

CHAPTER 1	MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT
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LEARNING OUTCOMES

After reading this chapter, students should be able to:

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

Management Myth
<p>MYTH: Only those who want to be managers need to take a course in management.</p> <p>TRUTH: Anyone who works in an organization—not just managers—can gain insight into how organizations work and the behaviors of their boss and coworkers by taking a course in management.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Teaching Tips:</p> <p>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?</p>

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

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 Nonmanagerial Employees?

1. Organizational members fit into two categories: nonmanagerial employees and managers.
 - a) **Nonmanagerial 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 nonmanagerial employees and lower-level managers.
 - 2) See Exhibit 1-2.
 - 3) Some managers also have nonmanagerial 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 nonmanagerial 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 nonmanagerial 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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

III. WHAT DO MANAGERS DO?

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 1-4; planning, organizing, leading, and controlling.
- 2. These processes are interrelated as well as interdependent.
- 3. Planning encompasses defining an organization's goals, establishing an overall strategy for achieving those goals, and developing plans to coordinate activities.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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, and resolving conflicts.
- 6. 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.

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.

- a) These ten roles are shown in Exhibit 1-5.
- b) They are grouped under three primary headings:
 - 1) Interpersonal roles – figurehead, leader, liaison
 - 2) Informational roles – spokesperson, disseminator, monitor
 - 3) Decisional roles – entrepreneur, disturbance handler, resource allocator, negotiator

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.

E. 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 1-6.
 - 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.
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 3, 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.

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 the foundation 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, a changing workforce, changing technology, and global economic uncertainties.
- 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.

A Question of Ethics

Twenty-six percent of new managers feel they're unprepared to transition into management roles. Fifty-eight percent of new managers don't receive any training to help them make the transition. Forty-eight percent of first-time managers fail in that transition.

Moving to a management position isn't easy, as these statistics indicate. *If your professor has assigned this, go to the Assignments section of mymanagementlab.com to complete these discussion questions.*

Questions for students to consider:

- Does an organization have an ethical responsibility to assist its new managers in their new positions? Why or why not?
- What could organizations do to make this transition easier?

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, 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 the organization 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 the 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. Research also shows that talented managers contribute about 48 percent higher profit to their companies than do average managers. Another study found that when a poor manager was replaced by a talented one, employee productivity increases by 12 percent.

REVIEW AND APPLICATIONS

CHAPTER SUMMARY

- 1-1 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.
- 1-2 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.
- 1-3 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.

- 1-4 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 that in your career, the reality is that 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.
- 1-5 Describe the factors that are reshaping and redefining management.** In today's world, managers are dealing with changing workplaces, a changing workforce, global economic and political uncertainties, and changing technology. Four areas of critical importance to managers are delivering high-quality customer service, encouraging innovative efforts, using social media efficiently and effectively, and recognizing how sustainability contributes to an organization's effectiveness.

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.

1-2 Duties define the manager. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Discuss the role of managers.

Answer: Duties define the manager. Managers are individuals in an organization who direct and oversee the activities of other people in the organization so organizational goals can be accomplished. A manager's job isn't about personal achievement—it's about helping *others* do their work. That may mean coordinating the work of a departmental group, leading an entire organization, or supervising a single person.

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 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, 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 Are there any differences between the managerial functions in a profit organization and a non-profit organization? Explain.

Answer: For the most part, there are no differences between them. All managers make decisions, set goals, 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. Of course, the most important difference between the two is how performance is measured. Profit—the “bottom line”—is an unambiguous measure of a business organization's effectiveness. Not-for-profit organizations don't have such a universal measure, which makes performance measurement more difficult. Not-for-profits still need money to continue operating. The challenge here for the manager is to ensure clear and accurate measurements of their success criteria.

1-5 Using any of the popular business periodicals (such as *Bloomberg 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 Consider your local greengrocer. Discuss how managers of such small businesses can adopt Mintzberg's ten managerial roles to run their business.

Answer: Small businesses are run by managers who adopt Mintzberg's ten managerial roles to sustain their competitiveness. These managers understand that they may need to take onboard more than one or all roles. These include interpersonal role consisting of the figurehead, the leader, and the liaison, informational roles consisting of the monitor, the disseminator, and the spokesperson, and decisional roles consisting of the entrepreneur, the disturbance handler, the resource locator, and the negotiator.

1-7 Business is changing over time, which requires management methods to evolve. What are the factors that contribute to management changes?

Answer: Managers are dealing with changing workplaces, changing technology, and global uncertainties. For example, many employees in the United States are from all over the world, embracing many religions, ethnicities, nationalities, cultures, and languages. Employees vary on the basis of gender, age, the level of education, level of technical skill, physical abilities, level of competence, and work location. These changes force management to change in different ways. We also have the information technology changing the way business is managed; however, the increased interconnectivity of computers, smartphone devices and networks also brings managerial challenges on securing data and supervising staff. Work can be sent offshore, which means unfinished work in one geographical region can be sent to another geographical region, requiring knowledge of other customs & cultures.

Finally, it is important to consider that the world is increasingly growing interdependent on each other, and an event in one part of the world can cause a ripple effect in the other parts. For example, we see the strengthening US Dollar in March 2015 lead to a tumbling of the values in many ASEAN currencies, and this in turn led to the Chinese Yuan being revalued some months later. This can cause uncertainties in the export/import business. These global uncertainties mean managers must be able to adapt their methods of running their business to keep up with a changing business environment.

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

Answer: This item can be assigned as a Discussion Question in MyManagementLab. Student responses will vary.

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 nonmanagerial 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.

MyManagementLab

Students can find the following assisted-graded writing questions at mymanagementlab.com. Answers to these questions are graded against rubrics in the MyLab.

1-10 *Do all organizations need managers? Explain.*

1-11 *Explain how the 4 functions approach is better than the roles approach and the skills and competencies approach for describing what managers do.*

Management Skill Builder: Becoming Politically Adept

If you want to succeed as a manager, it helps to be 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. A person's political skill is determined by (1) his or her networking ability, (2) interpersonal influence, (3) social astuteness, and (4) apparent sincerity.

Personal Inventory Assessment: Using Influence Strategies

Take a look at how well you use influence strategies. This PIA will help you determine how skillfully you do that and what you need to work on.

Skill Basics

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

- Develop your networking ability.
- Work on gaining interpersonal influence.
- Develop your social astuteness.
- Be sincere.

Practicing the Skill

Take each of the components of political skill and spend one week working on it as you navigate your school life and work life. Keep a brief set of notes describing your experiences—good and bad. Were you able to begin developing a network of people you could rely on or connect with for school or work commitments? How did you try to become better at influencing those around you? Did you work at communicating better or at developing a good rapport with coworkers or class project team members? Did you work at developing your social astuteness, maybe by starting to recognize and interpret people's facial expressions and the meaning behind those expressions? Did you make a conscious effort to be more sincere in your relationships with others, especially those that are not close friends? What could you have done differently to be more politically skilled? Once you begin to recognize what's involved with political skills, you should find yourself becoming more connected and better able to influence others – that is, more politically adept.

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. One certification program is the Certified Professional Manager. Please research the program and prepare a bulleted list of what it involves. Keep your report to one page, typed.

Teaching Tip:

One place to start looking for management skills is in 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. On this Web site, students can look at the Occupational Outlook that breaks demand and skill requirements for each major job in the U.S. 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: Managing Without Managers

Discussion Questions

1-13 Who undertakes management at Spotify?

Although there is very little in the way of formal management structures at Spotify, it could be argued that every individual undertakes some form of management in order to keep the organization and the teams within it working effectively. This self and peer management means that individuals remain on task and work towards the goals and aims of the team.

1-14 How could Spotify manage poor performing individuals or teams? Do you think this is a problem at Spotify? Why or why not?

Although it is unlikely to have poor performing individuals at Spotify due to the freedom allowed by the organization to work on project that interest individuals, there may of course be instances where this is an issue. In more mediocre instances, it may be that the peer management environment of the squad and the wider tribe is able to deal with an individual who is not performing as expected or required. If a more serious issue is identified, this would need to be dealt with by the official management structure within the chapter structures that holds greater power over employees.

1-15 Are there any similarities to traditional management at Spotify?

The management structure and roles within Spotify are somewhat similar to that of organization operating using a matrix structure. Although Spotify does try to minimize the amount of traditional management roles, it has acknowledged the need for them in certain areas and circumstances; hence, there is still a link to traditional management roles.

1-16 Do you think that this approach to management would be effective within another company?

It could be suggested that in a smaller organization this type of management could be used effectively if the team members had a similar self-motivated attitude. In contrast, within a larger organization, with more team members there would be a greater need for management control in order to ensure that organizational goals were met. Therefore, it could be assumed that this type of management may only be effective in highly motivated small or medium-sized organizations.

Case Application 2: Building a Better Boss

Discussion Questions

1-17 Describe the findings of Project Oxygen using the functions approach, Mintzberg's roles approach, and the skills approach.

This item can be assigned as a Discussion Question in MyManagementLab. Student responses will vary.

1-18 Are you surprised at what Google found out about "building a better boss?" Explain your answer.

This item can be assigned as a Discussion Question in MyManagementLab. Student responses will vary.

1-19 What's the difference between encouraging managers to be great managers and knowing what being a great manager involves?

This item can be assigned as a Discussion Question in MyManagementLab. Student responses will vary.

1-20 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 to be better at their jobs. Those definitions will also help the organization and the managers identify areas of weakness for improvement.

1-21 Would you want to work for a company like Google? Why or why not?
Students' answers will vary.

Case Application 3: Saving the World

Discussion Questions

1-22 Keeping professionals excited about work that can be routine, standardized, and chaotic is a major challenge for Symantec's managers. How could they use technical, human, and conceptual skills to maintain an environment that encourages innovation and professionalism among the virus hunters?

This item can be assigned as a Discussion Question in MyManagementLab. Student responses will vary.

- 1-23 *What managerial competencies might be important for these managers and why are these important?*

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- 1-24 *What management roles would operations manager Patrick Fitzgerald be playing as he (a) held weekly security briefing conference calls with coworkers around the globe, (b) assessed the feasibility of adding a new network security consulting service, and (c) kept employees focused on the company's commitments to customers?*

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- 1-25 *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?*

Answer: Visiting Symantec's Web site, students can clearly see that Symantec is focused primarily on the customer. The "Enterprise" link highlights the company's belief in the importance of customer service and innovation by first stating: "Customer driven is a Symantec core value and a priority at every level of the company, from executives to individual contributors." The company has a dedicated Customer Experience team to help ensure that it meets its goal of creating customers for life. In the past, Symantec has been named one of the "100 Best Corporate Citizens" by *Business Ethics* magazine, demonstrating its commitment to customers, employees, and to other stakeholders through responsible business practices. The company also 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."