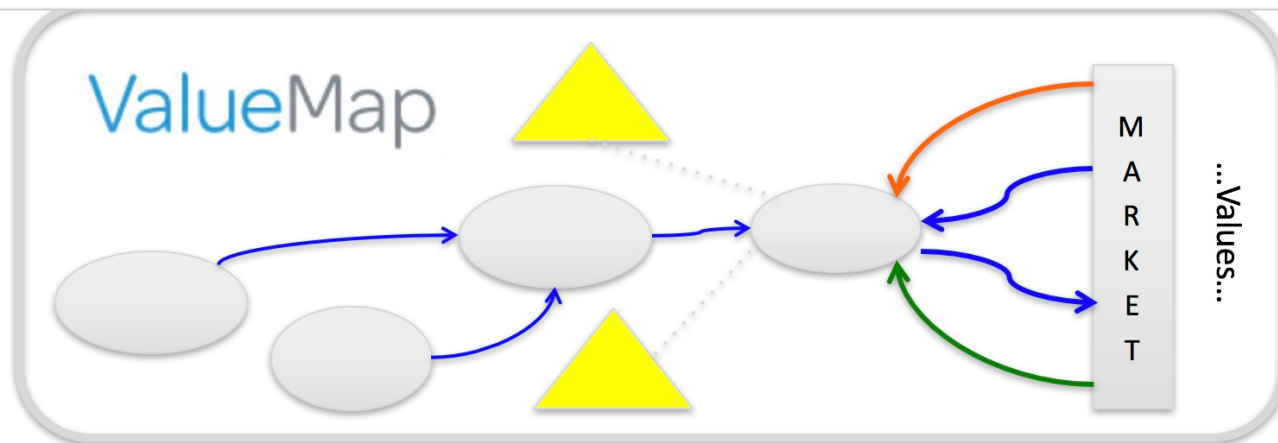


The Value Mapping Process



A Value Mapping Process for a Business Unit

- The following slides outline the key elements of the process that was employed for a business unit doing about \$100 million sales per year but addressing new opportunities
- We have generalized it to illustrate key points
- Depending upon whether your business is smaller or larger, or the nature of the issues it faces, you should feel free to consider simplifying it or making additions and modifications

Value Mapping Process for Business Units—Introduction

- Key steps
 - Phase I – Preliminary research
 - Phase II – Engage the team
 - Phase III – Develop Business Plan
 - Phase IV – Implement
 - Phase V – Periodic reviews

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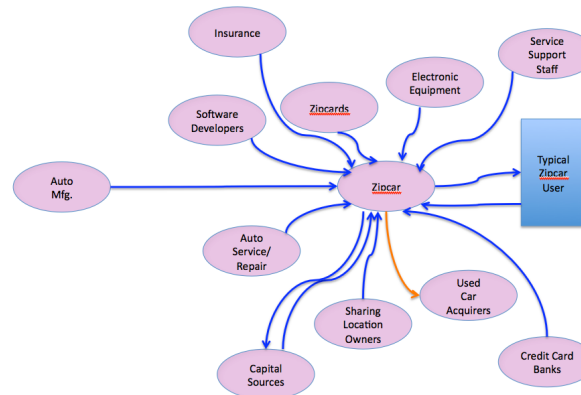
Phase I – Preliminary Research

- Define offering; articulate values to be delivered
- Describe and scope the market
- Assemble available market data
- Meet key people and sample customers to gain deeper understanding and surface issues
- Study competitors
 - Present or likely
 - Strategies
 - Financials
 - "Moats"
- Identify and analyze any relevant emerging technologies

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team

1. First Meeting -- Assemble the Business Unit Team, making sure members include all needed technical skills, and a range of personal skills and relevant experience
2. Introduce Value Map concepts, terms, symbols, examples, etc. using real or computer-based “white-board”



Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

3. Describe and define the target market

- Scope
- Size
- Trends, forecasts
- External trends and new technologies
- Major segments, if any, and priorities for initiations

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

4. Describe and define values to be delivered

- List all value dimensions of any importance to customers; prioritize and quantify where possible
- How affected by price range?
- What additional values would they want if they could have them?
- Any of the values emotional or unconscious?
- Any associated values?
- Any negative values?
- What is the buying process; could it be improved?
- Could customers provide any reverse values?

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

5. Competition in market space

- List players
- Drill downs for each to include:
 - Size
 - Market share
 - Strategy
 - “Moats”
 - Weaknesses
- Compare each value proposition to yours

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

6. Is the target market the end-user market?

- Yes – Proceed to step 8
- No – Repeat steps 3-5 for end-user market(s)

7. If useful, extend value map downstream

- Stages
- Value flows
- Funds flows

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Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

8. Go upstream, as far as useful

- Stages
- Value flows
- Key players

9. Add complementors, recent and expected such as:

- Technologies
- Laws/regulations

Value Mapping Process

Engage the Team (con.)

10. Perform drill downs, all that are key
 - Use presently available data
 - Proceed to several layers, as needed, e.g.
 - Size
 - Growth, recent and projected
 - Value captured, recent and projected
 - Margins
 - Cash flow
 - Profits
 - Key players (competitors) and market shares

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

11. Innovate – In what ways could our offering be improved?

- Increase value to customers
- Improve product
- Improve service
- Improve communications
- Build brand/reputation
- Add to associated values

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

12. Test the Value Map against

- Known risks, “what if’s”
- Megatrends and new technologies

13. Test Value Map with alternatives to business models and strategy and select best version

14. Make appropriate changes to Value Map

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

15. Project future Value Maps using

- Expected market and competitive changes
- Expected new technologies

16. Track effects on “externalities”

- Key stakeholders
- Government
- Others

Value Mapping Process

Phase II – Engage the Team (con.)

17. Summarize

- Complete Value Maps
- What key data missing?
- What risks?
- What unresolved issues?
- What prospects to meet with?

18. Assign AR's (Action Required) to members of the team

Value Mapping Process

Phase III – Develop Business Plan

Second Meeting

- AR reports
- Revise Value Maps
- Drilldown completions
- Define strategies and business model
- Assign AR's to plug holes and develop business plan
 - Strategies
 - For base business
 - For externalities, if any
 - Forecasts (could include a series of value maps)
 - Action plans and action tests (e.g. with end-users)

Value Mapping Process

Phase III – Develop Business Plan (con.)

Third Meeting

- Review/revise business plan and financial forecasts
- Discuss/pursue any open issues
- AR's to develop presentations and secure funding

Value Mapping Process

Phase IV - Implement

Fourth meeting

- Launch
- Operate
- Track progress over time period
- Make needed adjustments

Value Mapping Process

Phase IV - Implement (con.)

Subsequent meeting

- Celebrate success!

Value Mapping Process

Phase V – Periodic Reviews

Additional meetings (annual or more frequent)

- Review technology, other developments, megatrends, etc.
- Identify new issues emerging during operations
- Assess impact on the business
- Revise value maps
- Evaluate business model and change if needed
- Update and perhaps revise strategies and plans