

TRIZ Usage Day-to-Day Overview and Exercise 2008

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TRIZ Activities

- Engineering Program Manager - Intel
 - TRIZ Projects
 - Technical and Business
 - TRIZ Program Development
 - Organization Integration
 - Program Integration (ex. TRIZ and Lean)
 - TRIZ Training
 - Competitive Analysis
- Executive Committee Member - Altshuller Institute for TRIZ Studies
- Consultant - Innomation Corp



Agenda/Overview

1. Communicate 2008 *Organization* TRIZ Usage Objective
2. Summarize Process Towards Achieving Objective
3. Discuss TRIZ Usage Techniques Currently Employed within the *Organization*
4. Capture Focused Brainstorming While Demonstrating One Technique - Drive by Consulting

1. Communicate 2008 *Organizational* TRIZ Usage Objective

- Improve utilization of TRIZ
 - Quantitative – how many people are utilizing the tools?
 - Qualitative – how well are the tools being used?
 - Blending – are we using TRIZ effectively in conjunction with other methods?
 - Lean, HPM, 6 Sigma

Summarize Process Towards Achieving Objective

- Understand where we are:
 - Customer services (i.e., *organization* process engineers)
 - TRIZ practitioner support (support of our L1,2,and 3 practitioners)
 - TRIZ consulting (support of our L1, 2 and 3 consultants)
 - Management Support (does Management support the TRIZ program?)
- Mapping – gather input data
 - Focused brain storming – within this exercise and other
 - Survey – during conference and later of the entire organization's TRIZ population
 - Perception Mapping – business process CEC/9 Screens (TBD)
- Create program profile – organize and understand data
- Program redirection – make program direction decisions
- Implementation – execute any program changes
- Follow-up – did we make the right moves?

Survey

- Need all TRIZ trained (all levels) employees to complete the survey (33 questions)
- Token of Appreciation for Completed Surveys

Utilization of TRIZ Survey - Rev 5

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Instructions: check and annotate as applicable

- a.) If you are trained at the Basic level - 1 (or below) please complete sections **Demographics, General, and Basic Level - 1**
- b.) If you are trained at the Advanced level - 2 please complete sections **Demographics, General, Basic Level - 1, and Advanced Level - 2**
- c.) If you are trained at the Expert level - 3 please complete sections **Demographics, General, Basic Level - 1, Advanced Level - 2, and Expert Level - 3**

Thank you for your time in improving *Org.* utilization of the TRIZ methodology

Demographics (all TRIZ trainees)

1 What is your highest level of education completed?

(check one box only)

- High School
- Technical/Vocational School
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Post Graduate

Discuss TRIZ Usage Techniques Currently Employed in the *Organization*

Consulting Techniques	Methodology Owner	Problem Owner	"Sales" method
Walk-in consulting hours	C	T, B, c	advertising
Consultant owns problem	C	C	self selected
Consultant owns methodology	C	T, B	dept task
TRIZ class consultation	c	c	mandatory
User Group consulting	c	c	selective advertising
Drive by consulting	C	T, B	word of mouth sales

Legend
C = TRIZ consultant - Senior
c = TRIZ consultant - Junior
T = technology expert
B = business process expert

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Technique vs. TRIZ Program Issues

Methodology Problem Addressed	Consulting Technique					
	Walk-in consulting hours	Consultant owns problem	Consultant owns methodology	TRIZ class consultation	User Group consulting	Drive by consulting
Tech/Business owners do not know TRIZ	✓		✓			✓
Eroding TRIZ skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Need focused brainstorming	✓					✓
Little problem solving time	✓			✓		✓
Consultant skills not growing enough		✓	✓			
Need to expose TRIZ to population	✓					✓
Tech/Business owner does not know TRIZ	✓		✓			✓
Tech/Business knowledge needs transferring	✓		✓			✓
TRIZ not know in organization	✓		✓			✓

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	Improving:				
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33	Ease of Operation	18, 13, 34	2, 19, 13	4, 28, 10, 34	32, 26, 12, 17
35	Adaptability or Versatility	35, 10, 14	18, 15, 1	6, 29	15, 29, 37, 28
39	Productivity		28, 10, 29, 35		12, 17, 28, 24

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28	5	17	2	37	1	19	1
10	5	15	2	32	1	14	1
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Electronic voting in elections

B. *Change the concentration or consistency.*

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Ideation – use temporary TRIZ team that is neither customer department based nor TRIZ department based but rather temporarily (“substitutes”) charged to headcount of customer’s department (IT Flex model)

Focused Brain Storming

- Open discussion
 - What problem(s) are we trying to solve?
 - Want TRIZ to be ubiquitous and easy yet it takes knowledge and skills to execute
 - Others?
 - “New” solutions

Comments or Questions?

Back-up

- Consulting Techniques Pros and Cons

Dedicate Consultation Time

- Consultant available during regularly scheduled time slots and at predetermined locations
- Consults to trained and untrained tech owners
- Pros
 - Convenient to “customers”
 - Provides 1:1 learning/sharing
 - Can help with problem solving inertia
 - Great learning for consultants
 - Provides some TRIZ advertising opportunities
 - Supports a wide variety of customers and problem categories
- Cons
 - Wastes a lot of consultants time (slots generally not filled)
 - Better suited to arms length consulting which can slow progress and/or disfavor non-TRIZ trained customers
 - Requires dedicated time from consultants

TRIZ Consultant Owns Analysis of Specific Issue

- Consultant owns problems
- Utilizes technical experts for support
- Pros:
 - Great Usage of TRIZ methodology
 - Consultant skill levels grows
 - Can work with non-TRIZ tech owners
- Cons:
 - Can take time to absorb technical knowledge necessary to complete exercises (functional model, CEC, etc.)
 - Tech owns can feel like they do not own solution
 - Tech owners do not learn as much about TRIZ as they could

TRIZ Consultant Assists w/ Analysis of Specific Issue

- Tech experts own problem
- Utilizes TRIZ consultant for methodology support
- Pros:
 - Problem modeling quickly absorbs correct technical detail
 - Tech owners skill levels grows
- Cons:
 - Requires that tech owners have TRIZ skills
 - Can take time to apply TRIZ methodology (i.e., team problem execution during TRIZ training – can be slow and painful)
 - TRIZ consultant does not feel ownership of problem
 - TRIZ consultants do not grow as much in their execution of methodology

TRIZ Class Consulting

- Tech experts own problem
- Utilizes TRIZ consultant for methodology support
- Pros
 - Dedicated consulting time
 - Provides 1:1 learning/sharing
 - Can help with problem solving inertia
 - Great learning for consultants
 - Tech owners have TRIZ Skills
- Cons:
 - Continued consultation may not be available after the class
 - TRIZ consultant does not feel ownership of problem
 - TRIZ consultants do not grow as much in their execution of methodology

Individual Tool Consulting

- TESE – worked well with IT Innovation Forum in generating new and improved product ideas
- Contradiction Matrix – generated engineering contradictions based on short consult with Auto group and generated valuable 40 Principals list
- Nine Screens – quick and effective business process analysis with HR

Users Groups

- Pros
 - Gathering of TRIZ trained folks
 - Could be dedicated work time
- Cons
 - VF users groups – fell away quickly
 - Informal “local” users group – hit and miss
 - Momentum problems likely due to lack of objectives

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