

Chapter Eight

Product, Services, and Brands: Building Customer Value

Product, Services, and Branding Strategy

Topic Outline

- What Is a Product?
- Product and Services
 Decisions
- Services Marketing
- Branding Strategy: Building Strong Brands



Products, Services, and Experiences

Product is anything that can be offered in a market for attention, acquisition, use, or consumption that might satisfy a need or want

Service is a product that consists of activities, benefits or satisfaction that is essentially intangible and does not result in the ownership of anything



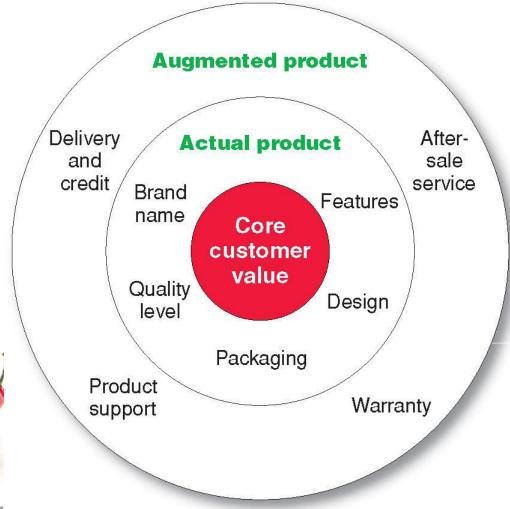
Products, Services, and Experiences

Experiences represent what buying the product or service will do for the customer





Levels of Product and Services



Product and Service Classifications

Consumer products

Industrial products



Product and Service Classifications

- Consumer products are products and services for personal consumption
- Classified by how consumers buy them
 - Convenience products
 - Shopping products
 - Specialty products
 - Unsought products



Product and Service Classifications

Convenience products

consumer products and services that the customer usually buys frequently, immediately, and with a minimum comparison and buying effort

- Newspapers
- Candy
- Fast food



Product and Service Classifications

Shopping products

consumer products and services that the customer compares carefully on suitability, quality, price, and style

- Furniture
- Cars
- Appliances



Product and Service Classifications

Specialty products

consumer products and services with unique characteristics or brand identification for which a significant group of buyers is willing to make a special purchase effort

- Medical services
- Designer clothes
- High-end electronics



Product and Service Classifications

Unsought products

consumer products that the consumer does not know about or knows about but does not normally think of buying

- Life insurance
- Funeral services
- Blood donations



Product and Service Classifications

Industrial products

products purchased for further processing or for use in conducting a business

Classified by the purpose for which the product is purchased



- Materials and parts
- Capital
- Raw materials

Product and Service Classifications

Capital items are industrial products that aid in the buyer's production or operations

Materials and parts include raw materials and manufactured materials and parts usually sold directly to industrial users

Supplies and services include operating supplies, repair and maintenance items, and business services



Organizations, Persons, Places, and Ideas

Organization marketing consists of activities undertaken to create, maintain, or change attitudes and behavior of target consumers toward an organization



Organizations, Persons, Places, and Ideas

Person marketing

consists of activities undertaken to create, maintain, or change attitudes and behavior of target consumers toward particular people





Organizations, Persons, Places, and Ideas

Place marketing consists of activities undertaken to create, maintain, or change attitudes and behavior of target consumers toward particular places

Social marketing is the use of commercial marketing concepts and tools in programs designed to influence individuals' behavior to improve their well-being and that of society



Individual Product and Service Decisions





Individual Product and Service Decisions

Product or service attributes

communicate and deliver the benefits

- Quality
- Features
- Style and design



Individual Product and Service Decisions

- Product Quality Level is the level of quality that supports the product's positioning
- Product Conformance Quality is the product's freedom from defects and consistency in delivering a targeted level of performance



Individual Product and Service Decisions

Product features

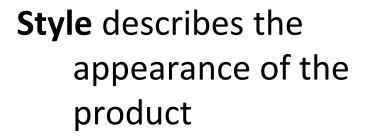
- are a competitive tool for differentiating a product from competitors' products
- are assessed based on the value to the customer versus the cost to the company



Individual Product and Service Decisions

We've remodeled the most important parts of your kitchen.





Design contributes to a product's usefulness as well as to its looks



Individual Product and Service Decisions

Brand is the name, term, sign, or design—or a combination of these—that identifies the maker or seller of a product or service



Individual Product and Service Decisions

Packaging involves designing and producing the container or wrapper for a product

Labels identify the product or brand, describe attributes, and provide promotion





Individual Product and Service Decisions

Product support services augment actual products





Product Line Decisions

Product line is a group of products that are closely related because they function in a similar manner, are sold to the same customer groups, are marketed through the same types of outlets, or fall within given price ranges

Product Line Decisions

Product line length is the number of items in the product line

- Line stretching
- Line filling



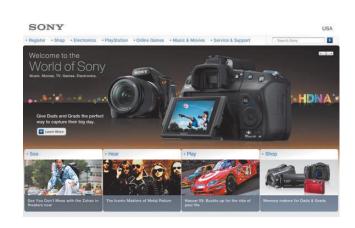


Product Mix Decisions

Product mix consists of all the products and items that a particular seller offers for sale

- » Width
- » Length
- » Depth
- » Consistency



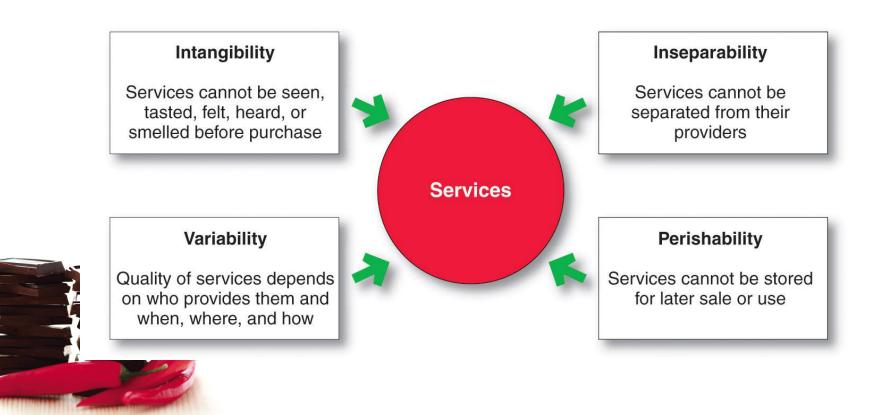


Types of Service Industries

- Government
- Private not-for-profit organizations
- Business services



Nature and Characteristics of a Service



Marketing Strategies for Service Firms



In addition to traditional marketing strategies, service firms often require additional strategies

- Service-profit chain
- Internal marketing
- Interactive marketing



Marketing Strategies for Service Firms

Service-profit chain links service firm profits with employee and customer satisfaction

- Internal service quality
- Satisfied and productive service employees
- Greater service value
- Satisfied and loyal customers
- Healthy service profits and growth



Marketing Strategies for Service Firms

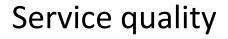
Internal marketing means that the service firm must orient and motivate its customer contact employees and supporting service people to work as a team to provide customer satisfaction

Internal marketing must precede external marketing

Marketing Strategies for Service Firms

Interactive marketing means that service quality depends heavily on the quality of the buyerseller interaction during the service encounter





Service productivity



Marketing Strategies for Service Firms

Managing service differentiation

creates a competitive advantage from the offer, delivery, and image of the service

 Offer can include distinctive features

Delivery can include more able and reliable customer contact people, environment, or process

Image can include symbols and branding





Marketing Strategies for Service Firms

Managing service quality provides a competitive advantage by delivering consistently higher quality than its competitors



Service quality always varies depending on interactions between employees and customers

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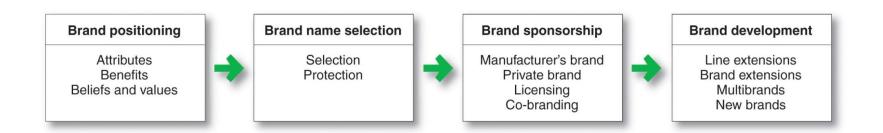
Managing service productivity refers to the cost side of marketing strategies for service firms

Employee recruiting, hiring, and training strategies

Service quantity and quality strategies

Brand equity

The differential effect that knowing the brand name has on customer response to the product or its marketing.





Brand Positioning

Brand strategy decisions include:

- Product attributes
- Product benefits
- Product beliefs and values





Brand Name Selection

Desirable qualities

- 1. Suggest benefits and qualities
- Easy to pronounce, recognize, and remember
- 3. Distinctive
- 4. Extendable
- 5. Translatable for the global economy
- Capable of registration and legal protection



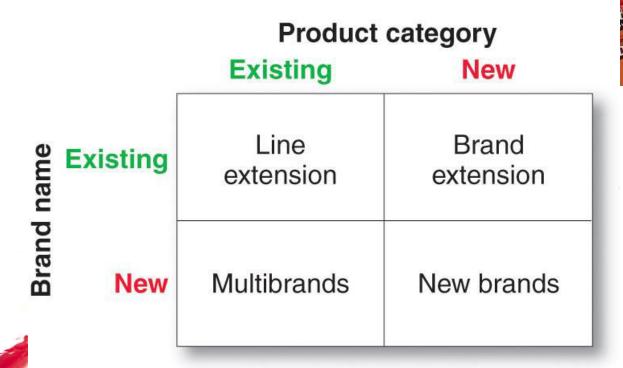
Brand Sponsorship

Manufacturer's brand
Private brand
Licensed brand
Co-brand





Brand Development Strategies





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