Marketing and Sales

Marketing – "The Four Ps"

- Product
- Place
- Promotion
- Price
- People

Product

- Features and Benefits
- What you leave out is as important as what you put in
- Product mix
- Product line strategy
 - compare Apple and HP laptops

Place

- Channels
 - direct
 - agent
 - Reseller
- Compare:
 - Amazon and Indigo

Promotion

- Advertising does not start with a P
- Classics:
 - print
 - radio
 - -TV
 - outdoor (includes location)
- Modern:
 - AdSense
 - YouTube
 - www.YourCompany.ca

Price

What do you charge?

Consider:

- gold miner
- bike shop
- software publisher

People

- All products are purchased by people. Yes even industrial products.
- "People buy from People"
- Communication

Relationship Marketing

Sales

If you work for a tech company, the field is a good place to be.

- sales
- sales support
- consulting/professional services
- support (including call centre)

Tales from the sales trenches...

- two ears, one mouth
- qualify, qualify
- find something the customer cares about
- when the customer buys, stop selling
- be yourself
- solving problems works wonders