

Okay, in truth, the current process is reasonably good.



But it could be better





So what exactly is wrong with the current process?



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On average, it costs

\$39.91 & \$87.40

for every daily order process



for every weekly order process

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On average, it takes about

10 hours and 45 minutes to complete a daily order



But only about

1 hours and 45 minutes is actually spent working

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On average, it takes about

14 hours and 35 minutes to complete a weekly order



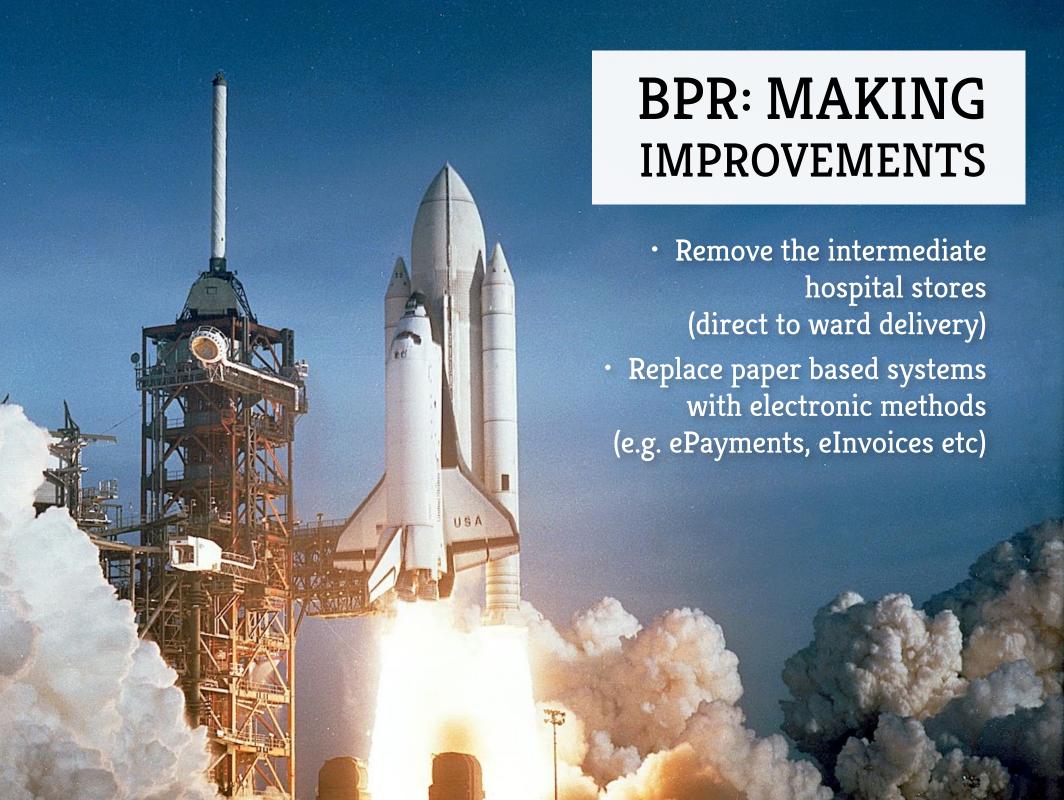
But only about

3 hours and 20 minutes is actually spent working

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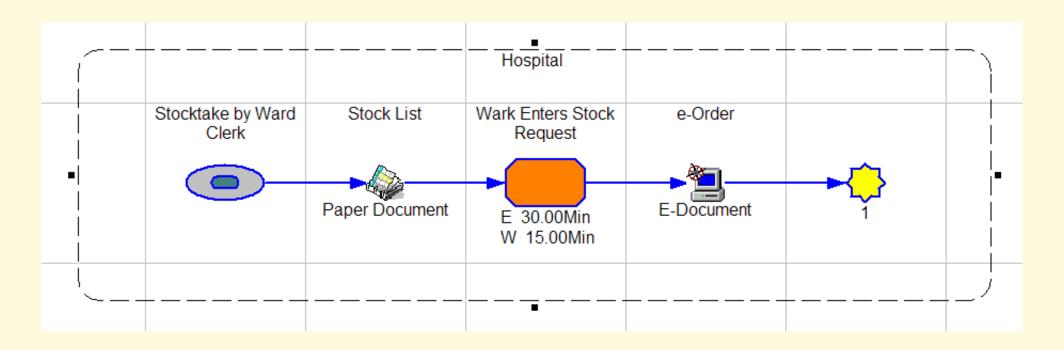
- There is a significant wait time to receive goods into wards if the item is out of stock
- Checking if an item is out of stock also takes time and is a manual process
- · Plus many more issues





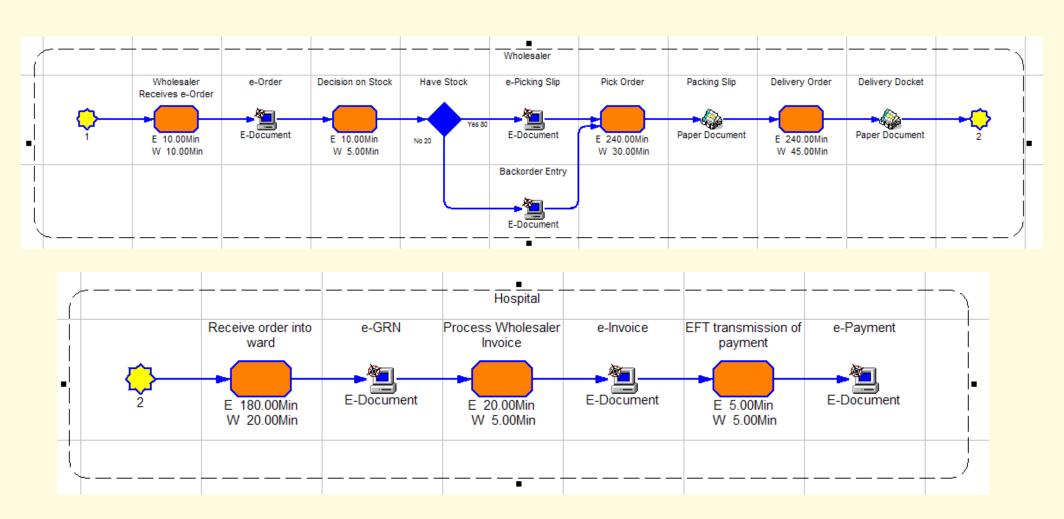
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- Web Services is the recommended option
- It is a method of communication over the Internet
- Widely used, flexible, strong support, easy (and cheaper) to implement, bright future
- Suited for implementing an SOA



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Getting Real Fancy: More Improvements

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But a further, detailed study is recommended for RFID-related integations

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- Significant cost reductions for both the hospitals and the wholesaler by eliminating steps in the supply chain
- Reduce inventory levels plus better understanding of ordering and stock
- Improved business relations between the hospital and suppliers

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- Frees up more time for hospital staff to do more hospital related
- Improved strategic positioning for both the wholesaler and hospitals
- Future use in terms of integration, adaptation and implementing an SOA

Some Hurdles to Jump Through

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- High-levels of coordination and planning are required to establish this integrated system
- Operations need changing and staff need to be trained (or new ones hired)
- New systems will need to be developed

Hard-work and careful planning will yield big returns