Just-in-Time (JIT)

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Definition

Just-in-Time or JIT is a production strategy of buying materials as needed for production; therefore storage space will be saved within the company.

History

JIT originated in Japan. Its introduction as a recognised **technique/philosophy/way of working** is generally associated with the Toyota motor company. JIT is very much a mindset/way of looking at a production system that is distinctly different from what (traditionally) had been done previous to its conception.

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JIT gained global prominence in the 1970s

Important Person

Within Toyota Taiichi Ohno is most commonly credited as the father/originator of this way of working. The beginnings of this production system are rooted in the historical situation that Toyota faced.

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- Improving Delivery
- Improving Quality
- Reducing Cost
- Adding Flexibility
- Improving Performance
- Increase Innovativeness

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