

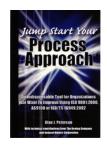


Blueprint for a Performance Culture Part 2

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# For most major companies, winning the race requires...

- Timely access to accurate market intelligence,
- A well-thought out strategic plan,



- Adequate financial resources, and
- A flawless execution model.





NBFC's Blueprint for a Performance Culture (BPC) is a best practices management system for accomplishing these objectives.



#### Management System Hierarchy

**Strategic Market Management Getting Things Done Work Smart--Work Together Finance** 

#### Planning function...

- 1. Market intelligence garthering and analysis
- 2. Determing orientation (markets in which to participate and how the company is positioned)
- 3. Scope and scale of operations
- 4. Resource allocation

Business system/execution model for managing...

- 1. Functional areas
- 2. Intra-departmental reporting relationships
- 3. Recurring tasks
- 4. Company-wide initiatives

Business system/execution model for managing...

- 1. Major processes
- 2. Driving continuous improvement
- 3. Complying with ISO quality standards
- 4. Six-Sigma, Five-Why, Lean Manufacturing, etc.
- 1. Budgeting, forecasting, modeling, cash flow management
- 2. Financial reporting and analysis
- 3. KPIs, Dashboard, Scorecard
- 4. Treasury and risk management
- 5. M&A, lender/investor relations, capital sourcing







A major goal of the NBFC Blueprint Management System is to create a performance culture.





- Pro-active leadership that leads from the front
- Continuous and timely access to relevant environmental, market, customer, and competitor intelligence (i.e., external opportunities and threats)
- An efficient process for analyzing the information and making timely strategic decisions

# Characteristics of a Performance Culture (cont.)

Process for identifying internal weaknesses and issues

- Ability to quickly drill down to the point of pain and devise a plan to fix the problem
- A system for getting things done, even in a fast-paced, hectic environment



- A mechanism for ensuring follow-through (i.e., execution), and a reporting system for measuring results
- Effective and timely communications
- A process for intelligent allocation of resources
- A structure that encourages and rewards performance

# Major Elements of a Performance Culture



- A continuous planning process (to identify opportunities, threats, strengths, weaknesses; devise strategies; and allocate resources) consisting of
  - Annual maxi-review
  - Maxi or mini-reviews conducted on an asneeded basis
  - Weekly meeting of senior managers to discuss issues, report on progress, facilitate communications, get help, and coordinate efforts.

# Major Elements of a Performance Culture (cont.)

2. Simple, concise reporting system for monitoring the company's progress and performance with respect to daily operations and strategic initiatives.



3. Using a checklist system to ensure that recurring activities for you and your direct reports are completed on a timely basis.



# Major Elements of a Performance Culture (cont.)

- Maintaining a "To Do" list.
- 5. Weekly meetings with each of your direct reports.
- 6. A business system for managing processes and working together.



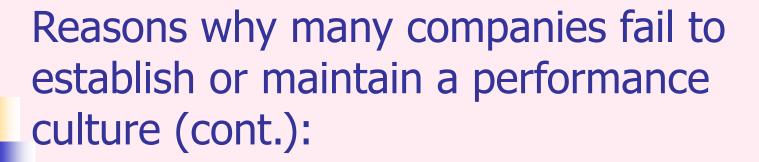
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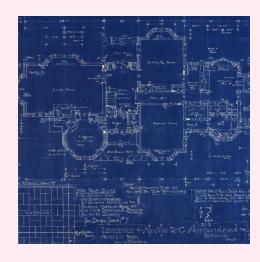
# Reasons why many companies fail to establish or maintain a performance culture:

- Lack of an efficient, streamlined, and formalized process for handling initiatives and dealing with issues
- Lack of clearly defined performance objectives and milestones
- Lack of ownership





- Lack of accountability
- Lack of resources
- Lack of communication
- Lack of time, tyranny of the urgent



### **Execution-A Definition:**

Execution: (ek si kyoo shun) Not simply strategies and tactics, but a system of getting things done through questioning, analysis, and follow-through. A discipline for meshing strategy with reality, aligning people with goals, and achieving the results promised. A central part of a company's strategy and goals and the major job of the leader. A discipline requiring a comprehensive understanding of a business and its environment.

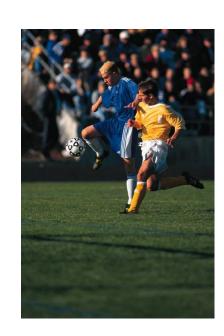


- Execution is a discipline.
- Execution is the major job of the leader.



 Execution must be a core element of an organization.

- Execution is not just tactics (though tactics are central to execution), but execution is fundamental to strategy and has to shape it.
- No worthwhile strategy can be planned without taking into account the organization's ability to execute.



- Organizations don't execute unless the right people, individually and collectively, focus on the right details at the right time.
- Dialogue is key to execution, candid, reality-based, raising the right questions, debating, fostering robust discussion.



 Execution is not about micro managing, or being hands-on, or disempowering people, it's about being involved, coaching, training, expanding people's capabilities.

- Leaders who execute effectively, create a framework for execution.
  - Define processes for getting things done quickly.
  - Set priorities, assign tasks, follow up, ask incisive questions, and reward.

"If everything is important, nothing is important."

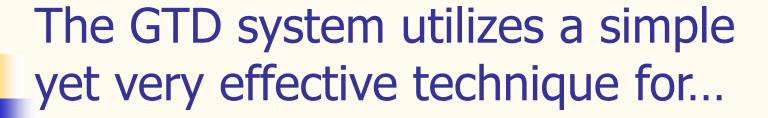


# Getting Things Done Management Tool



 GTD is a business system and management tool for improving execution.

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- Dramatically improving organizational performance and effectiveness.
- Facilitating communications. (This is especially the case in environments where the management team is weak in communications and lacks good management skills.)
- Getting things done faster.



## ...simple yet very effective technique for (cont.)...



- Getting things done more efficiently with less effort.
- Proactively managing the organization before problems get out of hand.
- Meeting performance goals.
- Identifying the point of pain and drilling down in the organization without micromanaging.



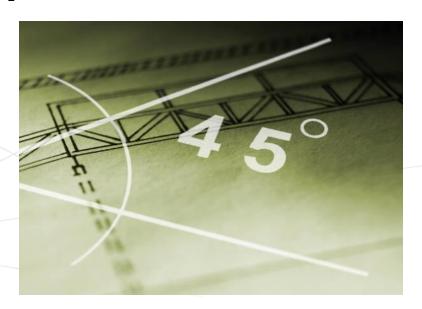
### Not the latest fad...

The GTD methodology is not the latest fad but a time-tested and proven method for getting results.

Not "one-size fits all"



# Overview of the GTD Process and Steps to Implementation



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a) List the functions that you do

b) List who/what you manage or supervise

- 1. Set direction for the company
- 2. Allocate resources
- 3. New business development
- 4. Board communications
- 5. Personal training and prof. development
- 6. Monthly performance reviews (informal)

- 1. Sales
- 2. Customer Service
- 3. Production
- 4. R&D
- 5. Finance
- 6. Personnel







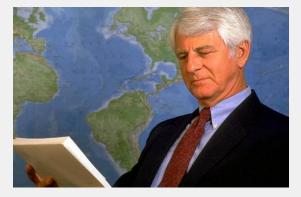


2. Prepare a listing of critical information (leading and lagging indicators) that you need to ensure that each area of the business for which you are responsible is running well. Include the information you need to measure the progress and results of key initiatives.



The following is an example of information that a CEO or Divisional VP might need:







# Information Needed

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	Who I Report To		
	What I Do		
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	Conduct quarterly business plan review (see SMM Update Work Program.doc).		
A2	Lead the new business development effort	Continuous	

#### a. Sales

- Sales performance (weekly, monthly)
- ii. Pipeline forecast
- iii. New customer generation activities report by rep or reportant organization
- iv. Success ratio on bids
- v. Sales/profitability by customer report
- vi. Sales/profitability by job report
- vii. Sales/profitability by sector report
- viii. Sales/profitability by geographic region report
- ix. Sales/profitability by sales rep/organization report

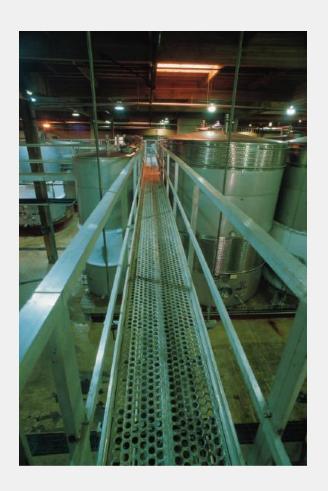
#### b. Industry/Market Intelligence

- i. National and international economic reports
- ii. Sector reports
- iii. Technology update
- iv. Government legislation
- v. Certifications and industry standards
- vi. Competitor intelligence



#### c. Production

- i. Quality rating
- ii. Sort and rework report
- iii. Premium shipments report
- iv. ISO/TS 16949 compliance
- v. ISO 14001 compliance
- vi. Daily production totals
- vii. Weekly overtime report
- viii.Die reliability report



#### d. Customer service and satisfaction

- i. On time shipments
- ii. Customer surveys

#### e. Operations

- i. Customer related processes
- ii. Internal processes

#### f. Engineering

- i. Capabilities assessment
- ii. Training





#### g. Personnel

- i. Legal compliance
- ii. Employee morale
- iii. Employee absenteeism
- iv. Salary surveys



#### h. Key initiatives

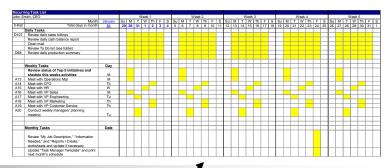
- i. Key milestones, measurables, and deliverables
- i. Issues resolution

- j. Finance and Administration
  - i. Historical Profitability
  - ii. Historical key financial ratios
  - iii. Projected profitability
  - iv. Projected key financial ratios
  - v. Accounts receivable aging and collections
  - vi. Accounts payable aging and key vendor and supplier relations
  - vii. Daily cash balance report
  - viii. 13-week cash flow report









3. Prepare a comprehensive checklist of recurring tasks that are part of your job and the information required to do it effectively. Use this as a guide for completing these tasks and reviewing your managers' activities on a weekly/daily/ monthly basis.

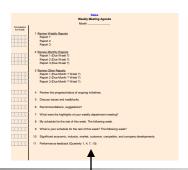
### 4. Prepare a job description for each of your direct reports.

- a. List what functions they do
- b. List who/what they manage or supervise

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A2	Lead the new business development effort	Continuous	









- 5. Prepare a checklist of the information you need from your direct reports. Use this as an agenda for your weekly meeting with each manager.
- 6. Maintain a prioritized "To Do" list or folder.



### 7. Prepare an action plan summary for each key initiative. Review weekly.

- a. State the goal (quantified)
- b. What? Description of what will be done
- c. Who? Who is responsible for managing it (champion)? Who else is responsible for getting it done.
- d. When? Target date for reaching goal
- e. What resources will be needed?
- f. Key milestones, performance measures, and deliverables.

SMM Action Plan Template.doc

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Issu	ue:					
Res	sponse:					
Goa	al/objective:					
Pro	ject Leader:					
Oriç	ginal target date for completion:					
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Action Plan

# Summary of Steps to Implementation

Remember: "It's what you inspect not what you expect that gets done."

- Prepare your Job Description.
- Prepare a listing of the critical information that you need to do your job. Update it monthly.
- 3. Prepare a checklist of recurring tasks that are part of your job. Review it daily.
- 4. Prepare job description for each of your direct reports and
- Prepare a checklist of the information you need from your direct reports. Meet with them weekly.
- 6. Maintain a prioritized "To Do" list or folder. Review it daily.
- 7. Prepare an action plan summary for each key initiative. Review it weekly.



### **GDT Timeline**



- Date-Milestone
- Date-Milestone
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- Date-Milestone

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