



The Historical Evolution of Operations Management



Significant Events in Operations



Cost Focus

Early Concepts 1776–1880

Labor Specialization (Smith, Babbage) Standardized Parts (Whitney)

Scientific Management Era 1880–1910

Gantt Charts (Gantt) Motion & Time Studies (Gilbreth) Process Analysis (Taylor) Queuing Theory (Erlang)

Mass Production Era 1910–1980 Moving Assembly Line (Ford/Sorensen) Statistical Sampling (Shewhart) Economic Order Quantity (Harris) Linear Programming (Dantzig) PERT/CPM (DuPont) Material Requirements Planning

Lean Production Era 1980–1995

Just-In-Time Computer Aided Design Electronic Data Interchange Total Quality Management Baldrige Award Empowerment Kanbans

Customization Focus

Mass Customization Era 1995–2005 Globalization Internet Enterprise Resource Planning Learning Organization International Quality Standards Finite Scheduling Supply Chain Management Agile Manufacturing

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