



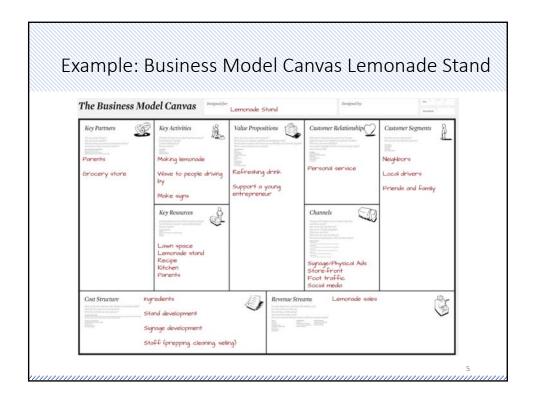
#### **Business Model Canvas - Overview**

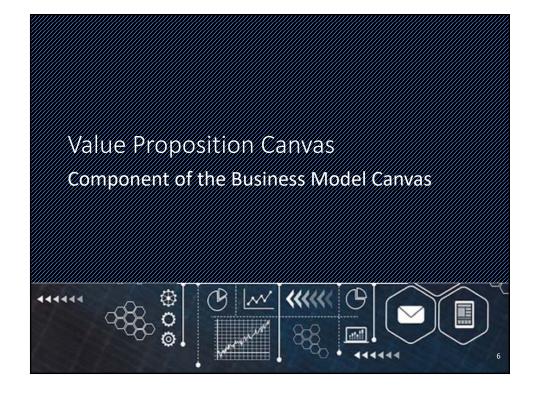
- Visual design template used to develop new business models that details firm's or product's value proposition, infrastructure, customers, and finances.
  - Connects activities and product offerings
  - Consists of nine "building blocks"
  - Valuable to go through quickly in Step 2, then again in more detail in Step 3



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# Business Model Canvas - Overview The Business Model Canvas Key Partners Key Activities Value Proposition Cost Structure Revenue Streams





# Value Proposition

#### What is a value proposition?

- Statement about the benefits customers receive from your service or the problems that your product will solve for them better than anyone else.
- Used to communicate the value of product/service/business to customers.

# Where does a value proposition fit in the business planning 5 step process?

• Consider in Steps 1, 2, 3, 4

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# Value Proposition

#### A value proposition will tell the customer

- Relevancy: why should your customers care?
- Quantified value: Benefit/s &/or problem solved if they purchase your product or service.
- Unique Selling Proposition (USP): how is this offering different to the competition

#### A Value Proposition is NOT:

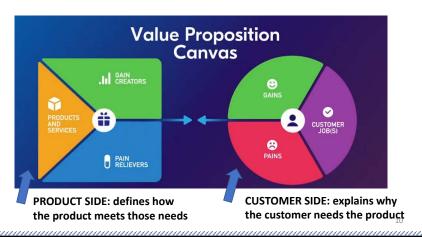
Value Propositions are very deliberate and is NOT

- · A Slogan:
  - "Just Do It" "Got Milk?"
  - A slogan is a quick, catchy phrase that identifies a brand. But looking at these examples, do they really tell you anything about the brand? Do they present any benefits or address any solutions?
- A Unique Selling Point (USP)
  - USP is a quick point about your product/services that can sway a buyer in their final purchasing decisions. It's how you differentiate yourself from your competitors.
    - USP is built into one main value proposition.

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# Value Proposition Canvas

 A tool that allows firms to develop, design and visualize the value of their product for customers in a structured manner



### Value Proposition Canvas: Customer Side

#### Customer Jobs

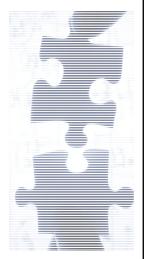
 Activities your customers are trying to get done in their work or in their life. Ex: tasks they are trying to perform and complete, the problems they are trying to solve, or the needs they are trying to satisfy.

#### Customer Pains

 Things that annoy customers before, during, and after trying to get a job done, things that prevents getting the job done, risks or bad outcomes

#### Customer Gains

- Outcomes/benefits ones that are required/expected or ones that surprise them. Can be either:
  - Quantitative Ex: price and efficiency
  - Qualitative Ex: overall customer experience



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# Value Proposition Canvas: Product Side

#### Products & Services

 Lists the products/services that provide the Gain Creators and Pain Relievers on which the value created is based

#### Pain Relievers

 Describe how the products/services alleviate specific customer pains.

#### Gain Creators

- Describe how your products and services create customer gains.
- Outline how product will provide outcomes and benefits that your customer expects, desires, or would be surprised by.

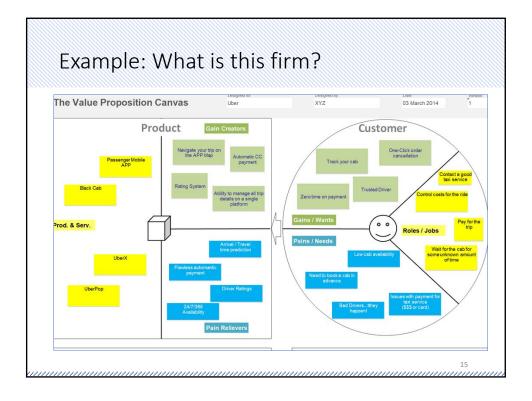


# Examples

- Airbnb
- Lyft
- We work
- Patagonia
- TaskRabbit/IKEA
- MailChimp
- · Duolingo
- Fresh Prep
- Netflix: "Watch Anywhere. Cancel Anytime" addresses their personas' questions with just four simple words.
- Shopify ecommerce solution for everybody, and its value proposition covers it all online, in-store, and the rest.
- Spotify: Music for Everyone"
- Square: "Square works for every business" and "Start selling fast." Pretty direct, pretty simple, pretty effective!

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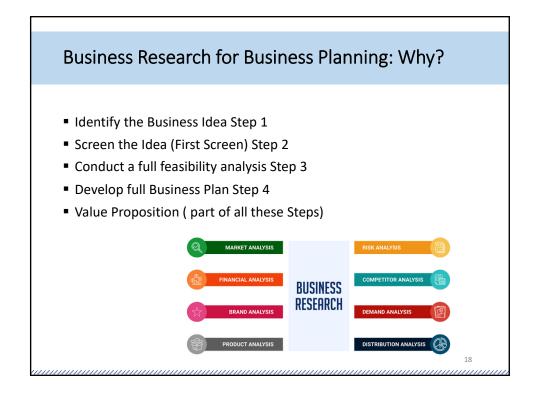
# Example: What is this firm? The Value Proposition Canvas Product Customer Customer Customer Customer Contact a good of the form and additional or a single platform Rating System Ability to manage all trip Gains / Wants Contact a good of the form and additional or a single platform Contact a good of the form and a single platform Co



# 10 Characteristics of Great Value Propositions

- 1. ✓ Are embedded in great business models
- ✓ Focus on few pain relievers and gain creators, but do those extremely well
- 3. ✓ Focus on jobs, pains, or gains that a large number of customers have or for which a small number is willing to pay a lot of money
- ✓ Align with how customers measure success
- ✓ Focus on the most significant jobs, most severe pains, and most relevant gains
- 6. ✓ Differentiate from competition in a meaningful way
- ✓ Address functional, emotional and social jobs all together
- 8. ✓ Outperform competition substantially on at least one dimension
- ✓ Are difficult to copy
- 10. **✓** Focus on unsatisfied jobs, pains, and gains





#### Business Research for Business Planning: Why?

RESEARCH IS VERY
IMPORTANT IN BUILDING
YOUR BUSINESS CASE AND
PROVIDE CREDIBILITY



Building Your Business Case

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### Business Research for Business Planning: How?

- 1. Define Scope and Questions you need answered
  - Consider the timeline, objective and Steps 1, 2, 3, 4,
- 2. Utilize a balance of business research methods- How will you collect the information
  - Primary & secondary
    - Consider data collection methods & data sources of each type of research
- 3. Evaluate the sources & content
- 4. Use citations

# 1. How do you define Scope and Questions?

• Consider the timeline and objective



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#### 2. Utilize a balance of business research methods-

#### **Common Mistakes in Business Research**

- 1. Relying only on free top level data from the Internet
  - Careful of validity of the content and sources reliability.
- 2. Surveying your personal network
- 3. Relying only on anecdotal feedback
  - A few data points are not enough. Business insights need to be collected in a systematic way.
- Can you see why these are mistakes?



#### 2. Utilize a balance of business research methods

Where can you go for GREAT sources? Get past the Google search



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# Primary and Secondary Business Research

# Secondary Business Research

- Data collected from secondary source
- Start with a scan of published information. Data from secondary research will give you a high-level overview of market opportunities.
- Techniques:
  - Trade magazines, reports, published research studies, government publications.
  - Firm or Agency specific: Annual reports, Websites, Trade Associations
  - Syndicated data bases

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# Secondary Business Research

- Advantages
  - Often cheap
  - · Often easy to obtain
  - · Can be completely quickly
- Disadvantages
  - Not very targeted
  - Access is public so competitors also have this information
  - · Can be dated
  - Relies on other's collection methods, quality, and assumptions

### **Primary Business Research**

- Data collected directly from primary source for a specific purpose and then analyzed (e.g., consumer, business, supplier)
- Primary research for small business: Go out and find out for yourself about your potential market.
- Techniques:
  - Talking to industry experts and potential customers
  - · Review product reviews
  - Buy and try related products
  - Observe the competition: visit their store, count the customers and track their social media sites.

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# **Primary Business Research**

#### Advantages:

- Targeted for your specific business need/s & product
- Timely
- Relevant
- · Only you will have this information

#### Disadvantages:

- Costly
- · Time consuming
- Expertise required
- Depends upon subjects' motivation, honesty and ability to respond.

# Example: Primary business research Google consumer survey

- create online surveys to be shared with Google's publisher network
- \$.10 per response
- target the entire US, a certain age group, interest or type of buyer

#### Platform:

- http://www.google.com/insights/consumersurveys/home
- Let's watch a short video summarizing the approach:
- <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90MliBvXYcw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90MliBvXYcw</a>

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### 3. Evaluate the sources & content

Evaluation is the process of critically evaluating information in relation to a given purpose in order to determine if it is appropriate for the intended use.

#### Why?

- Information can be out-of-date, inaccurate, and even purposely misleading
- Some websites, allow anyone to contribute content or exist only to sell products or ads by generating traffic

#### 3. Evaluate the sources & content

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Accuracy: Reliability & correctness of information. Review evidence of bias or error. Is the content Similar of very different than other sources?
- **Authority:** Credibility and credentials of originating source (author, publisher, sponsor).
- **Purpose:** Reason the information exists. Review objectivity of the author intent of the author.
- **Currency:** The timeliness (i.e. publication date, revision history) of the information.
- **Relevancy:** Importance of the information for your needs.

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#### 4. Use citations

#### Why?

- Refworks: Citation management software
- https://www.youtube.com/user/ProQuestRefWorks
  - How to register
  - How to add to database
  - · How to organize
  - Write-N-Cite to Manage Citations and Create Bibliographies in Microsoft Word

# Example

• Bacon, hot dogs and sausages are in the same category of cancer risk as tobacco smoking.





