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Product Management

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Main topics 1/3

Adoption of inno, hype cycle, product life cycle, BCG matrix





Main topics 2/3

Steps of product development process

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Main topics 3/3 **Selection of market targets**

Markets





- Adoption of innovations
- Hype cycle technology life cycle
- The product
- Product development
- Product life cycle & phases
- Market segmentation & sales / pricing
- Disruptive areas



ADOPTION OF INNOVATIONS

Adoption process of innovations "Simple" model of innovation adoption Complex model of innovation adoption Economics of innovation/technology adoption

Adoption process of innovations

- 1. Awareness: the customer becomes aware of the existence of the innovation without having information about it
- 2. Interest: the customer feels incentive to get knowledge with respect to the innovation
- **3. Evaluation**: the customer makes decision to try the innovation or not
- **4. Trial**: the customer tries the innovation; in such a way it is possible to refine what value the innovation represents for him/her
- 5. Adoption: the customer decides to use the innovation regularly



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"Simple" model of inno adoption 2/8 Overcome the Chasm

- The Early Majority (Pragmatists) does not talk to the Early Adopters (Visionaries), hence there is a huge Chasm
 - The Early Adopters are buying a revolutionary change agent
 - Expect a clear discontinuity between the old and the new
 - Expect clear strategic advantages
 - Tolerate bugs and glitches
 - The Early Majority is buying evolutionary productivity improvement
 - · Want to minimize the discontinuity with the old way
 - Want innovations to enhance established business processes
 - Expect a more of less bug free product



Source: https://www.crazyegg.co m/blog/product-adoptionto-transform-marketing/

The Chasm Strong aptitude for technical information The Early The Mainstream

- Like to **alpha test** new products
- Can ignore any missing elements
- Do whatever they can to help
- Challenges

Primary motivation

• Key characteristics

- Want unrestricted access to top technical people

Learn about new technologies for their own sake

- Want **no-profit pricing** (preferably free)

"Simple" model of inno adoption 3/8 **Stage 1 – Innovators – Technology Enthusiasts**

Key role: gatekeeper to the Early Adopters

Pragmatists Conservatives Skeptics Source: https://www.crazvegg.co m/blog/product-adoption-

to-transform-marketing/





"Simple" model of inno adoption 4/8

Stage 2 – Early Adopters – Visionaries

• Primary motivation

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- Gain dramatic competitive advantage via revolutionary breakthrough
- Key characteristics
 - Perceive order-of-magnitude gains so not price sensitive
 - Great imaginations for strategic applications
 - Attracted by high-risk, high-reward propositions
 - Will help supply the missing elements
- Challenges
 - Want rapid time-to-market
 - Demand high degree of customization and support



Key role: fund the development of the early market



"Simple" model of inno adoption 5/8

Stage 3 – Early Majority – Pragmatists

- Primary motivation
 - Gain sustainable productivity improvements via evolutionary change
- Key characteristics
 - Clever managers of mission-critical application The
 - Understand real-world issues and tradeoffs
 - Focus on proven applications
 - Like to go with the market leader
- Challenges
 - Insist on good references from trusted colleagues
 - Want to see the solution in production at the reference site

Key role: bulwark of the mainstream market



Source: https://www.crazyegg.co m/blog/product-adoptionto-transform-marketing/



"Simple" model of inno adoption 6/8

Stage 4 – Late Majority – Conservatives

- Primary motivation
 - Just stay even with the competition
 - Avoid competitive disadvantage
- Key characteristics
 - Better with people than technology
 - Risk averse and price-sensitive
 - Highly reliant on a single, trusted advisor
- Challenges
 - Need completely pre-assembled solutions
 - Would benefit from value-added services but do not want to pay for them

Key role: extend product life cycles



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"Simple" model of inno adoption 7/8

Stage 5 – Late mass / Laggards – Sceptics

- Primary motivation
 - Maintain status-quo
- Key characteristics
 - Good at debunking marketing hype
 - Disbelieve productivity-improvement arguments
 - Believe in the law of unintended consequences
 - Like taking a contrarian position
 - Seek to block purchases of new technology
- Challenges
 - Not a **customer** and can be **formidable opposition** to early adoption





"Simple" model of inno adoption 8/8

Characteristics from Innovators to Laggards

Innovators	Early Adopters	Early Majority	Late Majority	Laggards
Visionaries and Enthusiasts		Mainstream Adopters		Resisters
 Dream realizers Drive change Aren't afraid to fail Explore in iterations High tolerance for risk, uncertainty and ambiguity Adventurers Change initiators Internally motivated to change Respected by EAs; doubted by the mass 	 Evangelists Embrace change Self-efficacy Like to be first to try, use, engage, buy Try out new ideas in careful way Inspired by the new Like integrating new ideas in useful ways Influencers – like to convey ideas Respected by majority 	 Pragmatists Accept change (sooner than LM) Deliberate Adopt if practical – weigh out pros & cons; think it out Go along; seldom lead Helps it gain mass appeal Wait until it has been successful in practice 	 A bit skeptics Accept change (later than EM) Adopt after proven Often adopt out of necessity, not choice Goes along with peers Like to know rules Creatures of habit Jumps in when sees "everybody" is doing it 	 Change averse Value tradition Not leaders Suspicious of new innovations Often wait until forced to adopt Feel threatened or very uncomfortable by uncertainty and change Not going to buy in to new ideas

Complex model of adoption of innovation



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Based on the presentation: Geoff Huston -Technology Adoption in the Internet

Economics of innovation adoption 1/2



Based on the presentation: Geoff Huston -Technology Adoption in the Internet

Economics of innovation adoption 2/2





HYPE CYCLE – TECHNOLOGY LIFE CYCLE

Hype cycle – technology life cycle How hype cycle works Hype cycle and adoption of innovation Hype cycle for emerging technologies

Hype cycle – technology life cycle



Hype cycle and adoption of innovation





How hype cycle works 1/2

Five key phases of a technology's life cycle

Source: <u>https://www.gartner.com/technology/re</u> <u>search/methodologies/hype-cycle.jsp</u>

Technology Trigger

 A potential technology breakthrough kicks things off. Early proof-ofconcept stories and media interest trigger significant publicity. Often no usable products exist, and commercial viability is unproven.

Peak of Inflated Expectations

 Early publicity produces several success stories — often accompanied by scores of failures. Some companies take actions; many do not.

Trough of Disillusionment

 Interest wanes as experiments and implementations fail to deliver.
 Producers of the technology shake out or fail. Investments continue only if the surviving providers improve their products to the satisfaction of early adopters.



How hype cycle works 2/2

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Slope of Enlightenment

 More instances of how the technology can benefit the enterprise start to crystallize and become more widely understood. Second- and thirdgeneration products appear from technology providers. More enterprises fund pilots; conservative companies remain cautious.

Plateau of Productivity

 Mainstream adoption starts to take off. Criteria for assessing provider viability are more clearly defined. The technology's broad market applicability and relevance are clearly paying off.





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Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2019





Stable: autonomous driving L4, Biotech (Artificial Tissue)

Evolving: 5G, AI technologies

Missing: robots, quantum computing

Greatest leap: autonomous driving L5

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Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2020



Plateau will be reach	Plateau will be reached:		
🔘 less than 2 years	🔵 2 to 5 years	🔵 5 to 10 years	
🔺 more than 10 years	🚫 obsolete before plateau	As of July 2020	

Highlights of five unique trends:

- Composite architectures
- Algorithmic trust
- Beyond silicon
- Formative artificial intelligence (AI)
- Digital me

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Plateau will be reached: ○ < 2 vrs. ○ 2-5 vrs. ○ 5-10 vrs. ▲ >10 vrs. 🛠 Obsolete before blateau



Hype Cycle for Emerging Tech, 2022



Highlights four interesting trends:

- Machine Learning code generation
- Metaverse
- Digital Humans
- Web3 (http3 uses QUIC instead of TCP)



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THE PRODUCT

What is a product? Market players

What is a product?

- The product is the whole of physical, aesthetic and symbolic behaviors to meet the customers' demand and to offer in the market
- Product types
 - Materialized product (food, phone set, car)
 - Intellectual product (book, music, software)
 - Services (restaurant, telecommunication, car repair)
 - Experience (theatre, concert)
 - Event (sport)
- Durability
 - Durable goods (clothes, household appliances)
 - Nondurable goods (food)





PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Concept of product development Steps of product development process
B How to increase income

- Selling existing products
 - On new markets
 - To new customers
- Improving existing products
 - Correcting / eliminating bugs
 - Enrich features
 - Better / more practical packaging
- Introducing new products
- Explore new business, create new activities and processes

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Concept of product development 1/2

Product development

- Develop new product to meet new or changing demands
- May build on new technology, but it is not a must
- Completely new technology (typically) results in new product family, as well
- Market will judge the viability of the new product

The aim of product development

- Meeting the increasing customer demands
- Increasing market share
- Ensuring enterprise growth
- Keeping and growing competitiveness
- Generate profit

Concept of product development 2/2

The result of product development

- Customers recognize it as new product
- Improvement of existing product
- Enriched feature set

Product development types

- Initiating: new still unknown product on the market
- Following: already known product on the market
- Product enhancement: adding new features
- Product variation: different products by market segments

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Product development process 1/7

Idea management

- Idea collection from
 - Customers and sellers
 - Managers and employees
 - Researchers
 - Competitors
- Idea generation
 - Idea collection box
 - Meet with customers, developers
 - Brainstorming
 - Consumer surveys
 - Journals and magazines
 - Tech shows and fairs

- Idea selection
 - Relevant for the market
 - Timely
 - Feasible
 - Competitive
 - Etc.



Product development process 2/7

Preparing product proposal

- Create product proposal from selected ideas
 - Creating concept of product
 - Detailed specification and description of product
 - Determine target market of product
 - Who the consumers are
 - Why it is a good product
 - How much sales is expected
 - Position product on the market

Evaluation of product proposal

- Accept / modify / delay / reject



Product development process 3/7

Preparing business plan

Create business plan

- Detailed specification and description of the product
- Creation of realization process and its schedule
- Identify customer base (individuals, SMEs, large enterprises, institutes, government)
- Price settings based on costs of realization, market analysis (actual and expected market situation), prices of competitors
- Estimate expected traffic (sales volume) looking forward 1-5 years (even covering more scenarios)
- Select sales methods and channels
- Calculate possible losses, profit, payback time
- Accept / modify / reject the business plan
 - Based on whether the business plan is both technically and financially feasible
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Product development process 4/7

Realization of product

Realization

- Considering demands of target customer base
- Single or multi-phase realization
 - Prototype (the only working instance)
 - Pilot (in small network)
 - Full network
- Technology tests of product whether it meets specifications, mean time between failures, etc.
- Customer tests of product (friendly customers), product ergonomics, detection of failures / bugs, etc.
- Compare with similar products
- Cost analysis based on real costs, price settings (promotional price, final price)



Product development process 5/7

Product launch on the market

Preparing the product launch

- Marketing campaigns to introduce the product
- Demos and installations at exhibition rooms of dealers
- Demos at tech shows and fairs
- Preparation (education, FAQ) of sales channels (shops, TV, phone, Internet)
- Selection of target audience (customer base)
- Identify sales point (including geographical distribution)
- Timing: when to enter the market (first / parallel with others / delayed)
- Launch the product



Product development process 6/7

Testing launch effectiveness

- Testing the product
 - Tempo of sales
 - Preparedness of dealers
 - Product suitability compared to demands and expectations
 - Ratio of failures or faulty operation
 - Customer satisfaction
 - Income and profit
 - Unforeseen events
 - Modification proposals



Product development process 7/7

Product modification

- Possible modifications based on the experiences of the launch (generally after 6 months - 1 year)
 - Modification of specification
 - Modification of equipment/service
 - Modification of price
 - Modification of sales channels
 - Modification of customer office
- Product finalization
 - Generally, after 1-2 modifications
 - During life cycle management product modification, enhancement may occur



PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE & PHASES

Product life cycle

Life cycle management

Product life phases

Market position of products

Features of life phases

Product life cycle

Life cycle represent the sold amount of the product

- from market launch
- until withdrawing from the market
 as a function of time



Life cycle management 1/2



- The status of the products should be verified annually, their market position should be checked, and corrections might be initiated to desired positioning
- Launch phase in the cycle
 - Introducing the first generation of product
 - Promotional prices, discounts (e.g., no entry fee)
 - Strong advertisements, marketing and promotions
- Growth phase in the cycle
 - Improving product quality, adding new features
 - Diversification of product (multiple variants to target different market segments)
 - Entering new markets, apply new sales channels
 - Sales, decrease price (e.g., mobile services)

Life cycle management 2/2



Maturity phase in the cycle

- Growth of traffic is decreasing; market position gets stabilized
- Sales coming from the replacement of existing / old products
- The competition is not about getting new customers, but lure competitors' customers (e.g., via mobile number portability)
- Aim is to keep customers, gifts for loyal customers
- Discounts, sales, loyalty programs, 1 or 2 year long loyalty contracts
- Introducing new products (e.g., pack together telephone, Internet and IPTV)

Declination phase in the cycle

- Decreasing traffic (e.g., telegraph)
- Customers changing to other products (e.g., from telegraph to SMS)
- Try to decrease the operational costs of service
- Stop service as soon as possible (e.g., telex)







Source:Nicholas Felton, The New York Times, 2008 <u>https://static01.nyt.com/images/2008/0</u> 2/10/opinion/10chart.large.gif





Product life phases BCG matrix (Boston Consulting Group)



Market position of products BCG matrix (Boston Consulting Group)

- Question marks: relatively new products, which have low market share and have high market growth, but their success still has a "question mark"
- Stars: those successful products, whose market share and growth are both high, they are fundamental for the future of the company and its profit
- Cash cows: products with very high market share, but this share cannot be increased. Keeping the strong market position is essential for the long-term income and profit
- **Dead dogs:** those products, whose market share and growth potential are not satisfactory. A company should be prepared to stop this product

Features of life phases		Launch Question mark	Growth Star	Maturity Cash cow	Declination Dead dog
	Traffic	Low	Fast growing	Maximal	Decreasing
	Specific cost	High	Average	Low	Low
	Profit	Negative	Growing	High	Decreasing
	Buyers	Innovators	Early users	Average customers	Late users



MARKET SEGMENTATION & SALES / PRICING

Market segmentation and selection of market targets

Sales methods of products

Product pricing and consumers' price sensitivity

Typical marketing combinations

Literature

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Market segmentation (1/2)

- Market segmentation splitting the market into pieces by
 - Products or product groups
 - Customer types
- Product criteria
 - Product function
 - Product price
 - Product reputation
- Customer criteria
 - Location: type (town/village) and size of settlement
 - **Demographic**: age, sex, family, (nationality)
 - Enterprise type: SME, large enterprise, institution
 - Societal: occupation, education, income, life style
 - Behavior: product usage, loyalty, personal interest

Market segmentation (2/2) A B C

Example of ICT products & markets

ICT markets Small Medium Large Residents enterprise enterprise enterprise Fixed phone \checkmark Mobile phone \checkmark \checkmark prod \checkmark Internet \checkmark CATV \checkmark Data services \checkmark Private network



Selection of market targets



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Sales methods of products

Sales

- Handing over the product to the buyer against appropriate price

Sales methods

- Production oriented (demand driven market)

- Demand > offer, "everything" can be sold
- In order to meet the demand, it is necessary to increase production

- Sales oriented (offer driven market)

- Demand < offer, it is necessary to raise the interest for the product
- The salespeople must sell the product on the market
- Customer oriented (competition for the customers)
 - "His/Her Majesty the Customer"
 - · Creating products with respect to user demand
 - Catch the customers, built customer loyalty
 - Preferences, actions, loyalty programs, etc.

Product pricing

- The price is an amount of money, for which a given product can be sold or bought
- Price calculation methods
 - Cost based pricing (conventional prices)
 - Manufacturers: cost + profit
 - Sales enterprise: purchase price + margin
 - **Demand oriented pricing** (customer-oriented prices)
 - Price based on the buyers' price expectation (market research)
 - Competition oriented pricing (competitive prices)
 - Prices competing with the other market players' prices (large enterprises price leaders vs. small enterprises price followers)

Consumers' price sensitivity

Price estimation

- Based on the features of the product (cheap, expensive, suitable)
- Compared to similar products, substitute, supplementary products (cheaper, more expensive, similar)

Price change estimation

 Price elasticity coefficient: showing how will the traffic react on the price change (generally if the price decreases, then the traffic increases and vice versa)

Price elasticity coefficient (E) = $\frac{\text{Traffic change in \%}}{\text{Price change in \%}}$

• Price is **non-elastic** if 0 < E < 1 and the price is **elastic** if $E \ge 1$

Typical marketing combinations Two major examples





The "bible" of marketing people

Philip Kotler – Kevin Lane Keller:Marketing managementPearson Higher Education, 2012



DISRUPTIVE AREAS

Innovation, products and sales: Big Bang disruption



- Old-style disruption posed the **innovator's dilemma**
 - What to invent and what to change with it
- Big-bang disruption is the innovator's disaster
 - The innovators who create products at "hackathons" aren't even trying to disrupt your business
 - You're just the collateral damage

Source: Big-Bang Disruption *by Larry Downes and Paul F. Nunes*; HBR, March 2013

Big Bang disruption 2/2 Unconstrained growth



- The adoption of disruptive innovations is no longer defined by crossing a marketing chasm (EA – EM)
- Instead, the innovators collectively get it wrong, wrong, wrong – and then unbelievably right
 - Big-bang disruptions collapse the product adoption we know, only two segments are:
 - Trial users, who often participate in product development, and

- Everyone else

Source: Big-Bang Disruption *by Larry Downes and Paul F. Nunes*; HBR, March 2013

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