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Preface

Learning how to play chess begins with learning how to set out the pieces and progresses to learning how each piece can be moved. When one goes even further and learns instinctively how to move the proper piece in the proper way, in every possible situation, one has mastered the game. Learning how to plan does not differ essentially from learning how to play chess.

Until now, however, this has not been easy and in many instances impossible, because the pieces comprising a job allocation planning system were not sufficiently understood, nor was their importance recognised. In this book all the pieces have been identified and described on the premise that when one knows how to recognise the proper planning 'pieces' in a planning situation, one can compose the best possible job allocation planning system for that situation.

I am aware that for those thoroughly involved in allocation planning problems this must sound unlikely or even untrue. However, when these pieces are correctly orientated in one's mind, many things that at first look hectic and untreatable, change in character and become possible.

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