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Here we present the Forum Information System (FIS) from its theoretical and
normative origins. General systems theory provides four corporate planning areas:
budget, operations, maintenance, and strategic planning. Normative issues center
around the empowerment of executives, managers, owners, and employees enshrined
in Johnstone's Basic Imperative—in each act of communication, one is to enhance
rather than suppress the ability to persuade and be persuaded, whether the ability is
yours or another's.

There was a paradigm shift in corporate information systems which occurred with the
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