

# PROJECT ENABLER

Business Case  
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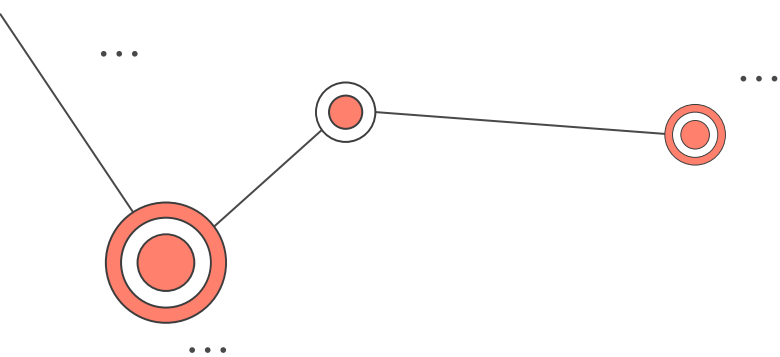
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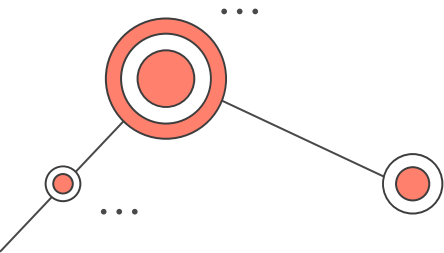
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# Context



# Starting data

- Analyse of the provided info
- Description of the overall process

# Context

## MFC's SKU List

Current Stock

Movement stock ← *Inventory check updates it!*

## Activities

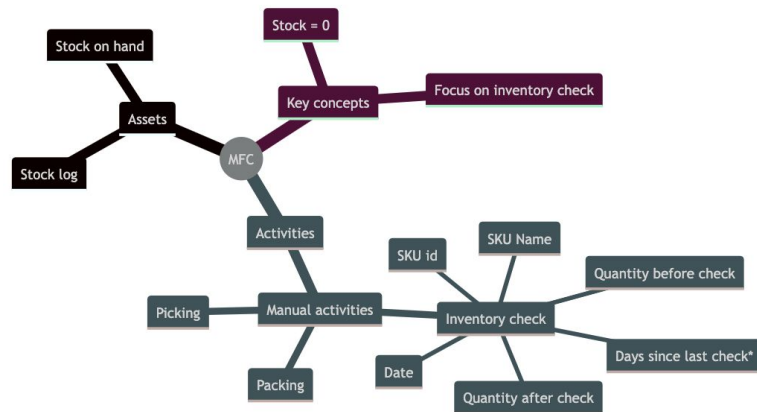
Picking & Packing

Inventory check ← *KPIs focus on this activity*

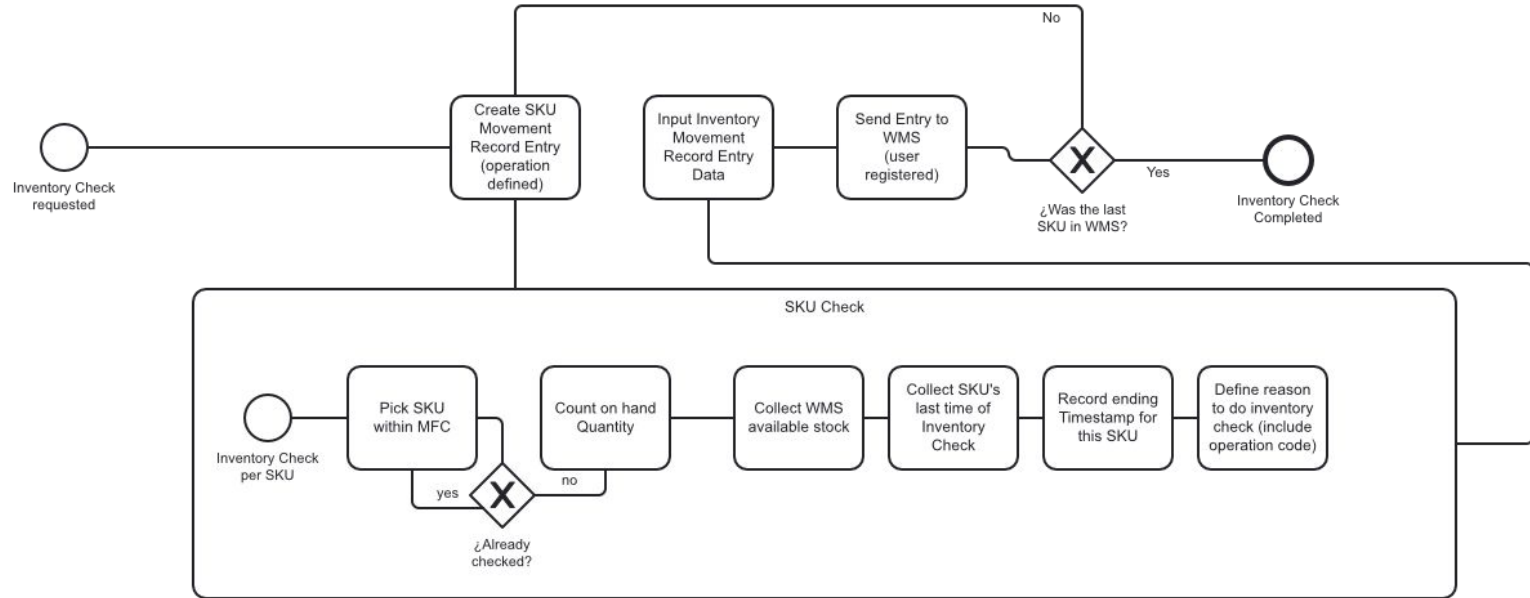
## Constraints

Stock = 0 means not offered.

Focus on **inventory check**



# Context – Inventory Check basic Process Model



# Assumptions

- Data available
- Out of scope but relevant data.

# No stock control

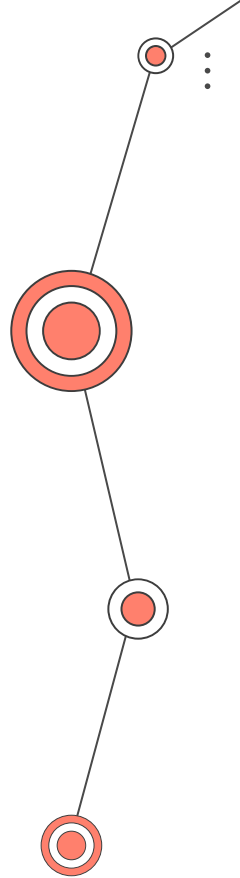
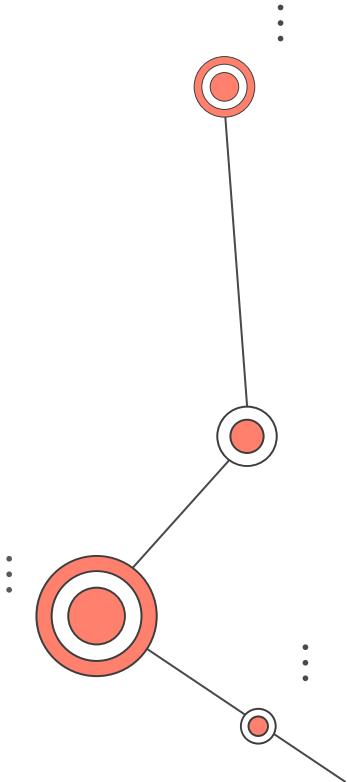
We focus only on “inventory check” activity

# No access to complaints

We assume customers always complain and expect to receive their items (better late than never).

# 30 minutes

to check the first item.





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**FTE cost = €10/hr.**

Everyone at our MFC's has the same wage.

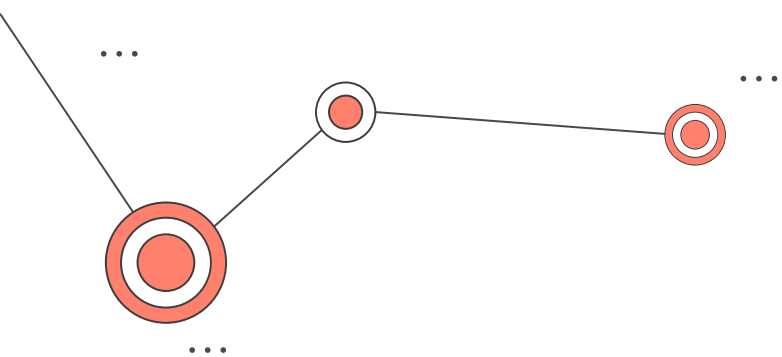
~~**Maverick check**~~

We assume employees do not do "surprise" checks.

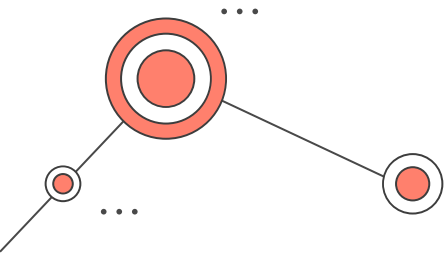
**€10 SKU worth**

To make it easier to "catch value", all SKUs are worth  
€10.

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# Development



# Main KPIs

- **# Inventory checks**
- **Time since inventory check**
- **Time to fulfil inventory check**
- **Stock deviation**
- **Rework**



¿How many times  
we have done  
inventory check?

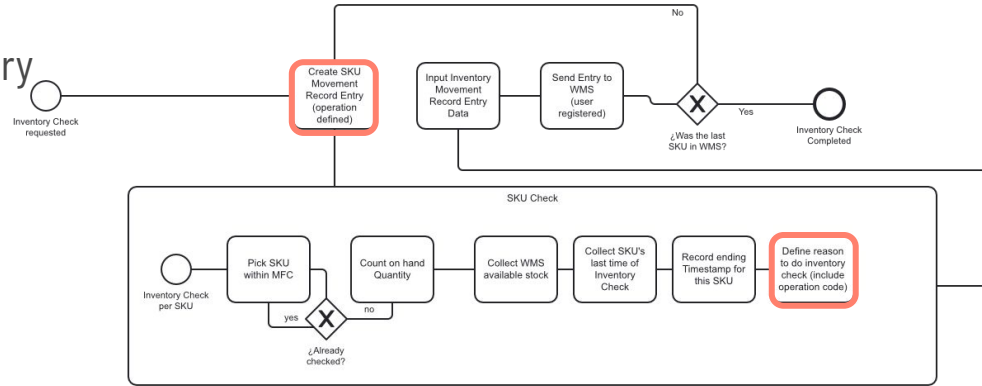
*iNot enough!*

# # Inventory Checks

Knowing the number of inventory checks an MFC has done is crucial for accurate inventory tracking, correcting manual error, and regulatory compliance.

Understanding why we fulfil a check is also helpful to understand what we are doing:

- Complaints → Refund due to SKU not available.
- Business Rule / Compliance → Practice to control stock.
- ~~Maverick Checking~~



# Frequency of inventory check

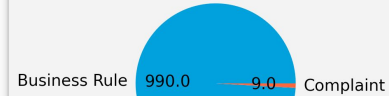
## Overall checks

We have done 45 check(s) overall

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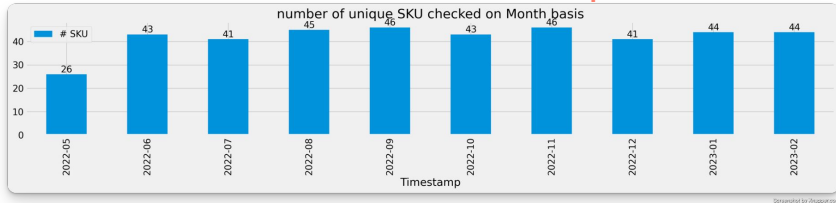
## Reasons to do inventory check

Reason to inventory check

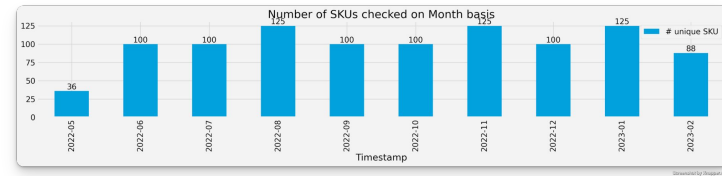


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## Unique SKU checked



## Items check across unit





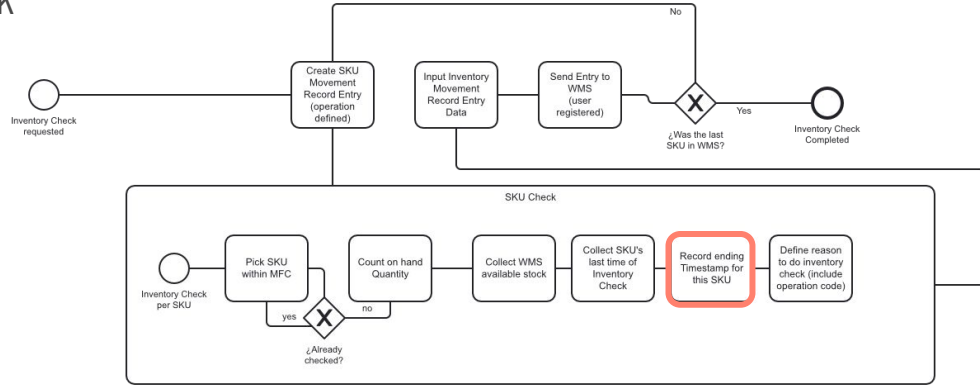
# ¿When did we last check our stock?

We haven't in a long time...

# Days since last Inventory Check

Knowing the time since the last inventory check helps ensure accurate inventory levels and avoids stock outs or overstocking. It also helps identify potential issues in the inventory management process and supports efficient operations.

If the time between executions is smaller than our current time, it means: **it is time to do a check!**

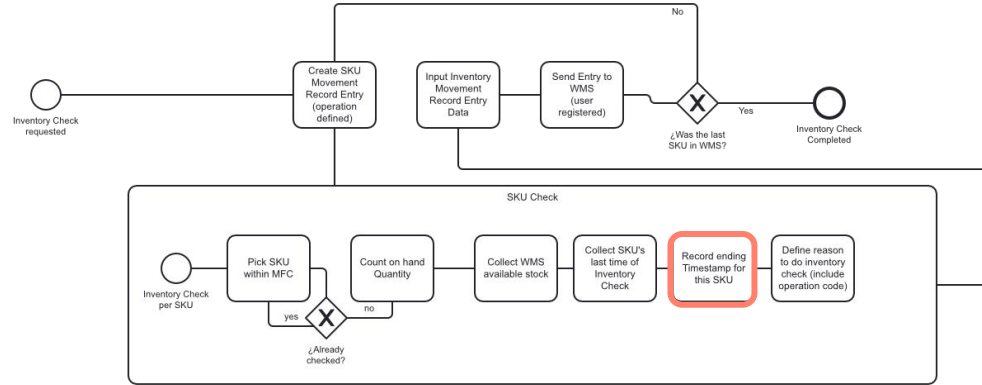




# Time spent checking inventory

Knowing the time spent on inventory checks helps with resource planning, process optimization, and identifying opportunities for efficiency gains. It also helps in measuring and improving overall operational performance.

*Assumption: The first registry takes 30 minutes approximately*



# Keeping the velocity on check

## Time since last inventory check

It has been 18 day(s) since last inventory check

Screenshot by Xnapper.com

## Days since last check (per SKU)



Screenshot by Xnapper.com

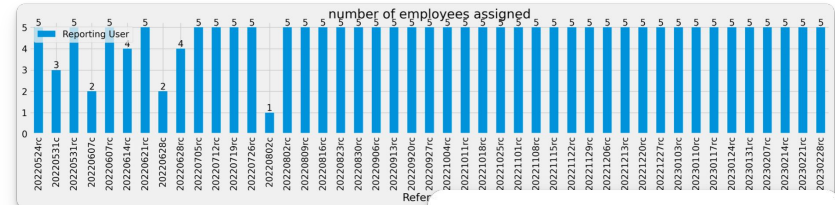
## Time to fulfil inventory check



Screenshot by Xnapper.com

We could take 292 minutes to complete an inventory check

## Number of employees per inventory check




In average, 5 people contributed to each inventory check

Screenshot by Xnapper.com

Assume FTE cost:

$292 \text{ minutes} * 5 \text{ people} * \text{€}10/\text{hr} * 1 \text{ hr}/60 \text{ min} \approx \text{€}243$



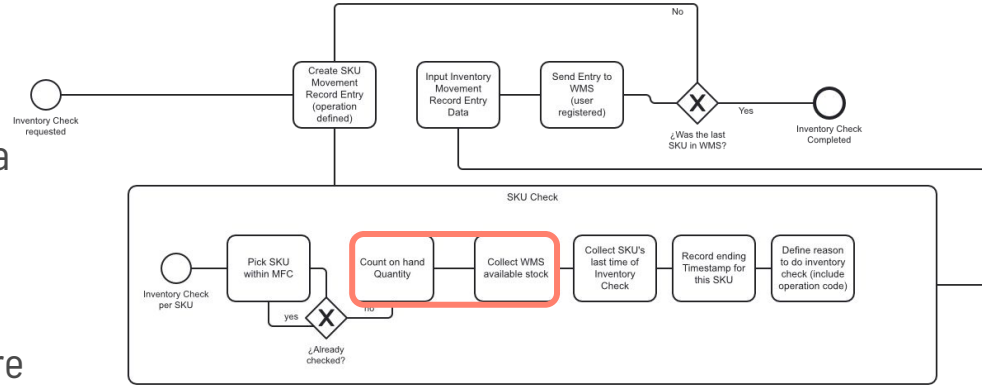
# We should have that item... ¿Right?

The WMS states we should have this item... ¿Shouldn't we?

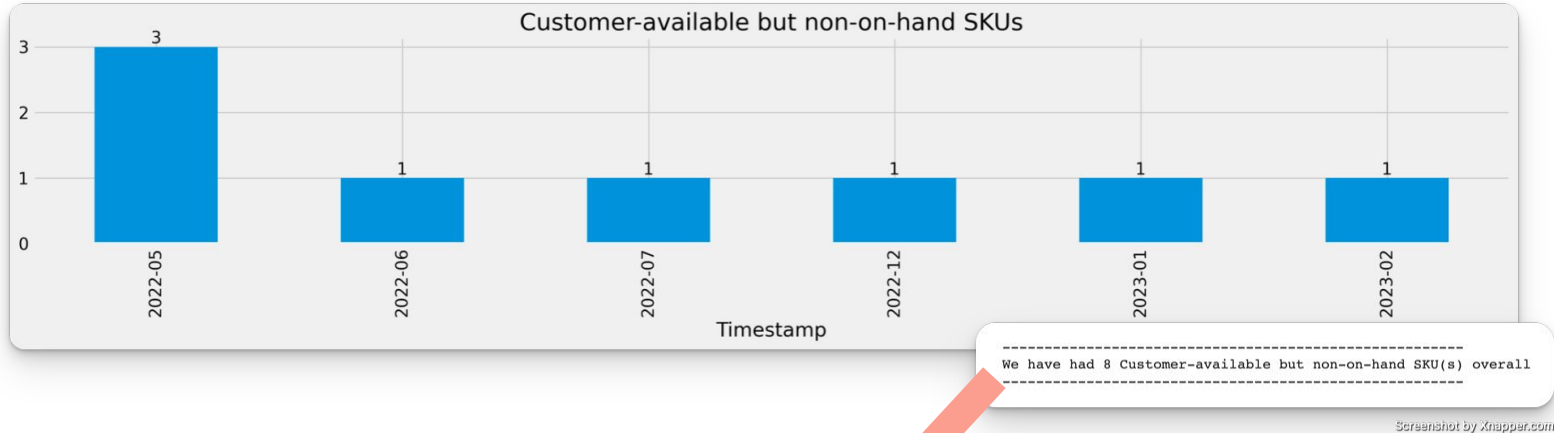
# Cases without stock in-hand

Customers will complain if they buy something not available, and we need to refund them because that item is not available. This is also a direct non-desired activity as it causes 2 invoices.

For that, we can do an average of # cases where WMS stock  $\neq 0$  but inventory states = 0.



# Cases without stock in-hand

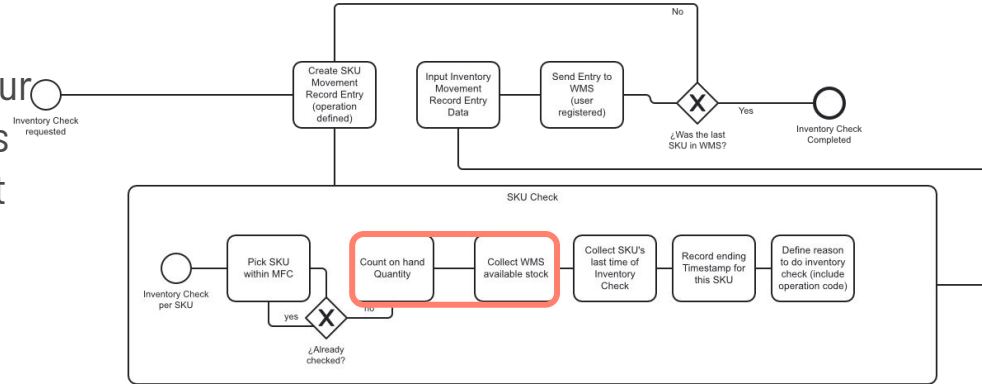


Assume FTE cost and 1 hour to cover 2 invoices (sell and refund):  
**8 cases \* €10/hr \* 1hr/case ≈ €80**

# Customer-disabled but available SKUs

We may have had an error whilst packing and our customers could not have claimed it. This leads to have items we can't sell as they report as not available. Once the inventory is done, it is feasible to sell it - as we report stock available.

*Assumption: Customers did not complain about missing stock.*



# Customer-disabled but available SKUs



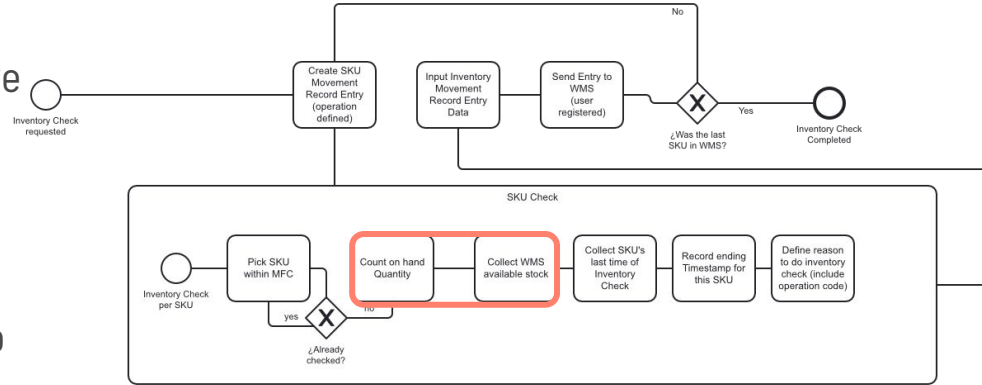
Assume FTE cost and 1 hour to cover not sent items after all and 2 employees (MFC pack responsible and carrier):

**74 cases \* €10/case \* 2 employees ≈ €1480**

# Customer-enabled but quantity-deviating SKUs

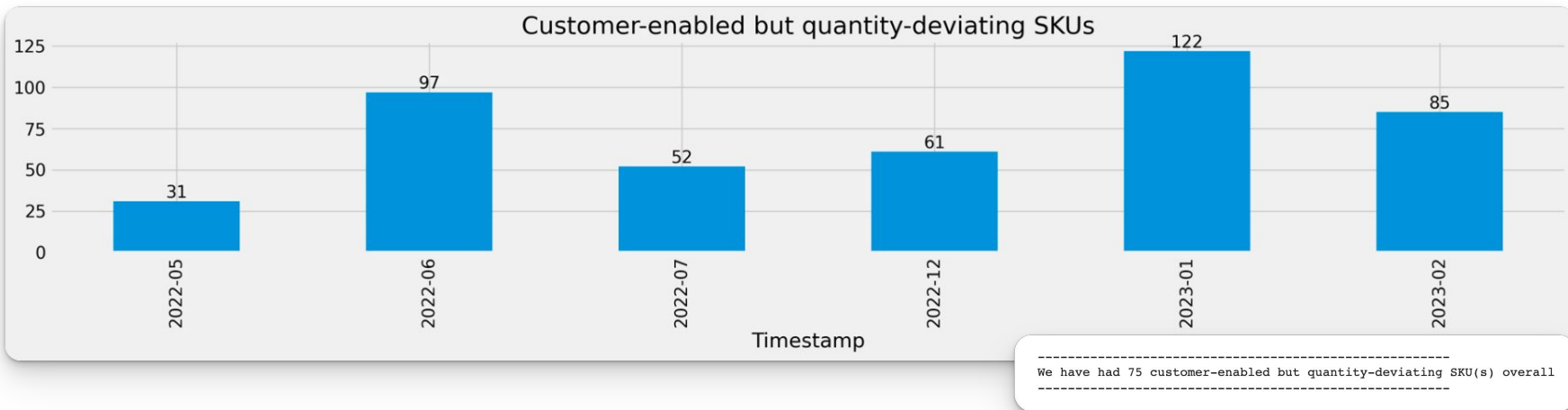
It is important to know how many cases we have been able to “prevent” from not selling or even worse: having to refund their worth.

Thanks to this value, we can catch those mistakes early and recognize this task worth to the team.





# Customer-enabled but quantity-deviating SKUs



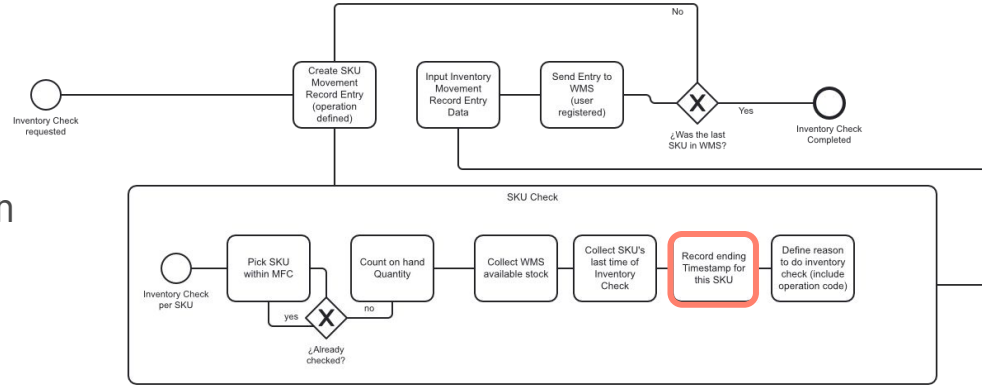


# I just checked that SKU

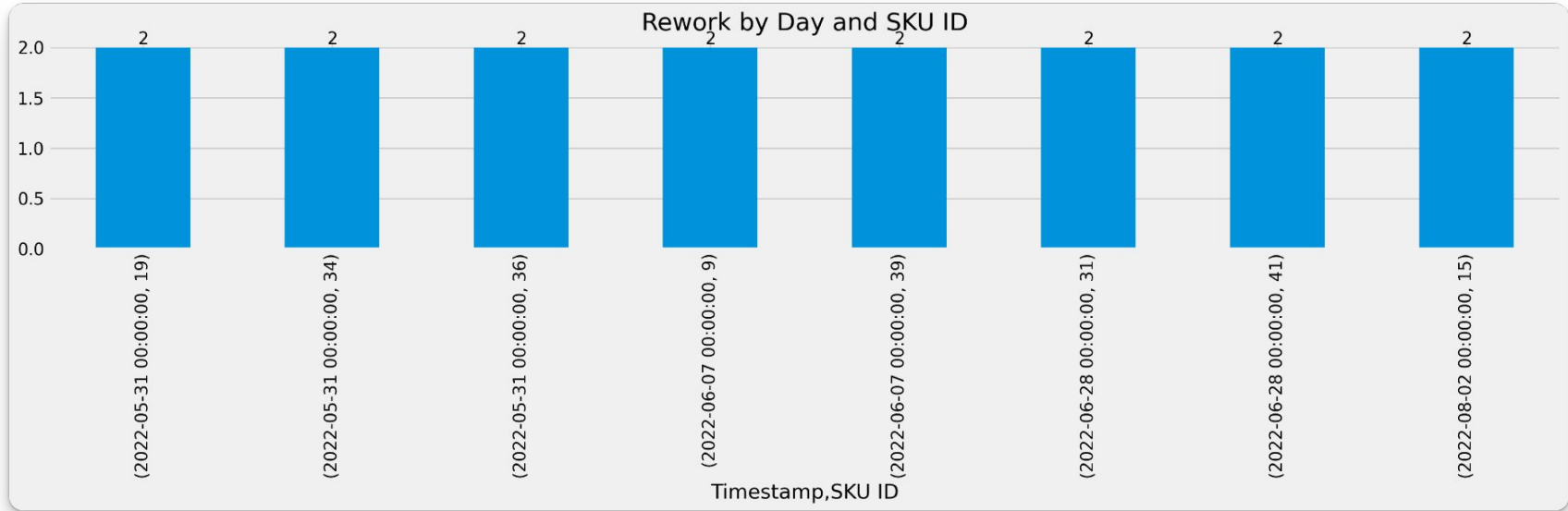
And other ways to explain rework

# Rework

We should avoid checking twice the same day the same SKUs, as it leads to trust issues within our employees and, hopefully, validate the data we already checked



# Rework



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Assume FTE cost and X as the time needed to check a single SKU:

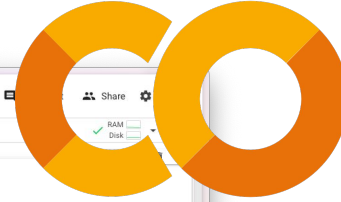
**8 cases \* €10/hr \* 1 employee/case \* X hr ≈ €80X**

# Python behind the scenes

## Part B

- **Access to code**
- **Analyse of each metric given (Optional)**

# Jump into Python Script [\(link to Google Colab\)](#)



ctions

he dataset is loaded? Run this cell

| J  | Name | From_Qty | To_Qty | Timestamp           | Days since last check | Cause         | Reference  | Reporting User |
|----|------|----------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 37 |      | 92       | 3      | 2023-02-28 12:57:00 | 280                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_5         |
| 50 |      | 76       | 26     | 2023-02-28 12:50:00 | 280                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_5         |
| 39 |      | 29       | 83     | 2023-02-28 12:47:00 | 266                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_4         |
| 34 |      | 85       | 33     | 2023-02-28 12:28:00 | 273                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_4         |
| 39 |      | 95       | 69     | 2023-02-28 12:13:00 | 266                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_3         |
| 42 |      | 10       | 34     | 2023-02-28 12:11:00 | 259                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_1         |
| 9  |      | 91       | 9      | 2023-02-28 11:55:00 | 266                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_4         |
| 28 |      | 27       | 19     | 2023-02-28 11:50:00 | 266                   | Business Rule | 20230228rc | USER_3         |

# Sample data

- **Access to Spreadsheet**
- **(Optional) Additional columns requested**

# Spreadsheet [\(link to spreadsheet\)](#)

*Making it easier to parse...*

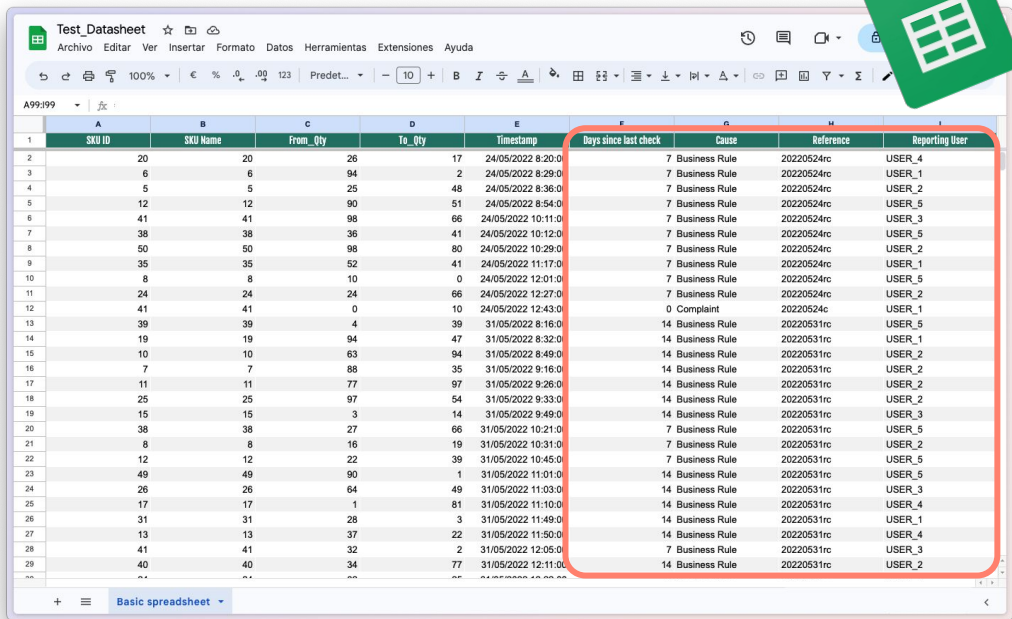
Days since last check is based on the dataset to make easy-to-read python code.

## Understanding why

“Cause” and “Reference” provide data to identify when did we do something and who sponsors it.

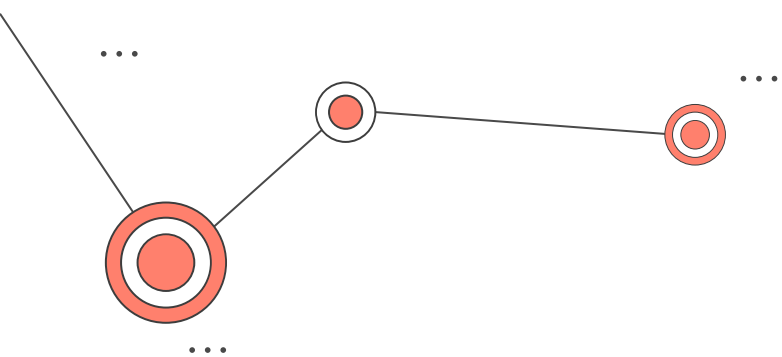
## Reporting user

Though it is a bad idea to report names, we should know how many FTE contributed or if it was automatic

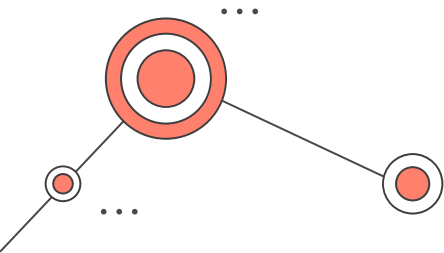


|    | A      | B        | C        | D      | E                  | F                     | G             | H          | I              |
|----|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 1  | SKU ID | SKU Name | From_Qty | To_Qty | Timestamp          | Days since last check | Cause         | Reference  | Reporting User |
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| 3  | 6      | 6        | 94       | 2      | 24/05/2022 8:29:0  | 7                     | Business Rule | 20220524rc | USER_1         |
| 4  | 5      | 5        | 25       | 48     | 24/05/2022 8:36:0  | 7                     | Business Rule | 20220524rc | USER_2         |
| 5  | 12     | 12       | 90       | 51     | 24/05/2022 8:54:0  | 7                     | Business Rule | 20220524rc | USER_5         |
| 6  | 41     | 41       | 98       | 66     | 24/05/2022 10:11:0 | 7                     | Business Rule | 20220524rc | USER_3         |
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| 10 | 8      | 8        | 10       | 0      | 24/05/2022 12:01:0 | 7                     | Business Rule | 20220524rc | USER_5         |
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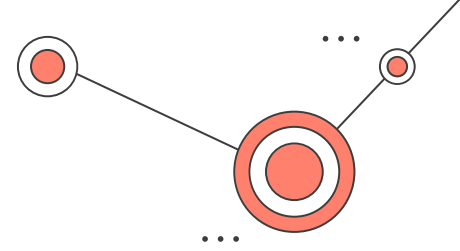
# Discussion



# Potential next steps

- **Improvement Plan**
- **Potential data points to keep improving**

# Improvement plan



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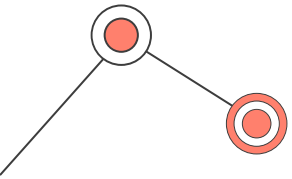
Average cost of  
activity  
+  
Non-conformant  
cases

**Set goal %**

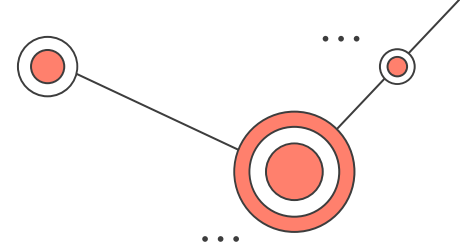
Suggested 20%  
(≈€400)

**Elaborate plans**

Check potential  
actions



# Potential next data points



## Item control

Add logs for sales and returns.

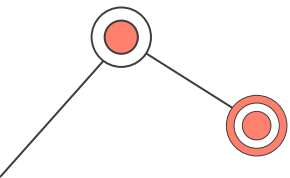
*Provides scope of time for lost items and can check what happened.*

## Claims

We should know if we can sell 2 times the same article due to an error.

## Product details

To capture value, we should know how much an item is worth.



# iThanks!

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