Business Performance Management



The Basic Equation Cost per Order

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Example:

Sales per month S	\$20,000
Cost of Sales COS:	<u>- \$12,000</u>
Gross Profit GP:	\$ 8,000
Expenses per month EXP:	- \$ 5,000
Operational result OR:	\$ 3,000

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For key performance indicators, we use preferable *ratios* instead of absolute figure

Ratios make it easier to compare organizations of different size



As we want to come to ratios, we divide the equation on both sides by *OI*





Order income per month:\$20,000Expenses per month:\$ 5,000

Cost per Order *CPO* = \$5,000 / \$20,000 = **25%**

Profitability PR = GMP - CPO

=	40% -	25%
Profitability PR =	15%	

Key ratio: **Cost per Order**

A lower CPO is better than a high CPO

CPO should be **lower than** your gross margin percentage *GMP*, otherwise the company will make losses

CPO

CPO is always positive (as you have always certain costs and expenses)

Increasing your order income OI (with given operating expenses) **will lower your CPO** and increase your operating result

Doing "cross country business" with order income in foreign currency, *CPO* will reflect changing FX rates