The Science behind TGO

- Lean redesigned for the printing and packaging industry
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About this Presentation

This presentation summarizes the culmination of over thirty years of my research, development, and education into the Theory of Global Optimization and its application in a printing and packaging industry. Each major topic in this presentation—Workflow is taught in lectures.

As the creator of both the theory and its unique tool, PrintFlow Dynamic Scheduling, I continue in my mission in advancing intelligent automation and TGO to guide the print industry to greater profitability.

Changing World = Big Challenges

- Tough economic time – changing world economy
- Tough customer demand - more competition for marketing spend
- Shorter lead times
- More setups/make-readies
- Shorter runs – must manage many more jobs for the same revenue
- Lower prices, higher costs
- Increased variety and complexity of products being produced
- Continuous improvement cost
- Processes changing - analog decreasing, digital increasing
- New management challenges

Bottom line: We are challenged to maintain profitability

New Technology

- Automated equipment alone does not ensure profit growth.
- Digital processes are faster but harder to manage.
- CIM and JDF provide a strong foundation for process improvement but also introduce new (often hidden) constraints.
The Theory of Global Optimization

Why I decided to develop TGO:

- To help the printing industry become more efficient and profitable
- Because most previous automation projects had failed
- We needed a guiding principle for software development
- The industry was ready for something new and exciting
- Other theories and practices lacked printing industry focus
- To be successful in our goal to provide the ultimate tool set for our clients, we needed to identify and attack any industry practices and myths that erode performance and profitability

Evolution of Business Strategies

Lean focuses on eliminating waste and reduced cycle time. TOC focuses on system constraints.

Comparing Theories

Neither has a printing industry (job shop) focus...
Neither focuses on the global view.
Neither focuses on Global Optimization.
Neither has embedded their theories in a practical, successful software product.
Profit Battle: Lean vs. TGO

While many attempted to wedge Lean into the printing industry, one team recognized its limitations and shortcomings and looked for a better mousetrap.

LEAN
Wedge

TGO
Global Visibility & Control

Comparison -Lean -TOC -TGO

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<td>TOC recognizes one primary constraint that is fixed, or made permanent for a period, allowing you to place large buffers in front of it.</td>
<td>TGO recognizes that the workflow has more than one constraint and that the optimization can be constantly a process for monitoring, identifying and addressing constraints in a fluid system.</td>
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The Theory of Global Optimization

1. A manufacturing operation is a chain of interdependent links...

2. Only a few constraints control the throughput, on-time delivery, and cost of the entire printing operation.

3. Identify and remove the constraints, and you increase throughput and profits.

By optimizing production, you produce greater throughput and profits.
What is TGO?

The Theory of Global Optimization (TGO):
The science of leveraging “smart” software to optimize workflows from acquisition through management, prep, production, delivery and analysis. TGO promotes:

• Acting according to the global view of the company.
• Change companies culture in every area
• Optimizing and synchronizing all areas of your business.
• Identifying and resolving weak links and constraints.
• Improving “real-time” communication and data sharing/analysis to address real-world challenges before they negatively impact your bottom line.

Integration, Automation and Smart Software

The TGO process improvement strategy identifies the constraints in a system and focuses resources on the elimination or control of the constraints to improve efficiency and throughput.

This process control is critical to the success of the end-to-end management and production workflow, allowing for the delivery of integrated, automated systems that leverage smart software for constraint management in all phases of acquisition, management and production.

By identifying the constraints up front, the impact of those constraints are minimized, resulting in better processes, better capacity utilization, higher throughput and improved profitability.

Building Blocks of TGO

Applying all of these Company-wide

Teamwork

Managing/maximizing Capacity/Smart Scheduling

Leveraging Objective Indicators

End-to-end Continuous Improvement

Being Intentionally Proactive, Not Reactive

Global View - Global Thinking

Identifying and Focusing on Constraints

Synchronization & Optimization

Throughput + Bottleneck Management

Making TGO Part of your Business Culture

TGO is unique in that it is the only business development strategy supported by a foundation of smart software.
Myth or Fact

**The customer comes first.**

Myth

There must be a realization that adjustments to accommodate one customer will almost always impact many customers and overall profit performance.

Fact

The wider perspective of the plant should prevail over the narrower focus of a single job, cost center, or customer.

Myth or Fact

**Greater productivity and efficiency in a cost center equals more throughput and higher profits.**

Myth

Higher efficiency or productivity in individual cost centers does not necessarily lead to higher profits.

Fact

Equipment speed only translates to profitability when the impact of its performance can be carried throughout the production process.

Myth or Fact

**Bottlenecks hinder profitability, they create waste and slow down throughput.**

Myth

Bottlenecks are good for your company, as long as they do not become constraints... we call them queues.

Fact

There are over 40 myths addressed by TGO. The TAGA TGO whitepaper details a number of them.
Real World Success with TGO

James Pilcher  
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Director of Operations  
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Real World Success with TGO

I have known Udi Arieli since 2007. He has long been a proponent for both this industry and manufacturing optimization.

We have implemented TGO throughout our operation through the use of PrintFlow.

Our experience here at Freeport has been phenomenal. Our business continues to grow, our margins continue to increase, our productivity in our entire operation continues to improve - all this in what many consider to be some of the most challenging times in history for the printing industry.

Thank you, Udi

Real World Success with TGO

I preach TGO all the time

TGO is no longer a theory but with PrintFlow has become a true scientific method.

If you can understand TGO and deploy it, you can change any company.

TGO has challenged me to think beyond the norm.

Udi and TGO were probably some of the most important influences in my life.

It has allowed me to help my company grow almost forty percent in two years.

Real World Success with TGO

J.S. McCarthy Printers; New England commercial printer focused on service, technical innovations, and superior quality of product

"Having known Udi for more than 30 years, it still amazes me how he is always open and thinking about anything that will improve production process and has never stopped thinking outside the box!"

"While the rest of us get drawn into the day-to-day details, he is an invaluable constant presence in the printing industry, drawing us back to thinking of the global view and TGO."

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