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- Purchase of specified dollars not yet approved

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THREE

COMPUTING BASED ON SETUP

"Aerospace distribution can be very profitable if the buying is correct".

- Buy the right parts
- Buy the optimal quantity

FOUR

INTRODUCTION

Define a process to

- 1. Improve purchasing efficiency
- 2. Provide decision support for better purchasing decisions
- 3. Monitor performance
- 4. Create and enforce policies
- 5. Improve detailed and summary information
- 6. Leverage inter company inventory

FIVE

OBJECTIVES

Lower unit cost

We will introduce:

- Multiple Certifications
- Supply Prioritization
- Eligible Supply

TRADITIONAL DRP

6.1 Forecast

- · History is aggregated by month
- · Various forecast models are applied to the history simulating forecasts into historical periods
- Forecast performance is evaluated over lead time
- · Best performing model is chosen
- · Forecast is made
- · Safety stock is calculated based on service level and forecast statistics
- Economic Order Quantity is computed

6.2 Projections

Buckets are created, usually monthly

Starting with onhand inventory

Forecast demand is decrease by firm demand during the corresponinding bucket

For each sucessive bucket the preceeding position is incremented by replensishments and decremented by unconsumed forecast and actual demand.

Additional Replenishment Orders are created based on the EOQ and incremental purchase quantities.

6.3 SKUs

In traditional DRP a Stock Keeping Unit is the basis of planning.

Say there are four different *D Cell batteries*, 888888-333333 F-R-Eddy Alkaline and 666666-22222 Deer-a-Bull and 33333-55555 BRAND-X 77777-22222 BRAND-Z.

These batteries would be planned independently.

Now consider an engineer for a major flashlight compant specifies that specifies a battery based on dimensions, chemical composition and electrical properties, voltage and ampere hours and a voltage discharge curve and calls this *BATT-D-ALK*.

F-R-Eddy, Deer-a-Bull and Brand-X all issue a *Certificate of Compliance* stating that their batteries meet all of the engineering requirement of *BATT-D-ALK*

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Let"s assume

1,000 888888-333333

2,000 666666-222222

500 333333-555555

300 777777-222222

How many BATT-D-ALKS do you have?

Answer: You have 3,500

SEVEN

SCENARIO

Now assume you get a customer order for 1,000 BATT-D-ALK for next month.

What is your projected position for each of the parts at the end of next month?

That depends on whether the 888888-333333, the 66666-222222 or the 333333-555555 parts are used.

Perhaps:

7.1 Supply Prioritization

This section introduces the concept of supply prioritization, determining which eligible supply to to use to satisfy demand.

- 88888-33333 Parts cost more so you fill with the cheaper part
- You use some of each because they have a shelf life and you want to get rid of those near the expiry date.
- Another customer will only accept from Deer-A-Bull so you fulfill with F-R-Ready to reserve your Deer-A-Bull inventory as it is more widely accepted.

Perhaps: The customer only approves

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BUY QUANTITY

Simple part, no equivalent parts.

Average monthly consumption is 200 units

Vendor quote unit price 1,000 3.02 2,500 1.647

So you buy a years supply and move onto the next part.

STOP!

Let"s assume unit_cost = setup_cost/nbr_units + incremental cost

substituting in *unit_cost* and *nbr_units* in the equation twice leaves us two equations with two unknowns. Using linear algebra we solve for the setup cost and incremental_cost and plot this.

We see ...

Now we can quote lower prices and hopefully get a higher quote conversion while simultaneously getting a higher profit margin.

???

8.1 Prioritization

8.1.1 Sourcing Rule

8.1.2 Purchase Orders

Availability Date

Late

Vendor On Time Performance

8.1.3 Attribute Weight values

8.1.4 Other Demand for

8.1.5 FIFO

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DATA REQUIREMENTS

Onhand Inventory Purchase Orders Work Orders
Forecast Customer Orders Work Orders
Item Master

History Vendor Quotes Customer Quotes Approved Manufacturers

TEN

LEGACY SYSTEM

No changes to the legacy system will be required Diamond APS can support Vendor Quotes Customer Quotes Requisitions

10.1 Legacy System

Purchasing interaction with Dymax and SAP can be reduced to a data entry function, all decisions can be made in Diamond.

10.2 Risk

There is zero risk, no existing systems are modified. No execution processes are affected.

ELEVEN

CONCEPTS

11.1 Supply Pools

Supply pools are logical collections of inventory and may be used to

- 1. Ensure that the pool is only available to the appropriate customers
- 2. Distinguish between regular, buyback and consigment inventory
- 3. Used in prioritization of supply for demand

11.2 Forecast Groups

Demand for a customer or a collection of customers may be aggregated in history and an aggregate forecast created. Forecast groups may have their own eligibility constraints.

11.3 Eligible Inventory

Aerospace parts are not fungible, more than a specified part number is necessary to satify customer demand.

11.4 Demand Prioritization

Demand prioritization is the set of rules that determines which demands get fulfilled and in what order.

11.5 Supply Prioritization

Supply prioritization is the set of rules that determines which inventory is consumed for a given demand.

11.6 Forecast Consumption

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PROCEDURES

- 12.1 Requisitions
- 12.2 Review
- 12.3 Approval
- **12.4 Purchasing Approval**
- 12.5 Portal

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BENEFITS

FOURTEEN

QUESTIONS

1. How long does it take to get

Sales History Vendor Quotes Customer Quotes Approved Manufacturers Item Equivalencies Forecasted Demand Purchase Orders Requisitions

For a part and all of its equivalents in both the United States and France?

1. How do you compute a buy quantity?

14.1 Extensibility

Any component must be easily plugged in with an alternative implementation that is compliant with the corresponding interface,

- Demand Priority
- Eligibility Requirements
- Supply Prioritization
 - Lot value determination
- Recommendation Handlers for propagating accepted recommendations to source system

FIFTEEN

IMPLEMENTATION

- Extract necessary data from legacy systems
- · Load into Advanced Planning
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SAP ON THE WEB

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There is a huge amount that can be done but a specification has not been articulated.

Concepts must be articulated.

16.1 Simple Example

During one of my calls with Peter he told me that he was reviewing purchase orders a simple line such as "Buyers don"t buy the correct quantities to get a good price" was extended to:

16.1.1 Compute Optimal Purchase Quantity

Compute a projected per unit cost by solving the equation

unit_cost = (setup_cost / qty) + incremental cost

For two different known qty and prices (vendor quotes) using linear algebra

16.1.2 Graph this relationsihip

Find the "price knee" the first derivative of the function, the slope of the tangent starts to level off (it asymptotically approaches 0, meaning the limit is the unit cost doesn"t decrease at all. Depending on setup cost, incremental cost and annual consumption a three year supply may be ten percent more than a one year supply, it may also be three times the acquisition cost and additional carrying costs must be considered.

Vendor quotes should include this range of quantities, purchasing quantities should be in this range, buys can be made and even scheduled so that lower per unit costs can be realized.

16.2 Purchasing Procedures

When a part needs to be replenished

- 1. Vendor quotes for the price range should be required.
- 2. Purchase amounts over a defined limit should be reviewed and approved.
- 3. Requisitions should be created in the new purchase decision application and once approved, be created as purchase orders in the execution system (Dymax and SAP).
- 4. Checks for any constraints including approved manufacturers should be simulated
- 5. Existing inventory carried under equivalent part numbers should be considered.

The opportunities for process improvement are best addressed by evaluating your current processes and the issues your experts realize and developing a system to address those issues.

16.3 Constraints

Your new process should:

- 1. Be external to SAP and Dymax, requiring no modifications to either system. This eliminates risk and complexity.
- 2. Should include data from both operations for inventory, purchases and demands
- 3. Incorporate new procedures and policies to reflect best practices
- 4. Reduce the effort of sales staff and purchasing staff to perform their functions
- 5. Define metrics to evaluate performance and progress
- 6. Have an alert system of reports of issues that need to be addressed.
- 7. Require no hardware or other infrastructure or the installation of any software on any Align computer.

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QUESTIONS

What is the current cost of

- 1. Not buying the correct quantities
- 2. Not taking into consideration multiple certifications
- 3. Buying inventory in one operation that is excess inventory in the other operation
- 4. Time wasted gathering information to create a purchase order

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CONCLUSION

Align has the expertise in house to participate in the design of a business process and software to optimize the purchasing and sales operations, there is no need to wait for an IT person who has much less experience than your director of purchasing and other operations personnel.

A one hour phone call every two weeks is not going to ever get you a design.

I have no doubt that several times every day a sub-optimal purchase results in a expense greater than the cost of developing a design.

A design is best done by whiteboard meetings, starting with a blank whiteboard. Even with 25 years experience in Aerospace, it would be presumptious, and flat out wrong for me to give a powerpoint presentation and say "This is the universal answer to all problems, it will fit your situation"; this is the approach of someone hawking software.

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MODIFICATIONS

- All code is in Java supported by Spring with Hibernate for Object Relation Management, these are widely adoped open source solutions
- Presentation uses the Model, View Controller approach and the model may be exposed as a JavaBean or XML if one prefers to use XSL.
- Diamond dependencies are all vastly popular open source but it extremely unlikely anyone will have any need to modify anyy of the open source code
- I have trained non-programmers to modify Diamond in less than a month.

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DIFFERENCE FROM SAP

- 1. Diamond client interface is natively HTML5 and all functionality is available in a simple browser, whereas SAP has a cludgy interface, the native interface is client-server, a technology that is embarassingly old fashioned and the implementation is poor, at best https://help.sap.com/doc/saphelp_nw70ehp1/7.01.16/en-US/4d/aeae42cd7fb611e10000000a155106/content.htm?no_cache=true
- 2. There are no exposed transaction codes in Diamond, everything is menu driven, reducing training time and simplifying operation efficiency.
- 3. SAP has a proprietary database, HANA
- 4. Diamond is not complicated it uses International Standards for everything, and the most widely adopted technologies, there is no dependency on anything proprietary unless the oracle database is used.

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SAP ON THE WEB

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TWENTYFOUR

QUESTIONS

- 1. How many buyers are there?
- 2. How many purchase orders are created per year?
- 3. How much time does it take to create a purchase order?
- 4. Gather the information
 - Onhand Inventory
 - Sales History
 - · Sales Forecast
 - Forecast Consumption
 - · Approved Manufacturers
 - Vendor Quotes
 - Existing Purchase Orders
 - 1. Vendor Quotes
 - Get quotes for the parts
 - Compute Optimal Replenishment Quantity (Not Economic Order Quantity)
 - Create a requisition
- 5. What are the requisition review requirements?
 - When is a requisition subject to review?
 - What are the needs additional work conditions?
 - Need more vendor quotes
 - Need work on equivalent parts
 - Incorrect buy quantity
 - Get existing inventory certified.

24.1 Out of Scope

Lead times can vary drastically based on

- vendor
- · material shortages

- · new product introduction
- product recall MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul)Definition

The elapsed time, usually measured in weeks between when a product is ordered and receivied.

Usually not considered

- · Recieving time
- · Inspection Time
- Intra-facility transfer time
- These are consider availability times

Typically in DRP Planning

- There is only one lead time
- This lead time is fairly consistent
- Costs due not vary based on lead time.

24.2 In aerospace

24.3 Source of Lead Time

24.3.1 vendor quotes

Take the lead time from the maximum quote expiration date

24.3.2 Summarized Lead Times should include

- · Vendor Code
- Vendor type (Manufacturer, Distibutor, intra-company
- Vendor quote beginning and ending effective date
- · Date of request for quote

24.3.3 Lead time details should include:

· Historical lead times

24.3.4 Lead time projections

Factors that can effect lead time, Lead times can vary drastically based on

- vendor
- · Some vendors will stock
- Some manufacturers will build to stock
- Some manufactureres will build only on demand, see Cost per Unit

- material shortages
- new product introduction
- product recall MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul)

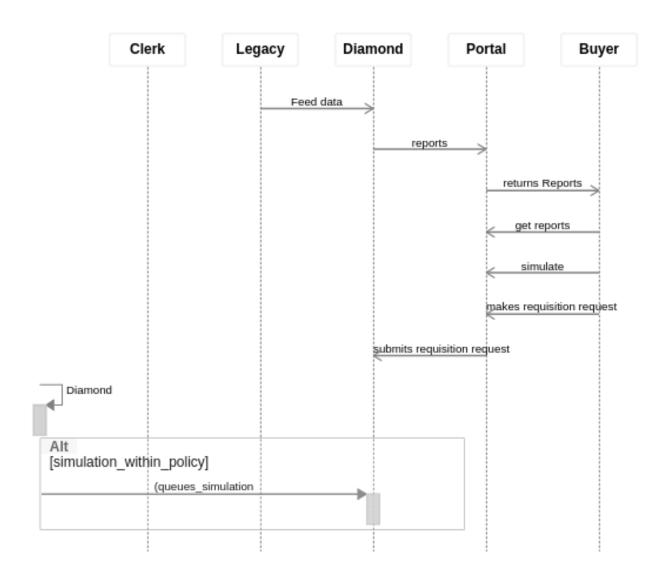
24.4 Instructions

- 1. Look at the report section of the portal
- 2. Review the information
- 3. Fill out the checklist
- 4. Create the requisition

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24.4.1 Requisition Checklist

24.5 Sequence Diagram



24.5.1 Intrinsic Information

24.5.2 Extrinsic Information

Gather all information, it should all be available in the portal

24.6 Related articles

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SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

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DEFINITIONS

Definitions:

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ABC_SLS_PCT_DLR

Top 20 of previous 12 month contribution to sales dollars
Does not adequately support new product introduction

ABC_CUST_QTE

SVC_LVL

Contractual service levels

ABC_SLS_PCT_ABC_Sales_Percent
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INDICES AND TABLES

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