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Case Investigation Employing New Technologies in Management

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Abstract

This case study examines the integration of new technologies into management practices at Nestlé, a manufacturing company. The study evaluates the benefits and challenges of the integration process and provides insights into the impact of new technologies on the company's operations. The data were collected through interviews with key stakeholders involved in the integration process, document analysis, and observation of the company's operations. The data were analyzed using thematic analysis. The study finds that integrating new technologies into management practices has several benefits, including increased efficiency, improved decision-making, and reduced costs. However, the implementation of the systems can also be costly and time-consuming and may face resistance from some employees. The study concludes that organizations need to carefully evaluate the benefits and challenges of integrating new technologies into management practices and implement appropriate measures to ensure the successful implementation of the systems.

Keywords: new technologies, innovation, management practices, organisational decisions, productivity

INTRODUCTION

In the modern corporate environment, technology is an essential component of every company. New technologies have revolutionized the way businesses operate, making it more efficient and effective. Organizations can improve decision-making, increase productivity, and streamline operations by incorporating new technologies into management practices. This case study discusses the integration of new technologies into management practices of a manufacturing company [1].

METHODOLOGY

The case study on integrating new technologies into management practices of Nestle follows a qualitative research design. Qualitative research is appropriate for this case study as it involves an in-depth analysis of a specific phenomenon, that is, the integration of new technologies into management practices. This research design allows for the collection of rich, detailed data on the experiences and perceptions of the participants involved in the study.

The data for this case study was collected through the following methods:

1. *Interviews*: Interviews were conducted with key stakeholders involved in the integration of new technologies into management practices at Nestle. The interviews were semi-structured and allowed for open-ended questions to gather detailed information about the integration process, the challenges faced, and the benefits achieved.

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2. *Document analysis*: Documents such as company reports, memos, and other relevant documents were analyzed to provide context and background information on the company, its operations, and the integration of new technologies into management practices.
3. *Observation*: The researcher conducted observations of the company's operations to gather firsthand information on the implementation of the new technologies and to observe how they were being used in practice.

Thematic analysis was used to examine the data that was gathered using these techniques. Locating and analyzing patterns and themes in the data obtained is the task of thematic analysis. Data were coded into themes and subthemes and then organized into a cohesive narrative as part of the study.

LIMITATIONS

The limitations of this case study include the following:

1. Since only one organization was studied, it may not be applicable to other organizations.
2. The data collected was based on the perceptions and experiences of key stakeholders involved in the integration of new technologies into management practices, which may be subjective.
3. The study used qualitative data, which may have drawbacks in terms of objectivity and generalizability.
4. The study was conducted over a specific period, and the findings may not be applicable in the long term.

Despite these limitations, the study provides valuable insights into the integration of new technologies into management practices and the benefits and challenges that organizations may face in this process.

The Company Nestle is a manufacturing company that specializes in producing high-quality electronic products such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets. The company has been in operation for over a decade, and its products are well-known for their durability, reliability, and affordability [2]. The company has offices all around the world and more than 1,000 employees. The company has been using traditional management practices, and it has realized that it needs to integrate new technologies into its operations to remain competitive in the market [3].

THE CHALLENGE

Nestle has identified several challenges that it faces in its traditional management practices. First, the company has been experiencing challenges in managing its inventory. The manual system used to manage inventory is slow and prone to errors, leading to stockouts or overstocking [4]. Second, the company has been facing challenges in communication and collaboration among its employees, especially those working remotely. Finally, the company has realized that it needs to improve its data analysis and reporting to make informed decisions and monitor its performance.

THE SOLUTION

To address these challenges, Nestle has decided to integrate new technologies into its management practices. The company has identified three technologies that it will use to improve its operations: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, Communication and Collaboration software, and Business Intelligence (BI) software [5].

ERP Software

The ERP software will be used to manage inventory, production, sales, and financial data. The software will help the company automate its inventory management system, reducing errors, and delays in the process [6]. The software will also provide real-time data on inventory levels, enabling the company to avoid stockouts and overstocking. The software will also integrate the company's production and sales processes, enabling the company to monitor its production processes and sales performance [7].

Communication and Collaboration Software

The communication and collaboration software will be used to improve communication and collaboration among the company's employees, especially those working remotely. The initiative will give staff members a platform for information sharing, project collaboration, and real-time communication [8]. The software will also enable the company to hold virtual meetings and training sessions, improving employee engagement and productivity [9].

Business Intelligence Software

The BI software will be used to improve data analysis and reporting. The software will enable the company to monitor its performance in real-time, identify trends, and make informed decisions [10]. The software will also enable the company to generate reports on different aspects of its operations, such as sales performance, inventory levels, and production processes.

Implementation

To implement these technologies, Nestle will need to invest in the software, hardware, and IT infrastructure required to support the systems. Additionally, the business must ensure that its staff members have access to the systems as well as undergo training on how to use the software. The company will also need to integrate the systems with its existing processes and ensure that the systems are compatible with its IT infrastructure [11].

Benefits

Integrating new technologies into management practices will provide several benefits to Nestle. First, the ERP software will help the company automate its inventory management system, reducing errors and delays in the process. This will help the company avoid stockouts and overstocking, reducing costs and improving customer satisfaction. Second, the communication and collaboration software will improve communication and collaboration among the company's employees, leading to improved productivity and engagement. Finally, the BI software will provide the company with real-time data on its operations, enabling the company to make informed decisions and monitor its performance [12].

In addition to these benefits, integrating new technologies into management practices will also help the company remain competitive in the market [13]. By streamlining its operations, the company will be able to reduce costs and improve efficiency, enabling it to offer its products at a competitive price. The company will also be able to improve its customer service, as it will be able to respond to customer needs more quickly and efficiently [14].

Challenges

Despite the benefits of integrating new technologies into management practices, there are also several challenges that the company may face. First, the implementation of the systems may be costly and time-consuming. The company will need to invest in the software, hardware, and IT infrastructure required to support the systems. Additionally, the business will need to train its staff on how to utilize the program, which could cost time and money.

Second, the implementation of the systems may also lead to resistance from some employees who are not familiar with the technology or who may feel threatened by the changes [15]. To make sure that its staff are familiar with the systems, the business must provide sufficient training and assistance.

Last but not least, the business must make sure that the systems are safe and that the data is shielded from unauthorized access. The company will need to implement appropriate security measures, such as firewalls and encryption, to protect its data from cyber threats.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this case study on the integration of new technologies into management practices at Nestle demonstrates the benefits and challenges of implementing new technologies in an organization. According to the report, incorporating new technology into management practices can have a number of advantages, such as enhanced productivity, better decision-making, and lower costs. However, the implementation of the systems can also be costly and time-consuming and may face resistance from some employees.

To ensure the successful implementation of new technologies into management practices, organizations must carefully evaluate the benefits and challenges of the integration process. The organization must also implement appropriate measures to support employees during the transition, including providing training and support to ensure employees are comfortable with the new systems. It is also important to ensure that the systems are secure and that data is protected from unauthorized access. To safeguard its data from online dangers, the organization must install the necessary security measures, such as firewalls and encryption.

The integration of new technologies into management practices can help organizations remain competitive in the market by streamlining its operations, reducing costs, and improving customer service. Therefore, it is essential for organizations to consider implementing new technologies into management practices to enhance their operations and remain competitive in the marketplace.

In conclusion, this case study highlights the importance of carefully evaluating the benefits and challenges of integrating new technologies into management practices and implementing appropriate measures to ensure the successful implementation of the systems. The study provides valuable insights into the impact of new technologies on an organization and how organizations can leverage new technologies to enhance their operations and remain competitive in the market.

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