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PREFACE

The field of management information systems is positioned at the intersection of the speed, accuracy, and traceability requirements of decision-making processes and the transformation in information technologies. The present study explores the shifts in managerial decision-making that have occurred in response to three major factors. Firstly, the rise in competitive pressure faced by organizations. Secondly, the necessity for management to operate in uncertain environments. And thirdly, the increasing volume of data available to managers. The study finds that these shifts have caused managerial decisions to move away from being based solely on experience and onto a data-driven and analytical foundation. The present volume, entitled *Information Technologies in Managerial Decision-Making: Foundations and Applications*, seeks to furnish the reader with a systematic perspective through both a conceptual framework and current methods and examples by bringing together the theoretical foundations and application areas of information technologies in the context of managerial decision-making with a holistic approach.

The organization and coordination of this book project has been undertaken by the Management Information Systems Association. The Association's coordination role extends beyond the mere facilitation of chapter collaboration; it also encompasses the establishment of an editorial framework that fosters content integrity and scientific standards. This initiative serves to illuminate the current debates, methodological diversity, and interdisciplinary interactions within the field, thereby creating a comprehensive and interconnected framework. In this respect, the work aims to present the knowledge accumulated in the field of management information systems to the reader in a coherent and traceable structure, in line with the Management Information Systems Association's mission of supporting academia-industry-public sector interaction. The book chapters are structured with a narrative that progresses from basic to advanced levels. The initial chapters encompass decision support systems, knowledge management, and business intelligence architectures, elucidating the foundational role of management information systems in decision-making processes. This is followed by a discussion of how decision analytics can be applied in management areas such as supply chain/operations and how open-source decision support approaches can be developed. Subsequently, integrated simulation-modelling approaches for scenario planning and human-computer

interaction design principles are addressed, emphasizing that decision support solutions require not only the “right model” but also “right usage” and “high adoption.” Subsequent sections of the book posit contemporary trends, including the Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled architectures, machine learning and predictive analytics, the integration of generative artificial intelligence (AI) into management information systems (MIS) processes, cognitive computing, and intelligent agents, as technologies that expand the speed and scope of decision-making.

While the discussion focuses on blockchain applications and approaches that strengthen data integrity in modern software architectures in terms of trust, transparency, and integrity, the ethical and legal implications of AI-based MIS solutions are also addressed from a governance perspective. The content analysis of artificial intelligence theses in Turkey provides a meta-level view of the field’s development trajectory, generating evidence-based references for future research agendas. The section on data science toolkits (Python and R) addresses the translation of analytical thinking into operational practice. The sections on augmented/virtual reality applications and emerging trends in management information systems form the groundbreaking conclusion of the work, framing the direction of transformation and possible research/application routes.

In conclusion, this work aims to serve as a solid, application-rich, and up-to-date reference source for academics, graduate students, decision support and analytics teams, and digital transformation leaders working in the field of management information systems. We would like to thank all the authors and stakeholders who contributed to this book, organized and coordinated by the Management Information Systems Association, with the hope that it will strengthen knowledge production in the field, support common terminology and methodological awareness, and make a qualified contribution to the decision technologies ecosystem.

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CHAPTER I

DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS: CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction

Information is a critical element for businesses, and its value depends on how it is used. The success of businesses depends on the quality of the information they produce. The effective use of information in decision-making processes is important (Tripathi, 2011). Today's uncertain and rapidly changing business environment has increased the need for accurate and timely information to support managers' decision-making processes. Advances in information and telecommunications technologies have transformed business activities and led to different types of information systems taking on unique roles in managerial decision-making processes (Ali, 2019). Decision support frameworks and systems have been developed to help managers make informed decisions and maintain control over strategic initiatives (Alojail et al., 2023). Decision Support Systems (DSS) are tools that assist managers and decision-makers in making decisions (Tripathi, 2011), systems that integrate decision-makers' expertise with computer processing power, making decision-making processes more effective and logical. These computer-aided systems are designed to make complex problems easier to solve by generating a variety of management options available to decision makers (Baldessari et al., 2025). DSS is an interactive software system that aims to increase productivity and efficiency, support decision-makers and policy developers in long-term planning, and provide flexibility in interactions with multiple users (Alojail et al., 2023). DSS is designed not to replace managerial decision-makers but to support them,

extend their cognitive capabilities, and give managers the freedom to use their own judgment when necessary (Ginzberg & Stohr, 1982).

The first computer-based decision support initiatives began with Management Information Systems (MIS), developed in the 1960s. MIS are computer-based systems that provide information support for decision-making processes in organizations. These systems, which operate through the integration of human and machine elements, have a structure that collects, stores, and processes data based on the company's database and provides managers with the necessary information (Burstein & Holsapple, 2008). Designed to support management activities and strengthen decision-making processes, MIS uses computer-based data processing to provide information to managers. These systems, which enable electronic data processing, ensure that inputs are converted into meaningful information outputs (Ali, 2019).

The concepts included in DSS were first introduced in the early 1970s under the term "Management Decision Systems (MDS)" (Sprague, 1980). MDS is an information system developed by Scott Morton that uses computers and analytical models (Alojail et al., 2023). In the late 1970s, the term "Decision Support Systems (DSS)" was first introduced by P.G.W. Keen (Averweg, 2009) and was first used by researcher Scott Morton in 1971 (Eom & Kim 2006). When the DSS concept first emerged, some companies and academics defined it as "interactive computer-based systems that help decision-makers use data and models to solve unstructured problems." This definition eventually became insufficient, and DSS was developed to encompass all systems that contribute to decision-making processes in any way. Thus, any type of system that supports decisions began to be considered a "Decision Support System" (Sprague, 1980). Today, DSS has evolved from individual user tools to shared resources across organizations, utilizing computer systems and the internet (Alojail et al., 2023).

2. Conceptual and Theoretical Framework

To understand the role of decision support systems in management information systems, it is first necessary to define these two concepts and explain their development process and theoretical foundations. The conceptual framework used for the design and operation of DSS is generally inspired by various decision process models proposed by Herbert A. Simon, one of the pioneers of decision theory. These include the three-stage decision-making process (Intelligence, Design, and Choice), programmable and non-programmable decisions, and

the concept of bounded rationality. Furthermore, the conceptual framework is also based on the classification of management levels (Strategic, Tactical (Managerial), and Operational) proposed by R.N. Anthony (Espinasse & Pascot, 1987). Decision-making capabilities are developed with the help of MIS and DSS, which are based on computer programs. These information systems are systematic structures developed to support decision-making processes using data, information, and models (Fernando & Baldeovar, 2022).

2.1. Decision-Making Process

In information processing systems, choice is one of the most important processes in consciousness and decision-making. In general, decision-making refers to a mental process that enables the selection of various options and is involved throughout human life (Shahsavarani & Azad Marz Abadi, 2015). In this context, decision-making can be defined as the process of identifying, evaluating, and selecting from available alternatives to achieve a desired outcome in line with the decision-maker's goals, values, and preferences (Fülöp, 2005). This definition consists of three key elements (Lunenburg, 2010):

1. Decision-making involves choosing between multiple alternatives.
2. Decision-making is a process that goes beyond making a final choice among alternatives; it explains how and why that outcome was reached.
3. The desired outcome involves a specific goal or objective that the decision-maker wants to achieve.

In today's organizations, decision making is a critical component of management and a fundamental process that directly determines the level of success or failure of the organization. Organizations operate under challenging conditions that require fast and accurate decision-making due to increasing complexity, variability, and instability. The increase in the number of environmental factors and the speed of change confront managers with critical choices that directly affect success. Therefore, the decision-making process is a strategic process based on identifying key resources, success factors, and opportunities and threats in the environment, and selecting the most appropriate action plan from among multiple alternatives (Kozioł-Nadolna & Beyer, 2021).

Simon approached the decision-making process in three fundamental stages. Although a monitoring stage was later added to this decision-making model, which forms the basic framework of DSS research, studies have generally

focused on the first three stages (Liu et al., 2010). Simon's problem-solving stages are given below (McCosh & Morton, 1978; Liu et al., 2010):

Intelligence: This involves researching the problem. It consists of the steps of defining the problem requiring decision-making, researching the environment, and gathering information.

Design: This involves the process of developing alternatives. It consists of the steps of converting data into information, finding possible alternative solutions, developing them, and analyzing them.

Choice: This involves analyzing the alternatives and selecting one for implementation. The best solution is determined from among the available alternatives.

The decision-making process is influenced by various determinants and is not always based on rational and logical principles (Kozioł-Nadolna & Beyer, 2021). Simon developed the concept of bounded rationality to show that, despite decision-makers aiming for the best solutions, they often settle for less than optimal satisfactory decisions because they cannot access complete and comprehensive information (Lunenburg, 2010). Simon called the limitation observed in human decision-making behavior "bounded rationality" and referred to the decisions that emerged as a result of this limitation, which are not fully optimal but satisfy the decision-maker to a certain degree, as "satisfactory" decisions (Burstein & Holsapple, 2008). The majority of researchers in the DSS literature have adopted Simon's bounded rationality approach and integrated it into the theoretical foundations of decision support systems (Moore & Chang, 1980). This approach emphasizes four fundamental constraints (Lunenburg, 2010):

1. Decisions are based on an incomplete and partial understanding of the nature of the problem.
2. Decision-makers do not have the capacity to generate or consider all possible alternatives.
3. Alternatives are inadequately evaluated because the outcomes associated with each cannot be fully and accurately predicted.
4. Because the most suitable alternative cannot be definitively determined, the final choice is made based on a satisfactory criterion rather than optimization or maximization.

Managers' decision-making processes play a critical role in the effective management of resources, achieving short- and long-term goals, and determining organizational success. Therefore, decision-making is one of the fundamental activities carried out daily in every organization. The accuracy of decisions is one of the most important criteria in evaluating a manager's performance. Furthermore, decision-making is a process that affects not only top management but all levels of the organization (Kozioł-Nadolna & Beyer, 2021).

Decisions made in managerial decision-making processes are categorized as structured, semi-structured, and unstructured, depending on the type of decisions made by managers. Furthermore, since different decisions are made at each management level, decisions are also categorized as strategic, tactical (or managerial), and operational decisions according to management levels (Steyn et al., 2025).

2.2. Types of Management Decisions

Simon categorized management decisions as programmed or unprogrammed with the advent of computer technology, defining them as complex information processing systems resembling organizations. T. L. Saaty, Keen, and Morton expanded this scope by defining problems as structured, semi-structured, and unstructured using a similar classification (Steyn et al., 2025). Semi-structured and unstructured decisions are at the core of DSS. The semi-structured decision area, in particular, constitutes the decision set where DSS can be used most appropriately (McCosh & Morton, 1978).

Structured (Programmed) Decisions: Structured decisions are decisions based on predetermined rules relating to the routine and repetitive daily activities of the business. These types of decisions are easily implemented at the operational level in companies where experienced managers work and processes are well defined (Dimkovska, 2016).

Unstructured (Unprogrammed) Decisions: These types of decisions are unusual, unprecedented, and non-repetitive in nature (Güngör & Özcan, 2022). Unstructured decisions are strategic in nature, made under conditions of uncertainty, risk, and unpredictability, and mostly concern top management. New opportunities, threats, crises, new products, investments, or important steps that determine the direction of the company are typically examples of unstructured decisions. These decisions require intuition, experience, vision, and comprehensive data collection (Dimkovska, 2016).

Semi-Structured (Semi-Programmed) Decisions: These decisions consist of both structured (where rules and procedures can be clearly defined) and unstructured (not reducible to rules, based on intuition and judgment) components of the decision-making process. The aim of this approach is to ensure that both well-defined and ambiguous aspects are evaluated together when designing decision systems. This gray area between structured and unstructured problems involves issues where neither the manager nor the system alone can be effective. DSS based on human–machine interaction is developed for such situations. The designer pre-determines the decision-making authority in the structured sections of the system, while leaving the uncertainty in the unstructured sections to the decision-maker (McCosh & Morton, 1978; Kaliardos & Hansman, 1999).

2.3. Management Decision Levels

Decision categories are determined based on the extent to which they affect the decision-making process, and both the time frame and organizational value of the decision are taken into account in the classification. Decision-making processes at different management levels are classified into three distinct levels. These three different decision-making levels are given below (Merad et al., 2003; Kuruppuge & Gregar 2020; Kozioł-Nadolna & Beyer, 2021; Güngör & Özcan 2022):

Strategic Decision Levels: These types of decisions are made by top-level management. These decisions are the most critical, long-term planned decisions that affect the overall operation of the company, such as launching new products, increasing market share, or changing technology. Although there is a large amount of information at this level, the information is often uncertain, scattered, and difficult to sort through.

Tactical (Managerial) Decision Levels: These types of decisions are short-term planned decisions made by middle management. Tactical-level decisions are less affected by political and legal factors than strategic decisions, but more affected by social and economic factors. Therefore, tactical assessment is an important decision-making level that forms the bridge between strategic goals and implementation. These decisions relate to functional areas such as finance, investment, and human resources and are effective at the division or department level.

Operational Decision Levels: These types of decisions are made by lower-level management and are usually made on a daily basis. These decisions are of more limited importance, are made at the managerial level, and their

primary purpose is to ensure the smooth running of daily operations through the efficient use of resources. Decisions made at the operational level take on a more scientific and goal-oriented dimension, and the information is generally more precise and homogeneous compared to the other two levels.

3. Definition and Development of Management Information Systems

With the introduction of computers in organizations in the mid-1950s, the first applications of this technology focused mainly on the basic processing of transaction records and the creation of various business documents and standard reports. This area of application was referred to as data processing (DP) or electronic data processing (EDP). The business unit responsible for developing and managing processing systems was also defined as data processing (Davis, 2003).

Due to technological developments, the field of information systems has undergone a series of expansion processes over time. Each of these expansions has built upon and enriched previous approaches. These expansion steps encompass the continuous progress recorded in the conceptual framework of the field of information systems, in scientific research, and in application practices. Initially focusing on transaction-level data processing systems, the discipline of information systems has evolved over time to broaden its scope to include Management Information Systems (MIS), which enable the systematic retrieval of records to generate predefined reports deemed important for managers (Burstein & Holsapple, 2008). Along with this expansion process, the data processing function has been broadened to encompass systems that support managerial and administrative activities such as planning, scheduling, analysis, and decision-making, thereby giving information systems a more comprehensive role in organizational decision-making (Davis, 2003).

The terms Management Information System (MIS) and Information System (IS) are often considered synonymous in a corporate context and can be used interchangeably. Both concepts refer to systems that provide technology-based information and communication services within an organization. The management information system approach does not limit the scope of information processing beyond just transactional and operational applications to include applications that support administrative and managerial functions, systems that facilitate organizational communication and coordination, and processes that add value to products and services (Davis, 2003).

MIS is an integrated information system structure consisting of hardware, software, procedures, and personnel that performs functions related to the collection, storage, management, and presentation of information to support decision-making processes within an organization (Mutoffar et al., 2024). In these systems, data is distributed to different units of the organization and processed in different formats such as graphs, diagrams, charts, and reports to produce accurate and relevant information for management. By enabling the centralized storage of functional information for all levels of the organization (Wanjala et al., 2022), MIS allows managers to access the information they need at the strategic, tactical, and operational levels quickly and reliably (Mutoffar et al., 2024). It assists lower-level management in decision-making by providing operational data, supports short-term planning and functional control at the middle management level, and facilitates strategic planning and the implementation of business plans at the top management level (Ali, 2019).

MIS enables management to comprehensively evaluate corporate performance by ensuring integration among various functions of the organization, such as marketing, production, human resources, and finance-accounting. MIS does not merely report data; it also facilitates analysis and information visualization processes that help management understand trends, identify opportunities, and address challenges faced by the organization. Therefore, MIS is considered a strategically important management tool for maintaining efficiency, productivity, and competitive advantage in complex and dynamic business environments. (Mutoffar et al., 2024)

The general reasons for an organization to incorporate MIS are as follows (Alawamleh et al., 2021):

Sound Decision Making: Decision makers need evidence to make the right choices. MIS makes this possible.

Record Keeping: MIS tracks all financial transactions within an organization and acts as a data repository for these transactions.

Increasing Collaboration: MIS programs increase both internal and external collaboration, allowing company employees to access necessary information on a daily basis. Short Message Service (SMS) and email enable customers and suppliers to communicate with an organization's MIS infrastructure.

The main components of an MIS architecture are as follows (Alawamleh et al., 2021):

Users: Individuals who use the information technology system.

Data: Information processed by the system.

Business Processes (Procedures): Defined procedures for recording, storing, and analyzing data.

Hardware: Computers, workstations, network infrastructure, printers, etc.

Software: Applications used to manage records. These include spreadsheet applications, database tools, and similar software.

MIS's ability to provide decision makers with the necessary information depends on its capabilities to collect, process, store, and retrieve information when needed. Today, the scarce resource lies not in the availability of information, but in the capacity to process it. To this end, MIS is built on four fundamental components (Ali, 2019).

Information System: Consists of hardware, software, personnel, and infrastructure. It enables data collection and user interaction.

Database Management System: Consists of computer programs and physical databases used for storing and retrieving data.

Intelligence System / Business Intelligence: Also known as business intelligence, this component processes and analyzes collected data and presents it in a way that is understandable to managers.

Research System: Identifies management problems, generates alternative solutions, and assists in making the most appropriate decision.

Wanjala et al. (2022) classified the components of the MIS model as resources, databases, report writing software, mathematical models, and corporate decision makers. The MIS model begins with the storage of data collected from different sources in a database and produces periodic and special reports and simulation outputs through report writing software and mathematical models. The information obtained is communicated to decision makers and, when necessary, shared through the Interorganizational Information System (IOS), which also includes corporate collaborators. Thus, MIS provides an integrated information management structure that supports both internal and external decision-making processes.

4. Conceptual Definition and Development Process of Decision Support Systems

Decision support systems refer to a broad category of computer systems that assist decision-makers in solving semi-structured and unstructured problems and making decisions by utilizing their data, information, documents, and models. Although DSS are designed to support decision makers at all levels

of an organization, they have been developed primarily for middle and senior managers (Power & Sharda, 2023).

The concept of DSS has evolved in line with the continuous and rapid developments in computer technology since its inception, and this process has led to the emergence of various definitions of DSS in the literature over time. Early definitions of DSS considered them to be computer-based, online systems that support managerial decision-makers in semi-structured or unstructured decision situations and preferably provide graphical outputs (Ginzberg & Stohr, 1982).

Little (1970) defined his DSS, which he called “decision calculation,” as a model-based set of procedures designed to process data and judgments to assist a manager in the decision-making process. He argued that these models should be tools that managers, not technical experts, could own, and therefore models should be simple, robust, easy to control and communicate, adaptable, and complete so that managers could use them. Little emphasized that human-machine interaction involves analysis, learning, and decision-making stages. He also stated that the decision-making process cannot be left to computers, that the decision-maker must always retain control, and that computers are merely assistants that provide explanations and analysis (Little, 1970).

Towards the end of the 1970s, researchers and companies developed interactive information systems that supported managers’ analyses of semi-structured problems and defined all of these systems as Decision Support Systems. DSS has the capacity to support decision makers at every management level within an organization and can be applied in operational processes, financial management, and strategic decision-making processes. These systems can process different types of data, such as spatial data, structured multidimensional data, and unstructured documents, and include various modeling tools, such as optimization, simulation, and statistical packages. Furthermore, in the early 1980s, artificial intelligence researchers began developing expert systems in the context of management and business (Power, 2007).

In their 1978 book “Decision Support Systems: An Organizational Perspective”, Keen and Scott Morton defined DSS as computer systems that influence decision-making processes where analytical and computer-assisted tools are useful but the manager’s judgment is indispensable (Averweg, 2009).

Sprague (1980) referred to the “features” approach that emerged from previous studies and emphasized that this approach is more explanatory in understanding DSS. According to the “features” approach, a DSS can be

understood by its capabilities rather than its definitions. The basic features of a DSS are as follows (Sprague, 1980):

1. It is geared toward unstructured problems that are more commonly encountered by senior executives.
2. It combines data access with analytical and modeling techniques.
3. It enables individuals who are not computer experts to use it interactively.
4. It demonstrates flexibility and adaptability to accommodate environmental changes and users' decision-making styles.

Ginzberg and Stohr (1982) defined DSS as a computer-based information system used to assist the decision-making process in situations where the decision-making process cannot be fully automated or is not preferred. They divided the elements that characterize DSS into three main groups: basic technological components, forms of use, and the processes in which they are designed and implemented.

DSS has evolved over the years from simple model-focused systems to today's advanced multi-functional entities (Alojail et al., 2023). DSS is not a homogeneous field; different approaches and types exist, each gaining popularity in research and application at different times. These types carry different support philosophies, system scales, investment levels, and potential organizational impacts. The technologies used and the management groups they support also vary. The evolution of DSS has created a complex disciplinary structure, from radical beginnings to interconnected subfields, and the theoretical foundations have been emphasized for each type. Furthermore, the emergence of DSS types is often related to the proliferation of new information technologies. The nature and development of each DSS type are examined in detail (Arnott & Pervan 2005).

In the 1990s, with the dawn of the information age, greater emphasis was placed on the use of information and technology in decision-making processes. With the proliferation of DSS, a classification framework was developed that includes types such as communication-oriented, data-oriented, document-oriented, information-oriented, and model-oriented DSS. It has been accepted that DSSs can be designed to support decision-makers at every management level within an organization. It has been emphasized that DSSs used for strategic decisions, in particular, must be compatible with the strategic decision-making models used in the organization and must be able to manage shared information flexibly among decision-makers (Parra et al., 2023).

At the beginning of the 21st century, managers began to widely use computers, databases, and models in their decision-making processes. This use is no longer a new application; decision support systems have become tools that meet managers' expectations, are necessary for business, and provide a competitive advantage (Power, 2002). During this period, the concepts of business intelligence (BI) and business analytics (BA), which focus on information gathering and analysis processes, were integrated into the DSS field. With the increasing power of computers, businesses incorporated these systems into their daily operations and became able to capture large volumes of analyzable data for use by decision makers (Alojail et al., 2023).

Additionally, intelligent decision support systems (IDSS) utilizing artificial intelligence technology have emerged, and these technologies have increased the capacity, complexity, and autonomy of DSS. Thus, IDSS can assist people in many areas and decision scenarios, including the ethical dimension (Poszler & Lange, 2024). Today, thanks to cloud architectures and technologies, both traditional and innovative DSS solutions and decision algorithms can be deployed in a scalable manner. Cloud-based access via portable and mobile devices encourages decision support innovation and application trials (Kaparthi et al., 2021).

4.1. Historical Development of Information Technologies Supporting Decision-Making Processes

The natural evolutionary development of information technologies in enterprise environments has been a shift from Electronic Data Processing (EDP or business information processing) to MIS and from there to the today's DSS approach (Sprague, 1980). The chronological development of information technologies supporting decision-making processes (DMP) represents an evolution in which data, models, and analytics are increasingly used more effectively to improve the quality of organizational decisions. The emergence of information processing technology created a change in business management and laid the foundations for data-driven approaches. With this development, DSS have evolved from simple reporting tools to complex, predictive, and autonomous systems (Parra et al., 2023).

DSS rapidly developed in terms of research and applications during the 1970s and 1980s, becoming one of the most popular topics in the field of information systems during this period. DSS has become even more popular with the continuous developments in computer software and hardware (Liu et al.,

2010). Modern hardware and software technologies have changed the possibilities that can be offered in terms of information management and have improved information quality (Demigha, 2021). Various disciplines have supported the DSS research and development process. Database studies have contributed to data and document management, while management science and operations research have provided mathematical models for model-based DSS. Cognitive science and behavioral decision-making research have produced empirical and explanatory information for DSS design. In addition, artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, software engineering, and telecommunications have also become important areas for DSS. The development of internet and web technologies has accelerated progress in the field of DSS and led to rapid changes in the capabilities of these systems (Power & Sharda, 2023).

The historical development of DSS, along with advances in information technologies that support decision-making processes, is presented chronologically in Table 1 (Parra et al., 2023).

Table 1. Historical Development of Information Technologies Supporting Decision-Making and DSS

Year	Fundamental Developments / Technological Breakthroughs	Featured Researchers / Institutions	Contributions to DSS
Before 1960	The beginning of the computer age Linear programming (LP) applications The first data-driven DSS experiments The introduction of the concept of “Business Intelligence”	George Dantzig (1952 – LP) MIT Sloan – System Dynamics Group MIT Lincoln Lab – data-driven DSS Hans Peter Luhn (IBM)	The growing role of computers in supporting decision-making processes The basis of the concepts of information gathering–storage–access–transmission
1960–1969	Increased user-computer interaction Early programming languages and Database Management Systems Management Information Systems (MIS) Management Decision Systems (MDS) SPSS statistical packages “On-Line System” (NLS) (hypermedia) and graphical user interface (GUI)	Scott Morton Douglas Engelbart (NLS and GUI)	Management Information Systems (MIS) Management Decision Systems (MDS), the precursor to DSS The model–visualization–management relationship: the core of DSS research
1970–1979	Model-based DSS approach The first enterprise resource planning (ERP) system developed by SAP TCP/IP communication protocols OLAP fundamentals Spreadsheet (VisiCalc)	Scott Morton T. Gerrity (finance DSS) John Little (DSS design criteria)	DSS focusing on supporting individual managers Applied DSS examples such as portfolio management Developing robust DSS design criteria

1980–1989	Intelligent DSS Executive Information Systems (EIS) Group DSS (GDSS) Expert systems (rule-based) Relational databases OLAP proliferation	Steven Alter Bonzek, Holsapple and Whinston (Expert Systems-DSS) Gartner Group analisti Howard Dresner(business intelligence Many corporate R&D laboratories and academies	The acceptance of DSS in academia and practice The evolution from single-user model-driven DSS to relational database products The emergence and use of the BI (business intelligence) concept
1990–1999	Data warehouses The maturation of OLAP Web-based systems ERP integration Knowledge Discovery Data mining	MIS, database and artificial intelligence research groups	Increased analytical DSS capacity Corporate information sharing Information management-based DSS
2000–2009	Web/service-based architectures Enterprise data management and governance The concept of business analytics (BA) The rise of big data Structured–semi-structured–unstructured data	Software companies, academia, corporate IT teams	Adapting DSS to data diversity The critical role of big data in decision-making processes

the organization. This framework outlines the basic arrangements that guide the functionality, interaction forms, and performance of DSS (Kaparathi et al., 2021).

A traditional DSS architecture consists of three basic components: data management, model management, and user interface (dialog).

Database Management System (DBMS): A DBMS contains a database that holds situation-related data and is managed by software called a database management system (Tripathi, 2011). The DBMS acts as a data bank that stores and organizes large amounts of relevant data for DSS, abstracting the user from the physical structure of the database and technical processing details to provide easy access to data. In DSS, the database is a collection of data representing the problem domain, stored in a structured format and fed from both internal and external sources. DSS databases use various data structures such as lists, tables, relationships, and hierarchies and can be structured using one or more of the different data models such as record, relational, hierarchical, network, and rule models. The choice of data model depends on processing requirements and integrity constraints (IGNOU, 2017).

Model Base Management System (MBMS): The model base provides decision makers with access to various models and assists them in decision-making processes. The model base includes model base management software that coordinates the use of models in a DSS (Tripathi, 2011). The function of MBMS is similar to that of DBMS. The purpose of MBMS is to transform data from the DBMS into useful information for decision-making processes. Modeling and the Model Management System are important components of DSS that enable decision makers to define problems, analyze them, generate alternative solutions, and compare these alternatives. This component supports problem-solving processes by recreating the decision maker's mental model in a computer environment and provides feedback-based interaction between the user and the system. The modeling component helps the user make inferences and exercise control. The model base provides a library of various models, and the model management system performs tasks such as creating, restructuring, updating, and reporting these models (IGNOU, 2017).

User Interface Management System (UIMS): The user interface system, also known as dialogue management, is software that manages the interaction between the user and the DSS. It facilitates the user's access to data, model execution processes, and the display of results (Tripathi, 2011). It also enables the user to interact with the database and model components, allowing the DSS to be user-friendly and flexible (IGNOU, 2017).

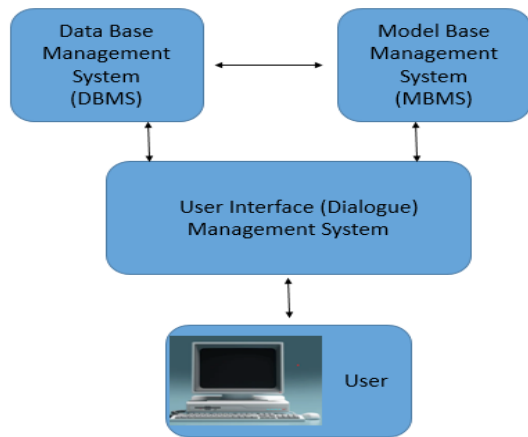


Figure 2. Traditional Decision Support Systems

Architectural Structure of Integration Decision Support Systems:
Along with technological developments, the DSS approach, whose architecture was traditionally built on three basic components, has evolved into a modern, integrated DSS structure that addresses decision-making processes within a holistic framework, going beyond expanding the scope and functionality of these components. This transformation enables decision support functions to be carried out in a more comprehensive, interactive, and process-oriented manner (Liu et al., 2010).

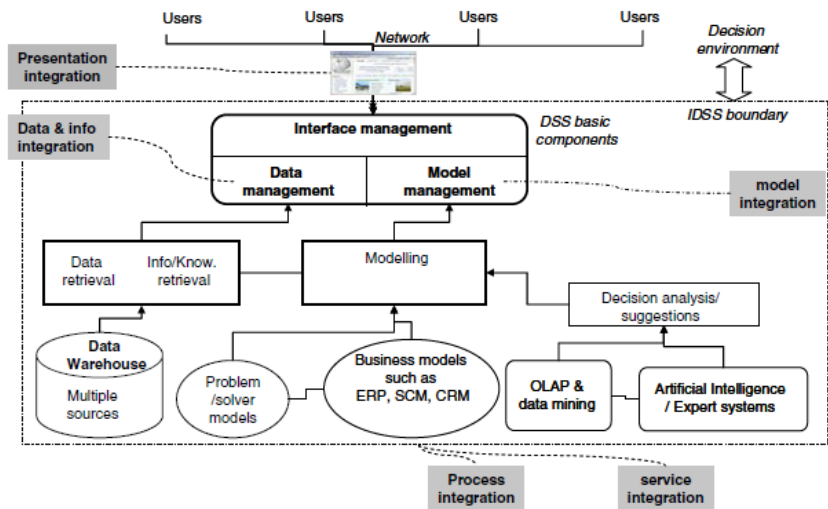


Figure 3. Integrated Decision Support Systems (Liu et al., 2010).

In the integrated DSS structure shown in Figure 3, the traditional understanding of data acquisition has expanded to include the collection and integration of data and information from multiple sources through data warehouses. Therefore, *data integration* between different sources has become a critical element for modern DSS. In integrated DSS, the model component has expanded beyond traditional quantitative analysis models to include business models such as ERP, SCM, and CRM. Consequently, *model integration* has taken into account not only problem-solving models based on quantitative analysis but also qualitative models. New functions have been added that generate decision recommendations and judgments through OLAP, data mining, artificial intelligence, and expert systems. This has necessitated *service integration*, which will enable the combination of different functions and services. Integrated DSS has enabled decision makers to interact more effectively with the system by reducing their cognitive load, and this has been made possible through *effective presentation integration*. Decision-making processes can perform better when process units can interact harmoniously with each other and consistency can be achieved between constraints and objectives (Liu et al., 2010).

4.3. Types of Decision Support Systems

Various types of DSS have been developed to improve the quality of decision outcomes. Some of these provide managers with directly structured information, while others facilitate analysis processes through quantitative models. Other types of DSS have enabled managers to access the information they need by systematically storing information, while some have increased the effectiveness of managerial processes by allowing the decision-making process to be fully or partially automated (Power & Sharda, 2023). The most commonly used types of DSS are generally classified into five categories.

4.3.1. Data-Driven DSS

The first category of DSS, data-driven DSS, focuses on the management and analysis of large amounts of structured data (Power, 2002). Designed to solve decision problems guided by data mining and analytical findings, these systems provide real-time access to large databases or data warehouses, offering query and management reports (Zhang et al., 2015). A data-driven DSS typically utilizes data mining technology to identify trends and patterns in future scenarios (Fernando & Baldeovar, 2022). This category also extends to more advanced solutions such as OLAP-based analytical systems, Executive

Information Systems (EIS), and Spatial DSS (SDSS). While EIS systems are aimed at top-level managers, SDSS systems display spatial data for decision support, and OLAP provides the highest level of functionality and decision support capabilities based on the examination of large historical data collections. Furthermore, Business Intelligence (BI) systems are also examples of data-driven data management (Power, 2002). In a big data environment, a data-driven DSS enables decision-makers to develop data-based strategic decisions and gain a competitive advantage (Zhang et al., 2015).

4.3.2. Model-Driven DSS

Model-driven DSS emphasizes access to a model and its use. It bases decision support on mathematical and analytical models rather than data. Financial/accounting models, representative models, and optimization approaches fall into this category. While this type of DSS provides statistical and analytical tools at a basic level, it has evolved into hybrid DSSs that integrate modeling and data retrieval and summarization functions. Large databases are not usually required, but the data needed for analysis can be drawn from extensive data sources when necessary (Power, 2002). The main challenges of model-based DSS are the correct modeling of decision problems and the production of effective solutions (Zhang et al., 2015).

4.3.3. Knowledge-Driven DSS or Intelligent DSS

Knowledge-driven DSS (intelligent DSS) are systems that use artificial intelligence and computational intelligence techniques to improve decision-making processes (Zhang et al., 2015). These systems provide managers with suggestions and recommendations using business rules and knowledge bases. In this respect, it overlaps with the concepts of “Recommendation DSS” or the narrower “Management Expert System.” Knowledge-driven DSSs transfer expertise, which includes specific domain knowledge, understanding of problem structures, and solution skills, into a computer-supported structure. Data mining, a concept related to knowledge-based DSS, is a class of analytical applications focused on discovering hidden patterns in data and forms the basis of intelligent decision support methods. Data mining tools enable the development of data-driven and knowledge-driven DSS in hybrid forms (Power, 2002). Knowledge-driven DSS generates content based on business processes and the corporate knowledge base of personnel. This structure can be strengthened through mentoring programs aimed at increasing managers’ sense of responsibility and

awareness of organizational culture. This supports process-oriented growth and ensures that all users have comprehensive knowledge of the business's operations (Fernando & Baldelovar, 2022). Knowledge-based DSS are also called intelligent decision support systems (IDSS) because they are applications of intelligent technologies. Expert systems, case-based reasoning (CBR), neural networks, and fuzzy logic are examples of this category. IDSS guides the user like a human consultant, enabling them to better understand problems and generate solutions (Zhang et al., 2015).

4.3.4. Document-Driven DSS

Document-driven DSS is a new type of decision support system that emerged in response to managers' needs to collect, access, classify, and manage unstructured documents, including web pages. These systems integrate different storage and processing technologies to enable comprehensive access and analysis of documents. A wide variety of corporate documents, such as policies and procedures, product catalogs, meeting minutes, corporate records, and critical correspondence, can be evaluated within this scope. Search engines are the fundamental decision support tools of document-driven DSS. In some studies, these types of systems are also referred to as Information Management Systems (Power, 2002). The information base directed in DSS contributes to the structural continuity of the business by being supported through the interface, inference engine, and information base components. It also offers a more effective and holistic approach in applications such as clear documentation, GPS-based navigation, ERP dashboards, and clinical decision support systems (Fernando & Baldelovar, 2022).

4.3.5. Communication-Driven or Group DSS

Communication-driven DSS is defined as a broader category that encompasses technologies supporting communication, collaboration, and decision-making processes, evolving from Group Decision Support Systems (GDSS). GDSS are hybrid systems that aim to enable group decision makers to solve problems interactively, using both communication technologies and models related to decision processes. In this context, group software includes electronic communication, document sharing, planning, and applications that increase group productivity. Tools such as decision rooms, two-way video, electronic whiteboards, bulletin boards, chat, and email form the basic components of communication-focused DSS (Power, 2002). This focused

decision-making process is primarily based on collaboration between managers and staff, enabling the development of appropriate and sustainable relationships between organizational members and managers. Healthy communication and harmony facilitate the execution of tasks, thereby increasing efficiency and effectiveness in business practices. This contributes to maintaining potential effectiveness, particularly in large-scale business development activities (Fernando & Baldelovar, 2022).

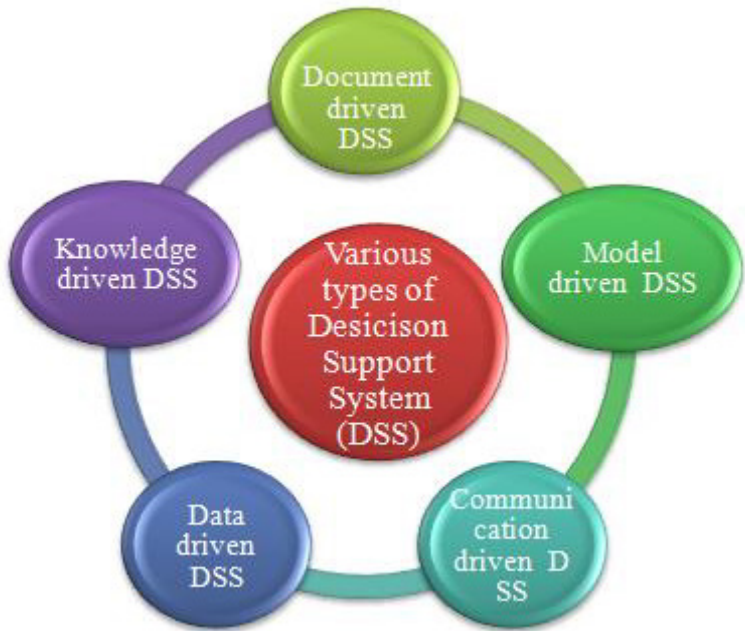


Figure 4. Types of Decision Support Systems (Fernando & Baldelovar, 2022).

5. Conclusion

This study comprehensively addresses the development of decision support systems (DSS) and management information systems (MIS), their theoretical foundations, and their position in managerial decision-making processes. Theoretical foundations such as Simon’s three-stage decision process, decision types, bounded rationality approach, and managerial decision levels shape the conceptual framework of MIS and DSS designs.

Advances in information technology have increased the speed, accuracy, and effectiveness of decision-making processes. These advances in information technology have fundamentally transformed decision-making processes in

organizations, and both MIS and DSS have become key components of this transformation. MIS and DSS are critical management tools that provide advanced technological and analytical infrastructures to meet the increasingly complex decision-making needs of modern organizations. These systems are integrated computer-based structures designed to structure and support decision-making processes through the systematic use of data, information, and analytical models.

MIS provides managerial effectiveness through data collection, storage, and reporting functions, while DSS facilitates rational and timely decision-making through data, analytical models, business intelligence capabilities, and user interaction. MIS increases organizational efficiency by providing information to all levels of the organization, while KDS strengthens managers' intuitive and cognitive capacity by providing analytical support, particularly for semi-structured and unstructured problems.

As a result, today's uncertain and competitive business environment requires decision-makers to have access to accurate, timely, and flexible information. MIS and DSS, as complementary structures, both increase organizational operational efficiency and play a decisive role in the strategic success of businesses. These systems not only increase the effectiveness of managerial decisions but also contribute to rational and consistent decision-making under conditions of uncertainty, thereby strengthening the sustainability of managerial performance. Therefore, the ability of modern organizations to achieve sustainable competitive advantage depends on the design of these systems using a holistic approach, their integration into corporate processes, and their operation in a manner consistent with decision-making models.

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CHAPTER II

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AS A COMPONENT OF MIS

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1. Introduction

In light of contemporary developments, the notion of management has assumed a pivotal role for organisations. The management of organisations can be defined as the process of integrating various resources and personnel methodically to achieve predetermined objectives in an efficient and orderly fashion (Kalıpsız, 1989).

Within an organisational context, managers require access to accurate information at the point of decision-making to ensure the accuracy and efficiency of their choices. Conversely, the absence of such a framework engenders marked complexity in managers' decision-making processes and in management processes themselves. At this juncture, the onus falls on Management Information Systems to ensure that information relevant to managers is communicated promptly by developing a new knowledge system.

The information provided by the MIS within the organisation is meaningful and valuable, pre-recorded and processed according to a specific set of rules. This information is communicated clearly and concisely to the designated manager or managers. In the contemporary business environment, organisations require accurate and reliable information to achieve a competitive advantage and ensure the continuity of their brands. At this juncture, the importance and value of MIS are evident, given that its primary function is to generate accurate and comprehensible information (Duysak, 2019).

A review of the literature reveals numerous definitions of Management Information Systems (MIS) in terms of both quantity and form. As posited by Emhan (2007), the term ‘MIS’ denotes systems that facilitate the processing of information used in organisational management through a designated series of procedures, ensuring its delivery to designated recipients at the most opportune moment. As posited by Al-Mamary et al. (2014), the MIS (Management Information System) is a system that processes data to enable managers at all levels to make timely, accurate decisions for the areas under their responsibility. Surwade (2016) explains MIS as a system that facilitates the utilisation of various computer-based tools for the organisation, evaluation, and effective management of an enterprise. Miman et al. (2016) describe MIS as hardware and software systems designed to enable each level of management to make effective decisions aligned with the organisation’s goals and objectives.

According to Reddy et al. (2009), the concept of Management Information Systems (MIS) differs from that of traditional information systems in that MIS focuses on the analysis of systems related to an organisation’s operational activities. In this sense, MIS can be defined as a system that encompasses the distribution of people, technology, and related procedures when viewed as an infrastructure for general planning and control activities within organisations. Gorry and Scott-Morton’s (1971) alternative definition of MIS posits that it is a system that integrates management, behavioural, and technical aspects, thereby enabling the execution of tasks through analysis (Damar et al., 2021).

Management information systems are defined as computer-based systems that address how information necessary for the organisation should be selected and how records should be kept, with a view to supporting managers in making effective decisions. The field of management information systems has evolved to offer novel solutions to the challenges posed by the deluge of information driven by technological and communication advances. Management information systems are responsible for providing services at the management level within an organisational structure. At this juncture, management information systems are responsible for processing information obtained from a wide variety of sources, rendering it meaningful, and presenting weekly, monthly, or annual reports to managers. This facilitates the establishment of an information and communication network within the organisation, thereby ensuring the timely dissemination of essential information to relevant units and contributing to the effective and efficient operation of these units (Kingir & Sevgin, 2013).

In the context of organisational structures, management information systems are of considerable importance, and in some cases even vital. It is evident that management information systems, despite their initial focus on supporting managers in decision-making, also play a substantial role in addressing recurring problems within the organisation and ensuring managerial integrity at the corporate level (Kingir & Sevgin, 2013).

Indeed, developments in information technology, viewed from a societal perspective, create a challenging situation for managers due to changes in individuals' needs and demands. This is because managers must combine traditional resources, processes, and capabilities to ensure the continuity of their organisations. Furthermore, they must manage these processes efficiently in order to gain a competitive edge over rivals. In such circumstances, the most valuable point is 'information'. Managers must obtain accurate and reliable information before making strategic decisions. Consequently, the acquisition of precise and trustworthy information is of paramount importance for an institution/organization, as it can facilitate the attainment of a competitive advantage (Zack, 1999). Conversely, if the accurate and reliable information obtained is not distributed correctly within the organisation and is not managed accurately and efficiently, its importance will be lost.

It is imperative to acknowledge knowledge as a crucial asset for organisational competitiveness. This notion is underscored by the idea that knowledge is a scarce resource, which makes it difficult to replicate, and is critical in enabling organisations to maintain a sustainable competitive advantage (Limsangpetch et al., 2022). Knowledge management (KM) is a strategic process that encompasses the effective and efficient utilisation and development of intellectual resources within an organisation. This approach facilitates achieving defined goals and tracking and enhancing both general and individual performance (Kavalić et al., 2021). In the contemporary business environment, organisations are under pressure to effectively and efficiently utilise the fundamental components of Knowledge Management (KM), namely Knowledge Creation (KC), Knowledge Acquisition (KA), Knowledge Storage (KS), Knowledge Sharing (KSh), and Knowledge Utilisation (KU) (Gürlek & Çemberci, 2020).

The concept of knowledge management has been defined in numerous and varied ways in the literature. As posited in the literature, the fundamental purpose of KM is to ensure that the correct information is delivered to the intended recipient at the most opportune moment (Limsangpetch et al., 2022).

Information management can be defined as the continuous updating of information within an organisation and the implementation of processes for information gathering, storage, distribution, and application (Tešić, Marković, Plečić & Pantelić, 2013).

Markić (2016) states that, from a scientific perspective, information management refers to the production, collection, distribution, and use of information within an organisation. From an applied perspective, however, it refers to the technology and business practices used.

The efficiency of the knowledge management process depends on the effectiveness of the information and communication technologies employed. KMS has been demonstrated to facilitate the expeditious and straightforward dissemination of information within organisational frameworks, whilst concurrently offering visualisation tools to enhance the interpretive value of data (Kaljević, 2016; Mičić, 2016). Furthermore, KMS has been demonstrated to facilitate rapid organisational adaptation to changing market conditions, encouraging innovation, enhancing productivity, and enabling effective and efficient decision-making (Alavi and Leidner, 1999).

Ikenwe and Igbinovia (2015) defined knowledge as the integration of experience, reading, and imagination. As posited by Kucza (2001), knowledge is defined as the evolution of a combination of data and experience within individuals' cognitive frameworks. Aguolu and Aguolu (2002) posit that knowledge is interpreted from a specific perspective, processed, and prepared for action in a manner appropriate to the recipient.

In the contemporary business environment, characterised by rapid advancements in digital technologies, organisations are compelled to leverage information effectively and efficiently. This imperative stems from the need to gain a competitive edge or to conceive novel business ideas. This is where Knowledge Management (KM) becomes relevant. Concurrently, organisations must ensure the presence of qualified personnel who possess contemporary technological expertise.

Organisations are undergoing a transition from a labour and capital-based model to a knowledge-based one. The rationale behind this phenomenon is that it facilitates the development of superior, innovative, and competitive products. This enables organisations to increase their creativity to compete with rivals (Garcia & Coltre, 2017). The fundamental characteristics of knowledge-based organisations are the acquisition of strategic and innovative technical knowledge, which provides them with a competitive advantage (Shannak, Ra'ed & Akour, 2012).

A further distinguishing factor between knowledge-based organisations and those founded on alternative principles is the capacity to generate commercial revenue through the utilisation of internally produced knowledge (Royal, Evans & Windsor, 2014).

Knowledge management (KM) often yields subtle benefits in organizations, but these benefits cannot be easily translated into financial value in the short term. However, they have become an important factor in evaluating organizational performance. At this point, Kaplan and Norton (2001) state that a single criterion for measuring performance may not be practical or may not adequately emphasize the critical aspects of the work to be done, but that managers can still evaluate organizational performance in a complex work environment.

It is possible to draw three significant conclusions from the available information. The following are provided:

1. It is imperative to comprehend the distinctions between data and information, and to derive conclusions from them.
2. It is imperative that information is interpreted in such a manner that it is de-personalised and converted into a form that is comprehensible to the general public.
3. The efficacy with which individuals utilise information is directly proportional to the efficiency with which tasks are performed (Davenport, DeLong, & Beers, 1998).

In the contemporary business landscape, enterprises are generating and utilising information and data at an unprecedented rate. This paradigm shift has precipitated a transition in which technology has evolved from an alternative to a necessity in information processing. The utilisation of information management in business contexts facilitates the development of existing information resources, the management of human resources and learning processes with greater efficacy, and the support of organisational model creation and modernisation processes. Consequently, this contributes to achieving a competitive advantage and enhancing economic efficiency. The concept of business information management (BIM) deviates from conventional information management paradigms by being predicated on a management system centred on information and its dissemination. The primary objective of business information management is to facilitate convenient access to the information required within institutions, organisations, and the like (Drucker, 1973; Kebede, 2010).

2. Knowledge Management Systems (KMS)

Knowledge Management Systems (KMS) are information systems utilised for the management of organisational knowledge. In summary, KMS can be defined as a technological information system utilised for the effective and efficient implementation and development of processes, including the creation, storage, transfer, retrieval, and application of new knowledge (Davenport & Prusak 1998; Malhotra 1999; O'Dell & Grayson 1998).

Recent developments have resulted in heightened competition among organisations. This situation necessitates that organisations strive to offer higher-quality products and services. At this juncture, organisations that employ information management systems to advance this process can manage the process with minimal effort and cost (Chen, 2013; Milton & Lambe, 2016). To both capture and sustain their competitive advantage, organisations must meet the needs and expectations of their target audiences at the highest level. The provision of high-quality products or services is a means by which this objective may be realised. Implementing a Knowledge Management System (KMS) is imperative to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the process (Al Shammari, 2008; Pawlowski & Bick, 2012).

KMS comprises predefined business processes, activities, and procedures for implementing established information management principles (Lech, 2014; Milton & Lambe, 2016). The fundamental purpose of adopting KMS in organisations is to enable the organisation to make quick, accurate decisions; solve problems quickly and with minimal issues by leveraging both corporate and personal experiences; and guide individuals towards innovation (Chen, 2013; Hermann et al., 2016).

Mutula and Mooko (2008) define KM as:

- Storing information needed by those within the organization and customers in a central repository,
- Categorizing information in a relevant manner to support business strategies,
- Utilizing information technologies to store and organize information,
- Providing fast and easy access to information

As Krstić and Petrović (2012) posit, the implementation of KM has been shown to influence organisational capabilities positively. These capabilities include, but are not limited to, fostering innovation, establishing a knowledge-

centred culture, and facilitating growth. The effective utilisation of KM by an organisation will facilitate the acquisition and maintenance of a competitive advantage within the market (Desouza, 2011).

In the domain of information technology, the implementation of information management systems is a critical aspect that encompasses three fundamental points. The following are provided:

1. The objective is to identify, code, and share the most suitable and appropriate application for the organisation. This approach has been shown to facilitate the effective and efficient implementation of organisational decisions, thereby enabling the attainment of a competitive advantage (Davenport & Prusak, 1998; O'Dell & Grayson, 1998).

2. The establishment of information directories by institutional entities. This will be very useful for knowledge management, as organisations will be able to create internal expertise maps by coding their own information (Ruggles, 1998).

3. It is recommended that organizations establish their own knowledge networks. This will enable organisations to share information more widely by creating knowledge networks within their own organisations. The creation of such networks will allow for mapping expertise, making comparisons, focusing on necessary tasks, and bringing together experts (Ruggles, 1998).

The concept of organisational knowledge creation refers to the development or modification of organisations' knowledge, including both explicit and tacit knowledge (Pentland, 1995). In this regard, four modes of knowledge creation have been developed: socialization, externalization, internalization, and integration (Nonaka, 1994).

While these four modes are not distinct from one another, they are interdependent and intertwined. In summary, it can be posited that each mode functions as both a contributor to and a beneficiary of the others. As illustrated in Figure 1, each arrow signifies a distinct mode of knowledge creation. The arrows marked A represent externalization, those marked B represent internalization, those marked C represent socialization, and those marked D represent combination.

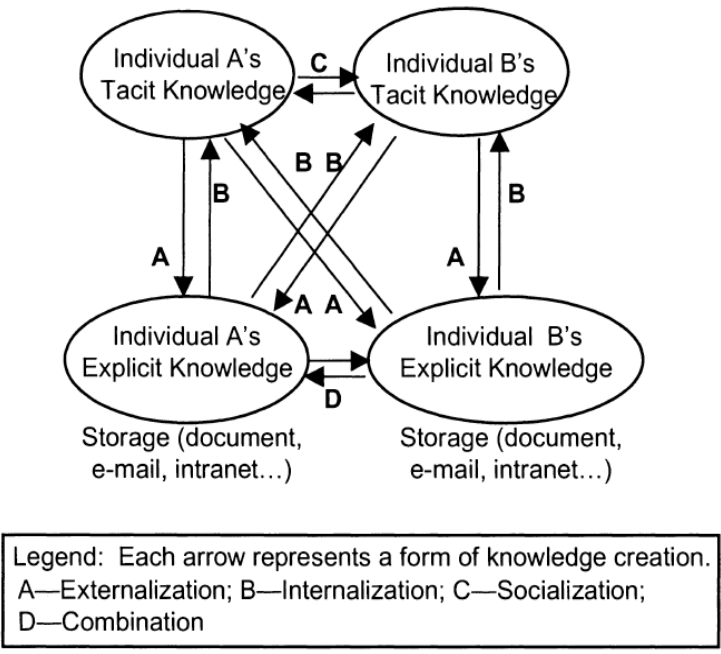


Figure 1. Knowledge Creation Modes

Three factors determine the effectiveness of an information management system in practice. As illustrated in Figure 2, these elements comprise people, processes, and systems. These three fundamental focal points influence each other and are necessary for achieving the defined goals: direction, elements, and components.

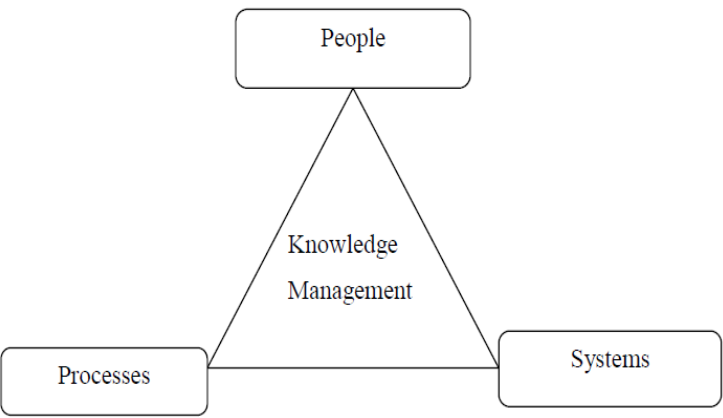


Figure 2. Tripartite nature of knowledge management

To manage information management processes effectively, it is necessary to pay attention to certain stages, as noted by Alegbeleye (2010), Dhamdhare (2015), and Mutula and Mooko (2008). The following stages are delineated:

- **Knowledge Organization**

Organisations should implement a systematic approach to the organisation of access to and retrieval of information they obtain or produce. Alegbeleye (2010) posits that some aspects of information exist within an organisation. These are message identification, text identification, and content specification.

- **Knowledge Storage**

The storage of information is of paramount importance. This is because the information obtained must be stored and preserved securely, in accordance with specific rules, to ensure that organisations can access and use it in future stages. As posited by Alavi and Leidner (2001), the process of information storage can be defined as a series of activities involving the capture, transfer, and encoding of information obtained. Another researcher, Alegbeleye (2010), describes information storage as the preservation of documents containing information in a way that allows for quick and easy access in the future.

- **Knowledge Sharing**

As Ikenwe and Igbinovia (2015) assert, knowledge sharing is considered the fundamental principle of knowledge management. They define it as a process whereby acquired knowledge, skills, thoughts, and experiences are disseminated both between individuals and within organisations. The underlying principle of knowledge sharing is to ensure that such knowledge remains within the organisation even when individuals leave (Dhamdhare, 2015).

- **Knowledge Application**

In the context of organisational structures, the effective and efficient application of information obtained is of paramount importance. Dhamdhare (2015) asserts that if the information obtained, stored, and created is not applied in accordance with specific criteria, all the processes carried out up to that point become meaningless. Consequently, organisations must be provided with effective, efficient information systems. In summary, the application of information is the effective utilisation of available information to address existing lacunae or satisfy existing requirements.

2.1. Advantages of Knowledge Management Systems:

- Knowledge Management Systems facilitate seamless access to the accumulated experiential knowledge held within an organisation. They thus

enable relevant unit managers to make more effective and expeditious decisions (Alavi & Leidner, 2001; Anameriç, H., 2005).

- Information Management Systems have been shown to facilitate the institutionalisation of personal knowledge within organisations, thereby enabling continuous learning (Çevik Tekin, 2023; Nonaka & Takeuchi, 1995).

- The utilisation of information systems within organisational frameworks facilitates the expeditious and effortless procurement of requisite data by employees, thereby minimising the redundancy of processes, reducing workloads, and enhancing productivity (Davenport & Prusak, 1998).

- Information Management Systems are utilised by organisations to systematically record their experiences and knowledge according to a defined set of rules and procedures. This approach is designed to minimise or even eliminate information loss in the event of employee turnover, ensuring a seamless transfer of knowledge and expertise (Incetaş, 2024; Jennex & Croasdel, 2005).

- Information Management Systems have been demonstrated to engender creativity within organisations by facilitating the synthesis of information from a wide array of sources in a lucid and comprehensible manner (Choi & Lee, 2003; Damar & Bölen, 2021).

2.2. The limitations of Knowledge Management Systems:

- It is challenging to encode tacit knowledge (i.e., experiential and intuitive) within organisations and adapt it to the system (Anameriç, 2005; Polanyi, 1966).

- It is challenging to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge within an organisation due to the prevailing perception among employees that such an endeavour may result in a diminution of their status or authority (De Long & Fahey, 2000; Özköse, 2017).

- In order to establish a knowledge management system that is both effective and efficient within an organisation, it is essential that investments are made in areas such as infrastructure and training (Çevik Tekin, 2023; Davenport, De Long & Beers, 1998).

- In the absence of an information management system that has been designed with efficiency and effectiveness in mind, it is to be expected that user productivity will be reduced. This may even lead to erroneous decision-making by relevant managers (Eppler & Mengis, 2004; Incetaş, 2024).

- It is imperative that the individuals who will have access to the information management system within an organisation are clearly determined

in advance, as well as the level of access that will be granted to them. In the absence of such measures, unauthorised access to the system will constitute a grave security threat (Alavi & Leidner, 2001; Jennex & Zyngier, 2007).

3. Conclusion

Knowledge management systems facilitate continuous access to the experience-based knowledge accumulated within the organisations or institutions they serve, thereby assisting managers at the relevant management level in making effective and efficient decisions. Moreover, this feature facilitates the institutionalisation of accumulated knowledge and continuous learning. This is of pivotal significance in facilitating employees within the organisation to access accurate information in a timely and secure manner.

Knowledge management systems guarantee that data is documented in accordance with the established rules and procedures of the institutions or organizations to which they are affiliated, in addition to the features they offer. This phenomenon occurs because, even in the event of an individual's departure from a position, the requisite information is rendered permanent. This protocol is designed to ensure the seamless transmission of information between departments and individuals, facilitating effective communication and collaboration. The implementation of these systems within organizations and institutions is strongly advocated due to their inherent benefits, which include the expeditious and secure transmission of information, the lucid and comprehensible presentation of information, and the synthesis of data to enhance its significance.

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CHAPTER III

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE ARCHITECTURES IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction

In the era of digital transformation, organizations' competitive advantage no longer depends solely on the resources they possess but increasingly on their ability to make informed, data-driven decisions. Today, businesses operate in complex environments saturated with large and diverse datasets generated by multiple systems. Transforming these data into meaningful information and integrating them into strategic decision-support mechanisms have become essential for achieving sustainable success. Within this context, Business Intelligence (BI) and Management Information Systems (MIS) emerge as key components of the data-driven management paradigm.

Business intelligence constitutes a comprehensive framework that enables organizations to analyze their historical and real-time data in order to derive insights and forecasts about the future. These systems integrate the processes of data collection, transformation, storage, analysis, and visualization, thereby empowering managers to make faster, more accurate, and strategically informed decisions. Management information systems, in turn, provide the informational infrastructure that organizes the enterprise-wide flow of data, integrates operational processes, and supports decision-making activities. The integration of BI and MIS not only enhances consistency and reliability in data management

but also enables organizations to develop agile and forward-looking management models.

In recent years, the widespread adoption of big data analytics, cloud computing, the Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI) has profoundly transformed BI architectures. Traditional reporting systems have evolved into real-time data processing environments that incorporate both predictive and prescriptive analytics. As a result, organizations can now address not only the question “What happened?” but also “What will happen?” and “Which strategy is most appropriate?”. This evolution has repositioned management information systems from merely operational support tools into strategic infrastructures that create organizational value.

This chapter explores the integrated relationship between BI architectures and management information systems. It first discusses the conceptual foundations and historical evolution of BI, followed by an explanation of its core components—data sources, data warehouses, analytical layers, and performance management. Subsequently, data management and Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) processes are examined in the context of big data. The later sections analyze the functional application areas of MIS—Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Supply Chain Management (SCM), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), and Decision Support Systems (DSS)—together with the BI architectures utilized in these domains. Finally, the chapter discusses how the integration of BI and MIS contributes to strategic decision-making processes, competitive advantage, and digital transformation capacity.

2. Business Intelligence

Business Intelligence (BI) refers to the comprehensive integration of big data, analytical techniques, and DSS into organizational decision-making processes. Its purpose is not only to solve specific problems but also to develop enterprise-wide data solutions that can be utilized by decision-makers across all departments. Therefore, a BI approach that lacks analytical capabilities fails to deliver the expected benefits.

There is a strong relationship between BI and DSS. While DSS typically focus on specific users or problems, BI seeks to foster an organization-wide analytical culture. In particular, data-driven DSS represent one of the fundamental components of BI applications.

To understand the evolution of BI, it is essential to examine its historical development. The term was first introduced in 1958 by IBM researcher Hans

Peter Luhn, and during the 1960s-1980s, DSS gained prominence. In the 1990s, with the emergence of data warehouses, Online Analytical Processing (OLAP) systems, and first-generation BI software, BI applications became increasingly widespread. Since the 2000s, BI solutions offered by major software providers such as SAP, Oracle, and Microsoft have been widely adopted at the enterprise level.

From a technological perspective, BI has evolved from traditional reporting and retrospective analysis to real-time data processing, big data technologies, and cloud-based solutions. While traditional BI focused primarily on historical reporting, modern BI-supported by advanced analytics and machine learning techniques-can now generate future-oriented insights and prescriptive recommendations. Today, with the support of artificial intelligence, BI systems can answer not only the question “What happened?” but also “What will happen?” and “Which decision is most appropriate?”.

The core components of BI include:

- Data sources and integration, which enable the collection and consolidation of data from multiple origins;
- Data warehouses, which structure data in a meaningful and accessible way;
- Data management and data quality, ensuring accuracy and reliability;
- Performance management systems, which track organizational objectives;
- Advanced analytical methods, providing predictive and prescriptive insights;
- Reporting and visualization tools, which communicate information clearly;
- Dashboards, delivering real-time insights to decision-makers;
- Strategy and governance frameworks, aligning analytical processes with organizational culture; and
- Security and compliance mechanisms, safeguarding data integrity and confidentiality.

In today’s business environment, BI is no longer a tool reserved solely for executives; it has evolved into a democratized system accessible to all employees through self-service BI applications. Trends such as mobile access, cloud-based infrastructures, real-time analytics, and data storytelling have made

BI more flexible, accessible, and user-friendly. In this regard, BI is not merely a technical system but a strategic management tool that enhances organizational competitiveness, institutionalizes a data-driven culture, and improves the quality of strategic decision-making.

2.1. Core Components of Business Intelligence

BI is a multi-layered system that enables organizations to transform raw data into strategic knowledge. The fundamental components of this structure encompass a set of interrelated processes ranging from data collection and integration to analysis, visualization, and strategic governance.

1. **Data Sources and Integration:** This component ensures the collection and consolidation of data from diverse internal and external systems into a coherent structure. By maintaining data integrity, it establishes a solid foundation for subsequent analytical processes.

2. **Data Warehouses:** Data warehouses allow for the organization and storage of data in formats suited to content analysis, pattern recognition, and various analytical needs. They provide decision-makers with fast and systematic access to both historical and real-time information.

3. **Data Quality and Data Management:** This component ensures the accuracy, integrity, reliability, and timeliness of data. It represents a critical determinant of the overall credibility and validity of BI outputs.

4. **Reporting and Visualization:** This process facilitates the clear and effective presentation of complex data through standardized or dynamic reports. Well-designed visualizations enhance users' comprehension of information and foster more active participation in decision-making processes.

5. **Advanced Analytics:** Utilizing predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques, this layer generates forecasts and alternative decision scenarios. It functions as an advanced analytical domain that supports strategic planning, foresight, and evidence-based decision-making.

6. **Performance Management Systems:** These systems enable the continuous monitoring and assessment of organizational objectives, business processes, and key performance indicators (KPIs). As a result, corporate strategies can be dynamically refined based on measurable, data-driven insights.

7. **Dashboards and User Interfaces:** Dashboards and interactive interfaces provide decision-makers with immediate, intuitive, and visually engaging

access to information. These tools significantly enhance the responsiveness and efficiency of real-time decision-support mechanisms.

8. **Corporate Strategy and Governance:** This component ensures that BI processes are embedded within the organizational culture, aligned with strategic objectives, and seamlessly integrated into managerial decision-making structures.

9. **Security and Compliance:** This dimension guarantees that data confidentiality, integrity, and compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks are maintained throughout all BI processes. It is particularly vital for ensuring data protection and cybersecurity in the context of personal and sensitive information.

When these components operate cohesively, organizations are able not only to evaluate their past performance but also to generate future-oriented insights that strengthen strategic decision-making. Thus, BI should be regarded not merely as a technical system but as a holistic managerial approach that shapes analytical capability, enhances decision quality, and reinforces organizational culture. In today's competitive environment, a firm's capacity to achieve sustainable advantage is directly associated with the maturity level of these components.

2.2. Data Management

In today's digital era, the role of data has become more strategic than ever before. Organizations now generate vast amounts of data through every transaction, customer interaction, and digital touchpoint. This diversity of data - spanning from sales records and operational processes to social media content and customer experiences - appears in both structured formats (e.g., database records) and unstructured formats (e.g., images, videos, and comments).

In recent years, the exponential growth of data in terms of volume, velocity, and variety has placed the concept of big data at the center of attention. Big data does not merely refer to the vast quantity of information; it also describes data that are produced at extremely high speeds, from numerous heterogeneous sources, and often in irregular formats. When not properly managed, these characteristics can lead to complexity and inefficiency in organizational decision-making processes.

This is where the concept of data management becomes essential. Data management is not limited to the collection of data; it also encompasses the cleaning, validation, secure storage, and preparation of data for analysis.

Without an effective data management process, big data remains merely a mass of information that cannot be transformed into meaningful insights.

When properly managed, data become a strategic asset for organizations. Data management provides the foundational infrastructure for BI systems, analytical applications, and reporting processes. It enables organizations to make evidence-based rather than intuition-driven decisions, support their strategic objectives, and achieve sustainable competitive advantage.

Indeed, the amount of data flowing through sensors, mobile devices, social media platforms, and enterprise systems is increasing at an extraordinary pace. The total volume of data produced worldwide has approximately doubled every three years since the 1980s. In 2022, the global data production exceeded 100 zettabytes, and this growth is expected to continue in the coming years (Statista, 2023). To illustrate this scale, Figure 1 presents the annual global data production volumes between 2010 and 2027.

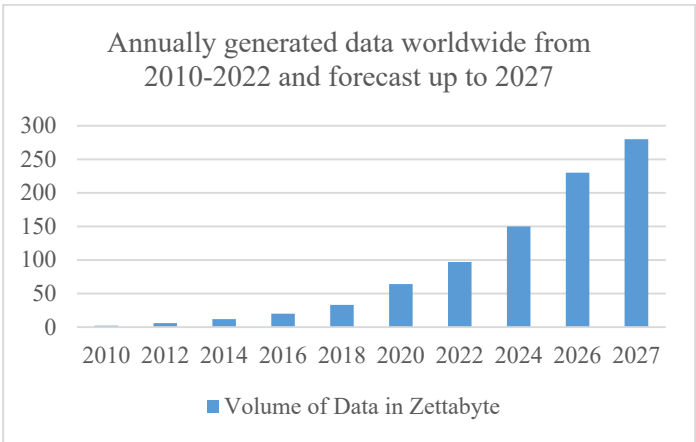


Figure 1. Global data production volume by year (2010-2027).

Data management is a strategic approach encompassing all processes related to the collection, storage, protection, analysis, and sharing of organizational data. In today’s digital economy, effective data management is critical not only for operational efficiency but also for strategic decision-making and competitive advantage. The primary objective of data management is to ensure accuracy, integrity, security, and accessibility at every stage of the data lifecycle. Generally, the process includes six main stages: data collection, data preparation, data storage, data analysis, data distribution, and data integration.

Data Collection: This stage marks the starting point of the process and ensures the systematic acquisition of information required for organizational

decision-making. Data may originate from internal systems (e.g., CRM, SCM, ERP) or external sources (e.g., social media, open data, market research, web scraping). They can exist in structured (e.g., database records), semi-structured (e.g., XML, JSON), or unstructured (e.g., emails, videos, customer feedback) formats. This diversity necessitates a carefully designed data collection strategy.

Data Preparation: Collected raw data are typically unsuitable for direct analysis. Therefore, they must be cleaned, transformed, and standardized. During this phase, missing records are completed, erroneous entries corrected, outliers removed, and data from different sources integrated. Furthermore, data are converted into the formats required by analytical tools (e.g., digitization, normalization), thereby enhancing data quality and ensuring reliable analytical outcomes.

Data Storage: The secure storage of prepared data is vital for the sustainability of data management. Depending on organizational needs, companies may adopt on-premise servers, cloud infrastructures, or hybrid models. At this stage, data warehouses, data lakes, and backup systems serve as key components. Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS) such as Microsoft SQL Server and PostgreSQL, as well as NoSQL databases such as MongoDB and Cassandra, provide solutions tailored to different data types and workloads.

Data Analysis: Data analysis enables organizations to extract meaningful insights from their data. This process employs statistical techniques, machine learning algorithms, data mining methods, and visualization tools. Platforms such as Power BI, Tableau, and QlikView play a significant role in decision-support processes, while technologies such as Python, R, Apache Spark MLlib, and TensorFlow facilitate the development of complex analytical models. The objective is to identify historical patterns and produce predictive insights for the future.

Data Distribution: This is the final stage of the process, ensuring that analyzed data are delivered to the right stakeholders at the right time. Reporting systems, dashboards, and interactive visualizations are used to communicate analytical results to decision-makers. This step reinforces a data-driven decision-making culture and enables managers to take timely and informed actions.

Data Integration: At the core of the entire process lies data integration. Data stored across different systems and formats are combined using the Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) process. In this stage, data are extracted from multiple sources, transformed into standardized formats, and loaded into

analytical systems. Effective data integration ensures a unified and consistent view of information across the organization, forming the foundation for strategic analytics.

2.3. The ETL - Extract, Transform, Load Process

In BI systems, directly retrieving data from operational databases often results in performance degradation, data inconsistencies, and delays in analytical processes. Consequently, modern BI architectures have adopted the approach of transferring data obtained from operational systems into a separate data warehouse. This process, known as ETL (Extract-Transform-Load), consists of three fundamental stages and forms the foundation for ensuring the continuity and accuracy of data warehouses (Khan et al., 2024).

Similarly, Acar (2024) emphasizes that direct access to operational databases may negatively affect system performance and compromise analytical accuracy due to erroneous or unvalidated data. According to the researcher, the ETL process functions as a critical bridge between raw data and the information delivered to end users. When executed in integration with ERP systems, it significantly enhances the efficiency of BI architectures. Acar further notes that Application Programming Interface (API)-based integration provides a more reliable and sustainable solution for transferring data from ERP systems, especially when handling large data volumes.

The Extraction stage marks the starting point of data management. At this stage, data are collected from various operational systems, sensors, social media platforms, and cloud-based applications. Depending on the type of data source, the extraction process may involve retrieving relational, semi-structured, or unstructured data. Metadata generated in this phase provides information about the data's origin, format, and timeliness, thereby supporting the accuracy of subsequent steps (Seenivasan, 2023).

The Transformation stage is where raw data are refined and made suitable for analysis. During this process, data are cleaned, normalized, and corrected for missing or inaccurate values, while records from multiple sources are consistently merged. Furthermore, unnecessary details are eliminated, summary tables are created, and data are converted in accordance with the organization's data model to optimize BI system performance. This stage enhances data quality and enables the establishment of reliable decision-support mechanisms (Khan et al., 2024; Seenivasan, 2023).

In the Loading stage, the transformed data are transferred into the data warehouse or analytical systems. This operation is typically carried out through either batch loading or real-time loading. The selection of an appropriate loading strategy directly affects system performance and data accessibility. Once the loading process is complete, the data become available for analysis and reporting through BI tools.

In conclusion, the ETL process constitutes the fundamental mechanism that transforms raw data into meaningful information within BI systems. Each stage - extraction, transformation, and loading - directly determines data consistency, analytical precision, and the overall quality of decision support. By optimizing ETL workflows, organizations can achieve not only operational efficiency but also enhanced strategic foresight and analytical capability.

2.4. Data Warehouse

A data warehouse is a centralized system where organizations collect, transform, and store large volumes of data obtained from operational systems for use in decision-support processes. These systems provide a foundational infrastructure for multidimensional modeling, data cleansing, data loading, and analytical processing. The key components of a data warehouse architecture include source data, ETL processes, the data warehouse repository, and access and analysis tools. The overall architecture integrates these components through stages of planning, design, construction, and operational management, forming a cohesive and holistic environment.

According to Timakum et al. (2021), research on data warehouses has predominantly focused on themes such as data mining techniques, algorithmic performance, and information systems integration. In this context, data warehouse architectures hold strategic importance by storing organizations' historical data consistently, thereby enabling performance monitoring and analytical evaluation.

Data warehouses are defined by four core characteristics: subject-oriented, integrated, time-variant, and non-volatile. These attributes distinguish data warehouses from other data management systems. An effective data warehouse integrates, cleanses, and validates data from diverse sources in a standardized manner. It then stores this data historically, making it readily available for analysis. Through this process, fragmented information within the organization is consolidated into a single source of truth, ensuring consistency, reliability, and transparency in decision-making processes.

Data warehouses are typically integrated with data mining, OLAP, and reporting systems, providing managers with valuable strategic insights. This integration allows organizations not only to assess past performance but also to generate forecasts and support forward-looking strategic planning. However, data warehouse design and implementation also involve a number of challenges. Issues related to data integration, data quality, system performance, security, and data governance are critical for effective data warehouse management.

Thus, establishing a successful data warehouse depends not only on technological infrastructure but also on process management, data governance policies, and the enterprise data culture that supports these processes.

2.5. OLAP, Data Mining, Reporting, and Visualization

In BI architectures, analytical layers are the essential components that transform structured data stored in data warehouses into meaningful and actionable information. These layers encompass Online Analytical Processing (OLAP), data mining, reporting, and data visualization processes. Each of these components supports knowledge creation at different stages of the decision-support mechanism, thereby enabling managers to develop strategic insights.

OLAP technology represents a powerful approach to multidimensional data analysis. It enables users to examine data from various dimensions and summarize information at multiple levels of detail. Through operations such as slice, dice, drill-down, and roll-up, decision-makers can explore data from different perspectives. OLAP cubes organize information by dimensions such as time, product, and region, allowing for rapid querying and multidimensional analysis. Thus, organizations can perform in-depth analyses of complex datasets related to performance, sales, customer behavior, and supply chain processes.

Data mining focuses on uncovering hidden patterns, relationships, and trends within large datasets stored in data warehouses. Techniques such as classification, clustering, regression, association rule mining, and anomaly detection constitute the core analytical methods of data mining. These methods offer organizations valuable insights in areas such as customer segmentation, risk analysis, market basket analysis, and fraud detection. Within the BI context, data mining extends and deepens the summarized data produced by OLAP systems, enabling more advanced and predictive analyses.

The reporting layer is the stage at which analytical results are systematically presented to decision-makers. It delivers information at different levels, ranging from operational performance indicators to strategic management reports. Modern reporting tools (e.g., Power BI, Tableau, Qlik) provide real-time data access through intuitive, user-friendly interfaces, enabling managers to interact dynamically with information.

The visualization layer is the most user-centered component of BI. Through charts, heat maps, interactive dashboards, and data storytelling techniques, complex data are presented in a simple, coherent, and visually engaging manner. Visual analytics reduces cognitive load and helps managers make data-driven decisions more rapidly and effectively.

When integrated with other analytical layers, this multidimensional analytical structure creates a strategic value creation chain. Data mining techniques operate on the summarized outputs of OLAP systems to reveal hidden patterns, relationships, and trends; these insights can then be used to measure corporate performance through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Indeed, Dahr et al. (2022) demonstrated this process by integrating OLAP cubes with data mining results and aligning them with KPI indicators in a sales decision-support system.

Therefore, the integrated and efficient design of these analytical layers enables organizations to address not only the question “What happened?”, but also “Why did it happen?”, “What will happen?”, and “Which strategy should be pursued?” - facilitating higher-level analytical reasoning and evidence-based strategic decision-making.

2.6. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPIs are quantitative measures that demonstrate the extent to which an organization has achieved its strategic objectives. For example, the study A Survey on Exploring KPIs compiled existing methods for identifying, defining, and monitoring KPIs, emphasizing that “the selection of KPIs is critical to success” (Badawy et al., 2016). Furthermore, another study proposed that the process of KPI identification could be automated through the use of data mining algorithms, enabling KPI determination from historical data without requiring expert intervention (Sultan et al., 2017).

Within this framework, KPIs are not merely outcome measures but also tools for monitoring performance trends, supporting strategic decision-making, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement (Maté et al., 2017).

3. Management Information Systems (MIS)

MIS constitute one of the fundamental information infrastructures that support decision-making processes within organizations. MIS functions as a centralized information repository that collects and integrates data from diverse sources, including internal systems, external databases, social media platforms, and the internet. By processing, analyzing, and transforming data into meaningful information, MIS directly contributes to managerial decision-making, planning, and control processes (Laudon & Laudon, 2004).

Although the evolution of MIS spans several decades, the structure and functionality of these systems have continuously adapted to meet changing organizational needs. While fundamental requirements-such as strategy formulation, implementation, and performance monitoring-have remained relatively stable, more dynamic needs, including environmental scanning and the identification of opportunities and threats, have evolved rapidly (Skyrius et al., 2013). This demonstrates that the nature of information systems encompasses both cyclical and predictable, as well as irregular and unpredictable, dimensions.

According to Altarawneh and Tarawneh (2023), modern information systems management seeks to strike a balance between these two dimensions. While MIS supports stability in strategic planning and organizational decision-making processes, BI solutions emphasize more flexible, dynamic, and predictive analytical approaches. BI systems enhance organizations' capacity for adaptation and innovation through functions such as environmental monitoring, competitive analysis, operational optimization, and the establishment of early warning mechanisms (Nithya & Kiruthika, 2021; Altarawneh & Tarawneh, 2023).

Within this context, MIS and BI applications have become complementary systems. MIS provides the foundation for data integrity and enterprise-wide reporting, whereas BI systems generate added value by producing predictive models, trend analyses, and decision-support scenarios based on these data. Consequently, organizations are not only able to monitor their current status but also to engage in strategic foresight and develop a sustainable competitive advantage (Altarawneh & Tarawneh, 2023).

In recent years, the integration of big data analytics into MIS infrastructures has significantly enhanced the effectiveness of BI systems. Hossain et al. (2024) highlight that this integration extends MIS capabilities beyond retrospective reporting to encompass advanced functions such as predictive analytics and

real-time decision support. Through this integration, organizations can extract strategic insights from complex datasets, respond proactively to environmental changes, and strengthen their competitive positioning.

Therefore, MIS has evolved beyond a system confined to the organization of operational data and has become a core component of big data, cloud computing, and AI-driven BI infrastructures. This transformation reinforces organizations' data-driven decision-making culture and enables a more holistic, agile, and forward-looking approach to strategic management (Hossain et al., 2024).

3.1. Functional Application Areas in Management Information Systems

MIS constitute an integrated framework that supports an organization's overall information flow, decision-making processes, and operational effectiveness. In today's business environment, organizations require not only basic information systems for managing complex data and processes but also specialized systems designed for specific functional areas. Within this scope, core systems developed under the MIS umbrella-Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Supply Chain Management (SCM), and Decision Support Systems (DSS)-serve as fundamental information infrastructures that enhance organizational competitiveness.

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems: CRM systems enable organizations to manage all interactions with existing and potential customers. Their primary objectives are to improve customer satisfaction, optimize sales processes, and foster customer loyalty. By analyzing customer data, CRM systems personalize marketing campaigns and enable the implementation of data-driven marketing strategies. The core contribution of CRM lies in facilitating customer-centric decision-making and promoting evidence-based marketing practices.

Supply Chain Management (SCM) Systems: SCM systems manage the planning, execution, and monitoring of supply chain processes from raw materials to finished products. Their goals include reducing operational costs, increasing delivery efficiency, and optimizing inventory levels. These systems allow real-time data sharing among suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. The key contribution of SCM is process optimization and enhanced visibility across the global supply chain.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems: ERP systems integrate and manage all core business functions-such as finance, production, accounting,

human resources, and inventory management-within a single unified database. Through ERP, data redundancy is eliminated, processes are streamlined, and cross-departmental coordination is strengthened. The primary contribution of ERP lies in integrated information management and improved operational efficiency.

Decision Support Systems (DSS): DSS provide analytical assistance to managers in addressing semi-structured or unstructured problems. They incorporate big data analytics, statistical modeling, scenario analysis, and AI-based forecasting techniques. DSS are typically integrated with data warehouses and BI tools. Their principal contribution is enabling analytical decision-making, enhancing strategic foresight, and reducing risk.

Although each of these systems supports different organizational functions, maximum effectiveness is achieved when they operate in an integrated manner. Data generated from ERP systems can be utilized in CRM analyses; SCM processes can be synchronized with ERP operations; and all of these data streams can be analyzed through DSS to produce strategic reports for managerial decision-making. Thus, MIS evolves from being merely an information storage system into a strategic decision-support infrastructure that fosters organizational intelligence, agility, and competitive advantage.

3.2. Data Sources in Management Information Systems

MIS are founded on the processes of capturing, processing, and transforming data from both internal and external sources into meaningful information that supports organizational decision-making. Kraus et al. (2021) emphasize that information systems management involves a continuous cycle of data acquisition and analysis that leverages contextual information to influence decision-making processes. This cycle enables a data-driven governance framework across both operational and strategic dimensions of the enterprise.

Contextual data refers to metadata that provides insights into the environmental conditions under which data is generated, thereby enhancing the decision-making context. Such data improves the analytical precision of decision-support systems and allows MIS to become more situational and predictive in nature.

Big data analytics has emerged as a transformative force in the modern business landscape, enabling organizations to extract valuable insights from vast, diverse, and dynamically generated datasets (Chen et al., 2012). Through these technologies, enterprises have gained the ability to fundamentally reshape

their operations, make data-driven decisions, enhance operational efficiency, and sustain competitive advantage (Davenport & Harris, 2017).

At the center of this transformation, MIS integrates the processes of data collection, processing, storage, and analysis to support decision-making across all organizational levels (Laudon & Laudon, 2004). MIS provides managers with timely, accurate, and relevant information, forming the backbone of organizational decision-making mechanisms (O'Brien & Marakas, 2008).

The data sources used in MIS extend far beyond internal operational databases. The system also captures data from external sources such as customer interactions, social media platforms, sensor data, web logs, supply chain systems, and market research. These multidimensional datasets are processed through advanced big data analytics tools, transformed into actionable insights, and subsequently used to guide strategic managerial decisions.

The data processing stage involves organizing, sorting, classifying, and summarizing the collected data in alignment with business planning needs. This transformation converts raw data into strategic information that can effectively support managerial decision-making (Sun et al., 2018). Internal data sources include ERP, CRM, and accounting systems, whereas external sources may consist of market research reports, customer feedback, social media data, and publicly available databases.

As the diversity of MIS data sources continues to increase, data quality and data governance processes have become increasingly critical. Data obtained from multiple systems, sensors, or digital platforms often suffer from issues of accuracy, integrity, consistency, and timeliness. Consequently, modern MIS architectures emphasize not only the collection of data but also its management in accordance with established quality standards. Data quality directly affects the reliability of analytical outputs and thus determines the overall accuracy of decision-support systems (Khatri & Brown, 2010). Today, organizations adopt data governance frameworks-comprehensive structures that manage the entire data lifecycle-to ensure the accuracy and reliability of information derived from both internal and external sources (Al-Htaybat & von Alberti-Alhtaybat, 2017).

Altarawneh and Tarawneh (2023) argue that information systems management should extend beyond data collection and analysis to include timely information delivery and flexible data structures. An effective MIS must deliver real-time information on organizational activities, support diverse output formats, and maintain compatibility with evolving digital infrastructures.

Moreover, the system should be scalable to accommodate new data dimensions and dynamic business needs.

Today, MIS data sources are no longer confined to traditional enterprise systems but increasingly draw upon Internet of Things (IoT) devices, cloud-based storage environments, and AI-driven analytical platforms. These next-generation sources provide real-time data streams that make decision-making processes more dynamic. IoT sensors, in particular, enhance the predictive capacity of MIS by continuously capturing data on supply chains, production activities, customer behaviors, and operational performance. Meanwhile, AI-driven systems analyze datasets to deliver automated pattern recognition and predictive decision support. These technologies have transformed MIS from a system focused solely on monitoring past performance into a predictive and adaptive decision-support infrastructure.

In conclusion, the data sources within MIS represent a comprehensive ecosystem that encompasses both internal and external information flows. This ecosystem not only strengthens an organization's data-driven strategic management culture but also forms the foundation for decision-support systems and BI applications (Hossain et al., 2024).

4. Business Intelligence Architectures and Management Information Systems Integration

4.1. Business Intelligence Architecture

In BI systems, the data flow process involves transforming raw data gathered from diverse sources into meaningful information that supports decision-making. The process begins at the data sources layer, where data is collected from various internal systems (e.g., ERP, CRM, accounting software) and external platforms (e.g., social media, market research, sensor data). The collected data is then extracted, transformed into appropriate formats, and loaded into a data warehouse through the ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) process for analytical use.

The data warehouse serves as the organization's centralized memory, storing integrated corporate data in a unified structure. The data stored within this architecture is modeled through OLAP cubes, enabling multidimensional analysis and rapid querying capabilities.

This architecture forms the foundation of decision-support systems by enabling the transformation of data into information and information into

actionable insights. Figure 2 illustrates the process in which data is gathered from both internal and external sources, processed through the ETL pipeline, stored in the data warehouse, analyzed via OLAP cubes, and finally presented to end users through interactive dashboards. This architecture represents an integrated BI framework that converts raw data into knowledge and knowledge into strategic decision support.

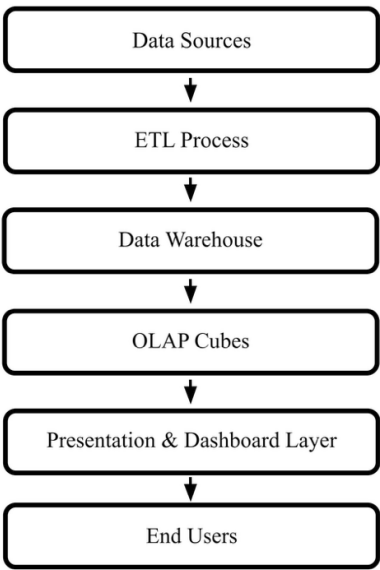


Figure 2. Layers of Business Intelligence Architecture

In conclusion, BI architectures are strategic structures that enhance organizations’ data-driven decision-making capabilities by integrating the processes of data collection, transformation, storage, and conversion into meaningful insights. This general architecture can be implemented in specialized forms across different enterprise systems, such as CRM, SCM, ERP, and DSS. The following sections discuss BI architectures specific to these systems in greater detail.

4.2. Business Intelligence Architecture in Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems

CRM systems constitute one of the most advanced application domains of BI, enabling organizations to holistically manage, analyze, and transform customer data into strategic decisions. Figure 3 illustrates this architecture in detail, depicting the flow from data acquisition to analysis and action.

This architecture demonstrates the BI framework employed within CRM processes. The workflow begins with multiple data sources, including:

- Customer information (contacts, accounts, opportunities, activities) obtained from CRM systems,
- Campaign and customer journey data from marketing automation tools (emails, SMS, push notifications),
- Support tickets from IT Service Management and Customer Support (ITSM/CS) platforms, as well as call centers using Computer Telephony Integration (CTI),
- Event streams and conversion funnels from web and mobile analytics tools.

In addition, the architecture integrates:

- Customer feedback and sentiment analysis from social media and review platforms,
- Transactional data from billing and subscription systems (invoices, refunds, plan changes),
- Customer feedback metrics such as surveys, Net Promoter Score (NPS), Customer Satisfaction Score (CSAT), and Voice of Customer (VoC) results,
- Third-party data enrichment services (e.g., Clearbit for demographic and firmographic data),
- Digital advertising platforms (Google Ads, Meta Ads, TikTok Ads),
- Consent-management systems compliant with GDPR and the Turkish Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK).

All these data streams are ingested via batch and streaming methods into the data ingestion layer. During the ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) process, personal data masking (PII masking), normalization, and deduplication operations are performed. In the identity resolution phase, records are matched at the device, user, and account levels to create unified profiles.

The cleansed and standardized data are consolidated within Master Data Management (MDM) or Customer 360 layers into unified entities-customers, households, accounts, and touchpoints-and stored in data lakes or data warehouses using event-based or relational structures.

At the semantic model/OLAP layer, analyses such as customer segmentation, RFM (Recency-Frequency-Monetary), cohort analysis, and funnel metrics are generated. The advanced analytics and machine learning (ML) layer supports

models such as lead scoring, churn or propensity prediction, Customer Lifetime Value (LTV) estimation, Next Best Offer (NBO) and Next Best Action (NBA) recommendations, Multi-Touch Attribution (MTA), Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM), A/B testing, and uplift analysis.

The analytical outputs are delivered through dashboards and self-service BI tools, allowing end users to explore insights interactively. Using Reverse ETL processes, these analytical results are written back into operational systems to power campaign activation, ensuring that campaign and customer interaction outcomes are reintegrated into the CRM environment. This closed feedback loop continuously refines and updates predictive models.

On the user side, sales teams (Account Executives - AEs and Sales Development Representatives - SDRs) leverage BI outputs for pipeline management and sales forecasting, while marketing and growth teams utilize them for segmentation, personalization, and campaign management. Customer Experience (CX) and support departments, as well as product analytics, finance (e.g., revenue analysis, Customer Acquisition Cost - CAC), and compliance/legal teams, also benefit from these insights.

Finally, customer engagement occurs through multiple communication channels, including email, SMS, push notifications, ad-audience matching, on-site personalization, call-center actions, and automated task or ticket creation. This architecture enables the multidimensional management, analysis, and activation of customer data, providing a robust decision-support foundation for corporate customer-relationship strategies.

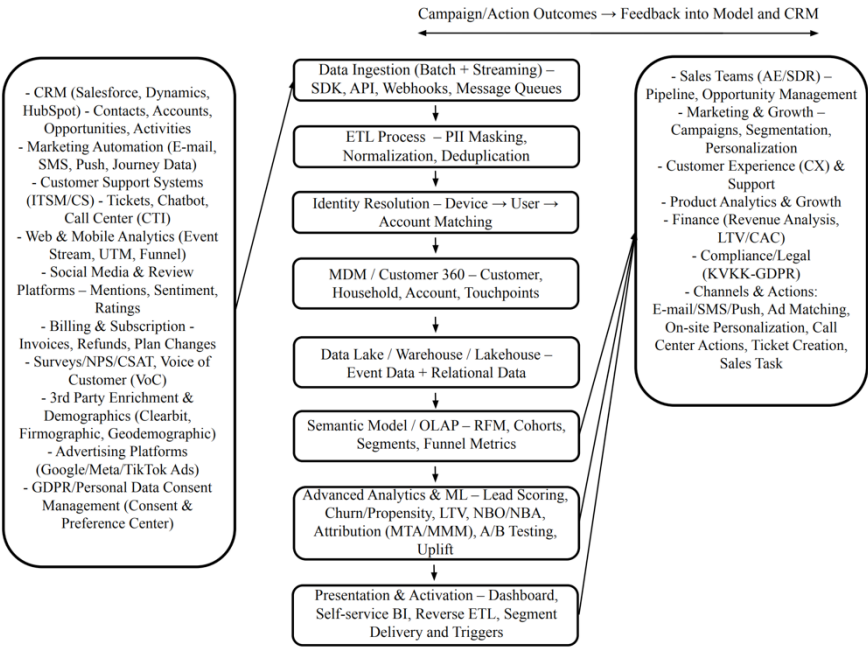


Figure 3. Layers of Business Intelligence Architecture for Customer Relationship Management Systems

This architecture supports data-driven decision-making across all customer-facing processes, enabling organizations to adopt a more holistic and predictive management approach in areas such as customer experience, sales performance, and strategic planning.

4.3. Business Intelligence Architecture in Supply Chain Management (SCM) Systems

SCM represents one of the most complex and data-intensive application domains of BI architectures. These systems integrate big data, analytics, and automation technologies to deliver operational visibility, decision support, and strategic foresight across all stages-from production to distribution.

Figure 4 illustrates the BI architecture designed for SCM processes. The workflow begins with data gathered from enterprise systems and operational infrastructures. Core data sources include orders, bills of materials (BOMs), and production plans obtained from ERP and Material Requirements Planning (MRP) systems. In addition, logistics infrastructures such as Warehouse Management Systems (WMS), Transportation Management Systems (TMS),

and Yard Management Systems (YMS) are integrated with process data collected from Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) sensors on production lines and Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES).

Supplier portals feed the architecture through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), AS2, and XML-based data exchanges, while Points of Sale (POS) and e-commerce platforms contribute sales data. Moreover, external data sources—including weather conditions, freight rates, commodity prices, and port or railway operations—serve as critical inputs for supply chain analytics.

These datasets are transferred to the data ingestion layer via both batch and streaming methods. At this stage, Change Data Capture (CDC) techniques, APIs, and message queue systems (e.g., Kafka, Message Bus) enable real-time data processing. The data then undergo the ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) process, which involves quality checks, cleaning, transformation, and integration.

Subsequently, within the Master Data Management (MDM) layer, supplier, product, location, Stock Keeping Unit (SKU), and taxonomy data are standardized. The data are then organized within Data Lake or Data Warehouse environments, where time-series and geospatial datasets are stored together to support comprehensive analysis.

At the next level, OLAP and semantic models enable multidimensional analyses of demand, supply, inventory, supplier performance, and geographical distribution. Within the Advanced Analytics layer, models are applied for demand forecasting, inventory optimization, safety stock (SS) and reorder point (ROP) calculations, network and route optimization, estimated time of arrival (ETA) prediction, anomaly detection, risk analysis, and early warning system development. Furthermore, Digital Twin applications facilitate simulation scenarios that enhance strategic flexibility in response to potential supply chain disruptions.

The analytical outputs are visualized through Supply Chain Control Tower dashboards, reports, and what-if scenario analyses. These visual tools enable users to monitor critical indicators such as demand-supply balance, production capacity, and logistics performance.

In the final stage, Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) teams, procurement departments, warehouse and logistics operations, sales and channel management units, finance teams (for cost and profitability analysis), as well as suppliers and customers, all benefit from these analytical insights. Moreover, by leveraging Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and APIs, the system can automatically execute operational tasks such as purchase order creation, production plan updates, route changes, and inventory transfers.

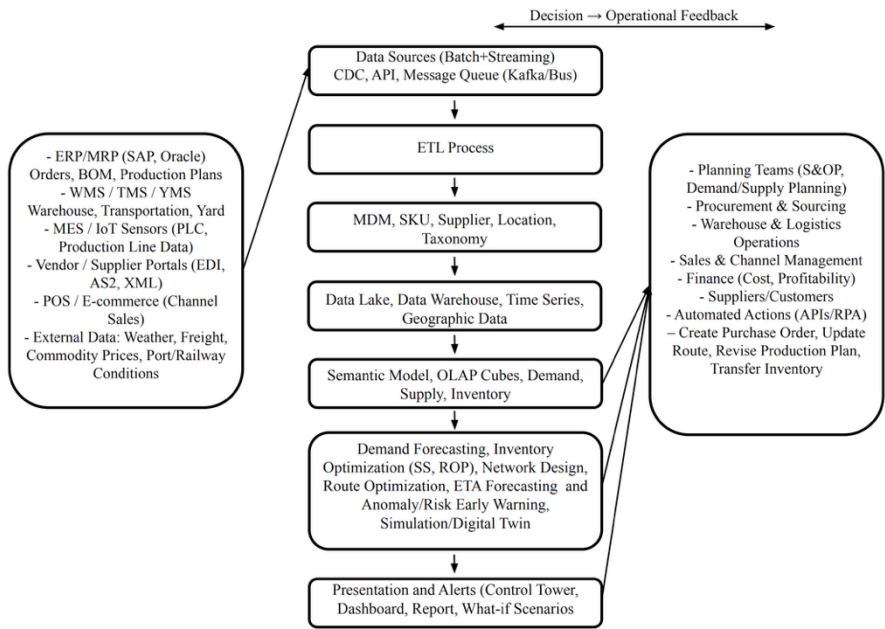


Figure 4. Layers of Business Intelligence Architecture for Supply Chain Management Systems

As a result, this architecture provides an integrated BI infrastructure that supports data-driven decision-making processes throughout the supply chain, enhancing both operational efficiency and strategic flexibility. Consequently, organizations can build predictive, adaptive, and resilient supply chain structures capable of rapidly responding to changing market conditions.

4.4. Business Intelligence Architecture in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems

In today’s business environment, the success of data-driven decision-making depends on the integrated analysis of information derived from enterprise systems. In this context, the integration of ERP systems with BI applications represents a crucial structure that enhances operational efficiency and supports strategic management decisions.

Figure 5 presents a comprehensive BI architecture designed for ERP systems. The process begins with data obtained from various ERP modules and external systems. The ERP system comprises several core modules, including:

- Finance and Accounting (General Ledger - GL, Accounts Receivable - AR, Accounts Payable - AP)
- Human Resources (HR) (payroll, performance, and training management)
- Procurement and Sourcing (purchase orders - PO, supplier and contract management)
- Production (bills of materials - BOM, material requirements planning - MRP, production line tracking)
- Inventory and Logistics (warehouse management, inventory, and distribution)
- Sales and Customer Order Management
- Project Management (budget, time, and resource utilization)
- Maintenance Management (Enterprise Asset Management - EAM, Computerized Maintenance Management Systems - CMMS)

Additionally, data from external systems such as banks, e-invoicing and tax authorities, as well as data collected from IoT and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sensors monitoring logistics and production processes, are incorporated into the system.

All these data streams are transmitted during the data ingestion phase through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), Intermediate Documents (IDocs), Open Data Protocols (OData), and message queues. Subsequently, during the ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) process, data are cleansed, transformed, normalized across currencies and chart-of-accounts variations, and validated for integrity. At this stage, Master Data Management (MDM) ensures the standardization of customer, product, supplier, and location codes.

The processed data are consolidated within a Data Warehouse or Data Lakehouse architecture, integrating datasets across functional domains such as finance, human resources, procurement, production, inventory, and sales. Within the Semantic Model / OLAP layer, multidimensional analyses are performed, allowing organizations to examine financial statements, production metrics, procurement performance indicators (KPIs), and inventory turnover rates in detail.

At the Advanced Analytics and Machine Learning (ML) layer, predictive models are developed for demand and supply forecasting, production optimization, cost and profitability analysis, workforce planning, project performance evaluation, and predictive maintenance.

All insights are visualized in the Presentation and Reporting layer through dashboards, KPI cockpits, and self-service BI tools. These analytical outputs provide targeted insights for different organizational units:

- Executives (CEO, CFO, COO): financial reporting and strategic decision support
- HR managers: employee productivity and turnover analysis
- Supply chain teams: cost optimization and supplier performance
- Production and operations departments: capacity planning and efficiency monitoring
- Logistics units: inventory levels and route optimization
- Sales teams: order tracking and customer analysis
- Project managers: budget control and resource utilization
- Maintenance teams: fault prediction and scheduling support

Furthermore, external stakeholders such as banks, regulatory authorities, and auditing firms can also utilize these data for compliance and reporting purposes.

In conclusion, the ERP-centered BI architecture enables organizations to analyze all business processes from a holistic perspective, thereby improving operational efficiency while providing a strong, data-driven foundation for strategic decision-making.

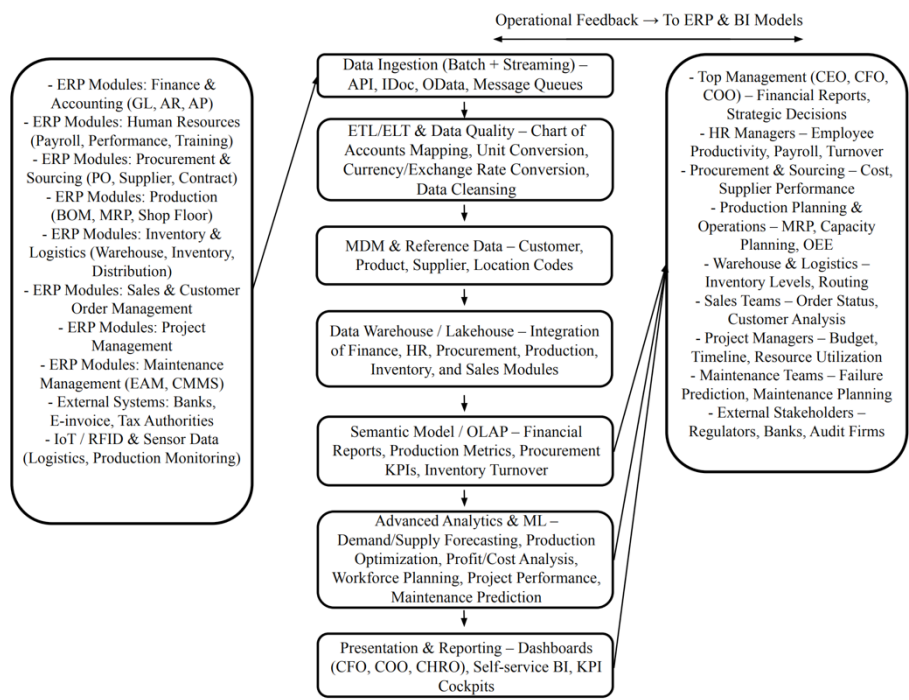


Figure 5. Layers of Business Intelligence Architecture for Enterprise Resource Planning Systems

As a result, this architecture not only enables organizations to monitor past performance but also allows them to make more accurate future plans, anticipate risks, and manage resources more efficiently.

4.5. Business Intelligence Architecture in Decision Support Systems (DSS)

In today’s rapidly changing market environment, organizations must integrate not only historical data but also real-time and predictive insights into their decision-making processes to maintain a competitive advantage. At this point, DSS have become one of the core technological frameworks that interpret large and complex datasets to deliver analytical insights for managers.

Figure 6 illustrates a comprehensive BI architecture designed for DSS. The process aims to support decision-making by integrating both internal and external data sources through multi-layered analytical structures.

The process begins with data derived from Enterprise Systems, including ERP, CRM, SCM, HRM, and Production Systems. In addition, Operational

Databases, which record daily transactions and activities, constitute another key source of data.

Furthermore, external datasets are incorporated into the architecture. Market research, macroeconomic indicators, and competitive intelligence data are combined with outputs from Web and Social Media Analytics, such as trend analysis and sentiment analysis. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) provide location-based data, while simulation and scenario data support potential situation analyses. IoT and sensor-based data streams monitor operational processes in real time. Moreover, knowledge bases and reports containing scientific, technical, and statistical data enrich the organization's analytical environment.

All these data are integrated into the system during the Data Ingestion and Integration phase, which utilizes APIs, batch processing, real-time streaming, and external data connectors. The data then undergo the ETL (Extract-Transform-Load) process, where they are cleaned, transformed, and standardized. Within the Knowledge Management stage, master data sets and ontologies are created, giving the data a meaningful and semantically rich structure.

Subsequently, the data are consolidated within a Data Warehouse or Data Lakehouse architecture, ensuring multidisciplinary data integration. This layer enables the aggregation of information from various sources across the enterprise into a unified analytical environment. Using OLAP technologies, multidimensional analyses are conducted—such as what-if analysis, scenario modeling, and drill-down exploration—to support dynamic decision-making.

At the next stage, Model-Based Analytics processes are applied. Within this layer, optimization, simulation, and forecasting models are developed. Following this, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) components are integrated to perform advanced analytical tasks, including prediction, classification, and decision-tree modeling.

All these data and analytical outputs are presented in the Information Presentation and Visualization layer through interactive dashboards, reports, and visual analytics tools, allowing users to dynamically explore the data according to various scenarios.

Ultimately, the insights generated by this architecture serve decision-makers across different organizational levels. Strategic management utilizes them to shape long-term policies and investment decisions; tactical management applies them to resource allocation and medium-term planning; and operational management leverages them in daily decision-making processes through BI

support. In addition, expert analysts, policy makers, and regulatory bodies can use the DSS architecture to conduct systematic and evidence-based analyses. Furthermore, rule-based or AI-driven automated decision engines can act upon these insights, directly influencing operational outcomes.

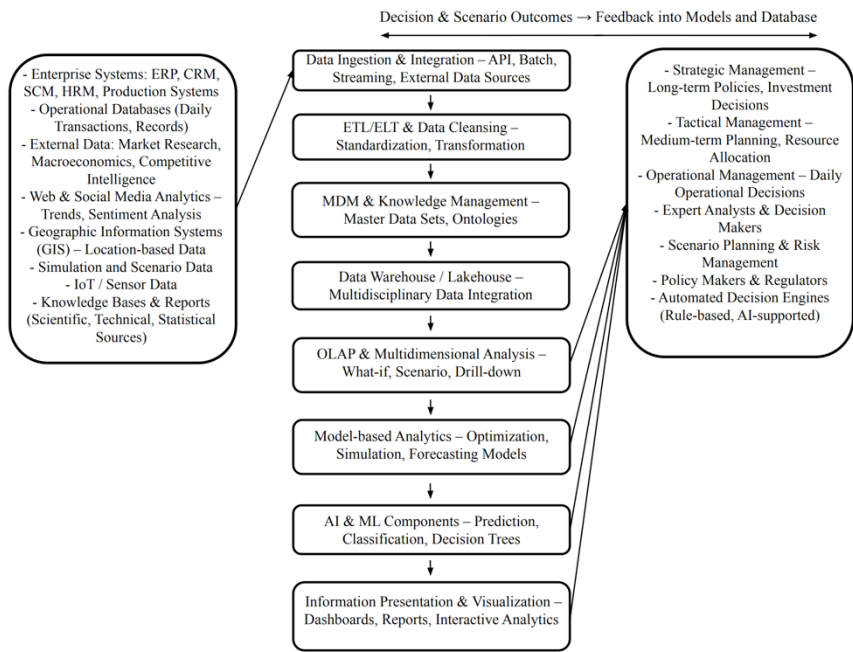


Figure 6. Layers of Business Intelligence Architecture for Decision Support Systems

Thus, the BI architecture based on DSS integrates organizational, environmental, and technological data to enable managers to make accurate, rapid, and flexible decisions. This structure not only evaluates past performance but also anticipates future scenarios, making tangible contributions to strategic planning, risk management, and resource optimization processes.

5. Conclusion

The convergence of BI and MIS represents a pivotal transformation in how organizations generate, interpret, and utilize information for strategic advantage. Throughout this chapter, BI has been examined not merely as a technological tool but as a strategic management architecture-one that unites data, analytics, and decision-making within a unified organizational framework.

Integrating BI architectures into core MIS domains such as CRM, SCM, ERP, and DSS enables organizations to transcend traditional reporting functions and embrace predictive, prescriptive, and autonomous decision environments. The layered BI structures-encompassing data ingestion, ETL processing, warehousing, OLAP analysis, and advanced analytics-create an end-to-end ecosystem where data evolves into intelligence and intelligence into action.

This integration redefines managerial processes by fostering real-time insight generation, enhanced transparency, and agility in responding to environmental volatility. Organizations that leverage BI-MIS integration are no longer limited to retrospective analysis; they can simulate future scenarios, optimize resource allocation, and institutionalize a culture of continuous learning and adaptation.

From a strategic standpoint, the BI-MIS relationship extends beyond operational efficiency-it contributes to organizational resilience, sustainability, and innovation capability. As AI, machine learning, and automation technologies continue to advance, BI architectures will increasingly function as adaptive, intelligent systems capable of self-learning and dynamic decision optimization.

In essence, this chapter has demonstrated that the real value of BI lies not only in processing information but in shaping the very cognitive infrastructure of organizations-turning data into foresight, complexity into clarity, and uncertainty into strategic opportunity.

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CHAPTER IV

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUPPORTED DECISION ANALYTICS: SUPPLY CHAIN AND OPERATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Changing Role of Management Information Systems in the Digital Age

Management Information Systems (MIS) perceive and evaluate stimuli arising from the internal and external environment of organizations within the context of modern business management. As a result of these evaluations, MIS ensures the management of processes across all organizational units, regulates data flows, and thereby contributes to the organization's sustainability. With their multilayered and interdisciplinary structure, they integrate data, technology, and human elements with corporate processes, enabling organizations to systematically achieve their strategic and operational objectives. Throughout history, enterprises' approaches to data and information processing have undergone profound transformations; at the center of these transformations, MIS has evolved from a simple record-keeping mechanism into an integrated governance system in which corporate intelligence is produced, managed, and used to guide decision-making processes.

Particularly in recent years, digital transformation, the globalization of supply chain networks, the personalization of customer expectations, and the operational environment becoming increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous have forced decision-making processes into a radical change. Today, decision-making for managers has ceased to be an action based solely

on past experiences or intuition; it has become a process that necessitates the active use of new technologies such as machine learning and Blockchain, based on intense data flow, advanced analytical methods, and real-time information processing.

In this new ecosystem, the volume, velocity, and variety of data that businesses face render traditional management approaches insufficient. The ability of businesses to sustain a competitive advantage is closely tied to their capacity to convert raw data into processed information and subsequently into actionable insights. In this context, Decision Analytics, which has been frequently emphasized in academic and professional literature in recent years, is recognized as one of the most powerful methodologies that fills the gap between data and action. Decision analytics utilizes mathematical and statistical models to solve complex operational problems, minimize risks, and optimize opportunities by combining descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive approaches. However, the success of analytical models is measured not only by their mathematical perfection, but also by how well these models are integrated into corporate processes, which requires MIS to play an active role at the organizational level.

1.2. Transition from Operational Excellence to Strategic Agility

When the information generation, dissemination, and corporate process integration capacities of MIS are combined with robust decision analytics mechanisms, it becomes possible to make conscious and rational decisions at the organizational level. Especially in dynamic fields requiring continuous improvement, such as Supply Chain Management and Operations Management, where the highest level of efficiency is targeted, the ability of analytical models to directly influence operational decisions depends on the integrated mechanism provided by MIS.

Supply chain managers require MIS-supported decision analytics for activities such as forecasting demand fluctuations, optimizing inventory levels, managing supplier risks, and making logistics networks efficient. At this point, MIS serves as the fundamental infrastructure that enables the foresight generated by analytical models to transform into operational value. In this context, MIS transforms the concept of analytics from a laboratory exercise into a living and evolving corporate capability.

The primary objective of this chapter is to examine the value creation mechanisms of MIS-supported decision analytics in the fields of supply chain and operations in a holistic manner, covering conceptual, technological, and

applied dimensions. Throughout the study, it will be emphasized that analytics is not merely a technical toolset but also a corporate management philosophy; the theoretical and practical reflections of the subject will be discussed across a broad spectrum ranging from data architectures to organizational change management.

2. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

To grasp MIS-supported decision analytics in depth, it is first necessary to understand the theoretical foundation of the fundamental components that constitute this structure. In this scope, the historical evolution of MIS, the classification of decision analytics, and the fundamental decision areas of supply chain management, alongside the value creation chain, should be addressed as three complementary principal axes.

2.1. The Evolution of Management Information Systems

Management Information Systems are in a continuous state of evolution parallel to the development of technology. This evolution has also shaped businesses' perspectives on data and their methods for utilizing it. Structures initially termed Transaction Processing Systems (TPS) aimed to record fundamental operational transactions such as finance, accounting, and inventory tracking in a digital environment and to increase efficiency. In this period, the focus was on the accuracy of data entry and increasing transaction speed. Over time, the need arose for managers to use this collected data in decision-making processes, leading to the emergence of the concepts of Management Information Systems (MIS) and Decision Support Systems (DSS). The reports generated through analyses such as "what-if," sensitivity, and goal-seeking enabled by these systems provided support to managers in making semi-structured decisions.

Especially in the 2000s, the rise of Business Intelligence (BI) and Business Analytics (BA) concepts enabled the development of dynamic dashboards based on data warehouses and OLAP technologies, alongside real-time analysis capabilities. Today, with the integration of big data technologies, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence algorithms, MIS has transformed into a corporate platform and ecosystem approach.

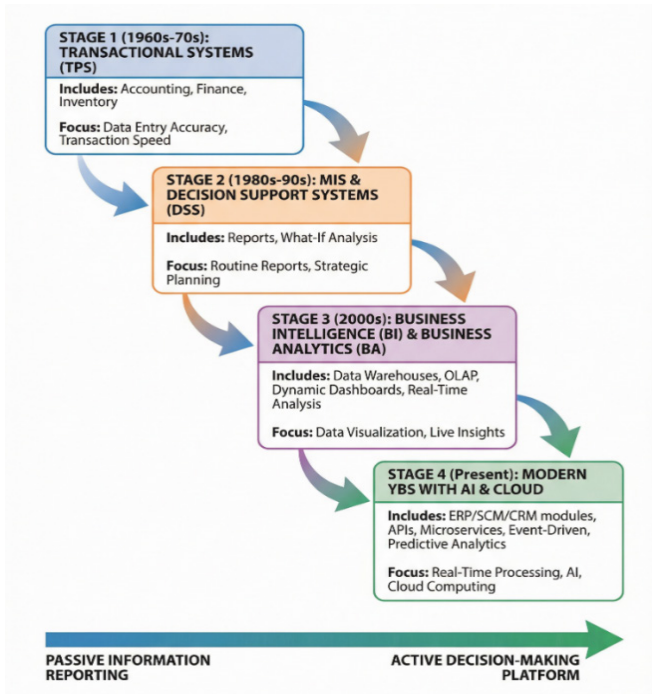


Figure 1: Evolution of Management Information Systems and Development of Decision Support Capabilities

With its development in recent years, MIS has moved beyond integrating internal modules such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) to become an event-driven structure capable of instantaneous communication with the systems of suppliers and logistics partners via Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and microservices, thereby ensuring seamless data flow across organizational boundaries throughout the supply chain. The most critical change in this evolution is the transformation of MIS from a passive structure that merely reports information into an active ecosystem that influences decision-making from start to finish at all levels of organizations, enables its implementation, and tracks processes.

2.2. Classification of Decision Analytics

Decision analytics is an interdisciplinary field that integrates data management, statistical modeling, and information technologies to obtain data-driven, actionable insights for solving complex managerial problems. In the relevant literature, this field is examined in four main classes based on the level of foresight dependent on analytical competencies and the business value it produces in decision processes (Delen & Demirkan, 2013; Turban et al., 2018).

The first stage, Descriptive Analytics, seeks to answer the question “What is happening?” by deriving information from large amounts of data and applying statistical methods to summarize the current situation in supply chain management (Watson, 2014). This stage focuses on the fundamental metrics necessary for the business to understand its past performance and evaluate its current status. For example, calculating the average delivery time in a logistics operation is a descriptive approach.

Located one step beyond this, Diagnostic Analytics focuses on the question “Why did it happen?”, aiming to uncover and understand the root causes underlying events (Holsapple et al., 2014). This approach, which scrutinizes the causes of events, uses anomaly detection algorithms, for instance, to understand the reason for a stoppage on a production line.

Predictive Analytics, which offers projections for the future, makes predictions by using statistics, simulation, modeling, machine learning, and artificial intelligence techniques to answer the question “What will happen?” Demand forecasting, predicting changes in raw material prices, or estimating when a machine will malfunction fall into this category (Shmueli & Koppius, 2011).

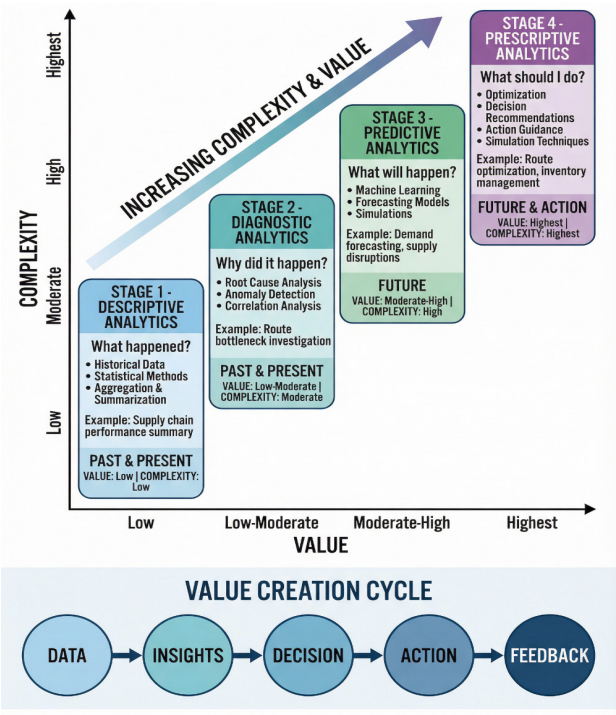


Figure 2: Decision Analytics Maturity Model:
Relationship between Complexity and Value

Finally, the most advanced stage, Prescriptive Analytics, answers the question “What should I do?” by relying on the outputs of descriptive and predictive models and uses mathematical optimization and simulation techniques to derive decision recommendations (Bertsimas & Kallus, 2020). The value creation of these analytical processes occurs in a cycle where data is transformed into features, models are transformed into decisions, decisions are transformed into actions, and actions are transformed into feedback. However, the success of this cycle depends on factors such as data quality, the integration of the model into processes, and organizational adoption.

2.3. Theoretical Background

Utilizing management and organizational theories to explain the contributions provided by MIS-supported decision analytics to businesses will strengthen the academic foundation of the subject. In this context, Information Processing Theory and the Resource-Based View stand out as two fundamental theories explaining the value of analytics.

Information Processing Theory, proposed by Galbraith (1974), treats organizations as information-processing systems and argues that institutions must increase their information-processing capacities in situations where environmental uncertainty increases. In environments with high uncertainty, such as the supply chain, MIS and decision analytics function as fundamental mechanisms that reduce uncertainty by increasing the enterprise’s information-processing capacity.

The Resource-Based View (RBV) bases the competitive advantage of businesses on the valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable resources they possess. Viewed from this perspective, the data assets a business possesses, the analytical models it develops, and the integrated MIS infrastructure it establishes are strategic resources that rival businesses cannot easily copy. Although hardware or software may be purchasable, the culture of data-driven decision-making and the processes supporting this culture provide the business with a sustainable competitive advantage.

2.4. Decision Levels and Analytical Needs in Supply Chain Management

Supply chain management encompasses a complex set of processes extending from raw material procurement to the delivery of the final product to the customer. The integration of MIS-supported decision analytics into these processes requires them to be addressed in a hierarchical structure according to the impact duration and scope of the decisions. In the literature, based on

Robert N. Anthony's (1965) classic framework of management control, supply chain decisions are classified into three fundamental levels: strategic, tactical, and operational (Chopra & Meindl, 2016). Each decision level requires different data types and necessitates different levels of analytical maturity.

- **Strategic Level:** Covers decisions that are long-term (usually 3-10 years) and require high investment costs. Supply chain network design, factory and warehouse location selection, or outsourcing strategies are located at this level. Since strategic decisions are difficult and costly to reverse, it is the area where uncertainty is highest. Therefore, at this level, Prescriptive Analytics methods (e.g., network optimization with mixed-integer linear programming) and long-term scenario analyses are needed (Simchi-Levi et al., 2008).

- **Tactical Level:** Focuses on resource allocation, generally in the medium term (monthly or quarterly), within the boundaries established by strategic decisions—demand forecasting, determining inventory policies, master production planning, and distribution planning fall under this category. Since determining **future trends based on past data is critical at the tactical level**, **Predictive Analytics applications** (e.g., time series analyses and regression models) play a dominant role (Wang et al., 2016).

- **Operational Level:** Decisions related to the execution of the supply chain occur on a daily or weekly basis. Vehicle routing, order scheduling, instantaneous inventory tracking, and material loading plans are managed at the operational level. Here, since decisions must be made very quickly, real-time data-driven Descriptive and Diagnostic analytical tools are used to provide intervention at the moment of the problem, along with dynamic optimization algorithms that maximize operational efficiency (Ivanov et al., 2019).

In summary, the most significant contribution of MIS to the supply chain is its ability to match the correct analytical tool with the appropriate decision problem across a broad spectrum, ranging from managing uncertainty at the strategic level through simulations to optimizing instantaneous data flow at the operational level.

2.5. Data Governance and Analytical Maturity

The success of decision analytics disciplines depends not only on the existence of advanced algorithms but also on a robust data architecture and governance strategy feeding these algorithms. This situation, as summarized in the literature by the principle of “Garbage In, Garbage Out” (GIGO), highlights the direct impact of data quality on the reliability of analytical outputs. In this

context, data governance refers to the process of treating data as a business asset and managing its quality, security, and accessibility within the framework of established policies (Abraham et al., 2019).

In multi-stakeholder and data-intensive environments such as the supply chain, master data, transaction data, and streaming data coming from Internet of Things (IoT) sensors must be managed with criteria of accuracy, integrity, and timeliness. Effective data governance establishes a “single source of truth” across the organization, allowing different departments (e.g., sales and inventory management) to view the same data and make informed, aligned decisions (Khatri & Brown, 2010).

Analytical maturity is a critical process that expresses the development of a business’s competence in using data over time. This process progresses from simple reporting and queries towards autonomous decision systems where analytical models are fully integrated into operational processes. According to the maturity model proposed by Davenport and Harris (2007), businesses seeking a competitive advantage must adopt analytics not just as a support function, but as a strategic competence. Today, this maturity level is being institutionalized through MLOps (Machine Learning Operations) disciplines and centralized data management structures that enable analytical models to be deployed sustainably in live systems (Baesens et al., 2016).

Consequently, an MIS-supported decision analytics ecosystem, when built upon theoretical foundations, sector-specific decision areas, and a robust data governance infrastructure, enables businesses to gain a sustainable competitive advantage and operational agility.

3. TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ARCHITECTURES

The scalable, reliable, and auditable operation of MIS-supported decision analytics requires an integrated structure where the enterprise application architecture, data architectures, integration layers, and security elements are designed in conjunction. This structure is the technological backbone that enables analytical models to exit the laboratory environment and generate value with real-time data in the real world.

3.1. Enterprise Application Architecture: ERP, SCM, and MES Integration

At the center of this enterprise application architecture lies the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, widely regarded as the “digital nervous

system” of the business. ERP functions as the “single source of truth” for planning and execution processes by ensuring master data management and transaction integrity (Helo & Szekely, 2005). Advanced Planning Systems (APS) and Supply Chain Management (SCM) applications, fed by financial and inventory data provided by ERP, offer prescriptive analytic solutions in network design and supply assignments by combining demand forecasts and constraints.

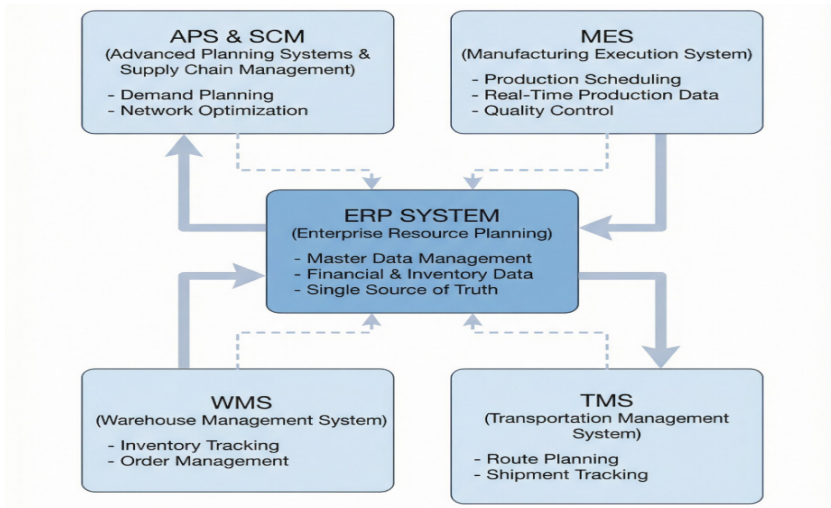


Figure 3.: Enterprise Application Architecture and Data Flow Integration.

On the production floor, Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) enable the downloading of planned schedules to the shop floor and the collection of real-time data from the field, while enabling closed-loop improvement with predictive maintenance signals. On the logistics side, Warehouse Management Systems (WMS) and Transportation Management Systems (TMS) integrate data from Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology and fleet telematics into operational decision-making flows, such as route optimization (Mabkhot et al., 2018).

3.2. Modern Data Architectures: Data Warehouse, Data Lake, and Lakehouse

Data storage and processing approaches supporting decision analytics are undergoing a significant transformation. Traditionally, Data Warehouses were used for the historical analysis of structured data, whereas with the rise of big data, Data Lakes storing raw data gained importance. The current architectural trend is the Lakehouse approach, which combines the management and performance disciplines of the data warehouse with the flexibility and low

cost of the data lake (Armbrust et al., 2021). These hybrid architectures provide an integrated analytical ground by eliminating data silos in areas where both financial transaction data (structured) and Internet of Things (IoT) sensor data (unstructured) need to be analyzed together, such as in the supply chain.

3.3. Cloud Computing and Edge Computing

Infrastructure-wise, Cloud Computing supports analytical processes with low cost, scalability, and high flexibility. Cloud platforms enable businesses to access the latest artificial intelligence tools without incurring significant hardware investments. However, the latency occurring while data travels to and from the cloud may be unacceptable for operational processes where milliseconds matter.

At this point, Edge Computing comes into play. Edge computing is a technology that enables data processing at the point closest to the source where it is generated (Shi et al., 2016). For example, in logistics, sensor data from the vehicle is processed locally using edge computing to enable instantaneous route corrections, and only summary data is sent to the cloud, thereby preventing operational latencies.

3.4. Analytical Engines, Optimization, and Digital Twins

The “brain team” working on top of the technological infrastructure consists of analytical runtimes and optimization engines. In the prescriptive analytics layer, Mixed-Integer Linear Programming (MIP), constraint programming, and metaheuristics are used to solve NP-hard (non-polynomial) complexity problems, such as vehicle routing (VRP) and multi-echelon inventory.

Furthermore, Digital Twins, which are virtual replicas of physical assets, are a technology used to test the potential effects of decisions made in a virtual environment using discrete-event and agent-based simulation techniques (Tao et al., 2019). Thanks to this technology, decision-makers find the opportunity to minimize risks in a virtual environment before implementing high-cost strategies in real life.

4. DECISION ANALYTICS METHODS AND OPERATIONAL USE PATTERNS

Decision analytics operating on Management Information Systems (MIS) offers a methodological framework that transforms data into strategic and operational action. In this section, the specific application patterns, algorithms

used, and solution methods in supply chain and operations management for the conceptually classified analytical types in Section 2.2 will be detailed.

4.1. Descriptive and Diagnostic Analytics: From Operational Visibility to Root Causes

Descriptive analytics, the first layer of analytical processes, processes large amounts of data flowing from the operational layers of MIS (ERP, IoT) and converts them into understandable summaries and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for decision-makers. Especially in supply chain management, monitoring critical information such as the location of goods on the network and stock movement is a fundamental use case. Gayialis et al. (2024) state that the visualization of real-time data collected via GPS and RFID technologies, combined with a “Control Tower” approach, increases supply chain visibility and provides instantaneous situational awareness.

Beyond visibility, Diagnostic Analytics, which investigates the causes of performance deviations, uses data mining and statistical inference techniques. At the moment of a quality drop or an unexpected stoppage on a production line, algorithms such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Bayesian Networks are used to reveal hidden relationships between variables. Abdelrahman and Keikhosrokiani (2020) reported that supervised machine learning techniques (Decision Trees, Random Forest) applied to assembly line data could detect the root causes of anomalies (e.g., raw material quality or operator error) with over 90% accuracy. This pattern is a critical output showing managers not only “what happened” but also “where/whom to intervene” for corrective action.

4.2. Predictive Analytics: Modeling the Future and Stochastic Processes

Predictive analytics, which enables businesses to transition from a reactive structure to a proactive one, produces probabilistic outputs regarding the future by modeling stochastic (random) processes. Managing demand uncertainty in the supply chain is the most critical application of this field. Seyedan and Mafakheri (2020) emphasize that demand forecasting models supported by big data analytics are a strategic tool in reducing the “Bullwhip Effect.”

In complex and non-linear data structures where traditional time series methods (ARIMA, Exponential Smoothing) fall short, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Deep Learning architectures stand out. For example, Mathew and Abdulla (2020) demonstrated that LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) networks in e-procurement demand forecasting outperformed traditional methods by

learning long-term dependencies in the time series. Similarly, Chandriah and Naraganahalli (2021) demonstrated the effectiveness of deep learning approaches that incorporate external factors (economic indicators, seasonality) into the model for automotive spare parts demand.

On the operational side, Predictive Maintenance is another dominant pattern monitoring machine health from sensor data (vibration, acoustics, temperature). In their study, Ayvaz and Alpay (2021) stated that machine learning-based models minimize unplanned downtimes by estimating the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of equipment and, consequently, optimize maintenance costs.

4.3. Prescriptive Analytics: Mathematical Optimization and Simulation-Based Decision

Prescriptive analytics, located at the top of the analytical hierarchy, seeks to answer the question “What should I do?” by using the outputs of predictive models, such as the enterprise’s demand for the next month, as parameters and determining the best (optimal) set of actions under constraints. In this process, Operations Research techniques and modern data science methods behave as complementary elements. Problems such as supply chain network design, vehicle routing (VRP), and production scheduling are typically solved using meta-heuristic methods, including genetic algorithms. Delen (2020) stated that prescriptive analytics is not just a calculation tool, but a decision automation that provides rational and mathematically based decision recommendations (prescriptions) to managers.

In modern approaches, optimization models are no longer static but are integrated with simulation and Digital Twins. Law (2015) stated that in situations where analytical solutions are insufficient in complex systems, the “Discrete Event Simulation” technique is indispensable for testing “what-if” scenarios. In current studies, the hybrid use of optimization and machine learning (Optimum Learning) stands out. At this point, Bertsimas and Kallus (2020) proved in their study that Data-driven Optimization produces more robust results than classical methods in decision problems under uncertainty.

5. SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYTICS APPLICATIONS

MIS-supported decision analytics methods evolve into concrete applications that support the making of strategic, tactical, and operational decisions in the end-to-end management of the supply chain. These applications create added value

for organizations across a broad spectrum, ranging from demand forecasting to logistics, from inventory optimization to sustainable supplier selection.

5.1. Demand Forecasting and Sales & Operations Planning (S&OP) Integration

Effective supply chain management begins with accurate and reliable demand forecasts. Predictive analytics methods, especially deep learning techniques like Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and LSTM, enable achieving high accuracy rates in demand forecasting. Aamer et al. (2020) concluded, in their study examining the role of applications using machine learning techniques in supply chain demand forecasting, that the capacity of these techniques to learn non-linear data patterns is superior to that of applications using traditional methods.

However, these mathematical forecasts need to be integrated into a corporate business process. This is where the Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) process comes into play.

Chopra and Meindl (2016) stated that the S&OP process aligns sales, production, inventory, and finance plans using demand forecasts obtained from analytical models. MIS, as the platform providing this integration, enables different departments to share a “single version of the truth,” establish a supply-demand balance, and optimize long-term capacity plans.

5.2. Inventory Optimization: Multi-Echelon Approaches and Simulation

Inventory management is a delicate balancing act that aims to minimize stock costs while maintaining a high service level. Especially in multi-echelon supply chains, determining at which location (factory, regional warehouse, retail) and in what quantity to hold inventory is a complex optimization problem. Simulation-based optimization frameworks are necessary for analyzing multi-echelon inventory systems under uncertainty (Chu et al., 2015). Discrete-event simulation is an effective tool for testing the performance of different stock policies and examining the results of fluctuations, such as the “bullwhip effect,” in the supply chain (Tako & Robinson, 2012).

Additionally, Big Data Analytics (BDA) techniques are increasingly being applied in inventory management. Hajek and Abedin (2020) demonstrated that big data analytics was utilized in an inventory backorder prediction system, which maximized the profit function and thereby reduced stock-out costs.

Furthermore, IoT and Blockchain technologies ensure real-time inventory visibility by reducing discrepancies between physical stock and digital records.

5.3. Supplier Selection and Risk Analytics: Multi-Criteria Decision Making

Supplier selection is one of the most strategic decisions of supply chain management and generally requires the simultaneous evaluation of multiple conflicting criteria (price, quality, delivery time, risk). Ho et al. (2010), in one of the most comprehensive reviews in the literature, state that Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) approaches (AHP, ANP, TOPSIS) have become a standard tool in supplier evaluation and selection.

Today, with sustainability goals taking center stage, environmental and social factors have also been incorporated into the selection criteria. Studies have stated that Fuzzy Logic-based hybrid MCDM approaches (e.g., Fuzzy BWM, Fuzzy AHP) are used for sustainable supplier selection (Alavi et al., 2021; Ecer & Pamucar, 2020). Studies emphasize that the fuzzy logic approach enables the production of more realistic results under uncertainty by mathematically modeling decision-makers' linguistic and subjective judgments, such as "good," "medium," and "bad."

5.4. Logistics and Network Design: Route Optimization and Green Logistics

Logistics and distribution operations are the intersection point of cost management and customer satisfaction. At the operational level, the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) is a classic optimization problem that must be solved to ensure vehicles reach customers via the shortest or fastest route. Thanks to the modern algorithms used, logistics costs can be reduced by 5% to 20% (Toth & Vigo, 2014).

With the development of technology, solution methods have also evolved. In intermodal transport and truck routing, the Deep Reinforcement Learning approach provides faster and more effective results in dynamic environments compared to traditional and heuristic methods (Adi et al., 2021). Additionally, environmental concerns have led to the emergence of the concept of Green Vehicle Routing (Green-VRP) in the logistics sector. Demir et al. (2014), in their review on green road freight transportation, drew attention to the importance of Multi-Objective Optimization models that minimize not only cost but also fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

6. DECISION SUPPORT IN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

While supply chain analytics focuses on the flow of materials, operations management is a more internal and technical field covering the process of converting these materials into the final product or service. Functions such as production planning, quality control, resource allocation, and asset management constitute the cornerstones of operational excellence. MIS-supported decision analytics provides businesses with both efficiency and resilience by ensuring that decisions taken in these functions are grounded on a data-driven, reproducible, and explainable basis.

6.1. Production Planning and Scheduling: Optimization Under Constraints

Production planning and scheduling is a complex optimization problem that requires the most efficient organization of limited resources (machines, labor, materials) on a time axis to meet customer demands. Prescriptive analytics methods, as described in Section 4.3, are applied in their most intensive form at this stage. Although the structure of the problem changes according to the type of production environment, the objective is to minimize the total completion time of production or delay costs (Pinedo, 2016).

While scheduling in traditional MIS approaches relied on static rules (e.g., FIFO), today, the hybrid uses of Constraint Programming (CP) and meta-heuristic methods, such as Genetic Algorithms, produce much faster solutions for large-scale problems. At this point, the ERP-MES integration mentioned in Section 3.1 plays a vital role. Deviations between planned and actual production are closed by performing dynamic scheduling with instantaneous data coming from the field. Laudon and Laudon (2024) emphasized that this integration provides operational agility and increases the resilience of businesses against plan deviations. Furthermore, the use of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) dashboards, which make decision-making processes more transparent, is becoming increasingly widespread, allowing operators in modern factories to trust analytical decisions. Making XAI more reliable and facilitating human-machine interactions positions it as a fundamental enabler of all processes in new-generation smart manufacturing.

6.2. Quality Analytics

With Industry 4.0, quality management has evolved from a process performed at the final control stage to an embedded structure that is integrated

into every stage of the process. This transformation ensures that deviations are detected without exceeding tolerances and faulty production costs are reduced by running Traditional Statistical Process Control (SPC) charts on real-time data flows (Montgomery, 2019).

In visual quality inspection, Deep Learning techniques have created a revolution. Images captured by high-resolution cameras are analyzed using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), enabling the autonomous detection of micro-level defects. Moreover, the process mining approach used to find the root cause of quality problems analyzes event logs to reveal deviations between the planned and actual flow.

6.3. Asset Management and Predictive Maintenance Strategies

Asset management strategies that guarantee production continuity have historically evolved from a reactive (breakdown-based) approach to the predictive and prescriptive maintenance detailed in Section 4.2. By analyzing data from IoT sensors (vibration, acoustics, and temperature), the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of equipment is estimated, thereby minimizing unplanned downtime. Research has shown that these methods can reduce maintenance costs by rates up to 30% (Jardine et al., 2006; Mobley, 2002).

In an integrated MIS structure, maintenance activities are treated not as an external factor disrupting production but as a part of the scheduling problem to be optimized. Thus, maintenance windows and production jobs are optimized simultaneously, maximizing Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE). However, the sustainability of these analytical models carries the risk that model performance will decline over time. Therefore, the application of MLOps disciplines and continuous monitoring of models ensures that validated models maintain performance characteristics while adapting to real-world operational environments by combining the test environment with the field environment (Sculley et al., 2015).

7. NEXT-GENERATION MIS ECOSYSTEM AND FUTURE VISION

MIS-supported decision analytics has entered a new phase today with the emergence of integrated alternative solutions, made possible by the ability to utilize multiple advanced technologies in conjunction. This section examines how existing analytical capabilities combine with the concepts of “Generative Artificial Intelligence,” “Cyber-Physical Autonomy,” and “Industrial

Metaverse,” and how they transform decision systems from human-supported structures into autonomous structures that collaborate with humans.

7.1. Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) and Decision Orchestration

While the predictive models mentioned in Section 4 focus on numerical data, the recently emerging Large Language Models (LLMs) and Generative Artificial Intelligence have created a revolution in incorporating unstructured data (text, visual, and contract) into decision-making processes. While traditional MIS presented only specific reports to the user, GenAI-supported systems have undertaken the role of a co-pilot that can analyze complex supply chain problems in natural language, generate scenarios, and provide information retrieval from technical documentation (Retrieval-Augmented Generation - RAG) (Chui et al., 2023). Additionally, the complexity of supply networks poses a challenge to standard deep learning models. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), which come into play at this point, have the ability to model multilayered relationships between suppliers, firms, and markets with topological features. Zhao et al. (2023) revealed in their study that GNN structures detect risk propagation and fragilities on the network much earlier than classical methods and manage strategic decision scenarios more effectively.

7.2. Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) and Hyper-Autonomy

Edge Computing infrastructure and 5G technology have enabled the “Cyber-Physical Systems” (CPS) paradigm to become a reality today. The goal is no longer to collect data (IoT), but to process data at the source and autonomously intervene in physical world scenarios. In the literature, CPS is defined as structures that transform production systems into intelligent assets capable of processing data from sensors within milliseconds and optimizing themselves (Monostori, 2014).

Today, technologies such as autonomous fleets, Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMR), and uncrewed aerial vehicles are already in use. Similarly, thanks to Edge analytics, these robots, which can make decisions without cloud latency, can perform dynamic route changes in the warehouse or instantaneous quality intervention on the production line. This “lights-out manufacturing” vision, which minimizes human intervention, will ensure that MIS becomes not just a reporting tool but a digital brain and nervous system managing physical operations autonomously in the near future.

7.3. *Industrial Metaverse*

With the combination of Blockchain and Digital Twin technologies, a secure inter-institutional collaboration platform has been formed under the umbrella of the industrial metaverse. This structure, conceptualized by Tao et al. (2019), represents an integrated universe where virtual copies of not only a single factory but also all supply chain stakeholders communicate with each other. In this ecosystem, Blockchain constitutes the trust layer providing security, immutability, and traceability of data. Especially in sustainable supply chain management, recording a product's carbon footprint, ethical production conditions, and origin information, and verifying them with smart contracts on the Blockchain, is of critical importance for green deal compliance (Saber et al., 2019). At this point, MIS can offer an integrated virtual management layer by gathering simulation (Digital Twin), trust (Blockchain), and intelligence (Artificial Intelligence) concepts under a single roof.

8. APPLICATION EXAMPLES AND SCENARIO ANALYSES

The conceptual and technological infrastructure of MIS-supported decision analytics will find its actual value only when integrated into operational processes and producing measurable business results. Applications on sectoral scenarios are required to see the field equivalent of the methods and architecture discussed in previous sections. In this section, the added value created by integrating model, process, and technology will be discussed through representative application scenarios selected from the retail, logistics, and manufacturing sectors.

8.1. *Retail: Omni-Channel Demand Management and Dynamic Pricing*

The retail sector is a dynamic ecosystem where customer behaviors change instantaneously, and competition is shaped by “price sensitivity.” In this environment, while traditional time series methods fall short, Big Data Analytics (BDA) and machine learning-based models are a strategic necessity. In the literature, it is emphasized that data analytics has a significant impact on improving retail business processes and understanding customer demand (Maheshwari et al., 2021).

Application Scenario: A fashion retailer utilizes a hierarchical demand forecasting system that incorporates not only past sales data but also competitor prices, weather conditions, and social media trends into the model. These forecasts are processed by prescriptive analytics engines and converted into Inventory

Replenishment decisions. Simultaneously, dynamic pricing algorithms come into play for products with excess stock, determining the optimal discount rate to protect the profit margin. Studies have shown that such integrated systems increase operational profitability by balancing stock-out risk and excess stock cost (Hajek & Abedin, 2020).

8.2. Logistics: Real-Time Route Optimization and Cold Chains

The Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) has evolved from a static planning problem in field applications to an IoT-supported dynamic operation. In modern logistics management, VRP solutions are crucial elements for cost savings and customer satisfaction (Toth & Vigo, 2014).

Application Scenario: In a cold chain (food/medicine) distribution network, telemetry data (including location, temperature, and traffic) from vehicles is integrated with the Transportation Management System (TMS). In the event of instantaneous deviations, such as changes in traffic density or vehicle breakdown, the system re-runs the Multi-Objective Optimization model. Demir et al. (2014) state that these models create eco-routes minimizing not only cost but also CO₂ emissions. When the fleet manager approves a disrupted route via the warning reflected on the screen, a new route is instantly sent to the driver's tablet. Tayal et al. (2020) demonstrated that these frameworks, which integrate big data and meta-heuristic methods, optimize delivery times while improving environmental performance.

8.3. Manufacturing: Autonomous Scheduling and Quality Assurance Cycle

Efficiency on the production floor is measured by managing the deviation between planned and actual. In a Job-shop factory where hundreds of different orders are processed, the integration of machine learning and rule-based scheduling techniques is crucial for reducing delays and improving resource utilization (Zhao & Zhang, 2021).

Application Scenario: In an automotive parts manufacturer, cameras and wearable technologies on the assembly line monitor operations using Artificial Neural Networks (ANN). Küçükoglu et al. (2018) demonstrated that these technologies prevent faulty products from progressing to the next stage by instantly detecting defective operations. More importantly, this error signal coming from quality analytics triggers the scheduling algorithm via the MES

system. The system automatically creates a rework order for the faulty part and redistributes the machine's maintenance load to another line. This closed-loop structure ensures that manufacturing operations transform into a self-organizing system, eliminating the need for external intervention.

9. CHALLENGES, FUTURE VISION, AND CONCLUSION

Theoretical foundations, architectural structures, and sectoral applications examined throughout this study clearly demonstrate that Management Information Systems (MIS) supporting decision analytics have ceased to be a choice for modern businesses and have become a strategic necessity. However, converting data into operational value is a complex and arduous process. Organizations aiming for analytical excellence in supply chain and operations management must prepare for tomorrow's paradigm while overcoming today's managerial challenges.

Upon examining the literature, the most important inferences drawn from field applications and the theoretical framework are that the root causes of analytical failures are not technological inadequacy, but rather inadequacy in data quality and governance weaknesses. The first challenge to be overcome is obtaining quality data. In the world of analytics, the limitation of decision quality by data quality, in other words, the "Garbage In, Garbage Out" (GIGO) principle, is an immutable rule. Even the most advanced artificial intelligence models built without ensuring the accuracy, real-time nature, and consistency of data flowing throughout the supply chain will produce misleading results. Therefore, data must be accepted as the most strategic asset of the business and audited with strict quality control mechanisms (Hazen et al., 2014; Cremer et al., 2022; Yeboah-Ofori et al., 2021).

The second major challenge is that managers take strategic risks based on the recommendations of non-transparent analytical models, whose working logic and cause-and-effect relationships they cannot fully understand. In this context, results being interpretable and justifiable are a necessity beyond a technical preference, as they assume the legal and ethical responsibility of the decision taken (Lundberg & Lee, 2017). Similarly, the risk that models' predictive abilities lose validity over time due to changing market dynamics highlights those analytical systems cannot be managed with a one-time algorithm creation logic. Establishing systems supported by continuous monitoring, updating, and auditing mechanisms will protect the business against systematic errors, thereby preventing the formation of a critical managerial gap.

In the future, MIS-supported decision analytics will evolve from systems providing advice to humans into “Cyber-Physical Systems” that make and implement autonomous decisions in specific areas (e.g., in-warehouse route changes or instantaneous order replenishment). It can be foreseen that another change will occur in objective functions. Optimization algorithms, which have focused primarily on cost minimization or profit maximization in the past, will shift their emphasis to sustainability in the future (Elkington, 1998; Singh & El-Kassar, 2019). Routes that reduce carbon footprint, ethical supplier selection, and circular economy models will become the new default parameters of future analytical systems.

In this transformation process, the human factor will not disappear; instead, its quality will change (Yang & Chen, 2023). Humans will transition from being data operators to manager positions, collaborating with artificial intelligence, capable of making ethical judgments, and providing strategic direction.

Digital transformation in supply chain and operations management is not a one-time technology investment, but a process that requires continuous learning and improvement. Success in this process will be achieved not by buying the most expensive software but by matching the right business problem with the right analytical method. To achieve this goal, the data-driven decision-making culture must spread from the center of the business to its furthest edge. As the Resource-Based View theory also points out, businesses that evaluate the past correctly and construct their future by internalizing analytical competencies, blending technology with human intelligence, and utilizing MIS as a strategic weapon will hold a sustainable competitive advantage in the future business world, where uncertainty prevails.

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CHAPTER V

OPEN-SOURCE DECISION SUPPORT: IMPLEMENTING THE WINGS-OCRA METHOD VIA R SHINY

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1. Introduction

Throughout history, decision-making activities have continuously shaped social structures, economic systems, institutional arrangements, and public administration. In many cases, individuals affected by decisions tend to focus on the consequences of the decision rather than the decision-making processes themselves. The systematic study of these mechanisms forms the core field of decision science. The literature highlights the close interdependence between management practices and decision-making processes, and scholarly contributions evolve with changing research perspectives and thematic priorities. Since the 1980s, advances in information technologies have significantly expanded the capacity to analyze decision-related data, enabling decision-makers to operate at lower levels of uncertainty. Recent research also suggests that open-source, model-based decision support tools enhance the reproducibility of computational studies and strengthen the overall reliability of decision science (White et al., 2023).

Ecer (2007) defines a decision-making context as one that requires the presence of decision-makers, a specified environment, evaluation criteria, feasible alternatives, and an underlying methodological structure. Contemporary decision environments, however, are increasingly marked by growing complexity, where multiple—and often conflicting—parameters must

be considered simultaneously. Within such settings, Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) frameworks are widely adopted to provide analytical structure and to support decision-makers through systematic and transparent procedures. Despite their analytical advantages, traditional commercial Decision Support Systems (DSS) are frequently constrained by high licensing costs, closed-source designs, and limited flexibility. These characteristics restrict accessibility, enterprises, institutions, academic researchers, and organizations operating in developing economies. To address these limitations, open-source platforms such as DM-MCDA—which integrate data-mining techniques with MCDM methodologies—have emerged as robust and accessible alternatives (Ait-Mlouk & Agouti, 2019).

The open-source software ecosystem has undergone substantial development, offering practical solutions to these structural constraints. R and Python share a common advantage: their programming flexibility allows for the rapid development of open-source decision support systems using their comprehensive libraries (Grander et al., 2021). Within this ecosystem, the R Shiny framework enables users with limited technical expertise to design interactive, browser-based, and visually rich decision support applications. This capability facilitates the translation of theoretical MCDM methods into practical decision-making environments at relatively low cost and within short development cycles. Furthermore, recent advancements in information technology have increased the effectiveness and reliability of open-source decision support systems. Thus, open-source decision support systems provide more analytical support in optimizing complex decision-making processes (Fen et al., 2022).

The adoption of open-source frameworks promotes transparency by increasing the traceability and auditability of decision-making workflows, while also bringing academic theory and practical application together. In this context, in addition to being analytical tools, they enable researchers and managers to develop multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) based software (Ait-Mlouk and Agouti, 2020).

Organizations operating in uncertain and highly complex environments increasingly depend on interactive technological solutions to support strategic choices. Decision Support Systems (DSS) constitute a core class of such technologies, providing computer-based assistance that enables decision-makers to reach rational and data-driven judgments. The functional scope of DSS has expanded considerably over time. Initially limited to basic reporting

and data retrieval tasks, these systems have evolved into sophisticated platforms capable of integrating advanced analytics, modeling techniques, and artificial intelligence. Thanks to these capabilities, decision support systems (DSS) strongly support decision-making processes.

2. Frameworks for Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis

Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM), a branch of Operations Research, constitutes a fundamental and continuously evolving research field designed to address decision problems involving multiple, and often conflicting, objectives.

A typical decision problem is structured around a set of alternatives and criteria by which these are evaluated relative to their benefit and cost characteristics. The primary objective of MCDM methodologies is to process performance information in a systematic manner that supports analytically sound and scientifically justified decisions. Early foundational studies classify MCDM problems into three principal categories: identifying the most appropriate alternative (choice), ordering alternatives according to preference levels (ranking), and allocating alternatives into predefined classes or categories (sorting or classification) (Hwang and Yoon, 1981; Roy, 1996; Zavadskas et al., 2014).

The first step in applying Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) methods is determining appropriate weights for the evaluation criteria. Criterion weighting approaches are distinguished as subjective and objective. Subjective techniques (such as AHP, BWM, FUCOM, and DEMATEL) derive criterion weights directly from the judgments and experiential knowledge of decision-makers. In contrast, objective weighting methods (including Entropy, CRITIC, CILOS, and similar approaches) calculate weights based on the statistical and structural characteristics of the available data, independently of personal evaluations (Ecer, 2020).

Extensive reviews of the multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) literature show that no single method can be considered absolutely superior to others. Empirical evidence supports this conclusion. For example, Ulutaş (2020) compared MAUT, MOOSRA, and ROV in the selection of contract manufacturers and demonstrated that methods employing different normalization procedures—linear normalization in MAUT and ROV versus vector normalization in MOOSRA—may yield divergent rankings even when applied to identical datasets. Such inconsistencies arise from differences in algorithmic structure

rather than from the inherent superiority of any specific method. Consequently, recent research focuses on selecting and comparing optimal methods based on the nature of the decision problem under consideration, rather than searching for a single “best” solution.

3. Components and Types of Decision Support Systems

A typical DSS architecture consists of several interrelated modules. These commonly include a data management component responsible for data acquisition, cleansing, and integration; an analytical component supporting statistical analysis, forecasting, and data mining; a reporting component that generates customizable outputs; and a decision component designed to simulate strategic options and provide actionable recommendations. DSSs can generally be categorized into various groups such as data-driven systems, model-driven systems, knowledge-based or expert systems, group decision support systems (GDSS), and intelligent DSS incorporating artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques.

The historical evolution of decision support systems reflects broader technological advancements. While the first systems developed in the 1960s were largely mainframe-based, today’s DSSs are predominantly web-based. With its applications in big data environments, machine learning has significantly improved the performance of decision support systems by providing scalable, real-time, and more accurate analytical support in business settings. Current DSS architectures range from relatively simple functional tools to complex, multilayered systems operating on data warehouses and cloud infrastructures, serving both individual and collaborative decision-making contexts.

4. Open-Source Decision Support Systems: Tools, Applications, and Trends

Open-source Decision Support Systems have gained prominence as flexible, customizable, and cost-efficient solutions for addressing complex decision-making challenges. Built on open-source software principles and community-driven development, these systems are applied across diverse fields including industry, healthcare, energy management, environmental planning, and beyond. Small and medium-sized enterprises can easily implement advanced applications such as predictive maintenance by integrating open-source decision support systems. Empirical studies focusing on the selection of big-data analytics tools underline the performance and flexibility advantages of open-source solutions in industrial decision environments (Nakashololo & Iyamu, 2023).

Web-based open-source decision support systems are instrumental in the realm of environmentally conscious decision-making, providing essential support for tasks ranging from reservoir operation and groundwater management to irrigation planning.

The HydrIS platform, for instance, contributes to hydrogeological decision-making through its open-source geospatial framework (Jarar Oulidi et al., 2009). Similarly, the WHAT-IF framework provides an integrated assessment of interdependencies among water, energy, and food systems under climate dynamics, offering a valuable decision basis for sustainable infrastructure investments (Payet-Burin et al., 2019). Broader surveys of open-source environmental web applications further demonstrate that these tools enhance access to environmental modeling capabilities (Swain et al., 2015).

In the healthcare domain, Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) developed within open-source environments assist medical professionals by offering computational support for diagnostic reasoning, treatment planning, and risk assessment. Reviews of artificial intelligence-based decision support applications report improvements in diagnostic accuracy and workflow efficiency in clinical settings (Phillips-Wren, 2012). Additional evaluations of intelligent DSS architectures also indicate enhanced adaptability and precision in medical decision environments (Phillips-Wren et al., 2009).

Open-source DSS are likewise widely employed in energy planning, optimization, and resource allocation. The PRISM system exemplifies the effectiveness of model-driven decision support in forestry and natural resource planning, with implications extending to energy and environmental systems (Nguyen et al., 2022). Overall, Decision Support Systems have become indispensable tools for decision-making in data-intensive and complex environments. Recent studies emphasize that open-source DSS provide rapid, reproducible, and reliable analytical capabilities, reinforcing their relevance in contemporary decision contexts (White et al., 2023). As developments in intelligent algorithms and big-data technologies continue, DSS are increasingly positioned as central components of strategic and operational decision-making across sectors.

4.1. The R Environment as an Open-Source DSS Platform

With its extensive library support, R is a fundamental analytical tool that enables reliable, data-driven findings in interdisciplinary research ranging from statistical inference and artificial intelligence algorithms to bibliometric mapping (Özkan & Özkan, 2017; Tezel, & Mutlu, 2025). R functions as a cross-platform

programming environment compatible with Windows, Linux, and macOS, and is distributed through the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). To complement the core language, the RStudio Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is provided via the Posit platform, offering an enhanced interface for data analysis and application development (R Core Team, 2024). The functionality of R can be substantially expanded through a wide range of packages installed using the `install.packages()` command. Among these, the *bookdown* package occupies a distinctive position by allowing users to compile analytical workflows into dynamic documents such as monographs, reports, or academic theses (Xie, 2016).

Nevertheless, recent developments require particular attention from researchers. Although the *bookdown* package itself remains under active development, the associated *bookdown.org* hosting service has officially entered a sunsetting process. According to announcements by Posit, the platform will shift to a read-only mode on January 31, 2026, and all hosted content will be permanently removed by January 31, 2027. As a result, users are strongly encouraged to migrate existing projects to alternative hosting solutions, including Posit Connect Cloud or GitHub Pages (Posit, 2025).

4.2. Overview of the RMCDA Package

The RMCDA package, developed by Najafi and Mirzaei, provides a comprehensive R-based toolkit for conducting advanced decision-making analyses. Distributed via CRAN as Version 0.3, the package integrates both classical and contemporary decision-making techniques within a unified analytical framework, offering structured and objective environments for complex evaluations (Najafi & Mirzaei, 2025). The package encompasses more than forty decision-making methods, which can be grouped into several major categories.

Pairwise comparison and hierarchical approaches include well-established techniques such as AHP and ANP alongside fuzzy logic extensions like FAHP, as well as the Best–Worst Method (BWM) and its stratified variant (SBWM). For ranking and distance-based analysis of decision matrices, the library incorporates widely applied methods such as TOPSIS, VIKOR, PROMETHEE (I and II), ELECTRE I, MABAC, ARAS, CODAS, COCOSO, EDAS, MARCOS, MOORA, MULTIMOORA, and WASPAS. The package also provides a range of objective weighting techniques, including CRITIC, Entropy, CILOS, and IDOCRIW.

In addition, RMCDA integrates several novel and specialized approaches that have gained prominence in recent years, such as SPOTIS (Stable Preference Ordering), RAFSI, WISP, and the Reference Ideal Method (RIM). Alternative methodological perspectives are also supported, including DEMATEL for modeling cause–effect relationships, Grey Relational Analysis, Multi-Attribute Utility Theory, and OCRA (Operational Competitiveness Rating Analysis).

Beyond computational capabilities, the package offers tools for the effective presentation of results. Visualization functions—such as `AHP.decision.tree.plot` for hierarchical representations and `spider.plot` for comparative performance analysis—facilitate interpretability. In addition, specialized data import functions (e.g., `read.csv.AHP.matrices`) are provided to accommodate methods requiring structured input formats, including AHP, SBWM, and SMCDM. Overall, the RMCDA package enables researchers to implement the full MCDM workflow within the R environment, from data preparation and weighting to final ranking and visualization.

5. Application of a Hybrid MCDM Model: The WINGS-OCRA Approach

To demonstrate the practical capabilities of open-source decision support environments, this study presents an applied framework based on a hybrid Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) structure. In real-world decision problems, evaluation criteria are seldom independent; instead, they are commonly linked through causal relationships and mutual feedback mechanisms. Addressing this interconnected structure requires an approach capable of capturing both direct and indirect interactions among factors. For this purpose, the WINGS (Weighted Influence Non-linear Gauge System) is employed to derive criterion weights that accurately represent the underlying structural dependencies.

The weights obtained through WINGS are subsequently integrated into the OCRA method, which is used to compute a clear and consistent ranking of the decision alternatives. This two-stage structure enables the decision model to account for both the relational complexity among criteria and the comparative performance of alternatives within a unified analytical framework.

To improve accessibility and practical applicability, the proposed hybrid WINGS–OCRA model is implemented as an interactive web-based application using the R Shiny package. This open-source implementation allows decision-makers to directly input data, visually explore the interaction networks generated by WINGS, and monitor the ranking outcomes produced by OCRA in real time.

As a result, the transparency, interpretability, and overall usability of the decision support process are significantly enhanced.

5.1. Theoretical Foundation of Criteria Weighting: The WINGS Method

In complex decision-making settings, evaluation criteria typically exhibit interdependencies rather than functioning as isolated elements. To capture this structural dependency, the WINGS method, originally proposed by Michnik (2013), is employed to derive criteria weights. Although WINGS is conceptually rooted in the DEMATEL methodology, it extends the traditional framework by simultaneously accounting for both the causal influence exerted by each criterion and its inherent strength within the overall system.

Unlike conventional additive weighting techniques, WINGS represents the decision problem as a dynamic network structure. This representation enables the computation of global criterion weights that reflect not only direct importance but also indirect effects transmitted through interactions with other criteria. In the context of this study, the decision-maker assessed the intensity and direction of interactions among criteria, and the resulting WINGS weights were examined to identify the key drivers shaping the decision structure.

5.2. Ranking Methodology: The OCRA Approach

After determining the criterion weights, the alternatives were ordered using the OCRA method. Initially introduced by Parkan (1994) and later further developed by Parkan and Wu (2000), OCRA is a non-parametric technique aimed at assessing relative performance and operational efficiency among comparable decision units. One of the defining characteristics of this method lies in its treatment of inefficiency, which is quantified by measuring the distance of each alternative from the poorest performance level with reference to the most favorable benchmark.

Through this comparative mechanism, OCRA produces an overall competitiveness score for each alternative. The approach enables the joint consideration of both beneficial and non-beneficial (cost) criteria within a single analytical structure, thereby yielding a stable and interpretable ranking. Importantly, this process does not rely on restrictive axiomatic assumptions typically associated with utility-based models, which enhances the flexibility and applicability of the method across diverse decision-making contexts.

5.3. Implementation of the DSS

To strengthen both analytical capability and practical accessibility, the hybrid WINGS–OCRA framework was embedded into a custom-designed, open-source Decision Support System (DSS) developed using the R Shiny platform. The application adopts a modular design that systematically supports the decision-maker throughout each phase of the decision process. In order to streamline data handling and reduce potential input errors, the system allows direct data import through CSV file uploads, removing the need for manual data entry.

A core feature of the interface is its simplified approach to criterion orientation. Users are only required to specify the indices corresponding to beneficial criteria, after which the system automatically classifies all remaining criteria as non-beneficial (cost) variables through an internal algorithm. To ensure methodological validity, the DSS also integrates the Shannon Entropy method (Shannon, 1948; Zeleny, 1982) alongside WINGS as a benchmarking tool. This functionality enables a direct comparison between network-based subjective weights derived from WINGS and objectively computed, data-driven weights obtained via Entropy.

Finally, the system incorporates a dedicated Sensitivity Analysis module to examine the robustness of the ranking results under potential parameter changes. By allowing systematic variation of criterion weights and immediate recalculation of outcomes, this module ensures that the proposed decision-support framework yields reliable and stable results across alternative scenarios.

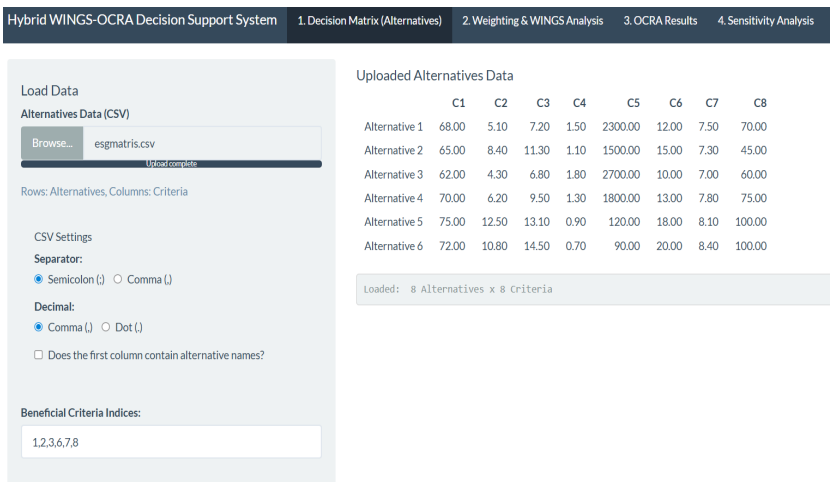


Figure 1 User interface of the proposed hybrid DSS

Figure 1. User interface of the proposed hybrid Decision Support System (DSS). The platform enables rapid model initialization through CSV-based data import. Within the configuration panel, users specify the indices of beneficial criteria, after which the system automatically categorizes all remaining variables as cost criteria, thereby ensuring an accurate and efficient implementation of the OCRA methodology.

The second module of the DSS focuses on the computation of criteria importance weights. As shown in the interface, the WINGS (Weighted Influence Non-linear Gauge System) method is selected from the *Method Selection* menu. In contrast to conventional weighting techniques, WINGS explicitly accounts for structural interdependencies among criteria. For this reason, users are required to upload a square interaction matrix using a dedicated CSV input format. Once the interaction data are processed, the resulting global weights are immediately displayed in the main panel. The relative importance of each criterion (e.g., C1–C8) is illustrated through a dynamic bar chart, enabling the decision-maker to quickly identify influential criteria—such as C5 in the illustrative example—before advancing to the alternative ranking stage.

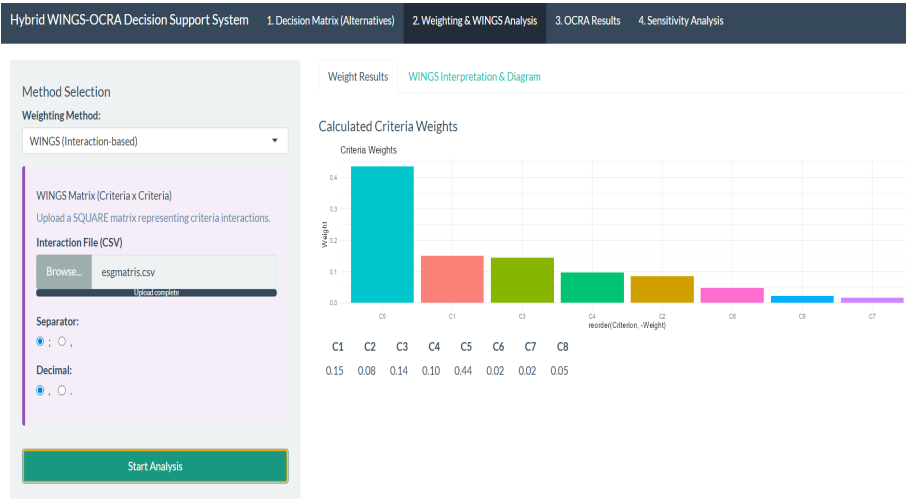


Figure 2 Weighting & WINGS analysis interface

Figure 2 The Weighting & WINGS Analysis interface of the Decision Support System. The left-hand panel enables the decision-maker to upload the criteria interaction matrix in csv format, which is required for implementing the WINGS methodology. The right-hand panel displays the resulting criteria weights both graphically—via a bar chart—and numerically, emphasizing the

relative importance of each criterion as inferred from the underlying causal network.

== WINGS ANALYSIS REPORT == >>> MOST CENTRAL CRITERION: C5 Total Interaction Score (R+C): 0.917 INTERPRETATION: This criterion has the strongest interaction within the system and holds the highest importance in the decision process. >>> INFLUENCER GROUP (CAUSES): C1, C2, C3, C4, C6, C7 INTERPRETATION: These criteria have positive (R-C) values. They dominate the system and have the power to influence other criteria. >>> INFLUENCED GROUP (EFFECTS): C5, C8 INTERPRETATION: These criteria have negative (R-C) values. They are the outputs of the system and are sensitive to changes in the 'Influencer' group.

Table 1 WINGS analysis report

One of the key strengths of the developed Decision Support System lies in its capacity to convert complex mathematical outputs into insights that are directly usable from a managerial perspective. The WINGS Analysis Report (Table 1) module automatically processes the total relation matrix and transforms the numerical results into a structured linguistic summary. As reflected in the generated report, the algorithm initially determines the Most Central Criterion—such as C5, with a Total Interaction Score of 0.917—thereby identifying the element with the highest level of structural prominence within the decision network.

In addition, the system categorizes criteria according to their net influence values (R–C). Criteria associated with positive values (C1, C2, C3, C4, C6, and C7) are classified as the *Influencer Group (Causes)*, indicating their dominant role in shaping the system. Conversely, criteria exhibiting negative values (C5 and C8) are grouped under the *Influenced Group (Effects)*, reflecting their outcome-oriented nature and sensitivity to changes in the driving factors. By automatically generating these classifications, the reporting mechanism reduces the cognitive effort required from decision-makers and delivers clear, plain-text interpretations of the causal structure.

To complement the textual output and provide a comprehensive representation of system dynamics, the DSS also produces a visual Cause–Effect Diagram, or Causal Map. This graphical display plots criteria according to their calculated parameters, with the horizontal axis representing prominence (Total Interaction, $R+C$) and the vertical axis indicating net influence ($R-C$). Through this visual arrangement, decision-makers can readily distinguish clusters of cause-related criteria—positioned above the axis—from effect-related criteria—located below the axis—thereby enabling a more intuitive understanding of the complex interrelationships inherent in the decision problem.

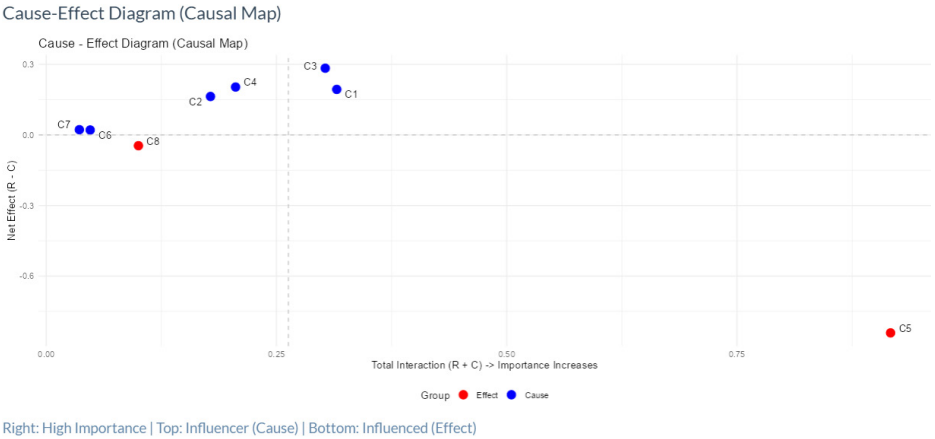


Figure 3 Cause–Effect Diagram

Figure 3 Cause–Effect Diagram generated to illustrate the WINGS results. The scatter plot maps criteria—such as C5 (highly prominent yet influenced) and C3 (strong influencer)—within a Cartesian coordinate system, thereby supporting the analytical outcomes with visual representation.

The third stage of the DSS framework is devoted to the comparative assessment of alternatives by means of the OCRA method. By combining the structural weights obtained from the WINGS analysis with the original decision matrix, the system computes a composite *Operational Competitiveness Rating* for each alternative. As displayed in the interface, the outcomes are reported in tabular form, with alternatives ordered in descending sequence according to their calculated performance scores.

In the illustrative application, Alternative 7 is identified as the most favorable option, attaining a score of 21.34 and demonstrating strong performance across the weighted criteria set. The results further indicate that performance

differences among leading alternatives are relatively small; for example, the difference between the top-ranked alternative and Alternative 8 (Rank 2, Score 21.25) is minimal. This level of scoring detail enables decision-makers to clearly differentiate among closely competing options, while also allowing the precise identification of less preferred alternatives, such as Alternative 3.

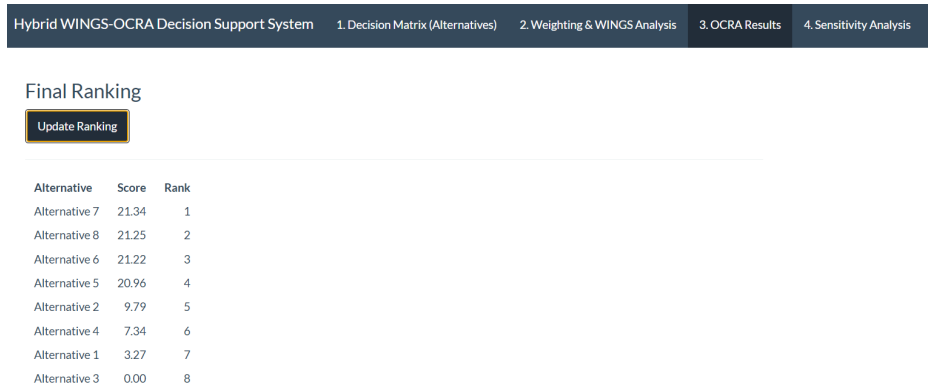


Figure 4 OCRA results interface presenting

Figure 4 The OCRA Results interface presenting the final ranking of alternatives. Based on criteria weights obtained from the WINGS analysis, the system calculates individual performance scores and identifies Alternative 7 as the top-ranked option. The interface provides a clear cardinal ranking scheme that illustrates the relative competitiveness of all evaluated alternatives.

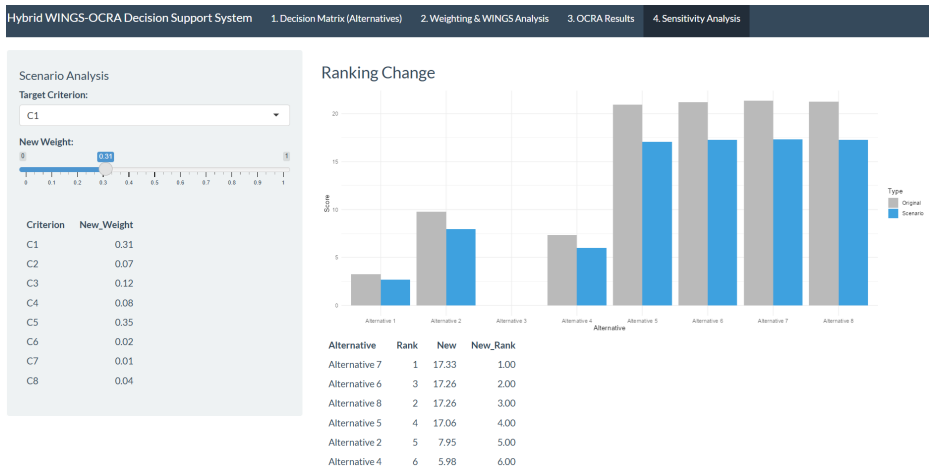


Figure 5 Sensitivity analysis module

Figure 5, The final component of the DSS framework addresses the critical aspect of decision stability through a dedicated Sensitivity Analysis module. Decision-making environments are often subject to uncertainty; therefore, validating the robustness of the obtained rankings is essential. As shown in the interface, this interactive tool allows the decision-maker to simulate various scenarios by dynamically altering the weight of a specific target criterion (e.g., increasing the weight of C1 to 0.31) using a slider mechanism.

Upon adjustment, the system immediately recalculates the OCRA scores and updates the rankings in real-time. The impact of these parameter changes is visualized through a comparative bar chart, where gray bars represent the baseline (original) performance and blue bars indicate the scenario-based performance. Additionally, a detailed summary table provides a precise numerical comparison of the pre- and post-analysis rankings, enabling the identification of alternatives that are highly sensitive to weight fluctuations versus those that remain stable.

6. Conclusion

This study addressed the critical challenge of structural dependency in strategic decision-making by proposing and implementing a hybrid solution within the R Shiny platform. By orchestrating a methodological synthesis of WINGS—for mapping intrinsic ‘cause-and-effect’ criteria relationships—and OCRA—for determining alternative competitiveness—a comprehensive Decision Support System (DSS) was successfully developed.

A distinguishing feature of the proposed platform is its capability to transmute complex, abstract structural data into lucid, real-time visual insights. This functionality not only ensures high mathematical precision but also significantly enhances the user experience, enabling managers to extract actionable intelligence without being encumbered by technical computations.

Empirically applied to a real-world strategic choice problem, the DSS provided a transparent visualization of the causal network and influence strengths derived from WINGS. Subsequently, the alternatives were evaluated using OCRA, with the robustness of the rankings validated through rigorous scenario-based sensitivity analysis. Ultimately, this research demonstrates that open-source environments, particularly the R ecosystem, have evolved into powerful, flexible, transparent, and cost-effective foundations for designing sophisticated managerial tools capable of navigating highly complex and ill-structured strategic environments.

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CHAPTER VI

THE UTILIZATION OF INTEGRATED SIMULATION AND MODELING FOR SCENARIO PLANNING IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction

Today's business world is surrounded by major uncertainty due to digitalization, globalization and major increase in the complexity of spatially distributed supply chains making the strategic decision-making insufficient for managers based solely on descriptive analyses relying on past data. Scenario planning and simulation-based approaches are acknowledged as powerful methods that allow the systematic modeling and comparison of multiple futures under uncertainty (Duan et al., 2025). Simulation and modeling techniques (i.e. event simulation (DES), system dynamics, agent-based simulation and Monte Carlo simulation) allows examining the dynamic behavior of complex organizational systems, which ensure opportunities for the decision-makers to create “what-if” analyses and stress test scenarios through quantitatively characterizing uncertainties. Where merged with digital twin technology, it is possible to model scenarios in a much more dynamic and realistic way with real-time data flow in virtual copies of physical systems (Wang, et. al., 2023).

Management Information Systems (MIS) is a focal point in decision support mechanisms ensuring the integration of such models with the corporate data infrastructure respectively. Digital twin approaches provide digital representations of processes in the MIS environment allowing simulation

models to be fed with live data (Hocaoğlu, 2022). Pursuant to recent studies, there is an increasing focus on the security, data integration, interoperability and real-time decision support features of digital twin architectures (Aslan, 2024). Yet, integration of process simulation models with corporate systems (e.g., ERP, IoT sensor networks, data warehouses) is full-of challenges such as data standardization, model validation, calibration, and organizational adoption integrating. Therefore, recent literature studies on such challenges and solution proposals accordingly (Duman, 2022). Recent empirical studies concluded that agent-based and hybrid simulation approaches bring value in scenario planning, particularly in the retail and manufacturing sectors upon revealing that digital twin-based scenarios improve decision quality in stock strategies, customer behavior modeling and crisis scenarios (Duan et al., 2025). Some of the promising topics for future research include digital twin-based enterprise simulations, scenario engines integrated with reinforcement learning and real-time adaptive decision systems (Xia, et al., 2024).

2. Conceptual Background

Where corporate information systems have become increasingly complex and data-intensive, conceptual foundations must provide a theoretical framework while establishing a methodology that is possible to apply on organizational decision-making processes. Hence, the MIS literature, particularly in the post-2020 era, has focused on the ways to explain the integration of modeling and simulation approaches with digital transformation, artificial intelligence integration and digital twin architectures (Rustenova et al., 2025; Wang et al., 2023). Consequently, the businesses get a chance to develop more dynamic, predictive and evidence-based decision-making mechanisms under uncertainty. Therefore, the concept of modeling has evolved from a static representation tool supporting the core functions of MIS to an analytical building block that ensures the reflection in the behavioral characteristics of corporate processes in real time (Xia, et al., 2024).

2.1. Definition of Modeling in the Context of Management Information Systems

Modeling is a systematic method that provides an understanding, analysis and transfer of a complex system into decision support processes upon creating an abstract representation under certain assumptions. From the perspective of MIS, modeling develops structured representations of organizational processes,

data flows, user interactions and decision mechanisms where businesses then achieve businesses a more predictable and optimization-focused structure at both the operational and strategic levels (Jeremiah et al., 2024). Key components of MIS like ERP modules, customer relationship management (CRM) systems, enterprise data warehouses, process architectures and enterprise decision support systems are established on model-based structures (Babar and Yu 2019).

While on one hand the models within MIS provide data representation, they also ensure the shaping of decision-making processes under uncertainty, testing of alternative scenarios and creation of real-time representations like digital twins. Nowadays, models have evolved into dynamic structures fed by sensor data, real-time workflows and artificial intelligence algorithms particularly with the development of the digital twin approach (Boschert and Rosen 2016). This transformation demonstrates that modeling in MIS is no longer just a static diagram or process representation, rather it has become a mechanism representing the behavioral characteristics of the organization as a continuously updated digital asset.

Nevertheless, modelling is classified under three headings as part of MIS literature:

- Descriptive Models

Descriptive models present the current state of a system in a structured approach where process flow diagrams, data models (ER models), BPMN diagrams and organizational information flow maps respectively. These models form the basis of post-digitalization process standardization, workflow automation and process mining applications (Reinkemeyer, 2020). They also constitute the first stage, particularly in the creation of digital twin applications and ensure analytical understanding of the system (Farsi et al., 2020; Mazzetto 2024).

- Predictive Models

Predictive models analyze past data and patterns to forecast the future behavior of a system. Machine learning-based demand forecasting models, customer behavior prediction systems, artificial intelligence algorithms that detect anomalies and risk assessment systems are commonly utilized used in MIS. Recent studies show that integrating predictive models with simulation infrastructures enhances accuracy in scenario planning (Ramya et al., 2024) and that reinforcement learning algorithms and multi-agent systems dynamically update digital twin models (Xia et al., 2024).

- Normative Models

Normative models use rule-based and mathematical structures to optimize decision-making processes. Some of the normative models are resource allocation algorithms, supply chain optimization models, scheduling systems, and multi-criteria decision-making methods (AHP, TOPSIS, MOORA, etc.). Based on the latest literature, normative models play a critical role, particularly in demand fluctuations, capacity planning, energy efficiency and sustainability strategies (Egorov, et. al., 2020). Where they merged with hybrid simulation approaches, they generate a powerful decision support mechanism for selecting the optimal scenario.

These three models are the main building blocks that determine the data-driven decision-making capacity of MIS. While descriptive models disclose the visible face of the system, predictive models forecast future trends, and normative models identify the strategy that is more optimal as per trends. Modern literature shows that the integrated use of these three models—especially in digital twin-based enterprise architectures—significantly improves decision quality (Wang et al., 2023; Xia et al., 2024).

2.2. Theoretical Basis of Simulation

Simulation is an experimental-analytical method that allows the analysis of the system behavior dynamics over time through operating a model under specific conditions. As per MIS, simulation is a central tool for modeling complex and uncertain organizational processes, analyzing alternative scenarios and creating decision support systems (Brailsford et al., 2019). Hence, four fundamental simulation approaches stand out under the literature:

- Discrete-Event Simulation – DES:

They are the process-based models where system behavior changes with specific events, and time and resource usage are significant. DES is effectively used in areas such as supply chain, service management and operations management. For instance, a systematic review study with DES + agent-based approaches in emergency services was published in 2023 (Ouda et al., 2023).

- Agent-Based Simulation – ABS:

It focuses on models that are based on the behavior of independent micro-level actors (agents), where the collective effect of such micro-level behaviors introduces system behavior at the macro level. These models are particularly

avored in complex adaptive systems, human behavior and distributed decision-making processes (Thelen et al., 2022).

- Monte Carlo Simulation:

It is a quantitative simulation method used for uncertainty analyses based on randomness and probability distributions. Particularly, in the context of Industry 4.0, it presented a study proposal and application flow based on Monte Carlo methods in 2022 for production, planning, and risk assessment processes (Kostka et al., 2022).

- Hybrid Simulation:

Many studies under modern literature support the creation of more robust and flexible models through methods such as using DES, ABS and Monte Carlo together, rather than a single simulation paradigm, especially in systems involving uncertainty, randomness and behavioral variability (Gueuziec, 2024; Thelen et al., 2022).

All of the methods given above hand out powerful analytical tools to decision-makers under conditions of variability, randomness, and interactive structures in organizational processes; thus, they majorly contribute to scenario analysis, resource optimization, risk management and strategic planning processes. Table 1 provides an elaborated comparison of the four main simulation approaches.

Table 1. Comparative Simulation Approaches
(Based on the works between 2020–2025)

Name of Simulation	Focus Area	Area of Use / Examples in Application	Strengths	Limitations/Concerns
DES (Discrete-Event Simulation)	Event-based process flows, resource & use of time	Healthcare services, emergency service management, production line simulation	Realistic process modeling; resource & time analysis; operational efficiency	Possibility for higher modeling and computational costs in complex systems
ABS (Agent-Based Simulation)	Micro behavior → macro system behavior	Organizational behavior, supply chain adaptation, digital twin scenarios	Flexibility; heterogeneity; reflecting adaptive dynamics	The computational load and model complexity with higher number of factors
Monte Carlo Simulation	Randomness, uncertainty and variation analysis	Planning Industry 4.0, risk analysis, production tolerance analyses	Decision support under uncertainty; stochastic risk analysis	Results based solely on probability distributions rather than causal relationships.
Hybrid (DES + ABS + Monte Carlo etc.)	Multidimensional dynamic systems, uncertainty + behavior + process	Healthcare, manufacturing, services, digital twin scenarios	Comprehensive analysis of complex systems; scenario planning & optimization	More requirements for modeling, validation, and data; difficult in accuracy control

2.3. Scenario Planning and MIS Integration

Scenario planning is a strategic foresight process where organizations can systematically evaluate multiple possible future scenarios rather than relying on a single future prediction. Considering with the available highly uncertain digital and global business environment, scenarios have evolved from being solely fictional narratives to data-driven, dynamic and analytical models through the means of MIB (Akgul and Wadsten, 2021; Cairns and Wright, 2017), which allows organizations to conduct multidimensional future-oriented analyses by integrating internal and external data sources.

In the context of this integration, MIB provided such basic skills to the scenario planning:

- Real-time data collection:

Various types of data like IoT sensors, ERP data, CRM records, social media feeds and supply chain indicators are collected through corporate MIS infrastructures so that scenarios are continuously updated (Gunal and Karatas, 2019).

- Data mining and analytical modelling:

Machine learning, natural language processing, clustering and prediction models facilitate to quantify possible scenarios, measure uncertainty parameters and automatically discover trends (Ghobakhloo, 2020).

- Corporate memory creation:

Past decisions, performance indicators and former scenario outputs stored in the MIS infrastructure provide a corporate learning mechanism for future strategic gaps (Sulis and Taveter, 2022).

- Automation of decision support mechanisms:

Modern MIS brings in simulation, optimization, rule-based reasoning and AI models to provide managers with semi- or fully automatic decision support capabilities (Gueuziec, 2024).

The integration of simulation tools with MIS in scenario planning significantly enhance the accuracy and reliability of future forecasts. Hybrid simulation approaches ensure the evaluation of scenario uncertainty (Monte Carlo), behavioral variability (ABS) and process-flow dynamics (DES) dimensions under the same roof (Thelen et al., 2022). Therefore, organizations generate elaborated insights on “possible futures” and probability distributions of such futures, critical breakpoints and organizational impacts. Consequently, MIS-supported scenario planning is positioned as a critical mechanism that strengthens strategic agility, organizational resilience, and long-term sustainable competitive advantage.

3. MIS Integrated Modelling and Simulation Tools

The increasing strategic importance of modeling and simulation in corporate information systems requires businesses to manage their decision-making processes in a faster, more holistic, and data-driven manner. Hence, modeling and simulation tools integrated into MIS environments contribute significantly towards reducing uncertainty at the operational and tactical levels and strengthening future forecasting capabilities (Cheng, 2022).

3.1. Simulation Modules Embedded in Corporate Applications

Enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems are fundamental corporate information infrastructures that digitally integrate operational processes. In recent years (especially after 2020), simulation modules embedded in ERP systems have made data-driven modeling and forecasting capabilities accessible at the corporate level to strengthen decision-making processes under uncertainty (Choudhuri, 2024), which monitor operations, generate multiple future scenarios, forecast demand fluctuations, optimize capacity utilization and proactively identify processes at risk.

The most critical feature of simulation tools embedded in ERP systems is that they operate by directly pulling real-time data from ERP databases ensuring that modeling and simulation outputs are continuously synchronized with the actual operations. Compared with the external simulation software, this feature provides significant advantages in terms of accuracy and speed (Park and Van der Aalst, 2021).

The following corporate simulation modules stand out in this context:

- SAP SIM (Simulation-Integrated Modelling)

The SIM module, which is under SAP's advanced analytics architecture, is used for demand forecasting, inventory level optimization and supply chain bottleneck analysis. Through the direct integration of artificial intelligence-based forecasting models with ERP process flows, users can run different demand scenarios and compare the effects on costs, service levels and resource utilization (Lukalapu, 2020). The simulation engine within SAP Integrated Business Planning (IBP) is a crucial structure that supports real-time S&OP processes.

- Oracle EBS Simulation Engine

The simulation engine embedded within Oracle E-Business Suite is used for operational risk assessment and process variation modeling. This module, which supports Monte Carlo-based analysis of risky decision points, particularly in the manufacturing, finance and logistics modules, provides decision support under uncertainty based on ERP data (Agarwal, 2024). The Oracle's post-2023 updates enhanced the engine with machine learning-based components for forecasting and anomaly detection.

- Microsoft Dynamics 365 – Simulation Add-on Modules

The Microsoft Dynamics ecosystem stands out, particularly with its AI-based "Predictive Insights" and supply chain optimization tools. The

embedded simulation modules of Dynamics develop scenarios for demand variability, logistics bottlenecks and resource planning. Following the update in 2024, the “Supply Chain Center Simulation Workspace” has evolved into a structure that can simulate supply chain disruptions using digital twin logic (Kaateri, 2022).

These systems allow businesses to experimentally test their large-scale operations through simulation, compare alternative strategies and visualize the behavioral outcomes of ERP processes. Hence, ERP-embedded simulation has become one of the fundamental components of existing enterprise analytics architecture (Sulis and Taveter, 2022).

3.2. Independent Simulation Tools

In addition to simulation modules embedded in corporate applications, independent simulation software still has a crucial role. These software packages (e.g., Arena, AnyLogic, Simio, FlexSim, MATLAB/Simulink, and NetLogo) are mainly preferable for flexible, multi-method or research/application-specific simulation studies that are not embedded in corporate systems.

- **AnyLogic:** It is recognized as a multimethod simulation tool that supports discrete-event, agent-based, and system dynamics methods on a single platform. This feature facilitates the modeling of complex systems (supply chain, human interactions, logistics, etc.) (Macal and North, 2009).

- **Arena, Simio, FlexSim:** They are widely used in manufacturing, logistics, services, and queueing systems. The applications developed with independent simulation software allow evaluating the effects of system changes without affecting the actual system (Naciri et al., 2024).

- **MATLAB/Simulink:** It can be used across a wide range of applications such as physical systems, control systems and even engineering-focused simulations to hybrid system analysis. Simulink provides a powerful environment, particularly for control, automation, system dynamics and digital twin applications (Chaturvedi, 2017).

- **NetLogo:** It is one of the software programs used in various domains such as social systems, behavioral analysis and adaptive systems, where agent-based models can be easily established. It is a particularly suitable tool for observing the macro-level effects of micro-level behaviors (Aybuğa and Işıldar, 2022).

Another key advantage of independent simulation tools is that they have the ability connect to corporate data sources through mechanisms such as APIs, ETL, web services or data file import/export. Particularly in multi-module systems (ERP, CRM, IoT sensor data, etc.), this type of data integration allows simulation studies to be performed on both historical and real-time data—which is a major advantage for scenario planning and strategic decision support systems (e.g., database + simulation + optimization + analysis integration). Hence, independent simulation tools offer a more flexible and scalable framework than embedded modules (Berti, et al., 2021).

Nevertheless, independent simulation tools—where integrated with YBS approaches—maintain to play a critical role in research and practical application due to their flexibility, multi-methodology, detailed scenario analysis and independent model development capabilities required in corporate applications.

3.3. Integration with Cloud and Low-Code Platforms

Cloud-based architectures and low-code development environments have significantly simplified the integration of modeling and simulation studies into YBS infrastructures. The low-code platforms such as Bubble, Mendix, and Microsoft Power Apps ensures rapid prototyping of enterprise workflows, integration with data layers without writing code and direct transfer of simulation outputs to user interfaces. There has recently been rapid proliferation of such platforms in businesses due to cost-effective development processes and the ability of non-technical units within the organization to participate in application development processes (Phalake and Joshi, 2021; Trieflinger et al., 2025).

New generation simulation components provided by cloud providers have deepened modeling-simulation integration, particularly through digital twin applications where for instance AWS Digital Twins enables the synchronization of IoT data to create virtual copies of physical systems and perform process simulation on these copies (Pan et al., 2025). Similarly, the Azure ecosystem offers a framework supporting training predictive models with Azure Machine Learning, testing these models in simulation environments, and integrating them into corporate decision-making processes in real time (Wagg et al., 2020).

The common advantage of these platforms is that simulation models can be run even in scenarios that require high processing power due to their scalable and service-based architectures. Moreover, with APIs, data flow management, and automated ETL tools, simulation models may be easily integrated with multi-source data from ERP, CRM, IoT sensors and data warehouses, which

enhances the accuracy and timeliness of scenarios in decision support systems (Ali and Mershad, 2024). Thus, the combined use of low-code platforms and cloud-based simulation tools significantly expands the capacity in businesses for rapid prototyping and data-driven scenario testing.

4. The Role of Simulation in Scenario Planning

The role of simulation in scenario planning ensures the experimental testing of possible future situations the pre-evaluation of decision-making processes. Thus, the accuracy and reliability of simulation models are directly dependent on the types of relevant data and the relevant data quality. Therefore, the determination of the necessary data requirements for effective scenario planning constitutes the basis of simulation-based analysis (Laguna and Marklund, 2025).

4.1. Data Requirements

The reliability of scenario planning and simulation models is directly related to the scope, quality, and timeliness of the data sets. In consideration with MIS, the data sources that feed scenario models typically are comprised of multidimensional structures related to corporate operations, customer interactions and environmental factors. Primarily, historical sales and operational data play a fundamental role in demand forecasting, capacity planning and bottleneck assessment. Hence, the accuracy of time series-based and machine learning-supported demand models depends on the reliability of such historical operational data (Kumar Karlapati et al., 2024).

Through IoT-based systems, real-time monitoring of a wide range of operational metrics is possible from production lines to supply chain processes via sensor data. Such data streams are one of the key inputs for digital twins and dynamic simulation models (Boschert and Rosen 2016). However, financial metrics are significant in uncertainty analysis and risk assessment at the strategic level. Variables such as currency fluctuations, cost volatility, investment performance and cash flow are frequently used in creating scenario variations, particularly in Monte Carlo simulations (Ali and Mershad, 2024).

Process performance metrics (cycle times, waiting times, error rates, resource utilization levels etc.) are essential for discrete event simulation and system dynamics models since such metrics are required to accurately represent process behavior (Soufi et al., 2025). Moreover, customer behavior history is a vital data source, particularly in models that generate personalized services, marketing optimization, and demand scenarios. Behavioral traces obtained from

digital touchpoints contribute to both the identification of micro-behaviors in agent-based models and the improvement of model performance in predictive scenarios (Wolniak, 2024).

The integration of such data types under a single umbrella significantly enhances the analytical accuracy and decision support capacity of MIS-supported scenario models. Data warehouses, data lakes and ETL processes are prominent in the infrastructure elements that allow this integration.

4.2. Scenario Production Approaches

There are a number of different scenario production approaches used to systematically model possible future situations that vary based on the level of uncertainty and risk. Deterministic scenarios represent situations where system parameters are fixed and predetermined, which are considered as particularly suitable for short-term and well-defined processes, ensuring the predictability of process behavior (Sulis and Taveter, 2022).

Probabilistic scenarios are scenarios in which uncertainties are modeled mathematically. Monte Carlo simulation is one of the most common methods of this approach since it calculates the risk distribution through probability density functions and presents decision-makers with the variance of possible outcomes (Ali and Mershad, 2024).

On the other hand, machine learning-based scenario generation provides the automatic creation of scenarios from large datasets where regression models, anomaly detection algorithms and time series forecasts are utilized to model demand forecasting and potential variations in process performance (Kumar Karlapati et al., 2024). This approach strengthens decision support, particularly in rapidly changing and data-intensive industries.

Whereas extreme scenario simulations are designed for crisis management, stress testing and preparedness for unexpected events. The resilience of organizations is hereby enhanced (Harrington and Simon, 2019) through testing in a simulation environment for extreme situations like financial fluctuations, supply chain disruptions, or natural disasters. When used together, MIS-supported simulation models form a powerful set of tools that support both routine operational decisions and strategic and crisis-focused decisions.

4.3. Impact on Decision-Making Processes

The integration of management information systems (MIS) with simulation significantly enhances decision-making processes in modern businesses upon

increasing the accuracy of decision support systems at the operational and strategic levels. Simulation-based scenario planning allows a clearer assessment of risks by modeling system behavior under different parameters and conditions (Harrington and Simon, 2019).

MIS-simulation integration offers optimization opportunities in resource allocation with the contribution on the minimization of bottlenecks and unnecessary costs in production, logistics and service processes (Bang, 2024). Additionally, the ability to predict the performance of alternative strategies in advance provides managers with the opportunity to make proactive decisions. For instance, Monte Carlo simulation and machine learning-based scenarios provide tools the decision-makers to compare the potential effects of different scenarios even under uncertain conditions (Kumar Karlapati et al., 2024; Wolniak, 2024).

Therefore, the integration of MIS with simulation provides data-driven decision support while giving a competitive advantage in terms of risk management, strategic planning, and operational efficiency.

5. Conclusion

This study comprehensively analyzes the integration of Management Information Systems (MIS) with simulation tools, scenario planning and their associated impact on decision support processes. Pursuant to the analysis, simulation has a critical role in modeling operational processes and enhancing the accuracy and reliability of strategic decisions.

The integration with MIS supports data-driven decision-making processes by establishing a space for processing of historical and real-time data, calculating risk distributions, optimizing resource allocation and pre-evaluating the performance of alternative strategies. Hence, the use of simulation tools embedded in corporate applications or individually, together with cloud and low-code platforms, offers businesses significant advantages in terms of rapid prototyping and scalable scenario testing.

In conclusion, MIS-simulation integration stands out as an approach that enhances analytical decision support capabilities, strengthens risk management and ensures strategic planning in modern businesses. The potential compatibility of integration with artificial intelligence-based decision mechanisms, digital twins, and autonomous systems may be considered as subject matters in any future studies. Furthermore, a comparative analysis of application examples

across different sectors would then disclose the effects of integrated use of modeling and simulation with MIS in a more concrete manner.

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CHAPTER VII

HUMAN COMPUTER INTERACTION DESIGN IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction and Fundamental Concepts

Over the past decades, advances in information technologies have reshaped how organizations operate and make decisions. These developments have drawn attention not only to technical infrastructures but also to the ways in which people interact with information systems in everyday organizational contexts. Within this landscape, Management Information Systems (MIS) and Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) have evolved as closely related and mutually reinforcing fields. MIS primarily addresses the planning, development, and management of systems that support managerial and organizational decision making, whereas HCI focuses on how users perceive, understand, and experience these systems. This chapter explores where MIS and HCI intersect and explains why a user-centered perspective has become essential in contemporary information systems design.

1.1. MIS and HCI (Human–Computer Interaction): Points of Intersection

Early MIS research largely concentrated on technical performance, data quality, and the ability of systems to deliver accurate information to managers.

With time, however, researchers and practitioners observed that technically sound systems were not always successful in practice. Many systems failed to deliver their expected benefits simply because users found them difficult to understand or inconvenient to use. These observations underscored the importance of the human element in determining the success of information systems and opened the door for closer integration with HCI.

Galletta and Zhang (2006) characterize the relationship between MIS and HCI as an interdisciplinary bridge that connects organizational goals with human needs. From their perspective, system success cannot be explained solely by technical quality; factors such as usability, user experience, and perceived usefulness play an equally important role. Incorporating HCI concepts into MIS research therefore allows for a more comprehensive evaluation of outcomes such as user satisfaction, system acceptance, and individual and organizational performance.

In a similar vein, Gerlach and Kuo (1991) emphasize that overlooking HCI principles during information systems design can significantly limit system effectiveness. They argue that interface design, meaningful feedback, and an understanding of users' cognitive processes are not secondary concerns but core elements of successful system development. Within this view, HCI is not merely an auxiliary field that supports MIS; rather, it constitutes an integral component of how information systems are conceived and implemented.

At the intersection of MIS and HCI lie research topics such as system acceptance models, usability evaluation, user satisfaction measurement, and interaction design. Together, these topics reflect a shared objective: developing information systems that are not only technically functional but also easy to use, understandable, and genuinely preferred by their users.

Table 1. A Comparison of MIS and HCI Focus Areas

Dimension	MIS	HCI
Primary Objective	Support organizational decision-making processes	Improve human–system interaction
Focus of Analysis	Business processes and information flows	User behavior and experience
Key Outputs	Reports, decision support tools	Usable and effective interfaces
Success Criteria	Efficiency, effectiveness	Usability, user satisfaction
Orientation	System- and organization-centered	User-centered

1.2. The Importance of User-Centeredness

User-centered design represents an approach in which the needs, expectations, and limitations of users guide the system development process. Instead of adapting users to technology, this approach seeks to adapt technology to users. Norman (2013) highlights that good design is ultimately judged not by visual appeal or technical sophistication, but by how effortlessly users can make sense of a system and accomplish their tasks. When systems are not designed with users in mind, errors tend to increase and overall satisfaction declines.

Within the HCI literature, user-centeredness is viewed as a guiding principle that should extend across the entire system life cycle. Shneiderman et al. (2016) argue that effective interfaces are built on fundamental principles such as consistency, clear feedback, error prevention, and a sense of user control. When these principles are applied in MIS-oriented system development, they contribute to higher efficiency, smoother workflows, and stronger user acceptance.

From an MIS standpoint, user-centeredness is closely tied to organizational outcomes. Systems that fail to reflect users' real work practices may slow decision-making processes and generate resistance among employees. By contrast, systems developed with a strong user-centered orientation tend to foster trust, encourage sustained use, and enhance the strategic value of information systems within organizations (Galletta & Zhang, 2006).

In sum, user-centeredness forms the shared foundation of MIS and HCI. The effectiveness of information systems depends not only on robust technical architectures but also on the quality of the experiences they offer to users. For this reason, contemporary MIS approaches increasingly recognize HCI principles and user-centered design as indispensable elements of successful system development.

Table 2. User-Centered Design Principles and Their Contributions to MIS

Design Principle	Description	Contribution to MIS
Consistency	Interface elements behave in predictable ways	Reduces learning time
Feedback	Immediate system response to user actions	Helps users recognize and correct errors
Error Prevention	Design minimizes the likelihood of user errors	Improves data quality
User Control	Users feel in command of system actions	Strengthens system acceptance
Simplicity	Avoidance of unnecessary complexity	Increases decision-making speed

2. Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework of this chapter establishes a comprehensive foundation for understanding how Human–Computer Interaction principles inform the design, use, and evaluation of Management Information Systems (MIS). As MIS become increasingly integral to organizational decision-making, the convergence of cognitive psychology, behavioral science, user experience research, and interface design has resulted in an interdisciplinary approach for analyzing how individuals engage with digital environments. This section synthesizes multiple theoretical traditions to demonstrate how user cognition, perception, motivation, and contextual factors shape the effectiveness of MIS interfaces. By grounding MIS design in empirically supported HCI concepts, organizations can ensure that digital systems are not only functional but also cognitively efficient, behaviorally intuitive, and experientially meaningful.

2.1. User Interface and Information Presentation

The design of the user interface (UI) is central to shaping users’ interaction patterns, cognitive processing, and decision-making within MIS environments. A well-structured UI functions not only as a gateway for accessing information but also as a cognitive guide that determines how users interpret complex managerial data. MIS frequently present sophisticated datasets—financial indicators, logistics information, forecasts, risk analyses—that demand clarity and efficiency in visual communication.

Tufte's influential work on data visualization provides key principles for high-quality information presentation. One of his foundational ideas, the concept of the data-ink ratio, proposes that effective visualizations should maximize the proportion of data-relevant ink while minimizing unnecessary graphics that introduce distraction rather than insight (Tufte, 2018). In the context of MIS dashboards, this principle underscores the importance of eliminating redundant colors, decorative elements, and irrelevant symbols—collectively termed “chartjunk”—which may otherwise obscure essential managerial information.

Building upon Tufte's framework, Stephen Few introduced methods emphasizing visual simplicity, user-centered representation, and perceptual optimization (Few, 2009). Few's work highlights pre-attentive attributes, such as color intensity, spatial positioning, and object size, which the human brain processes automatically and rapidly. These attributes are highly relevant in MIS, where managers frequently scan dashboards to detect anomalies or trends. For example, a slight deviation in color saturation may immediately draw attention to a critical performance indicator without requiring conscious analysis. By leveraging such perceptual mechanisms, MIS interfaces can significantly reduce cognitive effort and facilitate faster, more accurate decision-making.

Moreover, the effectiveness of visual displays depends on aligning design elements with user expectations. Consistency in color coding, layout structure, and labeling conventions supports cognitive fluency, allowing users to develop mental models of the system more quickly. This is particularly important in enterprise environments where multiple units or employees interact with the system. Inconsistent or counterintuitive designs increase training time, elevate the risk of misinterpretation, and reduce operational efficiency.

Another crucial dimension of information presentation is information hierarchy, which organizes content based on its relevance to specific user groups. Managers at different organizational levels often require different levels of detail:

- Executives benefit from high-level KPIs, strategic indicators, and predictive summaries.
- Mid-level managers require dashboards that allow drill-down analysis and scenario exploration.
- Operational staff depend on granular process-level data to manage day-to-day activities.

A well-constructed UI offers flexible navigation and interactive elements—such as filtering, sorting, or drill-down capabilities—that accommodate this variability. This approach aligns with principles of adaptive and personalized design, ensuring that each user receives information at an appropriate level of abstraction. At a broader level, UI design in MIS must integrate insights from perceptual psychology, information architecture, and visual communication. When executed effectively, the UI not only enhances user performance but also directly influences the accuracy and timeliness of organizational decision-making.

2.2. Cognitive and Behavioral Approaches

Human cognitive processes play a pivotal role in determining how users interact with MIS interfaces. Cognitive psychology provides theoretical tools to understand how individuals perceive, store, and retrieve information while performing tasks in digital environments. Card, Moran, and Newell's Model Human Processor (MHP) serves as a foundational framework for conceptualizing the human mind as a system composed of perceptual, cognitive, and motor subsystems (Card et al., 2018). MHP emphasizes the limitations of working memory, the constrained duration of attention, and the sequential nature of cognitive operations. These constraints carry substantial implications for MIS design, particularly when systems present large volumes of data or require rapid, accurate decision-making.

For instance, MIS interfaces that overload users with excessive indicators, alerts, or complex navigation paths may hinder decision-making by overwhelming limited cognitive capacity. Poorly structured interfaces can lead to disorientation, task abandonment, or erroneous actions. Cognitive Load Theory (CLT) provides an analytical lens to assess how MIS interfaces can minimize extraneous cognitive load by improving layout clarity, reducing unnecessary complexity, and aligning content structure with users' mental schemas.

Beyond cognitive constraints, behavioral theories highlight the influence of habits, biases, and attentional patterns on digital interactions. Wickens' Multiple Resource Theory (MRT) posits that human attentional resources are divided across distinct pools—visual, auditory, spatial, and verbal (Wickens et al., 2002). Most MIS rely heavily on visual resources, leading to potential overload. Incorporating multimodal elements such as auditory alerts, tactile notifications, or adaptive feedback mechanisms can distribute cognitive burden and improve interface efficiency.

Behavioral economics contributes further insights into how individuals interpret and act upon information in MIS. For example:

- Nudges can guide users toward optimal decisions by structuring choices or highlighting recommended actions.
- Immediate feedback supports learning by reinforcing correct responses and reducing uncertainty.
- Loss aversion cues (e.g., red warnings) leverage human sensitivity to negative outcomes to stress urgency or importance.
- Default settings influence user behavior, especially in complex systems where manual configuration may be cognitively demanding.

Bounded rationality—where users make “good enough” decisions rather than optimal ones due to limited resources—further underscores the importance of designing MIS that simplify information processing. Efficient HCI design acknowledges these cognitive and behavioral limitations by structuring workflows that minimize unnecessary steps, reduce ambiguity, and provide context-sensitive guidance.

2.3. User Experience and MIS Relationship

User experience (UX) represents a broader perspective that encompasses the emotional, cognitive, aesthetic, and functional dimensions of interacting with MIS. While usability focuses on effectiveness and efficiency, UX extends beyond instrumental performance to include satisfaction, trust, engagement, and long-term adoption.

In organizational contexts, UX is tied closely to system acceptance, a relationship extensively examined in HCI-oriented MIS research. Zhang and colleagues emphasize that understanding how humans experience technology is foundational to predicting system adoption and continued use (Zhang et al., 2013). The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and its successors (e.g., TAM2, UTAUT) highlight perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use as central determinants of system acceptance. Both constructs are deeply influenced by UX, suggesting that even highly functional MIS may be rejected if they produce cognitive frustration, emotional dissatisfaction, or workflow disruptions.

Hassenzahl’s experience design approach introduces a distinction between pragmatic and hedonic qualities of technology (Hassenzahl, 2010). Pragmatic qualities relate to functional task accomplishment, while hedonic qualities

involve stimulation, engagement, and emotional resonance. Modern MIS increasingly incorporate features such as predictive analytics, collaborative tools, and AI-driven recommendations, which require both pragmatic efficiency and hedonic appeal. Systems that satisfy only pragmatic needs may function adequately but fail to support user motivation or organizational commitment. Conversely, systems that integrate elements of enjoyment, autonomy, and perceived control may enhance user satisfaction and strengthen long-term adoption.

UX in MIS also depends heavily on contextual fit, referring to the alignment between system design and organizational culture, workflow structure, and user role expectations. A system that is well-designed from a technical perspective may still produce negative experiences if it conflicts with existing practices or imposes unfamiliar cognitive demands. Here, participatory design and iterative evaluation processes play a key role in ensuring that UX evolves appropriately over time.

Moreover, UX is dynamic rather than static. As users gain familiarity, their expectations evolve, requiring MIS interfaces to support progressively advanced interactions. This reflects the concept of temporal UX, where initial impressions, routine use experiences, and long-term reflections interact to shape overall satisfaction and system perception. In sum, UX is not merely an accessory to MIS performance; it is a fundamental determinant of system value and organizational productivity. High-quality UX reduces training requirements, increases system loyalty, and enhances decision-making outcomes across managerial levels.

2.4. Human–Computer Interaction Design Principles

Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) design principles provide structured guidelines for developing MIS interfaces that are efficient, user-friendly, and aligned with cognitive and organizational needs. Among the most influential principles are Nielsen’s Usability Heuristics, which offer a comprehensive set of criteria for evaluating interface usability (Nielsen, 1994). These heuristics remain highly relevant in MIS where accuracy, speed, and reliability are paramount.

Key heuristics with direct relevance to MIS include:

- **Visibility of System Status:** Users must be able to monitor the system’s operations in real time. For management dashboards, this means that key indicators should update promptly and transparently.

- **Match Between System and Real World:** MIS terminology, symbols, and workflows must align with users' professional practices and mental models.
- **User Control and Freedom:** Systems should provide clear undo/re-do capabilities, essential for environments dealing with high-stakes operational data.
- **Consistency and Standards:** Consistent design reduces cognitive load and ensures efficient navigation across complex MIS modules.
- **Error Prevention and Recovery:** MIS must prevent common errors through validation checks and provide clear pathways for recovery when mistakes occur.

Shneiderman's Eight Golden Rules complement Nielsen's heuristics by emphasizing consistency, informative feedback, reversible actions, and dialogue designs that reduce the need for memory recall (Shneiderman, 1997). These principles align closely with MIS tasks pursued by managerial personnel, who often operate under tight time constraints and require predictable system behavior.

As MIS increasingly incorporate automation and AI-driven decision support, traditional HCI principles must be extended to address emerging challenges. AI explainability, for example, has become a critical aspect of usability, as users must understand the rationale behind algorithmic recommendations in order to trust and effectively use them. Similarly, adaptive interfaces that personalize content based on user behavior must balance automation with user autonomy to avoid creating confusion or over-dependence.

Collaboration is another key dimension of MIS that shapes modern HCI principles. In distributed or hybrid work environments, MIS must support distributed cognition, enabling teams to share information, coordinate actions, and maintain synchronized situational awareness. Collaborative dashboards, shared annotation tools, and real-time communication features exemplify how HCI principles extend beyond individual interaction to collective cognitive processes.

Overall, HCI design principles serve as an integrative foundation that connects cognitive science, interface engineering, and organizational behavior. When effectively applied, they enable MIS to function not only as repositories of data but also as intelligent, intuitive, and user-centered environments that support high-quality managerial decision-making.

3. Design Approaches and Methods

In the design of information systems and interactive technologies, the goal extends beyond making systems technically functional. Designers and organizations increasingly seek solutions that users are willing to adopt, continue to use over time, and perceive as socially responsible. Within this broader perspective, design approaches developed in the HCI literature play a decisive role in shaping the success of information systems developed in MIS contexts. This chapter reviews user-centered design, participatory design, value sensitive design, and universal design/accessibility, highlighting how each approach contributes to more effective and responsible information systems.

3.1. *User-Centered Design (UCD)*

User-Centered Design (UCD) is built on the simple yet powerful idea that interactive systems should be shaped around users rather than forcing users to adapt to technology. It places users' needs, expectations, and contexts of use at the heart of the design process. The main objective of UCD is to create systems that are easy to learn, efficient to use, and capable of delivering a satisfying user experience.

The ISO 9241-210 standard provides a widely accepted framework for user-centered design and emphasizes that design should be iterative rather than linear. According to the standard, designers should first seek to understand the context in which a system will be used, then identify user requirements, develop design solutions, and evaluate those solutions with real users (ISO, 2019). This cyclical process ensures that user feedback continuously informs design decisions.

Early foundational work by Gould and Lewis (1985) helped formalize UCD by proposing three core principles: maintaining an early and ongoing focus on users, relying on empirical measurement through usability testing, and embracing iterative design. These principles continue to guide contemporary practice and remain central to the development of usable and effective information systems.

From an MIS perspective, applying UCD leads to more efficient system use, lower training costs, and higher levels of system acceptance. As a result, UCD is widely regarded as a key contributor to both organizational performance and positive user experience.

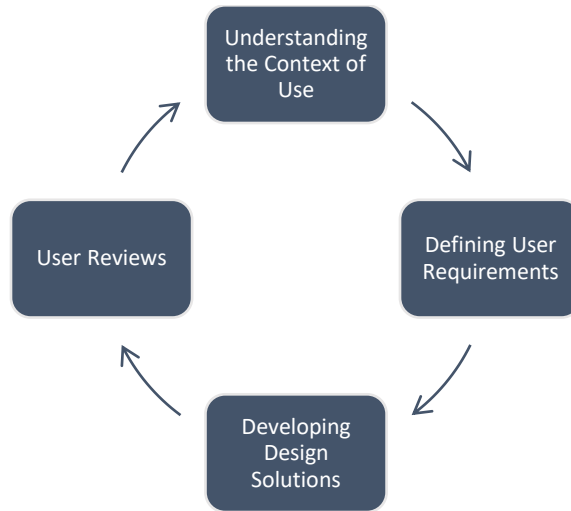


Figure 1. The Circular Process of User-Centered Design

3.2. Participatory Design

Participatory design takes the involvement of users a step further by treating them not simply as end users, but as active contributors to the design process. This approach is particularly valuable in complex organizational settings, where users possess detailed knowledge of work practices that designers may otherwise overlook.

Schuler and Namioka (1993) describe participatory design as a democratic design philosophy, arguing that the inclusion of multiple stakeholders improves both the quality and relevance of system designs. By engaging users in activities such as requirements definition, prototyping, and evaluation, participatory design helps ensure that systems align more closely with real-world needs.

In MIS projects, participatory design often leads to systems that better reflect actual organizational processes and reduces resistance to change by fostering a sense of ownership among users.

3.3. Value Sensitive Design (VSD)

Value Sensitive Design (VSD) focuses on the deliberate integration of human values into the design of technological systems. Rather than treating values as secondary concerns, VSD positions them as central design considerations alongside technical and functional requirements.

Friedman, Kahn, and Borning (2008) conceptualize VSD as a framework that combines conceptual, empirical, and technical investigations. Conceptual work identifies relevant stakeholders and values, empirical studies explore how these values are experienced in practice, and technical investigations examine how system features can support or undermine those values.

Within the MIS domain, VSD is especially relevant for addressing issues such as privacy, security, fairness, accountability, and transparency. By embedding these values into system design, organizations can develop information systems that are not only efficient but also ethically and socially responsible.

3.4. Universal Design and Accessibility

Universal design and accessibility approaches aim to ensure that information systems can be used by the broadest possible range of users, regardless of physical, sensory, or cognitive differences. Rather than viewing accessibility as an afterthought, these approaches advocate for its integration from the earliest stages of design.

Lazar, Goldstein, and Taylor (2015) emphasize that digital accessibility should be supported not only through technical solutions but also through organizational processes and policies. When accessibility considerations are embedded early in system development, they tend to produce more sustainable and cost-effective outcomes.

From an MIS standpoint, accessible and universally designed systems contribute to legal compliance, improved organizational reputation, and higher overall user satisfaction. Importantly, designs that accommodate diverse users often result in better usability for everyone.



Figure 2. From Accessibility to Universal Design

4. Application Areas

The theoretical frameworks and design approaches developed within the fields of Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) and Management Information Systems (MIS) are not confined to abstract models; rather, they are reflected in practical applications across a wide range of sectors. These applications

influence not only the technical performance of information systems but also broader dimensions such as user trust, acceptance, learning outcomes, and societal impact. In this section, key application domains—including e-commerce, learning management systems, health information systems, public administration and e-government, as well as AI-supported MIS solutions—are examined to illustrate how HCI and MIS principles shape real-world systems.

4.1. E-Commerce

E-commerce platforms represent digital environments in which users purchase products and services without direct physical interaction. As a result, such systems are particularly sensitive to issues of trust, usability, and perceived value. Within this context, theoretical models from the HCI and MIS literature offer valuable insights into how users adopt and continue to use online shopping systems.

In their influential study, Gefen, Karahanna, and Straub (2003) extended the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) by incorporating the concept of trust, demonstrating that users' intentions to engage in online shopping are shaped not only by perceived ease of use and usefulness but also by their level of trust in the system. This finding underscores the importance of interface elements that foster trust, such as transparent information structures, visible security cues, and clearly defined transaction processes.

Similarly, Pavlou (2003) highlights the role of uncertainty and perceived risk in electronic commerce adoption. His work shows that system designs aimed at reducing users' sense of risk can positively influence both attitudes toward online shopping and behavioral intentions. From this perspective, HCI principles are not merely supportive features but key contributors to the commercial success of e-commerce systems.

4.2. Learning Management Systems (LMS)

Learning Management Systems (LMS) are designed to facilitate and manage educational activities through digital platforms. The effectiveness of these systems depends not only on their technical capabilities but also on how well they support learners' cognitive and motivational processes through interaction design.

Alavi and Leidner (2001) argue that technology-mediated learning has the potential to reshape both individual and organizational learning. However, this potential can only be realized when learning environments are designed in

line with sound pedagogical principles. In this regard, HCI contributes to LMS effectiveness by enabling interface designs that sustain attention, encourage engagement, and support meaningful interaction.

From an instructional perspective, Clark and Mayer (2016) emphasize the importance of cognitive load theory and learning science principles in the design of e-learning environments. Their research demonstrates that thoughtfully designed digital learning materials can enhance learning performance while also improving the overall user experience. Viewed through an MIS lens, LMS platforms thus function as strategic tools for organizational learning and knowledge management.

4.3. Health Information Systems

Health information systems occupy a particularly critical position, as they directly influence patient safety and clinical decision-making. Consequently, the integration of human factors into system design is not optional but essential.

Kushniruk and Borycki (2017) note that the application of HCI and human factors principles in health information systems can significantly reduce medical errors and improve the quality of care. Features such as intuitive interfaces, clear data presentation, and error-prevention mechanisms help healthcare professionals interact with systems more safely and efficiently.

From an MIS perspective, health information systems play a strategic role in integrating clinical workflows, enabling data sharing, and supporting decision-making processes. Nevertheless, the ultimate success of these systems depends heavily on user acceptance and correct usage in real clinical settings.

4.4. Public Administration and E-Government

E-government initiatives aim to provide public services to citizens through digital channels. In this domain, usability, accessibility, and trust are central determinants of whether citizens can effectively benefit from such services.

Heeks (2006) points out that many e-government projects fail because technological solutions are often developed without sufficient consideration of local contexts and user needs. This observation highlights the necessity of adopting user-centered and context-sensitive approaches in the design of public digital services.

When e-government systems are developed in accordance with HCI and MIS principles, they tend to enhance citizen satisfaction and strengthen communication between public institutions and the public. In turn, this

contributes to the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of digital public services.

4.5. AI-Supported MIS

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into information systems introduces both new opportunities and significant challenges for the MIS field. AI-supported MIS solutions offer substantial advantages in areas such as large-scale data analysis, predictive decision support, and process automation.

Shneiderman (2020) advocates for a human-centered approach to AI design, emphasizing that intelligent systems should support, rather than replace, human decision-makers. The concept of “Human-Centered AI” positions transparency, control, and accountability as core design principles.

Within the MIS context, human-centered AI has the potential to improve decision quality while simultaneously strengthening user trust in intelligent systems. Accordingly, embedding HCI principles into AI-supported MIS solutions is essential to ensuring that technological advances are applied in a responsible, ethical, and sustainable manner.

5. Current Trends and Future Perspectives

The domains of Information Systems and Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) continue to evolve in response to rapid technological change. Emerging technologies are not only reshaping how information systems are designed and implemented, but also redefining how users perceive, trust, and interact with these systems. Developments such as artificial intelligence–driven interfaces, immersive reality technologies, wearable devices, and growing ethical concerns have become central to contemporary discussions in both HCI and Management Information Systems (MIS). This section explores these trends and reflects on their implications for the future of information system design.

5.1. Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language Interfaces

Advances in artificial intelligence have fundamentally altered the nature of interaction between users and information systems. Natural language interfaces, including conversational agents and chatbots, allow users to communicate with systems using everyday language rather than predefined commands. In principle, this shift promises more intuitive and accessible interactions, particularly in complex organizational systems.

In practice, however, user experiences often fall short of these expectations. Luger and Sellen (2016) demonstrate that users tend to attribute human-like intelligence and flexibility to conversational agents, expectations that current systems are rarely able to meet. When these expectations are not fulfilled, users may experience frustration and disengage from the system altogether.

From an HCI and MIS perspective, this gap between expectation and experience highlights the importance of aligning system behavior with users' mental models. Rather than striving for artificial human likeness, future natural language interfaces may benefit from clearer boundaries, better feedback, and greater transparency. Such an approach could support more realistic expectations and foster sustained use within organizational information systems.

5.2. Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality (VR/AR/MR)

Virtual, augmented, and mixed reality technologies introduce immersive interaction environments that blur the boundaries between physical and digital spaces. These technologies are increasingly applied in domains such as education, healthcare, engineering, and remote collaboration, where traditional interfaces may be insufficient to represent complex processes or spatial information.

Sherman and Craig (2019) emphasize that virtual reality should be understood not merely as a technical system, but as an experiential medium shaped by perception, interaction, and a sense of presence. This perspective aligns closely with HCI principles, which prioritize user experience over purely technological considerations.

From an MIS standpoint, immersive reality technologies offer new possibilities for decision support, simulation-based learning, and process visualization. At the same time, their organizational adoption remains constrained by issues such as cost, technical complexity, and user readiness. Addressing these challenges will be essential if VR, AR, and MR systems are to become integrated components of mainstream information systems.

5.3. Wearable Technologies

Wearable technologies represent another significant development in contemporary information systems. Devices such as smartwatches, fitness trackers, and biometric sensors continuously collect data about users' physical states and behaviors, feeding this information into larger digital ecosystems.

Swan (2012) frames this trend within the context of the "Quantified Self" movement, arguing that individuals are increasingly engaged in measuring

and interpreting their own data. For MIS, this growing stream of personal data creates opportunities for advanced analytics, real-time monitoring, and highly personalized services.

From an HCI perspective, however, technical capability alone does not guarantee success. User acceptance depends heavily on how comfortably these devices fit into everyday life. Design factors such as wearability, visual feedback, privacy awareness, and minimal disruption play a decisive role. Looking ahead, wearable technologies are likely to become more discreet, adaptive, and context-sensitive, further integrating into routine activities.

5.4. Ethics, Privacy, and Security

As information systems become more pervasive and data-intensive, ethical considerations have moved from the periphery to the center of HCI and MIS research. The increasing use of artificial intelligence and large-scale data analytics has intensified concerns related to bias, privacy violations, and surveillance.

Friedman and Nissenbaum (1996) challenge the notion of technological neutrality by demonstrating how biases can be embedded within computer systems through design choices and underlying assumptions. These biases, whether intentional or not, can lead to systematic disadvantages for certain individuals or groups. Consequently, ethical awareness must be integrated into the design and evaluation of information systems.

Privacy represents another critical dimension of this discussion. Solove (2008) argues that privacy should not be reduced to a technical issue of data protection, but instead understood as a complex social and moral concept linked to autonomy and dignity. From both HCI and MIS perspectives, this view underscores the need for transparent data practices and meaningful user control over personal information.

In the future, the long-term viability and trustworthiness of information systems will depend on how effectively ethical principles, privacy protections, and security measures are embedded into system design. A human-centered and responsible approach to technology development thus emerges as a shared and increasingly urgent priority for both HCI and MIS.

6. Conclusion

This study highlights the close relationship between Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) and Management Information Systems (MIS) and shows that

this relationship plays a decisive role in the success of contemporary information systems. In today's organizations, system effectiveness can no longer be explained solely by technical capabilities. Rather, it is closely tied to how well information systems accommodate users' cognitive processes, everyday practices, and overall experiences. From this perspective, user-centered design has become an essential element of MIS development.

Research and design principles in the HCI literature consistently point to a strong connection between usability, user experience, system acceptance, and organizational outcomes. Approaches such as user-centered, participatory, and value-sensitive design support the development of systems that are not only efficient in use but also perceived as trustworthy, ethically sound, and sustainable over time. As AI-supported MIS applications become more widespread, issues such as explainability, transparency, and human-centered design have gained even greater importance.

Overall, the integration of HCI and MIS calls for a socio-technical understanding of information systems. Without interdisciplinary and user-oriented approaches, even technically advanced systems are unlikely to deliver their full potential or create lasting value at the organizational level.

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CHAPTER VIII

IOT-ENHANCED MIS ARCHITECTURES FOR AUTONOMOUS ROBOTIC SYSTEMS: REAL-TIME DECISION MAKING AND HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION FRAMEWORKS

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1. Introduction

However, with the recent technological advancements in information technology, the role of Management Information Systems (MIS) has been accentuated in the strategic, tactical, as well as operational phases of decision-making in large-scale enterprises. Over the years, MIS has evolved as a necessary infrastructure that helps coordinate the working

of information, thus providing direction to decision-makers through complex networks of information (Rainer et al., 2020). With the rapid evolution of digital transformation, the role of MIS was enhanced from being a mere support system to being a dynamic, self-generative system that is in tune with the organizational goals. This further led to the evolution of systems being able to effectively address the requirements of real-time decision-making (Delone & McLean, 2003). Incorporating real-time information within organizational systems was found helpful in diminishing uncertainties, increasing the accuracy of decentralized decisions, and adding value to organizational agility. Being a strategic necessity to effectively maintain a position in the competition, instantaneous adaptability was achieved through MIS system structures.

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the integration of physical devices in digital ecosystems using sensors, networks, and the cloud (Al-Fuqaha et al., 2015). The new paradigm that arose from the IoT (Elgazzar et al., 2022) has facilitated the integration of both physical and digital domains through continuous data sharing. However, for meaningful information extraction and analysis to take place in the MIS layer from the continuous data flow from IoT devices, there needs to be high velocity and scalability in the system with the capacity to handle different data types (Chowdhury et al., 2023).

Figure 1 illustrates the end-to-end interaction process architecture of the Internet of Things (IoT) system. The microcontrollers can read the physical data from their surroundings using sensors. This data from the microcontrollers undergoes primary processing before being transmitted to the interface layer. The data management modules and internet connection enable the connection of communication interfaces and applications with the system. The system's data generated can be observed and utilized using computer or other interfaces. This enables the system and the data it contains to be in a constant process of interaction until the users make decisions through the Management Information System (MIS) via the internet connection.

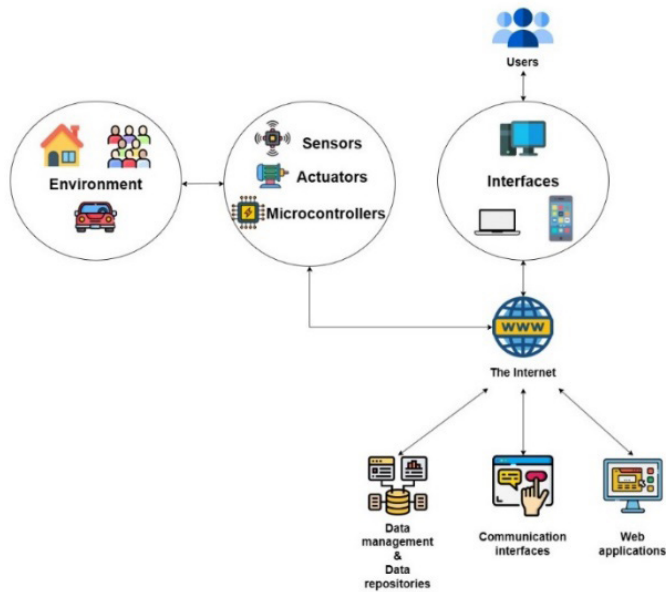


Figure 1. IoT-based interaction architecture: flow between the environment, devices, interfaces, and data services.

The area of human–computer interaction has emphasized the idea of ubiquitous computing in which information spurs out into day-to-day life and the surrounding ambient environment. This concern with the significance of such interaction in terms of designer considerations is supported by detailed analyses of scenarios in which users are often interacting with more than one device (Zawieska & Hannibal, 2023). The area of Human-Centered Computing (HCC) focuses on the conceptual interface meant to support the dissemination of human-level perception towards artificial systems through software/hardware mechanisms combined. This, in fact, forms the essential foundation in terms of the capacity definition of robotic systems towards adapting environmental interpretations and secure communication channels with users. The area of human-robot interaction (HRI), utilizing methods from human computer interaction research, incorporates parameters concerning designer specifications only to physical agents like robots in terms of automatic mobility support, proximity in operation, decision-making capacity, function of movement action, intentionality in action, safeness in interaction action, and awareness in environmental contexts (Singh et al., 2021). This indicates that human-robot interaction involves significant concern beyond only providing information

onto a graphical display screen interface. The use of protocols in this context of awareness and behavioral consideration in secure communication remains quite essential (Robert et al., 2024).

The decision-making process in robotics involves multiple layered mechanisms that include the detection of the context of the surrounding environment, objective assessment, and identification of the best possible action based upon areas of potentiality. This warrants robots' actions in accordance with the data from sensing mechanisms themselves while simultaneously considering the behavioral patterns of other autonomous robots in their vicinity. The positioning of other robots or areas of potentiality are defined by 'rules, affective states, and social mechanisms' that entail maintaining the internal surroundings of the robots (Maroto-Gómez et al., 2023). These further warrants attention towards the exploratory analysis of the feasibility and consistencies in the interactions between human and other robots or robots in general that are autonomous in the current technological context, discussed in this research.

At this point in the evolution of MIS regarding Smart MIS, there are information systems that incorporate heterogeneous data from various sensors across robotics decision-making mechanisms. The system further examines the requirements of users on a continuous basis through self-rectifications from continuous 'learning' and adjusts autonomously based upon the surrounding environmental factors (Liang et al., 2023).

For the successful accomplishment of research in human computer interaction (HCI), there should be effective communication of the robotics motion intentions between robots and human participants. Humans need multiple-dimensional information regarding the perceptions of robots and internal mechanisms coupled with action-oriented directives in order to predict and participate in predictive motions of robots (Liang et al., 2023). This area of research aims to initiate novel approaches towards the adaptation of hybrid interactive ecosystems that may result in the automatic living experiences of individuals. The ecosystems would allow the amalgamation of intelligent interfaces that distribute information and data feedback with research in the Internet of Things (IoT), in which robots are responsible for providing material support (Sandhu et al., 2024). However, IoT system development faces substantial challenges in forecasting changing environmental factors, unknown events, and adapting independently towards new demands. Consequently, autonomous system loops like MAPE-K (Monitoring, Analysis, Planning, Execution, Knowledge) are being integrated with IoT infrastructure in modern

times (Durán-Polanco & Siller, 2023). For instance, IoT system-aided robotics platforms would allow temperature sensing through the use of sensors regarding rising temperatures (Monitor), risk level calculation through data analysis (Analyze), preparing action-oriented plans (Plan), relocating the robots safely (Execute), and storing system-learned experiences regarding increased levels of awareness in system memory (Ben Halima et al., 2023). The current literature mostly addresses MIS, IoT, robotic decision mechanisms, and HCI structures as separate disciplines; comprehensive frameworks on how these components work together under a real-time and integrated architecture remain limited.

This study aims to present a multi-layered approach that integrates IoT-enhanced MIS architectures with the decision-making processes and human-centered interaction requirements of autonomous robotic systems. All these technological components form the basis of the integrated MIS–IoT–Robotics–HCI approach targeted by the study. These studies reveal that the real-time data stream produced by IoT is processed within the MIS architecture. This indicates that robotic mechanisms can perform data-driven autonomous actions, emphasizing the significance of optimizing interactions between the users and the system in accordance with standards of both HCI and HRI. With little information in the literature regarding this integration in MIS research, this study aims to develop a complete solution that combines the four foundational structures together. This section begins with the conceptualization of the IoT-Enhanced MIS structure architecture in consideration of robotic decision-making procedures in relation to the HCI/HRI guidelines.

2. IoT-Enhanced MIS: Conceptual Framework

This section presents a conceptual overview regarding the impact of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies on Management Information Systems (MIS) structure, the limitations of traditional MIS architecture, and the combined effect of IoT sensor networks consisting of various levels of edge-fog-cloud and the security aspects upon MIS. The presented framework evaluates the fundamental components of the IoT-Enhanced MIS architecture that supports real-time decision-making cycles of autonomous robotic systems (Table 1).

Table 1. IoT-Enhanced MIS Layered Architecture

Layer Name	Key Functionality & Terminology	Focus
Application / MIS Layer	Business Intelligence (BI), Reporting, Control, Decision Making, Management Dashboards, Command & Control Interface.	High-Level Control & Integration
Cloud Layer	Big Data Storage, Data Lake, Intensive Analytics, Machine Learning (ML)/Artificial Intelligence (AI) Models, Centralized Management.	Intensive Analytic Capacity
Fog Layer	Local Servers, Gateways, Data Aggregation, Filtering, Real-Time Analytics, Decentralized Processing, ML/AI Platform for Edge.	Distributed Processing
Perception / Edge Layer	Sensors, Actuators, Devices, Initial Data Collection, Pre-processing, Data Compression.	Low Latency & Pre-processing

IBM’s commercial computers introduced the concept of MIS in the 1950s. Initially, it aimed to automate administrative tasks such as payroll, accounting, and billing. With the development of languages such as COBOL and FORTRAN, processing business data became easier, and the reporting capacity of MIS increased as large companies established data centers. (Smart Management Information Systems (SMIS)). Traditional Management Information Systems (MIS) support businesses’ planning, control, analysis, and decision-making processes. They are integrated structures consisting of software, hardware, data storage infrastructure, and human components that collect, process, store, and quickly deliver the information managers need from scattered data.

Before the advent of the IoT, there was data entry by human agents and data reporting after the fact, which placed limitations on real-time functions and flexibility (Bac, 2022). Conversely, the IoT involves continuous data acquisition through various devices like cameras and sensors (Robert et al., 2024; Wirtz et al., 2018). Therefore, from this evidence, MIS tradition cannot support real-time and autonomic data streams necessary in modern technological platforms. The IoT consequently transforms MIS from data gathering and reporting infrastructure to data processing from various constantly updating sources and programmable events based upon occurrence in real-time. To gain insight into this shift in service delivery platforms, there ought to be conceptual analysis regarding the restructuring of data processing levels in MIS in the IoT paradigm.

This helps in achieving an evolution in MIS system architecture from being simply data storage based and progressing towards being a layered system that functions in an IoT-enabled ecosystem in which data processing occurs in the seamless flow of events. This further illustrates that when assessing MIS and IoT integration, there are technical system levels that need consideration.

The evolution of IoT technology has revolutionized the traditional structure of Management Information Systems (MIS), due to the continuous flow of data from IoT devices. Smart city solutions (Zanella et al., 2014), healthcare, industry 4.0 solutions, home automation solutions, farming solutions, and agriculture solutions can be utilized to update MIS dynamically through data generated in that sector. This in turn converts MIS into more advanced data analysis systems. The combination of Artificial Intelligence and IoT technologies enables MIS beyond being data repositories; however, the growing concern of IoT being deployed in most applications has raised awareness regarding securing the MIS structure from being hacked or data being tampered with (Chataut et al., 2023).

The combination of real-time analysis functionality with action mechanisms has been observed to increase the reactivity of Management Information Systems (MIS) and may be attributed to the enhanced visibility enabled using Internet of Things (IoT) devices that are constantly collecting data (Chowdhury et al., 2023). Management Information Systems have evolved from being systems that only support analysis after the occurrence of events to being decision support systems based on data streams from IoT devices. However, the real-time functionality of IoT devices in MIS system architecture not only relies upon the processing levels but also upon the network structure of the nodes in addition to ensuring data communication integrity. Nevertheless, it should not be forgotten that the IoT-based MIS architecture is directly related not only to the processing layers but also to the physical structure of the sensor networks and the continuity of data transmission paths. This is because real-time data flow is largely dependent on the robustness of the network topology used and the communication intensity.

The sensor networks that form the basis of this transformation are configured using various topologies such as mesh, tree, and star (Figure 2). While the tree structure offers wide coverage and the star topology is energy efficient, these topologies are fragile because they are connected to a central node. Furthermore, data flow is interrupted in the event of connection failures. The mesh topology stands out as the most resilient structure, especially in IoT-based robotic applications, because its multi-connection structure provides high

fault tolerance and routing flexibility (P et al., 2024). Therefore, the physical topology of sensor networks has become a fundamental design parameter in terms of the decision-making continuity of IoT-Enhanced MIS, fault tolerance, and the stability of mobile nodes in robotic applications.

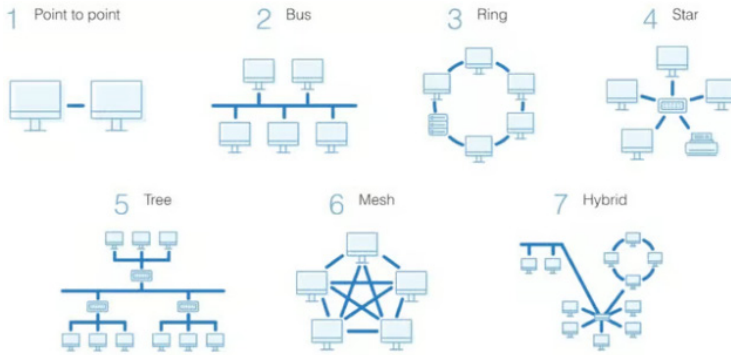


Figure 2. Basic topologies used in sensor networks (1GBits)

Since distribution methods and coverage requirements directly influence topology selection, determining whether sensor nodes are static or dynamic is crucial for network design (P et al., 2024). The literature emphasizes that mesh and other distributed topologies offer advantages in terms of scalability and fault tolerance. These advantages are important for multi-robot systems (Gielis et al., 2022). The mesh structure significantly reduces the response time of MIS-based decision systems, ensuring the bidirectional and parallel transmission of real-time sensor data, especially in environments with mobile robots and large-scale distributed sensor networks.

The new MIS architecture conceptualized based on near-origin data processing with minimal latency and supported through distributed structures has originated from the accelerated evolution of the IoT landscape. Edge computing, the process of performing data analysis in its vicinity or point of origin, enables immediate action in applications requiring urgency and further supports reduced latency (Qian & Coutinho, 2022). Fog computing, placed in between the needs of the ‘edge’ and ‘cloud’ computing models in terms of communication disruptions or breaks, supports fault tolerance and reduced bandwidth utilization (Abdullah et al., 2021).

At the same time, cloud computing provides the underlying foundation necessary in meeting the overall analytical needs of MIS. This is made possible through enhanced scalability, processing power, and multiple forms of storage (GutierrezTorre et al., 2022; Shin et al., 2022). The combination of the various

layers of edge computing, fog computing, and cloud computing provides a complete framework in meeting the overall needs of balancing processing in the MIS system based on the IoT infrastructure.

The rising volumes of data from sensors in IoT networks have raised the focus on other areas of network performance such as latency, packet loss rate, and data integrity in the context of Management Information System (MIS) integration. Automatic data transfer through sensors without human involvement (Singh et al., 2021) and the need for this process to be done with both low latency and high reliability in industry applications identify the need to address optimization in task allocation and scheduling mechanisms in MIS (Salimi et al., 2019). While different MIS applications are met in this context, the escalating data transfer rate and system interactions in IoT networks also threaten the IoT MIS structure and data privacy. The increase in AI-powered IoT devices being developed to process data transfer from gathering data in real-time has raised new forms of threats that are not there in other MIS networks. The central point of various users' behavior and data location in the MIS layer has raised threats from outside sources and damaging reputations in organizations (Amin et al., 2025).

One of the consequences of IoT-MIS integration is that modern threats such as automated decision-making mechanisms, unauthorized access, manipulation, profiling, and unauthorized disclosure of information gain greater prominence by expanding the attack surface. The intense data flow from sensor networks in smart cities increases risks such as cyberattacks and data leaks, while encryption techniques used on resource-constrained devices can reduce performance (Ray & Susan, 2024). Concept drift in IoT data streams that enhance security and privacy increases security vulnerabilities and reduces the accuracy of anomaly detection models (Berraadi et al., 2025). Therefore, the literature emphasizes that machine learning and deep learning-based, lightweight, real-time anomaly detection techniques play an important role in IoT security (Ahmed et al., n.d.).

3. Autonomous Robot Systems & MIS

The core focus of this section is the production of situational awareness by autonomous robots through transferring environmental information streams composed of heterogeneous sensor data to the MIS layer, and the MIS processing this data at the operational, tactical, and strategic levels to support the robotic decision cycle. In accordance with the principles of timeliness, consistency, memory usage, and integrated accessibility, heterogeneous sensor data must be organized in the MIS layer, collected from multiple computing cores such as positioning, orientation, optical flow, depth estimation, and energy status,

to enable autonomous robots to operate reliably in complex and unstructured environments. Figure 3 depicts the complex data interplay between autonomous robotic systems and MIS in terms of the information flow process from sensors to MIS decision models through the IoT structure. This conceptual level outlines the integration of MIS with processes such as sensor fusion analysis and task planning, and this point will be discussed later in this section.

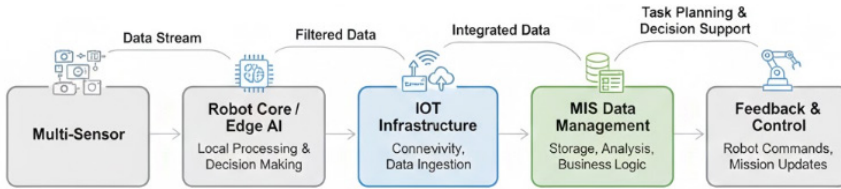


Figure 3. The transmission of data from heterogeneous sensor fusion to MIS.

It's clear that robotics systems not only require data gathering but also data processing under timing constraints. It's necessary that there be more integration between MIS and robotics software infrastructure. It may therefore be concluded that to accomplish the coordination of autonomous behaviors from the viewpoint of the whole system's perspective, there's an urgent need to make certain that the timing kernels being used in robotics software infrastructure are compatible with the high-level task planning and operation management support of MIS. During the recent past, there have been attempts towards the integration of both hard and software real-time scheduling kernels with the Robotic Operating System (ROS) (Delgado et al., 2019; Wei et al., 2016). The enhanced real-time scheduling support in ROS 2.0 (Maruyama et al., 2016) has also been providing the essential technical support in this context by ensuring the accuracy and timely delivery of autonomous behaviors.

For further enhancement in the MIS-based operation management and autonomous decision-making system designs, there arises a need to understand and realize the capability level of the MIS embedded computing core in the autonomous robots and data integration formed between MIS and computing cores. Within the realm of autonomous robots, data integration from various sensors like LiDAR, radar, and ultrasonic sensors assumes a crucial role in improving the accuracy level of environmental perception (X. Wang et al., 2025). The IoT system provides support for the real-time aggregation and processing of heterogeneous data available at the MIS level. The combination of data from the LiDAR and camera sensors based on the multisensor data integration provides improvements in the level of environmental perceptions of the robots. The data from the integrated

sensors provides inputs in terms of both analysis and predictions at the MIS level regarding the operation status and future plans of robots.

With the increasing diversification of sensors, there are challenges of data synchronization, redundancy, and computational complexity. Consequently, the use of the continuous data modeling and processing process that incorporates environmental data from the internet of things (IoT), in addition to data from sensors—and enabled by the use of a manufacturing information system (MIS)—has been proven effective in improving efficiency. With respect to collaborative human and robot-operated assemble processes in manufacturing, MIS provides the function of arranging data decision-making systematically. The process entails task allocation approaches and guidelines depending on the allocation of duties (Petzoldt et al., 2023).

The current literature shows that dividing the classification of task assignments in both static and dynamic methods corresponds to the demands of being able to adjust different types of tasks based on prevailing operational requirements (Petzoldt et al., 2023). However, with the rising level of diversity in products and the reduced number of skilled workers, there is now a need for the systematic treatment of different tasks in human-robot collaboration manufacturing systems. This means that the process of decision-making and task allocation gets more aligned with information systems use in industry (Bänziger et al., 2020; F. Chen et al., 2014). Therefore, the holistic management of decision processes by MIS has become an important component of operational efficiency in production environments where the workload balance must be optimized by both humans and robots. The use of collaborative robots within Industry 4.0 to provide cognitive and physical support to production processes necessitates workload planning that optimizes MIS-based task assignments and human-robot interaction (Antonelli & Bruno, 2019).

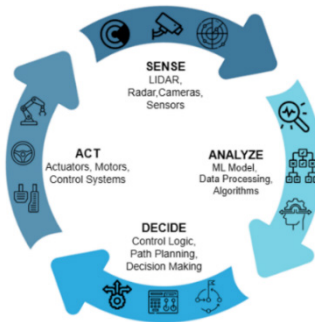


Figure 4. General operation of the Sense–Analyze–Decide–Act cycle in autonomous systems.

This need for systematic task management in human-robot collaboration also makes MIS's central coordination role inevitable in operations requiring the coordination of multiple autonomous robots. This situation is also directly linked to the task sharing dynamics in multi-robot systems. Therefore, the general flow of the Sense–Analyze–Decide–Act cycle, which is important for understanding how task assignment mechanisms work in multi-robot systems, is shown in Figure 4.

The Sense → Analyze → Decide → Act cycle creates real-time decision-making processes in autonomous robotic systems. The first stage of the cycle, 'sense', enables the system's environmental awareness using imaging devices, LiDAR systems, and IMU sensors. Machine learning algorithms process this multimodal data in the 'analyze/think' phase. Perceiving humans, objects, material, or vehicles in the environment or context is done by robots. The route planning or motion generation process involves algorithms that assist in routing plans and actions in terms of safety objectives (Herrmann et al., 2024; Zhou et al., 2024). The final stage consists of the actions taken to implement the decisions and hence referred to 'act.' The use of this system involves articulated robots or rail mechanisms (Moon et al., 2015), rotor mechanisms, action units like backhoes or heavy machines (Ku et al., 2024), and more. It's clear that there's continuous action or process in the sensing stage, analysis stage, decision stage, and action in robots in the combined MIS-IoT system (Ren & Kim, 2025).

However, this implies that the semi-autonomous robots are constantly in communication with the MIS from the perspective of all functional domains pertaining to environmental awareness and task planning. The real-time analysis of data from assorted sensors, task management via human-robot interaction, and continuous analysis of operating conditions clearly explain the utilization of MIS not only in the context of the report tool in semi-autonomous robots but also in terms of a high-level operating platform. This combined platform forms the basis of future semi-autonomous robotics functions due to improvements in the reliability and flexibility of IoT-enabled robots.

4. Real-Time Decision Support Systems and Human–Machine Interaction

This section discusses the process design of real-time decision support in IoT-based systems in relation to cognitive load imposed upon human participants. Perusal of the synergistic relation between data processing/decision logic and

interface in autonomously operating systems deepens insight into the pivotal position occupied by human factors in the achievement of success in real-time process support. The above-mentioned framework forms the core rationale upon which contemporary MIS/IoT/HRI systems are based in terms of simultaneous optimization of both technical and cognitive parameters.

4.1. Real-Time Decision Support Systems

Real-time decision support systems (Real-Time DSS) is different from traditional DSS in that they reduce delays in the decision-making process. While real-time DSS instantly captures the changes going on around dynamic environments through the flow of data, traditional DSS usually offers support to decision-makers based on data sources of a historical or batch-processed nature (Filip et al., 2004). The ability to respond in real time has a special appeal for the effectiveness of systems in rapidly changing operational conditions, such as industrial production, where decision-makers must operate under time pressure. The processing of sensory data in real time is undertaken by specialized architectures called pipelines. Further, artificial intelligence models analyze this data, thus undertaking predictions, classifications, and identifications of anomalies (R. P. Singh et al., 2020). This requirement is particularly favorable for IoT-based systems. The results from this value chain enable the triggering of the decision-making mechanism, thus the ability of the system to respond in a timely manner. Hence, the integration of Real-Time DSS with immediate data transmission provided by IoT, the ability to process information speedily, and analysis driven by artificial intelligence forms a basic computing infrastructure which enables swift, accurate, and contextual decision-making in industrial settings (Bahl & Hunt, 1984).

The effectiveness of such real-time decision-making tools relies upon not only the speed and accuracy of the underlying technological infrastructure but also upon the effective use of the cognitive faculties of human decision makers in interaction with such technological platforms. At this stage, it should be evident that the structure of real-time decision support systems cannot be internalized solely in terms of technological data infrastructure but should be taken in combination with the cognitive load or task dynamics of human decision makers responsible for actions based upon those decisions. The next subsection describes human-centric decision support mechanisms in the IoT data process.

4.2. Human-Centered Decision Mechanisms in the IoT Data Cycle

With Industry 4.0, the use of cyber-physical systems, intelligent components, and highly networked and automated systems in production systems raises questions about the complexity and unpredictability of results if human components are not taken adequately into account in system planning and execution. Despite the use of systems with autonomous functionality being able to accomplish some functions independently and automatically, human intelligence and involvement are essential in such systems because of security and uncertainty aspects inherent in the system's operation (Felzmann et al., 2020). This has resulted in individuals being faced with new jobs that involve higher cognitive demands. The new jobs that individuals are compelled to perform have resulted in moving from jobs that are simple, repetitive, and dangerous to jobs that involve higher cognitive functions requiring expertise in areas like supervision and control (Nguyen Ngoc et al., 2022a). This indicates that there has been no change in the role of human beings in production systems and hence applies in designing the principles of human-robot collaboration.

Related in this respect is the issue of human-robot interaction (HRI), in which system differences regarding the involvement or exclusion of human presence are considered. The involvement of human expertise in fully autonomous systems is paramount in coping with situations unknown to the system (Gervasi et al., 2020). Although the use of autonomous robots has minimized human involvement in terms of doing physically demanding jobs in production settings, there has been enhanced cognitive involvement in information transfer and social sustainability. Consequently, there have been demands for the redesigning of human-robot collaboration in both performance and safety aspects (Nguyen Ngoc et al., 2022a).

4.3. Operator Interface Designs

The debated human-centered design and cognitive load dynamics become most tangibly apparent in practice through operator interfaces and directly impact the quality of real-time decision-making processes. The safe and efficient execution of human-robot collaboration depends not only on the robot's technical capabilities but also on the operator's capacity to perceive and manage the system. As a result, interfaces that shape the interaction process have become a crucial element in the design of autonomous systems.

However, IoT-based MIS architectures require more natural, understandable, and cognitively less demanding designs in human-robot interfaces (HRI). Technology-focused interfaces have historically led to increased errors and decreased production performance (Wu et al., 2016). The idea of human-machine interface (HMI) helps in understanding and controlling the machine in a digital production system. For this reason, HMI in modern machines should support an interdisciplinary approach towards human cognition constraints in addition to other factors like ergonomics and mental workload. (Oborski, 2004; Ong et al., 2020). This further indicates that IoT MIS systems should have interface design approaches emphasizing human factors in the context of cognitive simplicity with human machine cooperation being sustainable. (Haslgrübler et al., 2018).

The jobs and cognitive demands of the operators also require that the HMI be implemented in different manners. The status of the robot, the key performance parameters of the robot, and the possible warnings are rendered in real-time through control panels and instrument clusters, helping the operator's quick reaction process. AR/VR interfaces, being utilized in applications demanding high precision like in surgical robots, assist the operator in gaining enhanced awareness regarding the working environment of the robot. The major benefit of voice command systems or other forms of interactive systems not requiring human contact in terms of ease of use and safety would enable the operator to control the robot system without the need to physically interact with it. The various forms of interface appropriately designed would result in the formation of an integrated human-machine interface infrastructure and hence increase the operator's level of safety and efficiency (Wonsick & Padir, 2020).

Figure 5 illustrates how the different components of MIS, IoT, robotics, and HCI are synchronized in the data flow structure in the form of a cycle. In this regard, MIS focuses on performing higher-level decision-making and informational functions in the system. At the same time, IoT functions in the system constitute the foundational data transfer structure. The system's HCI layer facilitates interaction and feedback functions between the system and the users. There are also operational functions performed through robotics.

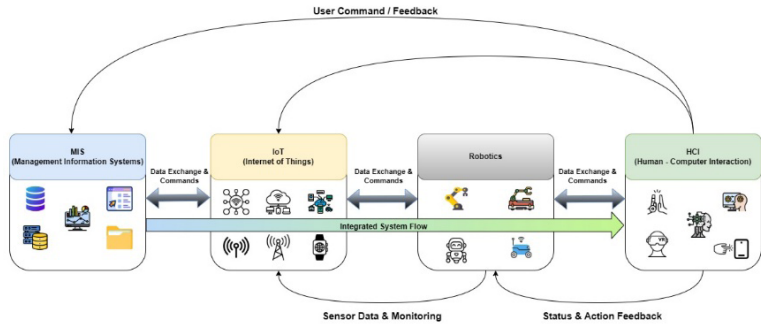


Figure 5. Integrated system architecture for MIS–IoT–Robotics–HCI integration

4.4. *Prototype System: Autonomous AGV and Real-Time Task Management Panel*

In the previous subsections, the integration of real-time decision support systems with human-machine interaction and IoT-based MIS architectures was discussed at a conceptual level. This subsection presents a prototype of an autonomous AGV and task management panel designed as a concrete application of the aforementioned conceptual framework; detailing sensor fusion, network architecture, ROS 2-based software infrastructure, and operator interface components. AGV (Automated Guided Vehicle) systems are critical for material flow, task management, and route optimization in industrial production lines. AGV platforms support production processes by providing high-precision navigation and multi-task execution capabilities in dynamic and complex environments. When integrated with IoT-based sensing layers, low-latency communication infrastructures, and MIS-supported decision mechanisms, they significantly increase operational efficiency (Zhang et al., 2022). Figure 6 summarizes the system’s hardware-software integrated architecture.

In this context, a study was conducted to develop an autonomous robot system capable of performing load carrying and task planning operations. Equipped with an IoT-based sensor network and MIS-supported task management architecture, this system can perform the standard tasks assigned to it and defined in the literature by planning the most suitable route in complex environments such as factories (Nkwocha et al., 2025; Urrea & Kern, 2025). The developed robot is designed to serve in the autonomous task category for logistics transportation (Braun et al., 2022). Field tests have validated both the technical performance and practical applicability of the prototype (Shweta et al.,

2025). Thus, the study presents an example of an IoT–MIS–Robotics integration tested under real-world conditions (Pólik et al., 2025).

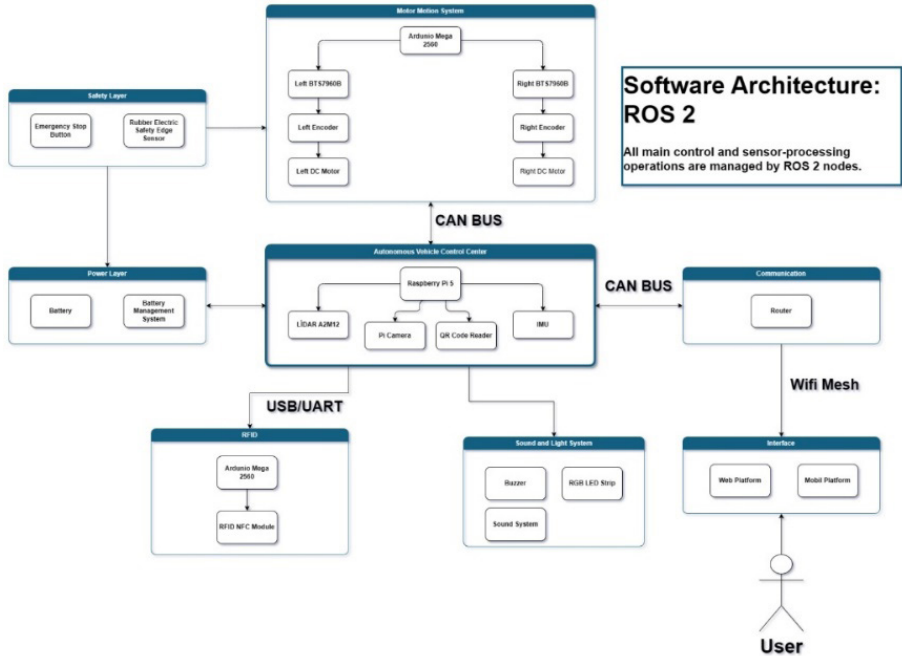


Figure 6. Hardware–software integrated system architecture of the developed autonomous AGV platform

This developed autonomous cargo transport robot features a rectangular chassis constructed from aluminum profiles. The robot’s movement is based on a differential drive system (Ferreira et al., 2023). There are two drive wheels at the rear and one balance wheel at the front. Encoders on the wheels generate data regarding the robot’s position and movement; this data is processed using odometry methods to estimate the position (Nguyen et al., 2021). The LIDAR sensor mounted in the upper part of the structure carries out environmental perception and mapping (Pol et al., 2024). The camera installed in the front part enables the robot to precisely approach loading and unloading stations. The robot incorporates a removable karakuri system that can be conveniently mounted and dismantled in order to lift and transfer loads (He et al., 2023). For smooth operation and safety, the robot incorporates audio and visual alert systems. For enhanced safety of users in case of possible collisions, the robot incorporates an electrically supported safety rim coated with rubber. The central processing unit applies the use of the Single-Board Computer (SBC), while the

operation of planning and performing various calculations takes place in this component (Saad, 2025). The preprocessing of information from the sensors and the transfer of information from the preprocessing unit to the SBC takes place in the micro-controller-based control card (Zafar et al., 2018). The robot applies the use of technologies in position authentication using QR coding and radio frequency identification devices to boost precision in the pick-and-place process (Özkurt, n.d.). The battery system utilized in this project acts as the power supply system and enables the continuous operation of the robots.

The operating system of the robot is Ubuntu, and Robot Operating System 2 (ROS 2) functions on this operating system (Macenski et al., 2022). The functions of ROS 2 include those mentioned in the earlier version, ROS, but with more advanced specifications in terms of support for real-time processing in robots, the capacity to allow different robots to perform duties together in harmony, secure communication protocols (DDS - Data Distribution Service), and functions in a safe and secure working environment in industry (Bonci et al., 2023; .K, 2025). With ROS 2, different robots can independently perform different functions such as self-movement actions of the robot, navigating through the path planning process, pathfinding actions aimed at reaching the target point through pathfinding, and tracking the current location of the robot in action with different nodes (Bédard et al., 2022; Portugal et al., 2025). All the functions in this system are appropriately synchronized and integrated.

The robot relies on Python and C++ programming languages in carrying out the different tasks (Haviland & Corke, 2024). This system makes it possible for the control of high-level behaviors of the robot to be carried out in Python and the hardware-related functions in C++, hence providing an excellent division of labor between software levels (Ciccozzi et al., 2025). The use of multiple layers in this system provides a software platform that is reusable and adaptive in nature, allowing the robot system to react quickly in different applications (Focchi et al., 2023). The system's architecture is therefore modular and able to adapt not only to different scenarios but also different task requirements (Fernandez-Cortizas et al., 2024).

The communication system of the robot relies upon the publish/subscribe paradigm implemented through the Data Distribution Service (DDS) protocol. The DDS protocol is essentially the communication backbone in ROS 2 and provides data transfer services that are real-time, reliable, and of low latency in distributed systems (Gambo et al., 2025). The central processing unit (SBC) of the robot and the computer controlling it can coexist in the same local area

network, each other's publication mechanisms being supported in the ROS 2 system (Macenski et al., 2022). The system's discovery feature in DDS makes all elements of the system aware of each other's existence in the system, including nodes in the system's sensors, motion controls, and managers (Bédard et al., 2023; Sciangula et al., 2023). This provides real-time communication support in the network with no manual configurations required in the system's communication process (Ye et al., 2023).

Additionally, ROS 2 nodes and topics can be visualized and data traffic can be monitored through the developed frontend interface (Figure 7). The operator can send commands to the robot over the network and remotely monitor the system's operating status. Thus, remote monitoring and real-time task control are provided in an integrated manner through the same interface (Mustafa, 2024). The distributed nature of DDS allows the system to scale to multiple robots and seamlessly integrate with the MIS-based task management layer (Bédard et al., 2023; Toffetti et al., 2023).

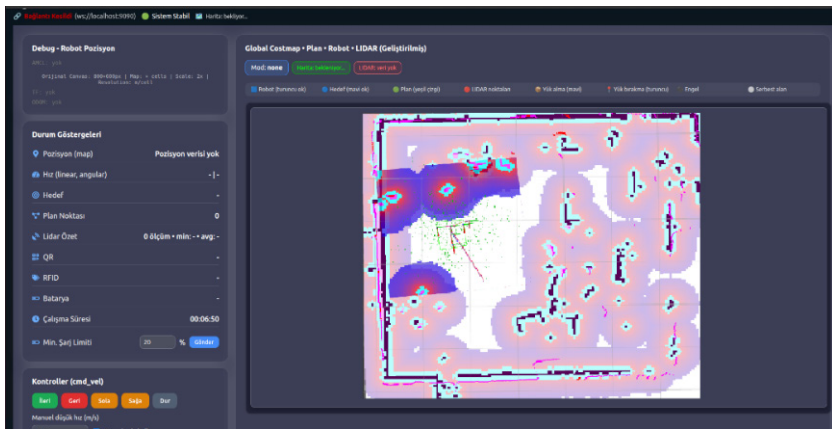


Figure 7. Real-time control and monitoring interface for the developed autonomous AGV robot

The developed robot operates on a Wi-Fi Mesh network architecture as its wireless communication infrastructure. The Mesh structure provides a more flexible communication structure compared to classic access point-based networks by enabling many-to-many data flow between components such as SCB, control computer, and task management server (Chai et al., 2024). In this architecture, data transmission is dynamically routed between all nodes in the network rather than through a single center, allowing communication to continue without affecting the entire system in the event of potential connection

interruptions at any point in the network (Chovet et al., 2025). ROS 2's DDS-based publish-subscribe model, operating on this mesh network, enables the transmission of task information updates, sensor data, and remote-control commands with low latency. This system has been proven to offer effective support in both command-and-control functions and in connection with task management in the MIS layer (Chovet et al., 2025).

The Wi-Fi Mesh network supports the operation of the robot in an industrial setting or in closed areas such as those in the case of large indoor spaces, thanks to the coverage area supported in this network and the feature of self-healing in case of system failure (Hudda & Haribabu, 2025). The mesh network's multiple point-to-multi-point communication system supports the simultaneous connection of different robots in the same task network; this further enhances the scalability of the MIS system in task management (Shah, 2022). A Web frontend interface has also been implemented in this research in consideration of visual interaction with the robotic system and distant control of various tasks in the developed system. The interface relies upon the ROS 2 system infrastructure with support from the *roslibjs* library and enables communication between the client's Web browser and ROS 2 nodes using the WebSocket protocol (Papavasileiou et al., 2024).

This interface allows the simultaneous visualization of the mapped environment by the robot, LIDAR data, detected obstacles' positions, and various sensors' data (IMU, camera, battery level, and others) (Pico et al., 2025). Moreover, the definition of tasks and the transmission of motion control commands through the interface and the tracking of process parameters are done in the same interface. This combination provides not only the benefit of providing distant monitoring functionality but also the interactivity necessary for working together with the robotic system in order to support the operation of decision-support systems. The developed software tool presents the crossroads of four main areas: Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Robotics, the Internet of Things (IoT), and Management Information Systems (MIS).

The interface provides information in terms of MIS based task management in a meaningful way to the user, whereas the data from IoT sensors is converted into an interactive structure based on the principles of HCI. The combined result of this approach would be that the system would act like an application working towards the process of real-time decision-making in terms of infrastructure and interface. Thus, the developed prototype combines the real-time decision support mechanisms, human-centered design principles, and operator interface

approaches discussed in this section under a single architecture. All components, from IoT sensor networks to ROS 2-based distributed communication infrastructure, Wi-Fi mesh architecture, and web-based task management panels, offer an integration structure that directly links MIS's high-level decision-making functions with autonomous robot behavior in the field. In this respect, the prototype demonstrates the feasibility of the conceptual model and serves as a scalable reference architecture for future multi-robot and multi-operator working scenarios.



Figure 8. Graphical summary of the proposed IoT-MIS-AGV prototype.

Sensors and embedded controllers on the robot generate motion commands using local sensing outputs; this data is published via ROS 2 topics and distributed by DDS-based middleware software through a Wi-Fi mesh network. The integrated task management backend with MIS consolidates this telemetry stream, performs route optimization, and generates high-level task commands for the robot. The web-operated control panel illustrates a real-time graphical representation of the status of the robot to allow human operators to monitor the system and manage the task dynamically (Figure 8).

5. Technical Challenges, Ethical and Security Issues, and Future Research Directions

The IoT has significantly influenced human society and transformed the way in which we live, work, and communicate. The IoT has enabled the connection of devices and objects to the world of the Internet, allowing data transfer and automating interactions between devices (Sebestyen et al., 2025). The exponential growth of the IoT network has also highlighted various technological shortcomings. The IoT involves devices that can only process simple information and operate with reduced power requirements. The IoT network has resulted in the creation of this vast network that aims to simplify and increase the possibilities of innovation.

Based on the IoT Analytics platform, the number of IoT devices connected across the world is anticipated to grow by 14% and reach 21.1 billion by the end of 2025. The growing IoT network has highlighted the technical restrictions of the devices being utilized in this network, such as reduced processing power, storage capacity, and power consumption (Sebestyen et al., 2025). This results in network traffic congestion, thus contributing towards packet loss, jitter, and different forms of security vulnerabilities. The risks associating with data integrity and privacy in IoT networks are caused by the inability of devices to support robust methods of data encryption (Shelby et al., 2014). The development and standardization of different technologies such as Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) and Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) has played an important role in overcoming different technical restrictions in IoT networks (Shelby et al., 2014). The different architectures of IoT devices are creating different challenges in the generation of adaptive technologies in securing IoT networks, hence emphasizing the need to use different standards like ISO/IEC 30141 (Sebestyen et al., 2025).

Consequently, owing to the appearance of such operational challenges arising from technological constraints in the IoT system, there arises an urgent need for the reconstruction of the ethical and secure aspects in the IoT system. The data gathering capability of devices in the IoT system poses various threats in terms of confidentiality of personal information and the safety of business data. The widespread use of IoT devices has dramatically resulted in the increase of the number of possible threats in terms of exposure to multifaceted assaults. Moreover, various cases of IoT-related cyber-attacks have been depicted in research studies to affectively increase the chance of unauthorized access and data breaches. Therefore, there arises an urgent need for the use of legal guidelines like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in this digital context. The personal data processing guidelines are specified in depth in legislation referred to as Regulation (EU) 2016/ 679. The use of default passwords and outdated software tends to create possible threats through which harmful invaders gain access to IoT devices in terms of exposure of users' personal information. This may consequently result in uncertainties in terms of the complexity of the IoT system in relation to secure data storage and data processing, consent representation, and ethical presentations in data processing. Moreover, there has been observed progress in terms of the rate of frequent cyber-attacks in terms of assaults based upon vulnerabilities in the IoT system. Despite the provision of minimal security requirements in terms of standards like NIST 8259 and EN 303 645 by the manufacturers (Sebestyen et al., 2025), there arises an urgent need for continuous updates in terms of current security approaches (Dritsas & Trigka, 2025).

The Internet of Robotic Things (IoRT) and current trends in IoT robotic systems are representative of the evident shift towards integrated system architectures. This would require enhanced levels of autonomy, teamwork, and predictive decision mechanisms in the impending future (Krejčí et al., 2025). The current prevailing body of literature illustrates that the integration of robotic systems with internet of things (IoT) infrastructure networks supports autonomous manufacturing systems (Jin et al., 2023). Moreover, digital twin technologies possess the capacity to address the malleable architecture of smart manufacturing units more vividly (Soori et al., 2023). The vast use of internet of things (IoT) applications in healthcare, manufacturing units, and robotics domains indicates the requirement of multilayered and distributed system architecture with high levels of data density. The complexity in robotic system architectures and Management Information Systems in the healthcare industry

are faced with complex frameworks in which billions of devices are able to communicate together in smart internet of things networks (Zeadally & Bello, 2021). The use of multilayered communication and information flow support infrastructures in IoRT provides real-time adaptation opportunities in variable environmental settings to self-organized groups of robots (Krejčí et al., 2025). The automation of internet of things (IoT) decision support systems has paved the path towards the evolution of “Autonomous MIS” in various domains (C. Chen et al., 2023). This trend indicates synchronization with the key functional operational requirements of both industry 4.0 and industry 5.0 (B. Wang et al., 2021).

As in smart healthcare systems (Razdan & Sharma, 2022), the increase in IoT-supported data collection capacity encourages the development of digital twin-based simulation, condition monitoring, and predictive analysis models in robotic applications. The integration of big data management and predictive maintenance strategies (Sagiroglu & Sinanc, 2013) with digital twin architectures enables the simulation-supported optimization of highly complex robotic operations in the IoRT field. Therefore, scalable, distributed, and adaptive autonomy models for self-organizing robot teams that perform continuous and synchronized information exchange via IoT infrastructure are being addressed as an important research topic in the literature (Mansour et al., 2023). In the future, it will be necessary to develop more integrated, autonomous, and data-centric systems in areas such as robotics, healthcare, agriculture, and industrial production, as the high efficiency and structural transformation capacity demonstrated by IoT in a wide range of sectors makes this imperative (Allioui & Mourdi, 2023).

6. Results and Discussion

This study has demonstrated that real-time decision support systems can be made scalable and integrated by combining MIS, IoT, robotics, and HCI components. It has become clear that data-driven operations in smart manufacturing environments must be supported by MIS-based decision mechanisms and human-centered interface components, along with IoT sensor streams.

A thorough analysis of the current literature available and the developed prototype system indicates the clear applicability of the integrated methodology. The AGV-class autonomous robot system and Real-time Control Panel designed in this research study showed the capability of operational decisions being

obtained instantaneously through the processing of the IoT data loop in the MIS layer.

At the same time, the communication architecture in ROS 2 utilizing the DDS standard enabled a distributed system that was low latency and reliable. The system proved able to coordinate intricate processes such as sensing fusion, autonomous navigation, tasking, and interaction in one integrated system.

From a technical perspective, the mesh based wireless communication network system, multi-sensor fusion platform, data processing platforms in terms of edge-fog-cloud computing capacities, and the connection of ROS 2 Core offer technical infrastructure that can support low latency decision-making requirements in modern production systems. The connection of human computer interaction techniques and human-robot collaboration principles in the system has resulted in improving control over process mechanisms and achieving a more reliable interface that reduces cognitive load.

This research has three significant contributions in the academic literature and in industry:

1. Conceptual contribution: With the current study's objective being the consideration of the integration of Management Information Systems (MIS), the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, and human computer interaction (HCI), there exists no current conceptual framework in the literature that provides this architectural perspective.

2. Technological contribution: It illustrates how various modern technologies such as ROS 2, DDS, IoT Sensor Networks, mesh communication, and real-time task scheduling can be combined in a prototype system.

3. Applied contribution: The completely autonomous AGV system has been proven in real-world competition and testing situations, ensuring the applicability of IoT-enabled MIS architectures in the field.

In conclusion, this research work presents a complete blueprint that can be followed in the future in areas like digital twin integration, self-organization in robotics networks, autonomic MIS system architecture, and decision mechanisms in real-time through AI to achieve increased freedom and flexibility in this system architecture. Further research in this domain can be done in areas like IoT-enabled smart manufacturing systems.

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CHAPTER IX

MACHINE LEARNING AND PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS FOR MIS-BASED DECISION MAKING

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1. Introduction

Over the past two decades, advances in information technology have fundamentally transformed how organizations collect, store, and analyze data to support managerial and operational decision making (Chen et al., 2012). The proliferation of enterprise systems, digital platforms, sensors, and online transactions has resulted in unprecedented volumes of structured and unstructured data, increasing both the opportunities and the complexity associated with organizational decision processes. In this context, Management Information Systems (MIS) have evolved beyond their traditional role of supporting routine transaction processing and reporting toward enabling analytics-driven and insight-oriented decision support.

Business Intelligence and Analytics (BI&A) has emerged as a central domain within Information Systems research and practice, reflecting the growing recognition that data-driven insights are critical for organizational competitiveness and effectiveness (Chen et al., 2012). BI&A research emphasizes the integration of data management, analytical techniques, and organizational processes to support decisions across multiple functional areas, including operations, marketing, finance, healthcare, and public administration. As organizations increasingly rely on analytics to guide strategic, tactical, and

operational decisions, Management Information Systems (MIS) plays a pivotal role in orchestrating the flow of data, analytics, and decision outputs throughout the organization.

Despite this practical relevance, prior information systems (IS) research has historically focused more strongly on explanatory modeling than on predictive modeling (Shmueli & Koppius, 2011). Explanatory approaches aim to test causal theories and understand relationships between variables, whereas predictive analytics emphasizes forecasting future outcomes and supporting decision making under uncertainty. While explanatory research has generated valuable theoretical insights, organizations often prioritize prediction-oriented capabilities that can inform resource allocation, risk management, and operational planning (Davenport & Harris, 2007). This divergence between research emphasis and organizational needs has motivated calls for greater integration of predictive analytics within MIS research.

Shmueli and Koppius (2011) stated that predictive analytics should be treated as a first-class objective in IS research and that the distinction between explanatory and predictive modeling must be made explicit. They demonstrate that explanatory power does not necessarily translate into predictive power, and that conflating the two can limit the practical usefulness of analytics. In parallel, the rise of big data has further strengthened the case for predictive approaches, as large-scale and high-velocity data often favor empirical, data-driven modeling over purely theory-driven explanations (Abbasi et al., 2016).

Machine learning (ML) has become a dominant set of techniques for implementing predictive analytics in contemporary MIS environments. ML methods enable organizations to construct complex models capable of capturing nonlinear relationships, interactions, and patterns that are difficult to specify *a priori*. These capabilities have accelerated the adoption of predictive decision support across domains such as demand forecasting, fraud detection, personalized marketing, and predictive maintenance. However, research also shows that deploying ML in operational systems introduces new challenges related to system integration, monitoring, maintenance, and governance (Sculley et al., 2015; Amershi et al., 2019).

Importantly, the value of ML-based predictive analytics does not stem solely from model accuracy. Production-level ML systems incur hidden technical debt through data dependencies, feedback loops, and evolving data distributions, which can degrade performance over time if not properly managed (Sculley et al., 2015). Moreover, predictive models must be embedded within organizational

workflows and decision routines to influence outcomes, highlighting the socio-technical nature of MIS-based decision support (Orlikowski, 2000). From this perspective, ML-enabled MIS should be understood not merely as technical artifacts, but as systems whose impact emerges through organizational use, interpretation, and governance.

In addition, the growing reliance on predictive analytics raises important concerns related to trust, transparency, fairness, and accountability. As ML systems increasingly influence high-stakes decisions affecting individuals and organizations, decision makers must be able to understand, evaluate, and contest algorithmic outputs (Doshi-Velez & Kim, 2017; Rahwan, 2018). These concerns underscore the need to integrate governance mechanisms and ethical considerations directly into MIS architectures, rather than treating them as afterthoughts.

Against this background, this chapter examines how machine learning and predictive analytics can be systematically embedded in MIS to support organizational decision making. Building on BI&A, Decision Support Systems (DSS), and socio-technical perspectives, the chapter adopts a layered framework encompassing Data, Analytics, Decision, and Governance. This framework highlights the interdependencies between data quality, modeling practices, decision interfaces, and governance structures, and provides a holistic lens for analyzing ML-enabled decision support systems.

The chapter contributes to the MIS literature by (i) clarifying the role of predictive analytics relative to explanatory approaches, (ii) situating machine learning within MIS architectures and decision processes, and (iii) synthesizing technical, organizational, and governance considerations into an integrated perspective. By doing so, it aims to bridge the gap between predictive analytics research and the practical realities of MIS-based decision making in data-intensive organizational environments.

2. Theoretical Foundations

2.1. MIS and Organizational Decision Making

Early research on MIS and Decision Support Systems (DSS) classifies decision scenarios based on their level of structure, usually dividing them into structured, semi-structured, and unstructured categories problems. Fully structured problems allow the phases of intelligence, design, and choice to be specified using formal decision rules, whereas unstructured problems are novel,

nonroutine, and difficult to automate. This distinction explains why DSS has traditionally been framed as interactive support for decision makers dealing with semi-structured or unstructured decisions (Simon, 1977; Gorry & Scott Morton, 1971)

Modern BI&A extends this tradition by emphasizing analytical techniques, technologies, and practices that analyze business data to support timely organizational decisions (Chen et al., 2012). Importantly, BI&A includes not only analytical technologies but also business-centric methodologies applied across high-impact domains such as supply chains, marketing, healthcare, and the public sector. A practice lens further suggests that the organizational consequences of MIS arise from how technologies are enacted in everyday work practices rather than being fixed in technical artifacts (Orlikowski, 2000). From this perspective, MIS-based decision support must be evaluated not only by computational capability but also by how decision outputs are interpreted and incorporated into organizational routines.

2.2. Predictive vs. Explanatory Analytics in IS

Predictive analytics has received comparatively less attention than explanatory modeling in IS research, despite its strong practical relevance (Shmueli & Koppius, 2011). Explanatory modeling focuses on testing causal theories through statistical inference, whereas predictive modeling emphasizes generating accurate predictions for new or unseen observations. Shmueli and Koppius (2011) demonstrate that explanatory power does not necessarily imply predictive power and that conflation between the two is common in empirical IS studies.

At a broader methodological level, Shmueli (2010) highlights the importance of clearly distinguishing explanation from prediction, noting that each serves different scientific and practical objectives. Big data research further emphasizes the need to examine predictive analytics within the information value chain encompassing people, processes, and technology (Abbasi et al., 2016). From an MIS perspective, predictive analytics must therefore be evaluated not only by statistical performance but also by its ability to support decisions within organizational processes.

2.3. Machine Learning as an Enabler of MIS-Based Predictive Analytics

Machine learning provides powerful methods for building complex predictive models capable of capturing nonlinear and high-dimensional

relationships. However, research shows that ML systems deployed in operational environments incur unique forms of technical debt due to data dependencies, feedback loops, and evolving data distributions (Sculley et al., 2015). Software engineering studies further demonstrate that integrating ML into production systems requires organizations to adapt development practices, pipelines, and roles (Amershi et al., 2019).

As a result, ML-enabled decision support should be framed as an engineering and governance challenge as much as a modeling challenge. While ML techniques are widely used for classification, forecasting, anomaly detection, and recommendation tasks, their organizational impact depends on continuous monitoring, retraining, and integration into MIS infrastructures. Without disciplined lifecycle management, model performance may degrade over time, reducing decision quality.

2.4. A Data–Analytics–Decision–Governance Lens

A practice-oriented view suggests that stable patterns of technology use emerge through repeated enactment in organizational contexts (Orlikowski, 2000). BI&A research similarly conceptualizes analytics as an integrated stack spanning data, analytical methods, and organizational context (Chen et al., 2012). Together, these perspectives motivate a layered view of MIS-based predictive decision making.

In this chapter, predictive decision systems are analyzed through four interrelated layers: Data, Analytics, Decision, and Governance. This lens highlights the interdependencies between data quality, modeling practices, decision interfaces, and governance mechanisms, and provides a holistic framework for understanding how ML can be embedded in MIS responsibly and effectively.

3. A Conceptual Framework for MIS-Based Predictive Decision Support

To integrate the diverse technical, organizational, and human-centered perspectives discussed in this chapter, we propose a conceptual framework for MIS-based predictive decision support. The framework emphasizes that decision quality does not emerge from predictive models alone, but from the interaction between data, analytics, human decision makers, and governance mechanisms.

At the foundation of the framework lies the data layer, which integrates internal transactional data with external and contextual sources. This layer shapes

the space of possible decisions by determining which signals are available for analysis. The analytics and machine learning layer builds on this data to generate predictive insights through feature engineering, model training, and validation. However, predictive outputs do not directly translate into action.

The human–AI interaction layer plays a critical mediating role by transforming model outputs into actionable decision information. Through interfaces, explanations, and interaction mechanisms, this layer supports sensemaking, trust calibration, and appropriate reliance on predictive systems. Decisions are ultimately enacted within the decision and action layer, where managerial judgment, organizational routines, and implementation practices determine outcomes.

Governance, ethics, and accountability mechanisms envelop all layers of the framework, constraining and guiding system behavior to ensure responsible and compliant use. Feedback loops connect decision outcomes back to data and models, enabling organizational learning and system adaptation over time. Together, these elements conceptualize MIS-based predictive decision support as a dynamic socio-technical system rather than a purely technical artifact. As a result, Figure 1 summarizes this conceptual framework by illustrating the layered structure of MIS-based predictive decision support and the dynamic interactions between technical, human, and governance components.

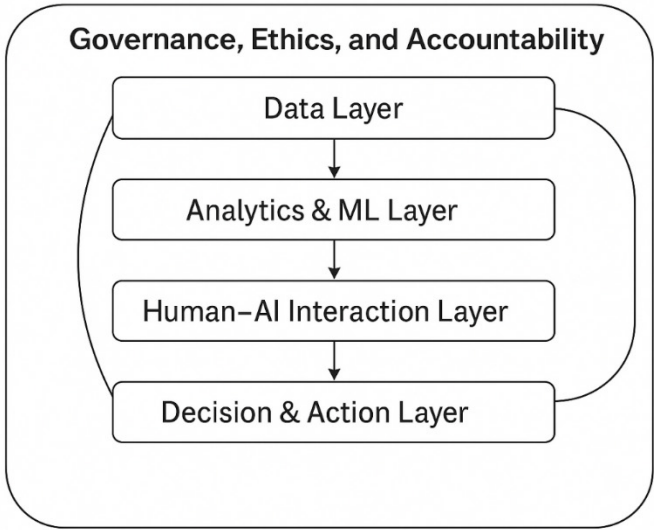


Figure 1. A conceptual framework for MIS-based predictive decision support.

The framework illustrates how predictive decision quality emerges from the interaction between data, analytics and machine learning, human–AI interaction, and organizational decision enactment, all enveloped by governance and ethical mechanisms and reinforced through feedback loops.

4. Machine Learning and Decision Support: From DSS to AI-Driven MIS

4.1. From Classical DSS to Intelligent Decision Support

Classical DSS research emphasizes interactive computer-based systems that help decision makers use data, models, and knowledge to solve semi-structured and unstructured problems (Tripathi, 2011). Decision support has traditionally been linked to staged decision processes involving intelligence, design, choice, implementation, and monitoring. In this view, analytical models complement rather than replace managerial judgment.

AI-driven MIS can be seen as an extension of DSS, integrating predictive models and automated reasoning into information systems that deliver decision support at scale. While automation expands analytical capacity, it does not eliminate the need for human interpretation and oversight.

4.2. Industry 4.0 and Data-Rich Decision Contexts

Industry 4.0 refers to the integration of cyber-physical systems, digital technologies, and data into industrial production and operations (Kagermann et al., 2013). Such environments generate continuous streams of heterogeneous data from sensors, machines, enterprise systems, and external platforms. These data-rich contexts increase the feasibility of predictive analytics for real-time decision support but also impose stricter requirements on data integration, system reliability, and monitoring.

Machine learning models deployed in Industry 4.0 settings must cope with concept drift and feedback loops, distinguishing these environments from traditional batch-oriented analytics. MIS plays a central role in orchestrating data flows, analytics execution, and the delivery of decision-relevant outputs in these contexts.

4.3. Human–AI Collaboration, Explainability, and Trust

As machine learning models become embedded in Management Information Systems, organizational decision making increasingly takes the form of human–

AI collaboration, in which human judgment and algorithmic recommendations jointly shape outcomes (Rai et al., 2019). From a Human–Computer Interaction (HCI) perspective, this collaboration is best understood as an interactive decision process, rather than a unidirectional transfer of authority from humans to algorithms. ML-enabled MIS redistributes cognitive tasks between human decision makers and computational agents, raising fundamental questions about interaction design, user control, and the allocation of responsibility.

HCI research has long emphasized that effective system use depends on users' mental models—their internal representations of how a system functions and why it behaves as it does (Norman, 2013). When users lack an adequate mental model of an ML-based decision support system, trust calibration becomes difficult. Empirical studies show that such mismatches can lead to either algorithm aversion, where users discount algorithmic advice even when it is accurate, or automation bias, where users accept recommendations uncritically (Dietvorst et al., 2015; Parasuraman & Riley, 1997). From an HCI standpoint, trust is therefore not a static attitude toward algorithms, but an emergent property shaped by interaction quality, feedback, and transparency. This discussion deliberately abstracts from domain-specific algorithmic details in order to focus on interactional, cognitive, and organizational aspects of human–AI collaboration.

Explainability has consequently emerged as a central design requirement for ML-enabled decision support systems (Doshi-Velez & Kim, 2017). Importantly, HCI research frames explainability not merely as a technical feature of models, but as a user-facing interaction affordance that supports sensemaking and informed decision making. Explanations enable users to assess the plausibility of predictions, understand system limitations, and align algorithmic outputs with domain knowledge. However, explanation effectiveness depends on how explanations are presented, when they are delivered, and to whom—underscoring the importance of human-centered explainable AI (XAI) design (Hoffman et al., 2018).

In high-stakes domains such as healthcare, finance, and public policy, the interactional aspects of explainability, transparency, and accountability become especially critical. HCI research highlights that poorly designed interfaces can increase cognitive load, obscure uncertainty, and reduce situation awareness, thereby undermining decision quality (Endsley, 1995). Conversely, interactive visualizations, uncertainty cues, and scenario exploration tools can enhance users' understanding of model behavior and support calibrated reliance on

decision support systems. These findings align with MIS research emphasizing that analytical insights do not determine action automatically, but shape decisions through interpretation and negotiation.

Research on algorithmic fairness further reinforces the importance of HCI considerations. Predictive models may unintentionally encode or amplify social biases, yet such biases often remain invisible to users without deliberate interface design interventions (Mitchell et al., 2021). From an HCI and AI & Society perspective, fairness is not only a property of algorithms, but also of how outcomes, assumptions, and trade-offs are communicated to stakeholders. Interfaces that support contestability—allowing users to question, inspect, and challenge algorithmic outputs—play a crucial role in enabling accountable and socially responsible AI systems (Rahwan, 2018).

Recent HCI research on human–AI interaction further shows that overly confident or overly opaque explanations can paradoxically reduce effective human engagement, leading users to disengage or defer excessively to automation (Bućinca et al., 2021). These findings suggest that explainability should be designed to support reflection rather than replacement, preserving human agency in decision making. In MIS contexts, this implies designing interaction mechanisms that encourage critical assessment, such as adjustable levels of automation, interactive explanations, and opportunities for user feedback.

Overall, integrating HCI principles into MIS-based predictive analytics shifts the focus from optimizing model accuracy alone to designing usable, interpretable, and trustworthy decision support systems. Human–AI collaboration is most effective when ML-enabled MIS supports user sensemaking, maintains appropriate levels of automation, and aligns analytical capabilities with organizational decision practices. This perspective is consistent with Springer’s HCI and AI & Society traditions, which emphasize that the societal and organizational value of intelligent systems emerges through human-centered design and responsible interaction, rather than through technical performance in isolation.

5. MIS Architectures for ML-Based Predictive Decision Making

5.1. Data Layer

The data layer provides the foundation for predictive analytics by acquiring, integrating, and managing data from multiple sources. ETL pipelines combine

heterogeneous data into consistent repositories such as data warehouses, which are explicitly designed to support management decision making rather than operational transaction processing (Inmon, 2005). Data quality management is critical, as poor data quality can generate downstream organizational costs and undermine analytics initiatives.

5.2. Analytics and Modeling Layer

The analytics layer hosts feature engineering, model training, validation, and lifecycle management. Validation techniques such as cross-validation estimate generalization performance, while evaluation metrics must align with decision contexts and error costs (Provost & Fawcett, 2013). In production settings, MLOps practices automate deployment, monitoring, retraining, and version control to sustain model performance over time (Sculley et al., 2015).

5.3. Presentation Layer

The presentation layer translates analytical outputs into dashboards, alerts, and recommendations that decision makers can perceive and act upon. Dashboards support situational awareness through visual summaries, while alerts emphasize immediacy for time-sensitive decisions. Recommendation interfaces can reduce cognitive load but also risk automation bias if users accept suggestions uncritically (Parasuraman & Riley, 1997). Effective MIS design therefore balances automation with transparency and user control.

5.4. Governance Layer

The governance layer defines rules, roles, and processes that ensure analytics-driven decisions are lawful, ethical, and aligned with organizational objectives (Khatri & Brown, 2010). Governance must extend beyond data to include models and their lifecycle, encompassing validation, monitoring, documentation, and auditability. Ethical considerations, including fairness, accountability, and transparency, are increasingly central as ML systems influence decisions affecting individuals and society (Rahwan, 2018; Mitchell et al., 2021).

6. Domain Applications of MIS-Based Predictive Decision

MIS-based predictive decision support has been applied across a wide range of organizational domains, reflecting the generality and adaptability

of predictive analytics capabilities (Chen et al., 2012). Advances in data availability, computational power, and machine learning methods have enabled organizations to embed predictive models into MIS infrastructures that support operational, tactical, and strategic decision making. Across domains, predictive analytics is rarely used in isolation; instead, it is integrated into enterprise systems, dashboards, and workflows that shape how insights are interpreted and acted upon.

In operations and supply chain management, predictive analytics is commonly employed for demand forecasting, inventory optimization, capacity planning, and risk mitigation (Chen et al., 2012). By integrating transactional data from enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems with external data such as market trends, weather, or logistics information, MIS can provide forward-looking insights that support proactive decision making. In these contexts, the value of predictive models depends not only on forecast accuracy but also on their integration into planning cycles, exception management processes, and coordination mechanisms across organizational units.

In marketing and customer relationship management, predictive decision support is widely used for customer segmentation, churn prediction, recommendation, and personalization (Davenport & Harris, 2007). Predictive models help organizations identify high-value customers, anticipate attrition, and tailor offerings to individual preferences. MIS plays a critical role in operationalizing these models by embedding predictions into campaign management systems and customer-facing platforms. From an interaction perspective, decision makers must balance automation with human oversight to avoid over-personalization or unintended customer impacts.

Financial services and risk management represent prominent high-stakes application areas for predictive decision support. Credit scoring, fraud detection, and risk assessment systems increasingly rely on machine learning models to process large volumes of transactional and behavioral data. In these settings, errors can have severe financial and social consequences, amplifying the importance of model interpretability, fairness, and governance. Regulatory requirements further necessitate documentation, auditability, and transparency, positioning MIS as a critical mediator between predictive analytics and compliance processes.

In healthcare, predictive analytics supports resource allocation, early intervention, and clinical decision support. Examples include predicting patient readmissions, identifying high-risk populations, and optimizing staffing and

capacity planning. However, healthcare applications highlight the limits of purely technical performance measures. Clinicians must be able to understand and trust predictive outputs, and models must be integrated into existing clinical workflows to be effective. Ethical considerations, including bias, accountability, and patient safety, are central in these contexts.

The public sector has also increasingly adopted predictive analytics for applications such as policy evaluation, fraud detection, and social service allocation. While predictive models can enhance efficiency and targeting, they also raise concerns related to transparency, accountability, and democratic legitimacy. MIS-based decision support in public contexts must therefore accommodate multiple stakeholders, including policymakers, administrators, and citizens, and support mechanisms for contestability and oversight.

Across all domains, research consistently shows that the effectiveness of predictive decision support depends less on technical sophistication alone and more on how models are embedded within organizational processes and user practices (Shollo & Galliers, 2016). Predictive insights do not automatically translate into action; instead, they influence decisions through interpretation, negotiation, and coordination among human actors. Consequently, domain applications of MIS-based predictive analytics must be evaluated using both technical performance metrics and broader organizational impact criteria.

Taken together, these domain applications illustrate that predictive analytics serves as a context-sensitive capability within MIS rather than a domain-independent solution. While modeling techniques may generalize across domains, their organizational value emerges through careful alignment with decision contexts, user needs, and governance structures. This observation reinforces the importance of a socio-technical perspective when designing and evaluating MIS-based predictive decision systems.

7. Challenges and Future Research Directions

While this chapter emphasizes the integration of machine learning into MIS-based predictive decision support, it does not claim to exhaustively cover all algorithmic, domain-specific, or regulatory variations. Despite the growing adoption of predictive analytics in Management Information Systems, significant challenges remain that complicate effective deployment and sustained value creation. From a technical standpoint, organizations continue to face persistent issues related to data quality, data integration, and system interoperability (Chen et al., 2012). Predictive models rely on consistent, timely, and reliable data inputs,

yet organizational data are often fragmented across heterogeneous systems with varying standards, semantics, and levels of completeness. These challenges are magnified in large-scale and real-time environments, where delays or errors in data pipelines can directly undermine decision quality.

Beyond initial deployment, machine learning systems introduce unique lifecycle management challenges. Research shows that ML-based systems can accumulate substantial hidden technical debt through complex dependencies between data, models, features, and infrastructure (Sculley et al., 2015). Concept drift and changing data distributions further complicate long-term performance, requiring continuous monitoring, retraining, and validation. Without systematic lifecycle management practices, predictive models may degrade silently over time, eroding trust and leading to suboptimal or harmful decisions. These challenges highlight the need to treat predictive analytics as an ongoing organizational capability rather than a one-time implementation effort.

Organizational and human factors present an additional set of barriers to effective adoption. Prior research indicates that limited analytical skills, lack of cross-functional collaboration, and resistance to algorithmic decision support can significantly hinder the use of predictive analytics in practice (Davenport & Harris, 2007). Decision makers may distrust model outputs, misunderstand their limitations, or perceive analytics as a threat to professional judgment. Such concerns are particularly pronounced when predictive systems challenge established routines, redistribute authority, or introduce opacity into decision processes. Addressing these issues requires not only technical training but also organizational change management and participatory system design.

Ethical, legal, and governance challenges have become increasingly salient as predictive analytics is applied to high-stakes and socially sensitive domains. Issues of fairness, bias, accountability, and transparency complicate the deployment of ML-enabled decision support, especially when decisions affect individuals or vulnerable populations. Regulatory requirements and societal expectations increasingly demand documentation, auditability, and explainability of analytics-driven decisions. However, integrating these requirements into operational MIS remains a nontrivial challenge, particularly when organizations seek to balance innovation with compliance and risk management.

Against this backdrop, several promising directions for future MIS research emerge. First, researchers can develop and validate decision-quality metrics that go beyond predictive accuracy to capture organizational, behavioral, and ethical outcomes (Abbasi et al., 2016). Such metrics may include measures of trust,

usability, fairness, robustness, and decision effectiveness, reflecting the socio-technical nature of predictive decision support.

Second, human–AI interaction design represents a critical research frontier. Building on emerging work in human-centered AI, future studies can investigate how interface design, explanation mechanisms, and feedback loops influence trust calibration, sensemaking, and appropriate reliance on predictive systems (Rai et al., 2019). Experimental and design science approaches may be particularly valuable in exploring how different interaction strategies shape decision behavior across domains.

Third, research is needed on the integration of MLOps practices with MIS governance structures. While MLOps frameworks address technical aspects of deployment and monitoring, their alignment with organizational roles, accountability structures, and regulatory requirements remains underexplored. MIS research can contribute by examining how governance mechanisms, such as data stewardship, model oversight committees, and audit processes, interact with technical lifecycle management practices.

Finally, longitudinal and process-oriented studies offer important opportunities to understand the dynamic impacts of predictive decision support over time. Drawing on organizational learning theory, future research can examine how repeated interactions with predictive systems influence learning, adaptation, and decision norms within organizations (March, 1991). Such studies can shed light on whether predictive analytics reinforces existing practices, enables exploration, or reshapes organizational cognition and control.

In a nutshell, the challenges associated with MIS-based predictive decision making are inherently multi-dimensional, spanning technical, organizational, human, and societal considerations. Addressing these challenges requires interdisciplinary research that integrates insights from information systems, machine learning, human–computer interaction, and ethics. By pursuing these research directions, the MIS community can advance both the theoretical understanding and practical effectiveness of predictive analytics in organizational decision making.

8. Managerial and Practical Implications of MIS-Based Predictive Analytics

The growing integration of machine learning and predictive analytics into Management Information Systems has significant implications for managerial practice and organizational decision making. While predictive models offer

enhanced forecasting and pattern recognition capabilities, their organizational value ultimately depends on how they are embedded within managerial processes, decision routines, and governance structures. This section outlines key managerial and practical implications derived from the conceptual framework and analyses presented in this chapter.

8.1. Implications for MIS Managers and CIOs

For MIS managers and chief information officers (CIOs), predictive analytics should be approached as an organizational capability rather than as a standalone technological artifact. Decisions regarding data infrastructure, system integration, and analytics platforms directly shape the quality and usability of predictive insights. Persistent challenges related to data quality, interoperability, and system legacy highlight the importance of investing in robust data governance and integration architectures (Chen et al., 2012; Khatri & Brown, 2010).

MIS leaders must also recognize that predictive analytics systems require continuous monitoring and adaptation. Model performance may degrade over time due to changing data distributions, organizational practices, or external conditions, making lifecycle management and MLOps practices essential (Sculley et al., 2015). From a managerial perspective, this implies allocating resources not only for model development but also for ongoing maintenance, validation, and updating. Treating predictive analytics as a static deployment rather than a dynamic system risks undermining long-term value creation.

8.2. Implications for Organizational Decision Makers

From the perspective of managers and decision makers, predictive analytics reshapes how decisions are informed rather than how they are made. Predictive systems provide probabilistic assessments of future outcomes, but they do not eliminate uncertainty or managerial judgment. Research consistently shows that decision quality depends on how predictive insights are interpreted, contextualized, and combined with domain expertise (Shmueli & Koppius, 2011; Shollo & Galliers, 2016).

Managers should therefore be cautious of overreliance on algorithmic recommendations, particularly in complex or high-stakes contexts. Algorithm aversion and automation bias represent two opposing risks: decision makers may either disregard predictive outputs following observed errors or defer excessively to algorithmic recommendations despite contextual misalignment

(Dietvorst et al., 2015; Parasuraman & Riley, 1997). Effective managerial use of predictive analytics requires calibrated trust, where predictive outputs are neither blindly accepted nor systematically ignored.

8.3. Designing Human-Centered Predictive Decision Support Systems

The findings of this chapter underscore the importance of human-centered design principles in predictive decision support. Predictive analytics embedded within MIS should be designed to support sensemaking, transparency, and appropriate reliance rather than to automate decisions entirely. Human–AI interaction mechanisms, including explainable model outputs, interactive dashboards, and feedback channels, play a critical role in translating predictive insights into actionable knowledge (Doshi-Velez & Kim, 2017; Norman, 2013).

From a practical standpoint, organizations should invest in interface designs that make uncertainty explicit and allow users to interrogate model behavior. Research in human–computer interaction suggests that explanations should be tailored to users’ cognitive needs and decision contexts rather than optimized solely for technical fidelity (Hoffman et al., 2018; Buçinca et al., 2021). By foregrounding interaction design, organizations can enhance trust, reduce cognitive overload, and improve the integration of predictive analytics into everyday decision practices.

8.4. Governance, Risk, and Accountability Implications

Predictive analytics introduces new governance and accountability challenges that extend beyond traditional MIS concerns. As predictive models increasingly influence organizational decisions, questions of responsibility, fairness, and transparency become central managerial considerations. Governance mechanisms must ensure that predictive systems align with organizational values, regulatory requirements, and ethical standards (Rahwan, 2018; Mitchell et al., 2021).

Practically, this implies establishing clear accountability structures for model development, deployment, and use. Managers should define who is responsible for monitoring model performance, addressing bias, and responding to unintended consequences. Embedding governance and ethical considerations directly into system design—as reflected in the conceptual framework proposed in this chapter—helps ensure that predictive analytics supports responsible decision making rather than amplifying existing organizational risks.

9. Conclusion

This chapter has examined how machine learning and predictive analytics can be effectively embedded within Management Information Systems to support organizational decision making. Building on established traditions from business intelligence, decision support systems, and socio-technical information systems research, the chapter has argued that predictive analytics represents a shift toward forward-looking, data-driven decision support rather than a purely technical enhancement of existing MIS.

A central contribution of this chapter lies in advancing a socio-technical understanding of MIS-based predictive decision making. By explicitly integrating data, machine learning, human–AI interaction, decision enactment, and governance into a unified conceptual framework, the chapter moves beyond model-centric perspectives and clarifies how predictive decision quality emerges from interaction, interpretation, and organizational context rather than from analytical performance alone. This perspective highlights the inherently relational nature of predictive decision support within organizational settings.

In doing so, the chapter has also contributed to human-centered analytics research by synthesizing insights from information systems and human–computer interaction. Trust, explainability, and calibrated reliance have been shown to play central roles in shaping how predictive insights are interpreted and used by decision makers. By positioning human–AI interaction as a mediating layer within MIS architectures, the chapter provides a structured lens for analyzing and designing predictive systems that support, rather than replace, human judgment and agency in organizational decision making.

The chapter further clarifies the distinction between predictive and explanatory approaches in information systems research. While explanatory models remain essential for theory development and causal understanding, predictive analytics addresses different organizational needs by supporting forecasting, risk assessment, and operational decision-making under uncertainty. Importantly, the chapter emphasizes that the organizational value of predictive analytics depends not only on model accuracy but also on how predictive systems are embedded within decision routines, organizational processes, and governance structures.

Beyond its theoretical contributions, this chapter has articulated concrete managerial and practical implications for the design, deployment, and use of MIS-based predictive decision support systems. These implications underscore the importance of continuous lifecycle management, human-centered system

design, and explicit accountability mechanisms to ensure that predictive analytics contributes to sustained organizational value rather than short-term performance gains. In this respect, predictive analytics is best understood as an organizational capability that must be actively governed and continuously adapted over time.

Looking forward, the chapter has identified several challenges and opportunities for future MIS research, including the development of decision-quality metrics that extend beyond predictive accuracy, the design of effective human–AI collaboration mechanisms, and the integration of governance and ethical considerations into analytics-enabled systems. An open question for future research is whether increasing levels of automation in predictive decision systems will ultimately enhance or constrain meaningful human agency in organizational contexts.

In conclusion, machine learning and predictive analytics hold significant potential to enhance MIS-based decision making, but realizing this potential requires moving beyond narrow technical perspectives. By integrating insights from information systems, human–computer interaction, and AI governance, researchers and practitioners can design predictive decision support systems that are not only accurate but also interpretable, trustworthy, and socially responsible.

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CHAPTER X

INTEGRATING GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTO MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction

Digital transformation, the comprehensive integration of innovative solutions such as internet technologies and artificial intelligence (AI), is creating profound changes across a wide range of areas, from individual habits to social structures and industrial processes. AI, in particular, has become a fundamental element shaping the future of the media ecosystem, spanning from digital content production to news distribution (Kaynar & Tuna, 2025; Tuna & Işık, 2025). Unlike classic AI models that focus on a single area, generative AI (GenAI) is a technology that develops new patterns for decision-making, detection, and prediction from existing datasets (Kusetogullari et al., 2025). GenAI is a type of generative AI that can create new content such as text, images, music, code, and even videos by learning patterns from existing data (Tuna & Işık, 2025). Unlike traditional AI, which analyzes or classifies data, GenAI can produce original outputs that closely resemble human-created content (Al-Busaidi et al., 2024). Due to this feature, GenAI has become a significant force, driving disruptive transformations across various fields, including healthcare, education, academic research and publishing, the creative

industries, and business operations (Almtrf, 2025; Dwivedi et al., 2024; George & George, 2023). It has also facilitated the emergence of many innovative large language models (LLMs), most notably the Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT).

GenAI serves as both a tool and a collaborator in business operations and enterprises, while also enabling individuals to generate ideas, develop strategies, and bring initiatives to life with extraordinary precision (Dwivedi, 2025). In addition, there are numerous potential applications beyond the business world, ranging from providing real-time news updates tailored to individuals' interests to helping people stay organized at home through smart task management software (George & George, 2023). However, for this widespread potential to translate into sustainable added value across the business, these technologies must be integrated into the corporate information architecture holistically and systematically. Furthermore, the centralization of data flows and algorithmic decision-making within business structures has elevated the role of units that manage and direct technology to a strategic level. The issues mentioned above make the role of GenAI in management information systems (MIS) a topic worthy of research, both as an increasingly important business department and as a vibrant academic research discipline.

What makes MIS-related topics an intriguing field of study is the constant change occurring in technology, management, and business processes alongside the discipline itself (Laudon & Laudon, 2022, p. 37). At the forefront of these changes are rapidly advancing AI technologies. The global AI SaaS (Software as a Service) market is expected to grow tenfold to two trillion dollars by 2030 (Thormundsson, 2025). The numbers show that AI has become not just an innovation but a strategic necessity in the corporate ecosystem. This growing market demand and increasing interest in the use and development of GenAI technologies have enhanced the usability of these technologies, including their software and hardware requirements (Stoykova & Shakev, 2023). These requirements have necessitated the integration of specialized hardware accelerators, such as graphic processing units (GPUs) or tensor processing units (TPUs), which can manage intensive computational loads, into MIS infrastructures, going beyond traditional central processing units (CPUs). Furthermore, these technologies continue to expand their scope through the use of large language models, pre-trained transformers, and fine-tuning other models (Meyerson et al., 2024).

MIS operations are moving towards the application and integration of business analytics (BA) tools to transform collective organizational and business data into insights to improve decision-making, and to use AI for process automation of repetitive, low-value-added tasks (Ustundag et al., 2022). Here, BA focuses on technologies that enable the methodological examination of organizational experience data in business decision-making (Stoykova & Shakev, 2023). AI-powered BA tools would allow organizations to more easily identify trends and extract meaningful insights from complex data from different sources using machine learning (ML) and predictive analytics methods (Bharadiya, 2023).

The use of AI tools in MIS is an interesting and current research topic (George & George, 2023; Stoykova & Shakev, 2023). Data-driven BA, at the core of MIS, can reach its full potential if fully integrated with GenAI technologies (Salazar & Kunc, 2025). Furthermore, for AI-supported MIS to deliver sustainable change that supports business development, it is crucial to address identified challenges, such as implementation costs, data privacy, employee readiness for AI technologies, and access inequalities (Almtrf, 2025). However, no study has been found that describes the integration of GenAI into the MIS field, the connection points of this integration, and the possible outcomes in a scenario. Therefore, the current study examines the integration of GenAI technologies into MIS as both a field of research and an indispensable business function, drawing on a rich literature. The study is expected to provide theoretical contributions to academic professionals working on the development of AI technologies within the MIS discipline.

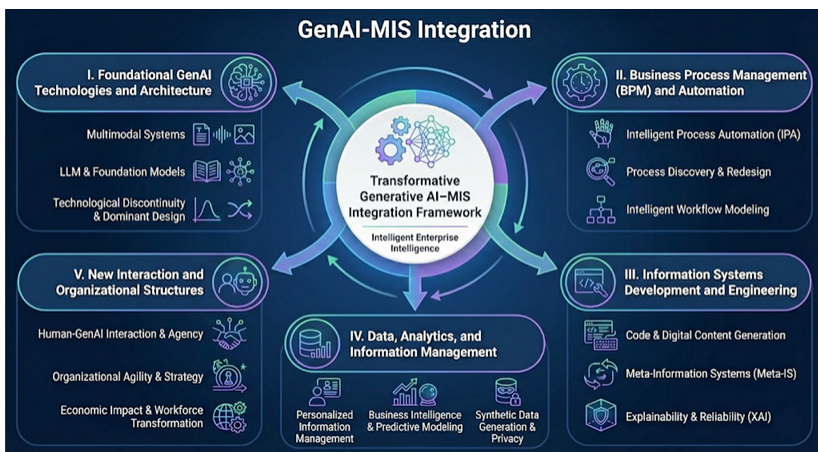


Figure 1. GenAI-MIS Integration

2. GenAI and New Business Landscape

LLMs are associated with numerous claims due to their capabilities. One such claim is that these technologies have the potential to reshape the prerequisites for business dynamics and entrepreneurship by automating a broader range of tasks, enhancing decision-making processes, enabling rapid innovation, and increasing efficiency (Kusetogullari et al., 2025). For current and future entrepreneurs, these technologies can lower barriers to entry, even reduce start-up costs, and accelerate the development cycle of new ventures (Dwivedi, 2025). This structure gives GenAI and LLMs the quality of an external enabler in terms of business management. This external facilitator reflects a paradigm shift from traditional product-based models to GenAI-focused service-based models, as well as from a goods economy to an intelligence economy (Feher, 2025; Feuerriegel et al., 2024; Huang & Xie, 2023, pp. 11–16; Kusetogullari et al., 2025; N. Singh et al., 2024; Stoykova & Shakev, 2023):

- Complex Analysis Methods and Techniques
- Enormous Value Creation
- From Platform Economy to Intelligence Economy
- New Hardware and Processing Units
- New Architecture and Tech Stacks
- New Labor Markets
- From Automation to Innovation
- New Form of Capital
- External Enablers of Entrepreneurship
- Shift to Service-Based Models
- Neo-Schumpeterian Creative Destruction
- Sociotechnical Business Ecosystems (E-GenAI)
- New Perspectives

→ **Complex Analysis Methods and Techniques:** MIS relies on the integration of BA tools to transform corporate data into strategic decisions; in this process, ML and predictive analysis methods enable meaningful insights to be extracted from complex data sets (Bhargava et al., 2025). Going beyond traditional analysis methods, this new paradigm, combined with developments in natural language processing (NLP) and expert systems, has evolved into GenAI technologies that not only classify data but also generate new patterns and content through LLM and pre-trained transformers (Bersi & Eassa,

2025). In the context of managerial applications, these multi-layered analysis techniques maximize MIS's data-driven decision-making capacity, enabling the transformation of organizational experience data into future-oriented strategies through methodological examination.

→ **Enormous Value Creation:** The value creation potential of GenAI technologies in the business world is shaped around two key axes: cost efficiency and innovation. This technology increases operational efficiency by automating routine tasks, while also paving the way for new business models and revenue streams that were previously impossible, such as automated content generation (Prado & Mantovani, 2025). This economic potential stands out as a strategic factor that can offset global demographic challenges, particularly an aging population and a shrinking labor force (Garcia & Kwok, 2025). However, deriving lasting value from this transformation requires a long-term management process involving data privacy, risk management, and strategic planning, rather than a one-time technology integration.

→ **From Platform Economy to Intelligence Economy:** The business world is undergoing a fundamental paradigm shift from the 'platform economy,' where intermediaries like Uber and Amazon create value based on network effects, to the 'intelligence economy,' which is based on the processing and interpretation of data (Feher, 2025). In this new order, data has evolved from being merely an operational byproduct to becoming the fundamental value driver that fuels AI models. Unlike the platform economy, which provides simple connections, the intelligence economy is built on deep insight, prediction, and hyper-personalization (Huang & Xie, 2023). Therefore, the new competitive advantage for businesses lies in investing in unique AI technologies, strengthening data governance with ethical standards, and developing new business models that monetize AI-based insights rather than connections.

→ **New Hardware and Processing Units:** The rise of GPT has ushered in a new era that goes beyond traditional CPUs and GPUs in hardware innovation, with the emergence of TPUs and Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) optimized explicitly for ML workloads (Zhang et al., 2025). GPU technologies, positioned as the processing brain of GenAI, make AI more accessible by enabling the training and deployment of large models to be more efficient and cost-effective (Javed, 2025). Furthermore, this escalating demand has catalyzed the emergence of a trillion-dollar GPU cloud market, in which major hyperscale cloud providers and specialized startups—such as Lambda Labs and Paperspace—compete to deliver scalable, high-performance

computing resources. This highlights the potential for startups that implement the right growth strategies to become the tech giants of the future.

→ **New Architecture and Tech Stacks:** The emergence of GPT and LLM has necessitated a fundamental design shift in software architecture from rule-based and open programming to data-driven and learning-based systems. This new architectural approach brings new tech stacks, in which the data and learning layers have become more critical than the business logic layer, as system effectiveness now depends on data quality and learning algorithms rather than hard-coded business rules (Jakubik et al., 2024). To sustainably implement this transformation and enable the effective use of GPT-based systems at an industrial scale, specialized development tools such as machine learning operations (MLOps) platforms have emerged, standardizing and simplifying model training, version management, and deployment processes (Faubel et al., 2023). Thanks to the enterprise-scale capabilities these tools provide, AI has become a strategic element that is transforming not only IT departments but entire economic structures.

→ **New Labor Markets:** The rise of AI in the business world is creating a new demand structure based on AI fluency in the labor market and is driving companies toward comprehensive reskilling strategies (Garcia & Kwok, 2025). According to Goldman Sachs data, 300 million jobs are at risk of automation in this process; unlike previous waves of automation, highly educated and highly paid white-collar professionals are expected to undergo a more profound transformation than the low-skilled workforce (Huang & Xie, 2023). However, roles requiring human interaction, emotional intelligence, and physical labor are expected to be less affected by GenAI. At the same time, global productivity is expected to increase significantly.

→ **From Automation to Innovation:** AI is transitioning into a new era where it is no longer merely a tool for automating routine tasks, but rather a catalyst for unprecedented innovation. GenAI, which matches human performance in areas such as creativity, logical reasoning, and problem-solving, enables the creation of previously unimaginable products, services, and business models (Holzner et al., 2025). In this context, businesses are adopting an innovation-first approach that views AI not merely as a tool for efficiency but as a transformative force that redefines the competitive landscape (Casey, 2025). This new paradigm lowers barriers to entry by enabling resource-constrained startups to compete with large-scale companies, while also necessitating new ethical and legal regulations centered on transparency, accountability, and the fair distribution of opportunities.

→ **New Form of Capital:** Today's economy, driven by GenAI technologies, transcends traditional definitions of capital, with data emerging as a new and strategic form of capital for businesses (Evans, 2023). In this new paradigm, data has evolved from a passive asset merely collected and stored into a dynamic resource that drives strategic growth, market differentiation, and critical business decisions. This data economy, in which businesses create value by processing and monetizing data beyond the production of goods and services, necessitates infrastructure investments and fundamentally transforms traditional business models, paving the way for personalized services and new market opportunities (Azcoitia & Laoutaris, 2022).

→ **External Enablers of Entrepreneurship:** GenAI and LLM technologies are categorized as critical external enablers in the modern business world and entrepreneurship literature, accelerating the development cycle of new ventures and reducing market entry barriers and start-up costs (Kusetogullari et al., 2025). This structure transforms technology from merely an operational tool into a strategic external factor that directly influences the nature and pace of entrepreneurial activities.

→ **Shift to Service-Based Models:** GenAI integration represents a fundamental paradigm shift in the business world, moving from traditional product-based revenue models to GenAI-focused service-based models (Dwivedi, 2025). It represents a crucial shift from traditional product-based revenue models to GenAI-focused "service-based models" in the business world.

→ **Neo-Schumpeterian Creative Destruction:** The impact of GenAI on the business world is not limited to operational efficiency; it triggers a new wave of creative destruction, explained by the Neo-Schumpeterian economic perspective (Artz & Ren, 2025). This dynamic causes established business models and market structures to rapidly become obsolete while leveraging the disruptive power of technology to enable the emergence of previously unseen value propositions and business paradigms. This process, which disrupts existing market balances and alters the nature of competition, compels businesses to engage in a continuous cycle of renewal and radical innovation to survive; thus, the driving force of economic growth shifts from static efficiency to dynamic technological adaptation (Velev et al., 2025).

→ **Sociotechnical Business Ecosystems (E-GenAI):** GenAI integration transforms businesses from isolated production units into a holistic corporate GenAI ecosystem where relationships between suppliers, businesses, and customers are redefined through LLM (Jimenez & Venegas, 2025). This

new business landscape necessitates a socio-technical structure where SCM, ERP, and CRM technical infrastructures are intertwined with social dynamics (knowledge management, BI, etc.). Traditional linear supply chain relationships are being replaced by a living, adaptable business organism supported by Observation-Intelligence-Decision (OID) models, where interactions between parties can be modeled as finite automata and data keeps the parties synchronized in a continuous flow (Fischer & Marttila, 2025; Jimenez & Venegas, 2025).

→ **New Perspectives:** The impact of AI and GPT technologies on the business world goes beyond a purely technical transformation, revealing new perspectives shaped around consumer behavior, risk management, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. From a consumer behavior perspective, AI-powered experiences have made ‘always-on’ and personalized service expectations the norm, forcing businesses to be active 24/7 (Mirzayi & Nobari, 2025). From a risk management perspective, GPT-powered predictive models analyze large datasets, enabling enterprises to develop proactive resilience rather than reactive responses to supply chain disruptions, cyber threats, and legal compliance issues (Georgousis & Stoitsis, 2025). In the entrepreneurial ecosystem, startups with limited resources can compete with established giants thanks to automation, and agile organizations with teams of fewer than ten people are triggering a new wave of innovation (Shao et al., 2025). Ultimately, from a sustainability perspective, AI can contribute to environmental goals by optimizing resource utilization and minimizing waste. However, it also highlights a delicate balance in which Green AI strategies are becoming increasingly imperative due to rising energy consumption (Sampatsing et al., 2025). This multidimensional shift forms the fundamental dynamics of the transition from traditional industries to a data- and AI-centric economy.

3. Integration of GenAI into Core MIS Functions

GenAI is described as the most promising branch of classical AI models, demonstrating efficiency in making knowledge-based decisions and predicting and identifying patterns (Feuerriegel et al., 2024). Thus, GenAI applications offer a new paradigm by enabling the transition from discriminative analytics to augmented retrieval and generative processes, allowing machines to synthesize and recombine data and information in new and creative ways (Salazar & Kunc, 2025).

3.1. *New Architectures and Frameworks*

GenAI enhances corporate management information systems by combining LLMs with retrieval-augmented pipelines, thereby providing automated decision support on a solid foundation while introducing governance, data quality, and integration risks (Lewis et al., 2021). Therefore, the holistic configuration of flexible information-processing layers, reliable verification mechanisms, and scalable computing infrastructure is critical for sustainable value creation within corporate structures.

→ **Blueprint Architecture:** Compound AI designs propose a flow-based coordinator with task/data schedulers, agents, and data records to coordinate models, retrieval, databases, and tools for cost-effective production use in corporate environments (Abrás et al., 2025).

→ **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) Families:** Retrieval-Augmented Generation (is an architecture that enriches the limited internal knowledge of large language models with up-to-date and verifiable information from external data sources. This approach enables the model to produce more accurate and consistent outputs by accessing not only training data but also current information sources such as corporate documents, technical manuals, procedures, and historical records. For example, in an e-commerce company's product return process, RAG can provide users with accurate guidance by querying documents such as the company's return policies, warranty terms, and applicable laws. Similarly, for malfunctions on production lines, RAG can draw on datasheets, maintenance manuals, and operators' past malfunction records to offer solutions (Balla, 2025).

RAG Families refer to advanced RAG variants optimized for the cloud and adapted to different usage scenarios. Anticipatory RAG performs proactive retrieval by predicting the types of information the model will need before interaction. At the same time, Parallel-Source RAG expands the scope of context and significantly reduces data access time by performing simultaneous searches across multiple, heterogeneous data sources. These advanced approaches aim to increase the accuracy of decision outputs and minimize the risk of hallucinations in the production process by using mechanisms such as document reordering, reliability scoring, and contextual filtering. Therefore, RAG Families represent a significant architectural advancement, particularly for enterprise applications

requiring high accuracy, low latency, and data integrity in large-scale cloud infrastructures (Abdullah & Kabir, 2025).

→ **Layered BIS/BIP Integration:** All functions that start with data collection and end with analysis to support corporate processes fall within the scope of Business Information Systems (BIS). Business Intelligence Process (BIP), on the other hand, refers to the steps in the data processing flow from raw data to reporting and modeling. Integration architectures such as BIS and BIP provide secure and auditable pipelines from corporate resources to decision services by separating the acquisition, storage/warehousing, embedding/retrieval, LLM inference, and application layers (Wu, 2024).

→ **Sociotechnical Alignment:** GenAI integration is not merely a technical update; it has also led to the emergence of a holistic and corporate approach (Jimenez & Venegas, 2025). Accordingly, operational functions such as supply chain management, enterprise resource planning, and customer relationship management are being restructured within the GenAI ecosystem (Khlie et al., 2024; V. Singh et al., 2025). Thus, it may be possible to reshape business intelligence and knowledge management processes with GenAI in a way that can perceive the sociological dimension between the business and its customers.

➤ **EDM Pipelines:** EDM (Enterprise Data Management) is a data processing pipeline that manages the data lifecycle throughout an organization's lifecycle. GenAI can be directly integrated into the end-to-end EDM process. Thus, LLMs can be placed at specific stages (source-to-target mapping, primary key identification, query/code generation) to accelerate data preparation while maintaining human oversight (Varma et al., 2024).

3.2. Application Areas and Benefits of MIS-GenAI Integration

GenAI significantly expands MIS's traditional decision-making capabilities with features such as content synthesis, process automation, and natural language-based interaction. The benefits these technologies provide largely depend on the implementation of appropriate governance mechanisms, reliable data management, and effective recovery processes. Based on this, the application areas and benefits of MIS-GenAI integration are as follows:

→ **ERP Cognitive Automation:** Conversational assistants integrate LLMs into ERP workflows to reduce administrative burden and support real-time decisions through document comprehension and automated decision recommendations for finance, procurement, and HR (Mahadevan, 2024).

→ **Business Intelligence (BI) and Reporting:** Creating automated narratives, scenario discovery, and report draft preparation through BI queries and dashboards accelerates insight delivery and executive decision cycles (Avula, 2024).

→ **Enterprise Data Management and Warehousing:** LLMs shorten data preparation cycles and improve data quality for analytics by assisting in source-target matching, schema matching, anomaly detection, and code/query generation (Yuan et al., 2025).

→ **Retrieval-Grounded Advisory:** RAG-supported decision services provide context-aware recommendations using ordered internal knowledge bases for regulated domains (examples reported in banking, healthcare, and service desks) and thus offer a fact-based foundation (Balla, 2025).

→ **Marketing and Advertising:** GenAI integrated with marketing analytics supports creative content production, performance simulation, and campaign optimization to assist advertisers in their decision-making process (Tuna & Işık, 2025; Varma et al., 2024).

→ **Faster Data Workflows:** LLM-enhanced EDM pipelines reduce the time required for tasks such as source mapping and query creation, shortening report preparation time and improving data readiness for decision-makers (Dash, 2023).

→ **Grounded Recommendation:** Approaches enhanced with retrieval increase the actual accuracy and contextual relevance of outputs, making productive responses more suitable for decision support (Balla, 2025).

→ **Cognitive Automation:** Integrating LLMs into ERP enables speech-based process automation, real-time explanations, and adaptive assistance in finance, procurement, and HR processes (Mahadevan, 2024).

→ **Improved Predictive and Scenario Analysis:** When integrated with BI and in-memory platforms for real-time analytics, GenAI assists in synthetic data generation, scenario expansion, and model-driven predictions (Chaudhari, 2023).

→ **Developer and Analyst Productivity:** LLMs simplify code and query creation, accelerate development by enhancing control within enterprise stacks, and reduce workload (Zheng et al., 2024).

→ **AI-Augmented Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning:** GenAI-powered enterprise knowledge management accelerates corporate learning cycles and strengthens organizational memory by automating document classification, knowledge summarization, expert recommendation systems, and knowledge base maintenance (Liu et al., 2025).

→**Workflow Orchestration and Human–AI Collaboration Design:**

When integrated with process automation engines and BPM platforms, GenAI increases operational agility by optimizing task routing, role-based recommendations, and human-machine collaboration designs (Joshi, 2025).

→**Compliance Automation and Policy Interpretation:**

LLMs support the conversion of regulatory texts into business rules, the generation of automated checklists for policy compliance, and the acceleration of audit preparation processes; they are critical in the context of finance, healthcare, and public administration (Ratnawat, 2025).

→**Risk Intelligence and Early Warning Systems:**

GenAI integrates with enterprise risk management systems to provide capabilities such as anomaly-based early warning generation, textual signal analysis (emails, reports, customer complaints), and dynamic updating of the operational risk profile (Mizgier, 2024).

→**Multimodal MIS Interfaces:**

Text, visual, and voice-based analysis capabilities enable users on MIS platforms to perform multimodal queries on tables, graphs, documents, invoice images, and IoT sensor outputs; as a result, the accessibility of decision support systems increases (Tan et al., 2025).

→**GenAI-Enhanced CRM and Customer Operations:**

Customer service, sales automation, and experience management processes are supported through demand classification, personalized response generation, complaint analysis, and customer journey optimization; automation rates increase in the self-service channel (Gołąb-Andrzejak, 2024).

→**Data Governance and Semantic Layer Automation:**

LLMs assist in the automatic creation/updating of data dictionaries, ontologies, and enterprise semantic layers, thereby enhancing the sustainability and enterprise consistency of data management architectures (He et al., 2025).

→**Model Monitoring and Drift Detection Assistance:**

GenAI can be used in areas such as monitoring the performance of predictive models, detecting data drift, generating model explanations, and reducing the burden of model governance (Belov & Panfilov, 2025).

→**Secure-By-Design AI and Identity Management Integration:**

To enhance the security of user authentication flows in MIS–GenAI integration, capabilities are developed to generate risk signals from identity verification events, support adaptive access policies, and automate security incident reporting (Yoon et al., 2025).

→**Operational Simulation and Digital Twins for Management Processes:** Digital twins of corporate processes, combined with natural language descriptions and scenario generation supported by GenAI, produce more transparent models for capacity planning, process bottleneck detection, and operational optimization (Mikołajewska et al., 2025).

→**Ethical AI and Responsible Use Framework:** GenAI strengthens corporate governance by automating the preparation of internal ethical AI guidelines, risk classification matrices, decision-making transparency reports, and user impact assessments (Burema, 2025).

4. Strategic Implementation and Management Challenges

Businesses face technical and organizational barriers to integrating GenAI and MIS, including data privacy concerns, model errors (e.g., hallucinations), bias, auditability issues, complex integration processes, and high operational costs. Contemporary frameworks propose a multi-layered approach that prioritizes human oversight, modular design, and cloud-based orchestration. The managerial challenges facing MIS-GenAI integration are as follows:

→**The Necessity of Developing an AI Integration Strategy for Corporate MIS:** For successful integration, businesses must develop a comprehensive strategy that is long-term, flexible, and aligned with business objectives, including a technological transition plan as well as resource allocation, risk management, and return on investment (ROI) analysis.

→**Data Governance and Sovereignty:** The use of sensitive data and multitenancy structures carries risks of data leakage, unauthorized access, and privacy breaches. To manage these risks, auditability and data protection controls must be central to the design. Furthermore, as relevant data feeds into the training of GenAI models, competitors may gain access to content generated from it. Furthermore, in addition to data security risks, increasing corporate resilience against GenAI-based deepfake attacks targeting corporate identity and reputation should be incorporated into cybersecurity protocols.

→**Lack of Transparency and Accountability:** Due to uncertainties in the production process of GenAI models and the lack of transparency in the stages involved, the decision-making process of the models cannot be fully understood. This situation makes it difficult for businesses with multiple stakeholders to audit data-driven decisions and accurately measure their outcomes. Furthermore, it is legally unclear who is responsible if the output produced is harmful to the business.

→**Challenges in Complying with Legal Regulations:** Businesses operating in multiple geographic regions may face compliance issues due to differences in legal regulations concerning AI-generated content across countries and territories. Furthermore, the rapid pace of technological development may outpace legislation, exposing the business to potential future risks.

→**Hallucination, AI-giarism and Factuality:** Uncontrolled LLM outputs may present erroneous or misleading suggestions (hallucinations). To increase the reliability of outputs and reduce fabricated information, it is necessary to leverage the effectiveness of RAG methods, including ranked retrieval and provenance-tracking features (Almtrf, 2025).

→**Algorithmic Opacity and Bias:** The inability to understand how models make decisions (opacity) and data-driven biases undermine trust in GenAI results. Businesses should adopt explainability and continuous monitoring processes to overcome this situation and detect unfair outcomes. This could also eliminate the need for model interpretability under technical constraints (by using XAIs) (Nyberg et al., 2026).

→**Integration and Latency:** Service Level Agreements (SLAs) require high performance and low latency. Advanced architecture, such as stream orchestration and edge/nearline strategies, should be used to balance latency constraints with heavy inference workloads. This will also enable the overcoming of technical challenges in integrating with existing systems.

→**Organisational Barriers:** Beyond technological challenges, a lack of qualified personnel, employee resistance to new technologies, and the absence of an innovative data-driven culture can hinder integration. For a successful transformation, investing in human resources and fostering a data culture are crucial.

→**Ethical Responsibility:** Who is responsible for automated decision-making processes, protecting data privacy, and preventing algorithmic bias is not only a technical issue but also an ethical and governance issue. A transparent, accountable, and ethically founded governance framework must be established.

→**Copyright and Ownership Issues:** If the textual and visual content used by GenAI-generated content is copyrighted, businesses may incur legal obligations for derivative use. Legal uncertainties surrounding the generated content, procedures, and innovations may hinder the patenting of these entities. Furthermore, the use of data subject to competitors' intellectual property rights (as input) during the training of internal business models poses risks of poisoned datasets and potential patent infringements.

5. Future Orientations: Technological Boundaries and Managerial Implications

MIS and GenAI integration is a multi-layered technological wave that goes beyond merely increasing the processing capacity of information systems; it creates a fundamental shift in the ontological structure of the system. The existing literature shows that this integration is a transformation process with technological, organizational, managerial, and socio-technical dimensions. This change transforms MIS from a passive recording system into a predictive, decision-optimizing, context-aware, and autonomous corporate intelligence. The MIS architecture of the future is taking shape at the intersection of customized models, autonomous computing structures, human-centered design principles, and decentralized security frameworks. Future trends can be grouped under the following headings (Al-Busaidi et al., 2024; Almrtrf, 2025; Davenport & Mittal, 2022; Dwivedi, 2025; Dwivedi et al., 2025; Feher, 2025; Feuerriegel et al., 2024; Grewal et al., 2025; Huang & Xie, 2023; Kusetogullari et al., 2025, 2025; Mariani & Dwivedi, 2024; Rai, 2020, 2020; K. Singh et al., 2024; N. Singh et al., 2024; Storey et al., 2025; Stoykova & Shakev, 2023; Ustundag et al., 2022; Yuan et al., 2025):

→**Next-Generation Data Infrastructures and Customized Architectures:** In the future of enterprise information systems, general-purpose models are being replaced by highly context-aware, vertical, and customizable AI models. Explicitly designed models for fields such as finance, healthcare, or logistics may improve the accuracy of decision-support mechanisms by leveraging field-specific knowledge graphs and customized parameter sets. To ensure the sustainability of these architectures, energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness are achieved through the use of quantized models, optimized inference layers, and edge computing solutions. Furthermore, multimodal systems capable of processing text, image, and sensor data together enable businesses to manage their strategic activities from a more holistic data perspective.

For these advanced models to function effectively, corporate data infrastructures are also undergoing a comprehensive transformation. Traditional data warehouse architectures are evolving from raw data storage to integrated data-learning ecosystems that holistically support model development, testing, deployment, and continuous monitoring. In this regard, automated extract–transform–load (ETL) and extract–load–transform (ELT) pipelines standardize data collection and processing processes, increasing both operational efficiency and the speed of model updates. In parallel, MLOps integration ensures

that corporate workflows managing the machine learning model lifecycle (development, versioning, deployment, performance monitoring, and feedback management) operate sustainably and reliably.

On the other hand, for RAG-based systems to operate with high accuracy and low latency, unstructured data (such as documents, emails, and technical manuals) that constitutes a significant portion of corporate information assets must be converted into a format suitable for semantic search. This transformation makes vector databases, which enable fast similarity searches of high-dimensional vector representations beyond the key-value or row-column structures offered by classic relational databases, a central component of modern MIS architecture. Thus, the data infrastructure directly supports not only storage and processing functions but also the semantic querying, context matching, and information retrieval capabilities required for the efficient operation of RAG architectures.

→ **Autonomous Processes and Meta-Information Systems:** GenAI positions itself as an innovative tool that goes beyond automating routine tasks and focuses on reinventing processes. Models capable of deriving process definitions from unstructured data (emails, logs) illuminate organizational blind spots, enabling static workflows to be replaced by dynamic process architectures. This capability signals a new paradigm, referred to in the literature as meta information systems (Meta-IS), in which AI transitions from an auxiliary tool to the system architect itself. These autonomous structures, which can generate Python or SQL code, debug themselves, and maintain their own integrity, shift the focus of MIS departments from manual coding to architectural oversight.

In the context of operational integration, this increased autonomy accelerates the adoption of self-healing (self-improvising and self-repairing) infrastructures that enable the detection and resolution of errors in corporate information systems without human intervention. Such infrastructures can analyze system logs, performance metrics, and anomaly signals in real time, predict potential failures in advance, and automatically implement corrective actions. This significantly increases system continuity and reliability while reducing operational disruptions.

In addition, GenAI-powered digital twins create highly accurate virtual representations of physical processes and corporate workflows, enabling multidimensional simulation of “what-if” scenario analyses. These simulations allow the evaluation of potential outcomes for different strategic decision options in a risk-free digital environment. Consequently, decision-making under

uncertainty, resource allocation, scenario planning, and operational resilience analyses are grounded in a more comprehensive, data-driven foundation.

→**Human-GenAI Synergy and Explainability:** Despite the autonomy offered by technology, human-computer interaction and organizational adaptation remain critical determinants of success. The maturation of natural language interfaces increases the accessibility of decision support systems by enabling users to perform complex queries using conversational language. However, the complexity of models in decision-making processes deepens the black-box problem (i.e., the inability to trace the internal mechanisms between inputs and outputs). It makes it difficult for managers to trust the system.

To overcome this trust issue, the MIS discipline is increasingly turning to glass-box architectures (which are traceable and verifiable, unlike black-box architectures) and explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) principles that make the decision-making processes of AI systems visible and controllable. These approaches clarify which logical steps the model follows based on which inputs, making it easier for both technical teams and decision-makers to assess the reliability of system outputs. To maximize decision quality, it is becoming critically necessary to design effective human-in-the-loop collaboration models that complement artificial intelligence systems with human expertise. Furthermore, systematically developing employees' competencies in digital literacy, model interpretation, and algorithmic awareness within the framework of technology-oriented psychosocial theories (such as technology acceptance models, cognitive load theory, and digital trust theories) supports both ease of use and the adoption of ethical and responsible artificial intelligence at the organizational level.

→**Security, Ethics, and Decentralized Governance:** The sustainability of GenAI and MIS integration necessitates a fundamental structural transformation that goes beyond technological adaptation and is shaped around corporate governance, ethical responsibility, and legal compliance. In this context, future strategies should focus on the evolution of top management structures and regulatory capacities to manage AI-related risks. The MIS architecture must be equipped with a sustainable framework that not only ensures system security but also controls intellectual property infringement, the environmental impacts of technology, and uncontrolled shadow AI use initiated by employees. While developing digital resilience strategies to increase employee awareness of deepfake attacks targeting corporate identity and reputation, legal and technical analyses of usage scenarios that minimize intellectual property risks should

be combined with acceptable use policies and integrated into cybersecurity protocols.

Decentralized technologies and advanced data techniques offer a new solution paradigm for managing these multidimensional risks and ensuring transparency. Web3 infrastructures, which provide data ownership with a distributed, user-centric structure, offer the necessary transparent assurance mechanisms for verifying data sources and the accountability of autonomous agents through blockchain-based access control and smart contracts. In addition to this structural transformation, cryptographic techniques such as differential privacy, which controls privacy by evaluating the impact of individual data on aggregate results, and homomorphic encryption, which enables operations to be performed on encrypted data, can help protect the integrity of sensitive data. Finally, synthetic data technologies, which preserve the statistical properties of real-world data despite legal restrictions, both prevent privacy breaches and restore the balance between privacy and utility in data management by increasing the system's predictive accuracy in cases of data scarcity or cold start conditions. This enables businesses to make predictions about a product, process, or environment even when insufficient real data is available.

6. Conclusion

When the application areas and technical developments in the current literature are evaluated holistically, this study defines GenAI integration not merely as an increase in MIS processing capacity but as a fundamental shift in the system's ontological structure. While studies to date have generally addressed the impact of GenAI on MIS in terms of efficiency and automation, the current research suggests that MIS is evolving from deterministic decision-support systems to probabilistic and generative cognitive systems with high context-generating and creative qualities.

While traditional MIS is a passive tool that provides reporting or forecasting to managers, with the GenAI integration detailed above, the system can elevate itself to the position of an active corporate actor that suggests strategies, writes code, and designs processes. Therefore, this study interprets GenAI–MIS integration not merely as a technology-adoption issue, but as the birth of a new symbiotic management architecture in which human and machine intelligence hybridize in line with corporate goals. This architecture indicates that the managerial challenges addressed are not purely technical obstacles but rather structural alignment issues arising from this new partnership model.

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CHAPTER XI

COGNITIVE COMPUTING AND INTELLIGENT AGENTS: FOUNDATIONS, APPROACHES, AND APPLICATIONS IN MIS ENVIRONMENTS

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1. Introduction

Managerial decision-making sits at the intersection of information, uncertainty, and organizational judgment. Expanding digital infrastructures, ubiquitous data, and algorithmic systems have transformed that intersection from a relatively stable environment into a dynamic, high-velocity arena. Managers are no longer dealing only with periodic reports and static dashboards; they navigate real-time data streams, complex analytics platforms, and intelligent systems that do not merely provide information but actively shape how alternatives are framed and evaluated. The central aim of this book is to articulate how information technologies reconfigure managerial decision-making both conceptually and practically, and to provide an integrated view of the foundations and applications that define this evolving landscape.

Information technologies in organizations used to be conceptualized primarily as “support” tools for recording transactions and producing reports. Contemporary developments have shifted that perspective toward a much richer view in which information systems embody assumptions about rationality, embed organizational routines, and influence power relations among stakeholders. Data warehouses, business intelligence platforms, decision support systems, AI-powered analytics, and cognitive agents do not simply mirror managerial reality; they participate in constructing it. Understanding managerial decision-

making in the digital era therefore requires an integrative exploration of socio-technical infrastructures, decision theories, and the algorithmic mechanisms that underpin modern information systems.

The structure of the book reflects this integrative ambition. Foundational chapters revisit the theoretical roots of information systems and management information systems, engaging with concepts from decision theory, organizational information processing, behavioral economics, and socio-technical systems thinking. These foundations anchor subsequent discussions of architectures and tools, ranging from classical decision support systems and data-driven business intelligence to advanced analytics, cloud-based platforms, and hybrid human–AI decision environments. Conceptual clarity in these early chapters prepares the ground for understanding why certain technological solutions fit particular decision problems, and how misalignment between technology, task, and organizational context can undermine managerial effectiveness.

Later sections of the book turn toward applied perspectives. Detailed analyses of sectoral and functional domains—such as operations, finance, marketing, human resources, public services, and healthcare—illustrate how information technologies reshape decision processes on the ground. Case-inspired discussions examine how organizations use predictive analytics for demand forecasting, agent-based models for supply chain coordination, recommender systems for customer interaction, and cognitive systems for complex problem solving under uncertainty. Emphasis is placed on both the design of these systems and the organizational conditions that enable or hinder their effective use, including data governance, process maturity, user skills, and change management.

Ethical, governance, and regulatory questions occupy a prominent place throughout the volume. Algorithmic systems that influence managerial decisions raise concerns about transparency, fairness, accountability, and legitimacy, especially when decisions affect employees, customers, citizens, and broader societal stakeholders. Chapters dealing with digital ethics, AI governance, and risk management explore how organizations can design decision technologies that not only optimize performance but also respect legal requirements and normative expectations. Attention to such issues ensures that decision technologies are not treated as neutral tools, but as artifacts that embody value choices and institutional responsibilities.

Cognitive computing and intelligent agents form one of the unifying threads across the book. Cognitive systems capable of natural language understanding,

pattern recognition, and adaptive learning increasingly act as collaborators in managerial decision-making, rather than as passive repositories of information. Intelligent agents coordinate distributed processes, support scenario simulation, and mediate interactions between humans and complex data environments. By the time readers reach the advanced chapters on cognitive agents in MIS environments, the conceptual and methodological groundwork laid earlier in the book enables a nuanced view of how these technologies extend, complement, and sometimes challenge human managerial judgment.

Overall, the book is designed for scholars, practitioners, and advanced students who seek a rigorous yet practice-oriented understanding of how information technologies shape managerial decision-making. Readers are invited to engage not only with tools and techniques, but with the deeper theoretical and ethical questions that determine whether those tools genuinely support better decisions—or merely accelerate existing biases and structural weaknesses. The overarching goal is to provide a coherent framework through which contemporary and emerging technologies can be evaluated, selected, and governed as integral components of managerial decision practice.

2. The Place of the Cognitive Computing Paradigm in Management Information Systems

Management information systems have long been at the center of research on organizational effectiveness and efficiency as complex structures in which data, technology, and human components work together to support decision-making processes. Advances in computational techniques have enabled these systems to evolve beyond mere repositories that store information and generate reports, toward architectures that approximate certain aspects of human cognition. The notion of cognitive computing stands precisely at the heart of this transformation. The concept seeks to approximate core human cognitive abilities such as perception, problem solving, learning, reasoning, and decision-making under uncertainty through data-driven computational models. Within this framework, the role of information systems is no longer limited to processing data; it also encompasses operating a cognitive support layer that interprets context, connects patterns, and extracts meaning from ambiguous situations.

From a conceptual standpoint, the components that make up cognitive computing consist of heterogeneous techniques such as natural language processing, semantic knowledge modeling, machine learning, pattern recognition, deep learning, knowledge graph analysis, and inference engines. The primary

goal of integrating these components into MIS is to assist managers in making more consistent decisions in situations that are complex and often based on incomplete data. This approach, unlike traditional business intelligence tools that provide rule-based, backward-looking, and deterministic analytic methods, enables the development of systems that tolerate uncertainty, are sensitive to context, and capable of learning. Early applications of IBM's Watson architecture provided a strong indication of the extent to which cognitive computing could be diffused in business and public-sector organizations, demonstrating that such systems can interpret complex natural language queries and generate meaningful responses. With the advent of large language models and knowledge graph-based search engines, this capability has evolved into much more natural and human-like information processing behavior in MIS contexts.

The academic literature that theoretically examines the position of cognitive computing within MIS emphasizes that the concept is not merely a technical innovation but a large-scale paradigm that restructures the logic of information processing in managerial processes. Organizational information processing theory, behavioral decision-making approaches, cognitive psychology, and human-computer interaction collectively form the intellectual background of this new paradigm. These theoretical traditions, which stress the importance of context, experience, and patterns in managerial decision-making, help explain why cognitive computing systems are considered a critical innovation from an MIS perspective. Under contemporary conditions in which decision environments change rapidly, data becomes increasingly diverse, and organizations interact continuously not only with their internal structures but also with external ecosystems, the capacity of cognitive systems to automate the “perception–interpretation–learning–decision” cycle positions them strategically in information systems research.

3. The Computational Logic of Cognitive Models in Managerial Decision-Making

Managerial decision-making processes inherently involve uncertainty, incomplete information, bounded cognition, organizational politics, and multi-dimensional goal structures. For this reason, cognitive models in the MIS literature are regarded as “complementary cognitive mechanisms” that support the decision-maker's limited attention, limited information processing capacity, and bounded rationality. The cognitive computing approach posits that decisions need not be based solely on data-driven forecasting models; they can also be

constructed by blending natural language knowledge, expert judgments, and experiential content stored in organizational memory. This logic diverges from classical deterministic, rule-based decision support systems by incorporating contextual sensitivity, heuristic inference, semantic proximity measures, probabilistic reasoning, and adaptive learning mechanisms into MIS.

The most salient feature of cognitive models within MIS is not merely that they attempt to algorithmically mimic certain functions of human cognition, but that they are able to make sense of the dynamic information ecosystem generated by organizational decisions. The fact that managers often have to interpret fragmented and ambiguous information increases the critical importance of cognitive systems in the “sensemaking” process. In the MIS literature, sensemaking is defined not only as the processing of data but also as the transformation of data into a meaningful narrative within an organizational context. Cognitive computing, supported by knowledge graph-based relational analysis and symbolic-neural hybrid models, can contextualize relationships between data points in ways similar to the mental schemas of decision-makers.

At the modeling level, the aspects of cognitive computing most frequently discussed in MIS include the design of inference engines, the standardization of cognitive ontologies, semantic network structures capable of handling ambiguity in natural language, and hybrid learning models that integrate multi-source data. Taken together, these structures help cognitive systems go beyond analyzing only historical data and enable them to anticipate potential future states. For instance, while predictive analytics models offer probability estimates based on data, cognitive models add contextual relationships, conceptual proximities, and organizational experience data to the same process, providing a more semantically grounded prediction mechanism. This feature makes cognitive systems particularly valuable in competitive industries where environmental conditions are complex and rapidly changing.

One of the most significant contributions of cognitive models to MIS is the integration of “learning” into the managerial knowledge production cycle at the organizational level. Whereas traditional information systems operate according to predefined rules, cognitive models allow these rules to adapt over time to changing conditions. MIS applications based on cognitive computing enhance understanding of behavioral economics phenomena such as framing, attention effects, and context effects; at the same time, they contribute to the development of decision support algorithms that can help mitigate such biases. In this respect, cognitive computing establishes an intersectional field bridging organizational behavior, psychology, and data science.

4. Foundations of Intelligent Agents and Their Role in MIS

The concept of the intelligent agent constitutes one of the fundamental building blocks that enables the specification of autonomy, perception, learning, and interaction capabilities as system components within management information systems. Agents are software entities that collect information from their environment, interpret it, plan their actions according to their goals, and adapt to changing conditions. In MIS contexts, the significance of intelligent agents becomes especially evident in multi-disciplinary processes such as decision support, workflow management, supply chain optimization, customer relationship management, and organizational coordination. Agent-based approaches stand out in complex and distributed systems where centralized control is either impossible or inefficient, thereby enabling organizational decisions to be produced in a distributed manner.

Agent architectures are commonly classified in the literature as reactive, goal-oriented, cognitive, hybrid, and learning agents. Reactive agents generate quick responses to environmental stimuli, while goal-oriented agents engage in longer-term planning. Cognitive agents, by contrast, are built on more advanced architectures, most notably the Belief–Desire–Intention (BDI) model. This model brings together an agent’s beliefs about its environment, the states it desires to achieve, and the sequences of actions it intends to execute to reach those states within a logical structure. In MIS applications, BDI agents can manage decision-making processes more consistently, particularly in uncertain and dynamic environments.

The role of agent-based systems in management information systems becomes prominent along three primary dimensions: (1) coordination and cooperation, (2) distributed decision-making, and (3) adaptation to changing environmental conditions. In multi-agent systems (MAS), where multiple agents operate in interaction, each agent can represent a subsystem, a department, a customer, or an external stakeholder. This representational mechanism offers critical advantages in complex processes such as supply chains, logistics networks, and multi-stakeholder public service systems. For example, in supply chain management, models in which each agent makes decisions on behalf of a supplier or distribution center enable faster and more coordinated decisions that affect the entire network. Similarly, in fields such as disaster management, healthcare services, or customer interaction centers, MAS structures stand out with their capacity to combine information flowing from different sources in real time and generate optimal decisions.

Agents endowed with learning capabilities can autonomously optimize dynamic workflows in MIS environments. Reinforcement learning-based agent models learn to make better decisions by experiencing the outcomes of actions in terms of rewards and penalties. This approach has produced significant performance gains especially in domains such as production planning, maintenance processes, energy management, and forecasting customer behavior. One of the most important developments accelerating the spread of agents in MIS environments is the emergence of a new generation of “cognitive agent” designs that integrate large language models into agent architectures. In these hybrid structures, an agent’s learning and communication capabilities are supported not only by mathematical models but also by LLMs capable of natural language interaction; as a result, decision mechanisms become more flexible, context-sensitive, and human-like.

Agent-based approaches are evaluated within MIS not only as technical solution methods but also as methodologies that transform organizational thinking. Distributed autonomy, localized decisions, and self-organizing structures are increasingly necessary to cope with the complexity of modern enterprises. Consequently, intelligent agents have become one of the core components of strategic planning, operations management, process improvement, and digital transformation programs in the MIS literature.

5. Architectures for Integrating Cognitive Computing and Intelligent Agents

The architecture of enterprise information systems was for many years based on three-tier structures organized around databases, application servers, and client interfaces. With digital transformation, this structure has been extended by service-oriented architectures, cloud-based infrastructures, microservice designs, and event-driven integration patterns. The incorporation of cognitive computing and intelligent agents into MIS environments adds yet another layer to this architectural evolution: the cognitive layer and the agent-based coordination layer.

The cognitive layer can be conceived as a core that combines corporate data repositories with external information flows such as social media streams, news feeds, sensor data, and user interaction logs, transforming them into semantically enriched structures. On top of this core reside natural language processing services, machine learning models, knowledge graph query engines, sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and recommender systems. Intelligent

agents, in turn, are positioned as software entities that use these cognitive services to produce context-aware decisions, manage processes, and engage in coordinated interaction with other agents.

Architecturally, three main approaches can be observed in integrating cognitive systems with agents. In the first approach, cognitive services are designed as callable external services for agents. In this case, an agent sends a query to the relevant cognitive service before making a decision, interprets the results, and selects an action based on its own objective function. For instance, an agent working in customer service might first forward a textual complaint from a customer to sentiment analysis and topic classification services; it then routes the issue to the appropriate department according to the results or triggers predefined solution procedures. In the second approach, cognitive capabilities are embedded inside the agent; the agent's architecture is tightly integrated with a particular LLM or a custom-trained deep learning model. This model governs both the communication and decision-making behavior of the agent. The third approach adopts a hybrid structure; a core decision logic resides within the agent, while more complex cognitive tasks are carried out through external services.

Microservice architectures provide an important foundation for implementing cognitive computing and agent-based systems in MIS with manageable scalability. When cognitive services are packaged as independent microservices, each function—such as text classification, anomaly detection, or recommendation generation—can be scaled and updated independently. This structure offers a critical advantage especially in high-volume, highly interactive MIS applications. Agents communicate with these microservices through APIs to use cognitive capabilities as needed, thereby giving rise to a loosely coupled system architecture in which agent logic and cognitive functions are not tightly interdependent.

From the standpoint of data architecture, cognitive agent systems require an analytic infrastructure that goes beyond the classical data warehouse and OLAP logic and can process both structured and unstructured data together. Knowledge graph-based data modeling approaches have thus become particularly attractive for MIS. When organizational entities such as customers, products, processes, suppliers, documents, employees, and projects are represented as nodes and the relationships between them as edges, intelligent agents can traverse the graph and perform contextual inference. For example, a supply chain agent can evaluate a particular supplier's performance not only in terms of delivery times and costs but also in relation to past contractual disputes, quality inspection results, and that supplier's position within the alternative supplier network.

In MIS applications requiring real-time decision-making, relying solely on cloud-based centralized systems for cognitive agents is often insufficient. Edge computing enables certain cognitive capabilities to be moved to field devices, production lines, sensor networks, or local servers. In this way, agents can take latency-sensitive decisions on-site, such as predicting failures in production lines, responding instantly to traffic congestion in logistics routes, or intervening in sudden spikes in energy consumption. The cloud layer handles longer-term learning, strategic analysis, and model updates. This dual-layer structure enriches MIS architectures both cognitively and agent-wise, especially in Industry 4.0 and smart city applications.

Security and governance form another critical dimension of cognitive agent architectures that cannot be overlooked. Access rights of agents to data sources, which decisions can be taken autonomously by which agents, which decisions require human approval, how records are logged, and at what level explainability is provided must all be integrated into the MIS governance architecture. Especially in AI-heavy cognitive agents, the traceability of decision rationales is crucial for both ethical and legal reasons. For this reason, architectural designs increasingly incorporate explainability layers, decision logs, and audit trails as indispensable components of MIS design.

6. Applications of Cognitive Agents in Managerial Decision Support Processes

6.1. Strategic Planning and Predictive Decision-Making

Strategic planning processes involve determining long-term goals, analyzing the competitive environment, monitoring market trends, and allocating resources in alignment with these goals. Cognitive agent-based MIS applications stand out in these processes with their capabilities to generate scenarios under uncertainty, detect weak signals in the market, and rapidly simulate large numbers of scenarios. Cognitive agents that process heterogeneous data sources such as macroeconomic indicators, industry reports, social media sentiment, news streams, and internal performance data help decision-makers visualize the space of “possible futures” more clearly.

In scenario-based decision support systems, agents can simulate policies that represent different strategic options. In a market entry strategy, for example, combinations of pricing policies, distribution channels, advertising budgets, and product positioning decisions can be tested within an agent-based model. When

cognitive components such as demand forecasting, customer segmentation, competitor response simulation, and macroeconomic shock analysis are integrated into these models, strategic planning conducted through MIS effectively becomes “data-driven cognitive scenario analysis.”

In the context of strategic risk management, cognitive agents offer particularly powerful infrastructure for early warning systems. Agents that scan news and social media channels using text mining and sentiment analysis techniques can detect signals indicating supply chain risk, reputational risk, or regulatory change risk at an early stage. These agents dynamically update risk scores and project them onto management dashboards within the MIS, thus allowing top management to focus on specific risk clusters in a timely manner.

6.2. Operations Management and Autonomous Process Optimization

Operations management encompasses the coordination of day-to-day workflows such as production planning, inventory management, logistics, maintenance activities, and service delivery processes. Cognitive agent-based MIS applications provide substantial contributions in these domains both in terms of short-term efficiency gains and long-term process improvement. Agents that represent each machine or production station on the shop floor can monitor sensor data to detect anomalies and initiate maintenance teams at appropriate times by using predictive maintenance models to estimate failure probabilities. This structure reduces unplanned downtime while optimizing maintenance costs.

In supply chain and logistics management, agent-based MIS applications play a prominent role in decisions regarding order routing, route selection, warehouse capacity utilization, and inventory level planning. In multi-agent systems, each warehouse, each vehicle, or each order can be assigned a distinct agent, allowing the entire network to evolve into a self-organizing structure. Cognitive elements are integrated into this structure in the form of demand forecasting, price volatility assessment, supplier performance analysis, and the internalization of environmental constraints such as carbon emissions and sustainability criteria. The resulting system can generate more balanced decisions in terms of both cost and service level.

In the service sector, particularly in call centers, technical support units, and online self-service platforms, cognitive agents have become heavily utilized. Chat agents integrated into MIS infrastructures interpret textual or voice-based customer requests using natural language processing techniques, match them

with solutions stored in the knowledge base, and involve human agents when necessary. These agents not only increase first-contact resolution rates but also transform customer request data into a rich repository of information that can be used as a valuable source for process improvement and product development decisions.

6.3. Corporate Performance Management and Cognitive Analytics

Corporate performance management is a cyclical process that involves defining performance indicators, monitoring and analyzing them, and making improvement decisions based on these indicators. Traditional performance management systems relied mainly on indicators summarizing past data and their periodic comparisons. MIS applications equipped with cognitive analytic capabilities transform performance indicators from mere summaries of the past into a domain where future possibilities and causal relationships are explored.

Intelligent agents can monitor performance indicators in real time and issue alerts to managers when specific thresholds are exceeded or when unusual patterns are detected. In a structure where different agents are responsible for different sets of KPIs, agents tracking financial performance, those monitoring operational efficiency, and those overseeing customer satisfaction can work in coordination. Cognitive components explore relationships among these indicators and can show, for example, how a delay in a particular process simultaneously affects costs and customer churn.

Combining frameworks such as the balanced scorecard with cognitive systems brings performance management in MIS environments to a more holistic level. Relationships among indicators in the financial, customer, internal process, and learning and growth dimensions can be analyzed by cognitive models to provide managers with clearer insights into “which improvement will contribute to which strategic goal and to what extent.” This approach transforms performance measurement from a mere reporting activity into a learning and adaptive decision mechanism operated through cognitive agents.

6.4. Cognitive Agents in Human Resources and Talent Management

Human resources management, standing at the intersection of data-driven decision-making and human-centered processes, offers a wide arena for cognitive agent applications. Processes such as talent acquisition, employee selection, performance appraisal, training and development planning, and career management require the integration of highly multi-dimensional data. Cognitive

agents hold the potential to provide solutions in these processes that are both analytically sound and ethically balanced.

Natural language processing and machine learning techniques are heavily used in tasks such as résumé screening, applicant–position matching, and competency analysis. Cognitive agents can evaluate applicants' qualifications not only based on keyword matches, but also by considering contextual features of their experience, career paths, and competency profiles. The same approach can be applied to performance evaluation processes for existing employees, integrating data such as project outputs, feedback, training participation, and work habits to obtain a more holistic performance profile.

In training and development planning, the role of cognitive agents appears in detecting competency gaps and suggesting personalized learning paths to close these gaps. By analyzing an employee's past training, job performance, preferred learning methods, and career goals, an agent operating on MIS can recommend appropriate training programs, mentoring opportunities, or job rotation options. In this way, an infrastructure emerges in which human capital within the organization is cognitively mapped and development journeys aligned with organizational goals are proposed.

Ethics, transparency, and fairness principles are of particular importance in this domain. Algorithmic decisions made by cognitive agents may carry the risk of reinforcing existing bias sources. For this reason, explainability, auditability, and human oversight mechanisms in MIS design must be especially robust in human resources applications. Otherwise, it becomes difficult for employees to perceive cognitive agent–based decisions as legitimate and to accept them.

6.5. Cognitive Agents in Digital Transformation, E-Government, and Service Systems

In the public sector and large-scale service systems, cognitive agents have become an important tool for transforming citizen and user interactions. E-government portals, municipal service platforms, health information systems, and social security applications involve high user traffic, complex regulations, and diverse service types. Within such structures, cognitive agents function as digital assistants that understand citizens' requests expressed in natural language, direct them to the appropriate service channel, and provide guidance throughout the process.

Chat agents used in citizen interaction are no longer static question–answer mechanisms; they have become dynamic systems that can adapt to regulatory

changes, learn new service types, and continuously update their knowledge bases based on frequently asked questions. These agents, integrated into MIS infrastructures, also produce valuable insights for policy-makers through the interaction data they leave behind. Questions such as which services frequently encounter bottlenecks, which procedures are most difficult for citizens to understand, and which communication channels are most effective can be addressed more systematically using cognitive analytic techniques.

In multi-stakeholder service systems, ensuring data sharing and process coordination among different institutions poses a major challenge. An agent-based MIS approach enables scenarios in which agents representing each institution exchange information under specific protocols and collaboratively generate decisions. For example, in a social benefits application, data on income status, employment status, health status, and educational status that need to be obtained from different institutions can be collected automatically and securely through agents representing those institutions. Cognitive components can perform eligibility checks, fraud risk assessment, and entitlement analysis on this data, contributing to rapid and fair processing of applications.

Another contribution of cognitive agents to digital transformation projects lies in their role as “digital advisors” that monitor and evaluate the transformation itself. Agents that track process data, user feedback, and performance indicators can regularly provide project teams with summaries on which processes require improvement, which user segments experience satisfaction problems, and which technological components fail to deliver the expected added value. This structure makes it possible for digital transformation to become a journey that is continuously monitored through MIS and cognitively evaluated.

7. Cognitive Computing and Agent-Based Systems in MIS Research: A Review of Recent Literature

Cognitive computing and intelligent agents were long regarded in management information systems research as concepts that “hold promise for the future,” yet in recent years they have developed into a mature field of inquiry at both theoretical and applied levels. A discernible pattern of research has emerged in the literature around three main axes: (1) the ontological status of cognitive computing within MIS, (2) modeling managerial processes using multi-agent systems, and (3) human–AI collaboration and trust mechanisms. These axes constitute the building blocks shaping theoretical developments in MIS scholarship.

Theoretical studies explaining the position of cognitive computing within MIS emphasize that the concept does not simply imply an increase in information processing capacity; it also represents a new paradigm that transforms the way managerial knowledge is produced. Under this approach, cognitive systems are not treated as an extension of traditional decision support and business intelligence tools, but as an upper layer that integrates organizational memory, contextual analytics, and semantic inference mechanisms. The literature highlights concepts such as knowledge similarity transformation, contextual semantic analytics, cognitive scenario generation, and explainable inference models. These concepts are crucial in clarifying why cognitive computing creates a meaningful point of departure within MIS.

The prominence of agent-based systems in MIS writing has a longer history. Early studies emphasized the potential of agents to automate and coordinate business processes, whereas more recent research focuses on modeling far more complex organizational mechanisms. Multi-agent systems are used to model decision processes across a wide range of domains, from supply chain coordination and crisis management to financial risk simulation and customer relationship management. These models account not only for process optimization but also for social dynamics representing organizational behavior and interactions among actors. Consequently, MIS researchers can develop dynamic simulation scenarios that represent the complex structure of organizations in a more realistic way.

Human–AI collaboration has become one of the most critical focal points in contemporary literature on cognitive computing and agent-based systems. Themes such as AI weight (the relative weight assigned to AI in decision processes), trust mechanisms, explainability requirements, cognitive load management, and human–AI complementarity attract considerable attention. Models that determine which tasks should be delegated to AI and which should be performed by humans represent a rapidly developing research strand in MIS. These studies establish the theoretical foundations of a hybrid decision environment in which cognitive systems do not act fully autonomously but work in collaboration with human decision-makers. In this perspective, cognitive computing is no longer merely a “support system” but becomes a co-producer of decision processes.

The integration of generative AI and large language models into multi-agent systems has triggered a new wave of research in MIS. LLM-based agents are no longer systems that operate solely according to pre-programmed rules; they

are architectures capable of processing natural language, extracting information, generating argumentation, and engaging in more human-like interaction with users. The literature shows that LLM–MAS integration creates a transformational shift in terms of information processing capacity, flexibility, learnability, and coordination in multi-actor processes. Both theoretical frameworks and applied models are rapidly emerging in MIS research to analyze how LLM-based cognitive agents transform business processes.

This body of literature clearly indicates that cognitive computing and intelligent agents are not merely technical topics in MIS research; they constitute a strategic domain that determines the future of organizational structures, decision mechanisms, and digital transformation.

8. Organizational Feasibility, Opportunities, and Constraints

Cognitive computing and intelligent agent systems possess substantial potential to transform organizations' decision-making capacities within the MIS framework. However, the organizational feasibility of these technologies depends not only on technical capabilities but also on factors such as data governance, organizational culture, process maturity, trust mechanisms, and ethical principles. For this reason, integrating cognitive systems into MIS requires a balanced examination of both opportunities and constraints.

At the organizational level, the most significant opportunities include gaining speed and flexibility in decision processes, achieving more consistent forecasts under uncertainty, analyzing diverse data sources in an integrated manner, and establishing a decision-making mechanism that continuously learns. In marketing analytics, for example, cognitive agents can track customer behavior in real time in sectors where customer segments change rapidly, enabling the generation of more effective campaign strategies in a short period. Similarly, in operations management, cognitive maintenance models can predict failures, reduce costs, and optimize resource utilization. In organizational performance management, cognitive analytics can reveal causal relationships among KPIs, providing managers with a more strategic perspective.

Nonetheless, there are considerable limitations that must be taken into account when integrating cognitive computing systems into MIS. One of the most critical challenges is that data quality and data diversity are decisive for the success of cognitive models. Missing, erroneous, or inconsistent data can directly distort the inferences produced by cognitive systems, leading to incorrect decisions. Furthermore, the alignment of cognitive systems with organizational

context poses significant risk; models may need to be retrained, reconfigured, or updated in terms of contextual semantics when applied to different sectors or organizations.

Organizational acceptance is another critical constraint, especially for intelligent agents and cognitive decision support systems. It is not easy for managers and employees to trust the recommendations produced by these systems, be willing to share decision rights, or embrace the transformational changes brought about by such technologies. The quality of human–AI interaction is a key determinant of system adoption. Shortcomings in explainability, risks of algorithmic bias, and lack of transparency in decision mechanisms may lead to organizational resistance to cognitive systems.

Another constraint relates to the autonomy level of cognitive agents. Autonomous systems are capable of making certain decisions without consulting humans, yet each organization must define, in line with its governance architecture, which decisions are autonomous and which require human approval. If this boundary is not drawn correctly, either unnecessary human interventions render autonomy meaningless, or excessive autonomy generates security and ethical risks.

Finally, scalability, maintenance, and continuous learning processes in cognitive agent architectures constitute significant cost factors. When models are not updated over time, performance degradation occurs; updating procedures, however, require expertise and resources. Thus, the long-term success of cognitive computing–based MIS applications depends not only on the quality of the initial design but also on the sustainability of maintenance and learning strategies.

9. The Organizational Future of Cognitive Agents

The future of enterprise information systems is moving toward integrated structures in which cognitive computing and intelligent agents are organized around human–AI collaboration. The roles that cognitive agents will assume in organizations are not limited to automation or one-off optimization; they will enable decision mechanisms that continuously learn, adapt to context, and evolve autonomously. This transformation manifests itself along three main axes: hyper-autonomous MIS infrastructures, cognitive digital twins, and quantum–cognitive hybrid decision models.

Hyper-autonomous MIS refers to decision infrastructures in which many routine and semi-strategic processes in an organization operate without

human intervention. In such infrastructures, cognitive agents collect data, perceive and contextualize it, perform inference, make predictions, and select appropriate actions. Human involvement is limited to approving decisions at certain thresholds, intervening in exceptional situations, or setting the overall boundaries of the system. This structure is particularly evident in sectors such as supply chain, energy management, smart manufacturing, and high-frequency operations. Under these conditions, MIS is no longer merely an information flow platform; it evolves into an autonomous decision orchestration center.

The concept of the cognitive digital twin represents a more advanced phase of the digital twin approach, which began with creating virtual counterparts of physical processes or organizational structures. Cognitive digital twins are not structures that merely simulate the state of a system; they are autonomous decision units that interpret incoming data, generate inferences about the future, and make recommendations. The cognitive digital twin of a supply chain network, for instance, not only monitors inventory levels; it also anticipates potential supply disruptions, develops alternative routing proposals, and, where appropriate, enables automatic purchasing decisions. This approach can be viewed as an indicator of a shift in MIS design from data-centered to meaning-centered architectures.

The intersection of quantum computing and cognitive computing is emerging as a particularly noteworthy research domain for the future of MIS. Quantum–cognitive hybrid models hold the potential to deliver faster optimization, more efficient machine learning, and more complex pattern analysis in high-dimensional decision spaces. Although these models are still in an early theoretical stage, they open an important door for representing multi-criteria decisions more effectively in MIS research. Integrating quantum circuits into the inference engines of cognitive agents may lead to radical changes in sectors such as finance, logistics, and energy.

Another dimension of the organizational future concerns the redefinition of human–AI interaction at the team level. Cognitive agents are no longer regarded as mere tools; they are positioned as “digital teammates” that participate in teams, share tasks, assume roles, and bear responsibilities. In management science, this approach incorporates human–AI complementarity into organizational design. Dynamic task allocation (learning to defer) regarding who performs which tasks, optimizing team decisions in terms of human–AI alignment, and positioning AI as an actor that accelerates organizational learning have become central themes in MIS research.

10. Synthesis of the Chapter

The MIS field is undergoing a profound transformation through the contributions of cognitive computing and intelligent agent technologies. The tradition of data-centered decision-making is being replaced by cognitive processes that are context-sensitive, capable of learning, and enriched through autonomous decision mechanisms. This transformation turns MIS from an infrastructure that merely supports operational processes into a decision ecosystem that shapes the strategic intelligence of organizations.

Cognitive computing acts as a bridge that fills the gap between data and meaning by algorithmically representing certain functions of human cognition in managerial processes. Intelligent agents, on the other hand, have become key actors in MIS as structures that generate autonomous or semi-autonomous decisions based on this interpreted information, manage processes, and dynamically optimize organizational operations. When these two approaches converge, the resulting ecosystem of cognitive agents not only accelerates organizational decision-making processes but also provides more consistent, explainable, adaptable, and sustainable decision structures.

From the standpoint of organizations, this transformation outlines a future vision in which digital strategies are supported by cognitive capabilities, human–AI collaboration becomes an integral part of organizational culture, and decision mechanisms are increasingly shaped by autonomous structures. MIS occupies a central position in this vision, evolving into a strategic platform that strengthens the link between cognitive intelligence and organizational performance.

11. Conclusion

Information technologies have become inseparable from managerial decision-making, not only as technical tools but as constitutive elements of organizational reasoning. Across the chapters of this book, decision processes have been examined through multiple lenses: theoretical, architectural, analytical, organizational, and ethical. A consistent pattern emerges from these different perspectives: digital infrastructures do far more than accelerate existing decision routines; they reshape how problems are defined, how alternatives are generated, how risks are perceived, and how responsibility is distributed among human and non-human actors.

Foundational discussions highlighted the importance of aligning decision technologies with underlying theories of rationality and organizational behavior. Decision support systems, business intelligence platforms, and analytics tools

operate on implicit models of what counts as relevant information, which trade-offs are legitimate, and how uncertainty should be handled. Managerial decisions cannot be fully understood without acknowledging these embedded models. Recognizing the theoretical assumptions baked into information systems provides a first step toward designing and governing technologies that genuinely support organizational goals rather than distort or oversimplify complex realities.

Applied chapters demonstrated that value creation from information technologies depends critically on integration across technical, organizational, and human dimensions. Analytics capabilities, cognitive systems, and intelligent agents produce tangible benefits only when embedded in well-designed processes, supported by high-quality data, and accompanied by appropriate skills and organizational culture. Fragmented initiatives that focus solely on acquiring tools, without addressing data governance, user training, and change management, tend to yield disappointing results. Examples from operations, marketing, finance, human resources, and public services showed that sustainable impact arises from coherent decision ecosystems, not isolated applications.

Emerging technologies such as cognitive computing, large language models, and multi-agent systems bring both opportunities and new forms of complexity. Cognitive agents can enhance sensemaking in ambiguous environments, support scenario analysis, and help manage information overload. At the same time, these systems introduce challenges related to explainability, trust, and shared control. Managers must learn to operate in hybrid decision environments where human and artificial agents co-produce outcomes. Crafting effective collaboration between humans and intelligent systems becomes a central managerial competence, as essential as traditional skills in finance, strategy, or operations.

Ethical and governance issues surfaced repeatedly as cross-cutting concerns. Algorithmic decisions can reproduce or amplify existing biases, obscure lines of accountability, and generate unintended consequences for vulnerable stakeholders. Transparent design, rigorous validation, clear documentation of data and models, and robust oversight mechanisms are not optional add-ons; they are structural requirements for legitimate digital decision systems. Organizations that treat decision technologies as “black boxes” risk not only technical failures, but also reputational damage, legal liability, and internal loss of trust.

Looking ahead, managerial decision-making is likely to evolve toward more distributed, adaptive, and collaborative forms. Intelligent agents and cognitive systems will increasingly operate at the edges of organizations—close to production lines, customers, citizens, and sensor networks—while central systems orchestrate learning, governance, and strategic alignment. Quantum-inspired and advanced optimization methods may expand the range of problems that can be tackled computationally. Nevertheless, fundamental questions about purpose, values, and trade-offs will remain firmly within the domain of human responsibility.

The analysis developed throughout the book supports a balanced stance toward information technologies in managerial decision-making. Uncritical enthusiasm for automation underestimates the importance of organizational context, human judgment, and ethical reflection. Excessive skepticism, on the other hand, ignores the genuine potential of well-designed systems to improve decision quality, reduce bias, and expand the range of feasible options. The most promising path lies in cultivating a reflective, theory-informed, and ethically grounded approach to digital decision infrastructures—one that treats information technologies not as replacements for human managers, but as powerful partners in the ongoing task of making better, fairer, and more responsible decisions in complex environments.

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CHAPTER XII

BLOCKCHAIN APPLICATION FOR SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN MIS

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1. Introduction

Management Information Systems (MIS) represent the digital systems of the modern enterprise, integrating information technology with management practices to support decision-making, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen organizational control. The two cornerstones of MIS are security and transparency, because security ensures data confidentiality, accuracy, and availability, whereas transparency promotes traceability, accountability, and trust among stakeholders. However, the security and transparency of MIS are becoming increasingly difficult to maintain with traditional, centralized system designs, as the systems grow more interconnected and data-driven (Laudon & Laudon, 2022).

Traditional MIS is usually controlled by access control, backup routines, and audit trails, which ensure data integrity and provenance; however, MIS can also have single points of failure and insider misuse. By contrast, the mechanism of blockchain relies on consensus such as proof-of-work (PoW), proof-of-stake (PoS), and Byzantine Fault Tolerance (BFT) to collectively validate and secure records, and therefore, the consensus mechanism makes it difficult to change data once it is committed without the consensus of a majority of the parties, and consequently, authenticity and reliability are enhanced compared with MIS (Zheng et al., 2018). According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), blockchain is a tamper-evident and tamper-resistant digital ledger that records transactions across many computers in such a way that the register itself is managed autonomously, by cryptography, and not by a central authority (Yaga et al., 2018).

During the past ten years, blockchain has developed rapidly as a game-changing approach to record, validate and share information across distributed networks, and it creates a consensus-based, tamper-proof ledger, eliminating many intermediaries and promoting a “trustless” environment where all transactions or records can be cryptographically verified by all parties (Crosby et al., 2016; Iansiti et al., 2017), because its nature, which includes immutability, decentralization, and transparency, fits well with the needs of MIS, particularly in those cases involving collaboration, cross-party data sharing and reliable auditing.

From a management perspective, the introduction of blockchain in MIS is not just a technological change, but also a strategic change that involves reimagining business processes, compliance regimes and organizational culture (Iansiti et al., 2017), and the implementation of blockchain-based MIS can change the way auditing is done, the way procurement is handled, and the way customer relationships are managed, often changing the accountability of departments and teams. Properly executed, this can be a step in furthering an organization’s digital trust agenda by balancing operational efficiency with ethical responsibility and regulatory transparency.

From a security perspective, blockchain brings a new toolkit for protecting organizational data stored in MIS, which includes hash chaining and Merkle trees for tamper detection, decentralized identifiers (DIDs) and verifiable credentials for privacy-preserving identity management, and smart contracts for automating the enforcement of rules and policies without the need for human intervention. The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) formalized the DID standard in 2022, which is part of a larger trend toward decentralized identity solutions that can easily be integrated into enterprise systems (Reed et al., 2020). Moreover, in 2022, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published a reference architecture for blockchain and distributed ledger technology, which will make it easier for organizations to adopt blockchain and other distributed ledger technologies due to clearer technical guidance.

In other words, the blockchain builds on MIS’s fundamental role of ensuring security through cryptographic integrity and transparency through verifiable and tamper-proof records, while solving the age-old problems of trust, accountability, and data authenticity in the digital information era. The purpose of this chapter is to identify the intersection of the two, specifically asking the following questions:

1. How can blockchain improve data integrity, access control, and auditability in MIS?
2. How can blockchain enhance organizational transparency and accountability, and
3. What are the technological, managerial, and regulatory challenges that need to be addressed before blockchain is more widely adopted?

The chapter proposes a solid theoretical framework for the fusion of blockchain and MIS and then reviews various real-life use cases for the application of blockchain technology to MIS to achieve tangible security and transparency benefits. The chapter then discusses the current limitations of blockchain technology (e.g., scalability, governance issues) and finally concludes with future research directions for the use of blockchain technology in MIS (e.g., blockchain and artificial intelligence, post-quantum cryptography). In conclusion, this chapter argues that blockchain technology is not just another emerging technology, but rather a foundational trust layer for the next generation of MIS.

2. Theoretical Background

From an MIS viewpoint, blockchain's design is related to three basic security principles: confidentiality, integrity, and availability, and the immutability of the ledger represents a guarantee of integrity, while the distributed architecture supports availability as no single point of failure exists (Whitman & Mattord, 2022). Transparency is an important aspect of MIS governance because it allows managers, auditors, and regulators to verify the legitimacy of actions and decisions, and blockchain-based selective transparency, where data can be verified without being disclosed to all parties, is a means to achieve openness while respecting privacy requirements (Ananny & Crawford, 2018; Hyperledger, 2023).

The significance of blockchain to MIS can be understood by considering blockchain not as a cryptographic technology, but as an architectural solution to long-standing management problems of data integrity, trust, and accountability. Blockchain is a distributed ledger that records transactions in timestamped blocks, which are then cryptographically linked, and since each actor maintains a synchronized copy of the ledger, the ability to alter prior entries is very difficult to achieve without widespread collusion, thus providing a level of integrity that is not possible with traditional centralized databases (Narayanan et al., 2016;

Zheng et al., 2018). The consensus mechanisms of Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, and Byzantine Fault Tolerance determine how actors come to agree on the state of the system in these low-trust environments, while smart contracts encode and automate organizational rules, reduce manual interventions, and lower the probability of errors (Buterin, 2014; Nakamoto, 2008; Szabo, 1997).

As firms move towards platform-based and networked value creation models, they need reliable data for daily operations as well as strategic decision-making, and consequently, the importance of blockchain extends well beyond secure record-keeping: it serves as the foundation for next-generation MIS that support transparent governance, automated compliance, and resilient digital collaboration (Laudon & Laudon, 2022). However, beyond these technical aspects, blockchain has emerged as a socio-technical infrastructure for organizational coordination, information sharing, and trust-building. MIS moved from stand-alone intra-organizational systems to connected digital infrastructures, where various stakeholders concurrently create and depend on shared data streams, and in this setting, blockchain offers a mechanism for verifiable cooperation through reduced mediation and shared, cross-organizational auditability (Beck et al., 2018).

3. Integration of Blockchain into Management Information Systems (MIS)

Blockchain is increasingly becoming a basic building block in the design and operation of contemporary Management Information Systems (MIS) because traditional MIS relies on centralized databases and a rigidly controlled information flow to support decision-making (Laudon & Laudon, 2022). This design works well for MIS operating in relatively static and closed environments; however, it is not suitable for inter-organizational data exchange, nor for the multi-stakeholder use of a shared trusted information source, which is the case for global supply chains, financial reporting, and public sector platforms, for which centralized approaches have been proven to fail. Blockchain technology provides an alternative MIS design, incorporating trust, verification, and auditability in the technical core of the system (Yaga et al., 2018).

Permissioned and consortium blockchains are preferred in enterprise environments because they provide a practical trade-off between transparency and privacy. With platforms like Hyperledger Fabric and Quorum, organizations can manage read and write access to data while still benefiting from shared verification and uniform auditability, which is particularly suitable for logistics

and finance, in which joint MIS platforms rely on data from multiple firms. When the underlying data model is rooted in a blockchain, such shared systems tend to become more trustworthy and resilient (Androulaki et al., 2018), because data governance and interoperability are key. Most MIS are still built on relational databases, so moving or linking data to blockchain ledgers requires agreement on schemas, common metadata, and integration patterns, and standardization efforts such as ISO/TC 307 and W3C Verifiable Credentials will make this possible at scale, thereby enabling enterprises to collaborate across borders while satisfying regulatory requirements such as GDPR (European Union, 2016). In fact, most organizations will likely use a hybrid approach where blockchain provides a trust layer on top of what they have, and core systems, such as databases, ERP modules, and operational apps, continue to process everyday transactions while the most important records are anchored to a blockchain for verification and traceability. In this way, data integrity is improved without disrupting existing workflows, and smart contracts assist this process by synchronizing updates between MIS components and the blockchain; therefore, they automatically enforce agreed-upon business rules so that they are applied consistently each time (Feng et al., 2019).

One of the more obvious value propositions for blockchain in MIS is in the supply chain. As materials flow through the supply chain, the provenance of the materials needs to be tracked, certifications need to be verified, and shipments need to be tracked as they are passed from one independent actor to the next. With blockchain, each handoff can be written to a tamper-resistant ledger that reduces the likelihood of disputes and provides planners with reliable and real-time data, because this is supported by Kshetri (2018) and Wieck (n.d.). The benefits of blockchain are similar in finance and audit, since records are immutable, reconciliations are easier, and auditors can rely on logs that are independent of internal gatekeepers, and therefore, according to Deloitte, blockchain can reduce manual effort and increase the reliability of financial data (Deloitte, 2025; Yermack, 2017). In healthcare, blockchain can be used to enforce tight, role-based access to sensitive patient data, and consequently, the health system uses blockchain for log integrity to independently verify every data access event (Griggs et al., 2018). Moreover, public sector use cases, including land registries, licensing, and procurement records, become easier to verify and harder to tamper with, while Ølnes et al. (2017) also support this idea.

The adoption of blockchain technology has important managerial implications, and routine administrative processes can be automated, which

reduces the administrative load and the chance of human error. This reduction in administrative load and human error is accompanied by the enhancement of internal control and the enabling of more effective risk management through immutable records. Transparency and shared data flows increase accountability, which may enhance stakeholder trust and help organizations comply with regulatory demands (Beck et al., 2018). However, these benefits also come with new governance needs, because one must clarify who owns what data, who has the right to validate entries, and how collaborative decisions are taken in a decentralized context. Consequently, it is important that these policies are created from the start to create value without creating confusion and bottlenecks (Tapscott & Tapscott, 2016).

Ultimately, deploying blockchain takes MIS from multiple databases to interconnected systems built on verifiable, shared data, and instead of a central authority having to verify every transaction, businesses operate on platforms where trust comes from both technical architecture and visible governance. In practical terms, that means information architectures are more robust, transparent, and accountable, which is exactly what the digital economy needs.

4. Blockchain for Security in Management Information Systems (MIS)

Security is a vital aspect of MIS as information secrecy, integrity, and availability are crucial to organizational survival (Whitman & Mattord, 2022). Traditional MIS relies on a centralized database that is protected by multiple layers of access control and perimeter defenses, but while these remain important, they can be easily abused by insiders, suffer from a single point of failure, and experience unauthorized data changes. Blockchain changes this, as it incorporates cryptographic verification and distributed consensus at its core, shifting security from central authority to collective consensus among system participants (Yaga et al., 2018).

Security in MIS also depends on effective identity and access management. Centralized authentication services such as LDAP or Active Directory can be compromised when credentials are leaked or internal directories are manipulated. Blockchain supports a decentralized identity model in which users manage their own identifiers and organizations verify them cryptographically without exposing sensitive attributes (Reed et al., 2020). Smart contracts support role-based access control by enforcing rules about who may view or modify information. Permissioned blockchain platforms such as Hyperledger Fabric

apply these rules directly at the network layer, which strengthens consistency and accountability across MIS components (Androulaki et al., 2018).

One of the most significant benefits of blockchain for MIS is the fact that it guarantees data integrity because of the nature of the design, where each block contains the hash of the previous block. Each record in the blockchain is thus connected to the previous one, and any change in the previous record will immediately be noticeable, since any change to the data in a previous record will result in a different hash value and thus break the chain, thereby making any tampering apparent (Zheng et al., 2018). Such benefits are especially useful in areas such as financial reporting, procurement, and audit logging, where organizations need to show that their records have not been tampered with, while Deloitte (2025) explains that using a blockchain-based, shared ledger prevents unauthorized changes by maintaining a verifiable history that authorized participants can independently inspect. This is in line with the controls on integrity as stated in the international standard ISO/IEC 27001 (Malatji, 2023), and blockchain technology efficiently ensures the integrity of each transaction. Moreover, using Merkle trees, it is possible to verify whether a certain entry is valid without the need to scan the entire ledger. Therefore, integrity checks can be performed in a scalable way efficiently, even when there is a high number of transactions; consequently, this means that for MIS teams, integrity verification workflows can be processed more quickly and robustly, and end-to-end audit trails can be kept (Crosby et al., 2016).

Blockchain also changes the way MIS teams think about security threats, because some threats stem from the distributed nature of blockchain. For example, on public blockchains, the 51% attack risk exists, where an attacker that has obtained a majority of validation power can rewrite recent history, although in enterprise settings, the 51% attack risk can be mitigated by the use of permissioned or consortium networks, where only vetted participants are allowed to participate in the network and consensus protocols that fit governance requirements (Cachin & Vukolić, 2017). Sybil attacks, where one actor pretends to be multiple actors, can be mitigated using organizational credentials to anchor identities (Douceur, 2002), and smart contracts also introduce their own security threats, such as coding bugs that can introduce serious vulnerabilities. Consequently, the 2016 DAO incident provides an excellent illustration of the need for formal verification, comprehensive audits, and safe upgrade paths for secure MIS deployments (Atzei et al., 2017).

Blockchain offers enhanced regulatory compliance and auditability because all entries are timestamped, verifiable, and traceable, which makes oversight easier and governance stronger (Yermack, 2017). It is also possible to design systems that can comply with privacy regulations, such as GDPR (European Union, 2016), with selective access and well-defined data retention policies. Moreover, replication across nodes is beneficial for business continuity, since even if parts of a system are attacked or compromised, a distributed ledger keeps a reliable copy of the data, making it possible to recover from ransomware or accidental deletion (Xu et al., 2019). Another privacy-related challenge is that while the blockchain's transparency is beneficial for accountability, complete visibility of the data that is shared on the blockchain may expose metadata about users or transactions. To address this challenge, MIS designers pair the blockchain with privacy-preserving techniques, such as zero-knowledge proofs, encrypted channels, and selective disclosure, which allow organizations to prove that a transaction is valid without exposing the data associated with the transaction, and this is particularly important in regulated industries.

Overall, the blockchain takes MIS security away from internally managed authority and perimeter controls and shifts them to shared and verifiable processes based on cryptography, which is not just a technological change, but an evolutionary step towards proactive, self-validating governance that decreases organizational risk and increases the credibility of digital operations.

5. Blockchain for Transparency in Management Information Systems

Transparency is a key principle of good management and governance, and in the context of MIS, transparency refers to the extent to which stakeholders can easily access, understand, and verify the information and processes upon which organizational decisions are made (Fung et al., 2007). In traditional MIS, transparency is primarily a function of hierarchy, internal processes, and the visibility of audit trails. Although these systems can be trustworthy, they are also characterized by limitations in terms of the level of clarity that internal stakeholders or external parties have into data provenance and the development of data over time. Blockchain disrupts this situation by making transparency a core feature of the system architecture, and by means of distributed consensus and tamper-proof records, it reduces the information asymmetries that have historically hindered managerial control and interorganizational collaboration (Tapscott & Tapscott, 2016).

Transparency in MIS does not mean full disclosure. Three different blockchain architectures implement transparency in different ways, and public blockchains allow anyone to join the blockchain and make transactions visible to all parties, which can foster trust among unknown parties, but such architectures have drawbacks in terms of privacy and scalability (Narayanan et al., 2016). Private blockchains restrict participation to a set of approved organizations, which enables selective disclosure and facilitates compliance with regulations such as GDPR (European Union, 2016), while consortium blockchains strike a middle ground, enabling multiple organizations to collaborate under shared governance rules (Androulaki et al., 2018). Across the three blockchain architectures, transparency in MIS should focus on accountability, explainability, and verifiability rather than full disclosure of raw data, and cryptographic techniques, such as zero-knowledge proofs and hash commitments, allow organizations to prove the correctness of data without revealing the data (Feng et al., 2019; Sasson et al., 2014).

The most evident success of blockchain in terms of transparency is in auditability and traceability, and a chronological, tamper-evident record that allows authorized stakeholders to verify that transactions and business processes complied with agreed-upon rules have been demonstrated. The sequential nature of blockchain data, i.e., each block is cryptographically linked to the previous one, makes it easy to identify any unauthorized change (Zheng et al., 2018), and continuous assurance is therefore possible. PwC suggests that blockchain MIS can reduce audit cycles through automation of checks against encoded compliance rules (PwC, 2020), and in the finance industry, immutable ledgers reduce the need for reconciliation, enabling auditors to move from ex-post audits to continuous assurance (Deloitte, 2025). Moreover, traceability in supply chains is also improved, as products can be tracked from cradle to grave, and IBM's Food Trust combines blockchain with enterprise MIS to record every step in a food product's journey, giving regulators and consumers verifiable visibility into its provenance (High, 2020).

In addition to these theoretical perspectives, blockchain also contributes to organizational accountability in more practical and measurable ways, because each transaction on the ledger is tied to a digital signature, so it is known who did what and when, thereby discouraging negligence and fraud by creating durable, verifiable evidence trails (Yermack, 2017). In the public sector, this level of built-in transparency can increase citizen trust in such critical processes as land registration and procurement, which can be independently verified (Ølnes et

al., 2017), and therefore, in the corporate sector, investors and customers can use transparent, blockchain-enabled MIS to validate sustainability claims, ethical sourcing, and ESG reporting, which helps verify what companies report and increase confidence in their disclosures (Casino et al., 2019). Moreover, blockchain-based transparency is not limited to data entries, but also to algorithms, while logging data transformations and decision logic, blockchain can support growing calls for algorithmic accountability in automated MIS, making it easier to trace how outcomes were generated and to audit them when necessary (Diakopoulos, 2016).

However, transparency alone does not guarantee effective governance, and its value depends on the structures that determine how information is managed and interpreted (Beck et al., 2018). Additionally, the notion of transparency is inherently contextual. Different users require different levels of visibility, which means MIS must deliver appropriately tailored transparency that supports accountability without exposing sensitive information (Ananny & Crawford, 2018). These challenges highlight the need for a more balanced and principled approach to transparency in MIS. Responsible transparency combines selective visibility, cryptographic verification, stakeholder-specific responsibilities, and governance mechanisms rooted in organization policy. In this model, blockchain becomes a controlled window into organizational processes rather than an unrestricted open ledger. It offers verifiable insight to those with a legitimate oversight role while protecting data sovereignty. As such, blockchain transforms transparency in MIS from a passive reporting activity into a structured and reliable trust function that strengthens both governance and public confidence.

6. Case Studies

Blockchain adoption in Management Information Systems has been beyond the theory level for some time now and has entered the practical phase of large-scale implementations, and financial, healthcare, and public sector organizations are now using blockchain to make MIS more secure, transparent, and governed. These cases show how the teams are reimagining their information landscape to not only safeguard their data but also create trustworthy and efficient mechanisms of collaboration.

Healthcare is an area where confidentiality and integrity must be balanced. Blockchain anchors integrity proofs of patient records into a blockchain-like ledger without the actual medical data being stored on-chain, and any unauthorized change, whether malicious or accidental, becomes immediately apparent as the

hashes will no longer match (Deloitte, 2016; Griggs et al., 2018). Each access to a medical record by doctors, labs, or insurers is immutably logged so that authorities can reconstruct full audit trails as needed, while privacy is protected as the sensitive data remains in existing databases and is linked to the ledger by cryptographic commitments rather than being revealed on-chain. Estonia shows how blockchain can serve as a trust layer that enhances institutional cooperation and increases public trust in digital health systems, all while providing integrity and accountability without breaching privacy (Mettler, 2016).

In the field of finance, Deloitte's Blockchain Audit Platform provides an example of how distributed ledgers can disrupt traditional assurance, because it enables accounting events to be recorded as timestamped, cryptographically verifiable entries that auditors and regulators can review directly (Deloitte, 2025). Since each transaction is accompanied by a secure digital signature, auditors can verify authenticity without having to rely on documentation that the client provides, and access is tightly controlled, so that only authorized parties can see what they are allowed to see, in support of privacy mandates such as the GDPR (European Union, 2016). Therefore, Deloitte reports significant reductions in reconciliation time and improvements in audit accuracy, suggesting that blockchain can shift MIS auditing from periodic to continuous monitoring, which more broadly suggests a shift from governance based on organizational hierarchy to governance based on cryptographic assurance (Yermack, 2017).

Public administration is another domain where blockchain has already transformed MIS practice in a considerable way. The Dubai Blockchain Strategy (2017) was set to create a fully digital government by integrating blockchain into over a hundred government administrative platforms, including land registries, business licensing, and procurement, and in this architecture, each agency is a node in a permissioned blockchain, which enables cross-department records to be authenticated in a secure manner (Dubai, 2019). Instead of physical inspections and paper flows, documents are authenticated through cryptographic time stamps, which prove the origin and authenticity of documents, and citizens and businesses can authenticate certificates and applications themselves through secure blockchain-connected portals. The reported outcomes include faster processing, lower administrative costs, and fewer opportunities for corruption, because the approach fosters public trust by providing a transparent, tamper-evident record of government actions, which cannot easily be manipulated or hidden (Ølnes et al., 2017).

These various domains are united by a few commonalities, and in each case, blockchain acts as a security-by-design layer, with integrity and authenticity guaranteed by math and consensus, rather than manual surveillance. Transparency is built into the normal operation of things, providing real-time monitoring in place of intermittent spot-checks, and automation obviates the need for manual verification, cutting redundant work and boosting throughput. Moreover, trust moves from institutions to systems because legitimacy flows from shared protocols and cryptographic proof, not a central authority's say-so (Iansiti et al., 2017).

Together, the case studies illustrate that blockchain is not simply a complementary technology for MIS but a base layer technology that changes how organizations secure, share, and verify information, and as blockchain is incorporated into MIS architectures, data is no longer an ancillary resource, but rather a strong foundation for coordination and decision-making throughout the organization.

7. Challenges and Limitations of Blockchain-Enabled Management Information Systems

While blockchain has the potential to bring about major improvements to security, transparency, and governance in MIS, its application is not trivial because enterprises need to overcome various technical, managerial, legal, and ethical challenges before a blockchain solution can be successfully integrated into their MIS. These challenges occur across different layers, such as system architecture, data models, governance, compliance, change management, etc., indicating that blockchain adoption is an MIS transformation, not a plug-and-play solution.

Scalability is the most significant technical challenge, because public blockchains, such as Bitcoin and early Ethereum, process an order of magnitude fewer transactions per second than most enterprise MIS systems. Real-time MIS platforms can process thousands of operations per second, while the number of transactions that can be processed with blockchain is much lower, thereby creating a technical challenge for the use of blockchain in time-sensitive decision-making. More recently, several Layer-2 networks and sharding approaches have been proposed to improve performance; however, these approaches come at the cost of consistency and security (Croman et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2019). Another technical challenge is energy consumption, particularly with Proof-of-Work, which is energy-intensive.

Large-scale networks may consume as much electricity as mid-sized countries (JBS, 2023; Mora et al., 2018), which is inconsistent with the sustainability goal and ESG commitment. Moreover, data storage and integration are challenging, since the size of a blockchain increases as new blocks are appended, and the storage required to support a blockchain increases as well. Meanwhile, it becomes more difficult to synchronize data as the blockchain grows, and to integrate blockchain with existing MIS, middleware for data mapping is often required, while on-chain records are difficult to match with off-chain records (Wüst & Gervais, 2018).

Technical difficulties of MIS on blockchain are compounded by managerial and legal issues. Transitioning from central control to distributed processes can upend existing workflows and decision rights, and managers and employees are likely to resist changes to authority, accountability, and performance metrics (Beck et al., 2018), because governance becomes more difficult as well. In multi-party platforms such as supply chains, organizations must agree on which entities can validate transactions, how data ownership is defined, and how responsibilities are shared among participants - decisions that typically require careful negotiation and clear operating rules (Ølne et al., 2017), and consequently, cross-border issues create additional challenges. Because blockchain networks often operate across multiple jurisdictions, questions arise about applicable law, liability, and the enforceability of agreements across borders (Savelyev, 2017). Smart contracts add additional complexity; however, even if intended to be legally enforceable, the execution of code does not always correspond neatly with traditional legal concepts like intent, ambiguity, or equitable remedies, and many courts have limited experience interpreting code-as-contracts (Werbach & Cornell, 2017).

There are also potential risks. Firstly, the assumption that transparency is always good can be misleading because it could reveal sensitive information or create new surveillance risks if it is not carefully designed with ethical principles and privacy-by-design practices in mind (Ananny & Crawford, 2018). Therefore, it is crucial to build selective transparency from scratch, putting the needs of different stakeholders first, and adhering to ethical guidelines. Secondly, when more regulations are encoded into smart contracts, there may be an over-reliance on technology, which can lead to the situation where “immutable” is confused with “correct”; however, code may contain invisible assumptions and errors, which cannot be easily challenged or reversed after it is deployed. This situation can result in algorithmic opacity and the decline of human oversight in

high-stakes decision-making, as argued by Diakopoulos (2016). Consequently, explainable logic, formal reviews, independent audits, escalation and override mechanisms, as well as clear accountability for policy drift in code, are all required to guarantee strong governance in this area.

In conclusion, while blockchain obviously offers a few advantages for MIS, it also poses a myriad of complex problems for MIS, encompassing technical, managerial, regulatory, ethical, and even economic issues, and these challenges will require interdisciplinary collaboration and principled system design. Finally, future innovations in AI-based blockchain analytics, quantum-resistant cryptography, and next-generation interoperability frameworks hold great promises for surmounting current limits of blockchain-based MIS and defining the future of this critical field.

8. Future Directions and Research Opportunities

As blockchain technology matures, blockchain in MIS is transitioning from pilot projects to the development of coordinated, cross-organizational infrastructures, and soon, we expect to see a focus on performance improvements, blockchain integration with complementary technologies, and tackling the long-term problems of security and governance. The blockchain-MIS space is becoming increasingly interdisciplinary because it involves contributions from information systems, artificial intelligence, cryptography, and organizational science.

A promising direction is to combine blockchain with artificial intelligence (AI), because blockchain and AI are complementary technologies whose synergies can be utilized to improve MIS. Blockchain provides the verifiable provenance and tamper resistance of data required to train and validate AI models (Casino et al., 2019), while AI can improve the performance of blockchain by detecting anomalies, auditing smart contracts, and dynamically adjusting network parameters (Casino et al., 2019). Combining blockchain and AI can enable MIS to provide completely new capabilities, such as predictive maintenance, where IoT devices write events to a blockchain ledger and AI models predict equipment failures in real time (Zhang et al., 2019). Consequently, future research questions of interest include how to use blockchain to validate AI training corpora, how on-chain audit trails can be used to improve the explainability of algorithmic decisions, and how tokenized incentives on blockchain can be used to power privacy-preserving federated learning at scale.

Long-term data security is becoming a critical research area for blockchain-enabled MIS because current systems depend heavily on classical cryptography that may be undermined by advances in quantum computing. Algorithms such as Shor's indicate that widely used publickey schemes could become vulnerable once large-scale quantum computers are realized (Bernstein, 2025). Post-quantum cryptography proposes alternative primitives, including lattice-based and hash-based schemes, that are believed to be resistant to quantum attacks (Chen et al., 2016). Embedding these primitives into blockchain-based MIS will require both technical adjustments and strategic planning: organizations will need migration paths, tools for evaluating performance in enterprise settings, and consensus protocols that maintain acceptable levels of efficiency while providing quantumresilient security.

At the same time, new application domains continue to expand the intersection of blockchain and MIS. Smart city initiatives, for instance, use blockchain to secure sensor data and orchestrate urban services in areas such as mobility, utilities, and public safety (Anthopoulos, 2019). Educational institutions are deploying blockchain-based systems for tamper-resistant credential management, allowing degrees and certificates to be verified independently by employers and other universities (Turkanović et al., 2018). Agricultural supply chains rely on blockchain to verify product provenance and demonstrate compliance with fairtrade and traceability regulations (Demestichas et al., 2020).

In summary, future studies on blockchain-based MIS should consider technological development in concert with ethical, organizational, and regulatory imperatives, and important research directions in the future will include AI-based MIS architectures, quantum-resistant cryptography, universal interoperability standards, and governance models that balance transparency and privacy. As MIS evolves in these directions, it will move beyond data-driven management to verifiable trust, where information is not only analyzed but also verified, accountable, and ethically managed.

9. Conclusion

Blockchain has emerged as a crucial element of organizational information management infrastructure, as a viable means to generate and maintain trust in the present digital, networked settings, and MIS scholars have identified blockchain to solve some of the age-old issues of data integrity, accountability, and information asymmetry. By embedding cryptographic verification and

distributed consensus in system architecture, blockchain facilitates the evolution of MIS from authority-based trust models to verifiable, system-level trust models (Beck et al., 2018; Iansiti et al., 2017), and this evolution is not merely a technological advancement, but it is a change in how organizations think about information and use it, from data that must be constantly enforced to data that are verifiable and auditable by design.

But blockchain's most valuable feature is that it simultaneously advances two goals that are usually at odds: security and transparency, and using permissioned or consortium blockchains, organizations can keep confidential information private while giving auditors, regulators, and trusted partners cryptographic proof that things happened as claimed, exhibiting "responsible transparency": openness measured not by how much raw data you reveal, but by how verifiable your practices are (Ananny & Crawford, 2018). This approach aligns with new approaches to algorithmic accountability and digital ethics, which are growing in importance as automated decision-making becomes more central to organizational operations (Diakopoulos, 2016; Morley et al., 2020).

The true potential of blockchain will be realized when used in conjunction with AI, IoT, and greener computing. Blockchain in combination with AI, IoT and greener compute will provide MIS systems with the ability to verify the provenance of their own data, evolve in real time and enforce rules autonomously without the need for continuous human monitoring (Casino et al., 2019), and therefore, in such scenarios, authenticity and integrity will not be a nicety, but a necessity for trustworthy analytics and sound decision making. As blockchain evolves from novelty to core enterprise layer, the value will not be in hype, but in the ability to consistently build trust, ethical and compliant governance, and ensure accountability of information across complex, interconnected digital landscapes.

The literature makes clear that blockchain has a positive effect on the three primary security goals of confidentiality, integrity, and availability (Whitman & Mattord, 2022), because through hashing, distributed replication, and an immutable ledger, blockchain increases data provenance and decreases the opportunity for manipulation, error, and insider abuse (Zheng et al., 2018). This, in turn, strengthens the governance and assurance functions identified by Laudon and Laudon (2022), thus supporting the maintenance of reliable records by organizations that are shared by multiple stakeholders. Moreover, blockchain also promotes transparency and traceability, as every transaction or data exchange produces a verifiable record, which has already had practical

applications, especially in auditing and supply chain management, where an accurate, end-to-end record of financial and logistical activity is essential (Deloitte, 2025; Kshetri, 2018).

Within MIS, blockchain changes its basic logic, and instead of just adding more data, it proves that the data is true. In this new model, the credibility of information is as important as the information itself, because that reflects a shift to trust-based systems where transparency, ethics, and sustainable governance will be the basis of the next generation of digital institutions.

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CHAPTER XIII

ETHICAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF AI-DRIVEN MIS SOLUTIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The modern business world is witnessing a significant paradigm shift in Management Information Systems (MIS). Older MIS systems, characterised as passive and descriptive, are now being replaced by more advanced, active, predictive systems. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into these systems is accelerating this paradigm shift. It can be said that there is a macro-trend for the integration of AI-driven solutions for the workflows in several sectors. AI acts as a general-purpose technology that is being adopted across the economy (Cockburn et al., 2018). Such technology became more than just a tool. As mentioned by Cockburn et al. (2018), AI is a method of innovation for the companies to re-evaluate their operational workflows to avoid being left behind. From healthcare and finance to government services, thanks to the continuous innovation of technology, AI-supported MIS solutions not only increase the productivity capacity of companies but also offer innovations in their decision-making processes. According to Gartner's (2025) projection of worldwide AI spending, nearly \$1.5 trillion will be invested in 2025 alone for the different AI markets. Global investment in artificial intelligence is projected to see significant growth across all IT markets, with spending expected to increase from 2024 through 2026 (Gartner, 2025). A detailed breakdown is provided in Table 1.

As Qian et al. (2024) claim, AI applications now appear in education, healthcare, transportation, manufacturing and beyond. For example, AI systems can automate routine tasks, detect complex patterns in large datasets, and

even generate content or predictions (McAfee & Brynjolfsson, 2017; Agrawal et al., 2019). It’s impossible to consider these critically important business processes independently. AI-powered MIS systems, which can optimise supply chain networks, analyse marketing strategies in real time to personalise them to customer needs, and perform all of this at an automated level, are creating strategic and significant changes in the business world. In the healthcare sector, as detailed by Jiang et al. (2017), specific applications range from using deep learning for diagnostic imaging to detect pathologies like tumours with remarkable speed and accuracy to leveraging machine learning for personalised medicine, where patient data is analysed to tailor individual treatment plans.

Table 1: AI Spending in IT Markets, Worldwide,
2024-2026 (Millions of U.S. Dollars)¹

Market	2024	2025	2026
AI Services	259,477	282,556	324,669
AI Application Software	83,679	172,029	269,703
AI Infrastructure Software	56,904	126,177	229,825
GenAI Models	5,719	14,200	25,766
AI-optimised Servers (GPU and Non-GPU AI Accelerators)	140,107	267,534	329,528
AI-optimised IaaS	7,447	18,325	37,507
AI Processing Semiconductors	138,813	209,192	267,934
AI PCs by ARM and x86	51,023	90,432	144,413
GenAI Smartphones	244,735	298,189	393,297
Total AI Spending	987,904	1,478,634	2,022,642

Although these developments are exciting, the ethical, legal, and social implications of integrating artificial intelligence into MIS systems are also an important area to consider. This rapid development of artificial intelligence and its integration into MIS systems used in the business world has also raised many concerns about bias, accountability, transparency, privacy, data confidentiality and social ethics. Considering all these developments, many studies conducted in academia suggest that the rapid impact of artificial intelligence on such MIS-driven systems could not only significantly change but also disrupt both labour

¹ The data presented in this table is from “Gartner Says Worldwide AI Spending Will Total \$1.5 Trillion in 2025,” by Gartner, 2025 (<https://www.gartner.com/en/newsroom/press-releases/2025-09-17-gartner-says-worldwide-ai-spending-will-total-1-point-5-trillion-in-2025>). Copyright 2025 by Gartner, Inc.

markets and social structures. For example, Frey and Osborne (2017) stated that approximately 47% of US employment is at risk of being computerised, even before artificial intelligence has developed to this degree. While automation historically creates new industries, Acemoglu and Restrepo (2018) argue that the current displacement effect, where capital replaces labour, may outpace the reinstatement effect of new task creation, potentially leading to stagnating wages and a shrinking labour share of income. Research also indicates that these changes are not limited to a specific sector. Recent analysis by the International Monetary Fund suggests that nearly 40% of global employment is exposed to AI, a phenomenon likely to exacerbate inequality both within and between nations by disproportionately rewarding holders of capital over workers (Cazzaniga et al., 2024). At the same time, AI-driven systems have been demonstrated to tend to encode human biases, lack explainability, and make decisions with major consequences without adequate oversight (Pazzanese, 2020). Due to such situations, ethical, legal and social studies need to be carried out for the integration of artificial intelligence into MIS systems.

The number of studies in the literature that analyse the ethical, legal, and social implications of integrating AI into MIS-based systems has visibly increased due to ongoing developments. However, it can be argued that gaps remain in the literature, particularly due to laws and regulations not keeping pace with technological advancements. The difficulty of integrating ethical principles into practice is one of the other primary reasons contributing to this gap in the literature. Considering the impact of AI on every business sector globally, discussions of ethical, legal, and social structures in this area become even more important.

To address this gap in the literature, this chapter discusses the ethical and legal implications of solutions offered by AI-powered MIS-supported systems. This review is conducted from a global and intersectoral perspective. While it is known that the integration of AI into each sector occurs within different frameworks and at different speeds, I believe the underlying ethical and legal issues that emerge are common. Initially, this research began with a literature review to identify common themes. Then, issues such as algorithmic bias, transparency, data privacy, and human autonomy, which were identified as common themes, were discussed, and the ethical implications of AI integration in MIS were examined. The next section approaches the topic from the perspective of lawmakers and discusses the legal regulations in this area. Finally, in the conclusion section, all discussions in the research are synthesised, and the

interdisciplinary and global approach required for this integration to proceed more smoothly and beneficially in ethical, legal and social terms is emphasised.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The rapid development of artificial intelligence has significantly increased the number of studies on this technology. The integration of artificial intelligence into information systems has been studied in many different fields, and these studies have been enriched by discussions in diverse disciplines, such as computer science, ethics, law, sociology, and business. Fundamental theoretical frameworks have been developed to support responsible AI development, and principles have been structured based on these frameworks. These frameworks in the literature have been found to converge on common themes. Across numerous guidelines, common principles include human oversight, transparency, accountability, safety, fairness, and privacy (Fjeld et al., 2020; Jobin et al., 2019). These principles are reflected in important documents such as the OECD AI Principles (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2024) and UNESCO's Recommendation on the Ethics of AI (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [UNESCO], 2022), which promote human rights, fairness, inclusiveness, and sustainability in AI use. For instance, the UNESCO recommendation can be accepted as the first global standard on AI ethics, and it emphasises protection of human rights and dignity, transparency, fairness, human oversight, and responsibility to ensure AI serves inclusive, sustainable, and peaceful objectives (UNESCO, 2022). The European Union's High-Level Expert Group on AI also set out seven requirements for trustworthy AI, such as human agency, privacy, non-discrimination, transparency, well-being, and accountability (High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence [AI HLEG], 2019). The upcoming EU AI Act embodies these values by aiming for AI that is safe, transparent, traceable, non-discriminatory, and environmentally friendly, with human oversight to prevent harmful outcomes (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, 2024).

The difficulties in applying these principles, which are mentioned in many regulations and policies, have been noted in academic discussions. Coeckelbergh (2020) highlights the difficulties in effectively integrating "ethics by design" into the creation of artificial intelligence systems by pointing out the substantial operational gap between abstract ethical concepts and their actual application.

To make these abstract principles more concrete and applicable to AI developers, researchers in the MIS field are continuing to work on realistic guidelines. One approach, as demonstrated by Siau et al. (2022), is value-focused thinking, which can be defined as a qualitative method to identify fundamental objectives and means for ethical AI in organisations. These efforts essentially aim to clarify the ethical responsibilities of AI and minimise its social impacts. This will maximise ethical AI development. Essentially, these efforts in the literature provide the theoretical foundations for AI deployment while simultaneously integrating ethical values and legal obligations.

One of the most discussed topics in the literature related to AI integration is algorithmic bias and fairness. Algorithmic bias refers to systematic and repeatable errors in a computer system that create unfair outcomes, such as privileging one arbitrary group of users over others, often arising when historical social inequities are encoded into training data or model objectives (Friedman & Nissenbaum, 1996; Noble, 2018). For example, Sweeney (2013) found that regardless of a person's actual criminal record, online advertising algorithms have learnt to link black-identifying names to criminal activity and were displaying ads for arrest records much more frequently than for white-identifying names. A similar situation was later substantiated in another study by explaining that gender-based biases exist in artificial intelligence applications and that a man and a woman are represented with biases arising from social gender approaches (Bölükbaşı et al., 2016). Legal experts such as Barocas and Selbst (2016) have warned that without special interventions, the naive use of data mining of historical data will result in automated disparate impact, which increases the discrimination under the apparel of objective algorithmic efficiency.

Another significant topic is AI transparency and explainability. Unlike traditional MIS, which prioritised interpretable reporting for human decision-making, modern AI-driven systems operate as black boxes, and many users do not have the opportunity to access reasoning to see how predictions were generated (Rai, 2020). Such situations create important ethical and practical liabilities because stakeholders face difficulties in challenging or auditing algorithmic decisions (Burrell, 2016). That's why, in the literature, explainable AI (XAI) has emerged as an important research area that seeks to make AI systems more accountable. As Shin (2021) demonstrates, enhancing transparency through mechanisms such as feature importance visualisation or revealing data characteristics is essential for fostering user trust and perceived fairness.

In addition, data privacy is one of the leading topics of discussion that creates concern in this area. The fact that artificial intelligence systems need very large data sets to make inferences is discussed from many perspectives, such as data protection, open consent, and misuse of shared data. Researchers point out that AI can erode privacy in a variety of ways, including the mass surveillance capabilities of advanced analytics, the aggregation of data from different sources, and the possibility of re-identification of individuals even in anonymised datasets (Ghosh, 2025). Besides, Ananny & Crawford (2016) and Floridi et al. (2018) argue for well-defined policies and governance measures to safeguard users in AI contexts. In short, considering studies in the literature, protecting data privacy, and ensuring transparency are stated as prerequisites for ethical integration of AI into information systems.

Additionally, the literature review shows that the legal experts have begun to explore how existing laws apply to AI and what new legal concepts might be needed. In this area, one of the most popular topics is liability for AI decisions. Traditional legal frameworks assign responsibility to individuals or organisations. AI challenges this traditional structure when autonomous systems cause harm or make wrong decisions: who is at fault? The answer for this question is still not clear. Legal experts have discussed several different ways to answer this question, including treating AI as a product (Vladeck, 2014; Buiten, 2024), necessitating new insurance arrangements (Bertolini, 2013; Faure & Li, 2022) and even recognising AI as having a type of legal personality in very limited settings (Pagallo, 2013; Moeliono & Simanjuntak, 2024).

Overall, in light of these findings, it can be said that the literature review shows that AI-driven MIS solutions have created and continue to create paradigm shifts in both socio-technical and socio-economic terms. Classic MIS theories are evolving into new theories of human-AI collaboration. Rather than fully autonomous systems, several scholars agree with the use of hybrid models in which AI augments human judgement while ultimate decisions are still under human control. The main reasons for the tendency to preserve the human-based approach are ethical reasoning, which is related to preserving human agency, and practical considerations, which are related to how combining computational power with human context awareness can improve outcomes. As a result, current academic debates frequently concentrate on how to find the correct balance between harnessing AI's strengths and reducing its weaknesses through human oversight.

3. ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS

When discussing the ethical implications of integrating AI into MIS, diverse considerations are necessary. Mittelstadt et al. (2016) state that ethical implications of AI encompass complex issues of fairness, autonomy, transparency, and beyond. Therefore, the term ethics related to this field must be considered in evaluating both the design and use of AI (Dignum, 2019). Ethical rules, unlike laws, evaluate what is right and wrong through the lens of society, and they represent the norms related to truths. Unlike laws, there is no compulsion in the application of ethics. AI-driven MIS solutions must navigate these norms to maintain public trust and do no harm. In this part several key ethical concerns are examined: algorithmic bias and fairness, transparency and explainability, privacy, autonomy and human agency, and accountability. These categories are interrelated and often overlapping, but it is important to examine each of them, as together they capture the primary moral questions posed by AI in organisational decision-making.

3.1. Algorithmic Bias and Fairness

The potential of algorithmic bias is a major ethical issue in AI-driven Management Information Systems (MIS), as machine learning algorithms commonly duplicate or amplify previous biases discovered in training data. This data bias causes discriminatory consequences that oppose protected groups in high-stakes domains such as recruitment, credit scoring, and criminal justice (Barocas & Selbst, 2016; Mehrabi et al., 2021). Such a situation is often characterised as “garbage in, garbage out”. In addition to data quality, these inequalities are made worse by the lack of diversity in AI development teams. When engineering teams are made up of people from the same background, they may miss important details about how models will work in different situations because the developers do not have enough real-world experience (West et al., 2019).

Because of the relationship between ethics and the social and cultural sphere, eliminating algorithmic biases requires an approach shaped by different perspectives that includes not only technical regulations but also social governance. While technical interventions, such as preprocessing data to ensure representation or applying fairness constraints during training, are essential, scholars argue they must be paired with interdisciplinary audits and a human-in-the-loop perspective to ensure accountability (Raji et al., 2020). Furthermore, there is an agreement in the literature that diversifying AI teams and incorporating participatory design methods are critical to shifting the focus from efficiency

to the ethical imperative of justice. Such diversification and incorporation can prevent automated systems from exacerbating existing societal inequalities (Costanza-Chock, 2020; Leslie et al., 2021).

3.2. Transparency and Explainability

Transparency and explainability are essential conditions for an AI integration to be considered ethical. The main reason why these two features are considered prerequisites for ethical AI is that the algorithms have a complex structure, and this creates a black box problem (Burrell, 2016; Rai, 2020). This black box mystery created by AI algorithms for users poses serious ethical risks. Users cannot access the errors, shortcomings, and, in some cases, the roots of discriminatory biases in content generated by AI that are not transparent and explainable (Ananny & Crawford, 2016; Mittelstadt et al., 2016). Ghosh (2025) and Coeckelbergh (2020) argue that without visibility into how decisions are made, stakeholders cannot effectively challenge unjust outcomes, which violates fundamental rights to due process and autonomy. Consequently, scholars emphasise the need to move from “black box” models to “glass box” frameworks, where decision-making logic is either inherently interpretable or made understandable through post-hoc auditing methods (Rai, 2020).

To mitigate these risks, recent research and regulatory frameworks focus on technical and legal aspects to enforce transparency. Rai (2020) notes that techniques such as local interpretable model-agnostic explanation (LIME) have emerged to provide post-hoc explanations that approximate the decision logic of complex models so that it aids in the detection of bias. Furthermore, Shin (2021) argues that causability is a critical condition for creating user trust and confidence in AI systems since it works to the extent that an explanation provides a causal understanding of a decision. Additionally, Buiten (2024) warns that opacity complicates product liability claims, as proving a defect in an unclear AI system is legally problematic in the absence of mandatory disclosure. To address this, the EU AI Act explicitly mandates transparency obligations, such as requiring high-risk systems to be traceable and informing users when they interact with AI, codifying ethical transparency into binding law (AI HLEG, 2019; Regulation (EU) 2024/1689).

3.3. Privacy and Data Protection

Privacy concerns have become one of the most ethically concerned issues today with the integration of AI into information MIS. Personal data has a key

importance for the AI-driven MIS solutions. It does not matter whether it is a retailer analysing shopping habits to personalise ads, a hospital processing patient records for diagnoses, or an HR department tracking employee performance. From an ethical perspective, it can be said that privacy is actually about individuals managing their own information and preventing this information from being used under undesirable conditions. This goes beyond mere data protection. It is a matter of human dignity and autonomy. When AI systems manage this data irresponsibly, they risk not only violating these fundamental rights but also causing tangible harm through the exposure of sensitive private information. There are multiple different dimensions related to the privacy implications of AI in MIS:

3.3.1. Data Collection and Consent Dilemma

The operational logic of modern AI systems is frequently predicated on the extensive extraction of behavioural data, a phenomenon Zuboff (2019) characterises as “surveillance capitalism”. In this context, the integration of AI into new generation information systems has crossed a significant threshold in disclosing data that individuals do not want to share about themselves. Kosinski et al. (2013) acknowledge that integrating diverse data sources enables organisations to create predictive profiles that frequently reveal sensitive characteristics far beyond what individuals would like to divulge. While the principle of ethics of informed consent remains the theoretical foundation of data governance, researchers claim that the conventional “notice-and-consent” structure is effectively old-fashioned (Andreotta et al., 2022; Solove, 2024). The currently existing mechanisms for obtaining informed consent are not sufficiently clear. Standard compliance mechanisms, such as privacy policies or simple checkboxes in the websites, fail to account for the limited rationality of users, who lack the cognitive capacity to assess the complex risks of algorithmic processing (Acquisti et al., 2015). As a result, critics warn that existing data practices frequently resemble privacy theatre, in which performative adherence to legal gaps conceals a systemic erosion of actual user autonomy.

3.3.2. Data Protection and Purpose Limitation

Once collected, the centralisation of massive datasets required for deep learning creates significant security vulnerabilities, making AI repositories into high-value targets for cyberattacks. Beyond security, the ethical principle of purpose limitation, a core tenet of the General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR), dictates that data collected for one context cannot be arbitrarily repurposed for another (Regulation (EU) 2016/679, 2016). However, AI's "data-hungry" nature conflicts with the notion of data minimisation, frequently resulting in function creep, in which sensitive data (e.g., health records) is used for secondary purposes (e.g., commercial marketing) without explicit consent (Koops, 2021). Although the main negativity of such practices is related to the violation of legal frameworks, there is also a side effect. They violate the contextual integrity of the user's trust by shifting the flow of information outside of the rules applicable to the original transaction (Nissenbaum, 2011).

3.3.3. Re-identification Risks and The Illusion of Anonymity

While organisations frequently rely on anonymisation to mitigate privacy risks, recent works demonstrate that traditional de-identification techniques are increasingly ineffective against modern machine learning capabilities. Rocher et al. (2019) evaluated this risk and predicted that 99.98% of Americans could be successfully re-identified in any available anonymised dataset using only 15 demographic attributes. This phenomenon happens when AI models use different datasets to recreate individual identities (Ohm, 2010). As a result, anonymisation is accepted as a process that has lost its credibility in the literature. The continued reliance on anonymisation in society actually creates a false sense of security.

To sum up, all these three dimensions are strongly related to privacy and data collection. To provide effective privacy protection in the age of AI, it is critical to go beyond static compliance and incorporate protection throughout an AI system's full lifecycle, from initial data collecting to ultimate deployment. This requires a dual approach: using advanced technical solutions such as differential privacy and federated learning to reduce data exposure while implementing strong governance frameworks which require proportionality in surveillance. Finally, preserving privacy is not only a legal requirement for permission and data rights but also a fundamental ethical duty for upholding human dignity and maintaining public trust in management information systems.

3.4. Autonomy and Human Agency

The integration of AI into decision-making processes poses a significant challenge to human autonomy. Human autonomy can be ethically defined as the capacity of individuals to make informed, uncoerced decisions about their lives (Beauchamp & Childress, 2019; Rubel et al., 2021). As MIS architectures evolve from data repositories to decision support systems with today's developments,

changes in existing control dynamics are inevitable. Floridi et al. (2018) believe that retaining human agency is a critical ethical necessity for AI society, guaranteeing that we do not hand over decision-making authority to black-box algorithms, turning humans into passive data subjects rather than moral agents.

This tension is most clear in high-stakes professional settings, like healthcare. AI diagnostic tools can see patterns better than ever before, but there is a real moral concern that relying too much on these systems could lead to deskilling, which is when professionals slowly lose the ability to make their own decisions. Jiang et al. (2017) note that while AI aims to assist clinicians, there is a potential risk of reducing their active involvement, effectively turning physicians into mere validators of algorithmic outcomes. Automation bias occurs when professionals uncritically adhere to AI recommendations, and Coeckelbergh (2020) argues that because of it, the holistic, empathetic judgement that defines human care could be eroded.

The threat to autonomy includes not only professionals but also end-users, particularly through the mechanism of algorithmic “nudging”. AI systems designed to influence engagement or modify behaviour can inadvertently or deliberately infringe upon individual autonomy. Leslie et al. (2021) warn that technologies that control people’s actions without their permission threaten the basic ideas of freedom and democracy. The EU AI Act says that AI practices that use subliminal techniques or other sneaky ways to change behaviour in ways that hurt people are unacceptable risks to autonomy (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, 2024). To reduce these risks, global frameworks advocate for a human-centric approach. There is a consensus that technology should empower individuals rather than diminish their agency. The UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI says that AI systems must be under real human control so that people can always make the final decisions (UNESCO 2022). This means that human-in-the-loop architecture is needed.

Preserving autonomy hinges on ethical boundaries. As AI capabilities expand, a debate has emerged regarding whether certain judgements must remain exclusively human. Pazzanese (2020) underscores the viewpoint of political philosopher Michael Sandel, who asserts that the role of human judgement constitutes a vital ethical element that cannot be replicated by data processing. As a result, the ethical design of MIS must follow the principle of enhancement rather than substitution. Artificial intelligence should seek to improve human cognitive capabilities and provide evidence, while the final act of judgement must remain distinctly human-based (Cazzaniga et al., 2024; McAfee & Brynjolfsson, 2017).

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The rapid integration of AI into MIS is also generating legal debate. There are views in the literature that this integration challenges traditional legal systems. Vladeck (2014) and Pagallo (2013) claim that such legal challenges create a regulatory gap where existing statutes struggle to address the autonomy and opacity of machine learning systems. This misalignment has led to a lot of legal confusion, especially over whether AI entities have legal personality or how standard concepts of negligence apply when algorithmic decisions hurt someone (Moeliono & Simanjuntak, 2024; Buiten, 2024). When we look at global legal regulations in response to this situation, it can be seen that rigid regulatory frameworks have been created to eliminate flexibility in order to make this integration compatible with human rights (Leslie et al., 2021). This section examines these legal implications from a global perspective. Beyond specific regional regulations, the broader efforts by international bodies to establish governance standards, such as the OECD's recommendations on AI governance (OECD, 2024), will be analysed. Furthermore, the discussion addresses critical unresolved issues in civil liability and compulsory insurance schemes (Faure & Li, 2022; Bertolini, 2013), as well as the legal concerns related to intellectual property in an era of cross-border algorithmic flows.

4.1. Emerging AI Regulations and Policies

There is now a shift from soft law to hard law, enshrined in binding national legislation, regarding the governance of AI. As Jobin et al. (2019) point out, regulations are shaped by principles such as transparency, fairness, and non-maleficence. However, the implementation of these principles varies significantly across jurisdictions. At this point, I believe multinational organisations should guide AI regulation.

First, the European Union has established itself as the global pioneer in comprehensive AI regulation. The EU AI Act (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, 2024) represents the world's first omnibus AI law, grounded in a precautionary, risk-based framework. This statute categorises AI systems into four levels of risk:

Unacceptable Risk: Systems deemed a clear threat to fundamental rights, such as social scoring or real-time remote biometric identification in public spaces, are banned outright.

High-Risk: Critical applications (e.g., medical devices, recruitment algorithms, critical infrastructure) are permitted but subject to strict compliance

obligations, including data governance, detailed documentation, human oversight, and robustness requirements.

Limited & Minimal Risk: Most AI applications (e.g., spam filters, video games) face minimal restrictions, though systems interacting with humans (like chatbots) must fulfil transparency obligations to ensure users know they are communicating with a machine.

The EU's strategy effectively codifies ethical values into law, supported by significant penalties, such as fines of up to €35 million or 7% of global revenue, resulting in a "Brussels Effect" that establishes a *de facto* global standard for compliance (Buiten, 2024).

Second, in contrast to the EU's centralised legislation, the United States has traditionally preferred a decentralised strategy aimed at encouraging innovation. There is currently no unified federal AI law; instead, governance is carried out through a patchwork of sector-specific regulations and administrative actions. For example, the AI Bill of Rights (Office of Science and Technology, 2022) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) AI Risk Management Framework (2023) offer optional guidance that emphasises safety, privacy, and non-discrimination. More recently, Executive Order 14110 on "Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy AI" signalled a shift towards increased oversight, utilising executive authority to mandate safety tests for dual-use foundation models and directing federal agencies to establish AI procurement and safety standards (The White House, 2023). At the state level, however, legislative action is more robust. For example, Colorado's AI Act (Colorado General Assembly, 2024) specifically prohibits algorithmic discrimination in high-stakes decisions such as employment and insurance. This results in a mosaic of compliance requirements, with corporations facing stricter responsibility in certain states than at the federal level (Qian et al., 2024).

Third, China's regulatory framework is distinguished by strict state supervision. Following the New Generation AI Development Plan (State Council of China, 2017), which established the objective of global AI leadership by 2030, China has implemented specific rules ahead of many Western counterparts. Recent rules are explicitly targeting recommendation algorithms (Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), 2022) and deep synthesis technology (CAC, 2022). These regulations mandate that generative AI services adhere to basic socialist ideals, practise strong content management, and register algorithms with the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC, 2023). While strict on content and political alignment, China also fosters industrial progress, aiming for a balance in which AI thrives within the confines of state-guided ethics.

Furthermore, international organisations play an important role in harmonising these different approaches. The OECD AI Principles emphasise stewardship and trustworthiness, which influence G20 policies (OECD, 2024). Similarly, the G7's Hiroshima AI Process seeks to create a code of conduct for advanced AI developers (G7, 2023). The Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence is a normative framework approved by 193 member nations that prioritises human rights and environmental sustainability (UNESCO, 2022).

4.2. Liability and Accountability in Law

Another issue legal scholars debate regarding the integration of AI into computing is liability. Who is responsible for autonomous AI systems? Attributing liability for harm caused by autonomous AI systems presents a significant legal challenge because traditional tort and product liability frameworks are often inadequate to address the unique complexities of machine learning. Unlike conventional product defects, errors in AI, whether resulting from opaque black box decision-making or post-deployment learning, blur the traditional lines of responsibility between developers, data providers, and end-users (Vladeck, 2014). According to Bertolini (2013), the autonomy and unpredictability of these systems strain conventional legal concepts of negligence, posing significant evidential challenges for victims attempting to prove responsibility or pinpoint a single defect within complex algorithmic designs.

In response to these accountability gaps, regulatory frameworks, particularly in the European Union, are evolving to find a solution for liability claims. Buiten (2024) argues that current guidelines seek to establish a presumption of causality for high-risk AI, essentially shifting the burden of proof to providers to demonstrate that their systems were not inadequate. To avoid the problem of many hands, legislation such as the EU AI Act requires strict human-in-the-loop governance, which ensures that legal accountability remains anchored in human decision-making rather than being transferred to technical systems (Regulation (EU), 2024/1689; Raji et al., 2020). The reality of the ever-increasing autonomy of artificial intelligence is undeniable. Despite AI's increasing autonomy, the legal community has strongly opposed the concept of AI personhood. There is a consensus that responsibility must ultimately belong to the natural or corporate entities who implement the technology (Moeliono & Simanjuntak, 2024; Pagallo, 2013).

As a result, businesses remain liable for algorithmic results such as unintentional discrimination or differential impact caused by biased data

(Barocas & Selbst, 2016). To address these legal and ethical issues, the literature recommends a complete governance framework that goes beyond financial hedging. First, scholars stress the importance of shifting from opaque models to Explainable AI (XAI) or glass box frameworks in order to be sure that users can articulate decision logic and detect errors before they do harm (Rai, 2020; Shin, 2021). Second, mitigation must begin at the design phase with inclusive methods like design justice by involving multiple stakeholders in identifying possible harms for marginalised groups early in the development lifecycle (Costanza-Chock, 2020; Dignum, 2019). Finally, these efforts should be supported with end-to-end algorithmic auditing to ensure continuous compliance (Raji et al., 2020) and the implementation of mandatory insurance schemes to address the financial uncertainties because of unavoidable AI-driven harms (Faure & Li, 2022).

4.3. Data Protection and AI

Current laws constitute a significant framework for AI-powered MIS. Integrating AI into these systems fundamentally results in the use of personal data. When we look at the legal frameworks related to this outcome, we can say that one of the most influential is the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which is a pioneer in this area. GDPR is legislation that regulates how data is collected, processed, and used and imposes strict obligations (Qian et al., 2024).

The primary operational requirement of artificial intelligence is the existence of big data sets. Related to this, there is a strong discussion between this requirement and legal principles such as purpose limitations and data minimisation. According to Barocas and Selbst (2016), the exploratory character of data mining, in which correlations and patterns arise after collection, frequently conflicts with the legal necessity of stating explicit processing aims in advance. As a result, organisations must create a legal basis for the processing of data. Every user or customer must be provided with a guarantee which ensures that data initially gathered for one service is not unlawfully repurposed for AI training without valid consent or a compatible legitimate interest.

When we examine the GDPR, we see that this regulation grants very strong rights to individuals who share data. For example, individuals sharing data are protected against the automated decision-making, which is a core architecture of artificial intelligence (Regulation (EU) 2016/679, 2016). Such a situation creates a legal debate on how to interpret it. Mittelstadt et al. (2016) suggest

that, while the scope of a right to explanation is uncertain, there is a clear obligation to provide data subjects with relevant information about the reasons behind high-stakes actions. This requires organisations to avoid opaque black box models in important areas such as employment or credit scoring, which frequently necessitates human-in-the-loop measures to maintain accountability and auditability (Raji et al., 2020).

Beyond such procedure, data protection rules have become increasingly linked with questions of fairness and accuracy. Processing biased data that results in discriminatory profiling may be seen as a violation of the fairness principle in data processing. As Sweeney (2013) notes, algorithmic biases are rooted in historical patterns. These historical patterns are present in the datasets used to train AI. The algorithmic biases that emerge from such patterns negatively impact AI-based information systems, essentially creating a strong need for a legal regulatory backdrop. To address these risks, Leslie et al. (2021) emphasise that privacy must be viewed as a fundamental human right. Dignum (2019) also argues that “Privacy by Design” approaches must be followed, where security measures and compliance officers are integrated into the AI development lifecycle from the outset.

4.4. Intellectual Property and AI

Before concluding the legal discussions, it’s also beneficial to focus on the debates surrounding intellectual property. Intellectual property issues are currently overshadowed by ethical and other legal issues in current laws and regulations. However, the integration of artificial intelligence into management information systems carries the potential to create numerous issues regarding intellectual property. The generative capabilities of AI have implications that are difficult to discuss in this area. We can address uncertainties related to various issues such as copyright, patenting, and data ownership.

4.4.1. Copyright in AI-Generated Works

A primary jurisprudential debate concerns the ownership of AI outputs. In most jurisdictions, copyright statutes are predicated on human creativity. For example, in the landmark U.S. decision *Thaler v. Perlmutter* (2023), the court declared that works made solely by artificial intelligence without human participation are ineligible for copyright protection because human authorship is a fundamental element of the law. Based on this example, it’s clear that this situation poses a strategic risk for MIS. If an individual or organisation uses AI

or an AI-based MIS for software development, marketing reports, or business designs, the outputs generated could actually be considered public property when assessed legally. While some jurisdictions like the UK offer a computer-generated works provision (attributing authorship to the person who made the arrangements for the AI), the global standard currently sees AI as a tool without legal personality or authorship rights (Moeliono & Simanjuntak, 2024).

4.4.2. Copyright and Training Data

Looking at the other side of the equation, discussions of intellectual property in AI inputs are just as important as discussions of intellectual property in AI outputs. How would this be assessed from an intellectual property perspective if AI tools were trained using copyrighted materials? This has resulted in a wave of lawsuits about whether such data acquisition constitutes infringement or falls under exceptions such as fair use in the United States or text and data mining in the European Union. According to Samuelson (2023), the resolution of these conflicts will significantly impact the AI economy; if training is found to be infringing, MIS architectures that rely on scraped data may face existential legal obligations. The European Union attempted to find a solution with the Digital Single Market Directive, which includes a text and data mining exception for research but permits rights holders to opt out of having their data used for commercial AI training (Directive (EU) 2019/790, 2019). In addition, the EU AI Act requires artificial intelligence developers to publish detailed reports on the data they trained their systems on in order to address copyright concerns of third-party individuals and companies (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, 2024).

4.4.3. Patents, Trade Secrets, and the Transparency Paradox

When we look at patent debates, we see similar results to the case of intellectual property. Patent offices worldwide do not recognise AI as an inventor. Just as with copyright, patent law requires a human inventor to be named, meaning companies must attribute AI-assisted discoveries to human teams to secure protection (Moeliono & Simanjuntak, 2024). A more significant tension arises between trade secret law and the moral duty for transparency. Companies try to protect their algorithms as trade secrets to maintain a competitive advantage. However, this legal protection conflicts with explainable AI requirements, which necessitate that the black box be opened for inspection (Rai, 2020). In the current legal system, companies have to make a two-option choice: they can maximise legal secrecy (trade secrets) or maximise trust and

regulatory compliance (transparency), but achieving both simultaneously is legally and technically difficult.

5. CONCLUSION

The integration of artificial intelligence into management information systems represents a paradigm shift that extends far beyond technical optimisation. This integration process shapes the decision-making processes of institutions in both ethical and legal terms. As this chapter has shown, deploying AI-driven MIS solutions includes a complicated duality: although it provides important opportunities for data analysis and automation, it also poses systemic concerns such as bias, opacity, and the erosion of human agency. The ethical analysis emphasises that the efficiency of black box algorithms cannot be at the expense of transparency and justice. Whether tackling the illusion of anonymity in data privacy or limiting the hazards of algorithmic discrimination, it is obvious that ethical AI demands a change from passive compliance to proactive design which ensures that systems are explicable, equitable, and respectful of human autonomy.

When we look at this integration and technological developments from a legal perspective, we see that regulations and legal processes have begun in different countries. The worldwide regulatory framework is fast developing. There is a rapid transition from voluntary soft law guidelines to enforced hard law regulations, as demonstrated by the risk-based approach of the EU AI Act. This transition signals that accountability is no longer optional. The legal uncertainties related to accountability for autonomous harms, the protection of intellectual property in generative works, and the requirements for data protection are converging into a stringent compliance framework. Organisations can no longer claim ignorance of the accountability gap because new legal principles, such as the presumption of causality and mandatory human oversight, are effectively eliminating gaps that formerly permitted responsibility shifts to machines.

The ethical and legal issues discussed in this section constitute a strategic governance framework for MIS professionals. Addressing ethical issues and legal obligations will be a fundamental factor in the success of this integration. The framework attempted to present in this section illustrates the necessity of governance and technology evolving together from a socio-technical perspective. Because both legal and ethical considerations are addressed as core functional features through the socio-technical approach,

it becomes possible for MIS professionals to go beyond ad hoc measures to integrate privacy-by-design principles into integration processes, conduct routine algorithmic audits, and institutionalise human-in-the-loop protocols for high-stakes decisions. By using this strategic approach, companies may do more than just avoid liability: they can create AI systems that are legally strong, ethically sound, and worthy of public trust, fulfilling the technology's promise as a tool for empowerment rather than a mechanism of unchecked control.

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CHAPTER XIV

EXAMINATION OF THESES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TÜRKİYE THROUGH CONTENT ANALYSIS (1990-2024)

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1. Introduction

It can be said that technological developments in the 21st century have significantly impacted both social and professional life. The foundations of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, which significantly impacts many different areas in today's world, were laid by Alan Turing's question, 'Can computers think?' The process of first introducing the concept was initiated in 1956 by John McCarthy (McCarthy, 1998). In this context, McCarthy's definition of 'the science and engineering of making intelligent machines and intelligent computer programmes' can be considered the first definition of AI.

Over time, the concept of AI has been approached from different angles and defined in various ways (Chowdhury et al., 2023; Long & Magerko, 2020).

AI technology continues to increase its impact on a global scale today. With the widespread use of AI and the increase in the use of digital technology, it is expected that 50 per cent of the world economy (equivalent to 1.2 billion workers and £14.6 trillion in wages) will be affected (McKinsey & Co, 2020b, 2020a). This shows that AI is more than just an area of interest for technology enthusiasts. However, it also shows that AI has a significant impact in many areas.

The vast majority of AI research is naturally related to computer science (Dernis et al., 2019). However, considering its scope and the different fields in which it is used, it extends beyond the field of computer science (Benefo et al., 2022). Its success in diagnosing various diseases in the healthcare sector (Esteva et al., 2019; Uzun, 2020); its benefits to both customers and institutions in the banking and finance sector (B. Yıldız & Dayı, 2024); its contribution to more efficient resource use and increased productivity in the agricultural sector; and its positive impact on student assessment processes through AI-supported tools in education (Holmes et al., 2019) demonstrate the impact and importance of AI in different fields.

As a result of all these processes and developments related to AI, a similar trend is observed in studies conducted in our country. Various studies examining AI-based research in the local literature have been identified. The use of AI in education (Akdeniz & Özdiñç, 2021; Ateş, 2025; Güzey et al., 2023; Üstün, 2024), finance (A. Yıldız, 2022) and accounting (Yardımcıoğlu & Şıtak, 2020), communication (E. Yıldız, 2021), and many other fields. In addition, there are studies that examine AI research conducted within a specific time frame without covering any particular field (Buketçi, 2024; Kavut, 2022). All of these studies have limitations in terms of the specific field or the date the study was conducted. It appears that there is no study that examines all theses written in our country. In this context, this study is important in terms of examining theses on the subject of writing, as it provides a general overview of all research areas.

The aim of this study is to examine all theses related to artificial intelligence written in Türkiye and listed in the YÖK National Thesis Centre database according to specific variables. In this context, answers have been sought to the following research questions:

1. How are theses distributed by year?

2. How are theses distributed by type?
3. How are theses distributed by language of writing?
4. How are theses distributed by university?
5. How are theses distributed by subject?

2. Methodology

This study employed content analysis as its primary method. In content analysis, similar concepts are grouped together under specific themes and interpreted in a manner comprehensible to the reader (Büyüköztürk et al., 2008; Yıldırım & Şimşek, 2011). Çalık and Sözbilir (2014) addressed content analysis under three headings: 1- meta-analysis, 2- meta-synthesis, 3- descriptive content analysis. As this study aims to systematically examine and present general trends and results in a specific field, it can be said to fall within the scope of descriptive content analysis (Çalık & Sözbilir, 2014).

2.1. Data Collection

The purpose of this study is to examine theses written in Türkiye on the subject of artificial intelligence according to various variables. Accordingly, the data collection site was determined to be the YÖK National Thesis Centre database, which contains national theses. The keyword ‘artificial intelligence’ was used as the search term. The search field was set to ‘Thesis Title’, the permission status to “Permitted”, and the thesis type to ‘All’. The date filter was changed to cover the years ‘1900-2024’. The search resulted in 1129 records published between 1998 and 2024. After excluding 5 records belonging to foreign universities listed in the YÖK National Thesis Centre database, 1124 results were examined.

2.2. Data Analysis

This study, based on descriptive content analysis, examined 1124 thesis studies written between 1998 and 2024 and available in the YÖK National Thesis Centre database. In descriptive analysis, the qualitative data obtained within the pre-determined framework is analysed (Yıldırım & Şimşek, 2011). In this context, the 1124 theses obtained within the scope of the study were coded under various categories and analysed using Microsoft Excel. During the analysis process, the data were addressed in five categories: year, thesis type, language, university, and subject. Based on these categories, the data were presented in tables and graphs after coding in Microsoft Excel.

3. Findings

The findings obtained within the scope of this study have been presented in tables and graphs, addressed within the context of the research questions.

3.1. Distribution of Theses on AI-Related by Year

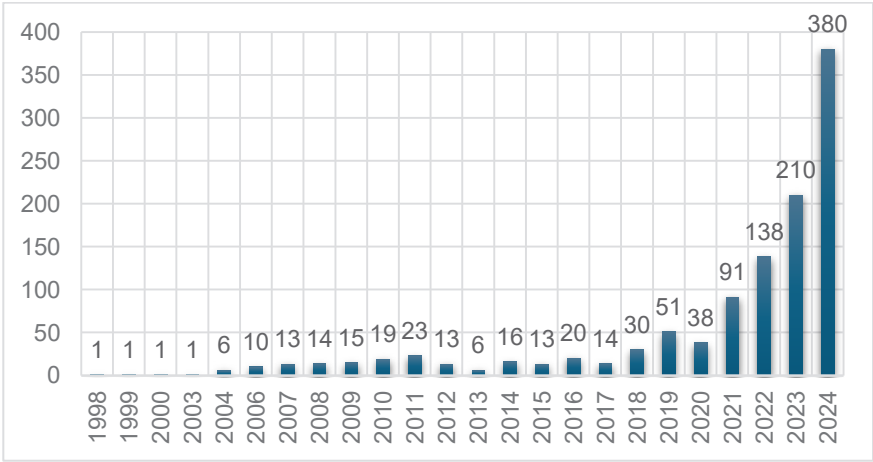


Fig. 1: Distribution of AI-Related Theses by Year

When examining Fig. 1, it can be seen that the number of theses published between 1998 and 2003 remained constant, while it increased steadily between 2004 and 2011. In 2012, for the first time, fewer theses were published than in the previous year. There is no regular increase or decrease between 2012 and 2020. Continuing to increase steadily since 2020, AI studies show a significant increase in 2024. In this respect, it can be said that there is serious interest in AI theses and that this interest is on the rise.

3.2. Distribution of AI-Related Theses by Type

Table 1: Distribution of Theses on AI by Type

Type	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Master’s Degree	754	67,08
PhD	279	24,82
Specialisation in Medicine	63	5,60
Specialisation in Dentistry	28	2,50
Total	1124	100,00

Table 1 shows that the majority of theses on the subject of AI belong to the master's degree level. Among the remainder, in descending order from highest to lowest, are doctoral degrees, medical specialisations and dental specialisations.

3.3. Distribution of AI-Related Theses by Language

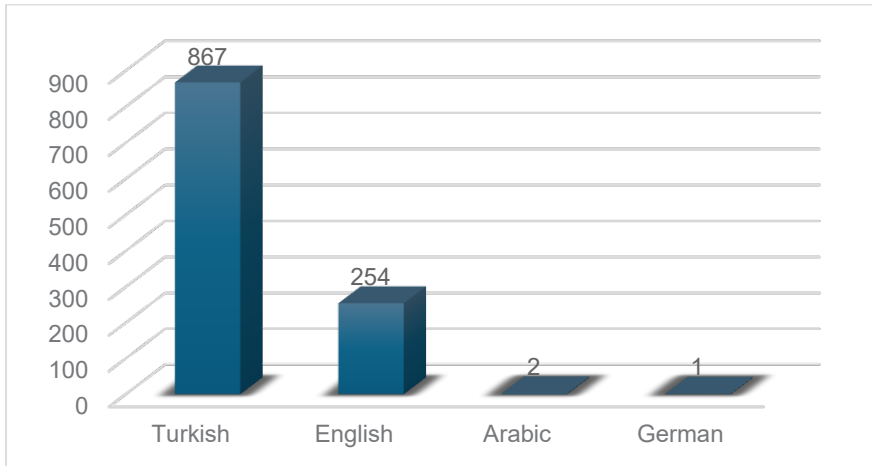


Fig. 2: Distribution of AI-Related Theses by Language

When examining Fig 2, it can be seen that the vast majority of theses are written in Turkish. While 867 theses were written in Turkish, 254 were written in English, 2 in Arabic and 1 in German. In this case, it can be seen that Turkish theses constitute the vast majority.

Table 2: Distribution of Theses on AI by Type and Language

Type	Language				Total
	Turkish	English	Arabic	German	
Master's Degree	541	210	2	1	754
PhD	235	44	-	-	279
Specialisation in Medicine	63	-	-	-	63
Specialisation in Dentistry	28	-	-	-	28
Total	867	254	2	1	1124

Table 2 shows that Turkish constitutes the vast majority of the language used in all types of theses. In addition, it can be seen that the two (2) theses written in Arabic and the one (1) thesis written in German are master's theses.

3.4. Distribution of AI-Related Theses by University

Table 3: Distribution of Theses on AI by University

University	Type				Total
	Master's Degree	PhD	Specialisation in Medicine	Specialisation in Dentistry	
Bahçeşehir University	44	1			45
Gazi University	28	7	2		37
Selçuk University	16	20			36
Marmara University	21	10	4	1	36
İstanbul Technical University	19	15			34
Yıldız Technical University	26	7			33
Erciyes University	24	5		1	30
Sakarya University	12	17			29
İstanbul University-Cerrahpaşa	11	10	4		25
İstanbul University	9	11	3		23
Süleyman Demirel University	11	8	1	3	23
Altınbaş University	20	2			22
Hacettepe University	10	4	6	1	21
Dokuz Eylül University	12	7	1		20
Ankara University	10	8	1	1	20
İstanbul Aydın University	18	2			20
Atatürk University	11	8			19
Middle East Technical University	17	1			18
University of Health Sciences			18		18
Akdeniz University	9	1	5	2	17
Eskişehir Osmangazi University	4	5	1	7	17
Fırat University	8	8			16

Ege University	10	6			16
Konya Technical University	8	7			15
Ondokuz Mayıs University	6	8			14
Karabük University	9	5			14
Üsküdar University	12				12
İstanbul Ticaret University	7	4			11
İzmir Katip Çelebi University	9		2		11
Kocaeli University	7	3			10
Karadeniz Technical University	3	6	1		10
Çukurova University	6	4			10
İskenderun Technical University	8	2			10
Kırıkkale University	7	3			10
Trakya University	4	5		1	10
Pamukkale University	7	2		1	10
Bursa Uludağ University	7	3			10
Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University	3	5	1	1	10
Necmettin Erbakan University	6			3	9
Yeditepe University	7	2			9
Gebze Technical University	7	2			9
Mersin University	6	2			8
İstanbul Medipol University	5	3			8
Düzce University	4	4			8
Koç University	4	3			7
Bursa Technical University	6	1			7
Maltepe University	6	1			7

Harran University	7				7
İnönü University	1		4	2	7
Manisa Celal Bayar University	7				7
Afyon Kocatepe University	6				6
İstanbul Nişantaşı University	6				6
Eskişehir Technical University	4	2			6
İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University	6				6
Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University	4	2			6
Aydın Adnan Menderes University	4			1	5
Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University	3	2			5
Gaziantep University	2	3			5
Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University	2	1	2		5
Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University	3	1	1		5
Kütahya Dumlupınar University	2	3			5
Başkent University	4	1			5
Boğaziçi University	4	1			5
TOBB University Of Economics And Technology	5				5
Anadolu University	3	2			5
Applied Sciences University of Isparta	4	1			5
Tekirdağ Namık Kemal University	4				4
Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University	2	2			4
Galatasaray University	3	1			4

İzmir University of Economics	4				4
İstanbul Gedik University	4				4
Sabancı University	3	1			4
Batman University	4				4
Erzincan Binali Yıldırım University	4				4
Dicle University	4				4
İstanbul Kültür University	3	1			4
İstanbul Medeniyet University	3	1			4
İstanbul Bilgi University	4				4
İstanbul Okan University	3	1			4
Trabzon University	3				3
Osmaniye Korkut Ata University	2	1			3
Uludağ University	2	1			3
Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University	3				3
Çankaya University	3				3
İstanbul Topkapı University	3				3
Turkish-German University	3				3
İzmir Bakırçay University	3				3
İbn Haldun University	3				3
Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University	3				3
Ostim Technical University	3				3
Karamanoğlu Mehmetbey University	2	1			3

Sakarya University of Applied Sciences	3				3
Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University	3				3
İstanbul Gelişim University	3				3
Gebze Technical University	3				3
National Defence University	3				3
Beykent University	3				3
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University			2		2
Toros University	2				2
Siirt University	2				2
Aksaray University	2				2
Ufuk University	1	1			2
Amasya University	2				2
Çankırı Karatekin University	2				2
Hasan Kalyoncu University	1	1			2
Sivas Cumhuriyet University			1	1	2
Atılım University	2				2
İstanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University	2				2
Van Yüzüncü Yıl University	2				2
İhsan Doğramacı Bilkent University	2				2
Yalova University	2				2
Bitlis Eren University	2				2
Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University		2			2
Kastamonu University	1	1			2
Niğantaşı University	2				2

Sivas Science and Technology University	2				2
Balıkesir University	2				2
Bartın University	2				2
Ordu University	2				2
Kırşehir Ahi Evran University	2				2
Kadir Has University	2				2
Bezm-İ Alem Vakıf University			1	1	2
Bingöl University	1	1			2
Giresun University	1	1			2
Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University	2				2
Near East University	1	1			2
Mustafa Kemal University	1	1			2
Afyonkarahisar Health Sciences University			1	1	2
Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University	2				2
Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University	2				2
Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University	1				1
Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University	1				1
Tunceli University	1				1
Malatya Turgut Özal University	1				1
Yaşar University	1				1
Beykoz University	1				1
Munzur University	1				1
Hakkari University	1				1
Kırklareli University	1				1
Haliç University	1				1
Acıbadem Mehmet Ali Aydınlar University	1				1

Mehmet Akif Ersoy University	1				1
Kto Karatay University	1				1
Bülent Ecevit University		1			1
Kayseri University	1				1
Bandırma Onyedi Eylül University	1				1
Gaziosmanpaşa University	1				1
İstanbul Beykent University	1				1
Iğdır University		1			1
Mevlana University	1				1
Gendarmerie and Coast Guard Academy	1				1
İstanbul Şehir University	1				1
İstinye University	1				1
İzmir Institute of Technology	1				1
Gaziantep Islamic Science and Technology University	1				1
Demiroğlu Science University			1		1
Dumlupınar University		1			1
İstanbul Esenyurt University	1				1
Gümüşhane University	1				1
Yozgat Bozok University	1				1
Hitit University	1				1
Muğla University	1				1
Total	754	279	63	28	1124

Table 3 shows that Bahçeşehir University (45) is the university with the highest number of theses written. Bahçeşehir University is followed by Gazi University (37), Selçuk University (36), Marmara University (36), Istanbul Technical University (34), and Yıldız Technical University (33). Among the theses examined, the university with the highest number of master's theses is Bahçeşehir University (44), the university with the highest number of doctoral theses is Selçuk University (20), the university with the most medical specialisation theses is Health Sciences University (18), and the university with the most dental specialisation theses is Eskişehir Osmangazi University (7).

3.5. Distribution of AI-Related Theses by Topic

Table 4: Number of Thesis Topics

Number of Topics	Number of Theses
1 Topic	917
2 Topics	125
3 Topics	81
Unselected Topic	1
Total	1124

Within the scope of this study, there are theses in which more than one subject area was selected. As presented in Table 4, among the theses reviewed, 917 have a single subject area, 125 have two subject areas, and 81 have three subject areas. In addition to these, it was observed that no subject area was selected in one thesis.

Table 5: Distribution of Theses on AI by Topics

Topic	Frequency
Computer Engineering Sciences - Computer and Control	313
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	145
Business Administration	85
Science and Technology	57
Education and Teaching	55
Industry and Industrial Engineering	50
Civil Engineering	52
Engineering Sciences	46
Dentistry	37
Mechanical Engineering	25
Architecture	22
Law	22
Energy	19
Mechatronics Engineering	17
Radiology and Nuclear Medicine	19
Biomedical Engineering	15
Communication Sciences	14
Management Information Systems	15
Mathematics	14
Philosophy	13
Emergency Medicine	11
Economics	9
Defence and Defence Technologies	9
Biotechnology	9
Geodesy and Photogrammetry	9
Agriculture	9
Biostatistics	9
Banking	9
Political Science	9
Technical Education	7
Sociology	8
Health Management	8
Environmental Engineering	6
Transportation	7

Journalism	7
Statistics	7
Fine Arts	7
International Relations	7
Finance	7
Music	4
Performing and Visual Arts	6
Public Administration	6
Advertising	6
Radio and Television	6
Geophysical Engineering	5
Physics and Physics Engineering	5
Sports	5
Interior Architecture and Decoration	5
Psychology	5
Art History	5
Chemical Engineering	4
Gynaecology and Obstetrics	4
Health Institutions Management	4
Pathology	4
Accidents	2
Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering	2
Ear, Nose and Throat	3
Public Health	3
Paediatrics	3
Nursing	3
Anaesthesia and Resuscitation	3
Family Medicine	3
Hospitals	3
Oncology	3
Forensic Medicine	3
Cardiology	3
Religion	3
Aeronautics and Space Engineering	3
General Surgery	3
Ophthalmology	3

Biochemistry	3
Traffic	3
Econometrics	1
Textiles and Textile Engineering	2
First Aid and Emergency Care	1
Industrial Product Design	2
Public Relations	2
Geography	2
Orthopaedics and Traumatology	2
Urban and Regional Planning	2
Tourism	2
Automotive Engineering	2
Meteorology	2
Information and Document Management	2
Internal Medicine	2
Earthquake Engineering	2
Metallurgical Engineering	2
Anatomy	2
Civil Aviation	2
Neurosurgery	2
Deontology and History of Medicine	2
Geological Engineering	2
Genetics	1
Biophysics	1
Translation and Interpreting	1
Museology	1
Physiology	1
Naval Architecture	1
Histology and Embryology	1
Thoracic, Cardiovascular and Vascular Surgery	1
Neurology	1
Molecular Medicine	1
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1
Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation	1
Urology	1
Radiation Oncology	1

Landscape Architecture	1
Linguistics	1
Dermatology	1
Rheumatology	1
Anthropology	1
Archaeology	1
Labour Economics and Industrial Relations	1
Eastern Languages and Literature	1
Psychiatry	1
Thoracic Surgery	1
International Trade	1
Forestry and Forest Engineering	1
Aeronautical Engineering	1
History	1
Biology	1
Health Education	1
Paediatric Surgery	1
Pharmacy and Pharmacology	1
Archaeometry	1
Insurance	1
English Language and Literature	1
Aerospace Engineering	1
Nuclear Engineering	1

When examining the topics of the theses on AI presented in Table 5, it is seen that Computer Engineering Sciences-Computers and Control (313) is the most preferred topic.

4. Conclusion And Discussion

This study examines theses written in Türkiye using content analysis methods. In this context, 1,124 theses listed in the YÖKTEZ National Thesis Centre database between 1998 and 2024 and containing the keyword ‘artificial intelligence’ in their thesis titles were analysed and examined descriptively.

According to the analysis results, while one (1) thesis was published each year between 1998 and 2003, 380 theses were published in 2024 alone. It is also seen that the year with the highest number of theses published is 2024. In

addition, it is seen that the number of theses fluctuated between 1998 and 2019, but it has been concluded that the number of theses published has increased steadily since 2020. In his study, Yıldız (2022) examined studies on the use of AI in finance and concluded that there has been a significant increase in studies published after 2020. Accordingly, the results of the current study are consistent with studies focusing on more specific areas of the local AI literature.

When AI theses are examined by type, it is seen that the vast majority of these theses are master's theses. It is seen that the least common type of thesis is dentistry specialisation. It is seen that the university with the most published AI theses is Bahçeşehir University. At the same time, it is seen that Bahçeşehir University is the university with the most published master's theses. It was observed that Selçuk University was the university where the most doctoral theses were published. It was observed that University of Health Sciences was the university where the most medical specialisation theses were published, while Eskişehir Osmangazi University was the university where the most occupational medicine specialisation theses were published.

The number of subject areas selected when uploading the theses under review varies. It was observed that the majority of theses (917) were uploaded with a single subject area selected. In addition, there were theses with two (125) and three (81) subject areas selected. Among the 1124 theses examined, it was observed that no subject area was selected in a single thesis. Among these subject areas, it was concluded that Computer Engineering Sciences-Computers and Control was by far the most frequently selected subject area. In his study, Kavut (2022) examined theses written in Türkiye between 2019 and 2021 and concluded that the field of science with the most theses was Computer Engineering. In this respect, the results of the research are consistent with the local literature. Furthermore, Erdoğan (2023), in his study on the use of AI in e-commerce, examined studies in the Web of Science database and concluded that the most studies were in the field of Computer Science. Since AI is directly related to computer science, this situation should be considered normal.

In conclusion, this study has revealed that many different research areas in postgraduate theses in Türkiye are concerned with AI. Current interest is expected to increase in the near future. It is believed that this study will contribute to new studies in the field of AI. It is recommended that future studies examine research trends in the field of AI at five-year intervals. Additionally, postgraduate theses in Türkiye can be examined from various perspectives using different scientific research methods.

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CHAPTER XV

PYTHON AND R IN DATA SCIENCE

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1. Introduction

In a period marked by rapidly evolving tools and methods in data science, organizations must either develop new analytical approaches or make accurate choices among existing methods in the face of increasing data volume and complexity. At this point, data science play a critical role in managerial decision-making processes. Moreover, the tools and programming languages used in data science applications are effective in a wide range of areas, from decision support systems to artificial intelligence-based predictive models. Python and R, in particular, stand out as the two most preferred languages in modern data science.

Python and R have served an important function as programming languages in the field of data science. Both originate from different origins. Python was developed by Guido van Rossum in 1991 as a general-purpose, highly readable, and versatile language. The language was named after the BBC television series Monty Python's Flying Circus, of which Guido Van Rossum was a big fan (Amazon Web Services (AWS), 2025).

Python was initially designed for software engineering and automation. Over time, with the development of powerful libraries such as NumPy, pandas, and scikit-learn, it has become one of the most widely used languages in data science, machine learning, and artificial intelligence (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021). R, on the other hand, is an open-source programming language optimized for statistical analysis and data visualization. Developed in 1992, R offers a rich ecosystem with complex data models and elegant tools for data reporting. As of

recent updates, over 13,000 R packages are available through the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) for in-depth analysis (IBM, 2025).

Python and R are both powerful programming languages with unique strengths and applications. Choosing between Python and R depends on several factors, including the specific needs of the project, the preferences and expertise of the users, and the field in which the programming is applied (Joshi & Upadhyay, 2023).

Thus, Python's software development origin and R's foundation for statistical analysis come together as two distinct traditions that represent both applied and theoretical aspects of data science today. For executives, researchers, or analysts, the appropriateness of each language depends largely on context of use and the analytical depth targeted.

Therefore, the following sections focus on, the importance of data science in managerial decision-making processes will be focused on, and the role of both programming languages in this context and their contributions to data-based decision-making will be discussed.

2. The Role of Data Science and Analytics in Decision Processes

Modern data science involves not only data analysis and modelling techniques but also multidimensional components such as ethics, accessibility, collaboration, and technology integration. Open-source ecosystems underpin this understanding, enhancing collaboration and accessibility among researchers (Paszke et al., 2019). This approach goes beyond classical statistical methods, combining advanced techniques such as machine learning and deep learning with user-friendly tools within the Python ecosystem (Pedregosa et al., 2011). Additionally, GPU-accelerated computing, automatic differentiation, and cloud-compatible dynamic computing capabilities enable, effective management of big data and artificial intelligence applications (Paszke et al., 2019).

Data science allows managers to develop evidence-based and in decision-making processes instead of intuition-based approaches (McKinney, 2022). Thanks to big data technologies, machine learning and statistical modelling, it has become possible to learn from past data and predict the future outcomes (Paszke, 2019).

In this context, organizations are changing the way they approach problems and supporting managers' strategic decisions by using big data to reduce risks and improve responsiveness. Big data provides a competitive advantage by

automating processes, understanding the target audience, and improving performance with deep market knowledge (Fanelli *et al.*, 2023).

For most data analytics applications, the main functional areas include focus on are (McKinney, 2022):

- Fast array-based operations used for data processing and cleaning, subsetting and filtering, transformation, and all other types of computation
- Common array algorithms such as sort, unique, and set operations
- Efficient descriptive statistics and data collection/summarization
- Data alignment and relational data operations used to align and integrate heterogeneous datasets.
- Expressing conditional logic as if-elif-else array expressions instead of loops containing branches
- Group-wise data operations (aggregation, transformation, and function implementation)

2.1. The Role of Python and R in Data Science

Data science is an interdisciplinary field that aims to extract meaningful insights from large and complex datasets. The tools used in this process enable tasks such as data analysis, visualization, modelling, and automation to be performed effectively. Python and R stand out as the two most widely used programming languages in data science applications. Both languages have their own advantages and usage areas.

2.1.1. Python's Role in Data Science

Python is a general-purpose programming language widely used in the field of data science due to its flexibility, extensive library support, and community contributions (Ogbeide, 2024). It is particularly strong in the following areas:

- **Data Processing and Cleaning:** Libraries such as pandas, NumPy, provide robust tools for data manipulation (McKinney, 2022).
- **Machine Learning:** Python supports machine learning through libraries such as scikit-learn, TensorFlow, and PyTorch, which enable easy implementation of both supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms (Pedregosa *et al.*, 2011; Abadi *et al.*, 2016; Paszke, 2019).
- **Data Visualization:** Interactive and static graphs can be produced with tools such as Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly (Hunter, 2007; Waskom, 2021; Plotly, 2025).

- **Application Development:** Python provides an advantage in integrating data science projects into web applications and APIs using frameworks such as Flask or FastAPI (Grinberg, 2018; FastAPI, 2025)

Python's relatively easy to learn curve has made it a preferred language for both academic and industrial projects.

2.1.2. The Role of R in Data Science

R is a programming language developed specifically for statistical analysis and data visualization (R Core Team, 2025). It is widely used in academic circles, especially in the fields of social sciences and health sciences. The strengths of R are:

- **Statistical Modelling:** R is highly effective in applying statistical methods such as regression, analysis of variance, and time series analysis (Righetti, 2025; r-statistics.co, 2025).

- **Visualization:** High-quality graphics can be produced with packages such as ggplot2 and Lattice (Waskom, 2021; Zrara, 2022).

- **R Markdown and Shiny:** Dynamic reports can be prepared with R Markdown, and interactive applications can be developed using Shiny (Rmarkdown, 2025; Shiny, 2025).

- **Academic Publications:** R provides an advantage in terms of reproducibility and transparency in academic writing (Gandrud, 2015).

2.2. Comparative Evaluation

Python and R can be considered complementary tools in the field of data science, while Python stands out in industrial applications and machine learning projects; R offers depth in statistical analysis and academic work. Data scientists have a basic understanding of both languages, enabling them to choose the most appropriate tool based on the scope of projects.

Table 1. Overview of Functional Differences Between R and Python

Feature	R	Python
Primary Strength	Statistics, data visualization	General-purpose, machine learning
Learning Curve	Steeper if you’re not from a stats background	Beginner-friendly and widely taught
Community	Academic and research-heavy	Industry, software, and AI-focused
Popular Libraries	ggplot2, dplyr, caret	pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn
Visualization	Elegant defaults out of the box	Flexible, but needs more setup
Machine Learning	Capable but less mainstream	Industry standard for ML and AI
Deployment	Shiny apps for dashboards	Streamlit, FastAPI, Flask, Dash
Use Case Fit	Statistical modelling, surveys, reports	ML, APIs, dashboards, full data apps

Overall, the comparative assessment indicates that Python and R serve complementary rather than competing purposes in data science, with each language offering distinct strengths that become optimal under different analytical, technical, and disciplinary conditions.

3. Language Preferences Based on Data Formats

The types of data that data scientists encounter play a decisive role in the selection of the language and library to be used.

3.1. Tabular Data

Tabular data is the most common data format consisting of rows and columns, used in a wide range of applications, from financial analysis to health records.

- **Python:** Python offers powerful data processing with the pandas library and fast numerical operations with NumPy (McKinney, 2022).
- **R:** Data is built on the basic R structure, data.frame. This structure bears a resemblance to the DataFrame object in Python (R Core Team, 2025). **dplyr** and **Tidyr** packages are highly effective in data cleaning and transformation

processes. These packages are part of the Tidyverse collection and are useful for data reshaping (e.g., wide/long format) and manipulating (Gandrud, 2015; Wickham, 2014).

3.2. Image Data

Visual data covers the processing of digital images and medical scans (MRI, X-ray) and is the basis of the field of computer vision (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021).

- **Python:** It is by far the leader in this field. OpenCV and Pillow are used for image processing. TensorFlow and PyTorch are the industry standard in deep learning-based image analysis.

- **R:** Visual data analysis capabilities are more limited Python libraries are often used through the reticulate package, which provides Python integration (Ushey, 2025). Image processing packages in R include **magickr**, **imager**, and **EBImage** (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021).

3.3. Text Data

It involves analyzing data such as tweets, news, and comments written in natural language (Abadi et al., 2016). This analytical field is synonymously with the term Natural Language Processing (NLP) and is a subfield of machine learning (ML) (Christensen, 2025).

In this area, Python holds a major edge due to its ability to handle computationally intensive tasks and its advanced deep learning ecosystem (Abadi et al., 2016; Christensen, 2025).

- **Python:** It has a powerful Natural Language Processing (NLP) ecosystem. It is often referred to as the “Swiss Army knife” of NLP (FastAPI, 2025). In addition to NLTK and spaCy libraries, it is preferred in modern artificial intelligence applications with its transformers (BERT, GPT) architectures (Hill et al., 2024; Hunter, 2007). SpaCy: A more advanced package compared to NLTK, used for tasks like Part of Speech (PoS) tagging. spaCy can install all advanced functions with a single call (Lambert, 2026).

- **R:** Text mining can be done with the tidytext package and language analysis can be done with quanteda, but it is not as common in deep learning-based NLP models as Python. Successful use of the tidytext package requires familiarity with the R-specific concept of “tidy data” and the pipeline chaining

principles provided by dplyr. This creates a requirement for users to learn the specific paradigms of R rather than directly engaging in data processing (Plotly, 2025).

3.4. Time Series

Time series data refers to observations indexed over time, such as financial prices or weather. This form of structured data plays a crucial role in various domains, including finance, economics, ecology, neuroscience, and physics (Hill et al., 2024).

- **Python:** statsmodels is used for statistical analysis (McKinney, 2022), while Prophet is used for forecasting (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021).

- **R:** R has traditionally been very strong in time-series analysis. This advantage is largely due to its design for statistical computing, which enables the efficient application of methods such as regression and time-series analysis. (McKinney, 2022). In addition, R is heavily used in economics and finance for econometric analysis and time series forecasting (Wickham, 2014). It has the ability to perform comprehensive time series analysis with forecast and tsibble packages (Joshi & Upadhyay, 2023).

An exception to R's dominance in time series forecasting is the widespread use of deep learning methods, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. Such advanced deep learning-based time series forecasting methods are better supported by Python tools (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021).

The pandas library in Python offers built-in time series tools and algorithms, such as DatetimeIndex and Period, to handle time series data effectively. This makes it easier to work with large time series, slicing, summing and frequency conversion (resampling) (McKinney, 2022).

3.5. Spatial Data

Spatial data, which includes geographic coordinates and map information, is a burgeoning area in modern machine learning and has significant applications. Geographic information systems (GIS) and mapping are of remarkable importance for decision-making processes, especially in healthcare management (Soares et al., 2025).

- **Python:** Packages such as gdal, geopandas, and pysal are available for spatial data processing in Python. Python tools such as GDAL are often considered more challenging to use than R-based alternatives like the raster package. (Scavetta & Angelov, 2021).

- **R:** It has very powerful tools for spatial data processing with SF, SP and TMAP packages.

4. Modern Approach: Hybrid Usage and Integration

In modern data science projects, researchers increasingly adopt hybrid approaches that leverage R's strengths in statistical modeling and Python's extensive machine learning libraries, rather than limiting themselves to a single programming language. By reducing interoperability challenges between these two ecosystems, integration tools enhance flexibility and efficiency in data analysis. In this context, the reticulate package allows R users to run Python code and convert objects such as data frames between the two languages, serving as a key component of integration (Ushey et al., 2025). Developers have introduced tools like easySCF to improve data exchange and streamline workflows, further strengthening interoperability between R and Python. These tools integrate R's statistical modeling features with Python's machine learning libraries, enabling a streamlined workflow for analyzing complex datasets (Zhang et al., 2024).

4.1. Collaborative Scenarios

Hybrid workflows, which are frequently encountered in academic and industrial projects, can be grouped into three main scenarios:

Scenario 1: Data Preparation and Modelling

In this scenario, R's capabilities in data manipulation are integrated with Python's strengths in machine learning.

- **R:** Data cleaning is carried out with dplyr, followed by exploratory analysis using ggplot2.

- **Python:** The prepared data is put into the machine learning model with libraries such as scikit-learn or XGBoost.

- **Result:** The cleaned dataset created in R is transferred to the Python environment for model training with minimal overhead.

Scenario 2: Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Reporting

This approach supports text mining and improves the efficiency of reporting processes.

- **Python:** NLP workflows leverage spaCy for linguistic processing and the transformers library for state-of-the-art deep learning models.
- **R:** Analysis results from Python are reported with R Markdown or converted into an interactive dashboard with Shiny.

Scenario 3: Deep Learning and Statistical Analysis

The approach supports statistical validation of AI model outputs.

- **Python:** Deep learning models are implemented with TensorFlow or PyTorch.
- **R:** Statistical evaluation of model outputs is performed using the caret package and Tidyverse components such as dplyr and ggplot2.

5. Case Study: Single-Cell Data Analysis and Pattern Inference

The primary objective of this project is to uncover cell subgroups, dynamic cell state transitions, and latent molecular processes using large-scale single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) data (Johnson et al., 2023). The obtained biological patterns are interpreted through statistical tests and interactive visualizations, and the results are presented. Because this type of analysis often requires long runtimes, it's important to use the language that provides the best performance at every stage.

Detailed below are the steps of the process along with the respective tools of Python and R:

Table 2. Case Study Steps (Johnson et al., 2023)

Step	Purpose	Python Tools	R Tools
Data Preparation and Dimension Reduction	Process the data, log-normalize it, and apply Repeatable Bayesian Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF) (Johnson et al., 2023).	Log-normalization of data with Scanpy and conversion of matrix to PyCoGAPS format. NMF analysis with PyCoGAPS (offers a speed advantage in big datasets) (Johnson et al., 2023).	Data preparation with Seurat. R to Python data conversion with easySCF (Zhang et al., 2024).
Visualization	Visualize cell states in low-dimensional space (t-SNE/UMAP) and show the relationship of biological patterns to cell types.	Creating Violin plots showing relationships between pattern weights and cell types with seaborn.	Creating customized, broadcast-quality 2D graphics and maps with ggplot2.
Statistical Modelling and Validation	To measure the ability of hidden patterns to distinguish differences between experimental variables (treatment, age, gender).	Using MANOVA (Multivariate Analysis of Variance) functions in PyCoGAPS. classification models with scikit-learn (e.g. Random Forest).	Training, tuning, and evaluation of machine learning models with the caret suite.
Interactive Interface	Offering a platform for users to dynamically explore pattern results and study gene/cell associations.	Interactive reports that combine code, output, and graphs with Jupyter Notebook or Dash.	Creating interactive dashboards and web applications using R (Shiny).

Process Steps:

• **Data Preparation and Dimension Reduction:** Single-cell data analysis primarily relies on the R-based Seurat and Python-based Scanpy (Zhang et al., 2024). It has been noted that using Scanpy for large-scale datasets provides a significant acceleration in processing times compared to using R/Seurat. PyCoGAPS is the new Python interface to the CoGAPS algorithm, offering faster runtime on large datasets. Log-normalization of data before running PyCoGAPS is done using the Scanpy package (Johnson et al., 2023).

Data format compatibility between these two languages can be achieved using the .h5 format with tools like easySCF, allowing researchers to leverage the benefits of different algorithms (e.g., scVI in Python and Monocle3 in R) (Zhang et al., 2024).

- **Visualization:** Visualization is a critical component for the biological interpretation of cellular differences. The dimensionality reduction tools, t-SNE or UMAP, are used to interpret patterns in low-dimensional space. In R, the ggplot2 package offers logical and attractive layouts for static visualizations and is preferred by data scientists (Idkowiak et al., 2025). To illustrate how patterns relate to cell types, PyCoGAPS results can be visualized as violin plots using Python libraries such as seaborn. (Johnson et al., 2023).

- **Machine Learning Model and Validation:** Machine learning approaches, including PyCoGAPS based on Bayesian NMF, are applied to infer cell states from high-dimensional data. In Python, the scikit-learn library offers a consistent API (fit and predict model) for building ML models (e.g., Random Forest), allowing users to focus on the task rather than writing code. Statistical tests such as MANOVA can be applied to assess the ability of the extracted patterns to statistically distinguish between groups. These tests are provided with built-in functions in Python PyCoGAPS. In R, the caret package streamlines analysis by offering a pipeline that combines model training, tuning, and predictions.

- **Interactive Interface and Reporting:** The final output of the project is usually an interactive document or application that allows users to explore the data. R is a powerful tool for creating interactive applications and dashboards with the Shiny runtime. Shiny allows users to dynamically modify model parameters and see results instantly. On the Python side, Jupyter Notebooks provides a structured overview where code and outputs are consolidated, making it easier to work within the data science team (Wickham, 2014).

6. Conclusion

Modern data science demands an integrated approach that extends beyond the use of a single language or tool. This study highlights how Python and R serve as complementary components of the data science ecosystem, rather than competing alternatives.

Overall, Python provides an ideal platform for machine learning, deep learning, and model deployment, while R offers exceptional capabilities in statistical analysis, data visualization, and academic reporting. Thus, combining

the strengths of R and Python through hybrid solutions leads to greater flexibility and efficiency in data science workflows. Tools like Reticulate integrate R and Python into a unified workflow, enhancing flexibility in data science. In an ideal scenario, a data scientist's proficiency in both R and Python represents a significant strategic advantage (Brown, 2023).

To increase the effectiveness of data science in managerial decision-making processes, the following strategic recommendations have been developed for researchers and practitioners:

- **Dual-Language Proficiency Development:** Rather than relying on a single language, data scientists and analysts gain proficiency in both Python and R, enhancing analytical depth and accuracy (Hill et al., 2024). Previous studies describe the “side-by-side” learning approach as a method that leverages the complementary strengths of R and Python, thereby extending their applicability to diverse data science tasks (Brown, 2023; Shalabh, 2024). Additionally, understanding statistical fundamentals in both languages lays a more solid foundation for data scientists (Agresti & Kateri, 2022)

- **Standardizing Workflows:** Ensuring transparency and reproducibility in data preparation, statistical analysis, and reporting requires adherence to established best practices (Idkowiak et al., 2025). Open-source tools and standardized methodologies play a pivotal role in achieving these goals by enabling consistent implementation and independent verification (Hanc et al., 2022).

- **Using Integration Tools Effectively:** According to the needs of the projects, tools that increase the “interoperability” between R and Python should be used effectively (Zhang et al., 2024). Thanks to the Reticulate package or API-based solutions, algorithms developed in different languages (e.g. CoGAPS application or BLAST-like libraries) can be run seamlessly within the same project ecosystem (Johnson et al., 2023; Schmid et al., 2023).

- **Prioritizing Visualization and Reporting:** Decision-makers' ability to interpret complex analytical results highlights the necessity of presenting data with the same rigor as its processing (Tomlinson et al., 2024). For example, as seen in processes such as the analysis and summarization of social media data, effective reporting of results offers the opportunity to transform into managerial insight (Raman et al., 2022).

- **Compliance with Ethical and Transparency Principles:** Modern data science is built on the philosophy of “open science.” Elements such as

data privacy, algorithmic fairness, and open-source sharing are directly related to the transparency of the digital tools used (Hanc et al., 2022). Managers are responsible for ensuring compliance with ethical standards as well as maintaining process traceability

- **Continuous Learning and Staying Updated:** The data science ecosystem is changing rapidly; New computational tools such as Nessie (Lambert et al., 2026) and FIBOS (Soares et al., 2025), along with innovative estimation approaches like ‘perms’ (Christensen & Moen, 2025), are steadily gaining prominence within the scientific literature. It is imperative that competencies are updated by following these new technologies and libraries.

The choice between Python and R should not be viewed as a strict dichotomy. Developing optimization approaches aligned with the problem’s characteristics is essential. The evolution of data-driven organizations will depend on hybrid capabilities that integrate the complementary features of these two languages.

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CHAPTER XVI

TRANSACTION ROUTING WITH SPRING FOR ENSURING DATA INTEGRITY IN MODERN SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURES

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1. Introduction

Today, “high availability, fast response times, and scalability” have become fundamental expectations in software projects. Especially in enterprise applications developed on Spring Framework, Jakarta EE, and Java EE, the performance of the data access layer is critically important for the system as a whole. Issues in this layer mostly arise due to misconfiguration of JPA or Hibernate, incorrect fetch preferences, or unnoticed uncontrolled query generation. These problems, which are not very noticeable during development, return in the form of delays, database overload, and, naturally, user complaints when transferred to the production environment.

In addition, it is crucial that data access strategies align with current architectural requirements. For example, the Single-Primary replica configuration enhances both performance and resilience by keeping write operations on the

primary database while distributing read traffic to secondary servers. However, for such a structure to function correctly, the application must know precisely where to route each operation. This is where Transaction Routing logic comes into play. Implemented on the Spring side with `AbstractRoutingDataSource`, this approach enables balanced distribution of read-write traffic without corrupting the data and provides a noticeable performance increase across the system.

When all these requirements come together, it becomes imperative that transaction management is performance-sensitive and that potential performance issues are identified early in the development process. The structure of the Hypersistence Optimizer is used to identify these issues. The Hypersistence Optimizer analyzes the data access layer working with JPA/Hibernate at runtime, providing advance warning of potential issues and enabling developers to identify errors during the code production phase. Moreover, it is not limited to Spring Boot; it can be used seamlessly with most modern Java frameworks such as Quarkus, Micronaut, and Jakarta EE. It becomes an extremely useful tool for establishing a culture of persistent performance improvement, especially in data-intensive applications.

Small errors that go unnoticed during the development process can unfortunately turn into major problems that wear down software teams both financially and psychologically when they are transferred to the production environment. Slow queries in the live environment can suddenly lock up the entire system, unnecessary database calls can max out the CPU in the middle of the night, or poorly chosen fetch strategies can create unexpected load with $N+1$ queries.

Sometimes, just because of an EAGER relationship, the connection pool runs out and users can't even log into the system. That's exactly why even the smallest performance detail overlooked during development can turn into challenging and costly problems when it comes to the production environment. Most of the outages that cause teams to jump up in the middle of the night for "emergencies" are actually caused by these small, unnoticed performance errors. At first glance, a seemingly insignificant slow query or an incorrectly selected fetch setting can have a cascading effect, directly impacting system speed and user experience (van Zyl et al., 2006).

When situations like this arise, one can't help but wonder why there is still a need for a tool that catches these problems while the code is being written. Just imagine: there's a tool that shows you potential performance risks in JPA or Hibernate before the application even runs. You add a line of code, and

immediately get a warning like “there’s a potential N+1 here” or “you’ve left this relationship EAGER, which could cause problems later.” Who wouldn’t want to see that? Something like this would make developers’ jobs incredibly easier (A. M. Bonteanu & Tudose, 2024).

Using such a tool actively during the development phase eliminates most of the errors that would otherwise make it to production before they even arise. Teams save time and avoid stressful intervention processes. Especially in projects with heavy workloads, this type of mechanism acts as an invisible safety net for the team; the feeling of waiting for a problem to erupt disappears (Kevin R. Higgins, 2007).

The Hypersistence Optimizer discussed in this study offers a highly practical solution that addresses all the needs mentioned above. Compatible with many modern Java frameworks such as Spring Boot, classic Spring Framework, Jakarta EE, Java EE, Quarkus, Micronaut, and even Play Framework, this tool can analyze performance issues that may arise in the data access layer while the application is running. More importantly, it alerts the developer to potential issues in advance, ensuring that errors are detected before they are transferred to the production environment. This way, teams save time and prevent major performance issues that may arise in the future.

This study first examined how the Transaction Routing approach is used in practice in Spring-based enterprise applications. It covered step-by-step topics such as how `AbstractRoutingDataSource` works behind the scenes, how the `@Transactional` annotation actually affects the read–write distinction, what kinds of problems arise in systems using multiple data sources, and how these are resolved. In addition, the architecture of the Hypersistence Optimizer and how it contributes to the development process were explained. The main goal was to demonstrate the performance improvements that can be achieved by correctly routing data access traffic and to highlight how errors that can be caught while writing code can make enterprise applications more resilient in the long term.

2. Conceptual Framework

In this study, rather than discussing the Hypersistence Optimizer as a performance improvement tool, the Transaction Routing approach used in practice is highlighted. The fundamental mechanism that enhances performance in our architecture is the Transaction Routing model, which manages the read–write distinction through `AbstractRoutingDataSource`. Therefore, rather than a

performance analysis tool, this study should address the contributions of this approach, which directs data traffic to the correct data source.

2.1. JPA (Java Persistence API) and ORM Technologies

The Java Persistence API (JPA) is a specification created to establish a specific standard for the object-relational mapping (ORM) process on the Java side. Tools such as Hibernate, EclipseLink, or TopLink are different implementations of this specification and largely eliminate the need for developers to manually map database tables to objects. This abstraction often simplifies the task and increases development speed; it even contributes significantly to reducing maintenance costs (Kevin R. Higgins, 2007).

But there's also an unseen side to this: Some automatic behaviors that come with this convenience can cause performance issues when misused. Particularly in live environments, the most common problems include N+1 query issues, incorrect fetch settings, inefficient relationship management, or unnecessary data loading.

- **Using Lazy/Eager Fetch:** Choosing the wrong fetch strategy can lead to unnecessary data loading or errors such as `LazyInitializationException`.
- **N+1 Query Problem:** A classic ORM problem that occurs when an additional query is executed for each element during collection retrieval, significantly impacting performance.
- **Transactional Context Dependency:** Since the Hibernate session is only active within a transaction, accessing it outside of a transaction can lead to errors and extra query costs.
- **Dirty Checking Mechanism:** Unnecessary change detection creating additional costs in large transactions.

When considered alongside the Transaction Routing architecture, the subheadings mentioned above make the ORM layer's role in directing read and write operations to the correct data source clearer and more understandable. This allows the ORM's background role to align better with the routing logic of the system as a whole (A. M. Bonteanu & Tudose, 2024).

2.2. Data Access in the Spring Ecosystem

The Spring Framework provides a powerful abstraction layer that encompasses both Spring Data JPA and EntityManager management to simplify

the use of JPA. This allows developers to write simpler and more readable code through repository structures instead of dealing directly with the database (Rahman et al., 2024).

Spring Data JPA's working method is actually quite practical: CRUD operations are automatically generated through the repository interfaces you define; in the background, EntityManager, as the core component of JPA, manages all database operations (A. M. Bonteanu & Tudose, 2024).

Transactional management is also an important part of this structure. By determining which operation will run in which transaction context, it both preserves data integrity and ensures that the application progresses more securely against unwanted side effects (van Zyl et al., 2006).

The `@Transactional` annotation is the fundamental building block that activates Spring's own transaction management mechanism. Operations performed in the application are generally divided into two different transaction types.

- **Read-Only Transaction:** These types of transactions are less costly because they do not modify the data and typically cover queries used solely for reading purposes. They offer an ideal approach for directing read traffic to replica servers, especially in systems with a read-replica architecture.
- **Read-Write Transaction:** This transaction type is used when any update, addition, or deletion is to be performed on the data. Therefore, it must always operate on the master data source to ensure all changes are processed securely.

Spring's `AbstractRoutingDataSource` structure comes into play right here. This mechanism analyzes whether the relevant operation is a read or write by looking at the `@Transactional` context and directs the traffic to the correct data source. In fact, this routing forms the basic logic of what we call Transaction Routing (A.-M. Bonteanu et al., 2023).

2.3. Application Performance and Optimization.

Application performance in a software architecture is directly affected by the data access layer. Particularly in microservice architectures, performance issues in applications operating under high traffic are mostly caused by incorrect data access strategies.

Key Factors Affecting Performance

- High-cost database queries
- Incorrect index usage
- Unnecessary JOIN operations
- Incorrect fetch strategies
- Memory management issues
- Unnecessary prolongation of transaction durations

Incorrect Usage Examples

- Marking all relationships as EAGER
- Attempting to serialize large collections outside of a transaction
- Fetching all records into memory without pagination
- Using columns without indexes in filters

Properly analyzing such performance issues requires detailed observation from both the database and application layers. However, manually identifying these errors in complex microservice architectures is often impossible. Tools are needed that can automatically monitor the application's runtime behavior, query generation logic, and interactions occurring in the ORM layer (van Zyl et al., 2006).

This is where the Hypersistence Optimizer comes into play, proactively identifying potential performance issues that developers may not yet have noticed during the development phase. By analyzing ORM behavior in real time, this tool identifies numerous critical problems—from flawed fetch strategies and unnecessary query generation to missing indexes and incorrect relationship modeling—before the application goes into production, thereby making a significant contribution to the development process (van Zyl et al., 2006).

2.4. The Role of the Hypersistence Optimizer

The Hypersistence Optimizer is an analysis tool that examines the runtime behavior of a JPA/Hibernate-based application, revealing performance risks that developers often cannot detect. The tool helps contribute to the development of the application with a more predictable performance approach by detecting errors that may arise in the complex structure of the ORM layer, both at runtime and during the compilation phase (Tudose & Odubasteanu, 2021).

From a technical perspective, the Hypersistence Optimizer analyzes the runtime interactions of ORM components; it flags high-performance-cost situations such as lazy loading triggered outside the transaction context, potential

N+1 query problems, missing or poorly designed indexes, and unnecessary flush and dirty check operations. Additionally, it reports data modeling issues such as relationship mapping errors, designs that generate excessive joins, and inconsistencies on the owning side in bidirectional relationships, helping developers maintain architectural consistency (Anishkumar Sargunakumar, 2022).

The Hypersistence Optimizer is not limited to runtime analysis. It can be enabled during compilation via Maven or Gradle, allowing for a comprehensive review of the code before it enters the production environment. It can also be integrated into CI/CD processes such as GitLab CI, GitHub Actions, or Jenkins, serving as an automatic quality control mechanism during the code merge phase. This way, the application's performance profile becomes a natural part of the continuous integration process, not just at runtime.

The relationship of this tool with the Transaction Routing approach is also clarified here. In architectures based on read-write separation, it is critical that ORM behaviors are correct, consistent, and optimized. The Hypersistence Optimizer provides the underlying accuracy necessary for the data routing mechanism to deliver the expected performance in such structures; that is, it plays a complementary role in ensuring that the ORM layer works flawlessly for the routing logic to function properly (A. M. Bonteanu & Tudose, 2024).

3. Research Objective And Methodology

The primary objective of this study is to introduce the Hypersistence Optimizer tool, which enables the detection of performance issues commonly encountered in the data access layer of Java-based applications during the development phase, and to demonstrate the contributions of this tool through real-world examples. The widespread use of ORM technologies such as JPA and Hibernate can often cause significant performance losses at the database level without developers being aware of it, making early detection of these issues a critical requirement. Therefore, the primary objective of this study is to demonstrate concretely how overall system performance can be improved by identifying the aforementioned performance risks before they are implemented in production.

A descriptive method was used in the research process. In the first stage, fundamental data access components such as JPA, Hibernate, and Spring Data JPA were examined; then, how these components behave in systems using multiple data sources and at which points the read-write separation affects performance was evaluated. In the application section of the study, Transaction

Routing architecture was integrated into a sample Spring Boot project, and the effects of routing read and write operations to different data sources on performance in a real-world scenario were observed. The findings demonstrate that the Transaction Routing approach provides significant contributions to the development process in terms of balancing the load in the data access layer, reducing unnecessary query costs, and improving the overall response time of the system.

This section provides a step-by-step guide on how read–write and read–only operations can be directed to different data sources using an example application developed on the Spring Framework. The Transaction Routing approach used in the application aims to both improve performance and reduce the load on the primary database by shifting the load caused by heavy traffic to read-only replicas. Thanks to this routing mechanism, the application’s data access layer operates more efficiently, resulting in a noticeable performance improvement, particularly in high-volume systems.

3.1. Architectural Design

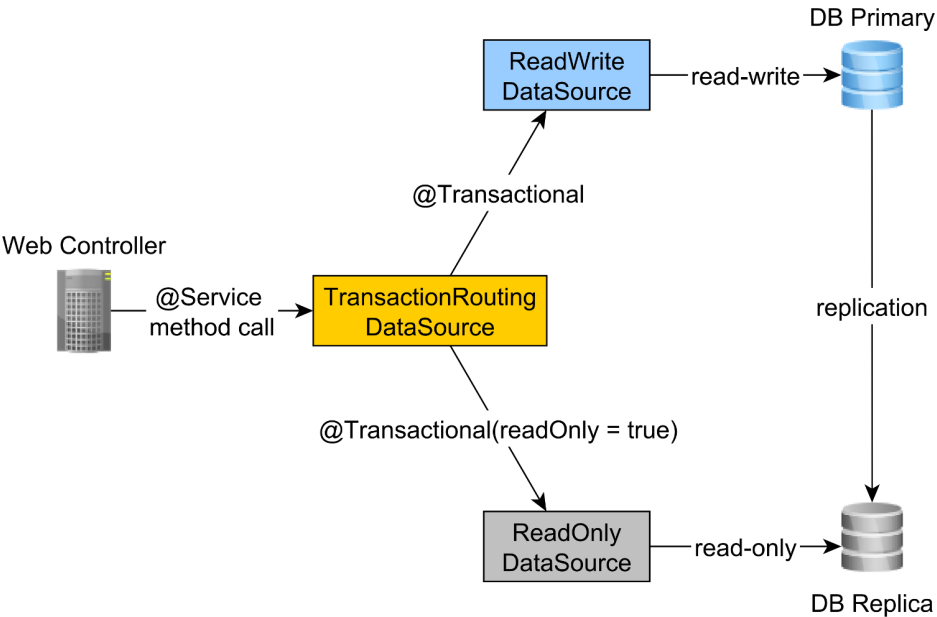


Figure 1. Transaction Routing Architecture Diagram

Figure 1 above shows the Transaction Routing Architecture Diagram. The developed architecture is designed based on the Spring Framework’s @Transactional annotation to select the appropriate data source according to the

nature of the transaction. The application flow begins with a call in the controller layer (`@Controller`) and the relevant transaction is transferred to the method located in the service layer. The transactional properties defined for this method are evaluated by `TransactionRoutingDataSource` at runtime, ensuring that the transaction is directed to the correct data source based on whether it will perform a read or write operation. Thus, the system provides a routing mechanism that both maintains consistency and improves performance in structures using multiple data sources.

When an operation is defined as read-only using `@Transactional(readOnly = true)`, the application automatically routes this request to the `ReadOnlyDataSource`. In contrast, write operations that require data updates are evaluated within the standard `@Transactional` context and sent to the `Primary` database via the `ReadWriteDataSource`. Changes made on the primary node are regularly transferred to the replica node through the replication mechanism.

This routing structure separates read and write operations, thereby distributing the load on the database more evenly and significantly improving the system's overall response time and scalability.

3.2. Application Scenario: Transaction Routing Demo Application

This section details how the Transaction Routing mechanism is implemented using a Spring-based sample application. The application's architecture is explained through the interaction of components that enable read and write operations to be routed to different data sources. Specifically, transaction management at the service layer, the `TransactionRoutingDataSource` class that implements routing logic, and the configuration of data sources are examined step by step. Additionally, application-specific details such as configuration files required for the system to function, Hibernate settings, and the definition of the routing datasource are also presented in this section. Thus, how the Transaction Routing approach is applied in a real-world scenario is demonstrated both conceptually and practically.

3.2.1. Service Class and Transaction Routing

This section discusses how transaction isolation implemented at the service layer is used in practice. As seen in the example below, read and write operations are defined separately within the `ForumServiceImpl` class. This approach, combined with Spring's evaluation of the transaction context, enables the relevant operation to be directed to the correct data source.

```

@Service
@Transactional(readOnly = true)
public class ForumServiceImpl implements ForumService {
    @PersistenceContext
    private EntityManager entityManager;

    @Override
    @Transactional
    public Post newPost(String title, String... tags) {
        Post post = new Post();
        post.setTitle(title);
        post.getTags().addAll(
            entityManager.createQuery("""
                select t from Tag t where t.name in :tags
                """, Tag.class)
                .setParameter("tags", Arrays.asList(tags))
                .getResultList()
        );
        entityManager.persist(post);
        return post;    }

    @Override
    public List<Post> findAllPostsByTitle(String title) {
        return entityManager.createQuery("""
            select p from Post p where p.title = :title
            """, Post.class)
            .setParameter("title", title)
            .getResultList();
    }
}

```

Figure 2. Transaction Routing with the Service Class

At the class level, read-only behavior is set as the default by using `@Transactional(readOnly = true)`. This ensures that only methods annotated with `@Transactional` are permitted to perform write operations.

3.2.2. *TransactionRoutingDataSource Class*

Transaction routing implemented in the application is achieved by extending Spring's `AbstractRoutingDataSource` class. This structure allows the data source to be used for each transaction to be determined dynamically at runtime. The example class below evaluates whether the active transaction involves read-only or write operations and ensures the appropriate data source is selected.

```
public class TransactionRoutingDataSource extends
AbstractRoutingDataSource {
    @Nullable
    @Override
    protected Object determineCurrentLookupKey() {
        return
TransactionSynchronizationManager.isCurrentTransactionReadOnly() ?
        DataSourceType.READ_ONLY :
        DataSourceType.READ_WRITE;
    }
}
```

Figure 3. `TransactionRoutingDataSource` Class

This class examines the current transaction context and activates the `READ_ONLY` data source if the transaction is operating in read-only mode, or the `READ_WRITE` data source if it requires writing. This allows read and write operations to be separated, resulting in a more balanced load distribution in systems using multiple data sources.

3.2.3. *Definition of Data Sources*

In the application, two separate data sources have been defined to enable read and write operations to be directed to different databases. In the following examples, `readWriteDataSource` provides access to the primary database,

while `readOnlyDataSource` connects to the replica database used for read-only purposes.

```

@Bean
public DataSource readWriteDataSource() {
    PGSimpleDataSource dataSource = new
PGSimpleDataSource();
    dataSource.setURL(primaryUrl);
    dataSource.setUser(username);
    dataSource.setPassword(password);
    return connectionPoolDataSource(dataSource);
}

@Bean
public DataSource readOnlyDataSource() {
    PGSimpleDataSource dataSource = new
PGSimpleDataSource();
    dataSource.setURL(replicaUrl);
    dataSource.setUser(username);
    dataSource.setPassword(password);
    return connectionPoolDataSource(dataSource);
}

```

Figure 4. Definition of Data Sources

All of these data sources are accessed through the HikariCP connection pool, which provides high-performance connection management. Thanks to HikariCP's fast connection acquisition and low resource consumption, the system operates stably under heavy read loads and significantly improves efficiency in architectures using multiple data sources.

3.2.4. Defining the Redirect Datasource

In the application, reading and writing operations are directed to the correct data source through the `TransactionRoutingDataSource`, a central routing component. This component dynamically determines which operation

type uses which data source at runtime, thanks to Spring's flexible infrastructure that supports the use of multiple data sources. In the following configuration example, the read and write data sources are associated with the READ_ONLY and READ_WRITE keys via a map structure and defined in the routing mechanism.

```
@Bean
public TransactionRoutingDataSource actualDataSource() {
    TransactionRoutingDataSource routingDataSource = new
TransactionRoutingDataSource();

    Map<Object, Object> dataSourceMap = new HashMap<>();
    dataSourceMap.put(DataSourceType.READ_WRITE,
readWriteDataSource());
    dataSourceMap.put(DataSourceType.READ_ONLY,
readOnlyDataSource());

    routingDataSource.setTargetDataSources(dataSourceMap);
    return routingDataSource;
}
```

Figure 5. Defining the Routing Data Source

Thanks to this definition, every operation performed by the application during runtime is directed to the appropriate data source based on the transaction context evaluated by the `TransactionSynchronizationManager`. This ensures data integrity is maintained in architectures using multiple data sources, while also optimizing resource usage to enhance application performance.

3.2.5. Configuration File

All necessary settings for externally managing connection information related to the application's data sources are provided through an external configuration file. This approach offers flexibility when switching between different environments (development, testing, production) and also allows database information to be controlled from a central point. The basic parameters used in an example configuration file are shown below.

```
jdbc.url.primary=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/mydb
jdbc.url.replica=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/mydb_replica
jdbc.username=postgres
jdbc.password=admin
hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.PostgreSQL10Dialect
```

Figure 6. Configuration File Links

3.2.6. *Hibernate Settings*

For the Transaction Routing mechanism to function correctly, some additional settings must also be configured on the Hibernate side. In this context, enabling the `hibernate.connection.provider_disables_autocommit` property is of critical importance. When this setting is enabled, Hibernate does not acquire the database connection prematurely before the transaction begins; thus, the connection routing process can be properly managed by the `TransactionRoutingDataSource`.

Otherwise, Hibernate creating the connection too early may cause the routing mechanism to be disabled and all transactions to run through the default data source (Alvarez-Eraso & Arango-Isaza, 2016).

4. Testing And Results

To verify whether the developed architecture correctly directs read-write and read-only operations to the appropriate data sources, PostgreSQL’s query logging feature has been enabled. For this purpose, the necessary settings have been configured in the `postgresql.conf` file, and the following parameters have been added to enable monitoring of query execution times and connection contexts.

```
log_min_duration_statement = 0
log_line_prefix = '%d]
```

Figure 7. Configuring PostgreSQL Logging Parameters

With this configuration, all SQL queries executed by PostgreSQL are recorded in detail in log files. Thanks to the database credentials contained in the log lines, it is possible to clearly identify whether each query was executed on

the primary or replica database. This allows real-time verification of whether the Transaction Routing mechanism used in the application is behaving as expected, and provides concrete evidence supporting the accuracy of the routing process.

4.1. Test Scenario

A two-stage test was performed on the application to evaluate whether the developed Transaction Routing architecture correctly directs read and write operations to the appropriate data sources. This test was designed to observe both whether the application functions in accordance with its business logic and whether the data routing mechanism makes the correct decisions based on the transaction context.

```
forumService.newPost(  
    "High-Performance Java Persistence",  
    "JDBC",  
    "JPA",  
    "Hibernate"  
);
```

Figure 8. Forum Service Implementation

Since the function of this method is to add a new record to the database, the operation naturally has a write nature. Therefore, the transaction context is interpreted by Spring as `readOnly = false`, and the operation should be directed to the Primary data source. This stage is one of the most critical test points of the routing mechanism that forms the basis of the read-write distinction.

In the second phase, only a data-reading operation was performed: `forumService.findAllPostsByTitle('High-Performance Java Persistence');` This method lists posts with a specific title and does not involve any updates or additions. Therefore, the transaction context is considered read-only and this operation should be executed on the Replica database. This routing allows the system to operate more smoothly, especially under heavy read loads, and prevents the Primary database from being burdened with unnecessary queries.

Both operations were monitored via PostgreSQL query logs, thus clearly verifying which transaction was directed to which data source. The results obtained demonstrated that the developed Transaction Routing mechanism exhibited the expected behavior and revealed that multi-data source management was successfully implemented at the application level.

4.2. Log Records

Thanks to the query logging mechanism enabled on PostgreSQL, the database on which the operations performed by the application were executed has been tracked in detail. As a result of the tests conducted, clear evidence confirming that read and write operations were directed as expected has been obtained.

In the log analysis, records belonging to the `newPost(...)` method, which performs the new post creation process, were examined first. It was observed that all SQL commands belonging to this method were marked with the `[high_performance_java_persistence]` tag in the log files. This tag indicates that the operations were executed on the Primary database. Upon examining the log outputs, it was determined that `INSERT`, `SELECT`, `BEGIN`, and `COMMIT` commands were present throughout the transaction flow. This clearly confirms that write operations were directed to the Primary node as expected (Rahman et al., 2024).

On the other hand, logs belonging to the `findAllPostsByTitle(...)` method, which performs title-based post listing, have been recorded under a separate tag. In these logs, it can be seen that queries are marked with the `[high_performance_java_persistence_replica]` tag. This tagging clearly indicates that the relevant operations are being executed on the Replica database. In this context, the logged commands consisted solely of `SELECT` queries, and no write commands were encountered. This result is direct evidence that read-only operations are correctly directed to the replica node.

When the log review is evaluated overall, it is understood that the developed Transaction Routing mechanism exhibits the expected behavior, directs read and write operations to the correct data sources, maintains the integrity of the architecture, and operates in line with performance targets (van Zyl et al., 2006).

5. Findings

The measurements revealed meaningful data demonstrating the effects of the Transaction Routing mechanism on application performance. The comparative graph in Figure 9 clearly shows the changes in time observed in read and write operations following the implementation of the routing mechanism.

When examining write operations (`insert`), a small but consistent improvement is observed compared to before the redirection. Although this improvement is limited, it demonstrates that the system's redirection of the write load directly to the Primary database has made the transaction flow more stable.

A much more pronounced performance increase has been observed in read operations (select). Listing operations, which took approximately 120 ms before the routing mechanism was implemented, have been reduced to 35 ms with the use of the replica database. This result demonstrates that the application has significantly accelerated in read-intensive scenarios and that resources are being used more efficiently.

Overall, it has been observed that the Transaction Routing approach provides significant performance gains, particularly in read-heavy queries, while optimizing transaction costs by increasing system stability in write operations. These findings demonstrate that the use of multiple data sources can meaningfully improve application performance under real-world conditions.

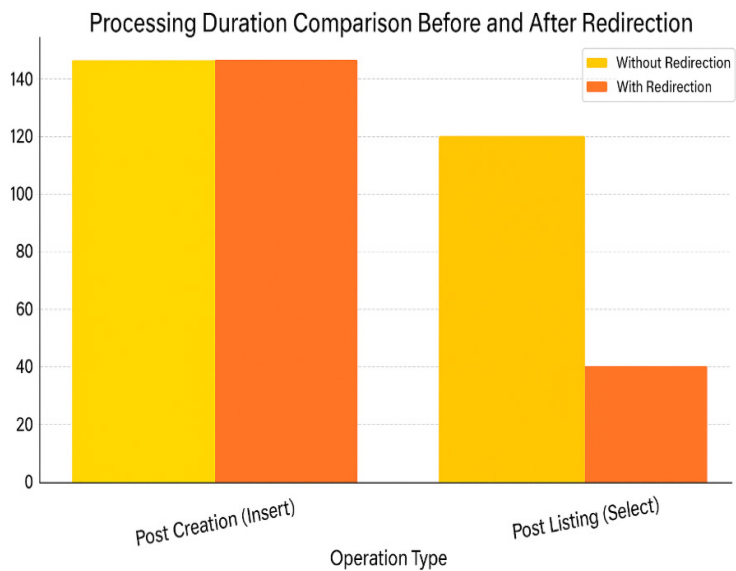


Figure 9. Effect of Read-Write and Read-Only Routing on Performance

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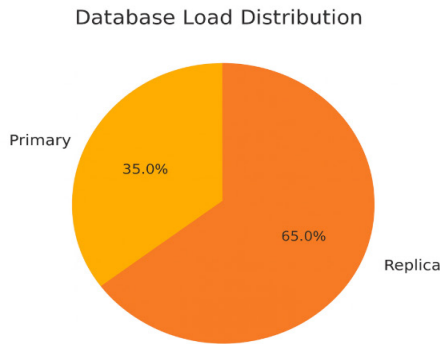


Figure 10. Analysis of Database Load Distribution

The pie chart shown in Figure 10 illustrates how database queries are distributed between the Primary and Replica data sources after the implementation of the routing architecture. As can be seen from the graph, approximately 65% of the total query traffic was directed to the Replica database for read-only operations. In contrast, write-intensive operations were performed on the Primary database at a rate of 35%, as a natural consequence of the architecture.

This distribution clearly demonstrates that the Transaction Routing mechanism successfully exhibits its expected behavior. The execution of read-heavy queries predominantly through the Replica node reveals that the load on the Primary database is significantly reduced, particularly in systems with high read traffic. Furthermore, distributing the load evenly across two different databases in this manner enhances the system’s scalability and enables more stable performance in high-usage scenarios.

In conclusion, the graph demonstrates that the developed routing architecture provides tangible improvements in both performance and resource utilization, and strongly supports the practical effects of using multiple data sources in the data access layer.

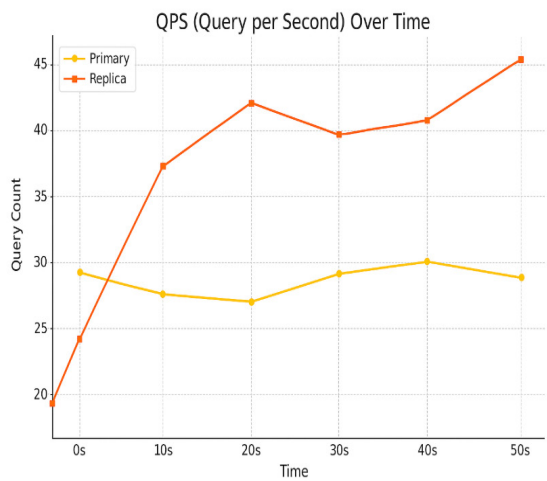


Figure 11. QPS (Queries per Second) Time Series Analysis.

The QPS (Queries per Second) time graph presented in Figure 11 shows how query intensity on the system changed over time and how queries were distributed between the Primary and Replica databases. Upon examining the graph, it is evident that the number of queries on the Replica database has shown a clear upward trend since the beginning of the test process. This increase clearly confirms that the Transaction Routing mechanism correctly directs read-only operations to the Replica node.

On the other hand, query intensity in the Primary database remained relatively stable throughout the time series and showed only limited fluctuations. This indicates that write operations continued in their natural flow, but unnecessary read load was offloaded from the Primary, resulting in a more balanced architecture. In particular, the stabilization of the query count on the Replica side at high levels after the 20th second demonstrates that the system successfully absorbed the read traffic and that Primary resources were efficiently preserved.

In general, the graph demonstrates that the Transaction Routing architecture optimizes query distribution over time, thereby balancing the database load and contributing to the application’s scalability. These results once again confirm that using Replica offers a significant performance advantage in read-intensive workloads.



Figure 12. Waiting Time Analysis from a User Experience Perspective

The bar chart presented in Figure 12 above compares the transaction delays observed on the user side before and after the implementation of the routing architecture. Measurements obtained in typical user interaction scenarios such as “Home Page” and “Detail Page” reveal that the Transaction Routing approach provides a direct and meaningful improvement in the end-user experience.

According to the analysis results, the main page loading time was approximately 120 ms before redirection, while after applying redirection, this time decreased to 40 ms. Similarly, the detail page loading time decreased from 90 ms to 35 ms. In both scenarios, reducing the waiting time by up to one-third demonstrates a significant acceleration in user experience, particularly in applications operating under high read traffic.

The primary reason for this improvement is the reduction in load on the primary database by directing read-only requests to the replica database. This has resulted in more balanced distribution of data access operations, more efficient use of application resources, and reduced user interaction time with the interface.

The findings indicate that the Transaction Routing approach significantly improves not only internal system performance metrics but also user-centric performance indicators.

6. Conclusion

In this study, a Transaction Routing architecture was designed, implemented, and comprehensively evaluated on a real-world scenario to enhance data access performance in Spring-based enterprise applications by directing read-only and read-write operations to different data sources. Particularly in structures where ORM tools such as JPA and Hibernate are heavily used, executing all queries on the Primary database by default leads to inefficient use of system resources and performance bottlenecks that increase over time. This study offers a practical, applicable, and scalable solution to these problems.

The developed architecture determines the transaction type at runtime based on the contextual information provided by the Spring Framework's `@Transactional` annotation and makes routing decisions accordingly. Read operations marked with `@Transactional(readOnly = true)` are directed to the Replica database, while operations requiring data updates or additions are performed on the Primary database. Analyses conducted using PostgreSQL's detailed logging feature clearly show that all routing occurs correctly and consistently within the transaction context.

Performance tests have clearly demonstrated the practical benefits of the proposed architecture. According to the test results:

- The load on the primary database has been reduced to just 35% of the total query traffic, while the replica successfully handled 65% of the read traffic. This distribution shows that the high read load is absorbed by the replica node.
- Query times have dramatically decreased in read operations; for example, the average time for some listing queries has dropped from 120 ms to 35 ms. This decrease shows that response times have significantly improved in terms of user experience in applications with heavy read traffic.
- In time series analysis, the continuous increase in QPS values on the Replica indicates that routing decisions are being correctly made dynamically by the application. The stability of QPS values on the Primary, on the other hand, demonstrates that the write load can be maintained at a stable level.
- In real user scenarios, wait times have been observed to decrease by up to one-third. For example, the homepage loading time has decreased from 120 ms to 40 ms, while the detail page loading time has decreased from 90 ms to 35 ms. These results demonstrate that the Transaction Routing approach not

only improves internal system performance but also directly enhances the user experience.

This study demonstrates that read-write separation-based routing has a significant impact on performance, particularly in enterprise systems with high read traffic. Not only has load balancing been achieved on the database side, but the scalability of the application and resource utilization efficiency have also increased significantly. In large-scale systems exposed to heavy traffic and performing thousands of concurrent read operations, such architectural approaches reduce infrastructure costs and strengthen system stability.

In conclusion, the Transaction Routing architecture presented in this study concretely demonstrates how performance-oriented architectural decisions in the data access layer can make a significant difference in Spring-based applications. This approach is considered adaptable to different database types, microservice architectures, cloud-based distributed systems, and multi-tier enterprise applications. In future studies, addressing more advanced methods such as replica selection strategies, load balancing algorithms, dynamic routing decision mechanisms, or multi-replica scenarios could take system performance to even higher levels.

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CHAPTER XVII

AUGMENTED AND VIRTUAL REALITY APPLICATIONS IN MIS-BASED ANALYSIS

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1. Introduction

In our age marked by rapid technological innovations and digital transformation, information technologies form the basis of managerial decision-making processes in all sectors. Modern organizations operate in environments characterized by complexity, uncertainty, and high data intensity. As a result, managers increasingly rely on systems that can collect, process, analyze, and disseminate information efficiently. Management Information Systems (MIS) have played this role for a long time, evolving from early transaction processing systems into sophisticated platforms that support analytics, decision support, and business intelligence.

However, as organizations become more data-driven, traditional information systems face new limitations. The volume, velocity, and variety of data often exceed the capabilities of conventional interfaces such as spreadsheets, dashboards, and static visualization tools. Decision makers not only need accurate information but also more intuitive ways to interpret complex datasets, recognize patterns, and communicate insights across organizational levels. These demands have spurred the development of advanced visualization and analytical technologies that can go beyond two-dimensional displays.

Among these emerging technologies, Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) have gained attention as powerful platforms capable of reshaping how managers perceive and engage with information. AR overlays digital elements, such as data, 3D models, or contextual indicators onto the physical environment (Rejeb et al., 2021), while VR immerses the user in fully computer-

generated environments. Although these technologies were first popularized in gaming and entertainment, their integration into industrial settings, MIS and managerial analytics is rapidly expanding. Their ability to provide immersive, interactive, and spatial representations of data creates new opportunities for organizations to improve decision quality.

At a cognitive level, AR and VR function as extensions of human information processing. Immersive environments enable decision-makers to experience data spatially rather than simply viewing it symbolically. For example, a manager analyzing a supply chain model in a VR environment can “walk through” logistical pathways, detect bottlenecks, and test alternative configurations. An executive using AR glasses can observe live operational or financial metrics directly overlaid on physical equipment or facilities. These examples show how these immersive technologies can enhance situational awareness, improve decision accuracy, and reduce cognitive overload, all of which are central objectives of MIS-based analytical tools (Gronowski et al., 2024).

The incorporation of AR and VR into MIS-based analysis also reflects a broader paradigm shift from data representation to data experience. Traditional MIS outputs such as reports, dashboards, and scorecards tend to present information passively, requiring managers to interpret abstract symbols and graphs. In contrast, AR and VR create experiential interfaces where users interact directly with data, manipulate variables through gestures, explore simulations spatially, and collaborate within shared virtual environments. These interactions align with theories of embodied cognition, which emphasize the role of sensory and physical engagement in understanding complex information.

Strategically, organizations that adopt immersive technologies for analytics gain advantages in agility, innovation, and decision-making effectiveness. AR and VR support rapid scenario testing, enhance cross-functional collaboration, and enable organizations to evaluate risks and opportunities in controlled environments. Immersive platforms also allow geographically dispersed teams to interact with shared models and simulations, strengthening collective sensemaking and reducing communication barriers.

From an academic standpoint, the intersection of AR/VR and MIS represents a fertile ground for interdisciplinary research. Scholars of information systems, management science, psychology, and computer engineering are increasingly exploring how immersive environments affect information processing, sensemaking, and decision behavior.

Given this improving landscape, this chapter aims to bridge theoretical foundations and practical applications by examining how augmented and virtual reality technologies can be embedded within MIS-based analytical processes. Chapter continues as follows. Section 2 introduces the conceptual foundations of augmented, virtual, and mixed reality and presents the technological architecture of immersive systems. Section 3 integrates immersive technologies with core MIS theories, such as decision support, cognitive fit, sensemaking and socio-technical systems perspectives. Section 4 examines managerial applications of AR/VR across various business domains, illustrating how immersive analytics, simulation, and collaborative environments support decision-making. Section 5 discusses organizational, strategic and implementation challenges and also future directions for research and practice in MIS. Section 6 concludes by synthesizing the theoretical and practical insights presented throughout the chapter.

2. Augmented and Virtual Reality Technologies in MIS Context

The integration of AR and VR into MIS represents a convergence of digital innovation and managerial science. To understand how these technologies enhance MIS-based analysis, this section first outlines the foundations of their theoretical underpinnings and technological components.

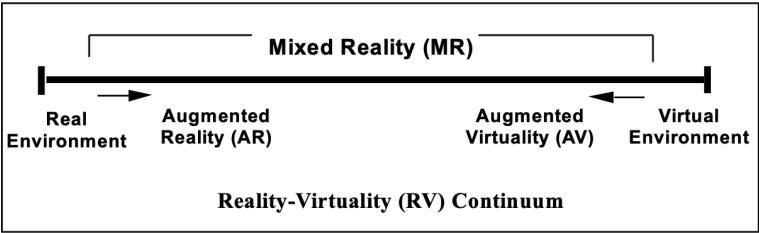
2.1. Foundations of Extended Reality Technologies

The terms Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Mixed Reality (MR) describe a continuum of technologies collectively referred to as Extended Reality (XR) (Vasarainen et al., 2021). Each of these technologies alters the user's perception of reality by combining elements of the physical and digital worlds to varying degrees. Before exploring these applications, it is important to understand how these immersive technologies developed conceptually and what differentiates their various forms.

2.1.1. Conceptual Evolution of Immersive Technologies

The conceptual roots of immersive technologies date back to the 1960s, when Ivan Sutherland introduced the idea of the Ultimate Display (Sutherland, 1968). His early prototype, the Sword of Damocles, demonstrated how computer graphics and head tracking could situate a user within a simulated space. Although limited by the technology of the era, these early experiments established the foundation for modern VR systems.

Over subsequent decades, advances in computer graphics, sensors, and display technologies transformed immersive computing from theoretical experimentation into practical application. This technological transformation was matched by conceptual clarity when Milgram and Kishino (1994) introduced the Reality-Virtuality Continuum, a seminal framework that continues to serve as the standard taxonomy for classifying immersive systems. According to this model, physical reality and virtual environments form the two poles of a spectrum, with intermediate forms such as Augmented Reality and Augmented Virtuality occupying the space in between. This continuum states that AR, VR, and MR are not separate technologies but rather points along a gradient of mediated experience.



Reality-Virtuality Continuum (Milgram & Kishino, 1994)

Recent decade witnessed a rapid resurgence of immersive systems, driven by improvements in mobile computing power, low-cost sensors, and head-mounted displays (Dwyer et al., 2018). The convergence of these technologies gave rise to the broader umbrella term Extended Reality, encompassing all modalities of mixed digital-physical interaction. Today, XR technologies are no longer confined to entertainment or gaming; they have become vital tools across industries including education, healthcare, manufacturing, and increasingly, managerial analytics (Vasarainen et al., 2021).

2.1.2. Augmented Reality (AR)

Augmented Reality refers to the real-time overlay of digital information onto a user’s perception of the physical world. Unlike VR, which replaces the real environment entirely, AR supplements it with contextually relevant data, models, or annotations. AR enhances reality rather than replacing it, providing contextually relevant information that are anchored to real environments. Key capabilities of AR systems are as follows (Rejeb et al., 2021).

a. Environmental Registration and Tracking: AR systems use cameras, depth sensors, and some complex sensors like Lidar to detect surfaces, objects, and spatial relationships. This enables the devices to align digital elements accurately with the physical world.

b. Real-Time Rendering: Graphics and data overlays must update instantly as the user moves. High rendering accuracy and low latency maintain the illusion of seamless integration.

c. Interaction and Control: Users engage with augmented objects through touch, gesture, gaze, or voice commands, making the interface intuitive and hands-free when needed.

d. Context Awareness: AR applications adapt information based on location, task, and user-specific parameters, enabling situation aware support.

Within MIS contexts, AR enables managers to access live operational data directly within the environment where decisions occur. For example: overlaying inventory levels onto warehouse shelves, displaying performance indicators on factory equipment or viewing geographical data on real-world maps. This way, AR transforms MIS data from abstract information into situated knowledge that supports faster and more intuitive decision-making.

2.1.3. Virtual Reality (VR)

Virtual Reality offers a fully immersive digital environment that substitutes for the user's physical surroundings. By using a head-mounted display, motion controllers, and sensors, users are transported into an interactive 3D space that can simulate real environments or visualize entirely abstract data structures.

Core components of VR systems are as follows.

a. Immersive Displays: high-resolution stereoscopic screens that create a sense of depth and presence.

b. Motion Tracking: sensors that monitor head, hand, and body movements for responsive perspective adjustments.

c. Interaction Devices: controllers, gloves, or gesture systems enabling manipulation of virtual elements.

d. Audio and Haptic Feedback: spatial sound and vibration cues that enhance realism.

The defining psychological characteristic of VR is presence, which is the user's subjective sense of being inside the virtual environment. Presence is achieved through multisensory integration and low-latency feedback that minimize the gap between perception and action. For managerial analysis, this immersion allows decision-makers to explore complex systems, such as market simulations or production processes, within risk-free, controlled environments. Unlike AR, VR allows for complete abstraction from the physical environment, making it ideal for scenario testing, predictive modeling, and organizational simulations.

2.1.4. Mixed Reality (MR)

While AR and VR are often discussed as separate technologies, MR represents the conceptual and functional convergence of the two (Crogman et al., 2025). MR refers to systems in which digital and physical elements co-exist and interact in real time, allowing virtual objects to respond dynamically to changes in the physical environment. In Milgram and Kishino's (1994) continuum, MR encompasses both Augmented Reality, where the real world dominates but is enhanced by virtual objects, and Augmented Virtuality, where a virtual world incorporates real-world inputs such as video feeds or sensor data.

In practical terms, MR experiences are distinguished by several characteristics, beginning with *spatial anchoring*, which ensures virtual objects are fixed in specific physical locations and remain stable as the user moves. These systems also facilitate *bidirectional interaction*, allowing users to manipulate digital objects that in turn affect real-world processes, such as controlling a robotic arm through a holographic interface. This capability extends to *collaborative immersion*, where multiple users can share the same mixed environment to perceive and manipulate shared digital content simultaneously.

In MIS applications, MR is particularly useful when managers require immersive insights without losing awareness of physical workflows. It is well suited for operational monitoring, collaborative planning, and real-time troubleshooting. Through integration of physical context and digital intelligence, MR bridges the gap between AR's lightweight overlays and VR's fully immersive simulations.

2.2. Technological Architecture of XR Systems

The effective use of XR technologies in MIS depends on a robust technological architecture that supports real-time interaction, data integration,

and seamless user experiences. These systems are inherently multidisciplinary, combining advances from computer graphics, artificial intelligence, human–computer interaction, and information systems. Understanding their technical components provides the foundation for using immersive technologies for managerial analytics and decision-making frameworks.

2.2.1. Core Components of XR Systems

At a fundamental level, AR, VR, and MR systems share a four-layer architecture, each responsible for a specific function: (a) sensing and input, (b) processing and computation, (c) visualization and interaction, and (d) data integration and network (Fraga-Lamas et al., 2018; Mendoza-Ramírez et al., 2023). Together, these layers create the complete infrastructure through which immersive experiences are generated, maintained, and linked to enterprise information systems for managerial decisions.

a. Sensing and Input Layer

This layer acts as the bridge between the physical and digital realms, capturing data about the user, the environment, and the broader context to enable accurate registration and interaction. Key technologies in this layer begin with motion and positional tracking, where sensors such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, and magnetometers track head, hand, and body movements. This tracking often extends to six degrees of freedom, ensuring that the user’s virtual perspective aligns perfectly with their physical movements.

Parallel to this, spatial mapping and environment scanning methods utilize depth and localization sensors, and mapping algorithms to reconstruct the user’s surroundings in real time. These technologies allow the system to not only recognize geometry but also understand semantic context such as identifying a flat surface as a table suitable for displaying a virtual dashboard or recognizing obstacles to enable realistic occlusion of virtual objects.

Furthermore, some systems incorporate biometric and physiological sensors capable of capturing eye movement, heart rate, and even neural responses, allowing systems to gauge cognitive load or emotional states and dynamically adjust interface complexity during analytical tasks.

This layer enables context-aware decision-making within MIS by allowing data to be presented as dynamic content sensitive to environmental variables rather than as static information.

b. Processing and Computation Layer

This layer performs the computational tasks necessary for real-time rendering, spatial alignment, and data synchronization. It primarily utilizes rendering engines, which display 3D models, create simulations, and data visualizations. These engines must also handle physics calculations, lighting effects while maintaining high frame rates to prevent motion sickness.

Computer vision and AI algorithms are incorporated for object recognition, gesture tracking, and scene understanding. These algorithms go beyond simple detection, utilizing semantic segmentation to understand the context of the physical environment.

MIS applications often rely on cloud servers for heavy data processing, such as querying large datasets, while relying on edge devices for low-latency computation to handle immediate spatial tracking and input response. To manage the massive computational load on MIS context, the architecture employs a balance of edge and cloud computing methods.

The layer is also supported by data fusion systems that combine sensor data, MIS data streams, and analytics outputs into coherent, interactive experiences, often requiring complex time-synchronization to ensure that business data overlays align perfectly with the user's physical reality.

c. Visualization and Interaction Layer

Visualization and interaction layer serves as the primary user interface through which users perceive, interpret, and manipulate information. It brings together a range of head mounted or handheld display technologies.

Interaction is supported through a diverse set of mechanisms, including handheld controllers, gesture-based inputs, haptic feedback systems, eye-tracking technologies, and voice-activated commands. Together, these tools enable users to engage with environment in ways that feel natural and intuitive.

Multimodal user interfaces further enhance the experience by integrating audio, visual, and tactile cues, providing a multisensory environment that deepens comprehension while reducing cognitive effort.

In MIS context, this layer transforms abstract analytics into spatial, visual, and context-rich knowledge. It leverages human perceptual strengths, allowing managers to understand complex information more rapidly and to interact with it in ways that support clearer insight and more informed decision-making.

d. Data Integration and Network Layer

Data integration and network layer is especially important in immersive decision making since it ensures connectivity between immersive technologies and organizational information systems. Its primary function is database connectivity, which involves integration with MIS databases, enterprise resource planning (ERP), human resources management (HRM) and customer relationship management (CRM) systems. This is achieved by data pipelines and APIs that enable continuous data flow between immersive systems and analytical engines.

These operations need to be supported by a robust network infrastructure, often utilizing high-speed connections to minimize latency and achieve real-time collaboration. And, security and privacy mechanisms, like encryption, authentication, and access control should be implemented to protect sensitive organizational information transmitted between systems.

IN MIS context this layer establishes the technological bridge between immersive systems and MIS architectures, transforming standalone XR applications into enterprise grade decision support tools.

2.2.2. Software and Development Platforms

The implementation of immersive technologies relies on a diverse software ecosystem that supports application design, data integration, and visualization. This ecosystem is built upon several prominent platforms, starting with game engines especially like Unity and Unreal Engine, which is offering comprehensive libraries for physics, lighting, animation, and high-fidelity data visualization. Complementing these engines are specialized mobile AR Development Kits, such as Apple's ARKit and Google's ARCore, which provide AR capabilities crucial for environmental understanding and motion tracking on widely available consumer devices.

Additionally, specialized spatial computing frameworks, notably Mixed Reality Toolkit (MRTK), facilitate development for MR devices like HoloLens. These frameworks are essential for integrating complex holographic interfaces and seamless interactions with business data streams. Crucially for organizational settings, enterprise integration tools like PTC Vuforia, 3DEXPERIENCE serve as the vital link between immersive technology and product lifecycle management systems, as well as general MIS data sources.

Collectively, these platforms enable software developers to embed real-time organizational data into immersive environments, create data-driven

virtual twins such as digital representations of organizational processes, assets, or performance metrics.

2.2.3. Data Integration and Interoperability

AR and VR systems generate substantial organizational value by integrating and processing diverse data inputs from MIS platforms. The integration of MIS data with immersive environments is done inside the core data integration and network layer and requires robust connections between AR/VR applications and enterprise databases. Data integration can be achieved using the following three mechanisms:

APIs and Middleware solutions connect AR/VR applications to MIS databases, ensuring data consistency and real-time synchronization, and bidirectional communication across systems.

Data Standardization and Schema Mapping forms another critical mechanism for data integration. Since MIS data often originates from heterogeneous ERP, CRM and HRM systems, standardization and normalization is crucial. XML, JSON, and other structured formats allow data from multiple systems to be aggregated, integrated and visualized within immersive interfaces.

Data warehousing and ETL/ELT pipelines consolidate information from diverse enterprise systems by extracting, transforming, and loading data into unified repositories. This way it is ensured that AR/VR environments consistently access clean, consistent, and enriched data.

Through such mechanisms, immersive systems transcend their origins in visualization and evolve into interactive analytical platforms, tightly integrated with the enterprise's digital infrastructure.

2.2.4. Human–Computer Interaction and Interface Design

The usefulness of immersive systems depends not only on technological capability but also on user interface design and cognitive ergonomics. User experience design must prioritize natural interaction, ensuring that gesture and voice commands mimic intuitive human behavior to enhance user comfort and engagement.

MIS research emphasizes that decision quality is heavily influenced by the way information is presented and interacted with, and in immersive environments, this principle becomes even more critical (Albers, 2015; van der Land et al., 2013). The integration of AR/VR technologies into MIS requires careful attention to several user interface and user experience design considerations.

Beginning with cognitive load management, where visual complexity must be carefully balanced with clarity to avoid information overload. This involves prioritizing data visualization strategies suitable for the 3D space. As in classic data visualization methods, information should also be strategically positioned within the user's perceptual field according to its relevance, hierarchy, and current workflow (Albers, 2015).

Collaborative features are also essential for managerial utility. Shared virtual spaces must enable multiple decision-makers, regardless of their physical location, to interact with the same dataset simultaneously, fully supporting complex group decision-making (Sermet & Demir, 2020).

With an effective interface design, AR/VR systems transform from technological novelties into practical managerial tools and thus significantly improve analytical comprehension and decision confidence.

3. Conceptual Integration of Immersive Technologies with MIS Theory

The incorporation of immersive technologies into organizational information systems requires more than a technical understanding of XR. It demands a theoretical perspective that explains how these interfaces reshape managerial cognition, analytical processes, organizational decision environments, and the broader socio-technical landscape of MIS (Fidan & Boza, 2024). Extended reality technologies do not simply introduce novel forms of visual output; they also alter how users engage with information, interpret analytical models, and construct meaning from data.

This section analyses core MIS theories with the capabilities of immersive systems, demonstrating how XR modifies established frameworks in decision support, cognitive processing, knowledge representation, and organizational design. By positioning immersive technologies within these theoretical foundations, the chapter clarifies their strategic relevance and provides conceptual grounding for subsequent applications.

3.1. The Decision Support Systems and Immersive Technologies

From the classical MIS standpoint, a decision support system (DSS) has traditionally functioned to assist managers in navigating semi-structured or unstructured decisions through the interplay of three core components: the database subsystem, the model subsystem, and the user interface subsystem (Sprague, 1980). However, classic 2D user interfaces create a cognitive gap between the decision-maker's perception and the data (Albers, 2015; Mutreja

et al., 2024). Consequently, the integration of XR technologies necessitates a theoretical evolution from traditional DSS to immersive decision support systems (IDSS).

In an IDSS framework, the role of the user interface subsystem has fundamentally redefined. Unlike traditional DSS, where the interface acts as a 2D boundary (a screen) that users must look at to interpret symbolic models, an IDSS transforms the interface into a volumetric environment that users exist within (Sermet & Demir, 2020). This change dissolves the separation between the model subsystem and the manager's perception. Instead of mentally reconstructing a three-dimensional business problem from two-dimensional charts decision makers can directly perceive the analytical model as a spatial reality.

Furthermore, IDSS enhances the intelligence phase of decision-making by enabling situational awareness that is unattainable in screen based systems (Mutreja et al., 2024). By leveraging spatial presence, the IDSS allows decision-makers to walk the process, engaging with data through natural sensorimotor contingencies (reaching, walking, grasping) rather than abstract command inputs. This transforms the DSS from a tool for calculating optimal choices into an experiential platform for rehearsing future scenarios, ensuring that the digital decision environment is isomorphic with the physical reality it represents.

3.2. Cognitive Fit Theory and Immersive Technologies

Cognitive Fit Theory (CFT), postulates that decision-making performance is maximized when the problem representation aligns with the problem-solving task (Vessey & Galletta, 1991). While traditional MIS research applied this to the dichotomy between tables and graphs, the emergence of immersive analytics extends this paradigm into three-dimensional space. In this expanded view, immersive technologies do not merely present data; they create a volumetric problem space where the representation of complex, multi-dimensional data matches the decision-maker's mental model of the business reality.

Immersive environments amplify cognitive fit by introducing spatial cognition into the analytical process. While 3D environments can increase extraneous cognitive load if poorly designed, they significantly enhance individual spatial understanding when the task involves navigating complex relationships (van der Land et al., 2013). For instance, supply chain bottlenecks or cluster analyses become intuitive when mapped spatially. This allows managers to perceive data topology through proximity, depth, and motion, facilitating pattern discovery that is cognitively invisible in table-like formats.

Furthermore, these technologies leverage embodied cognition. Unlike static displays, VR and AR enable epistemic actions physical movements performed to uncover information, such as rotating a holographic. This interactivity transforms abstract data manipulation into a form of virtual data physicalization where the act of touching and manipulating data objects builds stronger cognitive links and improves memory retention. By engaging the user's sensorimotor systems, the interface offloads cognitive effort onto the perceptual system, freeing up working memory for strategic reasoning.

3.3. Sensemaking in XR and Experiential Information Processing

In MIS theory, sensemaking is the active process of structuring the unknown to facilitating action in the face of ambiguity. While traditional systems excel at processing structured data, they often struggle to support the interpretation of equivocal information. Immersive technologies address this by enabling immersive analytics, which shifts the managerial focus from information processing to meaning construction.

This shift is driven by two distinct capabilities:

Collaborative Embodied Sensemaking: Unlike 2D dashboards that isolate users, XR fosters shared mental spaces where dispersed teams can co-inhabit the data environment. This allows groups to externalize their cognitive processes such as collectively organizing 3D data nodes to rapidly form a shared interpretation of complex problems, reducing communication ambiguity more effectively than conventional video conferencing.

Experiential Foresight: XR moves decision support beyond symbolic calculation to experiential cognition. By simulating high fidelity scenarios like a supply chain disruption, managers can live through potential futures rather than just analyzing probabilities. This transforms abstract risks into experiences, strengthening strategic intuition and foresight in ways that static reports cannot.

3.4. Integration with Socio-Technical Systems Theory

The incorporation of immersive technologies into MIS necessitates a re-evaluation of the organizational work system through the lens of socio-technical systems (STS) theory. According to Bostrom and Heinen (1977), an organization is comprised of two independent but correlated subsystems: the technical system (consisting of the tasks to be performed and the technology used) and the social system (consisting of the people and the relationships/structures they form). The introduction of XR represents a radical change to

the technical system, transforming the nature of the task from static information consumption to dynamic, embodied exploration.

However, STS theory dictates that optimizing the technical system alone, such as deploying high quality VR simulations, is insufficient and often leads to system rejection if the social system is neglected. The immersive nature of these tools creates enhanced social presence, which fundamentally alters interpersonal relationships and authority structures within the social system. For instance, distributed teams sharing a virtual room may bypass traditional hierarchical communication channels, requiring a corresponding shift in organizational structure to support decentralized, collaborative decision making.

Therefore, XR-MIS integration's success depends on the principle of joint optimization. Rather than forcing employees to adapt to rigid immersive hardware, organizations must design the technical and social subsystems simultaneously.

4. XR Applications Across Business Domains

The applications of XR is no longer limited to niche experiments or training simulations; rather, it is spreading throughout the entire business value chain and fundamentally altering how value is created, delivered, and captured. In this section, we explore how immersive analytics and spatial computing are revolutionizing key business domains. Moving beyond generic visualization, we analyze how XR are specifically applied to operations like supply chains, manufacturing, marketing, training and finance.

4.1. Manufacturing

Manufacturing environments benefit greatly from immersive technologies. Digital twins, or virtual replicas of physical assets, enable organizations to create virtual plant walkthroughs where managers and engineers can inspect processes, identify inefficiencies, and test modifications without disrupting real operations. VR-based walkthroughs allow users to explore 3D representations of production lines, equipment layouts, and workflow dynamics.

AR-assisted maintenance and inspection improve accuracy and speed. Technicians wearing AR devices can view equipment diagnostics, repair instructions, and hazard warnings overlaid onto machinery. This reduces reliance on paper manuals and improves compliance with standard operating procedures. AR also support remote assistance, where experts guide technicians through repairs in real time using shared AR overlays (Rejeb et al., 2021).

Process optimization and risk simulation in VR environments allow organizations to test new production workflows, evaluate safety protocols, and identify potential hazards. Organizations can simulate emergency scenarios, test evacuation routes, and train workers to respond effectively to operational disruptions (Fallaha et al., 2022; Tantawi et al., 2025).

4.2. Supply Chain and Logistics

The use of immersive technologies in supply chain management has evolved from experimental pilots into a critical driver of operational efficiency, particularly in warehousing and strategic planning. These technologies are the tools that address the industry's need for agility, real-time visibility, and error reduction (Rejeb et al., 2021).

In warehouse operations, AR has revolutionized standard picking procedures through "Pick-by-Vision" systems. Replacing paper-based or handheld scanner workflows with head-mounted AR displays significantly reduces search time and cognitive load (Jumahat et al., 2022). By overlaying navigation cues and item locations directly into the worker's field of view, these systems allow for hands free operation, which increase picking efficiency and reduce error rates in high-volume environments.

On the other hand, VR plays a significant role in the strategic layer of supply chain management, particularly in demand forecasting and network design. Unlike static spreadsheets, VR environments integrated with digital twins allow managers to simulate complex "what-if" scenarios such as supply route disruptions or sudden demand surges in a risk-safe, immersive setting (Han et al., 2023). These immersive simulations enhance decision quality by enabling experiential foresight, allowing planners to visualize the ripple effects of inventory decisions across the entire logistics network before implementation.

4.3. Marketing and Consumer Behavior Analysis

Marketing professionals increasingly use on AR and VR to analyze consumer behaviors and improve customer experiences. AR-enabled customer journey analytics provide marketers with insights into how customers interact with products in physical environments. AR applications can track gaze patterns, interaction durations, and engagement levels as customers explore augmented shopping experiences.

VR-based product testing environments allow companies to evaluate consumer responses before launching products. Participants can explore virtual

stores, interact with product prototypes, and provide feedback in controlled conditions.

Immersive sentiment and behavior tracking use VR to capture emotional responses, preferences, and cognitive engagement. Using biometric sensors integrated with VR systems, marketers can analyze user reactions with greater accuracy than traditional surveys (Han et al., 2023).

4.4. Human Resources and Training

Human resource departments use AR and VR to improve training, development, and performance assessment. VR-based employee training modules simulate complex or hazardous tasks in safe environments. Employees can practice operational procedures, emergency responses, or customer interactions without risking safety or damaging equipment (Fallaha et al., 2022).

AR-supported orientation facilitates the learning process by providing real-time instructions, task hints, and process visualizations (Mendoza-Ramírez et al., 2023). New employees gain confidence more quickly by receiving contextual support as they navigate their responsibilities.

Performance assessment becomes more comprehensive in immersive environments. Managers can observe how employees respond to simulated challenges, evaluate decision-making under pressure, and identify skill gaps.

4.5. Finance

In the financial sector, the volume and velocity of high-frequency data often exceed the cognitive processing capabilities of traditional 2D spreadsheeting. To address this, financial institutions are adopting immersive analytics to support analytical reasoning and decision-making (Dwyer et al., 2018).

AR is available in the customer-facing side of finance by making intangible assets visible and interactive. Banks have deployed AR applications that allow customers to scan bank cards or physical statements to see real-time 3D overlays of their spending habits, balances, and transaction histories (Netguru, 2025).

5. Challenges and Future Directions

While the integration of immersive technologies into MIS infrastructures offers transformative opportunities, it also presents organizations with a range of technical, organizational, ethical and strategic challenges

A primary challenge lies in the substantial technical infrastructure required to support immersive MIS environments. High-performance head-mounted

displays, spatial sensors, real-time rendering engines, and high speed networking infrastructures create considerable entry costs, especially for organizations operating in resource constrained environments or for large scale deployments (Tantawi et al., 2025). Even when hardware is available, integration with existing MIS platforms can be complex, requiring development of custom software, APIs and data pipelines as well as creating digital twins.

Beyond technological barriers, user adoption issues arise due to unfamiliarity with immersive technologies. Some employees may resist using headsets or find immersive environments disorienting. Comprehensive training programs and user-centered design are necessary to encourage adoption.

Data protection concerns become more pronounced as immersive technologies capture and transfer sensitive information. Organizations must strengthen cybersecurity measures and ensure compliance with data privacy regulations (Mendoza-Ramírez et al., 2023).

Introducing immersive MIS systems requires reevaluating organizational structures, coordination mechanisms, and decision-making routines. AR/VR supported workflows often encourage decentralized and collaborative problem-solving, which may conflict with hierarchical structures or existing cultural norms. Successful implementation therefore demands comprehensive change management strategies, including cross-functional training, leadership alignment, and the reconfiguration of communication and reporting processes.

Despite these challenges, several emerging trends indicate a promising future for immersive MIS. The most significant trajectory is the transition from isolated digital twins to the “Industrial Metaverse”. While current applications often function as standalone simulations for training or specific operational tasks, future systems will likely merge these into persistent, always-on virtual environments. And this change will allow geographically dispersed teams to create a virtual workspace and making decisions in a spatially realized replica of the organization.

As immersive systems become more interconnected, artificial intelligence is expected to serve as the cognitive engine behind AR/VR interfaces. AI-driven spatial analytics, automated object recognition, intelligent agents, and adaptive visualization systems will enable personalized experiences. These capabilities will reduce cognitive load, automate routine interpretation tasks, and enhance strategic insight. Generative AI will accelerate content creation by producing immersive dashboards, simulations, and predictive environments with minimal manual intervention.

Organizations are beginning to extend collaboration beyond their internal teams to suppliers, regulators, customers and partners. Enterprise metaverse platforms will support multi-stakeholder simulations, joint planning activities and virtual co-design workshops. These shared immersive spaces will reduce travel costs, accelerate innovation cycles and foster deeper interaction across global value networks.

As Industry 5.0 principles gain momentum, immersive interfaces will become the medium for human-machine collaboration. AR/VR technologies will enable workers to intuitively communicate with intelligent systems, robotics and autonomous agents. This combination will increase flexibility and resilience and transform MIS from a passive repository of information to an active partner in decision-making.

6. Conclusion

The integration of augmented and virtual reality technologies into management information systems represents a transformative shift in how organizations analyze data, support decision-making, and optimize operations. Immersive environments bridge the gap between digital information and human perception, enabling more intuitive, accurate, and engaging forms of analysis. AR enhances real-world tasks with contextual overlays, while VR enables safe, flexible exploration of complex scenarios. Together, these technologies expand the analytical capabilities of MIS beyond traditional screens and dashboards.

As organizations adopt immersive MIS solutions, they achieve improvements in efficiency, decision-making accuracy, risk assessment, and collaboration. However, challenges persist, including cost, data privacy, adoption barriers, and ethical concerns. Overcoming these challenges will require thoughtful system design, robust governance frameworks, and extensive research.

Looking ahead, AR and VR will play increasingly central roles in MIS-based analytics as they integrate with AI, digital twins, and collaborative platforms. The future of MIS will be immersive, interactive, and deeply integrated into spatial and sensory human experiences. Organizations that embrace these technologies will be better equipped to manage complexity, innovate strategically, and succeed in the data-driven landscape of the future.

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CHAPTER XVIII

EMERGING TRENDS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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1. Introduction

Management Information Systems (MIS) are integrated technological and organizational structures that support business decision-making processes, facilitate information management, and increase corporate efficiency. The history of MIS dates back to the 1960s, when data processing systems first emerged.

Initially used only for the automation of routine tasks such as accounting, payroll, and inventory management, these systems have evolved over time into decision support tools, expert systems, and strategic information management infrastructures (Laudon and Laudon, 2004). In the 1980s, decision support systems (DSS) and, in the 1990s, expert systems (ES) and management reporting systems created a significant transformation in MIS literature. With the advent of the 2000s, ERP, CRM, and SCM applications became widespread, placing management information systems at the center of organizations (Melville et al., 2004).

In today's rapidly digitalizing world, MIS has gone beyond internal reporting and data storage functions; it has become intelligent decision support ecosystems integrated with technologies such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, cloud, and edge computing (Chen et al., 2012; Russell et al., 2021). Thus, MIS has become a

critical strategic element in helping businesses gain competitive advantage and achieve sustainable growth (Bharadwaj et al., 2013).

In the digital future, the discipline and applications of management information systems will shape the future of many industries and professions. Numerous studies on this subject show that digital transformation has caused revolutionary changes in technology, business processes, employee skills, working conditions, and many other areas. Again, when future trends are examined, it is evident that the shift towards digitalization is occurring at a higher rate than ever before. The fact that Management Information Systems is an interdisciplinary field that bridges computer science, engineering, economics, and many other technical areas also increases its importance (Kulaklı, 2020).

The rise of the digital economy has transformed data into the most strategic resource of the 21st century (Brynjolfsson and McAfee, 2017). MIS facilitates organizations' strategic agility by enabling the processing, analysis, and conversion of this resource into decision-making mechanisms.

Today, global technology giants such as Amazon, Alibaba, and Microsoft, as well as the banking sector in Turkey (e.g., Ziraat Bank's digitalization projects) or e-government applications, demonstrate MIS's critical role in operational efficiency and customer experience management (Fosso Wamba et al., 2022).

The fundamental question MIS faces in the rapidly changing technology ecosystem is:

“Will MIS be merely an infrastructure that provides information management in future organizations, or will it reshape business management with AI-supported autonomous decision-making mechanisms?”

This question makes the future of MIS critical from both an academic and business perspective. This is because the direction of MIS directly affects not only business performance but also social areas such as data security, ethics, privacy, human-machine relations, digital inequality, and sustainability (Zuboff, 2019).

The aim of this study is to comprehensively examine the trends shaping the future of Management Information Systems, compile the current discussions in the literature, and provide a guiding perspective for researchers and practitioners. The contributions of the study are as follows:

- Systematically discussing key trends emerging in MIS literature (AI, Big Data, Cloud, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, IoT, Human-Centered Interfaces, Sustainability, Personalization, Ethics).

- Develop theoretical and practical predictions about the future role of MIS.
- To provide policy/strategic recommendations for academic research and the business world.

2. Conceptual Framework and Historical Development

2.1. Definition and Basic Functions of Management Information Systems

Management Information Systems (MIS) are systems that support decision-making processes in organizations, facilitate business processes, and manage information effectively. In general, MIS has an integrated structure consisting of data collection, processing, storage, analysis, and reporting processes (Laudon and Laudon, 2004). In this context, the functions of MIS are not limited to providing information but also include the decision support infrastructure that will help the business achieve its strategic goals.

The basic functions of MIS can be summarized under the following headings:

- **Information Management:** Integrating internal and external information and presenting it to decision makers.
- **Decision Support:** Helping managers make more rational decisions under uncertainty.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Automating routine tasks, digitizing processes, and reducing costs.
- **Competitive Advantage:** Analysis of market data, management of customer relationships, and contribution to innovative business models.
- **Sustainability and Risk Management:** Tracking ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) indicators, implementing data privacy and security policies.

These definitions and functions reveal that MIS is not only a technical system but also a socio-technical structure (Avgerou, 2001; Şahin, 2006).

2.2. Historical Evolution

Management Information Systems (MIS) have undergone a transformation parallel to technological developments as an interdisciplinary structure that supports organizations' information production, sharing, and decision-making

processes. The historical evolution of MIS reflects not only innovations in hardware and software infrastructure but also the shift in management paradigms toward data-centric thinking. A review of the literature reveals that this transformation occurred in four main phases:

- (1) Data Processing Era (1960–1980),
- (2) Decision Support and Expert Systems Era (1980–2000),
- (3) The Corporate Integration and Digitalization Era (2000–2015)
- (4) Big Data and Intelligent Systems Era (2015–present).

2.2.1. Data Processing Era (1960–1980)

With the introduction of computers in businesses in the 1960s, information systems were developed primarily for the automation of routine operational processes. During this period, mainframe systems enabled the error-free and rapid execution of tasks such as accounting, payroll, inventory management, and invoicing. This initial phase of MIS was a period in which information systems were designed with a focus on operational efficiency and cost reduction rather than managerial decision-making processes (Laudon & Laudon, 2004).

Systems during this period were generally departmental (silo) in structure, with limited data sharing between departments. As a result, information was not seen as a strategic resource across the organization; rather, it served as an operational-level support tool.

2.2.2. Decision Support and Expert Systems Era (1980–2000)

With the 1980s, the concept of information systems evolved from merely storing data to providing decision-making support to managers. Decision Support Systems (DSS) and Expert Systems developed during this period enabled managers to make rational choices in uncertain environments by generating alternative scenarios.

Simon's (1960) decision-making model (intelligence – design – choice – review) formed the theoretical basis for DSS architectures. During this period, MIS became an information-based decision support tool for top management; databases, statistical analysis tools, and early management reporting systems were integrated. Furthermore, the concept of artificial intelligence was first introduced into the field of management through expert systems (Sprague, 1980).

2.2.3. Corporate Integration and Digitalization Era (2000–2015)

The 2000s marked the period when MIS became a strategic system that provided integrated information flow throughout the organization. With the proliferation of the internet and intensified global competition, organizations turned to information systems that would enable the coordination of corporate resources and process integration. Three main types of systems came to the fore during this period (Steininger, 2019).

- ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning): Enables the integration of finance, human resources, production, and logistics processes through a shared database.
- CRM (Customer Relationship Management): Develops personalized marketing and service models by analyzing customer behavior in a digital environment.
- SCM (Supply Chain Management): Optimizes data flow, reduces costs, and ensures time efficiency in the process from supply to distribution.

Furthermore, the proliferation of digital applications such as e-commerce, e-government, corporate portals, intranets, and extranets during this period has enabled MIS to manage not only internal business processes but also interactions with external stakeholders. Melville et al. (2004) emphasize that the impact of information technologies on corporate performance during this period has been transformed into a “strategic advantage.”

2.2.4. Big Data and Intelligent Systems Era (2015–Present)

After 2015, MIS has been reshaped by big data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and cloud computing technologies, positioning itself at the center of digital transformation.

The most distinctive feature of this era is that information systems have now become predictive and autonomous decision support mechanisms.

Big data analytics enables the processing of high-volume, multi-dimensional data, providing managers with real-time insights. Machine learning algorithms learn from past data to make predictions about the future (Russell & Norvig, 2021). IoT-based systems enable process automation by integrating sensor data into MIS infrastructures across many sectors, from manufacturing to healthcare.

On the other hand, cloud-based MIS solutions offer scalability and cost advantages by making data access location-independent (Ahmet, 2024; Chua et al., 2022).

Brynjolfsson and McAfee (2017) describe this process as “the age of digital intelligence, in which artificial intelligence and data-driven economies are redefining information systems.” In this era, MIS has become not only an information management tool but also a fundamental component of innovative organizational learning and sustainable competitive strategies.

2.2.5. Current Dynamics

Today, trends in the field of Management Information Systems (MIS) are shaped by technological innovations, organizational transformation, and societal impacts. These trends can be examined under three main dynamics:

- **Technological Dynamics:** Technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain, cloud/edge computing, and digital twins are redefining the functionality of information systems; enabling the creation of smarter and more predictive structures in data processing, analysis, and decision-making processes (Smyth, 2025).

- **Organizational Dynamics:** Digitalized business models, combined with remote and hybrid work cultures, are transforming organizational management approaches. In this process, data-driven management has become the fundamental approach, bringing rationality and flexibility to decision-making mechanisms (Deloitte, 2024).

- **Social Dynamics:** Issues such as data privacy, ethical responsibilities, sustainability, and the digital divide determine the social dimension of information systems. The progress of digital transformation on an inclusive and ethical basis is critical for technological developments to translate into long-term social benefits (Gartner, 2024).

These dynamics indicate that the future of MIS will be shaped not only by technological innovations but also by regulatory frameworks, organizational culture, and social expectations.

3. Literature Review

3.1. MIS's Decision-Making Theories and the Literature Entry Phase

The MIS literature is strongly linked to decision-making theories. Herbert Simon's (1960) “decision-making model” has been one of the theoretical

cornerstones of MIS. Simon defines the decision-making process in three stages: intelligence (information gathering), design, and choice. MIS supports these three stages through data collection, modeling, and evaluation of alternatives.

Furthermore, March and Olsen's (1976) theories of "bounded rationality" and "organizational decision-making" show that MIS not only provides information but also helps decision-makers overcome their cognitive limitations. Today, MIS is taking these theoretical frameworks even further with artificial intelligence and machine learning models.

3.2. Fundamental Research Areas of MIS in the Literature

The academic literature in the field of MIS has diversified rapidly, especially since 2000. As identified in the research of Sidorova and colleagues, it is particularly prominent in journals such as the *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *MIS Quarterly*, and *Information & Management* (Sidorova et al., 2008).

The widespread adoption of information technologies has necessitated research into perspectives on such technologies. Venkatesh and colleagues (2003), who studied user behavior in Management Information Systems, attempted to explain users' tendencies to adopt information systems using the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) frameworks. These models have become fundamental theoretical frameworks in the literature for understanding individuals' processes of perceiving, accepting, and using technology. Another example of research into behavioral outcomes, related to ethical and social dimensions, was conducted by Zuboff (2019). By addressing digital surveillance, algorithmic bias, and data justice, the author argues that the social impacts of information systems have deepened and that ethical responsibilities need to be redefined in the digital age. This study demonstrates that MIS is a field with a strong intersection with social sciences, beyond being a technical research area.

The important role played by management information systems, which are present in many stages of the renewed digital world, has again been the focus of numerous studies. In 2004, Melville et al. examined the impact of MIS on innovation processes and revealed that information systems provide businesses with a significant competitive advantage in product development and market strategies.

The authors emphasized that businesses can adapt more quickly to market changes through the effective use of technological infrastructure. Chen

and colleagues (2012) focused on the integration of MIS with data analytics and noted that the integration of big data, business intelligence, and decision support systems contributes significantly to corporate decision-making processes. In this context, the authors argued that data analytics should be considered a strategic component within MIS. A year later, Bharadwaj and colleagues (2013) emphasized in their research that digital transformation creates fundamental changes in the organizational structures of institutions and that Management Information Systems (MIS) have become a strategic element in this process.

According to the research, MIS revealed that digital transformation is not limited to updating the technological infrastructure; it is also a transformation tool that reshapes organizations' decision-making, process management, and competitive strategies. In the field of cybersecurity, Siponen and Willison (2009) focused on information system security vulnerabilities and user privacy issues in their study, finding that increasing digitalization has heightened regulatory pressure on MIS. The study shows that data breaches and security threats have a direct impact on corporate information management policies.

In conclusion, this and similar studies in the literature clearly demonstrate that MIS is not merely a field that manages technological systems; it has become a multidisciplinary research area encompassing organizational change, data management, security, innovation, user behavior, and ethical dimensions.

3.3. Important Paradigms in MIS Research

A review of the literature reveals that research in the field of Management Information Systems (MIS) has been shaped around three fundamental paradigms (Zwass, 1984; Machado et al., 2021; Nyabuto and Wabwoba, 2024). These paradigms show that the field has evolved from a technically infrastructure-focused approach to a holistic understanding that encompasses human-centered and social dimensions, in line with its historical development.

The first paradigm, the technology-focused approach, concentrates on the infrastructural elements of MIS, such as hardware, software, and system architectures. Zwass (1984) stated that the primary goal of MIS studies during this period was to accelerate information flow, reduce transaction costs, and increase technological efficiency. Today, this paradigm is being redefined with innovative technologies such as cloud computing-based MIS solutions, Internet of Things (IoT) integrations, and artificial intelligence-supported decision systems.

The second paradigm, the user- and organization-focused approach, argues that technology is not merely a tool but also an element shaped by its interaction with organizational culture, leadership, and business processes. Machado et al. (2021) emphasize that the success of MIS largely depends on the level of user acceptance of technology and the capacity of organizations to manage the digital transformation process. From this perspective, the proliferation of remote and hybrid working models, especially in the post-COVID-19 period, has fundamentally changed MIS usage habits and organizational communication patterns.

The third paradigm is a socially and ethically focused approach. Nyabuto and Wabwoba (2024) argue that MIS should be evaluated not only in terms of corporate performance or technical efficiency but also in terms of social impact and ethical responsibility. This approach focuses on issues such as digital privacy, data ethics, algorithmic bias, and digital inequality; it brings the ethical dimensions of data collection practices by platforms such as Facebook, Google, and similar ones to the discussion agenda.

When these three paradigms are evaluated together, it is seen that MIS research is increasingly evolving into a more holistic structure. The field has now transformed into a multi-layered research area that examines not only technological innovations but also user behavior, organizational transformation, and social impacts.

3.4. Gaps in the Literature and Research Needs

While current studies deeply examine the extent of MIS adaptation to the technological and digital world, some gaps in the literature are noteworthy (Akıncı and Kahraman, 2024; Damar et al., 2021):

- **Lack of Interdisciplinary Approach:** The integration of MIS with economics, sociology, and environmental sciences is underdeveloped; research in this area is insufficient.
- **Artificial intelligence and ethical responsibility:** Algorithmic transparency, bias, and ethical decision-making mechanisms within MIS have been studied in a more superficial and insufficient manner.

Additionally,

- MIS from the perspective of developing countries: The literature is largely US and European-centric; the effects of MIS on digital transformation in developing countries need to be further explored;
- Sustainability Dimension: It has been determined that the role of MIS in environmental sustainability and carbon footprint reduction strategies is only now beginning to be researched.

3.5. Proposed Conceptual Model

In light of this literature review, three different conceptual models are proposed to analyze the future of MIS:

- When evaluated from a technology perspective, the focus areas could be: artificial intelligence, big data, cloud, IoT, blockchain,
- When evaluated from an organizational perspective, the focus areas could be: leadership, culture, process management, and user acceptance,
- When evaluated from a societal perspective, the focal points could be: ethics, regulation, sustainability, and social impact.

These three axes enable the analysis of MIS's effects at both the micro level (within the organization) and the macro level (society and economy). After evaluating the results of the literature review, the areas where management information systems will play a greater role in the future have been determined. In this sense, many new trends have emerged, and new areas have been developed based on existing trends.

4. Emerging New Trends

4.1. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

One of the most prominent areas of transformation in MIS is the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). While traditional MIS produces reports based on historical data, today's AI-supported MIS can perform predictive and even original analyses (Russell & Norvig, 2021).

- Important examples from application areas include demand forecasting, sentiment analysis of customer reviews, and risk scoring in the financial sector (Teixeira, Ferreira, and Ramos, 2025, Ndubuisi and FNisafety 2025, Fosso Wamba et al., 2022).

- Future Direction: Autonomous decision-making systems and hybrid human–machine decision support mechanisms are the most important examples (Smyth, 2025).

4.2. Big Data and Data-Driven Decision Making

Big data has redefined the backbone of MIS in today's digital world. Unlike traditional databases, big data has expanded the analytical power of MIS in terms of volume, velocity, variety, veracity, and value (Hossain et al., 2024).

- Application Areas: Analysis of patient data for early diagnosis in the healthcare sector and integration of sensor data into MIS in smart cities are important examples (Chen et al., 2012; Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).
- Future Direction: It is predicted that MIS infrastructures will continue to become more predictive and strategic with the integration of data lakes and artificial intelligence (Brynjolfsson and McAfee, 2017).

4.3. Cloud Computing and Edge Computing

Cloud-based Management Information Systems are increasingly used in businesses, particularly for data analytics, flexible working models, security and compliance, and sustainable digital initiatives. They provide scalable solutions for decision support, especially for SMEs. Furthermore, cloud computing applications are increasingly being used in smart city applications. Edge computing, on the other hand, enables data to be processed closer to its source, thereby enhancing MIS's real-time decision support capabilities (Çalışkan, 2024; Armbrust et al., 2010).

- Application Areas: SaaS-based ERP and CRM systems, and the analysis of data from IoT devices at the edge are important examples (Laudon & Laudon, 2004; Ashton, 2009).
- Future Direction: In addition to currently used systems, it is predicted that hybrid MIS architectures (cloud + edge + on-premise) will become increasingly widespread (Deloitte, 2024).

4.4. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

With digitalization, MIS has become vulnerable to cyber threats. Data breaches, especially in critical sectors such as healthcare and finance, pose serious risks to organizations (Siponen and Willison, 2009).

- **Application Areas:** The zero-trust security model, blockchain-based identity verification, and AI-based attack detection systems are important examples of MIS in the current cybersecurity and data privacy fields (Ajish, 2024; Tapscott and Tapscott, 2016; Smyth, 2025).
- **Regarding Future Orientation,** MIS is expected to become not only an operational but also a security-focused strategic tool.

4.5. Blockchain and Distributed MIS

Blockchain offers security, transparency, and decentralized transaction capabilities for MIS. While blockchain is a system discussed under many headings, it particularly stands out in the context of financial data recording verification and security mechanisms through distributed MIS coordination (Tapscott and Tapscott, 2016).

- **Application areas of particular importance include:** tracking the origin of products in the supply chain, smart contracts in the financial sector, etc. (Teixeira et al., 2025).
- **The future direction is expected to be decentralized MIS ecosystems,** which will enable reliable inter-organizational collaboration (Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).

4.6. Internet of Things (IoT) and Real-Time MIS

Internet of Things (IoT) devices, which are widely used in almost every sector today, enrich the data ecosystem of Management Information Systems, providing businesses with realistic, dynamic, and predictive decision-making capabilities. The continuous data flow obtained through these devices enables both the monitoring of current processes and the making of data-driven decisions at a strategic level (Ashton, 2009).

- **In practice:** Production line optimization in smart factories, vehicle tracking in logistics, and route planning are important areas (Fosso Wamba et al., 2022; Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).
- **Future Orientation:** It is predicted that more advanced organizations will create virtual models using digital twins, which are virtual copies of a process, object, or system, and that simulations will be possible via MIS (Deloitte, 2024).

4.7. Human-Centered Interfaces and User Experience

The success of MIS is not limited to technical infrastructure; it also depends on user experience. NLP (Natural Language Processing)-based chatbots, voice assistants, and augmented reality (AR) applications enable MIS users to adapt to the system more easily and experience the process (Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).

- **Application Areas:** Chatbot-based MIS integration and data visualization with AR/VR play an important role (Laudon and Laudon, 2004).
- **Future Trends:** Fully personalized and intuitive MIS interfaces will be possible (Gartner, 2024).

4.8. Sustainability and Green MIS

Global sustainability goals necessitate the environmentally focused use of MIS. Therefore, with growing environmental awareness, efforts to promote Green Management Information Systems are increasing day by day (Watson et al., 2010).

- **Application Areas:** Monitoring energy consumption through MIS and carbon footprint calculation systems are two important main topics in this area (Thanasi-Boçe and Hoxha, 2025, Teixeira et al., 2025).
- **Future Direction:** MIS is expected to evolve into ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) reporting centers that collect, process, and analyze data from the organization they are located in and present the outputs to various external stakeholders (Deloitte, 2024).

4.9. Personalized and Adaptable MIS

Traditional MIS reports are generally standardized and produce similar outputs with little variation between users. Today, however, MIS offers personalized dashboards based on the user's role, needs, and behavior (Ndubuisi and FNisafety 2025).

- In application areas such as strategic planning and corporate performance management, KPI (Key Performance Indicator)-based reporting provides more user-specific data; additionally, customer behavior predictions for the sales team are presented in a more professional and personalized manner.

- Future Orientation: MIS is expected to evolve into a much more dynamic structure that learns from user interactions (Fosso Wamba et al., 2022).

4.10. Ethics, Governance, and Responsible MIS

When examining the ethical dimension of MIS, it is seen that it raises risks such as bias in artificial intelligence algorithms, data privacy violations, and digital surveillance (Zuboff, 2019).

- In practice: alongside existing applications, algorithmic bias, data exploitation, and digital inequality are among the most pressing areas of concern (Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).

- Future Direction: In MIS, responsible artificial intelligence is expected to develop in the coming years, with transparent algorithms and regulation-compliant architectures, increasing its importance in the information system and finance sectors and enhancing the reliability of the field (Gartner, 2025).

New trends in MIS are shaped not only by technological advances but also by social factors such as ethics, sustainability, and user experience. In the coming years, MIS will evolve beyond being merely an internal decision support system for organizations to become a global, ethical, sustainable, unique, and intelligent ecosystem. In this case, the effort to provide an increasing comfort zone in terms of digitalization and the accompanying effort to achieve a sustainable system shape the MIS perspective. Accordingly, the future orientation of Management Information Systems needs to be examined in detail.

5. Future-Oriented Perspectives

5.1. Strategic Evolution of MIS

In the coming years, as with many existing MIS, it will move beyond being merely an operational support tool and become the strategic core of corporate intelligence. With the maturation of technologies such as artificial intelligence, big data, cloud/edge computing, blockchain, and IoT, MIS will develop autonomous decision-making mechanisms and directly influence the strategic orientation of businesses. The current state of AI tools, which are advancing daily, confirms the accuracy of this assessment. (Russell & Norvig, 2021; Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025). Taking the retail sector as an example, future

MIS systems will not only report on stocks; they will analyze multidimensional data such as weather conditions, social media trends, and logistical constraints to answer the question “which product should be offered in which city, at what price, and how?” for managers (Fosso Wamba et al., 2022).

As of 2021, the widespread adoption of Industry 5.0 in societies is also a result of management information systems being a complementary element. Specifically, ERP with green supply chain management, the activation of energy monitoring modules; CRM with sentiment analysis to ensure customer interaction; SCM with blockchain-based traceability applications in particular; the increased use of autonomous decision engines with DSS (Decision Support Systems); and the globalization of real-time data sharing with KBS (Global Information Systems) show that MIS has become an integral part of Industry 5.0 and Society 5.0 (Yıkılmaz, 2020).

5.2. Autonomous and Intelligent MIS

One of the most critical trends is the shift towards systems becoming autonomous decision-makers. Artificial intelligence-based Management Information Systems, which are now being adopted by many major organizations, can evaluate alternatives and select the most suitable option without human intervention, providing a significant advantage, especially in sectors where speed is critical (Smyth, 2025). These systems, which provide significant comfort in terms of time, the most important element of competition today, have enabled parties to show their orientation thanks to their ability to make quick decisions. Particularly in the financial sector, algorithmic trading integrated with MIS creates an advanced field where financial technology (FinTech) and Management Information Systems (MIS) intersect, further paving the way for financial speed through systems capable of making intelligent decisions. Here, considering the risk that a reduction in human intervention could lead to algorithmic bias and errors causing a corporate crisis, actions are taken and progress is made with risk analyses. Therefore, the MIS systems of the future must be not only “smart” but also transparent and auditable (explainable AI) (Zuboff, 2019; Gartner, 2025).

5.3. Integration of MIS into Global Ecosystems

Today, MIS mostly focuses on internal organizational functions. However, in the future, MIS will evolve into ecosystem-based structures. This means that companies will work in collaboration based on data sharing with suppliers,

customers, government agencies, and even competitors (Tapscott & Tapscott, 2016). Blockchain-based systems are a prime example of this; these systems enable the tracking of products from source to consumer in global supply chains (Teixeira et al., 2025). The future will see systems focusing on security; while the desired outcome is compliance with the internationally recognized General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), at the very least, MIS ecosystems must become compliant with the locally applicable Personal Data Protection Law (KVKK) (Deloitte, 2024).

5.4. MIS and Sustainability

Global climate change necessitates that MIS serve not only economic but also environmental and social purposes. In the future of MIS, monitoring carbon emissions, optimizing energy consumption, and supporting ESG reporting are expected to be critical functions. An important example of this is the automatic generation of multinational companies' annual sustainability reports through MIS. Therefore, it is a natural consequence that MIS will become a sustainability decision support center (Watson et al., 2010; Thanasi-Boçe and Hoxha, 2025).

5.5. Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Perspective

The importance of ethical and legal dimensions in the future of MIS will continue to grow. In particular, the issue of responsibility sharing for AI-based MIS decisions is becoming the focus of research. Specifically, in terms of finance, the question of who will bear responsibility for wrong decisions made by management information systems remains unclear. Furthermore, regarding the scope of ethical boundaries, subsystems such as digital surveillance and employee monitoring are expected to be highly controversial topics for MIS in the future. Consequently, future MIS systems must be not only technically sound but also legally and ethically compliant (Zuboff, 2019; Gartner, 2025).

5.6. The MIS Factor in Human–Machine Collaboration

The future of MIS is influenced not only by technological evolution but also by how human–machine collaboration is designed. When humans' cognitive superiority (creativity, empathy, ethical reasoning, etc.) is combined with machines' computational power, hybrid decision systems emerge. The healthcare sector, in particular, is an important example of this.

In the healthcare sector, MIS supports doctors' decisions and can suggest possible diagnoses using artificial intelligence, but the final decision rests with

the specialist doctor. Therefore, in the future, MIS designs will be created that do not exclude the human factor but rather enhance it (Brynjolfsson and McAfee, 2017; Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).

5.7. MIS and Digital Inequality

When examining the future of MIS on a global scale, it also brings to the fore the issue of digital inequality between developed and developing countries. For example, there is a significant gap between the use of MIS by small businesses in Africa and the integration of MIS by large companies in the US/Europe. Similarly, while large companies can allocate billions of dollars to AI-based MIS investments, the cost of these systems can be prohibitive for SMEs.

Open-source MIS infrastructures and SaaS (Software as a Service)-based IT services are expected to play a strategic role in narrowing the digital divide in the future, as they can reduce inequalities in access to information technologies. Furthermore, these approaches will be a driving force because they offer low-cost, scalable, and accessible solutions, thereby facilitating the development of digital capacity for institutions, particularly in developing economies (Fosso Wamba et al., 2022; Ndubuisi and FNisafety, 2025).

5.8. Future Research Areas

Key research areas for understanding the future of MIS include: Explainable AI-based MIS, Blockchain-based MIS ecosystems, Sustainability-focused MIS, Human-machine hybrid decision support systems, and ethical, regulatory, and governance dimensions, all of which require an interdisciplinary research approach.

In the future, MIS will become not only an information management system but also an intelligent, sustainable, ethical, and globally collaborative ecosystem. This transformation is expected to make organizations more agile, transparent, and accountable; however, it is also expected to create new risks and inequalities.

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

6.1. General Evaluation

Management Information Systems (MIS), initially used only as technical tools for businesses' information gathering and reporting processes, have now become the strategic core of corporate intelligence thanks to the integration

of artificial intelligence, big data, blockchain, IoT, and cloud computing. The literature shows that MIS is no longer just an operational system; it also plays a central role in creating competitive advantage for organizations, personalizing customer experience, achieving sustainability goals, and fulfilling ethical responsibilities. Therefore, the future of MIS will be shaped not only by technological developments but also by the intersection of organizational transformation, social expectations, and ethics/regulation-focused governance processes.

6.2 Academic Recommendations

The findings of this study make an important contribution to the MIS literature. In particular, the necessity of an interdisciplinary approach has been one of the most important conclusions.

MIS research should not be limited to the perspective of computer science and should be integrated with business, sociology, law, and environmental sciences. The lack of joint assessments of the engineering dimension of systems and the social sciences dimension has been observed, revealing the importance of conducting research in this area in terms of filling the existing gap.

Particularly in light of current data, interdisciplinary research on ethics, data security, and sustainability is coming to the fore and highlighting the gaps that need to be filled in the field. It is evident that new situations that may arise with the development of MIS in the future will need to be jointly evaluated.

While maintaining quality of life and natural living conditions at normal levels concerns many academic fields, the future of MIS also requires serious interdisciplinary research, particularly in critical functions such as monitoring carbon emissions, optimizing energy consumption, and supporting ESG reporting.

It is predicted that explainable AI-based Management Information Systems, Blockchain-based MIS ecosystems aimed at closing the digital world adaptation gap, ESG and sustainability-focused MIS, and hybrid human-machine decision support systems will become increasingly important. Enriched by interdisciplinary studies, these areas will close a significant gap.

From the perspective of developing countries, the literature has largely focused on developed economies. However, the role of MIS in developing countries has been recognized as requiring a focus on the challenges encountered due to the digital divide, resource constraints, and cultural differences in this context. Future research needs to examine the impact of MIS on developing economies more comprehensively.

6.3. Implications for the Business World

The future of MIS presents both opportunities and risks for businesses. In this context, certain topics stand out among the recommendations for the business world:

MIS investments as strategic investments must be made not only for operational efficiency but also in line with long-term digital transformation strategies. Regarding the need to create a data-driven culture, managers must actively participate in decision-making processes by improving their data literacy rather than passively using the reports provided by MIS.

In terms of cybersecurity and ethical responsibility, MIS investments should prioritize systems that use high-level models such as zero trust security models, GDPR/KVKK compliance, and algorithmic transparency.

Digital systems, which drive the business world in many ways, must be integrated with sustainability. MIS should be at the center of sustainability policies by enabling businesses to monitor and report on their ESG indicators.

Furthermore, MIS solutions with features such as ease of use, cost-effectiveness, and flexibility should be developed, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises. Therefore, businesses should be integrated with SaaS-based and open-source systems in particular.

6.4 Recommendations for Policy Makers

The future of MIS will be shaped not only by the strategic choices of businesses but also by public policies and international regulations. The primary goal for policymakers should be to ensure ethical standards. Standards regulating algorithmic transparency and responsibility sharing for AI-based MIS must be developed. Furthermore, any legal steps taken to ensure security in this regard increase the applicability of ethical standards.

Digital infrastructure investments that will increase MIS access, especially in developing countries, should be encouraged. Accordingly, increasing digital inclusiveness will significantly improve the ease of integration and operability of MIS.

The applicability of green regulations should be increased as a necessity for making today's world more livable through Management Information Systems. Environmentally friendly policies that support the sustainability functions of MIS should be implemented.

6.5. *Final Thoughts*

This study shows that MIS will play a critical role not only in business information management but also in the global economy, social life, and environmental sustainability over the next decade. The MIS of the future is shaping up to be a smart, ethical, sustainable, and inclusive ecosystem.

For researchers, this situation creates new areas of research; for businesses, strategic opportunities; and for policymakers, a need for new regulations focused on ethics, security, and sustainability. Therefore, it is evident that the future of MIS must be managed not only through technological advances but also through responsible governance.

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