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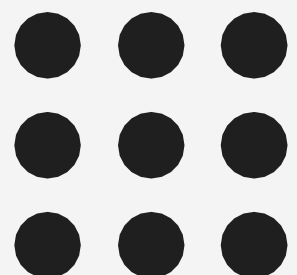
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Topic 3 – Oldham Hackman Job Characteristics



**Oldham Hackman Characteristics/
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Oldham Hackman Characteristics Model

Three factors that make job “meaningful” and other two factors

- Skill variety - different skills that a job holder has the opportunity to exercise
- Task identity: degree to which your work and its results are identifiable as belonging to you
- Task significance: degree to which your job has influence on others
- Autonomy - discretion
- Feedback – information about result of your work



Oldham Hackman Characteristics Model

Methods of improving motivation

- Set specific goals

- Provide feedback

- Consider job design

Measures to enhance job design

- Job enlargement

- Job enrichment



Oldham Hackman Characteristics Model

Core Dimensions

Skill Variety
Task Identity
Task Signif.

Autonomy

Feedback

Psychological States

Meaningfulness
of Work

Responsibility
for outcomes

Knowledge of
Results

Outcomes

High intrinsic
motivation
High job per-
formance
High job satis-
faction
Low absentee
ism & turnover



Oldham Hackman Characteristics Model



MPS =

$$\frac{\text{Skill Variety} + \text{Task Identity} + \text{Task Significance}}{3} \times \text{Autonomy} \times \text{Feedback}_k$$

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Why Goals Motivate

- Mobilize energy in relation to goal
- Focus attention towards goals attainment
- Encourages setting of action plans or strategies for goal attainment
- Encourages persistence until goal is attained

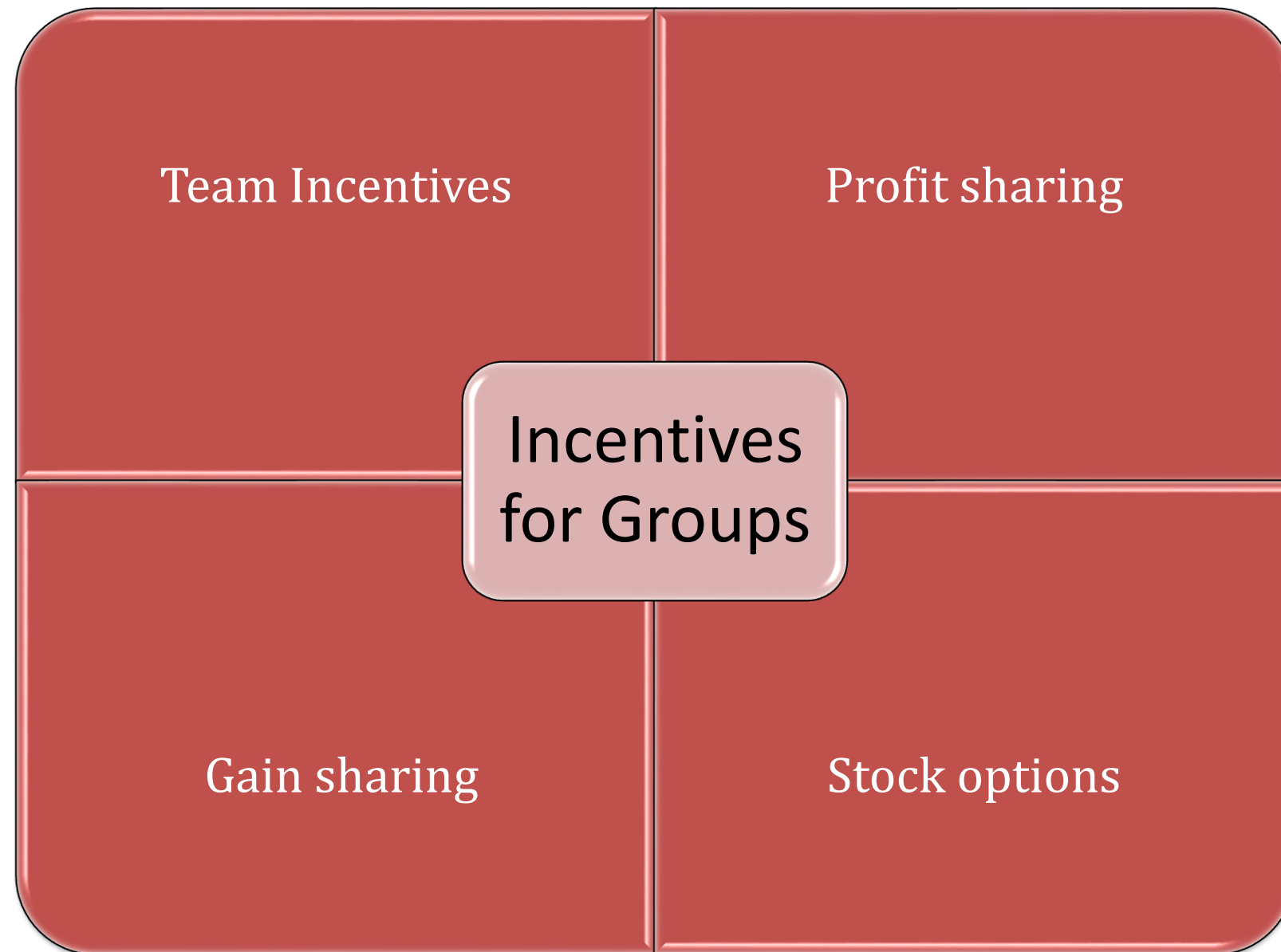
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Incentive for Individual

- For Executives
 - Compensation tied to achieving strategic goals
- For Lower Level Employees
 - Tied to performance: bonuses, commissions, piecework

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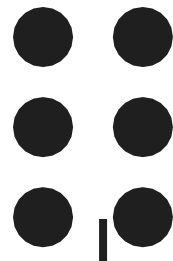
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Where Pay Fails to Motivate

- Bonuses or merit pay is too small
- Non-existent link between pay and Performance
- Performance appraisal is done poorly
- Effect of unions
- Adaptation problems



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Effective Reward Systems

- Set high goals for performance
- Develop accurate ways to measure performance
- Train supervisors in performance appraisal
- Link pay to performance
- Make increases noticeable and meaningful





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