

Partnering &

Supply Chain

MANAGEMENT



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Examples of Successful Integrated Supply Chain Strategies

- Wal-Mart's use of EDI/cross docks
- McKesson's use of pharmacy SOPS (Sales Order Processing Systems) devices
- AHS use of hospital stores SOPS devices
- Toyota and Mercedes-Benz JIT (Just-In-Time) inbound logistics with suppliers
- Ford's accounts payable paperless match
- P&G's Every Day Low Prices (EDLP)
- Dell's B2C mail order PCs

Benefits of Successful Supply Chain Integration

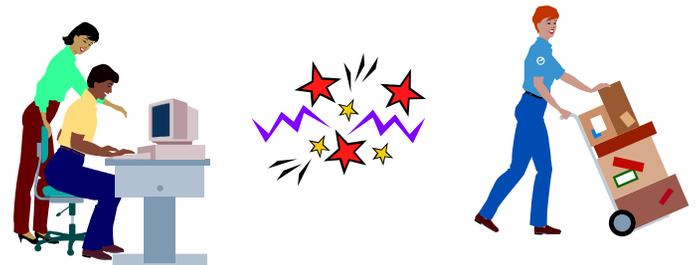
- Inventories reduced 50%
- 20% reduction in supply chain costs as a percentage of total revenues
- 40% increase in on-time deliveries
- Cumulative cycle time reduction of 27%
- 17% increase in revenues
- Out-of-stock incidents down 9 times
- 50% reduction in finished goods inventory by postponing packaging/labeling until orders received

Source: MIT Center for Logistics Survey of 50 successful Supply Chain Re-engineering projects

SCM Future – the Virtual Enterprise

A virtual enterprise is an assemblage of companies combining their efforts to bring products to market.

- Based on lessons learned from SCM: Companies working together can be more competitive than a single corporation trying to master everything.
- These ***partnering*** companies function together as a single competitive entity (the Virtual Enterprise) but remain distinct legal entities and individually focus on their core-competencies.
- Their common emphasis is on the overarching relationship between suppliers and customers.
- They recognize the need for information to flow freely to and from the customer through the “back office” and ultimately to the supplier and/or manufacturer.
- The Virtual Enterprise’s very existence is based on taking E-commerce to its logical conclusion.



The Virtual Enterprise -- Overview

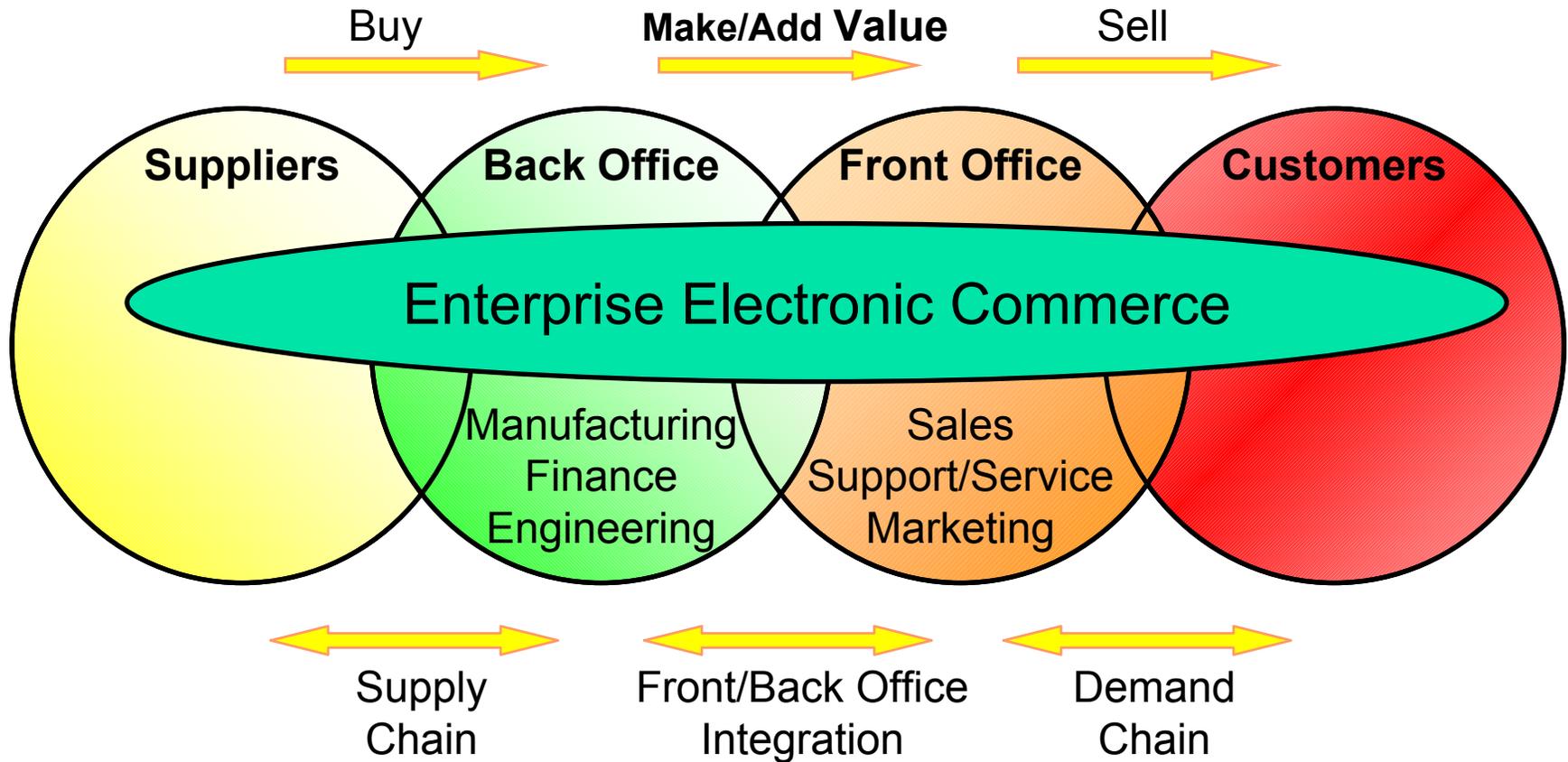
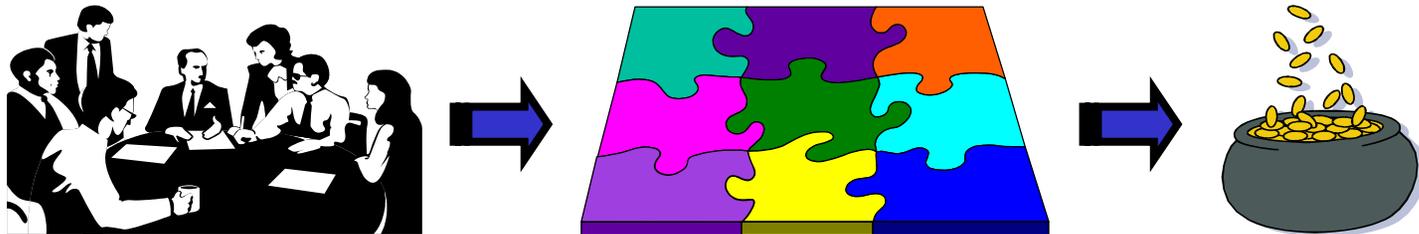


Diagram Source: The Yankee Group

Key Factors for Virtual Enterprise Survival and Success

- Intense collaboration/partnering amongst the VE partners
- Common focus on serving the ultimate customer
- Superior integrated enterprise-wide planning and execution
- Rapid/instantaneous decision making
- Assets and processes concentrated where appropriate
- Elimination of non-productive resources
- Total commitment to E-Commerce



Why Partner?

- Partnering within the supply chain enables all of the partners to achieve benefits that they could not achieve by themselves
- Typical benefits include:
 - Reduced costs of goods
 - Reduced costs of operations
 - Faster cycle-times
 - Lower inventory levels
 - Better customer service
 - Improved “bonding” between the partners



MCKESSON

Empowering Healthcare

- Two Primary businesses: Healthcare Products and Services
- Over 100 warehouses for the distribution of HBC (Health & Beauty Care), OTC (Over the Counter), pharmaceuticals, medical-surgical and other Healthcare products and services to Drugstores, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Grocery Stores, etc.
- Leadership in each market served:
 - #1 in Healthcare information systems and technology
 - #1 in RX and medical-surgical supply distribution
 - #1 in pharmacy automation
- Revenues of \$42 billion during 2000

McKesson Current Customer Base

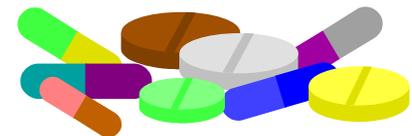
- 5,000 hospitals
- 25,000 retail pharmacies
- 200,000 physicians
- 10,000 long-term care sites
- 750 home-care agencies
- 450 pharmaceutical manufacturers
- 2,000 medical surgical manufacturers
- 600 healthcare payors



Partnering Case 1: Generic RX Manufacturers

Situation:

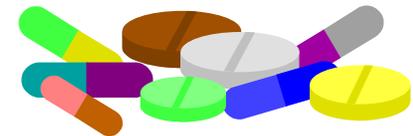
- 200+ manufacturers of generic pharmaceuticals
- Extremely erratic production, shipping and order fulfillment
- Products stocked in (and replenished to) 45 separate warehouses
- Poor customer service to McKesson's customers



Partnering Case 1: Generic RX Manufacturers

Actions Taken:

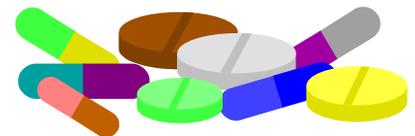
- Reduced manufacturers to about 50
- Developed partnering program with these 50 -- based on:
 - Delivery of monthly orders to one location (rather than weekly orders to 45 DCs) based on rolling 12 week forecast
 - Participation in McKesson "Preferred Generic Supplier" (MultiSource) private label program
- Created a distribution "hub" for generics and other difficult SKUs



Partnering Case 1: Generic RX Manufacturers

Results:

- Reduced generic SKUs by over 50%
- Increased manufacturer partners' sales substantially -- especially if part of the MultiSource program
- Smoothed production and simplified delivery for manufacturers
- Reduced McKesson generic inventory by 25%
- Improved Generic fill-rate to McKesson's customers from low to mid 80% to high 90%.
- A win-win-win!



Partnering Case 2: Wal-Mart

Situation:

- McKesson had just won the contract to be Wal-Mart's exclusive wholesale provider of pharmaceuticals and OTC (Over-the-Counter) healthcare products
- Part of the reason was McKesson's willingness to partner with them to achieve VMI (vendor managed inventory)
- Wal-Mart also wanted better information about service level failures -- so it could manage the exceptions
- Wal-Mart wanted a better process for new store openings



Partnering Case 2: Wal-Mart

Actions Taken:

- Developed VMI system to automatically replenish stores based on their POS data
- Connected their computer system with McKesson's so both parties understood current stock availability and shortages everywhere
- Setup special Help Desk and support staff for Wal-Mart
- Developed special service level reports and discussed any service problems with them each week
- Created computer system to "automatically" assure the appropriate inventory was in place whenever they opened a new store



Partnering Case 2: Wal-Mart

Results:

- Wal-Mart had better fill-rates with less inventory in OTC and RX than ever before
- McKesson honored as Wal-Mart's "Supplier of the Year"
- McKesson awarded new contract at renewal time
- VMI "auto replenishment " system rolled out to other major customer (e.g., Safeway, Price Club, several Drugstore chains)
- Custom service level reports and help/support activities also expand beyond Wal-Mart
- A win-win!



Partnering Case 2: Procter & Gamble

Situation:

- McKesson had been approached by P & G to participate in a *test* of VMI/CRP (Vender Managed Inventory/Continuous Replenishment). Other participants included Kmart, Wal-Mart, Bergen Brunswig.
- P & G's objectives were to smooth out their production schedule and to move to EDLP (Every Day Low Price)
- The concept was that P & G would ship McKesson what McKesson needed when they needed it -- no more, no less
- The official justification/benefit to McKesson was the potential to reduce inventory by 15 to 20 days



Partnering Case 2: Procter & Gamble

Actions Taken:

- P & G committed a taskforce of about 10 people, including a full-time project manager who moved to McKesson's headquarters
- McKesson put together a similar team -- headed by a SVP (who was not full-time)
- McKesson had long bought P & G products "deal to deal" to obtain the lowest possible price
- Under the planned VMI/CRP program no special prices were available (e.g., EDLP only)
- Both taskforces and both project leaders could not solve the pricing impasse



Partnering Case 2: Procter & Gamble

Results:

- The immovable object met the all-powerful force
- Both sides spent a great deal of energy and money with no results to show for it
- P & G project manager saw project failure as a personal one and took desperate actions to save his career
- Both parties were very disappointed and thoroughly disappointed
- A lose-lose!!!



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Results for another test participant:

- Warehouse inventory reduced from 19 to 6 DSI
- Inventory turns went from 19 to 60 (in warehouses)
- Fill-rates (to the stores) improved from 96.4% to 99.2%
- Lower costs of warehousing and order processing

Results for P & G:

- Order volume up by 30%
- Market share up by 4%
- Vehicle utilization up by 4% to 12%
- 60% reduction in returns
- Lower cost of production, warehousing, and delivery



Keys to Partnering Success

- Remember that partnering is an “unnatural act” and that not all partners derive equal pleasure/benefit from the act
- The effort must be seen as a “Win-Win” by both sides with no hidden agendas
- Each partner must have a complete understanding of the magnitude of the effort and the resources required for success -- i.e., you must begin the project with your eyes wide-open
- You must **really** commit the needed resources including the “right” people, and a rapid response from the IS/IT organization
- You need a full-time project manager, who must be high enough in the organization that (s)he has the “clout” to make things happen (in both organizations)
- You must have a strong commitment to the project at all levels in the organization and in both good times and bad
- Both partners/teams must trust one another

