

Merger vs Acquisition (vsdiff.com)

Criteria	Merger	Acquisition
Definition	A merger is a mutual agreement between two companies to form a new entity.	An acquisition occurs when one company purchases another company's assets or stock.
Ownership	Both companies share ownership in the new merged entity.	The acquiring company assumes control of the target company.
Impact on Employees	Employees may see their roles evolve within the newly formed entity.	Employees of the acquired company may face layoffs or restructuring.
Legal Process	Usually involves a symbiotic legal framework.	Often entails regulatory scrutiny and legal diligence.
Reason for Action	Companies may merge to pool resources and enhance competitive positioning.	Acquisitions typically aim at rapid growth or gaining strategic assets.

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