter Drucker

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

Socrates



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