

OPEN PLAN OFFICE

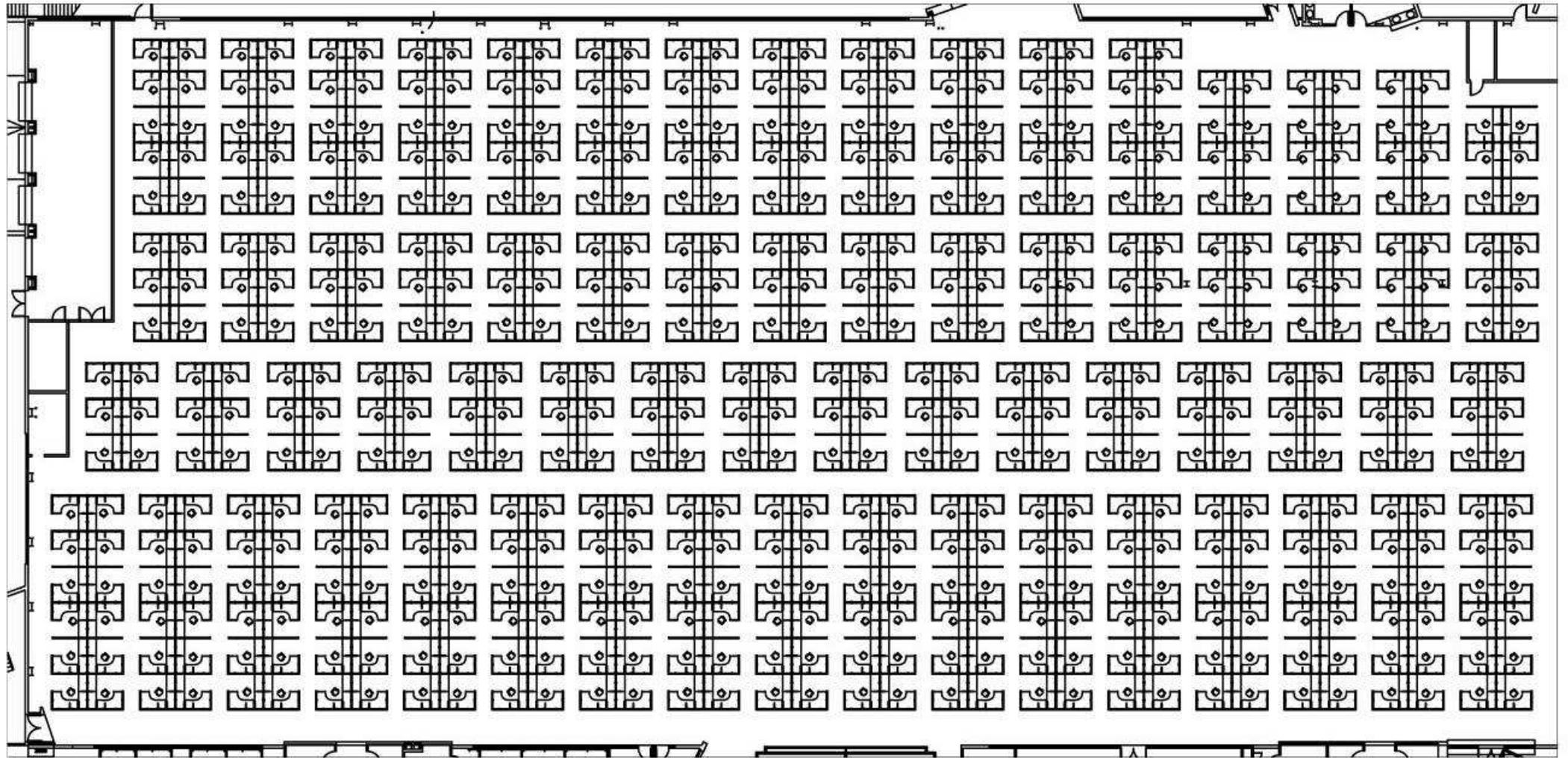
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History

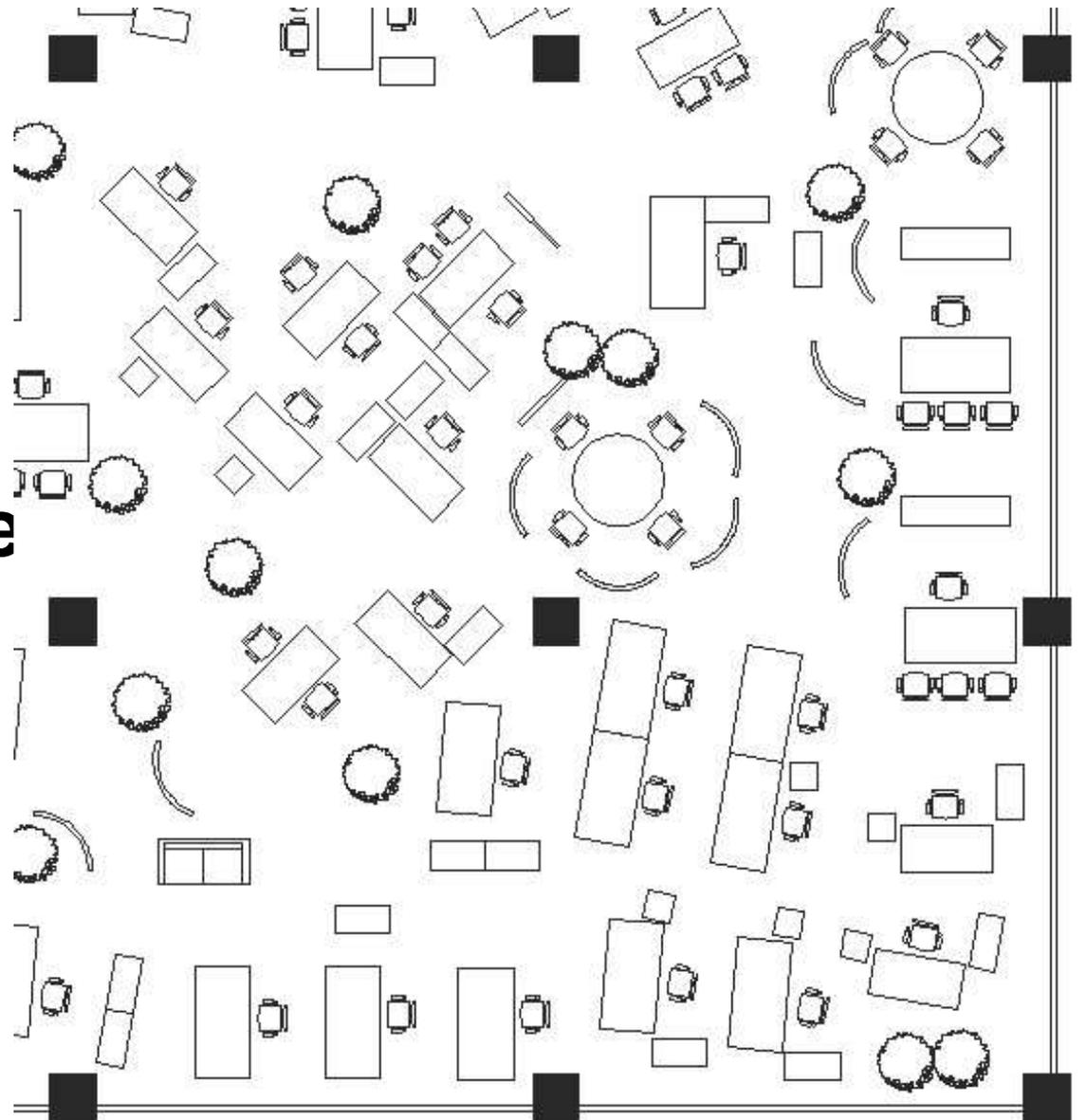


- **Large open spaces**
- **Minimizes the use of small spaces**
- 19th century
- Clerks, typists, technicians
- efficiency



History

- 1950's
- Germany
- **Office landscape**
- Managers and workers

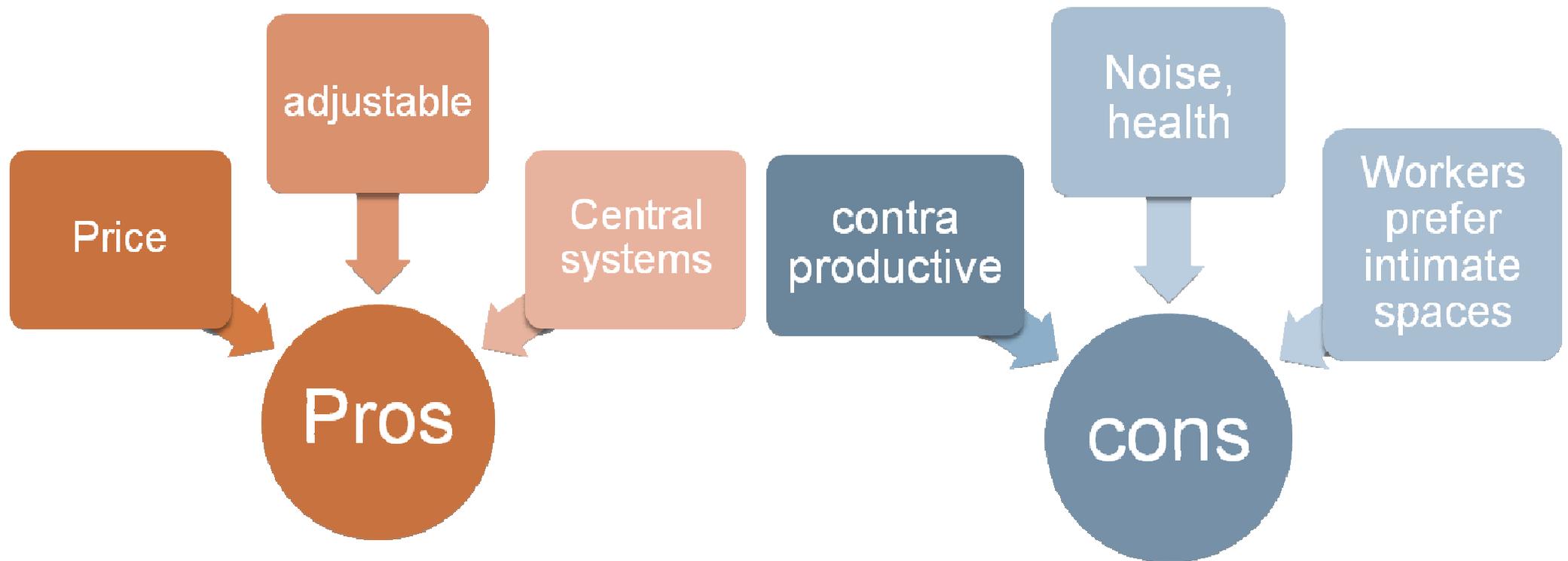


The Czech Republic

- Open plan boom
- Concept on the decline
- Communication, efficiency, concentration?



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- Control – doesn't increase
- Change of working pattern
- Affecting the town

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- The only thing that annoys me is people who don't bother to clean up after themselves. Goops! They will leave the dishes everywhere. AP
 - Lack of personal freedom and privacy had nearly driven me paranoid. In my point of view, shared offices are unnatural and nerve-racking environment. TE

Interviews

- bank employee AP
 - product designer DN
 - chief correspondent, international news agency JL
 - department manager, ČSOB LT
 - former employee of construction company TE
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- Overall satisfaction
 - Productivity
 - Concentration
 - Stress

Productivity



- All my colleagues are around and we can ask each other, debate and solve business issues ... everything is faster. LT
- Shouting, joking and dealing with such issues as where to go for a lunch reduces the productivity among employees. On the other hand, this is what makes my job enjoyable. JL

Concentration



- Often, the noise level is considerably high, which bothers especially those having a phone interview or trying to focus on writing. For such cases, there is a special glassed-in office in the corner. JL
- Better than ever before. We have our rules set so that we don't disturb each other. DN

Supervision & Stress

- Supervision has a positive impact on the efficiency of my team. It is true that, before I became a manager, I used to feel under pressure. LT
- In my field – real-time news coverage – is a shared office a must, because we need to communicate, run from table to table and check the most urgent issues. It is rather collaboration than supervision and, as journalists are quite extrovert people, they tolerate such scramble. JL

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- Though the day I spent in an open plan office was extremely productive, I was literally shivering in the evening. The worst was the noise.