## Two Sides of Customer Value:

# Economic Value to the Customer (EVC) and Life Time Value of a Customer (LTV) 

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## Marketing Management: The Big Picture



## Sources of Customer Value

## Psychological



## Economic

Functional

## 1. Economic Value to Customers

- EVC is the total (life-cycle) cost savings from using a new product in place of a current product.
- EVC = (Total ownership cost of existing product) - (Total ownership cost of new product)
- Maximum Willingness to Pay = Total lifecycle savings from new product compared with old product


## Example: New Telecom Switch



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## Sources of EVC



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## Example

- Lasik
- The Canon and Lexmark printers are the cheapest, or are they?

| 4 High scores are best. Thw scores are best. Bold type denotes first place. | Black pages output 4 | Color pages output 4 | Cost per page $\sqrt{v}$ | Printer cost $\overline{7}$ | Total cost of ownership for 1 year 7 | Total cost of ownership for 3 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canon i250 Color Bubble Jet | 103 | 387 | 64 | \$49.99 | \$227.04 | \$541.13 |
| Canon i350 Color Bubble Jet | 111 | 382 | 64 | \$59.99 | \$229.69 | \$529.08 |
| Epson Stylus C84 | 671 | 1,410 | 36 | \$100.00 | \$198.00 | \$354.00 |
| HP Business Inkjet 1100d | 1,326 | 3,378 | 2 c | \$199.99 | \$271.99 | \$375.99 |
| HP Deskjet 5150 | 381 | 310 | 84 | \$99.99 | \$336.62 | \$769.90 |
| HP Deskjet 5650 | 456 | 456 | 64 | \$149.99 | \$333.86 | \$661.61 |
| HP Deskjet 6127 | 673 | 902 | 46 | \$249.99 | \$380.22 | \$600.70 |
| Lexmark Z605 Color Jetprinter | 173 | 694 | 124 | \$50.00 | \$387.25 | \$1,021.74 |
| Lexmark Z705 Photo Jetprinter | 288 | 1,127 | 84 | \$80.00 | \$296.44 | \$689.31 |
| RED denotes Editors' Choice. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Example

- A new synthetic motor oil is about to be introduced with the primary benefit that it needs to be changed less frequently, specifically once every year regardless of the mileage. Assuming current oils need to be changed every 3,000 miles at a cost of $\$ 30$ per change (oil at a dollar a quart or a total of \$5 per car, labor \$20, disposal of oil \$5) for an average car. What is the EVC of the new oil to a car driver who drives 15,000 miles per year?


## EVC by Customer

|  |  | Old Product |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New <br> Product | Low Mileage <br> $(3,000)$ | Average <br> Mileage <br> $(15,000)$ | High Mileage <br> $(45,000)$ |  |
| Product Price | $? ? ?$ | $1 \times 5=5$ | 25 | $15 \times 5=75$ |  |
| Labor Costs | 20 | $1 \times 20=20$ | 100 | $15 \times 20=300$ |  |
| Other Costs <br> (disposal fee) | 5 | $1 \times 5=5$ | 25 | $15 \times 5=75$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL COST | $25+$ price | 30 | 150 | 450 |  |
| EVC |  |  |  |  |  |
| EVC/Quart |  | 5 | 125 | 425 |  |

## I ssues in Using EVC

- Customer differences
- High vs. low mileage drivers.
- Convincing customers
- Other (fuzzy) benefits ignored
- BUT, EVC can be useful in
- Pricing
- Segmentation
- New product introduction


## What is Customer Lifetime Value (CLV aka LTV)?

- Customer Lifetime Value
is the net present value of all
future streams of profits that a customer generates over the life of his/her business with the firm


## Creating or Destroying Value?

"In the United States, top executives lose theilr jobs when their companies sell too little. In Britain, it can happen when their companies sell too much."
—The New York Times, March 31, 1993

## The Two Sides of Customer Value



## Value of Tennis Club Member

You own a tennis club where the annual membership fee is $\$ 300$. The average club member spends about $\$ 100$ dollars a year at the club (in balls, drinks, snacks, etc.). The annual cost of these miscellaneous goods (the balls, drinks, snacks, etc.) to you is $\$ 40$ per player. On average people who join a tennis club have a playing career of 7 years. Historically, 65\% of the members in a given year rejoin the following year. Investing capital at the going rate would earn a return of $8 \%$ a year. Based on this information, what is the long-term value of a customer?

## LTV Calculations

|  | Annual profit | Retention <br> Probability | Expected <br> profit | Discount <br> factor | Expected <br> discounted <br> profit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assumptions | Constant | $\mathbf{r}=.65$ |  | $\mathbf{d}=.08$ |  |
| Year (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) $=$ (B) $\times$ (C) | (E) | (F) = (D) x (E) |
| 0 | 360 | 1.00 | 360.00 | 1.00 | 360.00 |
| 1 | 360 | 0.65 | 234.00 | 0.93 | 216.67 |
| 2 | 360 | 0.42 | 152.10 | 0.86 | 130.40 |
| 3 | 360 | 0.27 | 98.87 | 0.79 | 78.48 |
| 4 | 360 | 0.18 | 64.26 | 0.74 | 47.23 |
| 5 | 360 | 0.12 | 41.77 | 0.68 | 28.43 |
| 6 | 360 | 0.08 | 27.15 | 0.63 | 17.11 |

$$
\text { LTV }=878.32
$$

## Profit and Defection Patterns Credit Card I ndustry

## Profit Pattem

Defection Pattem


Customer Tenure

$C L V=\frac{(\$ 42)^{*}(.82)}{(1+0.1)}+\frac{(\$ 66)^{*}(.76)}{(1+0.1)^{2}}+\ldots \longrightarrow \frac{(m)(r)}{(1+i)}+\frac{(m)\left(r^{2}\right)}{(1+i)^{2}}+\ldots-A C$
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## Measuring Customer Value

- Lifetime value of a customer assuming infinite horizon:

$$
L V=m\left(\frac{r}{1+i-r}\right)-A C
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{m} & =\text { margin } \\
\mathrm{i} & =\text { discount rate } \\
\mathrm{r} & =\text { retention rate } \\
\mathrm{AC} & =\text { acquisition cost }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Economics of Customer Acquisition for FedEx

- 140 accounts in advertising industry use 2,285 Courier Paks (CP) per month
- CP price is $\$ 12.50$ and variable cost is \$4.25
- Retention rate $=0.9$, discount rate $=12 \%$
- What is the maximum FedEx should be willing to spend to acquire a new account in this industry?


## Margin Multiple Constant Margins

$\frac{r}{1+i-r}$

| Retention | Discount Rate |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rate | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{6 0 \%}$ | 1.20 | 1.15 | 1.11 | 1.07 |
| $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ | 1.75 | 1.67 | 1.59 | 1.52 |
| $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | 2.67 | 2.50 | 2.35 | 2.22 |
| $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ | 4.50 | 4.09 | 3.75 | 3.46 |

## Margin Multiple Growth in Margins

$\frac{r}{1+i-r(1+g)}$

| Retention |  | Growth Rate |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rate | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{6 0 \%}$ | 1.15 | 1.18 | 1.21 | 1.24 | 1.27 |
| $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ | 1.67 | 1.72 | 1.79 | 1.85 | 1.92 |
| $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | 2.50 | 2.63 | 2.78 | 2.94 | 3.13 |
| $\%$ | 4.09 | 4.46 | 4.89 | 5.42 | 6.08 |

## I ncreasing Customer Equity: <br> Three strategies:

।. Customer acquisition (gain new customers)
II. Customer expansion $(1+i-r)$
III. Customer retention


## Drivers of CLV



# I. Customer Acquisition Strategies 

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- Merges and Acquisitions AT\&T


## Customer Acquisition Costs by Marketing Activity

| Activity | Cost per New Customer | Cost per Solicitation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Personal selling | $\$ 500$ | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Direct mail | $\$ 115$ | $\$ 1.50$ |
| Telemarketing | $\$ 95$ | $\$ 3.30$ |
| Web site, e-mail | $\$ 30$ | $\$ 0.06$ |

1. Costs are based upon typical industry averages. Response rates are implied.
2. Actual costs vary from business to business depending on the ket complexity of the sales process.

Source: Customer acquisition cost--a key marketing metric. Justin Zohn. NPN, National Petroleum News, April 2003.

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## Mergers \& Acquisitions in the Wireless I ndustry (1999-2000)



Source: Based on data from The Industry Standard, Aug 7, 2000 and Business Week, August 7, 2000骨mincen

## All Customers are I mportant, but...


...some are More I mportant than Others
Customer Profitability

Source: Kanthal (A), HBS Case 9-190-002
Kanthal is a Swedish B2B selling hearing wires

 Customer Number

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## Customer Retention Profit I mpact of 5\% I ncrease in Customer Retention <br>  <br> 

## Customer Retention (why think long term?) Impact on Profit

Profit from price
 premium

Profit from referrals

Profit from reduced cost

Profit from increased purchases Base profit

Source: Reichheld and Sasser (1990), "Zero Defections: Quality Comes to Service," HBR, Sep-Oct.

## Under-investing in Retention

## PRIMARY MARKETING GOALS' OF U.S. B-TO-B MARKETERS

$2004 \quad 2005$

| Customer <br> acquistion | $28.4 \%$ | 28.4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Driving <br> sales | 31.8 | 26.8 |
| Brand <br> awareness | 15.6 | 17.5 |
| Lead <br> generation | 14.2 | 16.4 |
| Customer <br> retention | 7.1 | 7.7 |

'As a percentage of respondents of more than 300 marketing executives

## What Drives Retention and Loyalty?

## CUSTOMER RETENTION \& LOYALTY



Whiskey Blue Destination Bars
Whatever/Whenever Service
"Business travelers with a sense of style can't get enough of the W Hotel chain"

- Entrepreneur Magazine


## II I. Customer Expansion: Strategies to I ncrease Margin

- Pricing
- Share of Wallet
- Redefining your business
- Cross-Selling


## I mpact of Cross-Selling at Cox



## Easier Said Than Done

## AOL's Vision or Pipe Dream?



## What Drives Firm Value?



Gupta, Sunil, Donald R. Lehmann, and Jennifer Stuart (2004), "Valuing Customers," Journal of Marketing Research, February, 7-18.

## Huge Earnings Potential

Expected increase in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) for typical US wireless carrier, percent


## Conclusion

- Customers are assets
- Lifetime value of a customer can be approximated as

$$
L V=m\left(\frac{r}{1+i-r}\right)-A C
$$

- Three key levers of growth
- customer acquisition (AC)
- customer retention (r)
- customer expansion (m)
- "Success is getting the right customers ... and keeping them."


## Appendix: Modeling Customer Value



## Value of Customer Base

- In discrete time

$$
\text { Value }=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{n_{k}}{(1+i)^{k}} \sum_{t=k}^{\infty} \frac{m_{t-k} r^{t-k}}{(1+i)^{t-k}}-\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{n_{k} c_{k}}{(1+i)^{k}}
$$

- In continuous time

$$
\text { Value }=\int_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{t=k}^{\infty} n_{k} m_{t-k} e^{-i k} e^{-\left(\frac{1+i-r}{r}\right)(t-k)} d t d k \quad-\int_{k=0}^{\infty} n_{k} c_{k} e^{-i k} d k
$$

## If you enjoyed Behavioral Econ Lecture last week

## this mktg elective is for YOU: Consumer Behavior

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Professor Joshua Ackerman


How do we know what to buy? What information captures our attention? When are we most susceptible to being persuaded? What shapes our decisions?

This class will help you develop a basic understanding of cognition and decision making as they apply to marketing contexts, and become familiar with the major research methods for analyzing consumer behavior

Topics include:
Influence techniques, Self-control, Behavioral decision theory, Nonconscious processing, Cognitive biases, Social consumption


## If you enjoyed LTV Lecture today this mktg elective is for YOU:

### 15.840: Customer Analytics Using Probability Models

- Professor Michael Braun.
- Most of what drives customer behavior is unobservable
- Still, there are regular patterns in activity that managers can exploit, even when we know nothing about specific customers
- "Probability" lets us incorporate what we know, and don't know, about these patterns, in a rigorous, systematic way
- Goal of this class: mastery of cutting-edge quantitative methods that enable you to analyze customer data correctly
- Structured thinking, not wild, assumptions
- Decision-making under uncertainty: doing it well
- Build models from the ground up (going "under the hood"), so you understand exactly what's going on.
- Full disclosure: it's hard-core quant.
- Designed to be accessible to any Sloan MBA who did well in DMD.
- Still, it's not for everyone. See Prof. Braun if you have questions.
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### 15.840: Customer Analytics Using Probability Models

- Selection of topics covered
- Modeling customer lifetimes and customer retention
- Estimating customer lifetime value
- Forecasting adoption of new products
- Modeling repeat purchases
- Measuring and forecasting media exposures
- The " $80 / 20$ " rule: what is it really?
- Using test marketing data to segment and target customers
- What was the effect of 9-11 on the online travel industry?
- "Buy Until Dead" models: will your previous customers ever return?
- Understanding and exploiting metrics of brand effectiveness (and why most of them are useless)

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