Strategic Marketing: Making Choices

Planning at Different Management Levels

Strategic Planning by Top Management

- Define the business mission
- Evaluate the environment: SWOT analysis
- Set organizational goals and objectives
- Establish the business portfolio
- Develop growth strategies





Tactical Planning by Middle Managers

- Evaluate the marketing environment
- Set marketing objectives
- Develop marketing strategies to achieve corporate objectives





Operational Planning by Supervisory Managers

Develop action plans to implement tactical plans

Strategic Planning by Top Management

Strategic Planning Matches an Organization's Resources and Capabilities to its Market Opportunities for Long-Term Growth and Survival.

Growth Strategies

Business Portfolio

Organizational Goals & Objectives

SWOT Analysis

Business Mission

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Strategic Planning: Define the Business Mission

How should we develop the firm's capabilities?

What products & benefits can we create for our customers?

A
Mission
Statement
Describes the
Organization's
Overall Purpose

What business are we in?

What customers should we serve?

Mission Statement for AT&T

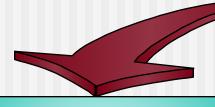
"We aspire to be the most admired and valuable company in the world. Our goal is to enrich our customers' personal lives and to make their businesses more successful by bringing to market exciting and useful communications services, building shareowner value in the process."

(www.att.com/factbook/co_mission.html)

Strategic Planning: Evaluate the Environment: SWOT Analysis

SWOT Analysis

Assessment of Organization's Internal & External Environments



Internal Environment
Identify Strengths &
Weaknesses in Firm's
Employees, Technologies,
Facilities, Finances, etc.



External Environment
Identify Opportunities &
Threats to a Firm From
Consumers, Competitors,
the Economy, etc.

Strategic Planning: Set Organizational Goals and Objectives

- Objectives (Goals) are specific accomplishments or outcomes that an organization hopes to achieve by a specific time.
- Direct outgrowth of the mission statement.
- May relate to:
 - revenue/sales, profitability, ROI, or
 - innovation, customer relations, etc.

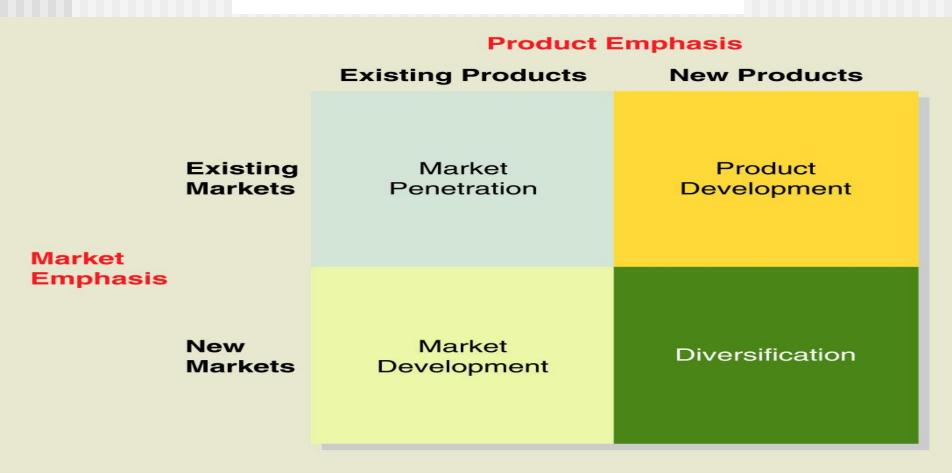
Strategic Planning: Establish the Business Portfolio

Different Products Owned by a Larger Firm.



Strategic Planning: Develop Growth Strategies

Product/ Market Expansion Grid



Tactical (Marketing) Planning by Middle Management

Management
Tactical Planning Concentrates on Developing
Detailed Plans for Strategies and Tactics for the
Short Term that Support an Organization's
Long-Term Strategic Plan.

Evaluate Marketing Environment

Set Marketing Objectives

Develop Marketing Strategies

Creating a Competitive Advantage

- A <u>competitive advantage</u> is the ability of a firm to outperform the competition, providing customers with a benefit the competition can't. How?
 - Step 1. Identify distinctive competency (firm's capability superior to that of its direct competition).
 - Step 2. Turn a distinctive competency into a differential benefit (one that is important to customers).

Evaluating the Marketing Environment and Setting Objectives

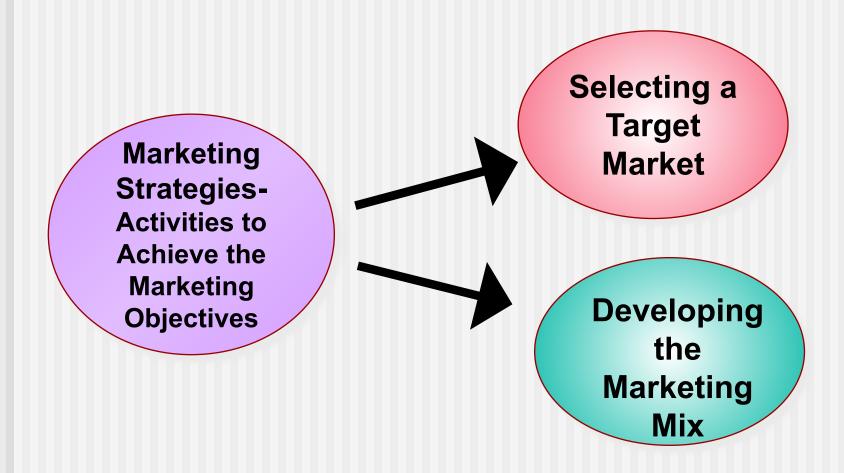
Evaluating the Marketing Environment

Setting Marketing Objectives

Sales Objectives

Market Objectives
Product-Oriented Objectives

Developing Marketing Strategies



Developing Marketing Mix Programs

Product Strategies

Decisions about Product
Design, Packaging, Branding,
Positioning, and Features.

Pricing Strategies

Determines What Specific Price a Firm Charges for a Product.

Promotion Strategies

How Marketers Communicate Product Benefits and Features to Target Market.

Distribution Strategies



Outlines How, When, and Where the Firm Makes the Product Available to Customers.

Preparing a Marketing Plan

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Situation Analysis
    Marketing Problems and Opportunities
                     Marketing Objectives
Marketing Strategies
 Marketing Action Plans
   Implementation Plans
                            Control Plans
                       Contingency Plans
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Implementing the Marketing Plan

Strategies are Put Into Action on a Day-to-Day Basis Through:

Marketing Budgets

- Total amount of money spent on marketing, and
- Allocation of money for each activity under the marketer's control, such as for:
 - product development
 - promotional activities

Organizing the Marketing Function

- Functional Structure
- **Geographic Structure**
- **Product Structure**