Connected Strategy: Building Continuous Customer Relationships for Competitive Advantage

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CONNECTED STRATEGY

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Your trip
Tesla Model S 2013
Feb 2 – Feb 5
What is New in this Story that might Apply to Your Work?
The Early Version of Connected Strategy: How Judge Jack Love Turned Homes into Prisons

1977 Spiderman strip

Initial tagging technology developed in the 1960s

Ankle monitor product with an initial focus on security
Judge Jack Love (New Mexico)

Next application: tracking dementia patients
From Criminals to Children

The Customer Need
Track children on a boat in order to ensure safety (allowing their parents to relax)

The Status Quo Solution
Interrupt all play activities every 30 minutes for a complete roll call

The New Solution
Provide a wrist band to each child and track the location of the wrist band
Combine tracking with geo-fencing

What would you prefer?
As a child
As a parent
As cruise team
As Disney executive
From the Cruise Ship to the Theme Park: Meet and Greet

The Customer Need
Personalize the theme park experience by having Disney characters interact 1:1 with guests

The Status Quo Solution
Interaction is truly random (and hence not personalized) or prearranged through the parents

The New Solution
Wrist band identifies the guest and CRM system provides guest history to the cast in real time

The Value Proposition
“Remember the child” and weave together multiple theme park experiences across time and location
Other Application of the Magic Band Soon Followed

Meal Ordering

Recommendations

Traffic management / fast pass

Personalized experiences

Personalized memories

=> Better Customer experiences (at potentially lower (!) costs)
The Shanghai Resort Opening in 2016

$5.5 Billion in investment
11 million guests in year 1 of operation (compared to 20MM in Florida and 6MM in Hong Kong)

But...
The Connectivity Challenge

How can we use new technology to create Customer experiences that replace episodic interactions with frequent, low-friction, and customized interactions ...

... and do this without increasing (and potentially reducing) fulfillment costs

Other Connected x: connected cars / mobility, connected banks, IoT, etc ...

Customer Experience  Delivery model determine fulfillment costs  Technology platform Enabling technology

Objective of this session:
- Understand different types of connected Customer experiences
- Distinguish between different fulfillment models
- Spot new opportunities and identify disruptive threats
Connected strategies consist of two elements

- Connected Customer Relationship
  - Drives up WTP

- Connected Delivery Model
  - Reduces cost

Higher Willingness-to-Pay at lower cost! That’s why Connected Strategies can be industry changers.
Impact of Connected Strategies on WTP and cost

• As any other innovation (or strategy), a new business model will create a competitive advantage for a firm only if it increases the gap between WTP and cost for a transaction with a customer.

• Connected Strategies have effectively pushed out the existing efficiency frontier
Efficiency Frontier

![Graph showing the Efficiency Frontier with WTP and Delivery Cost axes. The points represent Farmer’s Market, Tesco, and Aldi.]
Shift in the Efficiency Frontier

- Blue Apron
- Instacart
- Tesco
- Farmer’s Market
- Aldi
- Tesco Homeplus
- Alibaba Hema, Amazon Go, JD stores

 Axes:
- WTP
- Delivery Cost
Connected Customer Relationship

- Recognize
- Request
- Respond
- Repeat

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Has this happened to you?
HP JetPro 6978? Or HP JetPro 8710?
A different experience

• After you realize that you have run out of toner…
  – you go on-line to your favorite retailer
  – type in your printer model
  – click to order the correct toner
  – pay with the same click since your credit card number and your shipping address is already stored
  – two hours later your doorbell rings and your toner is delivered.

Respond-to-Desire Connected Customer Experience:

Firm tries to respond to explicit customer request very effectively (e.g., rapidly or with broad offering) (e.g., Amazon, Lyft, Airbnb)
An even better experience

• After you logged into your on-line account…
  – the site would have already suggested the correct toner cartridge (since you had ordered toner before), eliminating your need to figure out the right type of toner for your printer
  – In addition, the site could also have suggested to reorder some paper (good catch, you were about to run out of paper as well!).

Curated Offering Connected Customer Experience:

Firm responds to (and anticipates) customer needs by providing a customized set of products and services (e.g., Netflix suggestions).
What problem haven’t we solved yet?

• The problem that neither Respond-to-Desire nor Curated Offering solved is that you realized your need for toner only after the toner ran out.
• Maybe given your past purchase behavior, your preferred retailer could have already sent you a reminder to reorder last week.
• And while doing so they could have reminded you to run the cleaning function on your printer to keep print quality high.

Coach Behavior Connected Customer Experience:

Firms try to tweak or nudge the behavior of their customers/clients to help them overcome inertia and decision biases (e.g., you want to take your medication but you are very forgetful; you want to exercise, but you are too lazy; you want to lose weight, but you don't stick to your diet). Firms employ behavioral interventions in the form of personal feedback and social comparisons.
You may not know… but your printer does

• The doorbell rings and you are surprised to see FedEx delivering a box.
• You don’t recall having ordered anything.
• You unpack the box and find a set of toner cartridges for your printer. Odd.
• You walk back to your office and start printing your letters.
• Your computer alerts you that your printer is about to run out of toner!

Automatic Execution Connected Customer Experience:

Firm automatically deduces and anticipates needs and fulfills them (e.g., behavioral medical intervention, fire alarm, re-order milk, re-order water filter, glucose testing supplies, re-balance portfolio).
Connected Customer Experiences Have Three Parts

**Recognize**
the customer need

**Request**
the desired option

**Respond**
and provide the desired option

- **Why** does a customer engage in the interaction?
- **How** does the customer go about identifying, ordering and paying for the desired option?
- **What** products or services are provided to the customer?
Different Connected Customer Experiences

Latent need
Awareness of need
Look for options
Decide on options
Order
Pay
Receive
Experience good/service
Post-purchase experience

Automated Execution
Coach Behavior
Curated Offering
Respond-to-Desire

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Connected Strategy and Competitive Advantage

- Many elements of connectivity will become table stakes
- The main question for Uber is not how to beat taxi companies, but how to beat Lyft
- Imitation will be rampant
From Connected Experiences to Connected Relationships

The four **R**’s of Connected Customer Relationships

Repeat strengthens the other three R’s
Becoming a Trusted Partner: Recognizing Deeper Needs

Needs tend to be bigger / deeper than a service episode (addressing more fundamental WTP drivers)

Hierarchy of needs

- Keep me healthy
- Provide the right healthcare when needed
- Deal with my cardiac problems
- Let me talk with a cardiologist

A connected strategy allows a firm to move up this hierarchy of needs
Connected Strategy to move up the hierarchy of needs

Only a deep connection can address more fundamental needs

Deep Connection  Fundamental Needs

Only if fundamental needs are addressed, does a customer accept a deep connection
Repeat: Two positive feedback loops

Learn about ONE individual
- More interactions with a customer
  - Better understand a particular customer’s current and deeper needs
  - Help customer understand and express his/her needs

Learn about MANY individuals
- More new customers
  - Improve assortment of available products
  - Create new products

Better fit between products and needs
Ability to move up the hierarchy of needs
Connected Delivery Model

- Connection Architecture
- Revenue Model
- Technology Infrastructure
Connection Architectures
Connected Delivery Models: What Connections Do I have to my Suppliers to Provide the Customer with a Connected User Experience?

The Goal of Connected Strategy is to shift this curve
Where would you put Uber?
How is this possible?
Connected Delivery Models: Beyond Platforms and Sharing Economy
What is Different About these Mobility Companies?

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UBER

Limo.com
We Distinguish Between Five Connected Delivery Models: Connected Producers (often times: “product as a service”)
Examples: Connected Producers

Push up WTP:
- Penn Health System
- Under Armour (MyFitness Pal; MapMyFitness), Nike (Nike+ Training Club)
- EA, Valve (Video games; freemium)
- Disney Park (Magic Band: RFID + radio)
- Carnival (smart medallion)

Lower cost:
- Progressive (snapshot device)

Lower Cost through sharing of a common resource:
- Car2go (Daimler: 14,000 vehicles in 30 cities in eight countries)
Connected Retailers

Suppliers → Connected Retailer

information

product, service

Connected Retailer → Customers

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Examples: Connected Retailers

• Amazon (with own warehouse)
• zipCar
• Overstock.com
• Plated, Blue Apron (meal kit delivery business)
• Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Video (movies, TV shows)
• Spotify, Pandora, iTunes (music)
• Birchbox (beauty related items each month)
• Trunk Club, StitchFix (monthly curated boxes of apparel)
• Coursera, EdX (on-line learning, content produced by universities)
• Ideel (flash-sales of designer apparel)
• Rent the Runway (rent designer dresses)
Connected Market Makers

Connected Market Maker

- referral
- information

Suppliers

Customers

product, service

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Examples: Connected Market Makers

- Expedia, Orbitz
- Cars.com, Autotrader.com (link to car dealers and individuals)
- Amazon Marketplace (access to many retailers)
- Wayfair (connect to 7000 home furnishing suppliers who ship directly)
- Open Table (restaurant reservations)
- GrubHub (on-line ordering of restaurant food)
- Class Pass (link to boutique fitness studios)
- Spot Hero (find open spots in car garages)
- Angie’s List (user reviews and allows members to connect to local businesses)
Crowd Orchestrators

Note: suppliers are now individuals / gig economy, not firms
Examples: Crowd Orchestrators

- UberX, Lyft, BlaBla Car, Relayrides (longer term car rental)
- Airbnb (room rental)
- Instacart (grocery shopping service)
- ProsperFunding (match borrowers with lenders)
- Kickstarter (match investors with creators)
- StubHub (organize resale of tickets; owned by eBay)
- Amazon Mechanical Turk (on-line tasks)
- TaskRabbit (find a nanny, gardener, furniture assembly, etc.)
- Donorschoose (link donors with causes)
- Teladoc (telehealth provider)
- Innocentive (link innovation problems to inventors)
P2P Network Creator

Third-parties, for instance, advertisers, potential employers

Complementary products and services owned by P2P Network Creator

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Transaction P2P Network Creators

- We can distinguish between three types of P2P Network Creators, depending on how they monetize the network.

- Transaction P2P Network Creators charge for using the network, either as a transaction fee or as a membership fee.

- Examples:
  - Peloton (truck platooning) and Blabla cars (ride sharing)
  - Betfair (allow people to bid on sporting events against each other, not against a bookmaker)
  - Transferwise (P2P currency exchange)
  - Match.com, eHarmony.com
Access P2P Network Creators

- Access P2P Network Creators do not charge to join the network, but they sell access to the network participants and to the data that these participants create. Most frequent buyer are advertisers.

- Examples:
  - LinkedIn
  - Facebook
  - YouTube
  - Pinterest
  - Tripadvisor
  - Yelp
Complementor P2P Network Creators

- Complementor P2P Network Creators establish networks, usually with free membership, as a complementor to other products or services they sell.

- Examples:
  - Nike sponsored on-line running “clubs”
  - On-line patient communities created by health care providers or pharmaceutical companies

- As before, firms may engage more than one operating model:
  - Venmo: Charge for transactions using credit cards; free transactions for internal transfers.
### Summary of Delivery Models: Beyond Platforms and Sharing Economy

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What capabilities does it take to run a car company? What is BMW’s attitude towards an emerging crowd orchestrator or P2P network?
Connectivity and Disruption: New Delivery Models are “A Change in Columns” (impacts the Core Competences)

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Firms
Connected Strategy Matrix

Think about firms (established and new start-ups) in your industry/project and map them in the matrix shown below.

Identify (a) new opportunity for you (b) disruptive threat.

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Revenue Models
Smart Connect XL3000

• The average American spends $340 per year on dental care, almost half of which is paid out of pocket and the other half paid by insurance. Put differently, in the next 30 years of their life, the average American, will spend some $10k on dental care.

• You develop the Smart Connect XL 3000 toothbrush which detects plaques or cavities before patients or even dentists are aware of the problem, it guides the patient in the brushing process, and it automatically makes an appointment with a dentist when needed.

• It has a cost of $300 per unit in production and the toothbrush would last for 5 years, except for the toothbrush head that should be renewed every six weeks.

• At what price would you sell the Smart Connect XL3000? Or better: What revenue model would you pick?
Revenue model options

- Extract value through purchase price (e.g., $600)
- Extract value through renewables: e.g. $300 but high price on replacement heads
- Subscription on replacement heads: $10/month
- Subscription: get toothbrush for free but pay $40/month including replacement heads (like cell phones)
- $0.1/minute of brushing?
- Optional app that helps the customer in her brushing behavior for a one time fee of $10 or a monthly subscription
- Give the toothbrush to the insurance companies for free and then ask to be paid 50% of the savings relative to past patient expenses.
- Collect data about brushing behavior, including what time our customer gets up in the morning and when (or what!) they eat. Sell this data to Starbucks the customer’s life insurance.
- Become a trusted partner in oral hygiene and have the Smart Connect XL3000 be the platform on which all oral care transactions are organized, making money on toothpaste or dental floss.
Revenue models for Connected Strategies

- Change WHAT is paid for
  - Product vs service
  - Pay-for-Performance
    - overcome risk aversion in presence of unknown potential

- Change WHEN the payment is made
  - Pay-as-you-go/use/as value is created (e.g., freemium)
    - overcome myopia of consumer
    - requires change of HOW payment is organized

- Change WHO is paying
  - think eco-system, not supply chain

- Change WHY do customers pay?
  - move up the Why-How ladder

- Change the currency
  - Data vs Money
Technology Infrastructure
Sensing technologies

In this category, fit all technologies that directly measure aspects of the world that hold clues about the needs or desires of customers or that help users express their needs.

- Sensors (embedded in devices, in roads, wearable or ingestible)
- Gesture and voice interfaces
- Conversational platforms that make it easier for customers to express their needs (and ask for clarification if the need is not completely understood)
- Augmented and virtual reality
Transmitting technologies

• High-speed internet at homes and offices
• Smartphones
• Network slicing with 5G
• Bluetooth Low Energy
• LiFi (wireless communication using light)
• LoRa (wireless data communication over ranges up to 10km with low power consumption)
• Blockchain (improving trust of transactions that are being carried out over networks)
Analyzing technologies

- Rapid decrease in costs of computing
- Rapid decrease in costs of data storage
- World-wide cloud computing is feasible (also allows data to stay in particular geographic areas)
- Machine learning and deep learning algorithms
- Quantum computing
Reacting technologies

- Improvements in AI are allowing automated responses at vast scale that are becoming more and more personalized (e.g., Google Duplex)
- 3D printing
- Advanced robotics
- Autonomous vehicles
- Drones
Connected strategies

Connected Customer Relationship

Connected Delivery Model

Recognize → Request → Respond

Repeat

Connection Architecture

Revenue Model

Technology Infrastructure

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