



# Principal biography

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## Ken Carlson

Ken, an Oliver Wight Principal, is an accomplished engineering, management, and consulting professional with over thirty years of experience. He has the proven ability to develop and implement strategies that eliminate waste and improve a company's bottom line. Ken's talents also include providing customized education, training, independent analysis, coaching, and project management support in all areas of a client's business. Ken has worked extensively with companies in the automotive parts, jet engine parts, furniture, lumber, health care products, foundry, equipment manufacturing, job shop, and processing – including food and pharmaceuticals – industries.

Before joining Oliver Wight, Ken worked as an independent consultant, director of continuous improvement, engineering manager, and project manager for several companies, where he successfully implemented various manufacturing software systems and business process improvements. As Internal Engineering Manager and Project Manager at Babson Bros. Co., Ken implemented MRP II processes in all divisions of this large dairy equipment manufacturer achieving the Class "A" operational designation.

Ken has extensive experience as a college instructor, program coordinator, facilitator, and trainer at several universities, and as a guest speaker for business management courses. He is APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and was trained in the "Toyota Production System" in Japan in 1979. Ken attended the University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse and is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a degree in Design and Technology.



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