

Why inventories?

- Economies of Scale
- Supply and Demand Uncertainty
- Volume Discounts/Impending Price Rise
- Long Lead Times and Quick Response to Customer's Demand
- To maintain independence of operations
- To allow flexibility in production scheduling

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Inventory classification	n	
 Classification by form 		
– Raw Materials (RM)		
 Work-in-Process (WIP) 		
 Finished Goods (FG) 		
 Classification by Life cy 	cle	
– Perishable		
– Non-perishable		
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Costs of Inventory							
 Physical holding cost (out-of-pocket) Financial holding cost (opportunity cost) 	•	Holding (or carrying) costs					
Transportation cost							
Ordering costs	•	Fixed costs					
 Low responsiveness to demand/market changes to supply/quality changes 	•	Shortage costs					
Obsolescence	•	Inventory writedown					
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Inventory Policy parameters

- WHEN to order?
- HOW MUCH to order?
- In WHAT FORM? (*RM*, *WIP* or *FG*)
- WHERE TO DEPLOY in the supply chain?

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Single Period Deterministic You have to make a decision on how much to inventory in every period You know how much the demand for the period is going to be What do you do?

Multi Period Deterministic

- · Perpetual inventory system
- Demand for the product is known constant and uniform throughout the period
- Lead time (time from ordering to receipt) is constant
- · Replenishment is instantaneous
- Price per unit of product is constant
- Inventory holding cost is based on average inventory
- · Ordering or setup costs are constant
- All demands for the product will be satisfied (no back orders are allowed)
- · How would the inventory level look like?

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