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Inventory management is a step in the supply chain where inventory and stock quantities are tracked in and out of your warehouse. The goal of inventory management systems is to know where your inventory is at any given time and how much of it you have in order to manage inventory levels correctly. Some companies may opt to scan in inventory via a barcode scanner to increase efficiency along pick routes and accuracy. Unlike an ERP system, an inventory management system focuses on one supply chain process. They often come with the ability to integrate with other software systems – point of sale, Inventory management is managing the parts or stocks of materials in any form inside the plant and stabilizing the flow of materials considering the variability in demand. Supply chain management involves the management of the whole process of supplying raw materials from the suppliers to different levels of customers until the product reaches the end user as a finished one. Imagine a supply network as a graph with nodes and lines connecting these nodes. The inventory is mostly stored temporarily in warehouses located on the nodes. The goods move along the lines from one node to another until they reach their final destination. Some transformation may occur along the way, the raw materials being transformed eventually into finished products.

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### 1:35. Inventory Management. How Inventory Management Works.

A company's inventory is one of its most valuable assets. Software billed as inventory management is a wiser choice for smaller businesses, compared to SCM suites which are designed to manage supply across many warehouses or a complex logistics network. Capabilities of inventory management systems are very similar to warehouse management systems (WMS), though WMS are often targeted at distributors while inventory management systems are most often targeted at retailers; however, this is not an absolute distinction. Accounting software integration : Inventory management systems provide the most return on investment when you can connect them to your existing accounting software to be able to calculate your company's cost of goods and valuation of products at any given time. Though inventory is considered a liability to efficient supply chain management, supply chain managers acknowledge the need of inventory. However, the unwritten rule is to keep inventory at a bare minimum. Many strategies are developed with the objective of streamlining inventories beyond the supply chain and holding the inventory investment as low as possible. This model is broadly used in many optimization areas such as production planning, transportation, network design, etc. MILP comprises a linear objective function along with some limitation constraints constructed by continuous and integer variables. The main objective of this model is to get an optimal solution of the objective function.