

Business Strategy / SOP Creation

Create a system for distributing, acknowledging, and updating SOPs across teams with version control.

Difficulty: Intermediate

Model: GPT-4 / Claude / Gemini

Use Case: SOP Management, Compliance Tracking, Version Control

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Why This Prompt Exists

Most SOPs are stored in shared drives — no one knows who has read them or if they're using the latest version.

You get:

- employees using outdated SOPs (errors)
- no proof of training (compliance risk)
- SOPs updated but not distributed (wasted effort)
- no acknowledgment that employees have read SOPs
- version confusion (which one is current?)

But SOP management is not optional.

It is how you ensure consistent execution.

- Distribution: how SOPs reach employees
- Acknowledgment: proof employees have read it
- Version control: everyone uses same version
- Update notification: when SOP changes
- Compliance tracking: audit trail

Without a system, SOPs don't prevent errors.

This framework forces AI to build an SOP management system.

The Prompt

Assume the role of an SOP management specialist who creates distribution and compliance systems.

Your task is to create an SOP management system.

Generate:

1. DISTRIBUTION METHOD

- Central repository location
- How employees access SOPs
- Notification system for updates

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS

- How employees confirm they've read SOPs
- Tracking method (signature, digital acknowledgment)

3. VERSION CONTROL SYSTEM

- Naming convention (v1.0, v1.1, v2.0)
- How to distinguish current vs. archived
- Change log requirement

4. UPDATE NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE

- Email or message to notify employees of changes
- What changed and why

5. COMPLIANCE TRACKING

- Who has acknowledged which SOPs
- Audit trail of versions read

6. REVIEW REMINDER SCHEDULE

- When SOPs are due for review
- Who is responsible for review

INPUTS:

Number of Employees:

[INSERT]

Number of SOPs:

[INSERT]

Industries/Regulations (compliance requirements):

[LIST OR "NONE"]

Current SOP Storage Location:

[DESCRIBE]

Known Issues with Current System:

[LIST OR "NONE"]

RULES:

- Central repository: one source of truth (no multiple copies)
- Acknowledgment: required before employees can perform process
- Version control: clear which version is current

- Update notifications: immediate when SOP changes
- Compliance tracking: audit-ready records
- Review reminders: annual minimum, quarterly for high-risk processes

How To Use It

- One central repository (no local copies).
- Acknowledgment required before employees can perform the process.
- Version control: archive old versions, mark current clearly.
- Update notifications must be immediate and trackable.
- Compliance tracking: retain acknowledgment records for audits.

Example Input

Number of Employees: 50

Number of SOPs: 25

Industries/Regulations: ISO 9001 (quality management), SOC2 (security)

Current SOP Storage Location: Shared Google Drive folder (multiple copies, no version control)

Known Issues with Current System: Employees can't find current version, no proof of training, outdated SOPs still in use

Why It Works

Most SOPs are stored in chaos.

This framework improves outcomes by forcing:

- central distribution (single source of truth)
- acknowledgment tracking (proof of training)

- version control (currency)
- update notifications (awareness)
- compliance tracking (audit readiness)

Great SOP systems don't just document processes — they ensure they're followed.

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