

Controller

Operations Controlling

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Wie zijn wij ?



Kurt Rommel

Lead expert – SAP Controlling

Experienced implementor of controlling models in SAP

- High business integration to setup a correct system
- SME and Public industry
- Standardize controlling systems & Reporting



Ben Reynaert

Lead expert – Finance & Business Controlling

Expert in the area of Management Accounting & Control:

- Management Accounting in line with organizational structures & responsibilities
- Budgeting & Planning processes
- Customer profitability & Cost to serve systems

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Wie zijn jullie ?



Tour de table:

- > Wie ben jij?
- > Wat is jouw organisatie?
- > Wat is jouw rol?
- > Wat zijn jouw verwachtingen?
- > Wat is jouw grootste uitdaging binnen Controlling?

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Delaware
in
a few
words



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ABOUT DELAWARE

delaware is a **fast-growing, global company** that delivers advanced solutions and services to organizations striving for a sustainable, competitive advantage.

We guide our customers through their business transformation, applying the ecosystems of our main **business partners, SAP and Microsoft**. We continue to service our customers afterwards, assuring continuity and continuous improvement.

In all perspectives, we apply our own **sustainable business model** that aims for the long-term. Our future leaders are already among us. They are driving our clients' success, shaping them to stand out today and preparing them for tomorrow.



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SUMMARY

HISTORY

Founded in 1981
Has been part of Bekaert,
Andersen and Deloitte
Management Buy Out with 124
professionals in 2003

TODAY

2600 professionals
28 offices
14 countries
4 continents
€ 330 million revenue

RECIPE

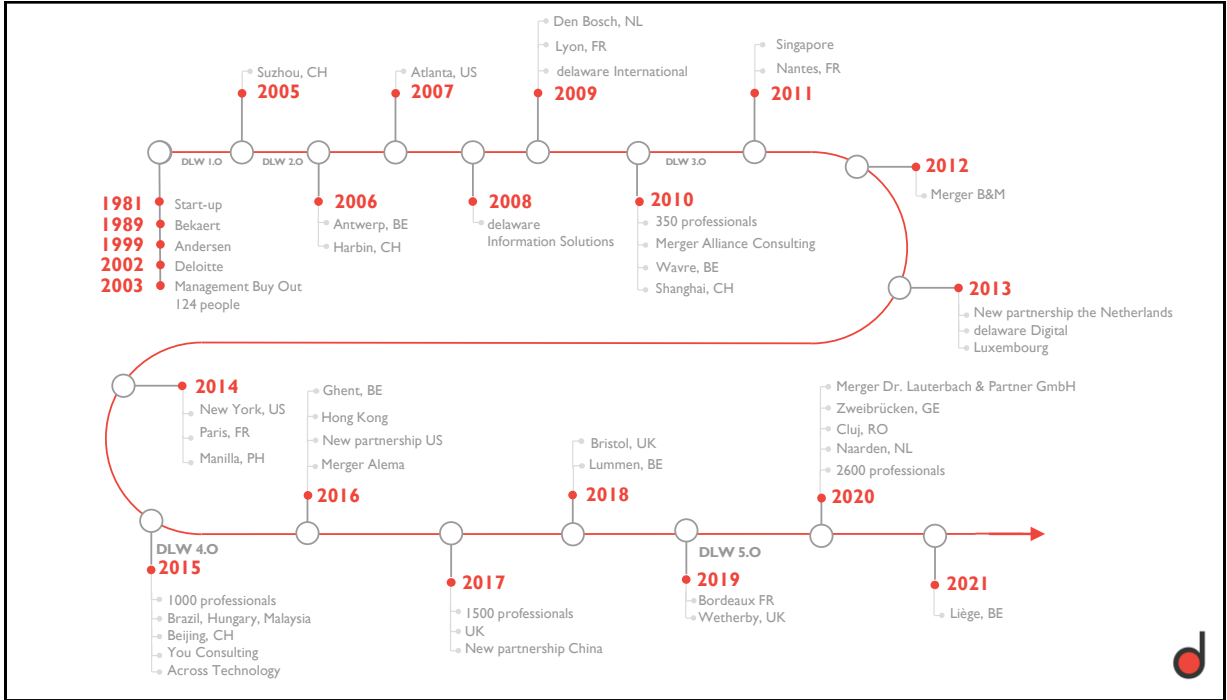
Aligning business and technology
Combining strengths, delivering solutions
Delivering tomorrow, today

PHILOSOPHY

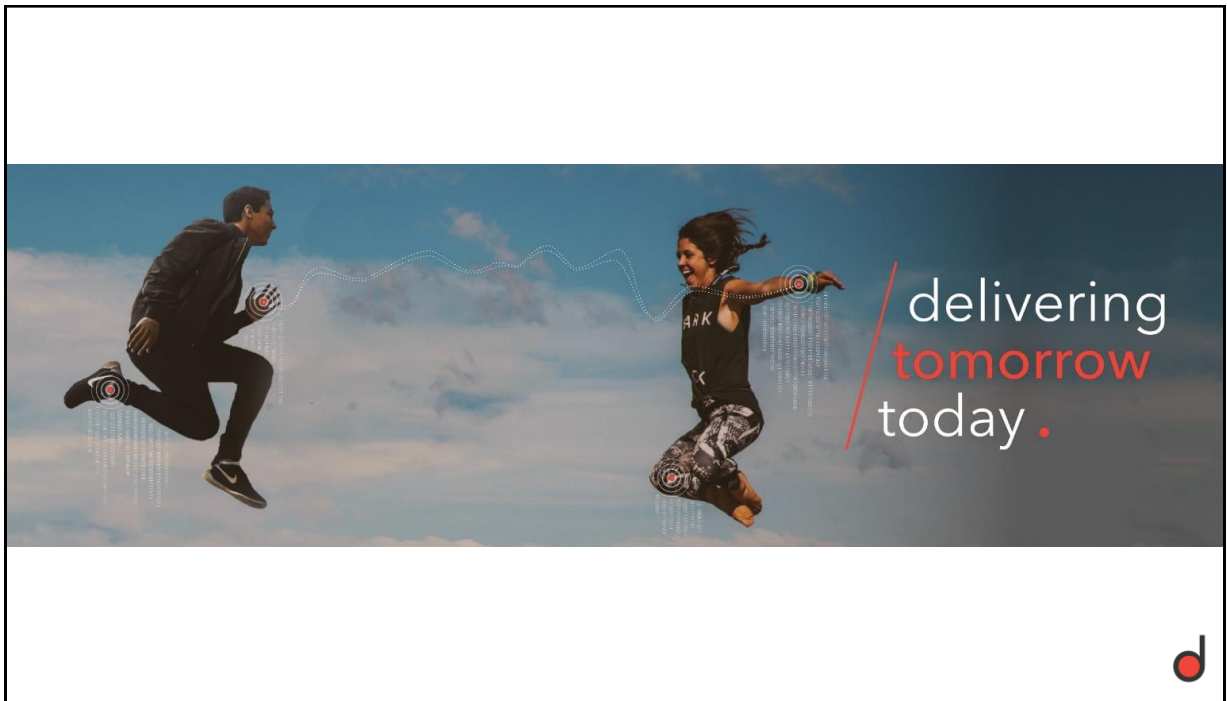
Entrepreneurship, Care, Respect,
Team Spirit, Commitment



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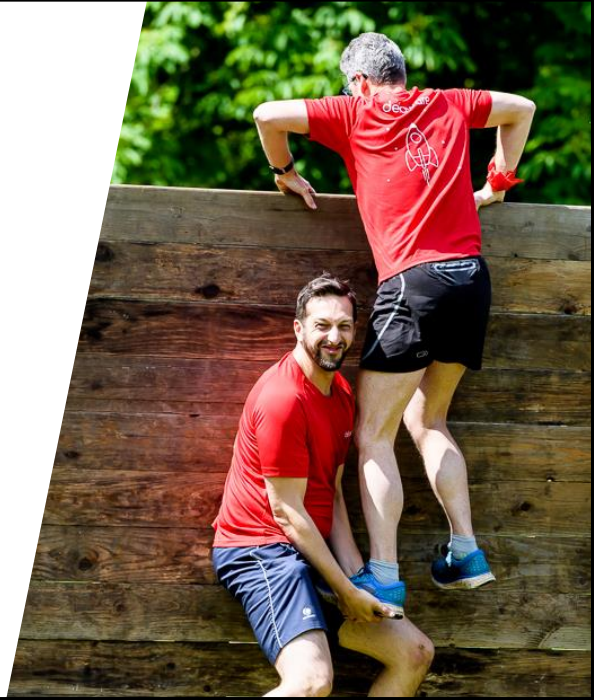
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VALUE PROPOSITION

To guide our customers to the top in their respective domains, realizing **operational excellence**, increasing **business insights** and improving their own **customers' experience**



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DELAWARE TODAY

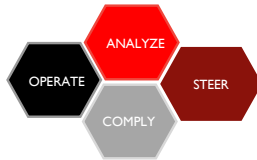
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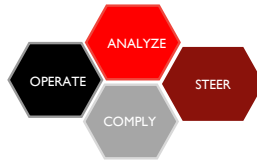
The delaware Finance Transformation Roadmap

WAVE 01 EFFICIENCY



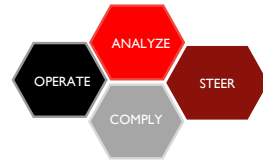
- Finance Operations
- Analytical Accounting
- Product Costing
- Financial budgeting
- Functional reporting
- Statutory and Regulatory

WAVE 02 EFFECTIVENESS



- Fast / Soft Close
- Next Level Controlling
- Net Margin Analysis (Cost To Serve)
- Rolling Forecast / Driver Based
- Performance reporting
- Managerial governance & controls

WAVE 03 VALUE CREATION



- Robo – Accounting
- Business / Scenario Modelling
- Competing on Analytics
- Integrated Business Planning
- Strategic Reporting
- Strategic compliance

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AGENDA

- > Intro
- > Financial vs Management Accounting
- > Management control
 - > Structure
 - > Coordination mechanisms
- > The costing problem
 - > Standards & Actuals
- > Cost estimation methodologies
 - > Full Costing
 - > Direct Costing
 - > Customer profitability & Activity Based Costing
 - > Case De Kaarsfabriek
 - > Time Driven Activity Based Costing



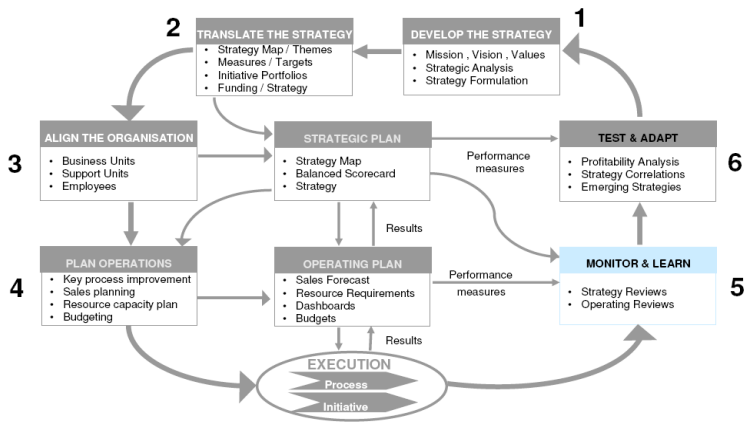
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The Integrated Performance Management Process

Execution Premium



Kaplan & Norton – The execution premium



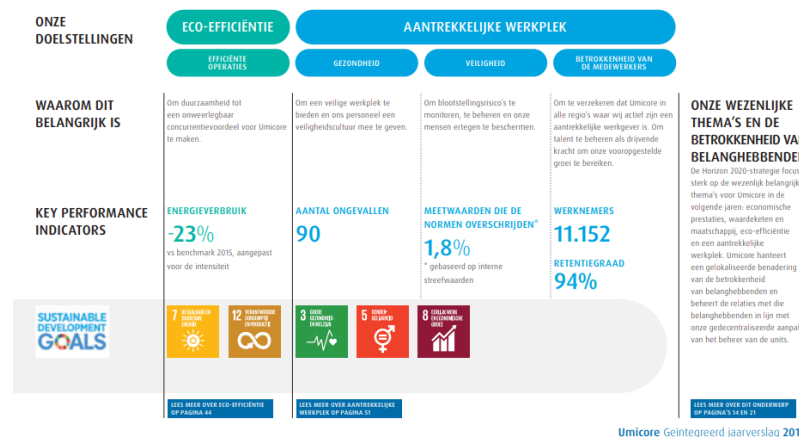
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Strategic Themes: Umicore example



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Strategic Themes – Umicore example



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Role of the **Controller**



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General role of the **Controller**

- › **Motivate** managers for behaviour *in line with* the strategy
- › Install and maintain best fit management control **structure**
- › Optimize performance management **processes and systems**
- › **Value creation**, become an internal business consultant
- › Contributie to **strategy** development

→ **Performance Management**



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Different controllers for different purposes



COMPANY SPECIFIC

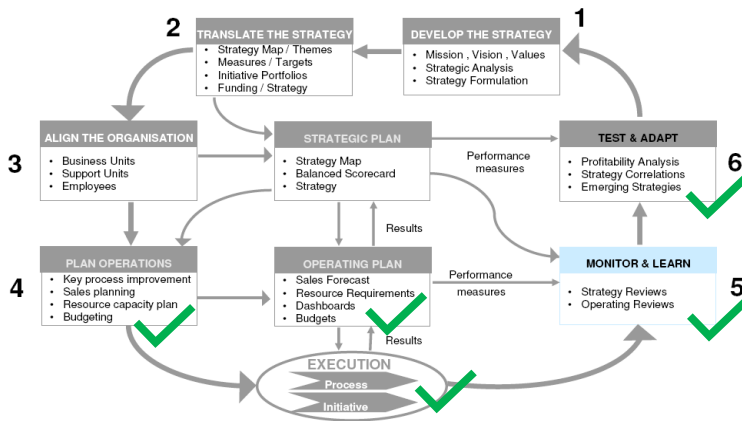
How are my BU organized?
Central or Local
Large or Small Organization
RESPONSIBILITY

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The Integrated Performance Management Process

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Financial Accounting
Vs
Management Accounting



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Different types – different purposes

	Financial accounting	Management accounting
Purpose of information		
Primary users		
Focus & emphasis		
Rules of measurement & reporting		
Time span & type of reports		
Behavioral implications		



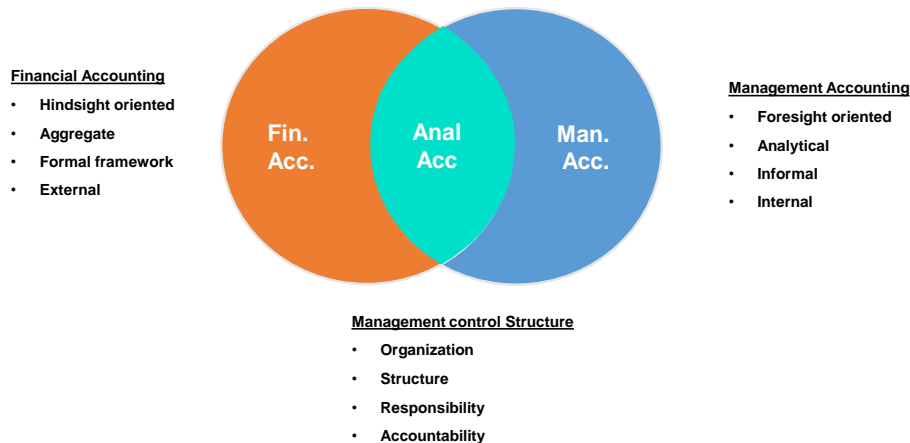
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Different types – different purposes

	Financial accounting	Management accounting
Purpose of information	Communicate an organization's financial position to investors, banks, regulators,...	Help managers make decisions to fulfill an organization's goals
Primary users	External users such as investors, banks, regulators & suppliers	Managers of the organization
Focus & emphasis	Past-oriented, Fiscal	Future-oriented, Economic
Rules of measurement & reporting	Financial statements need to be audited and comply with accounting standards	Internal measures and reports
Time span & type of reports	Annual & quarterly reports primarily on the company as a whole	Varies from hourly information to forecasts & time series of 10-20 years
Behavioral implications	Primarily report economic events, but also influences behavior	Designed to influence the behavior of managers & employees

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Different views – one system



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**MANAGEMENT
CONTROL**



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3 Pillars of business controlling



Structure



Process



Culture



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MANAGEMENT CONTROL STRUCTURE



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Optimal management control structure



An **optimal structure**

is one that

contributes maximally to **desired managerial behaviour**
and **discourages dysfunctional behaviour.**



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Responsibility Centers

- A responsibility center is any **organizational unit** that is headed by a **responsible** manager.
- A responsibility center exists to accomplish one or more purposes, its **objectives**.
- Responsibility centers consume resources (inputs) and produce outputs. The task of a responsibility center manager is to improve **efficiency** and **effectiveness**.
- *Efficiency* = outputs/inputs → “doing the things right”
Effectiveness = how well do outputs contribute to the objectives. → “doing the right things”
- **Measurability** of inputs and/or outputs determines the nature of responsibility centers.

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Responsibility Centers

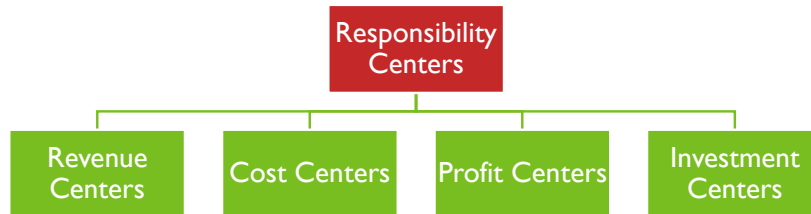
- Responsibility
- Authority
- Controllability
- Accountability

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Responsibility Centers



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Revenue centers

- In a revenue center, outputs are measured in monetary terms, but no formal attempt is made to relate inputs or expense to outputs.
- A good example is the Sales department (cf., sales budgets).
- No answer as to the profitability of sales

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Cost centers

› Cost centers are responsibility centers for which inputs or expenses are measured in monetary terms, but in which outputs are not measured in monetary terms.

› **Engineered Cost Centers**

(e.g., Manufacturing Plant)

Costs are engineered when the amount of costs that should be incurred can be specified with a reasonable degree of reliability (e.g., direct labor and material costs in a factory).

Cost efficiency (inputs) versus other aspects of performance (e.g., quality of outputs).

› **Discretionary Cost Centers** (e.g., R&D)

Cost budget versus actual budget. No monetary measure of efficiency nor effectiveness.

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Profit centers

› Responsible for both revenues & costs

› Questions to ask:

- › Which are my business units? → Go to market !
- › What are their responsibilities?
- › What are their restrictions?
- › How can we align their behaviour?
- › What transfer price system is most useful?
- › What about corporate overheads?
- › Who should lead the profit centers, and how will we evaluate and reward them?
- › How do we set up reporting to help management control?

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Investment Centers

- > Added responsibilities for (part of) the balance sheet
 - > Working capital
 - > Operational assets (Machines, fleet, etc...)
 - > Facilities
 - > Liquidity
 - > R&D assets
- > Split between controllable & non-controllable assets

- > Profitability is compared with the assets employed in earning it.
- > Return on Investment is the guiding measure.

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**COÖRDINATION
MECHANISMS**



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Responsibility Accounting Framework

Periodic Accounting

Sales Revenue
- Sales Costs
- Inventory changes
- Capitalized internal activities
- Work in process
Total activities
- Material costs
- Machine costs
- Personnel costs
- Other costs
EBIT
- Financial Result & Taxes
= Net Result



Cost Of Sales Reporting

Sales Revenue
- Sales Costs
- COGS
- Production variance
Gross Contribution Margin
- Fixed Costs
Net Contribution Margin
- Period Costs
- Freight & Warehousing
Gross Profit
- SG&A
Operating Profit
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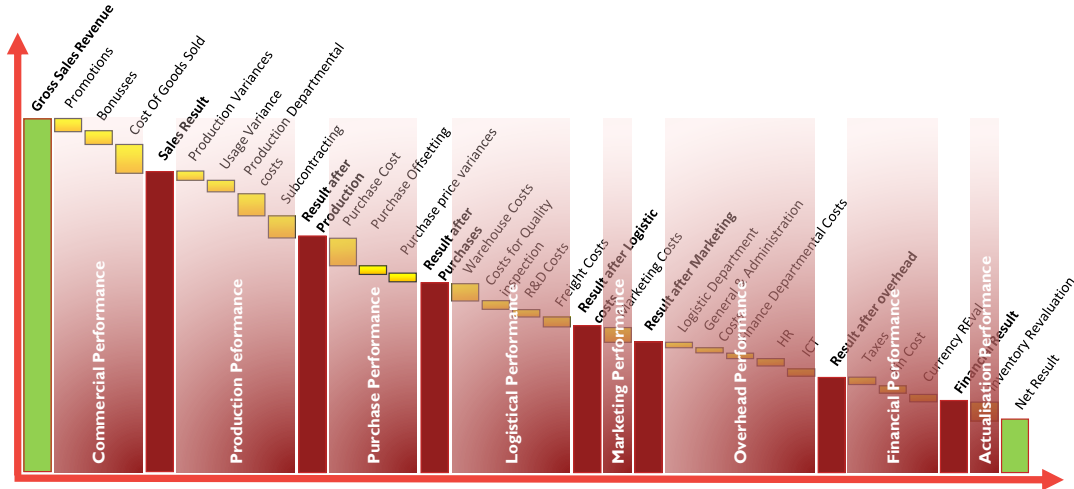
Sales Revenue
- Sales Costs
Sales Performance
Production Revenue - Costs
Production Performance
Purchase Revenue - Costs
Purchase Performance
Logistical Revenue - Costs
Logistical Performance
Marketing Revenue - costs
Marketing Performance
Overhead Revenue - Costs
Overhead Performance
Financial Revenue - costs
Financial Performance
Actualisation Revenue - Costs
Actualisation Performance
= Net Result

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Responsibility accounting



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Responsibility Accounting: An example

product	FP001	Periodic Accounting	COS Reporting	RAF
Qty Sold	10	Sales -300	Sales -300	Sales Rev -300
Qty Prod	12	Stock Change -36	COGS 180	Sales Cost 180
Chargeback	5	Total Activities -336	Material 50	Sales Perf -120
Lab Cost	5	Material 60	Machines 50	Prd Rev -216
Machine Cost	5	Machines 60	Personnel 50	Prd Cost 216
OH	3	Personnel 60	Other 30	Prd Result 0
Std Price	18	Other 36		
Sales Price	30	EBIT -120	Contribution -120	net result -120

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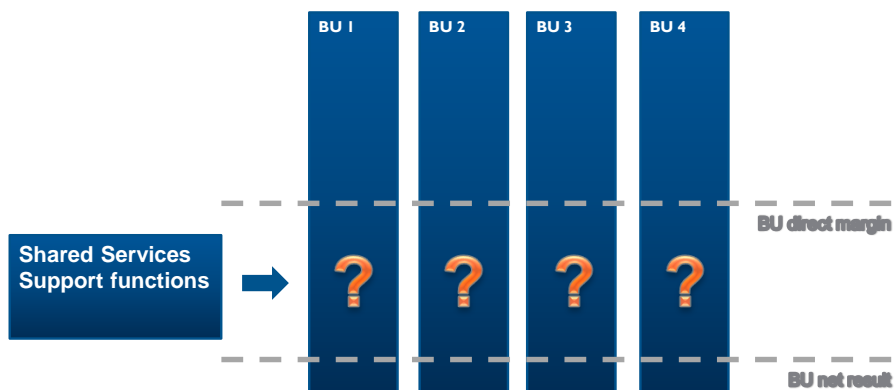
Responsibility Accounting: Hogere materiaalkost

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Std Price	18	Other 36	PRD Variance -12	Purchase Diff -12
Act Mat Price	6	EBIT -108	Contribution -108	net result -108
Sales Price	30			

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Shared service centers The 'stripped down' problem (I)

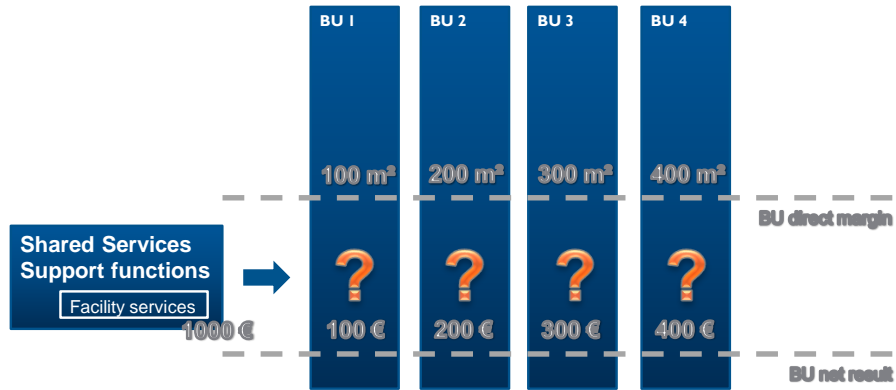


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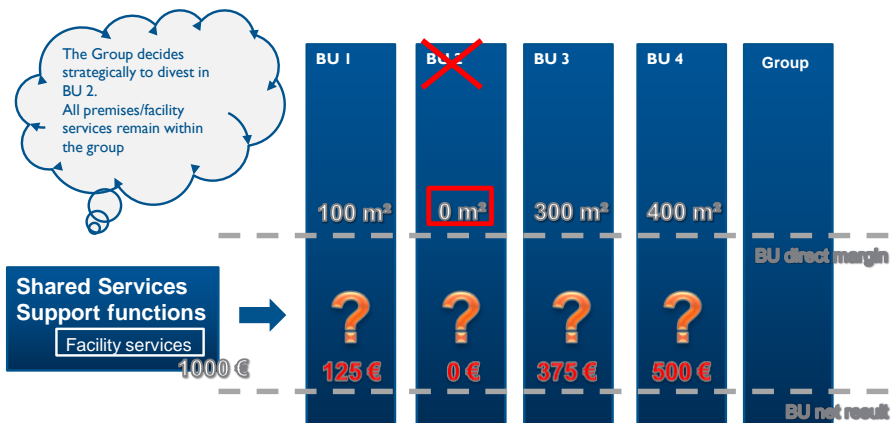
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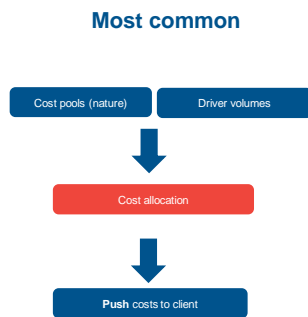
The 'stripped down' problem (3)



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Shared service centers



Main characteristics

- Little alignment between SSC and customer
- Disbelief in SSC due to lack of transparency
- Service fee is increasing year after year
- Negative rumors about SSC delivery and effectiveness
- Client control is absent
- No fairness perceived due to mismatch driver volumes-cost allocation
- Us vs. them ...



Main characteristics

- Increased **alignment** due to dialogue on services portfolio (catalogue)
- **Transparency** in the definition and recognition of the services
- SSC **Cost containment** possible
- High client control
- Customer knows in **advance** exactly what he will pay for his service demand
- SSC becomes a **value adding business partner**

Service catalogue

- Services well defined
- Terms & conditions clear
- Upfront/yearly determined price
- Supplier-client relationship

Governance

- Group function is strategic buffer
 - Overcapacity
 - Strategic investments
- Increased dialogue
- Escalation procedures needed

Financial systems

- In the financial accounting systems
- PO/PR process and procedures

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Shared Service Center: Example in managerial P&L

SCENARIO: Sales BU

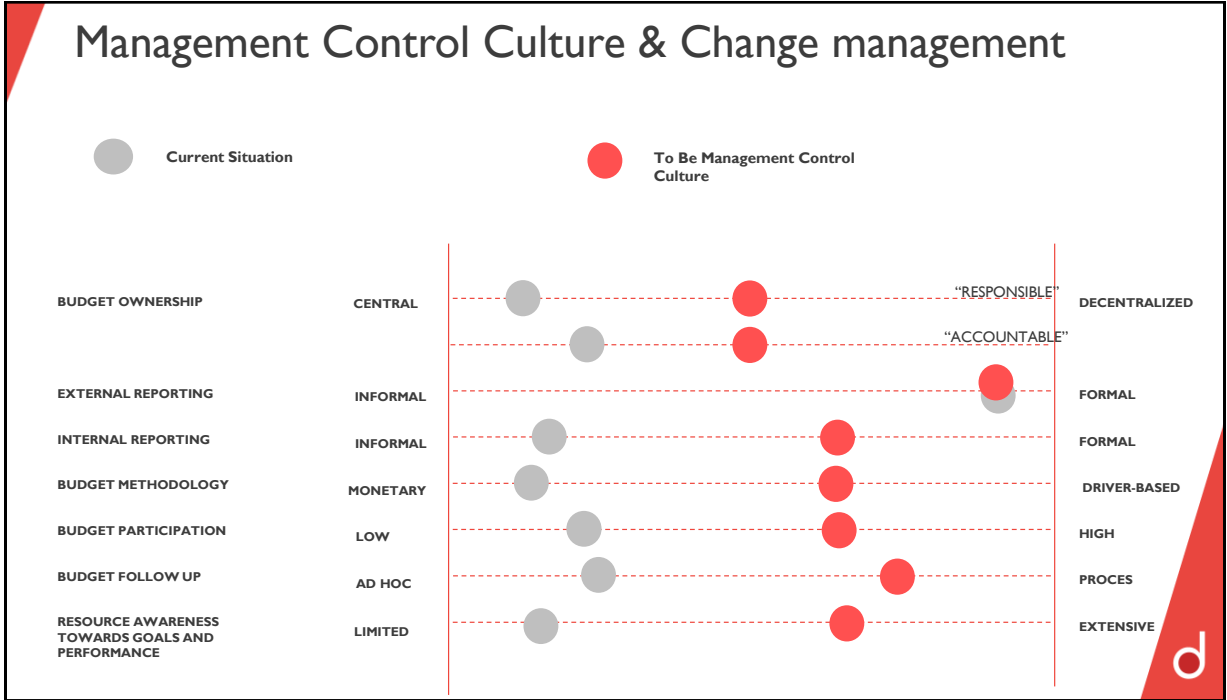
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	BEL	ROU	BEL	BEL	BEL	BEL	ROU	ROU	CHN	BEL	Engin	IT	Maint	Quality	Proc	Central	Manuf	Mgt	Fin	HR	GMgt	Corporate													
Sales Performance	-21.500	-200																																	
Production Charge-out				-8.500	-17.000	-11.500	-70.000	-2.000	-2.400																										
Charge out to Sales				-500	-2.000	-1.500	-54.000		-200																										
Charge out to other PrdCtr				-8.000	-15.000	-10.000	-16.000	-2.000	-2.200																										
Production Cost	6.000		10.000	6.855	17.300	11.315	65.870	2.035	2.200																										
Primary production cost				6.500	17.000	11.000	38.000	1.900	15																										
Charge in - SF							35.200		2.000																										
Charge in - Engineering				100	100	100	200																												
Charge in - IT				50	50	60	140																												
Charge in - Maintenance				75	75	50	100	100	100																										
Charge in - Quality				50	25	25	150	25	75																										
Charge in - Procurement				10	10	10	10	10	10																										
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Charge in - CME				25	25	25	25	25																											
Charge in - Program Mgt				25	25	25	25	25																											
Charge in - SES				15	15	15	15	15																											
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MANAGEMENT CONTROL CULTURE



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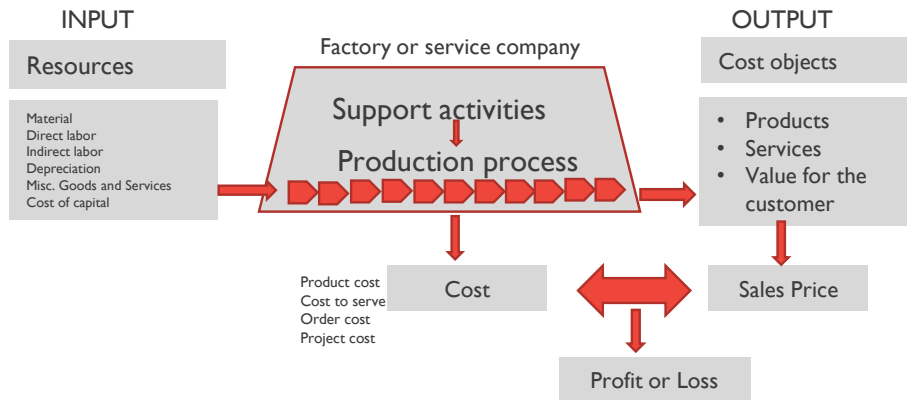


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THE COSTING PROBLEM

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The Costing Problem



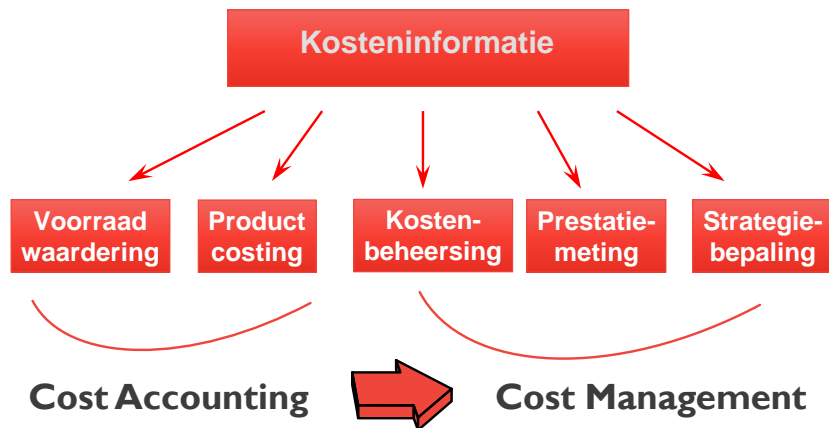
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Cost accounting ...

“ ... is het accumuleren van kosten van productie en/of andere functionele processen, waarbij deze geïdentificeerd worden naar kostobjecten of kostendragers (bv. Producten, diensten of klanten).”

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Gewijzigde toepassing



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Terminologie

- › **Cost:** the monetary value of a **resource sacrificed (consumed)** when producing a product or delivering a service.
- › **Direct cost:** costs that are related to the cost object and **can be traced** to it in an economically feasible way.
- › **Indirect cost:** Costs that are related to the cost object but **cannot be traced** to it in an economically feasible way.
- › **Cost allocation:** the assigning of indirect costs to the chosen cost object
- › **Variable cost:** cost that changes in total in proportion to changes in volume
- › **Fixed cost:** Costs that does not change in total, despite changes in volume

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Voorbeelden

Assignment of costs to cost objects

		Direct costs	Indirect costs
Cost behavior pattern	Variable costs		
	Fixed costs		

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Voorbeelden

Assignment of costs to cost objects

		Direct costs	Indirect costs
Cost behavior pattern	Variable costs	e.g. Material Cost Directe kosten die rechtstreeks gelinkt zijn aan productie (service) Q	e.g. Energy Cost Indirecte kosten die onrechtstreeks gelinkt zijn aan productie (service) Q
	Fixed costs	e.g. IT systeem voor specifiek product Directe kosten zijn rechtstreeks gelinkt aan de "metric" maar niet variabel	e.g. Finance departement Indirecte kosten zijn onrechtstreeks gelinkt aan de "metric" maar niet variabel

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Enkele begrippen

Tijd	Historische vs Gebudgetteerde <i>kosten</i>	Productie	Productiekosten vs Niet-productie <i>kosten</i>
Toewijzing	Directe vs Indirecte <i>kosten</i>	Gedrag	Variabele vs Vaste <i>kosten</i>
Controle	Beheersbare vs Niet-beheersbare <i>kosten</i>	Beleid	Relevante vs 'Verzonken' <i>kosten</i>
Standaard vs Reële kosten			



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STANDARD COSTING

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ACTUAL COSTING



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Standard Costing versus Actual Costing

- › **Standard costing:** costing method that traces direct costs to a cost object by using the standard prices or rates times the standard inputs allowed for actual outputs achieved and allocates indirect costs on the basis of the budgeted indirect rates times the standard inputs allowed for the actual outputs achieved.
- › **Actual Costing:** Costing method that traces costs to cost objects based on actual volumes and actual prices.
- › **Variance Analysis:** identification of inefficient resource usage and spending

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Determination of standards

- › Average Standards
 - › Avoiding slack in the standards
- › Optimized Standards

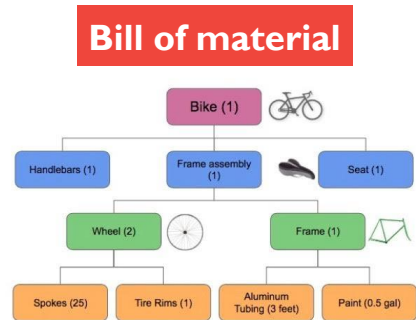
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Direct Cost Elements

- > Raw Material
- > Consumables
- > Packaging
- > Direct Labor



Bill of labour

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Calculating material costs

Quantity:

- standard quantity (using the BOM); back flushing
- direct measurement (counting)

Standard costing

Actual costing

Price:

- standard purchase price
- Actual purchase price
 - FIFO
 - LIFO
 - Average price
 - market price of the day

Standard costing

Actual costing

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Calculating direct labor costs

Quantity:

- standard time (based on the routing)
- direct measurement: time registration

Standard costing

Actual costing

Price

- standard wage per hour (work center)
- Actual wage per hour (work center mid-point average)

Standard costing

Actual costing

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BOM Costing: Oefening

MAT F001

What?	Code	Qty	Qty	Tot Value	EUR
Mat	SF001	1	PC		EUR
Mat	SF002	2	PC		EUR
Mach (15EUR/u)	M001	3	HR		EUR
Labor (120EUR/u)	L001	20	Min		EUR
Overhead (5% on total)					EUR
Total					EUR

Question:

What is the total material cost of F001

What is the total labor cost of F001

What is the total machine cost of F001

What is the total Overhad cost of F001

MAT SF001

What?	Code	Qty	Qty	Tot Value	EUR
Mat	RM001	1	PC	5,00	EUR
Mat	RM002	2	PC	10,00	EUR
Mach	M002	20	min	7,50	EUR
Labor	L001	5	Min	7,50	EUR
Overhead				1,50	EUR
total				31,50	EUR

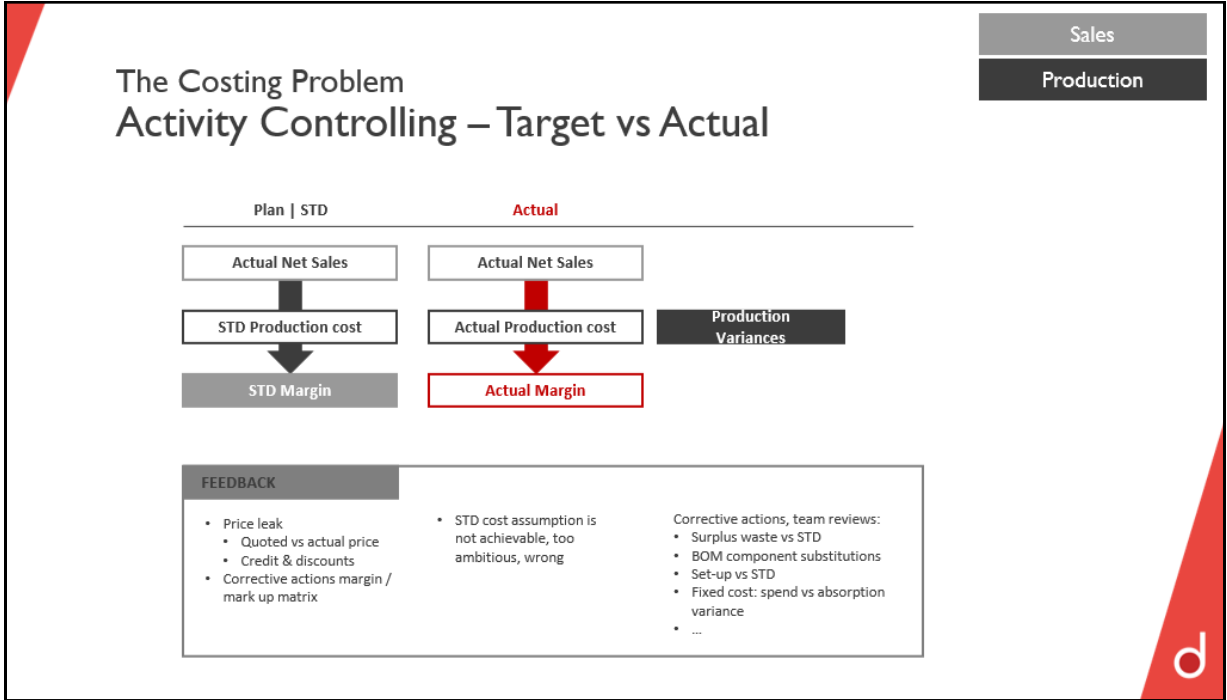
MAT SF002

What?	Code	Qty	Qty	Tot Value	EUR
Mat	RM003	1	PC	9,50	EUR
Mach	M002	28	min	10,50	EUR
Labor	L001	10	Min	15,00	EUR
Overhead				1,75	EUR
total				36,75	EUR

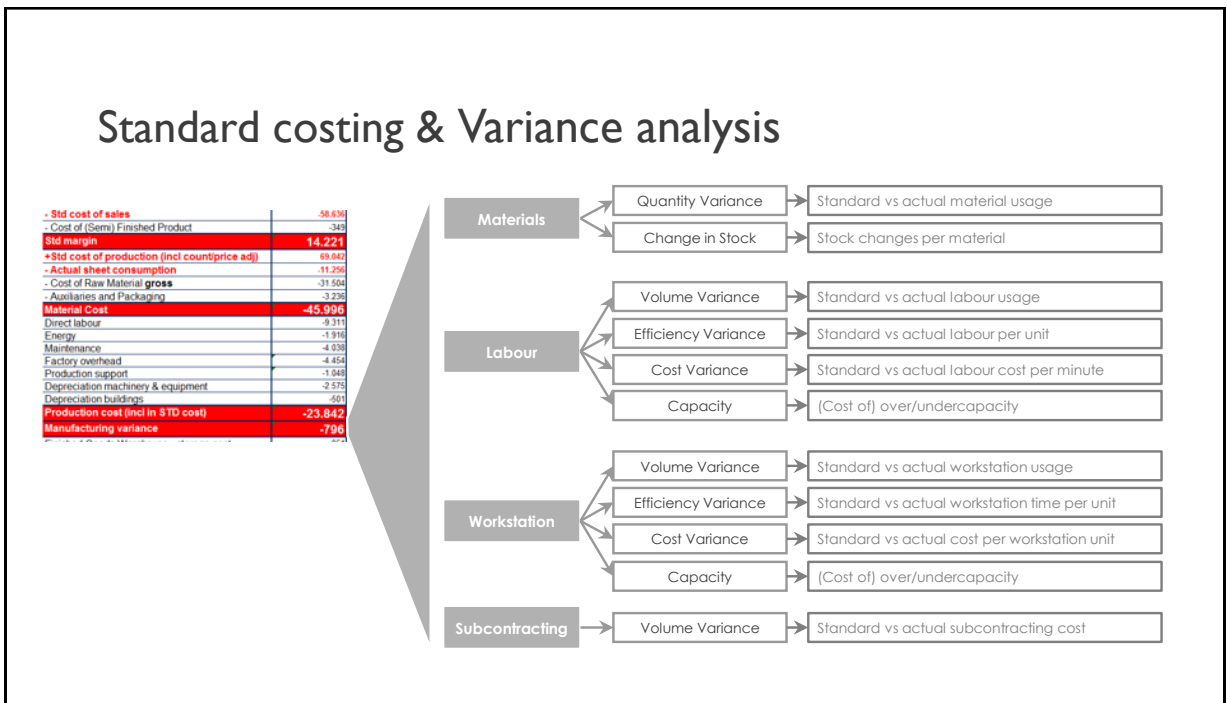
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Standard Costing & Production Variance

Order for Finished Product

What?	Code	Target	Actual	Variance
Mat	SF001	31,50	31,50	0,00
Mat	SF002	73,50	73,50	0,00
Mach	M001	45,00	45,00	0,00
Labor	L001	30,00	40,00	10,00
Overhead		9,00	9,00	0,00
Total		189,00	199,00	10,00

MAT SF002

What?	Code	Target	Actual	Variance
Mat	RM003	9,50	9,50	0,00
Mach	M002	10,50	8,75	-1,75
Labor	L001	15,00	20,00	5,00
Overhead		1,75	1,75	0,00
total		36,75	40,00	3,25

total Variance

What?	Variance
Mat	0,00
Mach SF (2st)	3,50
Labor SF (2st)	10
Labor F	10,00
Overhead	0,00
Total	10,00

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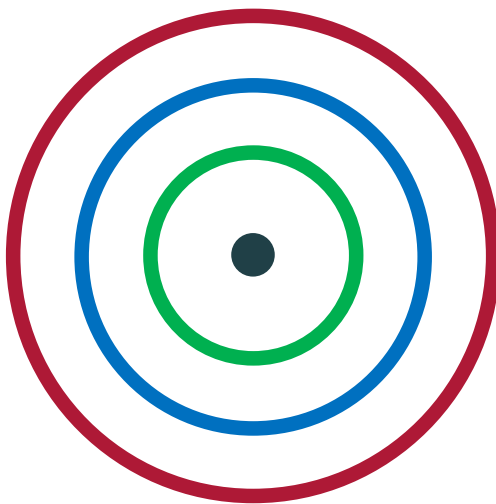
COST ESTIMATION METHODOLOGIES



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The Cost Estimation Problem

More advanced costing techniques approach better the true cost



● True cost

Time Drive Activity based costing

Traditional Activity Based Costing

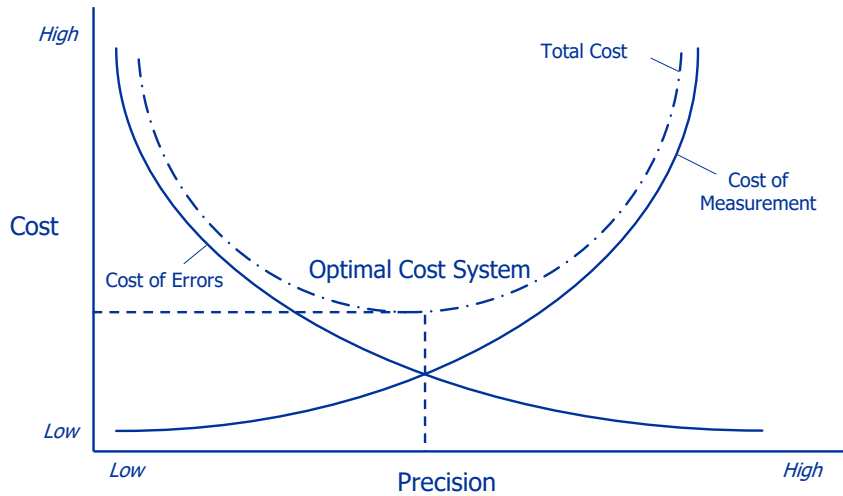
Full Costing



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The Cost Estimation Problem

What is the cost of your cost estimation?



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**COST ESTIMATION
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Full Costing

Overhead costs: 7.500.000 Euro

Production data bookcase		Production data wardrobe	
Raw materials	150 kg/pc	Raw materials	75 kg/pc
Direct labor	20 h/pc	Direct labor	30 h/pc
Total production	2.000 pieces	Total production	3.000 pieces

Determine the costs that will be allocated to the 2 product groups by using the allocation keys below

	Bookcase	Wardrobe
Key 1: Raw Materials		
Key 2: Labor hours		
Key 3: Output		

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Full Costing

Overhead costs: 7.500.000 Euro

Production data bookcase		Production data wardrobe	
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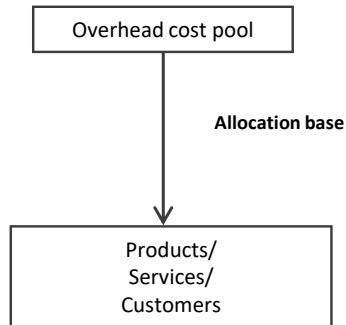
What if our Sales Price is € 1.500?

	Rate	Bookcase	Wardrobe
Key 1: Raw Materials	€ 14,29	€ 2 142,86	€ 1 071,43
Key 2: Labor hours	€ 57,69	€ 1 153,85	€ 1 730,77
Key 3: Output	€ 1 500,00	€ 1 500,00	€ 1 500,00

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How accurate are traditional cost systems?

Focus: Allocating overheads to products



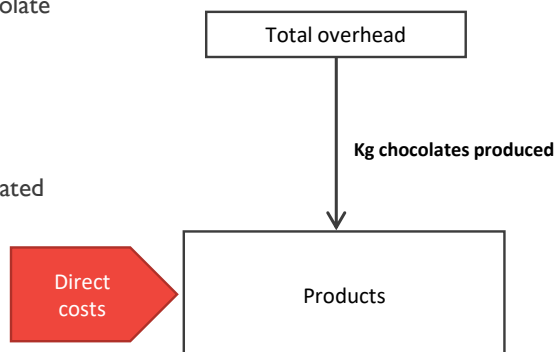
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Case chocolate factory

- > **Strategy:**
Mass production of chocolate

Focus: Allocating overheads to products

- > **Costing:** overhead allocated based on volume (kg)

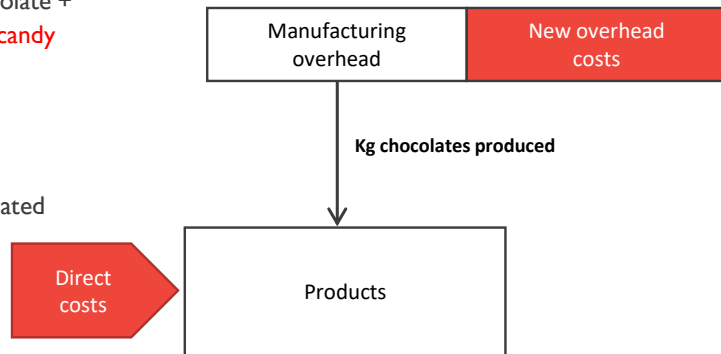


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Case chocolate factory

- > **Strategy:**
Mass production of chocolate +
New business of **special candy boxes**

Focus: Allocating overheads to products



- > **Costing:** overhead allocated based on volume (kg)

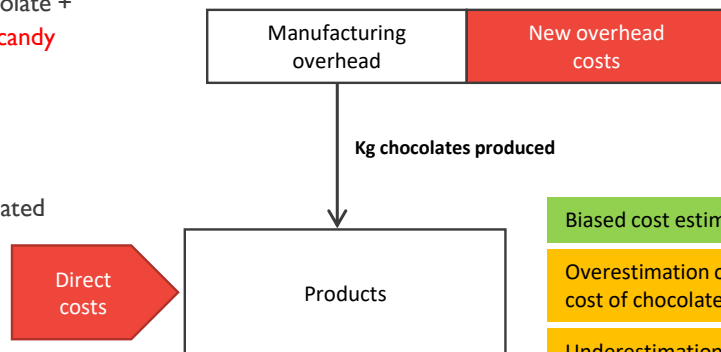
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Mass production of chocolate +
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Focus: Allocating overheads to products



- > **Costing:** overhead allocated based on volume (kg)

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Case chocolate factory

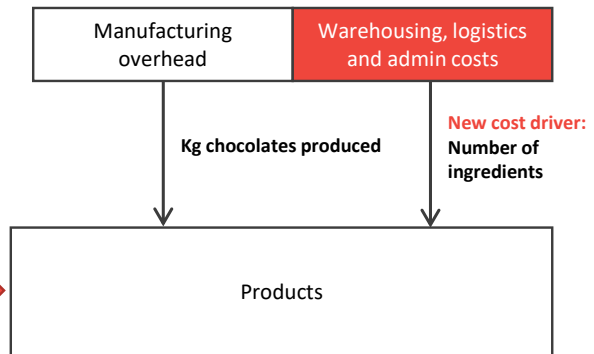
> Strategy:

Mass production of chocolate +
New business of **special candy boxes**

> New costing method

Direct costs

Focus: Allocating overheads to products



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“Indirekte kosten moeten verdeeld worden”

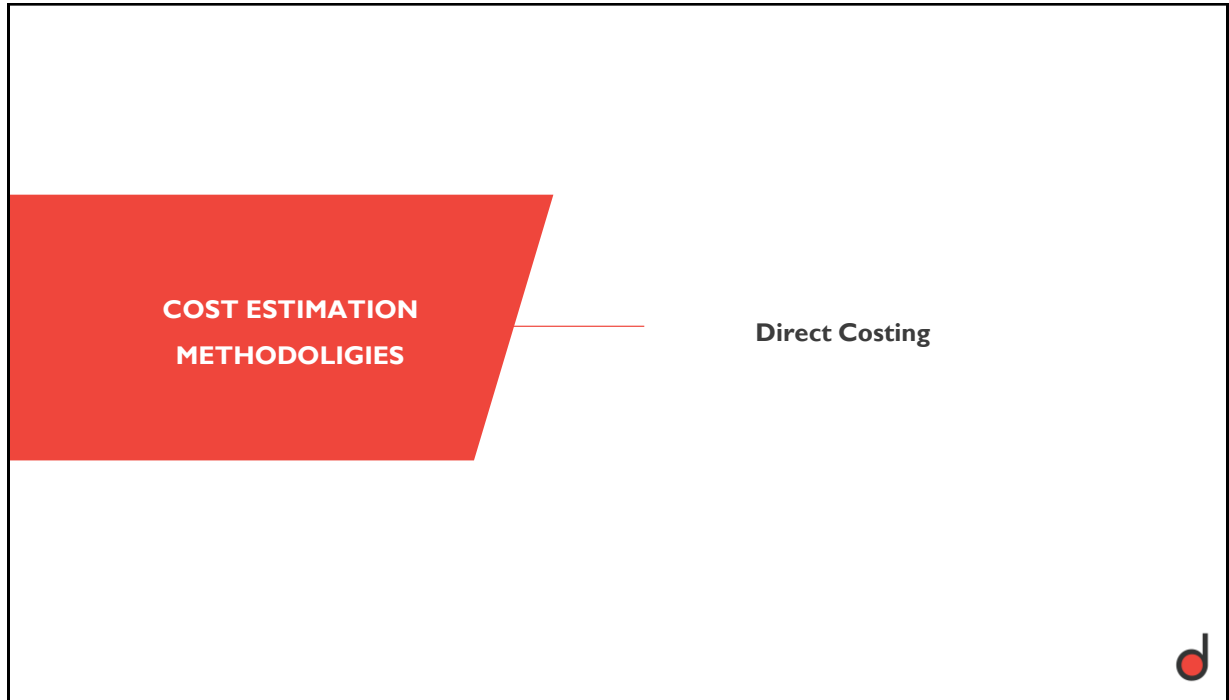


- elke kost moet naar een kostenobject
- er moeten verdeelsleutels zijn
- verdeelsleutels zijn belangrijk



- Discussies over verdeelsleutels
- Te veel intern gericht
- Te weinig klant & leverancier gericht

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Direct costing

How much do we need to sell to be profitable?

Revenue	16.000.000	100 %
Variable costs	<u>12.000.000</u>	<u>75 %</u>
Contribution	<u>4.000.000</u>	<u>25 %</u>
Fixed costs	3.000.000	



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Direct costing

How much do we need to sell to be profitable?

Revenue	16.000.000	100 %
Variable costs	12.000.000	75 %
Contribution	4.000.000	25 %
Fixed costs	3.000.000	
Target profit	1.500.000	

Minimum revenue (Break-Even)



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Direct costing

Supermarket-case

Product group	Mix	Contribution
Non-food	25 %	30 %
Health & Beauty	5 %	25 %
Food	60 %	15 %
Beverages	10 %	27,5 %
	100 %	

Fixed costs

Employees	3.500.000
Depreciations facility	1.125.000
General fixed costs	500.000
	5.125.000



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Direct costing

What & how much do we need to sell?

Supermarket-case

Average contribution =

$$(25 \% \times 30 \%) + (5 \% \times 25 \%) + (60 \% \times 15 \%) + (10 \% \times 27,5 \%) = 20,5 \%$$

Minimum break-even revenue =

$$5.125.000 / 20,5 \% = 25.000.000$$

Product group	Mix	Minimum revenue
Non-food	25 %	6.250.000
Health & Beauty	5 %	1.250.000
Food	60 %	15.000.000
Beverages	10 %	2.500.000
		25.000.000

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Direct costing: use of cost information for commercial decision making

Direct Costs

- Material	20
- Labor	20
- Other	10
<u>+ Allocated overhead</u>	<u>30</u>
= Full Cost	80
+ Profit margin 20%	16
= Sales Price	96

Consider the opportunity of a customer order:

- 1000 additional units
- but the customer only can pay 70€

Do we want to accept the order ?

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Direct costing paradigm

Sales Price	70
Variable Costs	
- Material	20
- Direct Labor costs	20
- Other variable costs	10
Variable Cost	50
Contribution	20

Direct Costing: decision: Accept the order
 The order generates additional revenue of 70€ and a variable cost of 50€ per unit
 The order generates contribution to the overhead of 20€ per unit
 Potential opportunity loss: $20 \times 1000 = 20\,000$ €

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Direct costing paradigm

Optimal conditions:

- > It is a short term decision
- > Availability of unused capacity
- > There is no unfavorable impact on other parts of the business
- > We deal with a separate market or the market is not transparent

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“Indirekte kosten zijn vast en moeten gedekt worden”



- vaste kosten moeten niet verdeeld worden
- geen verdeelsleutels geen verdeeldiscussies
- contributiemaximalisatie en knelpuntmanagement

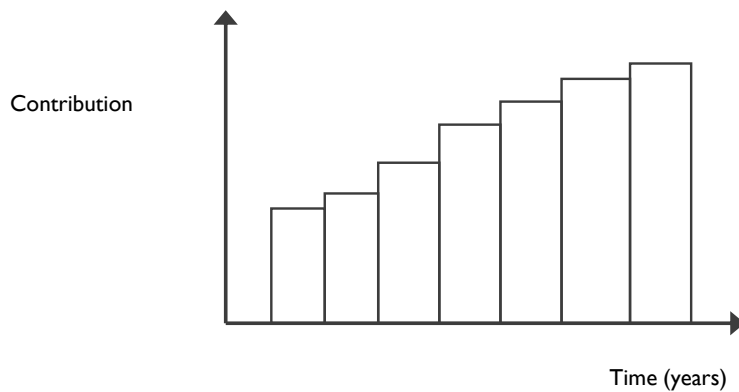


- Korte termijn - denken
- Niet relevant voor strategische beslissingen

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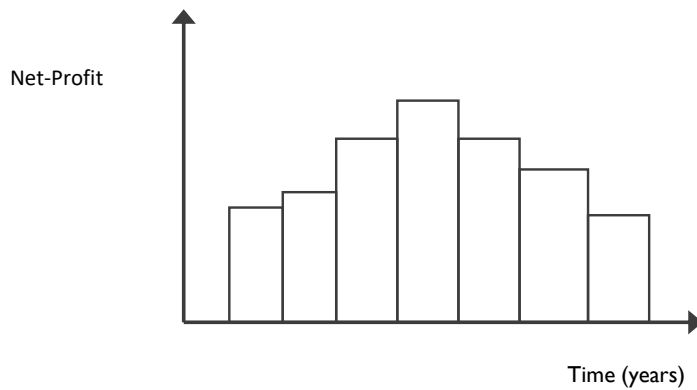
Case: using direct costing for strategic decisions



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Case: using direct costing for strategic decisions



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Strategic profitability management

- › In the long term all cost are variable
- › Costs are driven by cost drivers
- › Some products/services/customers drive more costs than others
- › The long run profitability is the difference between the price and the long run driven cost
- › Companies that choose strategies that drive more costs than revenues destroy long term profitability
- › **Need to know the long run driven cost: back to full costing?**
- › Traditional costing is unable to provide the long run driven cost

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**Customer profitability
through
Activity Based Costing**

Managing Strategic Profitability
Long Term Profit Management



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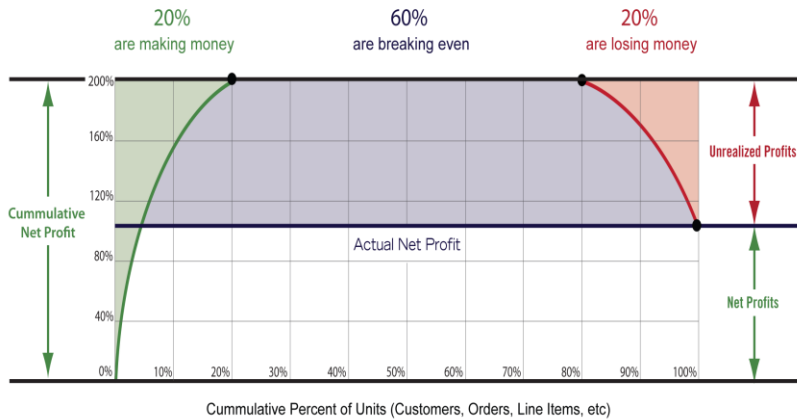
Customer profitability ?

- › Goal:
 - › Identify relative profitability of different customers or customer segments
- › Design strategies to:
 - › Add value to most profitable customers
 - › Increase profitability for less profitable customers
 - › Stop profit erosion from unprofitable customers



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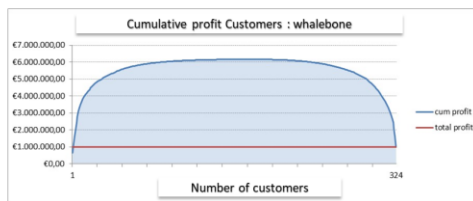
3 types of customers



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Example from the real world

- Customer X has a customer profitability of €800K today, but has a profit potential of €6mio
- The most profitable customer is XYZ, the worst customer -€600K loss-making

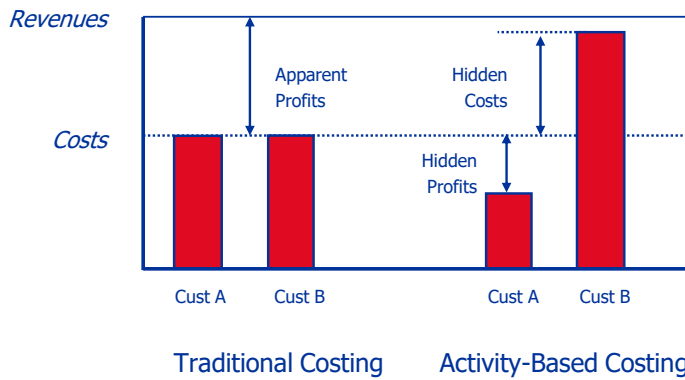


Customer Name	Amount	Default Income Statement
Net Income	€670,112.28	
Gross Profit	€740,889.42	
Total Revenue	€3,059,720.61	
Gross_Sales	€3,137,109.61	
Rebates	-€68,929.06	
Other_Sales_Deductions	-€8,459.93	
Total Direct Cost	€2,318,835.20	
COGS	€2,318,835.20	
Total Indirect Cost	€70,773.13	
Shipping_Administration	€1,468.39	
Handling	€8,160.73	
Loading	€2,042.82	
Storage	€1,603.86	
Transportation	€7,591.63	
Overhead	€49,905.70	
Grand Total	€670,112.28	

Customer Name	Amount	Default Income Statement
Net Income	€604,840.96	
Gross Profit	€82,004.84	
Total Revenue	€506,668.30	
Gross_Sales	€519,483.38	
Rebates	-€11,414.17	
Other_Sales_Deductions	-€1,400.91	
Total Direct Cost	€424,663.47	
COGS	€424,663.47	
Total Indirect Cost	€688,846.39	
Shipping_Administration	€53.85	
Handling	€226,072.84	
Loading	€67,823.80	
Storage	€54,734.52	
Transportation	€236,067.04	
Overhead	€2,123.65	
Grand Total	€604,840.96	

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Hidden profits & costs



R.S. Kaplan (1989), Kanthal Case, Harvard Business School Case, 190-002

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So how do we reveal customer profitability ?

Traditional Cost Breakdown	
Process engineering department	
Salaries	€ 600.000
Equipment	€ 150.000
Travel expense	€ 60.000
Supplies	€ 40.000
Use & occupancy	€ <u>30.000</u>
Total	€ 880.000



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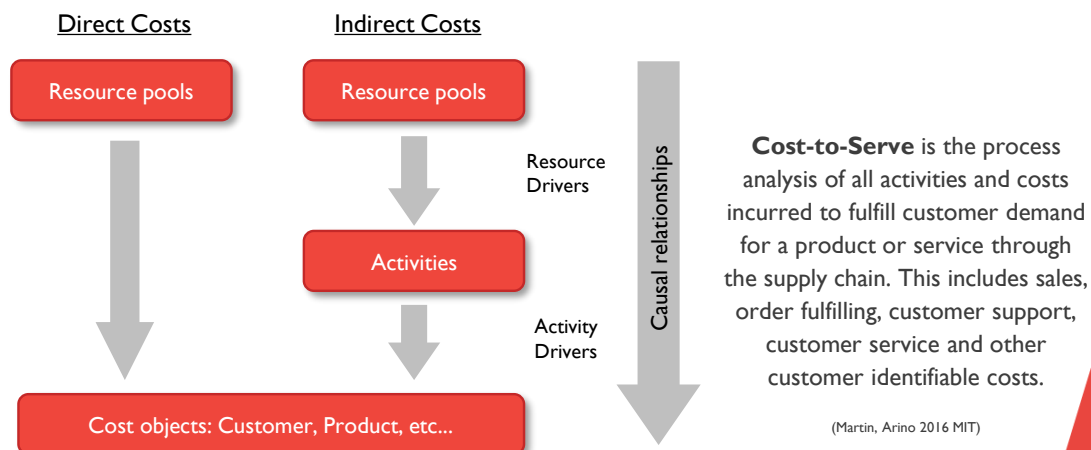
So how do we reveal customer profitability ?

Activity-based costing unbundles the traditional cost view and restates costs in the way resources are consumed

Traditional Cost Breakdown		Activity-Based view	
Process engineering department		Process engineering department	
Salaries	€ 600.000	Create BOM's	€ 31.500
Equipment	€ 150.000	Maintain BOM's	€ 121.000
Travel expense	€ 60.000	Create routings	€ 32.500
Supplies	€ 40.000	Maintain routings	€ 101.500
Use & occupancy	€ 30.000	Process special orders	€ 83.000
		Improve processes	€ 45.000
Total	€ 880.000	Study capacities	€ 119.000
		Design tooling	€ 145.500
		Train employees	€ 43.000
		Administer department	€ 158.000
		Total	€ 880.000

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Cost to serve



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Cost to serve

Activities of the department **Order Entry**

- > Order intake
- > Customer complaint follow up
- > Credit check of customers

Activity Based Costing systems

1. Identify the resource pools
2. Assign the resource pools to activities
3. Determine driver volume
4. Calculate the cost per unit "cost driver"

Activity	%	Assigned costs	Driver volume	Cost per unit "cost driver"
Order intake	70%	€ 392 000	7 000	€ 56/order
Customer complaint follow up	10%	€ 56 000	200	€ 280/complaint
Credit check of customers	20%	€ 112 000	350	€ 320/check-up
TOTAL	100%	€ 560 000		

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ACTIVITY BASED COSTING

Case - De Kaarsfabriek

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Diversity and complexity

High Cost-to-Serve Customers

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Low Cost-to-Serve Customers

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Diversity and complexity

High Cost-to-Serve Customers

1. Order custom products
2. Small order quantities
3. Unpredictable order arrivals
4. Customised delivery
5. Change delivery requirements
6. Manual processing
7. Large amounts of pre-sales support (marketing, technical and sales resources)
8. Require specialised inventory
9. Pay slowly (high accounts receivable)
10. Large amounts of post-sales support (installation, training, warranty, field service)

Low Cost-to-Serve Customers

1. Order standard products
2. High order quantities
3. Predictable order arrivals
4. Standard delivery
5. No changes in delivery requirements
6. Electronic processing (EDI)
7. Little to no pre-sales support (standard pricing and ordering)
8. Little inventory support required
9. Pay on time
10. No post-sales support

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Business transformation actions → Activity based management

Operational Activity Based Management

- > Performing activities more efficiently
- > Doing the things right
 - > Activity management
 - > Business Process re-engineering
 - > Total quality management
 - > Performance management

Strategic Activity Based Management

- > Choosing the activities to perform
- > Doing the right things
 - > Product / Customer Mix
 - > Customer relationships & behavior
 - > Customer segmentation
 - > Distribution channels
 - > Supplier relationships

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Siloed Metrics Can Hurt Overall Performance

Product Management	Marketing	Sales	Operations	
On-time Product Development	Increase Marketing Awareness	Increase Sales	Delight Customers	
'I launched the new range with the higher gross margin on time' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'I increased customer retention and hit my target for new customers' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'My team hit their sales targets' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'We achieved every fulfillment and customer satisfaction target we were set' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'Nobody knew how our decisions impacted the bottom line!' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Focus On The Bottom Line



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Gartner on “Cost-To-Serve”

- › “Analysis that calculates the profitability of products, customers and routes to market, and provides a **fact-based focus for decision making on service mix and operational changes for each customer.**
- › Many companies would like to **understand how specific customer requirements drive supply chain costs**, but they often struggle to obtain and transform the data required to perform this type of analysis.
- › Cost-To-Serve models are an increasingly used capability to **drive supply chain improvements and customer value sharing opportunities.**”

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Problems with traditional ABC

- › Hidden cost of unused capacity
 - › Need for accurate resource used costing
- › Maintainability / resource intensive
 - › Need for continuous resource allocation alignment with activity output
- › Not scalable
 - › Complexity – Accuracy → Averages upon averages !
 - › Multiple factors influence the used resources
 - › e.g. Invoicing
 - › No multi-dimensional approach of cost objects (Customers, Products, Orders, Deliveries Transactions...)

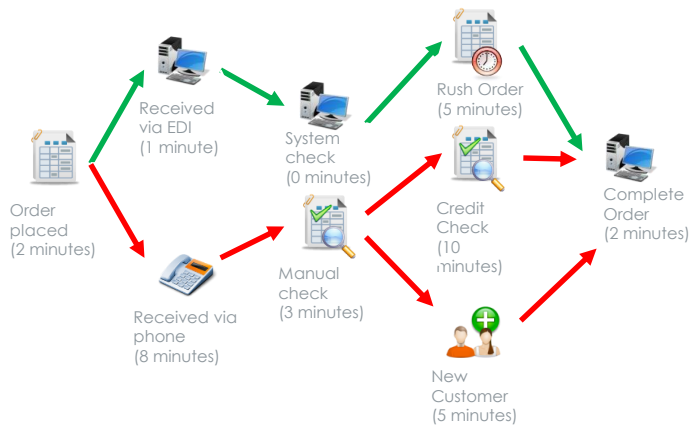
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**TIME DRIVEN ACTIVITY
BASED COSTING**

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Time Driven Activity Based Costing



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I. Calculate the cost of capacity

$$\text{Unit cost of capacity} = \frac{\text{Cost of capacity supplied}}{\text{Practical capacity of resources supplied}}$$

- › Total department cost: 500.000 € per year
- › 10 FTE work 230 days a year with an average workday of 7.6 hours per day
 - › Theoretical capacity = FTE x workdays x hours/day = 17480 hours per year or 1.048.800 minutes
 - › Practical capacity : ~ 80% on average available for productive work on departmental activities
= ~ 840.000 minutes

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$$\text{Unit cost of capacity} = \frac{500.000 \text{ €}}{840.000 \text{ minutes}} = 0.6 \text{ € per minute}$$



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2. Estimate the time required to perform each activity

Customer Order Handling:	20 minutes per order
Customer Complaint Handling:	60 minutes per complaint
Customer Credit Check	30 minutes per check



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3. Calculate cost estimates for the department

Activity	Drivers	Time in min	Activity Rate	Activity Driver	Activity Time (min)	Activity Cost €
Customer Order Handling	# Orders	20		25,000		
Complaint handling	# Complaints	60		2,300		
Credit checks	# Credit Checks	30		5,000		
Total					-	-

Capacity:	
Used Capacity:	
Cost of supplied Capacity:	
Cost of unused Capacity:	

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3. Calculate cost estimates for the department

Activity	Drivers	Time in min	Activity Rate	Activity Driver	Activity Time (min)	Activity Cost €
Customer Order Handling	# Orders	20	12	25,000	500,000	300,000
Complaint handling	# Complaints	60	36	2,300	138,000	82,800
Credit checks	# Credit Checks	30	18	5,000	150,000	90,000
Total					788,000	472,800

Capacity:	840,000
Used Capacity:	94%
Cost of supplied Capacity:	500,000
Cost of unused Capacity:	27,200

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4. Calculate cost of customer service per customer

- Customer I places 100 orders per year, files complaints on half of them and requires 12 credit checks per year...



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Activity	Drivers	Time in min	Activity Rate	Activity Driver	Activity Time (min)	Activity Cost €
Customer Order Handling	# Orders	20	12	100	2,000	1,200
Complaint handling	# Complaints	60	36	50	3,000	1,800
Credit checks	# Credit Checks	30	18	1	30	18
Total					5,030	3,018



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5. Handling complexity

- › De activiteit 'orderverwerking', wordt uitgevoerd door een team medewerkers met een capaciteitskost van 0.6 € per minuut
- › Veronderstel
 - › Alle orders vragen 10 minuten administratie tijd
 - › Elke orderlijn ingave duurt 2 minuten
 - › Goederen die uit stock zijn vragen 8 minuten extra tijd per product
 - › Spoedorders vragen 5 minuten extra verwerkingstijd
 - › Voor klanten uit het Verenigd Koninkrijk moet een extra formulier ingevuld worden ter declaratie aan de douane wat 30 min in beslag neemt.
- › Klant X uit Londen plaatst een spoedorder met 2 orderlijnen, waarvan 1 product niet in voorraad is. Hoeveel bedraagt de kost van de orderverwerking ?

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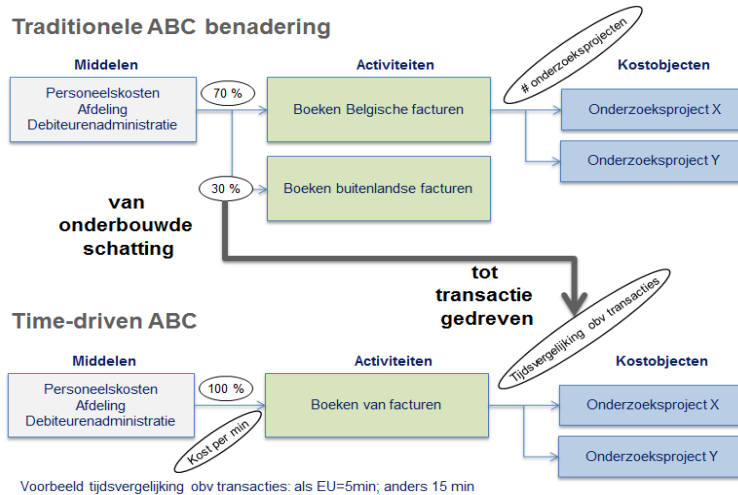
5. Handling complexity: Time equations

Order Handling time =

10 min
 + 2 min x [#Orderlines]
 + 8 min x [#OutOfStock]
 + 5 x [if rush order]
 + 30 x [if UKCustomer]

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Time Driven Activity Based Costing



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Main Differences between ABC & TDABC

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- In **Traditional Activity Based Costing**, employees are asked to allocate 100% of their time over the various activities they perform over a representative time period (a quarter, a full year,...);
- In **Time Driven Activity Based Costing**, employees are asked how much time an activity typically takes (so not their % of time for doing this activity).

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- Activities, transactions etc can vary considerably based on their specificities. For example claim notification can be done by mail or by phone or through the internet.
- In **Traditional Activity Based Costing**, this requires expanding your activity dictionary so each possible variation is a separate activity (ie you would have 3 activities and staff would have to register time against all three of them)
- In **Time Driven Activity Based Costing**, there is no need for such an expansion, the variation is included in the time equation, cfr below example :

$$\text{Claim notification handling time (minutes)} = 5 \text{ minutes} + 10 \text{ (if by mail)} + 15 \text{ (if by phone)}$$

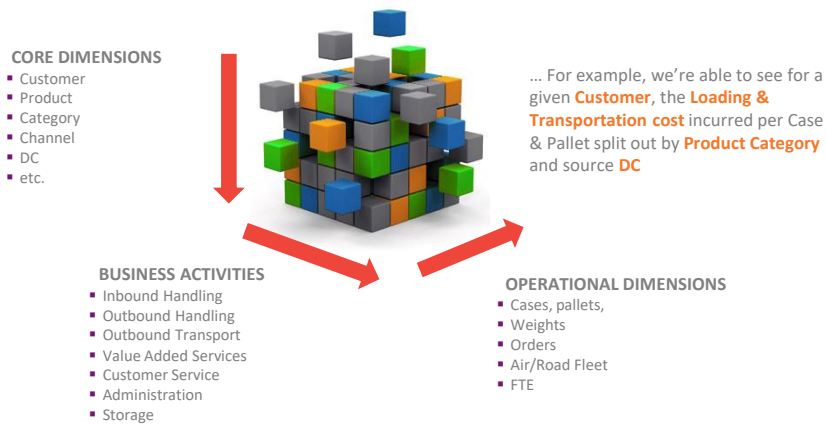
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- With traditional ABC **insight into used and unused capacity is not available** as 100% of FTE time is distributed across all the activities (both used – and unused capacity).
- Time driven ABC explicitly takes into account the **capacity views** and thus provides immediate insight in (un)used capacity

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Datamodel behind Time Driven methodology



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Time Driven ABC

- > Fast implementation track
- > Scalability
- > Accuracy
- > Lower cost to maintain than traditional ABC
- > Proven methodology

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C2S – critical success factors

- › Focus
 - › Clearly defined and agreed upon project plan and scope
- › Strong executive support
 - › Accurate, consistent profitability information at multiple levels is pointless if no business transformation process is embedded in approach
- › Data
 - › Clean validated financial data
 - › IT support and commitment to actively participate
- › Pragmatic
 - › Minimize number of activities - create a foundation and add increasing levels of detail in future phases



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Actionable insights



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Profitability Management (1)

ID Name	Financial P&L Spending	
TOTAL REVENUE	300.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	4.100,00	1,37%
KLANTENKORTING	7.000,00	2,33%
Total Direct Cost	11.100,00	3,70%
GROSS PROFIT	288.900,00	96,30%
Front office	105.000,00	35,00%
Mid office	30.000,00	10,00%
Back office	140.000,00	46,67%
R&D	20.000,00	6,67%
Marketing & acquisitie	15.500,00	5,17%
PROFIT	-21.600,00	-7,20%

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Profitability Management (2)

ID Name	Managerial P&L Usage		Financial P&L Spending		% usage/spending Horizontal	Cost of overcapacity
TOTAL REVENUE	300.000,00	100,00%	300.000,00	100,00%		
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	4.100,00	1,37%	4.100,00	1,37%		
KLANTENKORTING	7.000,00	2,33%	7.000,00	2,33%		
Total Direct Cost	11.100,00	3,70%	11.100,00	3,70%		
GROSS PROFIT	288.900,00	96,30%	288.900,00	96,30%		
Front office	107.000,00	35,67%	105.000,00	35,00%	101,90%	-2.000,00
Mid office	23.000,00	7,67%	30.000,00	10,00%	76,67%	7.000,00
Back office	120.000,00	40,00%	140.000,00	46,67%	85,71%	20.000,00
R&D	20.000,00	6,67%	20.000,00	6,67%		
Marketing & acquisitie	15.500,00	5,17%	15.500,00	5,17%		
PROFIT	3.400,00	1,13%	-21.600,00	-7,20%		
						25.000

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Profitability Management (3)

ID Name	A Total Product		B Total Product		Managerial P&L Usage	
TOTAL REVENUE	120.000,00	100,00%	180.000,00	100,00%	300.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	2.500,00	2,08%	1.600,00	0,89%	4.100,00	1,37%
KLANTENKORTING	5.000,00	4,17%	2.000,00	1,11%	7.000,00	2,33%
Total Direct Cost	7.500,00	6,25%	3.600,00	2,00%	11.100,00	3,70%
GROSS PROFIT	112.500,00	93,75%	176.400,00	98,00%	288.900,00	96,30%
Front office	33.000,00	27,50%	74.000,00	41,11%	107.000,00	35,67%
Mid office	15.000,00	12,50%	8.000,00	4,44%	23.000,00	7,67%
Back office	50.000,00	41,67%	70.000,00	38,89%	120.000,00	40,00%
R&D	0,00	0,00%	20.000,00	11,11%	20.000,00	6,67%
Marketing & acquisitie	500,00	0,42%	15.000,00	8,33%	15.500,00	5,17%
PROFIT	14.000,00	11,67%	-10.600,00	-5,89%	3.400,00	1,13%

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Profitability Management (4)

ID Name	X1 Klantengroep		Y1 Klantengroep Y		Managerial P&L Usage	
TOTAL REVENUE	70.000,00	100,00%	230.000,00	100,00%	300.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	900,00	1,29%	3.200,00	1,39%	4.100,00	1,37%
KLANTENKORTING	1.500,00	2,14%	5.500,00	2,39%	7.000,00	2,33%
Total Direct Cost	2.400,00	3,43%	8.700,00	3,78%	11.100,00	3,70%
GROSS PROFIT	67.600,00	96,57%	221.300,00	96,22%	288.900,00	96,30%
Front office	25.000,00	35,71%	82.000,00	35,65%	107.000,00	35,67%
Mid office	5.000,00	7,14%	18.000,00	7,83%	23.000,00	7,67%
Back office	22.000,00	31,43%	98.000,00	42,61%	120.000,00	40,00%
R&D	5.000,00	7,14%	15.000,00	6,52%	20.000,00	6,67%
Marketing & acquisitie	15.500,00	22,14%	0,00	0,00%	15.500,00	5,17%
PROFIT	-4.900,00	-7,00%	8.300,00	3,61%	3.400,00	1,13%

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Profitability Management (5)

ID Name	X1 Klantengroep		Y1 Klantengroep Y		Managerial P&L Usage	
TOTAL REVENUE	70.000,00	100,00%	230.000,00	100,00%	300.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	900,00	1,29%	3.200,00	1,39%	4.100,00	1,37%
KLANTENKORTING	1.500,00	2,14%	5.500,00	2,39%	7.000,00	2,33%
Total Direct Cost	2.400,00	3,43%	8.700,00	3,78%	11.100,00	3,70%
GROSS PROFIT	67.600,00	96,57%	221.300,00	96,22%	288.900,00	96,30%
Front office	25.000,00	35,71%	82.000,00	35,65%	107.000,00	35,67%
Mid office	5.000,00	7,14%	18.000,00	7,83%	23.000,00	7,67%
Back office	22.000,00	31,43%	98.000,00	42,61%	120.000,00	40,00%
Cost to Serve	52.000,00	74,29%	198.000,00	86,09%	250.000,00	83,33%
OPERATIONAL RESULT	15.600,00	22,29%	23.300,00	10,13%	38.900,00	12,97%
R&D	5.000,00	7,14%	15.000,00	6,52%	20.000,00	6,67%
Marketing & acquisitie	15.500,00	22,14%	0,00	0,00%	15.500,00	5,17%
PROFIT	-4.900,00	-7,00%	8.300,00	3,61%	3.400,00	1,13%

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Profitability Management (6)

ID Name	X1 Klantengroep		A Total Service		B Total Service	
TOTAL REVENUE	70.000,00	100,00%	20.000,00	100,00%	50.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	900,00	1,29%	500,00	2,50%	400,00	0,80%
KLANTENKORTING	1.500,00	2,14%	1.000,00	5,00%	500,00	1,00%
Total Direct Cost	2.400,00	3,43%	1.500,00	7,50%	900,00	1,80%
GROSS PROFIT	67.600,00	96,57%	18.500,00	92,50%	49.100,00	98,20%
Front office	25.000,00	35,71%	6.000,00	30,00%	19.000,00	38,00%
Mid office	5.000,00	7,14%	3.000,00	15,00%	2.000,00	4,00%
Back office	22.000,00	31,43%	8.000,00	40,00%	14.000,00	28,00%
Cost to Serve	52.000,00	74,29%	17.000,00	85,00%	35.000,00	70,00%
OPERATIONAL RESULT	15.600,00	22,29%	1.500,00	7,50%	14.100,00	28,20%
R&D	5.000,00	7,14%	0,00	0,00%	5.000,00	10,00%
Marketing & acquisitie	15.500,00	22,14%	500,00	2,50%	15.000,00	30,00%
PROFIT	-4.900,00	-7,00%	1.000,00	5,00%	-5.900,00	-11,80%

ID Name	Y1 Klantengroep Y		A Total Service		B Total Service	
TOTAL REVENUE	230.000,00	100,00%	100.000,00	100,00%	130.000,00	100,00%
* FINANCIERING KLANTENKREDIET	3.200,00	1,39%	2.000,00	2,00%	1.200,00	0,92%
KLANTENKORTING	5.500,00	2,39%	4.000,00	4,00%	1.500,00	1,15%
Total Direct Cost	8.700,00	3,78%	6.000,00	6,00%	2.700,00	2,08%
GROSS PROFIT	221.300,00	96,22%	94.000,00	94,00%	127.300,00	97,92%
Front office	82.000,00	35,65%	27.000,00	27,00%	55.000,00	42,31%
Mid office	18.000,00	7,83%	12.000,00	12,00%	6.000,00	4,62%
Back office	98.000,00	42,61%	42.000,00	42,00%	56.000,00	43,08%
Cost to Serve	198.000,00	86,09%	81.000,00	81,00%	117.000,00	90,00%
OPERATIONAL RESULT	23.300,00	10,13%	13.000,00	13,00%	10.300,00	7,92%
R&D	15.000,00	6,52%	0,00	0,00%	15.000,00	11,54%
Marketing & acquisitie	0,00	0,00%	0,00	0,00%	0,00	0,00%
PROFIT	8.300,00	3,61%	13.000,00	13,00%	-4.700,00	-3,62%

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C2S - P&L From a Customer Perspective

CUSTOMER 10271			CUSTOMER 16351		
Revenues	1 000	100%	Revenues	1 100	100%
Pocket Price Leakage	200	20%	Pocket Price Leakage	275	25%
Transportation	100	10%	Transportation	132	12%
Cost of Goods Sold	300	30%	Cost of Goods Sold	330	30%
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Gross Margin	400	40%	Gross Margin	363	33%
Indirect/Support Cost	170	17%	Indirect/Support Cost	220	20%
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EBITDA	230	23%	EBITDA	143	13%
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Order Management	10	1%	Order Management	22	2%
Picking & Loading	30	3%	Picking & Loading	66	6%
Storage	20	2%	Storage	11	2%

- > Similar Revenue Customer, but significant difference on EBITDA P&L.
- > CTS solution can provide this report in a timely manner for strategic decision-making.