

CHAPTER 1	MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT
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LEARNING OUTCOMES

After reading this chapter students will be able to:

1. Tell who managers are and where they work.
2. Define management.
3. Describe what managers do.
4. Explain why it's important to study management.
5. Describe the factors that are reshaping and redefining management.

Management Myth

MYTH: Only those who want to be managers need to take a course in management.

TRUTH: Anyone who works in an organization –not just managers- can gain insight into how organizations work and their boss' behavior by taking a course in management.

SUMMARY

Everyone seems to think they know what makes a good leader. They think it is common sense but you don't have to be a manager, or aspire to be a manager, in order to gain something from a management course.

Teaching Tips:

Get students to give some examples of good managers. Ask if it matters if the manager is young or old, male or female? Is management necessary in non-profit organizations and small companies like it is in for profit and large companies?

I. WHO ARE MANAGERS, AND WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Learning Catalytics Question: Instructor Directions and Follow-Up

Question Type	Question	Answer/Response	For the Instructor
Short Answer	What is the difference between managerial and non-managerial employees?	Managers are the individuals in an organization who direct and oversee the activities of other people in the organization so that organizational goals can be accomplished.	Ask this question at the start of class to open discussion about managers and their responsibilities.

A. Introduction

1. Managers work in an organization.
2. An organization is a deliberate arrangement of people brought together to accomplish some specific purpose.
 - a) Your college or university is an organization. So is a football team and a sorority.

B. What Three Characteristics Do All Organizations Share?

1. Every organization has a purpose and is made up of people who are grouped in some fashion.
 - a) See Exhibit 1-1.
 - b) This distinct purpose is typically expressed in terms of a goal or set of goals.
2. Purposes or goals can only be achieved through people.
3. All organizations develop a systematic structure that defines and limits the behavior of its members.
 - a) Developing a structure may include creating rules and regulations, giving some members supervisory control, forming teams, etc.

C. How Are Managers Different from Non-Managerial Employees?

1. Organizational members fit into two categories: non-managerial employees and managers.
 - a) Non-managerial employees work directly on a job or task and have no oversight on the responsibility of others.
 - b) Managers direct the activities of other people in the organization.

- 1) Customarily classified as top, middle, or first line, they supervise both non-managerial employees and lower-level managers.
 - 2) See Exhibit 1-2.
 - 3) Some managers also have non-managerial responsibilities themselves.
2. The distinction between non-managers and managers is that managers have employees who report directly to them.

From the Past to the Present

The terms management or manager come from a number of sources. One source says that the word manager originated in 1588 to describe one who manages. The specific use of the word as “one who conducts a house of business or public institution” is said to have originated in 1705. Another source says that the origin (1555–1565) is from the word ‘*maneggiare*’, which meant “to handle or train horses,” and was a derivative of the word *mano*, which is from the Latin word for hand, *manus*. This origin arose from the way that horses were guided, controlled, or directed where to go—by using one’s hand.

The words management and manager are more appropriate to the early twentieth century. Peter Drucker, the late management writer, studied and wrote about management for more than 50 years. The word ‘management’ was first popularized by Frederick Winslow Taylor.” In 1911, Taylor’s book *Principles of Scientific Management* was published. Its contents were widely embraced by managers around the world. The book described the theory of **scientific management**: the use of scientific methods to define the “one best way” for a job to be done. He spent more than two decades passionately pursuing the “one best way” for such jobs to be done. Based on his groundbreaking study of manual workers using scientific principles, Taylor became known as the “father” of scientific management. Some of these techniques like the analysis of basic work that must be performed, and time-and-motion studies are still used today.

D. What Titles Do Managers Have?

1. Top managers are responsible for making decisions about the direction of the organization and establishing policies that affect all organizational members.
 - a) Top managers have titles including vice president, managing director, chief operating officer, chancellor, etc.
2. Middle managers represent levels of management between the first-line supervisor and top management.
 - a) They manage other managers and possibly some non-managerial employees.
 - b) They are responsible for translating the goals set by top management into specific details.
3. First-line managers are usually called supervisors, shift managers, etc.
 - a) They are responsible for directing the day-to-day activities of non-managerial employees.
4. Team Leaders are responsible for managing and facilitating activities of a work team.
 - a) They typically report to a first-line manager.

II. WHAT IS MANAGEMENT?

1. Managers, regardless of their title or the role they play within an organization, share several common elements.
2. Management can be defined as the process of getting things done effectively and efficiently, through and with other people.
 - a) The term “process” in the definition represents the primary activities managers perform.
3. Effectiveness and efficiency deal with what we are doing and how we are doing it.
 - a) Efficiency means doing the task right and refers to the relationship between inputs and outputs. Management is concerned about minimizing resource costs while achieving the desired output.
 - b) Effectiveness means doing the right task, and in an organization that translates into goal attainment.
 - c) See Exhibit 1-3.
4. Efficiency and effectiveness are interrelated.
 - a) It’s easier to be effective if one ignores efficiency.
 - b) Good management is concerned with both, the attainment of goals (effectiveness) and efficiency in the process.
 - c) Organizations can be efficient and yet not be effective.
 - d) High efficiency is associated more typically with high effectiveness.

A. Is the Manager’s Job Universal?

1. Level in the Organization: The importance of managerial roles varies depending on the manager’s level in the organization.
 - a) The differences in managerial roles are of degree and emphasis, but not of activity.
 - b) As managers move up, they do more planning and less direct overseeing of others.
 - 1) See Exhibit 1-4.
 - c) The amount of time managers give to each activity is not necessarily constant.
 - d) The content of the managerial activities changes with the manager’s level.
 - 1) Upper-level managers are concerned with designing the overall organization’s structure.
 - e) Lower-level managers focus on designing the jobs of individuals and work groups.
2. Profit versus Not-for-Profit.
 - a) The manager’s job is mostly the same in both profit and not-for-profit organizations.

- b) All managers make decisions, set objectives, create workable organization structures, hire and motivate employees, secure legitimacy for their organization's existence, and develop internal political support in order to implement programs.
 - c) The most important difference is measuring performance, profit, or the "bottom line."
 - d) There is no such universal measure in not-for-profit organizations.
 - e) Making a profit for the "owners" of not-for-profit organizations is not the primary focus.
 - f) There are distinctions, but the two are far more alike than they are different.
3. Size of Organization.
- a) Definition of small business and the part it plays in our society.
 - 1) There is no commonly agreed-upon definition.
 - b) Small business—any independently owned and operated profit-seeking enterprise that has fewer than 500 employees.
 - c) The role of managing a small business is different from that of managing a large one.
 - 1) See Exhibit 1-7.
 - 2) The small business manager's most important role is that of spokesperson (outwardly focused).
 - 3) In a large organization, the manager's most important job is deciding which organizational units get what available resources (inwardly focused).
 - 4) The entrepreneurial role is least important to managers in large firms.
 - 5) A small business manager is more likely to be a generalist.
 - 6) The large firm's manager's job is more structured and formal than the manager in a small firm.
 - 7) Planning is less carefully orchestrated in the small business.
 - 8) The small business organizational design will be less complex and structured.
 - 9) Control in the small business will rely more on direct observation.
 - d) We see differences in degree and emphasis, but not in activities.
4. Management concepts and national borders.
- a) Studies that have compared managerial practices between countries have not generally supported the universality of management concepts.
 - 1) In Chapter 2, we will examine some specific differences between countries.
 - b) Most of the concepts we will be discussing primarily apply to the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and other English-speaking democracies.

- c) Concepts may need to be modified when working with India, China, Chile, or other countries where economic, political, social, or cultural environments differ greatly from that of the so-called free-market democracies.

III. WHAT DO MANAGERS DO?

Learning Catalytics Question: Instructor Directions and Follow-Up

Question Type	Question	Answer/Response	For the Instructor
Many Choices	Which of the managerial skills do you think is most important for success?	Options: Conceptual, Interpersonal, Technical, and Political	Ask this question after discussing the key skills and competencies of a manager. There is no "correct" answer to this question, the purpose of the question is to inspire students to think about how managerial skills are applied in different situations.

A. Describing what managers do is a difficult task.

1. While the job of manager varies from organization to organization, they do share some common elements.
2. Management researchers have developed three approaches to describe what managers do: functions, roles, and skills/competencies.

B. The Four Management Functions

1. See Exhibit 1-5; planning, organizing, leading, and controlling.
2. These processes are interrelated as well as interdependent.
1. Planning encompasses defining an organization’s goals, establishing an overall strategy for achieving those goals, and developing a comprehensive hierarchy of plans to integrate and coordinate activities.
 - a) Setting goals creates a proper focus.
2. Organizing—determining what tasks are to be done, who is to do them, how the tasks are grouped, who reports to whom, and where decisions are to be made.
3. Directing and coordinating people is the leading component of management.
 - a) Leading involves motivating employees, directing the activities of others, selecting the most effective communication channel, or resolving conflicts among members.
4. Controlling.
 - a) To ensure that things are going as they should, a manager must monitor the organization’s performance.
 - b) Actual performance must be compared with the previously set goals.

- c) Any significant deviations must be addressed.
- d) Monitoring, comparing, and correcting are the controlling process.

C. Management Roles Approach

1. Fayol's original applications represented mere observations from his experiences in the French mining industry.
2. In the late 1960s, Henry Mintzberg provided empirical insights into a manager's job. He undertook a careful study of five chief executives at work.
 - a) Mintzberg found that the managers he studied engaged in a large number of varied, unpatterned, and short-duration activities.
 - b) There was little time for reflective thinking (due to interruptions).
 - c) Half of these managers' activities lasted less than nine minutes.

Mintzberg provided a categorization scheme for defining what managers do on the basis of actual managers on the job—Mintzberg's managerial roles.

Mintzberg concluded that managers perform ten different but highly interrelated roles.

- d) These ten roles are shown in Exhibit 1-6.
- e) They are grouped under three primary headings:
 - 1) Interpersonal relationships
 - 2) Informational
 - 3) Decisional

D. What Skills and Competencies do Managers Need?

1. Robert Katz proposed that managers must possess and use four critical management skills.
 - a) Conceptual skills - used to analyze and diagnose complex situations.
 - b) Interpersonal skills - involved with working well with other people both individually and in groups.
 - c) Technical skills - job-specific knowledge and techniques needed to perform work tasks.
 - d) Political skills - to build a power base and establish the right connections.

IV. WHY STUDY MANAGEMENT?

A. Reasons

1. We all have a vested interest in improving the way organizations are managed.
 - a) We interact with them every day of our lives.
 - 1) Examples of problems that can largely be attributed to poor management.
 - b) Those that are poorly managed often find themselves with a declining customer base and reduced revenues.

2. The reality that once you graduate from college and begin your career, you will either manage or be managed.
 - a) An understanding of the management process is foundational for building management skills.
 - b) You will almost certainly work in an organization, be a manager, or work for a manager.
 - c) You needn't aspire to be a manager in order to gain something valuable from a course in management.

V. WHAT FACTORS ARE RESHAPING AND REDIFINING MANAGEMENT?

A. Introduction

- a) Managers are dealing with changing workplaces, ethical and trust issues, global economic uncertainties, and changing technology.
- b) Managers everywhere are likely to have to manage in changing circumstances, and the fact is that *how* managers manage is changing.

B. Why Are Customers Important to the Manager's Job?

1. Without customers the organization wouldn't survive.
2. Employee attitudes and behaviors play a big role in customer satisfaction.
3. Managers must create a customer responsive organization.

C. Why Is Innovation Important to the Manager's Job?

1. Not being innovative in today's world is risky.
2. Managers need to understand what, when, where, how, and why innovation can be fostered and encouraged throughout the organization.
3. Managers not only need to be innovative but they must foster it in others.

Technology and the Managers Job**Is It Still Managing When What You're Managing Are Robots?**

It shouldn't be surprising that the office of tomorrow will be heavily populated by robots. What happens to the manager's job when this happens? And how will these new (robotic) employees affect their human counterparts? From the evidence that exists (i.e. Watson's participation on Jeopardy), it appears that people find it easy to interact with robots as co-workers.

Students should think about:

- Defining managers and management under this type of setting.
- Conducting research on telepresence and telepresence robots. How might this technology change the way workers and managers work together?
- What's your response to the title of this box: *Is it still managing when what you're managing are robots?*
- If you had to "manage" people and robots, how do you think your job as manager might be different than what the chapter describes?

Teaching Tips:

Have students think about several recent innovations i.e. smart phones. How out of place would these technologies have been 20, 50, or 100 years ago? Once we start to use a new technology, how long does it take before the 'awe' factor wears off?

D. Importance of Social Media to the Manager's Job

1. Social media – forms of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share ideas, information, personal messages, and other content.
2. Employees can use social media for work purposes. Several examples are discussed in the text about companies using social media to manage human resource issues and to foster communication and collaboration throughout the company.
3. It can also be a problem and managers must be careful that social media does not turn into a place where people boast, brag, or send one way messages to employees.

E. Importance of Sustainability to the Manager's job

1. Sustainability – company's ability to achieve its business goals and increase long-term shareholder value by integrating economic, environmental, and social opportunities into its business strategies.
 - a) This is becoming more important.
 - b) Managers must look at corporate social responsibility not only to manage in an efficient and effective way but also responding strategically to a wide range of environmental and social challenges.

F. Wrapping It Up

1. Being a manager is both challenging and exciting.

2. Gallup polls indicate that the single most important variable in employee productivity and loyalty is the quality of the relationship between employees and their direct supervisors.
3. Gallup also found that relationship with their manager is the largest factor in **employee engagement**—which is when employees are connected to, satisfied with, and enthusiastic about their jobs— accounting for at least 70 percent of an employee’s level of engagement.
4. The recent global recession has affected how employees view managers. Surveys now show that pay and stress levels are more likely to cause an employee to leave their jobs than their relationship with their supervisor.

REVIEW AND APPLICATIONS

CHAPTER SUMMARY

- 1 **Tell who managers are and where they work.** Managers are individuals who work in an organization directing and overseeing the activities of other people. Managers are usually classified as top, middle, or first-line. Organizations, which are where managers work, have three characteristics: goals, people, and a deliberate structure.
- 2 **Define management.** Management is the process of getting things done, effectively and efficiently, with and through other people. Efficiency means doing a task correctly (“doing things right”) and getting the most output from the least amount of inputs. Effectiveness means “doing the right things” by doing those work tasks that help the organization reach its goals.
- 3 **Describe what managers do.** What managers do can be described using three approaches: functions, roles, and skills/ competencies. The functions approach says that managers perform four functions: planning, organizing, leading, and controlling. Mintzberg’s roles approach says that what managers do is based on the 10 roles they use at work, which are grouped around interpersonal relationships, the transfer of information, and decision making. The skills/ competencies approach looks at what managers do in terms of the skills and competencies they need and use. Four critical management skills are conceptual, interpersonal, technical, and political. Additional managerial competencies include aspects such as dependability, personal orientation, emotional control, communication, and so forth. All managers plan, organize, lead, and control although how they do these activities and how often they do them may vary according to level in the organization, whether the organization operates for profit or not-for-profit, the size of the organization, and the geographic location of the organization.
- 4 **Explain why it’s important to study management.** One reason it’s important to study management is that all of us interact with organizations daily so we have a vested interest in seeing that organizations are well managed. Another reason is the reality that in your career you will either manage or be managed. By studying management you can gain insights into the way your boss and fellow employees behave and how organizations function.
- 5 **Describe the factors that are reshaping and redefining management.** In today’s world, managers are dealing with changing workplaces, ethical and trust issues, global economic and political uncertainties, and changing technology. Two areas of

critical importance to managers are delivering high-quality customer service and encouraging innovative efforts.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1-1 What is an organization and what characteristics do organizations share?

Answer – An organization is a systematic arrangement of people brought together to accomplish some specific purpose. All organizations share three common characteristics. 1) Every organization has a purpose and is made up of people who are grouped in some fashion. 2) No purpose or goal can be achieved by itself, therefore organizations have members. 3) All organizations develop a systematic structure that defines and limits the behavior of its members. Organization—an entity that has a distinct purpose, has people or members, and has a systematic structure.

Organizations share three characteristics: 1) a purpose which is usually an expressed set of goals, 2) people who make decision and engage in work activity to make the desired goal a reality and 3) organizations have a structure that defines and limits the behavior of its employee.

1-2 How do managers differ from non-managerial employees?

Answer – Non-managerial employees are people who work directly on a job or task and have no responsibility for overseeing the work of others. Non-managerial employees may be referred to by names such as associates, team members, contributors, or even employee partners. Managers, on the other hand, are individuals in an organization who direct and oversee the activities of other people in the organization. This distinction doesn't mean, however, that managers don't ever work directly on tasks. Some managers do have work duties not directly related to overseeing the activities of others.

1-3 In today's environment, which is more important to organizations—efficiency or effectiveness? Explain your choice.

Answer – Management is the process of getting things done, effectively and efficiently, through and with other people. Effectiveness and efficiency deal with what we are doing and how we are doing it. Efficiency means doing the task right and refers to the relationship between inputs and outputs. Effectiveness means doing the right task, which translates into goal attainment. Efficiency and effectiveness are interrelated.

It's easier to be effective if one ignores efficiency. Good management is attaining goals (effectiveness) and doing so as efficiently as possible. Organizations can be efficient and yet not be effective. High efficiency is associated more typically with high effectiveness. Poor management is most often due to both inefficiency and ineffectiveness or to effectiveness achieved through inefficiency.

To address the question of which is more important, maybe it depends. Doing the right tasks may keep a business in business—keep the doors open and meet payroll. Doing the wrong tasks may close the doors and send everyone home.

Suppose you are the owner and manager of a CPA firm. Over the years, your organization has developed a long-term relationship with a number of customers who come to you each year to prepare their income tax return.

If you chose to emphasize efficiency over effectiveness, what might happen? You might create an infrastructure that at least in the short run would be very efficient. Suppose you have one person handle a customer's tax return preparation from start to finish (sounds like a silo). You could have your accountants specialize in the type of customers they work with so they could become even more efficient in completing the tax returns (we'll talk about job specialization more in the history module and chapter five). You could create a compensation system where accountants who could document their ability to complete tax returns in less time were rewarded. Let's come back to this concept in a minute.

What if you chose to emphasize effectiveness over efficiency? Suppose that it is one of your organization's goals to guarantee accurate preparation of income tax returns. You may decide to send all employees to training to learn the most up-to-date advice available regarding tax law. You may also see that all of your employees have training each year in any changes being implemented by the Internal Revenue Service. You might also create an infrastructure that would seem to be less efficient. For example, you might require that each tax return be reviewed by three separate accountants, one of whom must be a senior accountant, before it is released to the customer. You may require all accountants to work with a wide variety of tax returns so they will develop a broader base of expertise.

In the first example (the efficient office), everything might move quickly from start to finish but your control system may be weak. When customers begin to be audited by the IRS and learn that your efficient operation was not necessarily effective (tax returns are not correct according to tax law and IRS requirements), your customer base may quickly disappear and your ability to continue in business could be at risk.

In the second example (the effective office), everything and everyone may be very knowledgeable, thorough, correct, and expensive. When your customers begin to figure out that your charges are higher than those paid by some of their friends for similar services, your customer base may quickly disappear and your ability to continue in business could be at risk.

As an effective manager can you afford to separate effectiveness and efficiency? Probably not. You need to pursue the right goals (effectiveness) and you need to use resources wisely (efficiency). Since the two are so closely interrelated, understanding the fine balance between them is an important part of how you become an effective manager.

1-4 What similarities do you see among the four management functions? Do you think the functions are related? Explain.

Answer - Students' answers will vary on the first part of this question. The functions are much related because they each serve a specific purpose that guides and directs the other three so the organization can achieve its goals.

1-5 Using any of the popular business periodicals (such as *BusinessWeek*, *Fortune*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Fast Company*), find examples of managers doing each of the four management functions. Write up a description and explain how these are examples of that function.

Answer - Students answers will vary depending on the articles selected, but each should include the basic functions.

- Planning—encompasses defining an organization’s goals, establishing an overall strategy for achieving those goals, and developing comprehensive plans to integrate and coordinate.
- Organizing—determining what tasks are to be done, who is to do them, how the tasks are to be grouped, who reports to whom, and where decisions are to be made.
- Leading—managers motivate employees, direct the activities of others, select the most effective communication channel, or resolve conflicts among members.
- Controlling—to ensure that things are going as they should, a manager must monitor performance. The controlling processes include monitoring, comparing, and correcting.

1-6 Is your course instructor a manager? Discuss in terms of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling. Also discuss using Mintzberg’s managerial roles approach.

Answer - A college instructor is both an individual contributor and a manager. He/she is in a non-managerial role when he/she produces “the product” of the university. But he/she is also a manager in that he/she must manage the class and students.

In terms of:

- Planning—the instructor defines class goals, establishes the semester plan for achieving them, and develops lesson plans to integrate and coordinate these efforts.
- Organizing—not as much, as he/she is primarily responsible for execution but may need to if he/she uses class participation.
- Leading—should be relatively obvious, motivating students, direct the activities of others, select the most effective communication channel, or resolve conflicts among members.
- Controlling—ah, grading!

For the sake of space, suggestions will be limited to Mintzberg’s three primary categories.

- Interpersonal - the roles of leader and liaison.
- Informational - monitor and disseminator.
- Decisional - disturbance handler and resource allocator.

1-7 Is business management a profession? Why or why not? Do some external research in answering this question.

Answer: Student answers will vary although it could easily be determined that business management is a profession. Efficient and effective managers are critical to the success of every organization. The need for good managers transcends industries and organizations and the skill sets are similar across the various disciplines. The generic properties of management are found mainly in the world’s democracies. Management practices are universally transferable outside to most free-market democracies, although outside these cultures, the roles may change.

1-8 Is there one best “style” of management? Why or why not?

Answer - No. Although managers perform the same basic functions, there are a variety of styles and personalities that contribute to his/her success. Many factors are involved such as the culture of the organization, the personality of the managers, the type of industry, the level of the manager, etc.

1-9 In what ways can managers at each of the four levels of management contribute to efficiency and effectiveness?

Answer - Top managers are usually responsible for making decisions about the direction of the organization and establishing policies and philosophies that affect all organizational members. Middle managers are typically responsible for translating the goals set by top managers into specific details that lower-level managers will see get done. First-line managers are those individuals responsible for directing the day-to-day activities of non-managerial employees. Team leaders are responsible for managing and facilitating the activities of a work team. Team leaders will typically report to a first-line manager.

Management Skill Builder: Political Skill

Skill Development: Becoming Politically Adept

Research has shown that people differ in their political skills. Those who are politically skilled are more effective in their use of influence tactics. Political skill also appears to be more effective when the stakes are high. Finally, politically skilled individuals are able to exert their influence without others detecting it, which is important in being effective so that you're not labeled political.

Teaching Tips:

Personal Insights

Have students take the Personal Insights assessment in class. After students have their score for the inventory, ask them to think about the following comparisons:

- How do you think you compare to other students?
- How do you think you compare to the average CEO on Wall Street?
- How do you think you compare to the average politician?

Skill Basics

If students want to be more politically adept in their organizations, they should follow these eight suggestions:

- Frame arguments in terms of organizational goals.
- Develop the right image.
- Gain control of organizational resources.
- Make yourself appear indispensable.
- Be visible.
- Develop powerful allies.
- Avoid “tainted” members.
- Support your boss.

Skill Application

Referring back to the Skill Basics section, it will important for the employee to create the right image with Maria, the manager. Part of impression management in this case involves assessing what it takes to be perceived as successful and following through to have others view them that way. What is Jason doing that is working? What is the employee doing that is not working? For the employee, setting the right image includes projecting the image that they create value for the organization and that their position is indispensable.

Skill Practice

1-31 One way to use the skill practice section would be through in-class discussion, graded assignments (these are particularly suited for on-line students) and the use of a student journal. For skill practice assignments that require interviews, make sure that the interviewee understands the scope of the project so that the students are not intrusive. Also, make sure the students ensure confidentiality of the survey results.

1-32 Exercise #2 would be a good start for students keeping a journal through the course of the class.

Experiential Exercise

Heartland's Traditional Fragrances

To: Eric Kim, Training Coordinator

From: Helen Merkin, Human Resources Director

Re: Supervisory Training and Management Certification Program

Heartland's business is growing and you have been asked to look into two issues related to some growing problems. One is a training program that focuses on important supervisory skills. Do some research and put together a list of the skills you think are most important for our supervisors to have, together with a justification for why you think these skills are important. The second issue is how we could help our supervisors achieve certification that verifies their skills, knowledge, and professionalism. Two certification programs are the Certified Manager and the Certified Business Manager. Please research each of these programs and prepare a bulleted list of what each involves. Keep your report to one page typed.

Teaching Tip: One place to start looking for management skills is Exhibit 1-4. This figure lays out the four functions of management – basic skills that are required of each manager. Another good academic reference would be Katz's three skills: technical skills, human skills and conceptual skills. For skills that are tied to specific positions I would suggest having students go to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Web site: www.bls.gov. On this Web site they can check out the Occupational Outlook that breaks down for each major job in the US demand and skills requirements. For the second part of the assignment, students should be able to search the internet and find a variety of certifications, some for human resources, some for project managers, and some for IT professionals. Almost every major profession has its own certifications and information is readily available.

Case Application 1: Happier Employees – Happier Customers – More Profit?

Discussion Questions

- 1-33 *What does this story illustrate about the importance of managers and management? Do you think this relationship would be just as important in other types of businesses (i.e., non-fast food businesses)? Explain.*

This story illustrates how much impact managers have on the overall success of the company. If the managers do a good job on leading, staffing, rewards and recognition then employees are happier, customers are happier and the company performs better. Students' answers will vary on the second part of the question but make sure they are supporting their answer using material from the text.

- 1-34 *What management functions are evident here? How about managerial roles?*

All of the management functions are present in this case. The data for the case demonstrates that interpersonal roles are very important in making happy employees. A case can also be made for the decisional roles particularly of resource allocator and disturbance handler. All of these contribute to the employees feeling valued and rewarded for their work and this makes them happier on the job.

- 1-35 *Do some research and find a list of Jack in the Box values. (Hint: Look for the Code of Conduct on its Web site.) How might these values affect the way managers manage?*

The values listed on the Web site provide managers with an idea of expected behavior and what things the company places priority on. This should act as a guide for managers in how to lead, organize, plan, and control their workforce.

Case Application 2: Building a Better Boss

Discussion Questions

- 1-36 *Describe the findings of Project Oxygen using the functions approach, Mintzberg's roles approach, and the skills approach.*

The students will have many different answers for this but one potential response could be that the data support that managers need to be high in interpersonal skills and technical expertise is not as important. For the roles, the data showed that interpersonal roles were very important and decisional roles were not as high a priority. Related to the functions results supported that maybe leading is most important. Particularly, including motivation and supporting employees.

- 1-37 *Are you surprised at what Google found out about "building a better boss?" Explain your answer.*

Students' answers will vary.

1-38 *What's the difference between encouraging managers to be great managers and knowing what being a great manager involves?*

Knowing what the specific expectations are will help managers develop their skills in areas where they are weak. It also allows organizations to train managers on the specific skill sets needed to provide employees with the support they need.

1-39 *What could other companies learn from Google's experiences?*

Students' answers will vary but one of the big things other companies could learn is that having clear definitions of what their expectations are will help people be better at their jobs. Those definitions will also help the organization and the managers identify areas of weakness for improvement.

1-40 *Would you want to work for a company like Google? Why or why not?*

Students' answers will vary.

Case Application 3: Saving the World: Part 2

Continuing the introduction to Chapter 1, we see the challenge facing Symantec's employees. The task of tracking and finding ways to eliminate computer viruses can be never ending. With employees around the globe, this company must balance out the incredible workload of cataloging viruses, writing codes, and the danger of burning out employees.

Discussion Questions

1-41 *Keeping professionals excited about work that can be routine, standardized, and chaotic is a major challenge for Symantec's managers. How could he use technical, human, and conceptual skills to maintain an environment that encourages innovation and professionalism among the virus hunters?*

While some elements of job requirements (and motivation), depend on an employee level in the organization and the industry, here are some general comments. Technical skills are job-specific knowledge and techniques needed to proficiently perform specific tasks. Finding employees who have the diverse and highly refined technical skills needed by Symantec, challenges managers to recruit individuals from around the globe. As he says, "If you find them in any part of the world, you just go after them." Using human skills, including strong communication skills and understanding of different cultures, managers creates a work environment where employees respect and trust management and one another. This trust facilitates the teamwork needed to solve problems and produce innovative products. The conceptual skills needed by every manager can be used by managers to envision the "big picture" for Symantec and influence and empower his

employees to follow the organization’s mission. As he leads by example, managers foster both innovation and professionalism among the virus hunters at Symantec.

- 1-42 *What management roles would operations manager Patrick Fitzgerald be playing as he (a) had weekly security briefing conference calls with coworkers around the globe, (b) assessed the feasibility of adding a new network security consulting service, (c) kept employees focused on the company’s commitments to customers?*

Mintzberg’s ten managerial roles are broadly grouped into three categories: interpersonal, informational, and decisional. As he conducts weekly conference calls with employees around the globe, Mr. Fitzgerald plays the information role of disseminator, which is essential in coordinating work activities among employees who work in international locations. When Vincent assesses the feasibility of adding a new network security consulting service, he performs the decisional roles of entrepreneur and resource allocator. Keeping employees focused on the company’s commitments to customers involves the interpersonal roles of figurehead, leader, and liaison. His effectiveness in playing interpersonal roles is a key determinant of Vincent’s ability to motivate his employees to achieve company goals in a dynamic industry.

- 1-43 *Go to Symantec’s Web site [www.symantec.com] and look up information about the company. What can you tell about its emphasis on customer service and innovation? In what ways does the organization support its employees in servicing customers and in being innovative?*

Visiting Symantec’s Web site, students can clearly see that Symantec is focused primarily on the customer. The “Corporate Responsibility” link highlights the company’s belief in the importance of customer service and innovation by first stating: “We are customer driven; we earn trust; we innovate; we take action.” Named one of the “100 Best Corporate Citizens” by *Business Ethics* magazine for five consecutive years, Symantec demonstrates its commitment to customers, employees, and to other stakeholders through responsible business practices. The company presents its annual Visionary Awards to Symantec customers around the world in recognition of their application of technology to minimize IT risk and achieve major organizational goals. Symantec’s dedication to its employees is evidenced by the atmosphere of trust and empowerment and the company’s inclusion in *Fortune* magazine’s “Best Companies to Work For.”

- 1-44 *What could other managers learn from Patrick Fitzgerald and Symantec’s approach?*

Both managers of goods-producing companies and managers of services organizations could benefit from emulating Symantec’s example of commitment to diversity and an inclusive work environment. The strength gained by the company through the diversity of over 15,500 employees around the globe is reflected in a statement on the corporate Web site: “Our diversity is our greatest strength and is a business imperative tied directly to our bottom line.” Other managers could learn the value of innovation and a strong emphasis on people as a key to organizational success.