Customer Segmentation:
The First Critical Task of Strategy
Reasons for Customer Segmentation

- Don’t commoditize your customer. You should not treat every customer equally.
- Customers are different in many ways:
  - Needs
  - Capabilities
  - Business economics and strategies
  - Willingness to engage in business with you
  - Demographic characteristics: size, profitability, participation in various vertical markets, geographical coverage
- The most attractive customer usually is the one that has the greatest gap between its needs and your ability to satisfy them.
Criteria for Customer Segmentation

Among the most critical dimensions for customer segmentation we have:

**Customer Attitudes**
- Castrol - How we want to treat the customer

**Customer Needs and Degree of Self-Sufficiency**
- Unilever de México - Segmentation by channels
- Siemens Power Generation - Segmentation by needs and type of customer

**Different Degrees of Value Added**
- Waste Management Co. - Different degrees of customer bonding
- DMK - Different degrees of customer bonding

**Customer Behavior and Their Buying Practices**
- Synthes - Different customer buying patterns
DMK: Outsourcing Information Technology from China

Task #1: Customer Segmentation
Customer Segmentation

**Tier 1: Exclusive Partner**
- Japan based orgs requiring outsourcing of IBM mainframe applications
- Opportunity for customer lock-in
- IBM JV
- Existing customers: GE Japan, JBCC, AIG

**Tier 2: Strategic/Integrated Partner**
- Long term symbiotic partnership with high value added
- Existing customers: GE China, GE US, Kawasaki, Unisys

**Tier 3: Project Solution Seekers**
- Full project ownership and solution delivery responsibility without established (but potential) for long-term client relationship
- Existing customer: Toyota, Honda, Kawasaki, Unisys, Dept. of Transportation China

**Tier 4: Body Shoppers**
- Transactional relationship to provide supplemental staff without much end-client relationship
- Existing customers: IBM
## Customer Segmentation

**Business Dimension for Tier 1 - “Exclusive Partner”**

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<td>Critical partner to client providing highly integrated, customer specific, high-value added turnkey solutions for legacy mainframe applications in Japanese market</td>
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<td><strong>Services</strong></td>
<td>24x7 Maintenance of mission-critical mainframe legacy applications. Application extension through analysis, design and development of new, integrated modules.</td>
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<td><strong>Customer</strong></td>
<td>Japanese Corporations in Financial Services, Insurance, etc. industries</td>
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<td><strong>Channels</strong></td>
<td>Direct, Referrals from highly satisfied existing clients</td>
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<td>Japanese Corporations, Japanese Government organizations</td>
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<td><strong>Complementors</strong></td>
<td>IBM (as an h/2 and s/2 partner), existing clients, Accenture</td>
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| **Unique Competencies** | 1. Combination of deep knowledge of mainframe applications and deep understanding of Japanese culture (not available to other companies in China.  
2. Very high level of quality (only CMM level 5 and Six-Sigma company in China) combined with all the other cost advantages available to Chinese companies not available anywhere else in the world. |
## Customer Segmentation

### Value Proposition for Tier 1 - “Exclusive Partner”

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<td>Experiences</td>
<td>Seamless extension of Client team with integrated culture, skilled technologists with deep understanding of clients business.</td>
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| Value Delivery Systems    | • Dedicated client-focused team immersed in all aspects of client’s culture  
                           | • Network integration to seamlessly extend client environment  
                           | • Open communication of all relevant information on both sides  
                           | • Executive sponsor, CEO oversight, an full corporate reach  
                           | • CMM and Six-Sigma delivery methodologies for delivery  
                           | • Value added reselling of hardware and software for one-stop-shopping |
| Value Appropriation       | • Value gained by customer: Superior ROI, improved time-to-market, Security, Resource stability  
                           | • Value gained by DMK: Exclusive long-term relationship, higher margins, predictable revenue  
                           | • Value shared by both: Shared IP, shared learning, shared risk |
# Customer Segmentation

Business Dimension for Tier 2 - “Strategic Partner”

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<td><strong>Products</strong></td>
<td>Long-term relationship with client to provide customized and integrated solutions across multiple business units</td>
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| **Services**       | • T&M and Fixed price application development across multi-phase projects  
                     • Joint application development enabled through deep understanding of client culture and methodology  
                     • Dedicated retained teams as extension of clients IT organization |
| **Customer**       | GE US, GE China, Kawasaki, Unisys |
| **Channels**       | Direct |
| **End Users**      | N/A |
| **Complementors**  | Other GE partners, IBM, other software partners, Accenture |
| **Unique Competencies** | 1. One of 12 exclusive outsourcing vendors or GE  
                                     2. Six-Sigma/CMM level-5 quality combined with China’s cost advantage. |
## Customer Segmentation

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| **Value Delivery Systems**| • Dedicated client-focused teams fully trained in clients methodologies and processes  
 • Joint development plans  
 • Cross-training and periodic two-way knowledge transfer  
 • Business Relationship Manager, CEO oversight and full corporate reach |
| **Value Appropriation**   | • Value gained by customer: Superior ROI, improved time-to-market, Security, Resource stability, Shared risk, Continuous improvement  
 • Value gained by DMK: Access to client network as sales channel, credibility, learning  
 • Value shared by both: Co-development of shared standards and processes |
## Customer Segmentation

### Business Dimension for Tier 3 - “Project Solution Seekers”

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<td>Customer</td>
<td>Toyota, Honda, Department of Transportation China, US prospects</td>
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| Channels           | • Direct  
|                    | • Consulting partners such as IBM  
|                    | • Strategic partners such as GE |
| End Users          | N/A |
| Complementors      | IBM, GE, other software partners, Accenture |
| Unique Competencies| Six-Sigma/CMM level-5 quality combined with China’s cost advantage. |
## Customer Segmentation

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<td><strong>Experiences</strong></td>
<td>End-end-end delivery of a project with high quality and competitive price</td>
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| **Value Delivery Systems**| • Structured processes and teams with high quality of performance  
• Ability to quickly ramp-up on clients business and culture  
• Process for seamless transition at end of project  
• Dedicated project team manager with executive oversight |
| **Value Appropriation**   | • Value gained by customer: Experimentation, learning, flexibility, reduced time-to-market, high quality, ROI  
• Value gained by DMK: Opportunity for long-term relationship, ROI, learning  
• Value shared by both: Shared learning in business domain and new technology |
# Customer Segmentation

## Business Dimension for Tier 4 - “Body Shoppers”

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<td><strong>Products</strong></td>
<td>Individual resources to supplement existing project teams and fill skills gaps (transactional)</td>
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| **Services**       | • T&M and retained resources for fixed time durations  
|                    | • Provide specific technology development skills on projects |
| **Customer**       | IBM Japan, NEC |
| **Channels**       | • Direct  
|                    | • Consulting partners such as IBM |
| **End Users**      | Corporations |
| **Complementors**  | N/A |
| **Unique Competencies** | 1. Consulting partnerships  
|                    | 2. Technology skill differentiation |
## Customer Segmentation

Value Proposition for Tier 4 - “Body Shoppers”

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<td>Experiences</td>
<td>Supplement team with individual resources and fill gaps with skill expertise</td>
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| Value Delivery Systems    | • Strong bench that can be tapped on demand  
                           | • Mix of skills and expertise |
| Value Appropriation       | • Value gained by customer: Resources of demand and skills on demand  
                           | • Value gained by DMK: Opportunity to up-sell, learning, improved bonding  
                           | • Value shared by both: Exchange of skills |
Synthes
Segmentation According to Customer Behavior and Their Buying Practices
Task #1: Customer Segmentation
From the Customer Segmentation to Strategic Agenda

Value Proposition

- Customers
- Products
- Service
- Channels
- End Users
- Complementaries
- Unique Competencies

Elements
- Experience we provide
- Value delivery system needed
- Value gained by the customer, by us, by both

Bundle of Competencies

System Lock-In

Total Customer Solution

Best Product

Mission Statement

“From”

“From”

“To”

Strategic Thrusts

- Tier 1: Exclusive Partner
- Tier 2: Strategic/Integrated Partner
- Tier 3: Project Solution Seekers
- Tier 4: Body Shoppers

Customer Segmentation

Customer Classification

Strategic Positioning

From the Customer Segmentation to Strategic Agenda
Who is our customer?
Who makes the decisions for traumatology implants and instruments?
# Trauma Customer Segmentation

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| **(1)** Professors & Opinion Leaders | • Working at University Hospital, Teaching  
• High number of procedures  
• Active surgeon with own core specialty  
  – Large segments of specialty within his/her influence  
• Respected among peers  
• Active in research & development  
  – Publications  
  – Active as scientific speaker  
• Independent!  
• Loyal because he/she is convinced of superiority of products  
• Respected by hospital administration  
• Key decision maker regarding implant suppliers |
| **(2)** Non-User  
(high volume) | • Bond to competition  
• For reasons of:  
  – Strict budget control  
  – Clinical practice/teaching schools  
• Using high volume of implants |
| **(3)** Young High Potential | • Innovative  
• Ambitious; Go beyond daily business  
• Interested in research & publication  
• Looking for recognition from:  
  – Opinion leaders/professors  
  – Peers  
  – Industry (financial sponsoring)  
• Need to have a “godfather”  
• Preparing/Learning to be a specialist  
• Looking for R&D support (financial, implants, etc.) |
# Trauma Customer Segmentation

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| (4) Buyer Groups | - Negotiating body for a group of hospitals  
- An organization designed to increase the purchasing power of hospitals and to optimize purchasing and administration costs for hospitals  
- The one paying the bill  
- Focus on bundling (products, logistics, tenders) |
| (5) “Massmarket” Surgeon | - High volume  
- Synthes makes high turnover with them  
- Broad range of procedures  
- Mostly large public hospitals |
| (6) Low Volume & Local Hospital | - Community hospital  
- Use commodities/standard products  
- Buy single items from all products |
| (7) Patient (undergoing elective surgery) | - E.g., Education of projected end users |

*How do we bond with these different customers?*
# Trauma: Tier 1 Prof. / Opinion-leaders

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<td><strong>Products</strong></td>
<td>Full range, pioneer products</td>
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| **Services**       | • Facilitate education, provide and support access to AO  
                     • Support for R&D (financial, implants, documentation & engineering) |
| **Customers**      | • ~ 250                             |
| **Channels**       | Direct                              |
|                    | - Sales consultant and sales manager relationship  
                     - Project leaders (Product manager & engineer, top management)  
                     - Support CEO, Senior Mgmt (occasionally) |
| **End users**      | Polytrauma and high degree of complication |
| **Complementors**  | • AO Network  
                     • AO - grants/fellowships  
                     • AO International education (table instructor)  
                     • AO publishing  
                     • Powertool business  
                     • Access to reference hospitals  
                     • Software provider (documentation, digital services)  
                     • ORP staff  
                     • Scientific publications |
| **Unique Competencies** | • High end products  
                        • Development and engineering capability  
                        • Technical education at all levels (from sterilisation departments to surgeons)  
                        • Logistics / loan sets  
                        • Highly trained consultants (clinical and product specific) |
## Trauma: Tier 1 Prof. / Opinion-leaders

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<td><strong>Set of experiences we will provide to the tier</strong></td>
<td>Provide latest innovative clinical solutions in a collaborative spirit</td>
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| **Set of value delivery systems needed to provide the experiences** | - Sales force (experienced & highly qualified)  
- Innovative products  
- AO Foundation networking  
- Davos course experience and AO research center  
- Engineering development capacity and know-how |
| **Value appropriation** | - Value gained by the customers:  
  - Recognition by peers patient and industry  
- Value gained by us:  
  - loyalty & input  
  - support for development & sales/teaching |
| | - Value shared by both:  
  - productive partnership |
## Trauma: Tier 4 Buyer Groups

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<td><strong>Products</strong></td>
<td>Full range of proven products</td>
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| **Services**       | • Logistics and payment conditions / long-term contracts  
                     • Bundling through BUs  
                     • Customized Info Package |
| **Customers**      | According list of countries |
| **Channels**       | • Sales consultants  
                     • E-Business Manager  
                     • Logistic Manager |
| **End users**      | Full range of patients |
| **Complementors**  | • Powertool, Spine, CMF  
                     • Electronic healthcare market places (GHX)  
                     • Provider of hospital Management Systems |
| **Unique Competencies** | • Completest range of proven products  
                             • Competitive prices  
                             • Technical support by highest sales network  
                             • Logistics |
## Trauma: Tier 4 Buyer Groups

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<td><strong>Set of experiences we will provide to the tier</strong></td>
<td>Dealing with a professional one-stop-shop for osteosynthesis and powertools</td>
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<td><strong>Set of value delivery systems needed to provide the experiences</strong></td>
<td>Regularly updated info package (catalogue, prices, surgical techniques)</td>
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| **Value appropriation** | • Value gained by the customers: rebates based on volume  
• Value gained by us: increased market share, long term contracts  
• Value shared by both: less administration |
# Spine Customer Segmentation

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| **(1) Surgeon Thought Leaders** | • Host Site for Spine Fellowships  
• Publish Clinical Papers  
• Usually Based in Academic Centers  
• High Profile in Spine Community through educational seminars, society meetings, etc.  
• Usually work with competition  
• Working in private or university practice |
| **(2) High Volume Spine Surgeons** | • Completed Spine Fellowships  
• Use more than $500,000 of implants  
• Based in spine centers  
• Usually in private practice  
• Generally well compensated |
| **(3) High Potential Surgeons** | Likely To Become High Volume or Thought Leader  
• Doing Spine Fellowship or relatively new to spine practice  
• Rarely in Residency |
| **(4) Part Time Spine Surgeons** | < 50% Volume is Spine |
## Spine: Tier 1 Surgeon Thought Leaders

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<td><strong>Products</strong></td>
<td>• Catalog Products&lt;br&gt;• Custom Devices&lt;br&gt;• New Technology Developments</td>
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<td><strong>Services</strong></td>
<td>• Educational Courses as faculty and to send others to attend&lt;br&gt;• Fellowship Support&lt;br&gt;• Research Support&lt;br&gt;• Test Markets&lt;br&gt;• Clinical Documentation&lt;br&gt;• Outcome Studies&lt;br&gt;• Specialty Study Groups</td>
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<td><strong>Customers</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Channels</strong></td>
<td>• Sales Management&lt;br&gt;• Senior Spine Management&lt;br&gt;• AO Spine&lt;br&gt;• Product Development Involvement&lt;br&gt;• Professional Services&lt;br&gt;• Local Sales Consultant</td>
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<td><strong>Unique Competencies</strong></td>
<td>• Principles Over Product&lt;br&gt;• Local Clinical Expertise&lt;br&gt;• High Quality Educational Offerings</td>
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## Set of experiences we will provide to the tier
- An association that feels new and special
- Sense of community between many surgeons with each other and with AO Spine and Synthes Spine
- Influence on Product Development
- Involvement with new technologies
- A reliable partner to support their spine programs

## Set of value delivery systems needed to provide the experiences
- Fellowship Association and Financial Support
- Outcomes/Database Service and Financial Support
- Product Think Tanks / Development Groups
- Educational courses and symposiums
- “New AO Spine”
- Remuneration for Services Rendered / IP
- Research Funds

## Value appropriation
**Value gained by the customer**
- Identify with larger community
- Ego reward as part of development, education
- Support for larger program

**Value gained by us**
- Influential surgeons associate new technology development with Synthes
- Upcoming spine surgeons look favorably upon Synthes Spine
## Spine: Tier 2 High volume spine surgeons

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| **Products**       | • Catalog Products  
                    | • Custom Devices  
                    | • New Technology Developments |
| **Services**       | • Educational Courses to occasionally teach and to attend  
                    | • Fellowship Support  
                    | • Research Support  
                    | • Test Markets  
                    | • Clinical Documentation  
                    | • Outcome Studies  
                    | • Specialty Study Groups |
| **Customers**      |                                    |
| **Channels**       | • Sales Management  
                    | • Senior Spine Management  
                    | • AO Spine  
                    | • Product Development Involvement  
                    | • Professional Services  
                    | • Local Sales Consultant |
| **End users**      | Surgeon |
| **Complementors**  | AO Foundation, MTF, Societies, Trauma, CMF, HCOL, Business Dynamics |
| **Unique Competencies** | • Principles Over Product  
                        | • Local Clinical Expertise  
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| **Set of experiences we will provide to the tier** | • Association with Synthes Spine that feels special  
• Sense of affiliation between Surgeon, AO Spine and Synthes Spine  
• Feels company listens to ideas  
• Involvement with new technologies |
| **Set of value delivery systems needed to provide the experiences** | • Outcomes/Database Service and Financial Support  
• Product Think Tanks / Development Groups  
• Educational courses and symposiums  
• Remuneration for Services Rendered / IP  
• High attention from local sales consultant  
• Visits from senior sales management |
| **Value appropriation** | **Value gained by the customer**  
• Recognized by AO Spine and Synthes Spine  
• Ego reward of being valued by company |

**Value gained by us**  
• High volume surgeon likely to use many of our products  
• Protects business from competition  
• Builds brand loyalty to Synthes Spine
Recent Trends for Synthes in Customer Segments

Buyers:
- Individual hospitals & small hospital groups
- Large hospital networks (e.g. Kaiser)
- Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs)

Trends:
- Consultants, accounting systems and agents increase price transparency
- More salaried doctors working for hospitals vs. per case surgeon entrepreneurs decreases surgeon decision making power
- Electronic marketplaces starting to gain critical mass

Synthes Philosophy:
- Preservation of direct customer relationship
- No membership in value added networks (e.g. GHX, Novation)
Lessons from Customer Segmentation

- The customers’ behaviors and buying practices often provide relevant criteria for segmentation.
- This allows you to detect the special needs of each customer tier, which are translated into specific value propositions.
- Your segmentation does not need to be limited to the actual customer (the one who pays). It might also include relevant complementors.