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What is Six Sigma?

Six Sigma is systematic **methodology** that utilizes information (management by facts) and statistical analysis to measure and improve a company's operational performance, practices and systems by identifying and preventing '**DEFECTS**' in business processes.

It is a way of thinking about processes where the focus is on proactive control of process inputs rather than reactive look at process outputs

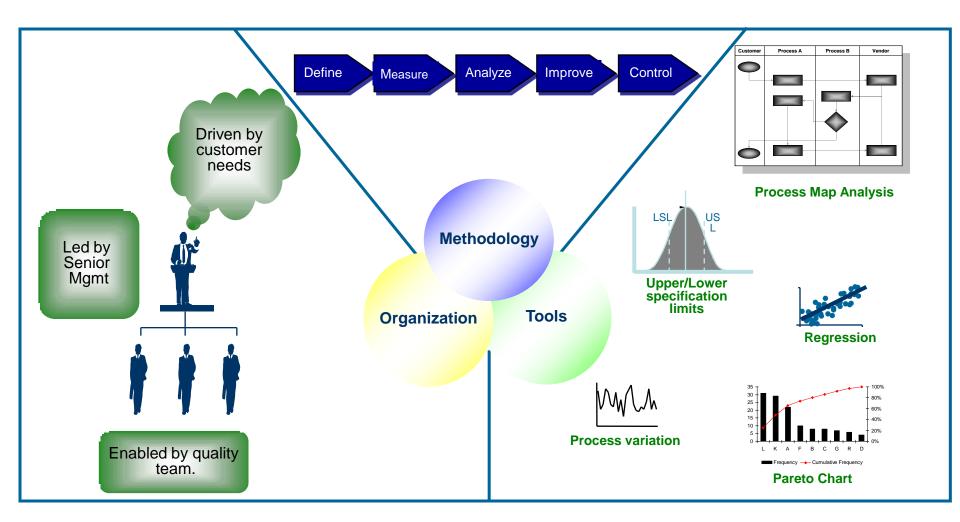
Six Sigma is not:

- A standard
- A certification
- Another metric like percentage





Six Sigma – Key Dimensions





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Six Sigma scale of Defects

Sigma	Defects	
	(per million)	(%)
3	66,807	93.32
4	621	99.379
5	233	99.9767
6	3.4	99.999966

Defects values in the above tables suggests that as sigma level goes up defect rate reduces, which means product quality improves.

Bakery Fact

- •The best performing bakeries in Europe score 97 %. (about 1% of the total market)
- •The 2nd best performing bakeries score 94 %. (about 10% of the total market)
- •The majority scores below 93.32 %. (about 89% of the total market)

What about the MEA

Source: market research 2008/Pcdata 6Sigma





Six Sigma -- Practical Meaning

99% Good (3.8 Sigma)

99.99966% Good (6 Sigma)

20,000 lost articles of mail per hour I



7 articles lost per hour

Unsafe drinking water for almost 15 minutes each day



One unsafe minute every seven months

5,000 incorrect surgical operations per week



1.7 incorrect operations per week

Two short or long landings at most major airports each day



One short or long landing every five years

200,000 wrong drug prescriptions each year



68 wrong prescriptions per year

No electricity for almost 7 hours each month



One hour without electricity every 34 years



What is Cost of Poor Quality?

- In addition to the direct costs associated with finding and fixing defects, "Cost of Poor Quality" also includes:
 - The hidden cost of failing to meet customer expectations the first time
 - The hidden opportunity for increased efficiency
 - The hidden potential for higher profits
 - The hidden loss in market share
 - The hidden increase in production cycle time
 - The hidden labor associated with ordering replacement material
 - The hidden costs associated with disposing of defects
- For most companies today, the cost of poor quality is up to 25 % of sales.
- In almost every company where the COPQ is unknown, the COPQ exceeds the profit margin.



The Approach

Practical Problem

Statistical Problem

Statistical Solution

Practical Solution

I don't make profit or my profit is too low:

My costs are high – Too many people on solving problems- Our production doesn't flow- My equipment supplier overpromised and he doesn't deliver-My customers are badly organized-Inventory is to high-Waste and unaccounted is to high-Cycle times are to long, Headcount increases, the number of Errors increases-My Throughput goes down-Yield goes down-Product quality is instable-Rework efficiency is bad, Market response is too low -I don't have a optimal Asset utilization-Resources utilization- Accuracy

Bakery Fact

Most bakeries in Europe have no complete dashboard of performance data on time.

The data they have is corrupt, or not on time available

More then 90% of the European Bakeries are lacking the right data to manage their business pro actively

They are not able to define the Practical Problem well enough

Source: market research 2008/Pcdata 6Sigma





Methodology



Identify and state the practical problem

Validate the practical problem by collecting data

Convert the practical problem to a statistical one, define statistical goal and identify potential statistical solution

Confirm and test the statistical solution

Convert the statistical solution to a practical solution

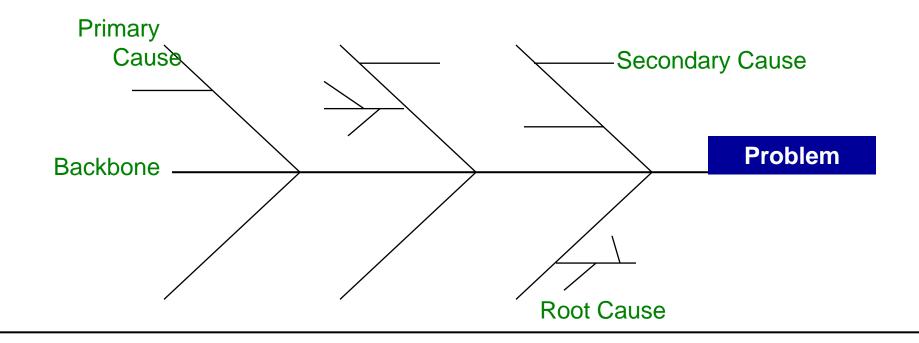




Analyze – Identify Drivers of Variation

Root Cause Analysis (fish bone)

- A brainstorming tool that helps define and display major causes, sub causes, and root causes that influence a process
- Visualize the potential relationship between causes which may be creating problems or defects







Analyze – Identify Drivers of Variation

A visual tool that helps in separating the vital few from the trivial many

Bakery Fact

95% of the bakery managers were convinced that they know and are in control of the "low hanging fruits".

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Control



Vital FewHigh Control – High Impact

Cost Ineffective

Low Control – High Impact

Cost Ineffective
High Control – Low Impact

Trivial Many

Low Control – Low Impact



Why do companies Implement Six Sigma?

- Profit
- Quality Improvement
- Improved Process Flow
- Employee Skills
- Improve Market Shares
- Earnings and Profitability
- Customer Satisfaction
- We have customers today who "think" Six Sigma



Do the right things and do these right

"If this or any initiative is to be successful, it has to start with the best" – Jack Welch

- Leadership Involvement
- Clearly Defined Strategy
- Accountability
- Resource Allocation

Organizational adoption

