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Session 1.

Managing information and workflow in the label and package printing industry

- > The evolution and growth of MIS
- > Defining a management information system
- > Key elements in today's MIS and workflow automation
- > The automated label production plant of tomorrow



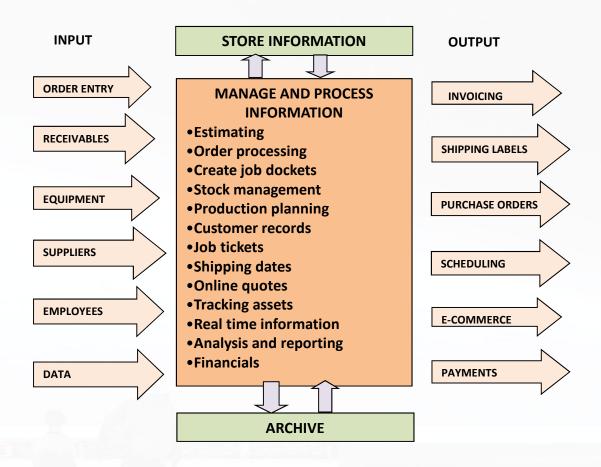
MIS and Workflow Automation

Evolution and growth of MIS

- Software to better manage a label, carton or package printing plant was emerging in the late 1970s/early 1980s
- Dedicated software for costing and estimating in label plants appeared in the early 1980s
- This became integrated with software for invoicing, shipping data and label generation
- Dedicated label and carton software development companies were evolving in the mid- to late 1980s and in to the 1990s
- Many of the pioneering early software companies now absorbed into large organizations and groups during the 2000s
- Today, MIS is a sophisticated tool to collect, assemble and accumulate information, facts and figures covering all the important business process and steps, then record, process and route that data to where in the business it is needed.



What information does an MIS need to capture (input data), store and/or archive, and what needs to be delivered (output)?





The range of input, processing and output steps can be expanded to perform an ever increasing range of operations related to the management of the business

INPUT

PROCESSING

OUTPUT

Customer information

Supplier information

Request for quote

Product description

Sales Order

Order changes

Materials information

Purchase order

Confirmation

Receivables

Purchases invoices

Employees/equipment

Imports from accounts

Data

Estimating

Management of product

information and

approval cycle

Order processing

Production job creation

Production scheduling

Stock/inventory

movements/changes

Shop floor data

Tools management

Manage/organize

packing and shipping

Costing/Invoicing

Month or job end closing

Quotes and contracts

Sales order

Confirmations

Works instructions:

-Per job

-Per function

-Per production

Purchase orders

Scheduling

Identification labels

Shipping notes

Invoice

Analysis and reporting

E-information

Export to accounts



Categories of a Management Information System operation

A good management information system can be divided into a number of categories

Transaction processing.

Handle all routine and recurring transactions (invoicing, payments, payroll, inventory, etc.)

Operational information processing

Gather information, organize information and present information in a format useful for managing the business

Decision supporting information

Provide and support information necessary to make informed management decisions

Problem solving

Use information to recognize, formulate and solve problems



Why invest in a Management Information System?

To end up with a single The overall aim system that is able to with a good manage the entire business management To streamline the information administration process system should and reduce costs **To** eliminate errors from be: the re-entry of data **To** minimize personnel.



A good MIS will provide a streamlined and seamless administration process of jobs through a label or package printing plant

MIS WORKFLOW

ESTIMATING

ORDER PROCESSING PRODUCTION SCHEDULING

INVENTORY CONTROL

QUALITY CONTROL

COSTING

ACCOUNTING



Can significant benefits be obtained with an Management Information System?

Key benefits that can be achieved with a good MIS include:

- The ability to identify the company's strengths and weaknesses through reports, sales and production records, etc., and so enable the company to make improvements
- The ability to provide an overall picture of the company and the way it operates
- The opportunity to improve decision making and speed up actions
- The capability to better manage customer information and target sales, marketing and promotional activities
- The ability to gain a competitive advantage when compared with other label or package printing businesses.



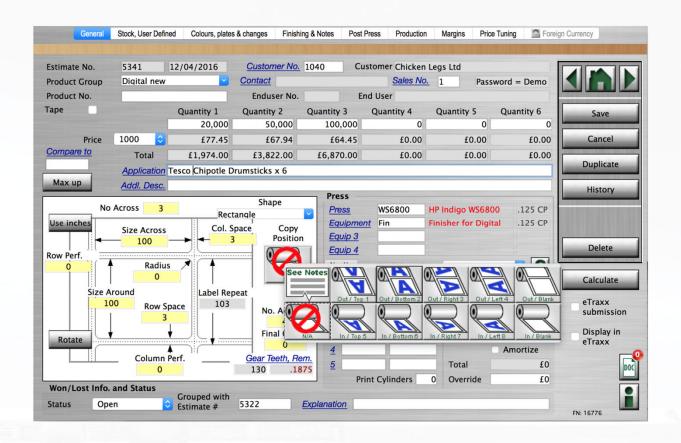
What are the most common operations and functions used in a modern MIS and workflow automation system?

MANAGE AND PROCESS INFORMATION

- Estimating
- Order processing
- Create job dockets
- Stock management
- Production planning
- Customer records
- Job tickets
- Shipping dates
- Online quotes
- Tracking assets
- •Real time information
- Analysis and reporting
- Financials

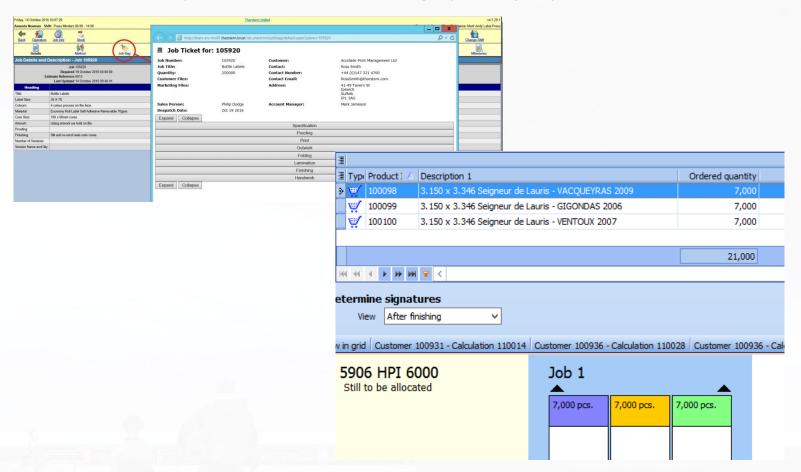


Accurate and fast estimating is an essential element of any business management system



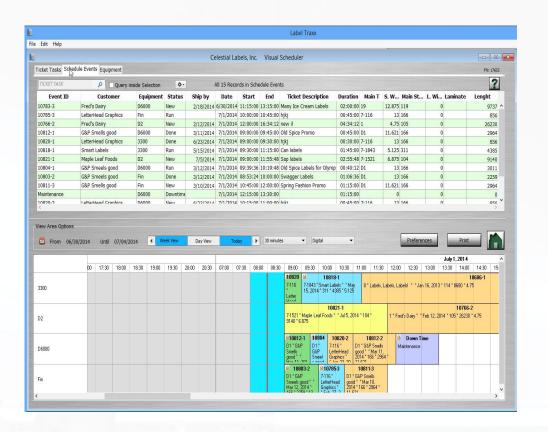


Order processing software should accurately convert the estimate into the production order, creating a job bag or job ticket



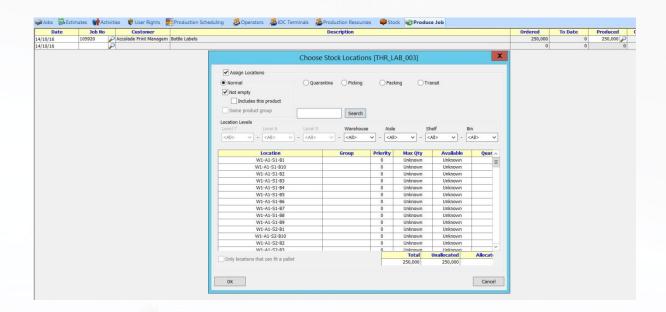


Production scheduling needs to provide full visibility of machine capacity and offer detailed scheduling of each production step





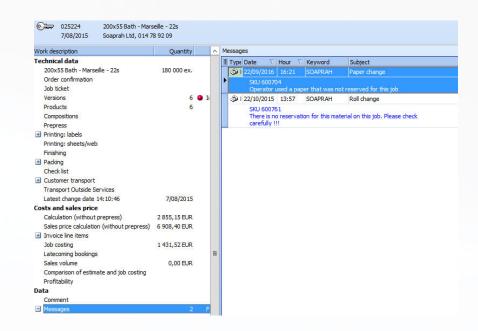
Efficient raw materials inventory and stock management ensures materials are always available to fulfill orders, to show stock held and know where it is





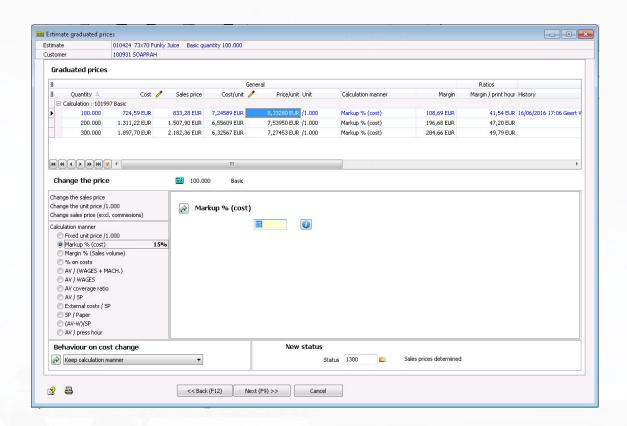
Quality performance, accreditation, or compliance control - including complaints procedures - has become an important element in the management of label or package printing production information

- IS 9000
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
- Certificate of Compliance (CoC)
- BRC Global Standards
- Statistical Process Control (SPC)
- Total QualityManagement (TQM)



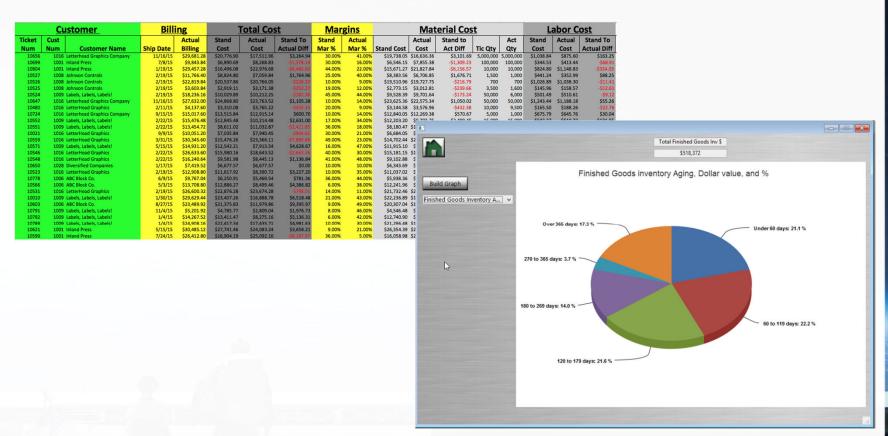


The importance of cost allocation, shop floor data collection, accurate job costing, job cost reports, and monitoring of additional costs





Accounting is at the heart of an MIS, producing financial reports, profit and loss data, finished goods inventory, critical business data and key business performance indicators – including dashboards









The automated label production plant of tomorrow



Customer places order

Electronic Printer MIS Data system Interchange

Origination and pre-press integration

Conventional or digital press with automated set-up & color management automation

Inspection and finishing line

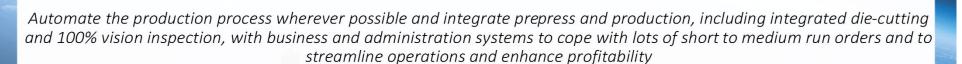
Admin MIS collects initiated all data

Shipping

Invoice Customer using receives job EDI and pays invoice

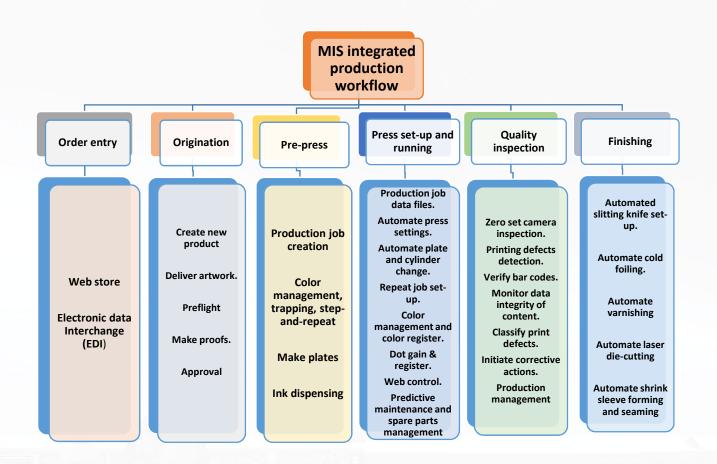


Human-free label production from customer's EDI input order through to job delivery and EDI invoice





Looking to the future – automated MIS integrated production workflow





Job management and workflow automation of tomorrow in the Automation Arena

