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To implement processes at Dell, Inc., the company studied what other corporations were doing and came up with a unique set of processes that complemented their culture and business. Dell points out that the processes were centered on executing efficiently, since the company was selling to hundreds of thousands of customers daily. Without these specialized processes, Dell, Inc. would not have been able to succeed, he adds.

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Transcript

As we went from a company with \$300 million to \$3 billion to \$60 billion, we had to put processes in place, for sure, to deal with the complexity of what we were trying to accomplish.. And so we learned from other companies.. And we hired folks from other companies.. We didn't just take their process in wholesale fashion and say, "We want to get what GE has for this and just put it in." But we studied what other companies were doing and said, "Okay, let's come up with the Dell process for doing this that's going to be right for our culture, right for our business and that we can execute." But we are a very analytically driven business.. It's also a business that happens in real-time.. We're selling everyday to hundreds of thousands of customers, and so it is an execution kind of business.. And if you're not paying attention to that, the business doesn't succeed, it just falls down...