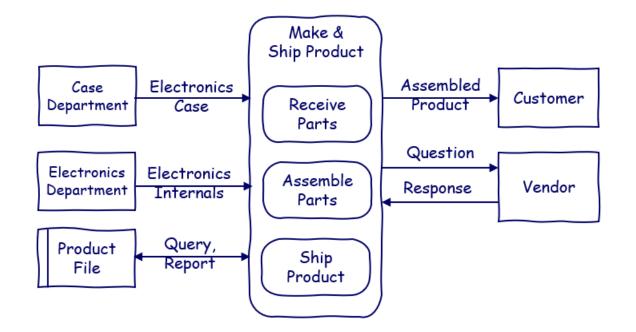


"How to Map a Job" Training

"Standard Method" Mapping Guidelines – Part 1





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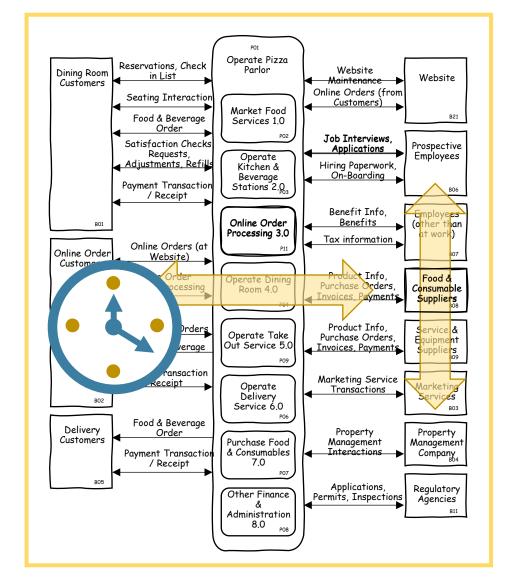


Map Part Positioning



Left and right side, top and bottom, and alignment of arrows is all up to you

- Left side and right side have no particular meaning, unless you choose one
 - For example, suppliers on the left, customer on the right
- Top and bottom have no particular meaning
 - Although putting "important" parts near the top can be useful
- Suggestion: these choices can slow you down when you are first getting knowledge onto paper
 - So consider waiting for a redrawing of the map to make such adjustments
- Also: getting the side parts and arrows to line up with the sub-processes is not important (so don't spend time on that)



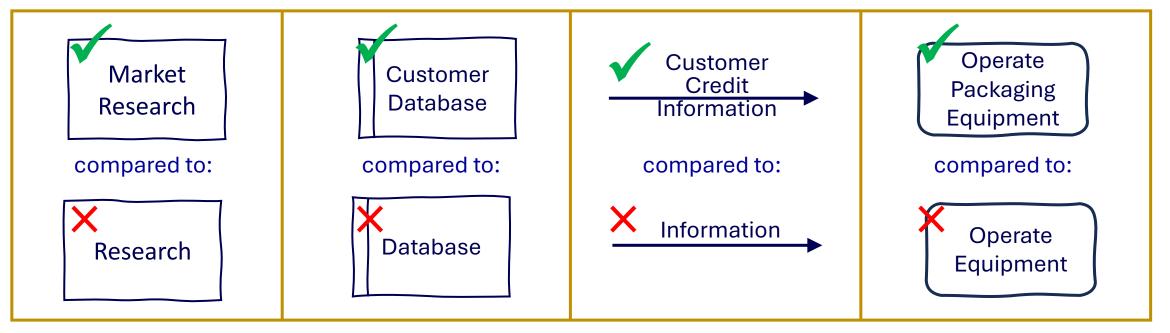
Map Part Labeling



Map Part Labeling – Be Specific

- The graphic parts need text labels to tell the whole story
 - For yourself to remember and for sharing with other people

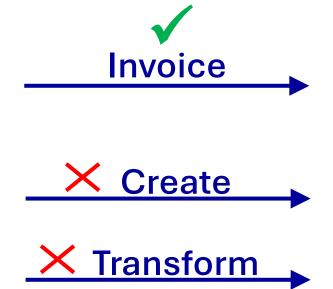
Be specific in labeling map parts (so you don't need to remember or explain as you move forward)



- There is only so much space for labels, yet there is enough space if labels are chosen carefully
- When possible, labels should convey enough information that understanding is immediate

Map Parts: Guidelines for Labeling Flow arrows

- Flow arrows represent <u>the movement "stuff"</u> or "content" (information, money, goods, simple actions, etc.)
 - So an *important* guideline is to labels flows with the names of the stuff that is being moved
- Flows do not <u>change</u> the things that they move.
 Flows only <u>move</u> things from place to place.
 - So an important guideline is <u>Do NOT label flows with</u> <u>activities that create or modify things</u>
- Flows only mean, "this content goes from here to there."
 - So an important guideline is <u>Do NOT use flow arrows</u> <u>to mean "do this next"</u> or "go to next step"







Having said that

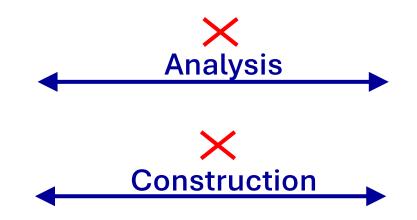
Flows can be labeled with <u>complex exchanges, or "bundles" of interactions</u>, for example:



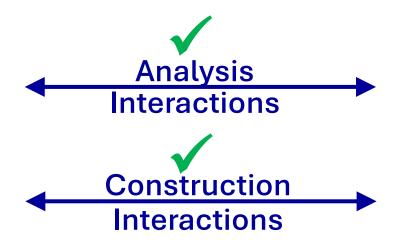


Having said that (continued)

- Flow labels can <u>imply</u> complex activities between map parts
 - if you can add the word "interactions" to the label and it still makes sense
 - "Analysis" and "Construction" DO NOT go back and forth between map parts

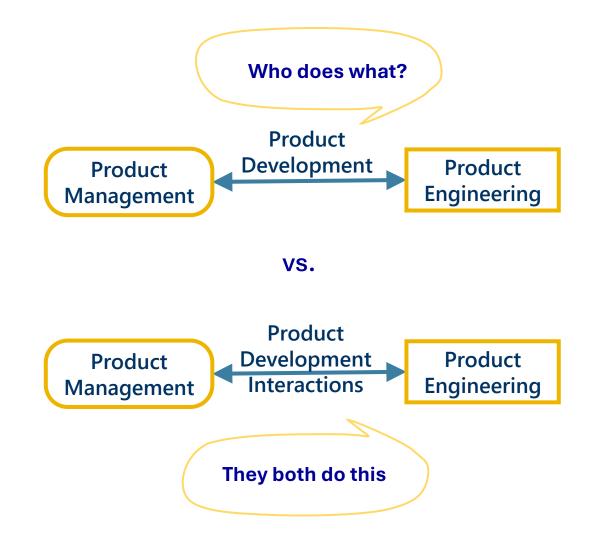


"Analysis and Construction <u>Interactions</u>"
 DO go back and forth between map parts



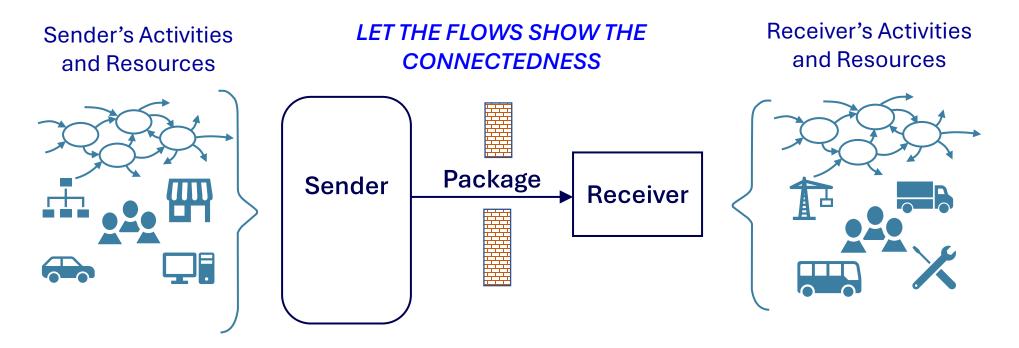
Map Parts: The importance of Flow Labels

- A key value of Flows is that they both *separate AND connect* the elements of the activity
- Flows help to define who is responsible for what, and what part of the work happens where
- If a Flow is labeled with the name of an activity, it leaves a question about who is responsible for the activity
- It also raises the question of what actually goes back and forth on the arrow
- Every such question takes attention away from learning about the job that is being mapped



A Key Guideline in Using Boundaries

 The key to using and labeling Boundaries is to imagine that Boundaries are COMPLETELY SEPARATE* from the Central Process (like a brick wall is between them)



 * a person or resource can be in both the Central Process and a Boundary if they are playing different roles with different activities



Guidelines for Stores

- Stores should be saved for things that are mostly just for storing and retrieving content or "stuff"
 - There may be some activity around a Store; for example an electronic database



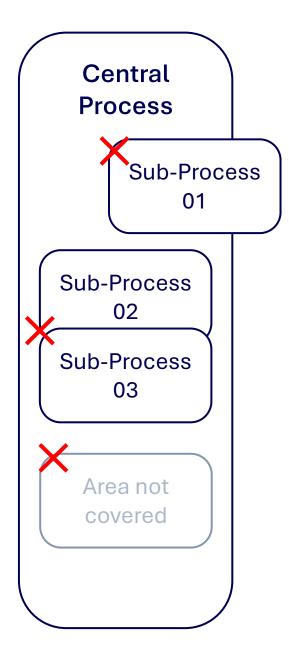
- Other things might be considered Stores OR Boundaries
 - This is flexible, and you can always change them later





Guidelines for Sub-Processes

- Sub-processes should describe activity that is entirely inside the central process
- Sub-process activities should not overlap with each other
- Sub-process activity should cover the entire Central Process
- These guidelines are all controlled by how the Sub-Processes are named
- As "areas of activity", processes always have fuzzy boundaries, so there is always some wiggle room in these guidelines



Map Parts

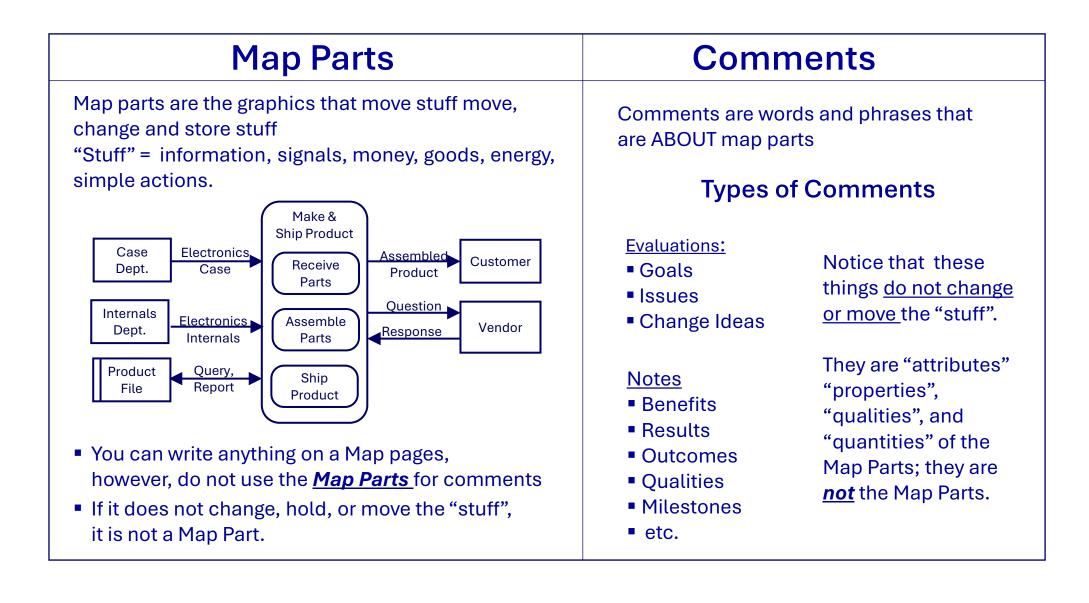
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Comments ABOUT Map Parts

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Two basic types of information in the ActionMap method

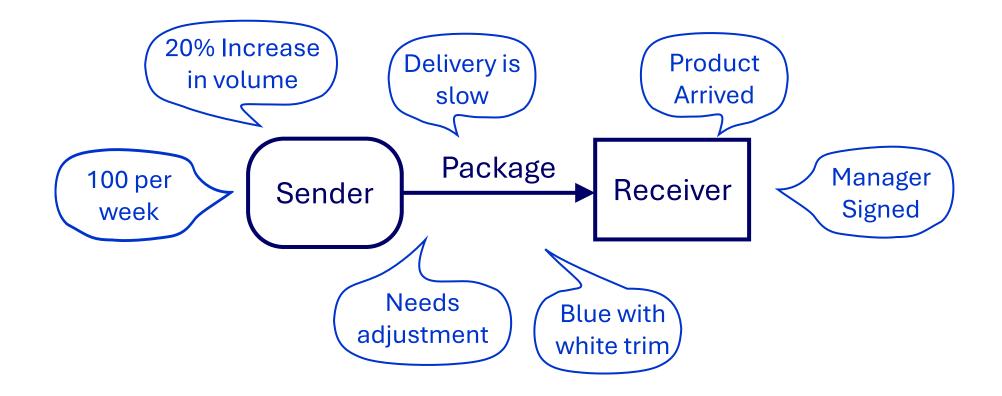


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Examples of Comments versus Map Parts

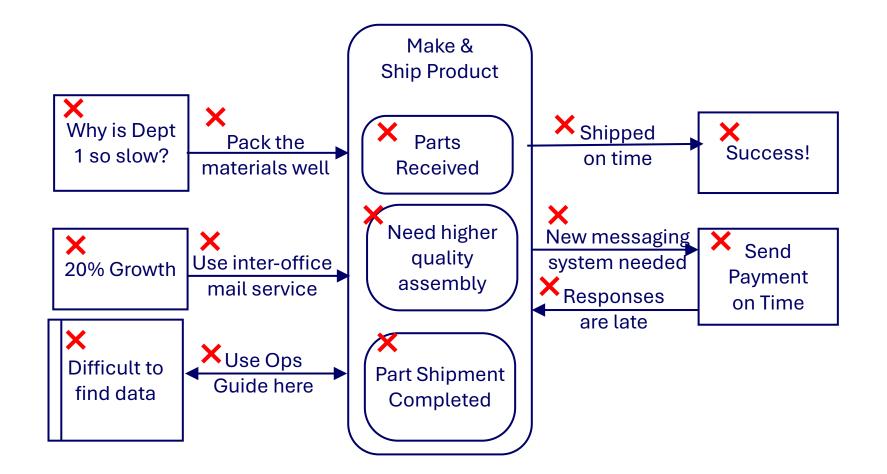
The key is to notice that Comments:

- Are not content or stuff; comments are not moved or changed
- Just sit there: they do not move or change anything
- Examples of comments (that are ABOUT Map Parts)





Some examples of comments incorrectly being used on Map Parts (where comments should <u>NOT</u> be used)



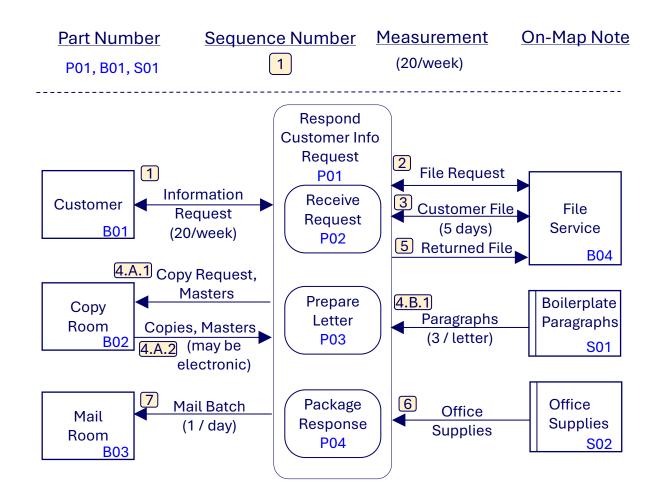


Extra Map Graphics



Examples of extra graphics and notes on a Map

- It can sometimes be useful to add other types of graphics and notes to the Map, as shown in the example here
- Part numbers are optional. However, they can be useful in connecting evaluations to specific Map Parts (more on that in the Core Training - Part 2)
- Sequence numbers are usually not needed for increased understanding of an activity. However they can sometimes be useful in training, detailed analysis and other functions



Thanks for viewing!

