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Chapter 1

Information Technology

Introduction

Nowadays, Information Technology (IT) has become a major facilitator of all business activities. It is a catalyst of fundamental changes in the structure, operations and management of organizations. It has also become a vital component of all successful business organizations.

IT can be used to perform high speed, high volume, numeric computations. It provides fast and accurate communication within and between organizations. Automation of several business processes and other tasks done manually is made possible by IT.

IT helps an organization to negotiate effectively with the suppliers. Maintaining and improving quality of products and processes in an organization need regular support, vigilance and innovation. In this regard, IT has been used extensively for productivity improvement, reducing inventory and enhancing quality.

Management information system (MIS) and Decision Support System (DSS) have been used to help management in decision making process.

Internet and Intranet help an organization in changing its business process to reduce cycle time and time taken to market a product. Information is easily made available to employees in different levels of activities which gives ample independence to the employees in decision making process.

Definitions of Information and Information Technology

Definition of Information

Information may be defined as "the finished product for which data is the raw material". It is also defined as "data that have been put into a meaningful and useful context and communicated to a recipient who uses it to make decisions".

Information involves the communication and reception of intelligence or knowledge. Information must be received by the recipient within the required timeframe and the information must be free from errors. The technology plays an important role in delivering timely and error free information to its recipients.