

## **Location of Information Systems in Organizations**

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### **Abstract**

This is an overview for information systems (IS) managers and strategic planners who want to weigh a variety of factors to manage serious considerations involved in the centralization/decentralization decision concerning IS location in organization. With an explicit focus placed on the appropriate placement of IS in the organizations structure, arguments for centralized and decentralized information applications are presented with recent decisions made by Sony, Joseph A. Bank Clothiers, Rorer Group, McDonald's, Lithonia, Merrill Lynch, and USG Corporations. These recent experiences emphasize the costs and feasibility criteria of successful IS location management and implementation. Without emphasizing either the desirability of a particular mode of design or an optimal level of structure, a contingency approach stresses the realistic constraints and complexities that are important for practical, workable IS location outcomes.

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