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Course - Best Digital Technology Business Models Today

M1.4: Value Chain & Types of Integration

Overview

Value chain tool

The **value chain tool** is one of the most popular tools to decompose a firm's value creation activities. And we will show that it can also be used for tech firms.

Industry value chains

We can use value chains not only for firms but also to map entire industry value chains. We can compare how competitors are positioned, where profits are made within the industry and more

Types of integration

Industry value chains are great tools to analyse company expansions, mergers & acquisitions which fall under one of the **types of integration**:

• Horizontal integration

• Vertical integration, including forward and backward integration

This time we will conclude our focus vertical eCommerce and use in-depth examples from the Asset & Service sharing as well as Content & Media verticals.

Key Objectives

With that, the **Key Objectives** of this submodule are to understand:

- Value Chain tool
- Industry value chains
- Types of integration
 - Horizontal integration
 - Vertical integration
 - Forward integration
 - Backward integration
- Focus verticals
 - Conclude eCommerce with Amazon's key value propositions
 - Asset & Service Sharing example Airbnb
 - o Content & Media example Netflix

Intro / Theory Video

The Value Chain

Developed by Michael Porter and used throughout the world for nearly 30 years, the value chain is a powerful tool for disaggregating a company into its strategically relevant activities in order to focus on the sources of competitive advantage, that is, the specific activities that result in higher prices or lower costs.

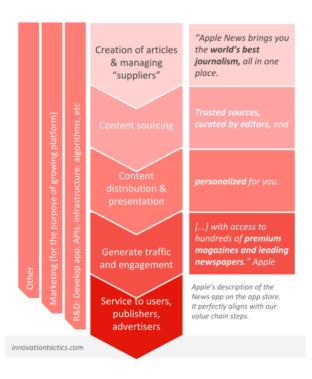
A company's value chain is typically part of a larger value system that includes companies either upstream (suppliers) or downstream (distribution channels), or both. This perspective about how value is created forces managers to consider and see each activity not just as a cost, but as a step that has to add some increment of value to the finished product or service.



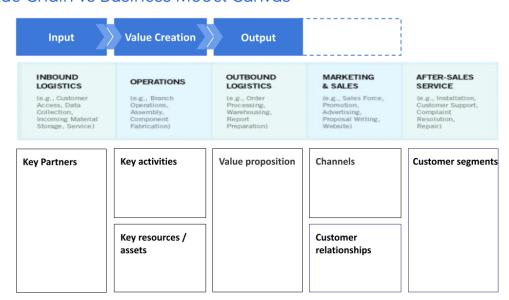
PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

https://www.isc.hbs.edu/strategy/business-strategy/Pages/the-value-chain.aspx

The Value Chain Apple News+



Value Chain vs Business Model Canvas



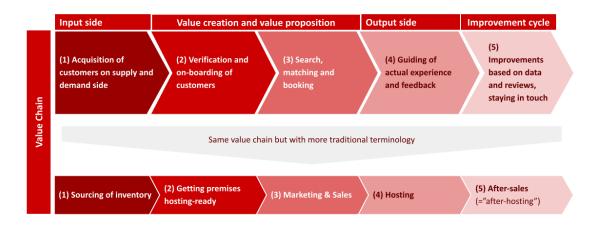
Value Chain Airbnb (high level)

	Input side	Value creation and value proposition	Output side	Improvement cycle
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	(8) R&D: IT infrastruc	ture, website, app, data and experimentation-	driven	
	(9) Brand, aggregate	value proposition, ads, campaigns		
	(10) Other: Investor r	elations & funding, legal, regulatory		

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- Targeted advertising campaigns / promotions to add supply (homes) by region and demand (guests) - Get to critical mass by region (minimum amount of choice for desired regions) - City/region-level activities (start-up, retention, growth), including city-level legal/regulatory activities - Support of organic and social customer acquisition channels, media coverage, etc - Develop and maintain sales channels (e.g. corporate travel managers, corporate travel managers, corporate travel platforms, affiliates, etc)	- Verify and approve appropriate hosts/guests - Obtain customer data - Support on-boarding (esp hosts) - Review rental content, support well and accurate representation of homes - Conduct ID, background and other checks to ensure participant safety - Add to insurance and get host to confirm adherence to applicable standards - Assert & ensure minimum / appropriate hosting standards - Create categorised, searchable, accurate, appealing listings - Encourage great hosting performance and reward with Superhost benefits - In-person verification of Plus & Luxe	- Search and matching algorithms and function (minimise search cost/efforts) - Transaction management between hosts & guests - Booking, reservation management, calendar function - Categories and filters for searchability - Facilitation of communication guest/host - Payment management - Ease of all transactions, clarity of listing details, relevant guest/host details	- Guidance/directions to destination - Checking-in and out process - Hospitality standards - Basic and advanced hosting guidebooks - Communication guest/host during stay (Q&A) - Destination-specific rules, tips, maps - Destination based activities (events, attractions, events, tips) - Request mutual reviews	- Capture reviews from both sides - Continuous improvement lool - Corrective actions based on reviews/feedback - App, UX, algo fine tuning based on captured app usage data - Customer advocacy, word-of-mouth - Updates to key resources (incl App, website, T&C/ToS, etc) - Improvement loop on legal cases, complaints management, incl neighbors and safety features - Wider stakeholder (non-user) impact review/management		

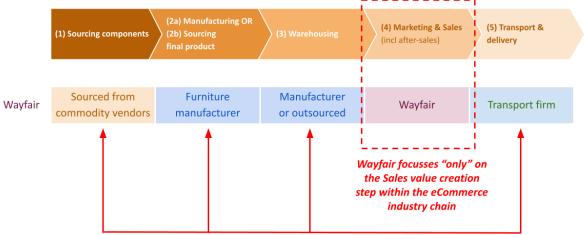
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Industry Value Chain: eCommerce



Industry Value Chain: example Wayfair

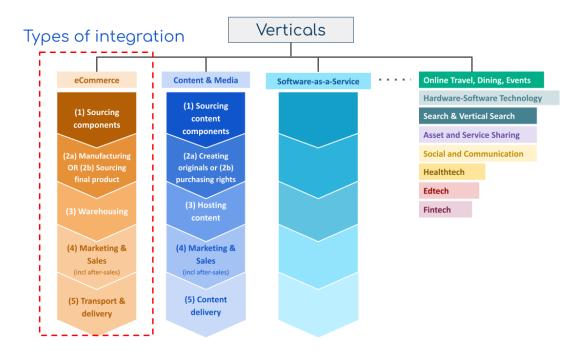


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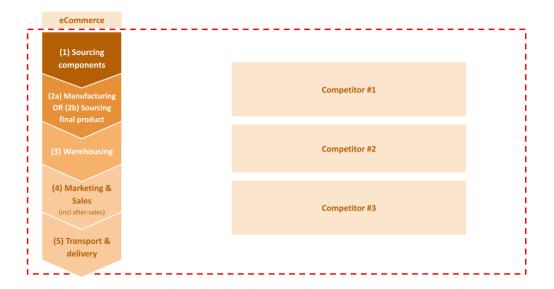


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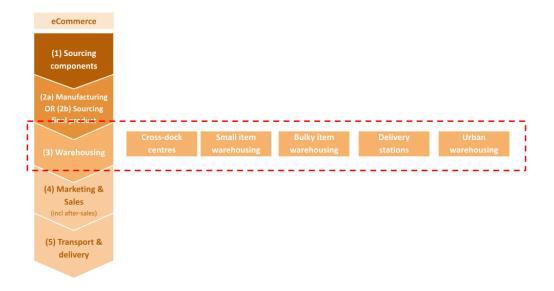
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Amazon Essentials	Y	Y (2a: contracted)	Υ	Y	Υ			
Amazon Marketplace			Y/N Supplier's choice	Υ	Y/N Supplier's choice			
Kindle			Υ	Y	Υ			
Rent the Runway		Y (2b: final product)	Υ	Y	 			
Wayfair		N: Customer order will be passed onto vendor		Y	Y/N Building capability			
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Horizontal Integration (1): Merger/Acquisitions with/of Competitors



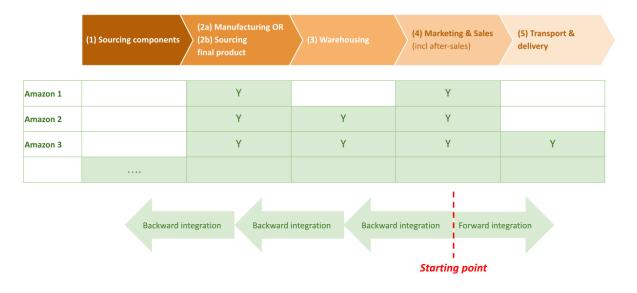
Horizontal Integration (2): Expansion within one value creation step



Horizontal Integration (3): Expanding within the wider industry



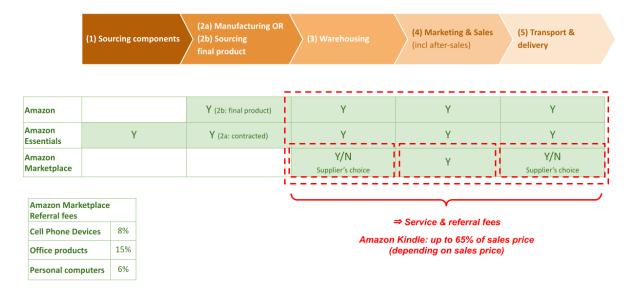
Amazon Vertical Integration over time



Industry Value Chain eCommerce: Sales & Marketing

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Industry Value Chain eCommerce: vertical integration

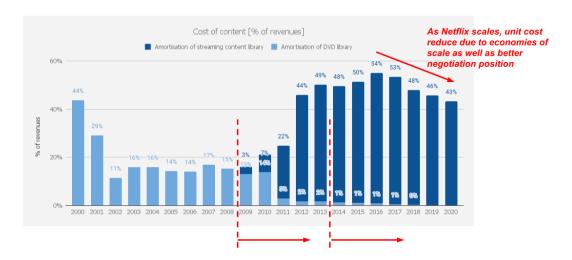


Industry Value Chain eCommerce: bargaining power

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Amazon's forward integration improved the negotiation power with transport providers

Netflix content journey & unit cost: Backward integration



Examples / detailed resources

Resource 1: Apple News+ Value Chain

Contents

The Value Chain

Aggregator apps

Apple News: Monetisation

Value Chain example: Apple News+

- Step 1: Creation of articles & managing "suppliers"

- Step 2: Content sourcing

- Step 3: Content distribution & presentation

- Step 4: Generate traffic and engagement

- Step 5: Service to users, publishers, advertisers

Value creation

"Apple News brings you the world's best Creation of articles journalism, all in one & managing place. "suppliers" R&D: Develop app, APIs, infrastructure, algorithms, etc Trusted sources, Marketing (for the purpose of growing platform) curated by editors, and Content personalized for you. distribution & presentation [...] with access to hundreds of premium magazines and leading Generate traffic newspapers." Apple and engagement Apple's description of the News app on the app store. Service to users, It perfectly aligns with our publishers, value chain steps. advertisers innovationtactics.com

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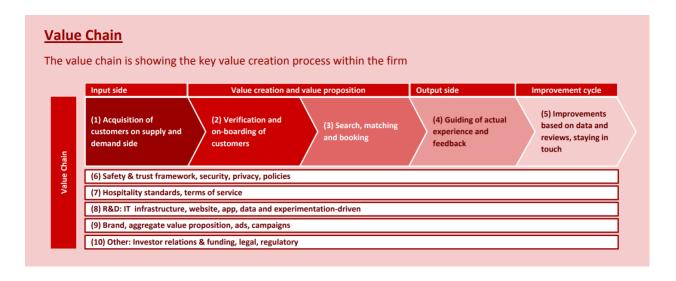
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Value creation

Resource 2: The Value Chain tool: example Airbnb



Value Chain steps:

These are the major steps of Airbnb's value chain.

- (1) Acquisition of customers on supply and demand side
- (2) Verification and on-boarding of customers
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Business Model Canvas

Presenting the business model canvas split into the steps of the value chain

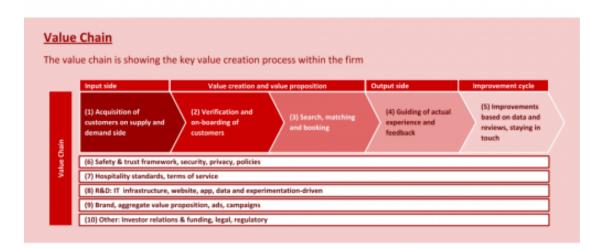
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Resource 3: The Value Chain tool (in detail): example Airbnb

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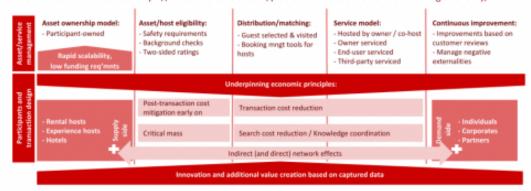
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Economic Principles

The key underlying economic principles fuelling Airbnb are the most useful way to transfer Airbnb's innovation to your own ideas. Note these align with the value chain steps shown above. Shown are key examples.

More details on the method: https://innovationtactics.com/platform-business-model-fuels-sharing-economy/



Resource 4: Netflix: content journey (over the years)

Contents:

Content costs: Supply chain and commercial economies of scale

Managing content costs

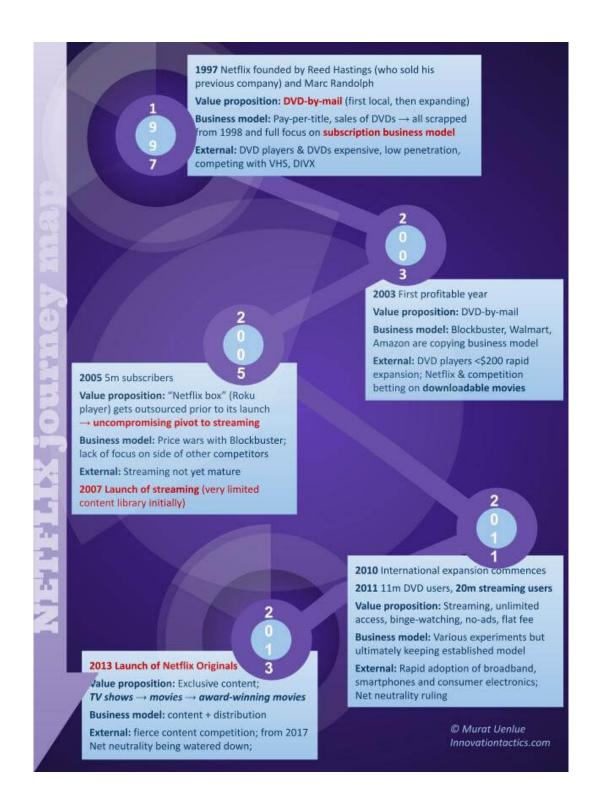
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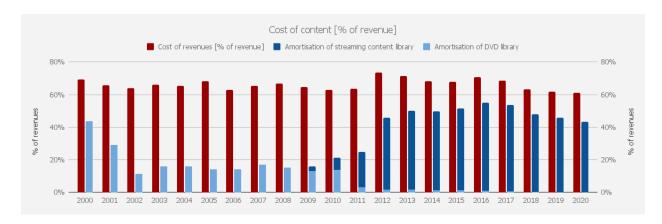
>2010: Building an exclusive streaming content library

>2013: Netflix Originals

>2016: Is there a glut of shows?



Content costs: Supply chain and commercial economies of scale



1. 1998-2007 DVD-rental-by-mail: Revenue sharing & commercial economies of scale

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2. 2007-2013 Streaming: 2007-2010: The big transition

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3. 2013-present Netflix originals: Building an exclusive streaming content

