

A Discussion of Strategies for Six Sigma^{*}

Implementation

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Abstract

Many organizations are implementing Six Sigma (6σ) initiatives to improve organizational performance. This article contains observations on 6σ implementation strategies based on the authors' experiences over the past five years. We discuss commonalities and differences between various strategies initially used to deploy 6σ s. We present three major categories of types of deployment strategies, discuss their strengths and weaknesses, and provide suggestions for improving on any of the strategies.

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