



Economic Basics

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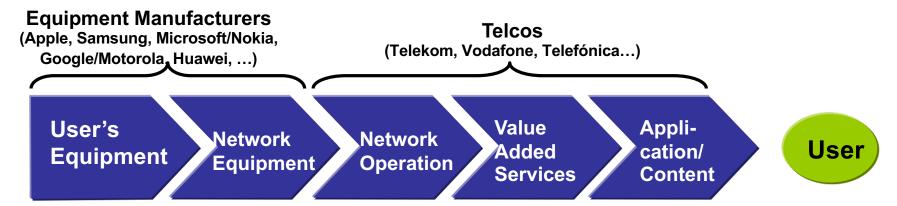
Exercise 1Mobile Equipment & IT Value Chain

a) Name all parts of the classic "Mobile" value chain.



Mobile equipment & IT value chain

GSM World





Exercise 1Mobile Equipment & IT Value Chain

b) Web search & Discussion: In the "Mobile" value chain, are the equipment manufacturers or the "telecoms" the dominant players in terms of market share and revenues? Has the ratio remained constant or shifted over the recent years?



IT value chain

Wikipedia: Telecommunications equipment

Vendors [edit] The world's five largest telecommunications equipment (ex. mobile phone handsets) vendors measured by applicable 2011 revenues are:[4] Ericsson Huawei Alcatel-Lucent NSN ZTE

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Exercise 1: Mobile equipment & IT value chain

Wikipedia: Telecommunications equipment

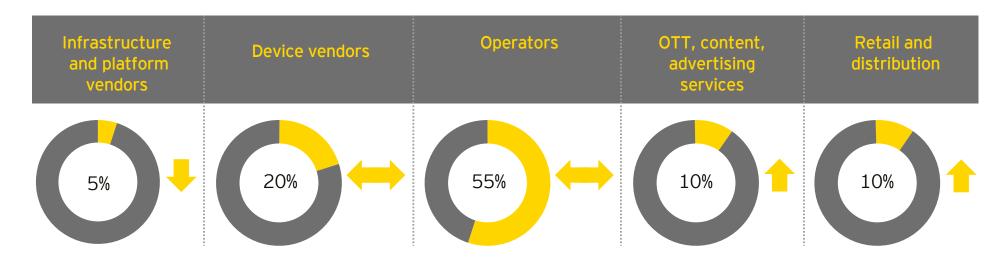
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Exercise 1: Mobile equipment & IT value chain

Telecommunications industry value chain — 2015 share of revenues by segment



Source: EY analysis

"To avoid commoditization, telcos should become the focal point of the extended value chain, focusing on digital services and taking advantage of their traditional competencies."



business Exercise 1: Mobile equipment & IT value chain

Manufacturers are strong, because...

- ...they have a global oligopoly and can overpower the Telcos
- ...the device plays a central role for the customer decision regarding subscriptions
 - The role of ecosystem
 - Device as status symbol
 - Features of the device

Telco's are strong, because...

- ..."Net neutrality" is undermined by Telcos Content Providers are forced into cooperation to assure service quality.
- Telco's tariff structure and data volume / transfer speed determines device decision in target groups.
- Telcos have long term customer relationship via subscriptions, this influences device decision.
- Telcos are main retailer for devices, and influence by device subsidies.
- Coverage determines subscriptions.



Exercise 1Mobile Equipment & IT Value Chain

c) Which parts of the value chain of the "IT World" can be found in the classic "Mobile" value chain and where are they reflected there?



Mobile equipment & IT value chain

GSM World Equipment Manufacturers Telcos (Apple, Samsung, Microsoft/Nokia, (Telekom, Vodafone, Telefónica...) Google/Motorola, Huawei, ...) User's Value Appli-Network Network User Added cation/ **Equipment Equipment Operation** Services Content Network Appli-**Network** PC **Network** PC os Infracation/ User Services/ **Embedder Operation Parts** structure **Middleware** Content MS, **Telekom** IBM. MS. MS. ... SAP, Cisco.... Dell, ... **Vodafone** IBM. Infineon, ... Telekom. Google IT World (Based on: SAP)



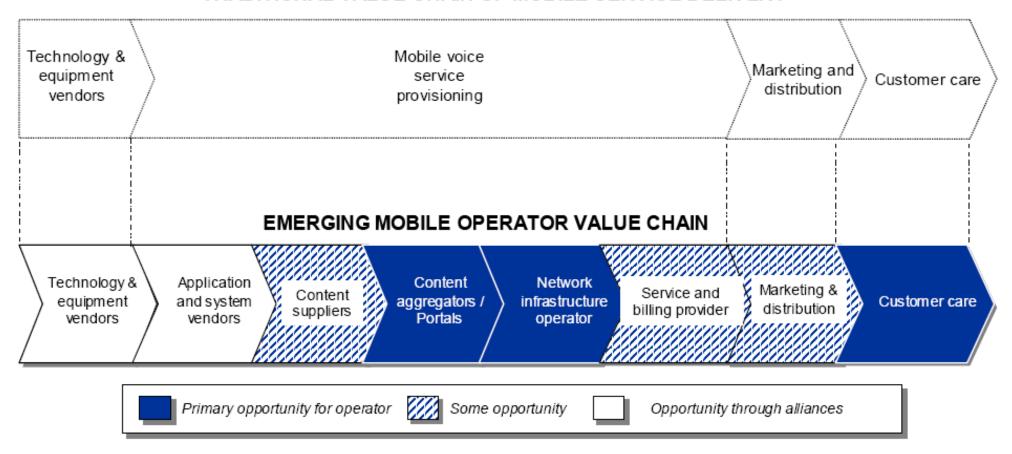
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d) Explain the meaning behind the statement "The traditional value chain of mobile service delivery splits".



Different market players take care of parts of the value chain

TRADITIONAL VALUE CHAIN OF MOBILE SERVICE DELIVERY



[Passerini et al. 2004]



Exercise 1 Mobile Equipment & IT Value Chain

e) Discussion: Keeping the aforementioned changes of the value chain in mind, what are the opportunities and inherent risks for mobile network operators (MNOs)?



Exercise 1: Mobile equipment & IT value chain

Risks:

 High revenue services could be reduced due to cannibalization or even lost completely to other market players

Opportunities:

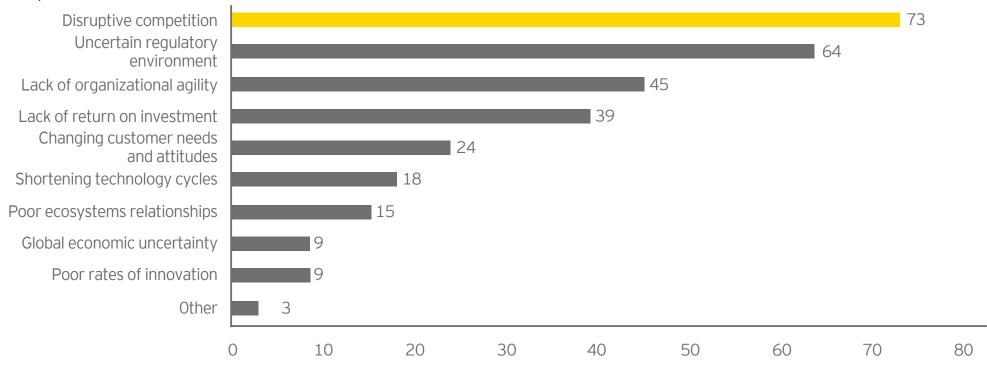
- Collaborative business models to share costs and develop new customer value propositions
- Customer satisfaction is raised by addressing niches



Industry challenges

Q. What are the most significant challenges facing the industry? (Top three responses.)

% respondents

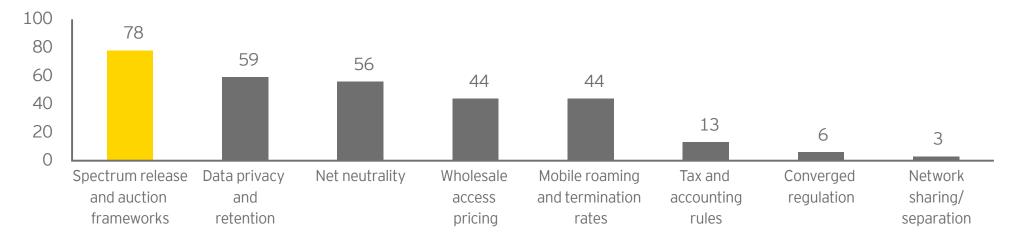




Top regulatory concerns for the telcos

Q. Which regulatory issues will be most likely to impact the industry in the next two to three years? (Please select three.)

% respondents

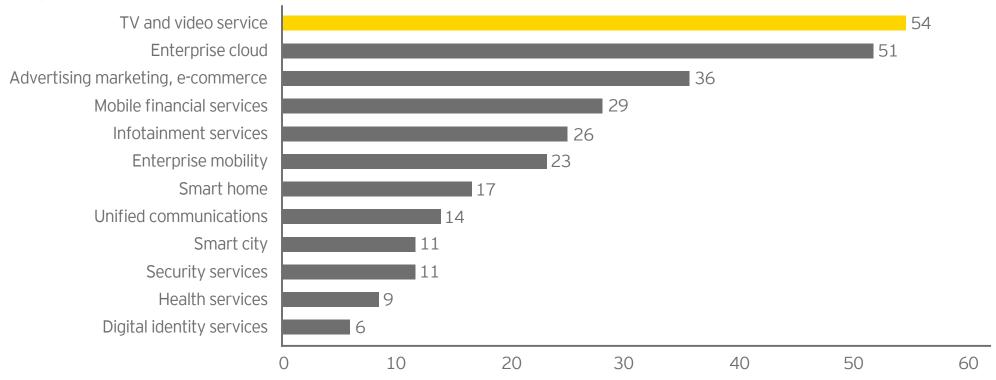




Opportunities

Q. Which digital services represent the best opportunities for incremental revenue growth? (Top three responses.)

% respondents





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Exercise 2Mobile Economy

a) Explain the phenomena of Mobility.





What is mobility?

Lat. *mobilitas*:



- (1) Flexibility, velocity, motion; and as "mobilitas animi": (mental) fitness
- (2) But also (and quite ambivalent to (1)) changeability, inconstancy, unstableness

[SkuStowPets1998]





Social implications

Mobility not just "humans' independence from geographical constraints"

- Spatial Mobility
- Temporal Mobility
- Contextual Mobility

[KakihaSorens2001]



Exercise 2Mobile Economy

b) Name the characteristics of Mobile Economy and explain them.



What are the characteristics of the Mobile Economy?

| | Electronic Economy | Mobile Economy |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Automation / digitization | | |
| Time flexibility | • | • |
| Interactivity | • | • |
| Individualization | | |
| Location independence | | |
| Personal sphere | | |
| Continuous reachability | | |
| Context sensitivity | | |

Based on [ReicMeieFrem2002]



Specifics of the Electronic Economy

- Automation / digitization
 - Value proposition of Internet services is provided electronically (digital)
- Time flexibility
 - Internet services are accessible 24 hours per day
- Interactivity
 - Users are integrated into the provision of Internet services
- Individualization
 - Personalisation of Internet services according to individual user preferences



- Location independence
 - Provision of mobile services is independent of a user's current location
 - Examples
 - o Mobile E-Mail Services
 - o Mobile Information Services
 - o Mobile Sales Force Services
 - 0 ...



- Personal sphere
 - Mobile devices as personal accessories
 - o Mobile device is part of a user's personal sphere such as keys, data books, clothes, etc.
 - o Users carry mobile devices with them most of time



- Continuous reachability
 - Location independent network access
 - Users are instantly addressable.
 - Always-on-Functionality



Context sensitivity

(Detection and evaluation user's environment information)

- Local context (user's current place / time)
- Action context (user's current place / time combined with geo data)
- Time context (user's current time combined with time relevant information)
- Interests specific context (local, action and time context combined with personal user preferences)



Overview of mobile economy





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Exercise 3 M-Commerce Market

a) Name the different players of M-Commerce markets.



Market Environment

- Players:*
 - Device manufacturers
 - Infrastructure manufacturers
 - Network operators
 - Mobile virtual network operators
 - Service providers
 - Content providers and OTT
 - Customers

^{*} One possible segmentation!



Exercise 3 M-Commerce Market

b) Describe the functions of these players.



Device Manufacturers

Mobile device manufacturers

- Manufacture and distribute mobile terminals
- Examples: Apple, Nokia, Sony Ericsson, Samsung, HTC, RIM, earlier Siemens, ...











Device Manufacturers

Mobile device manufacturers

- Frequently in partnerships (e.g. distribution via mobile network-operator, i.e. operator branded (SIM-locked or individualized) devices)
- Almost all mobile device manufacturers are global organisations.
- Currently, ...
 - More lifestyle products for different target groups rush into the market (e.g. special designs, with high resolution cameras, mp3players etc.).
 - Break-up of traditional syndicates, e.g. in the area of operating systems



Infrastructure Manufacturers

Infrastructure manufacturers/providers

- Produce and provide infrastructure, necessary for network operation, such as GSM base stations.
- Examples: Nokia Siemens Networks (Motorola), Ericsson, ZTE, Huawei, ...





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Infrastructure Manufacturers

- Infrastructure manufacturers/providers
 - Important interaction between infrastructure and terminals.
 - Currently new orders because of LTE, but soon also for 5G



Network Operators

Network operators

- Operate mobile networks and provide access
- E.g. Telekom, Vodafone, E-Plus, O₂, Orange, ...
- Competition on national and international level













Mobile Virtual Network Operators

Definition:

A **mobile virtual network operator** (MVNO) is a company that does not own a licensed frequency spectrum and wireless infrastructure, but resells wireless services under their own brand name, using the network of another mobile network operator.

Explanation:

- An MVNO's roles and relationship to the mobile phone operator vary by market.
- In general, an MVNO is an entity or company that works independently of the operator and can set its own tariff structures.

Based on [Wikipedia2013]



Service Providers

- Provide different kinds of services, e.g.
 - Billing and customer management
 - Acquisition of customers
 - Advertising campaigns
 - Server-hosting
 - Communication management
 - ...
- Term rarely used since MVNOs came up.



Content Providers

Content providers

Examples

- Banks
- Shops
- Media-companies
- Game Provider































■OTT – Over The Top services

- delivery of audio, video, and other media over the Internet
- no involvement of a multiple-system operator in the control or distribution of the content
- •Examples: Movie streaming (e.g. Netflix), messaging services (e.g. Whatsapp)



Customers

- Use...
 - infrastructure,
 - network,
 - devices,
 - service and
 - information
- High market power because of full market penetration [Bundesnetzag2013]
- Customers are...
 - Private customers
 - Corporate customers





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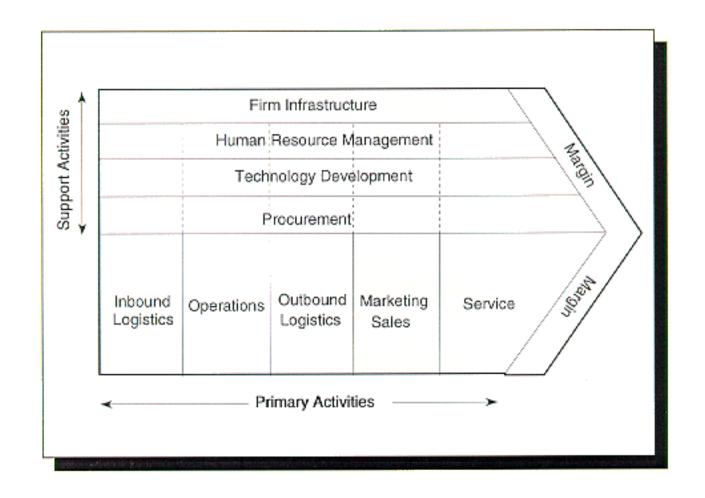


Exercise 4 Value Creation

Explain the "classical value chain" by Porter.



Classical value chain (Porter 1985)



[Porter1985]



- Illustrates the combination of value-adding activities for the creation of market products
- Input-output orientation of the different value chain elements
- Suitable for linear value creation
- Value Creation: Selling value of the market product greater than purchase costs

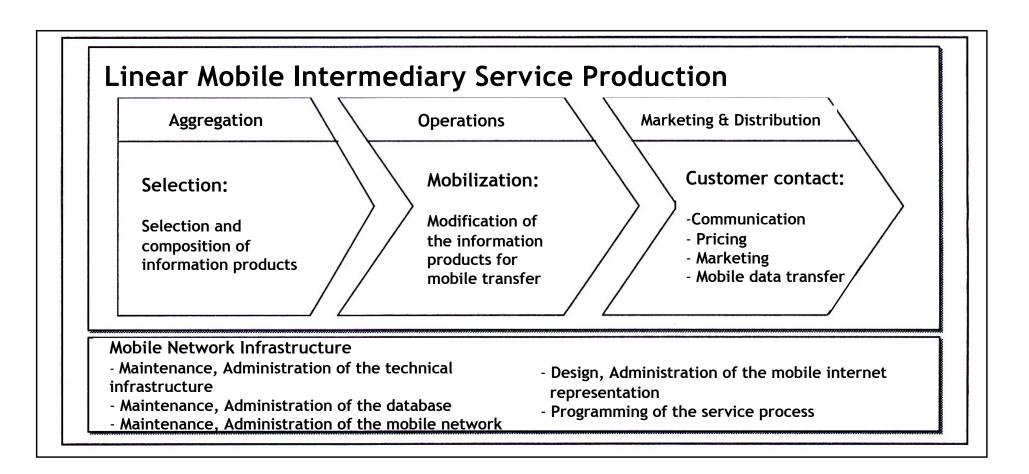


Exercise 4 Value Creation

b) Make a draft of the modified Value chain for mobile Intermediary Service Production. What does this value chain illustrate? For what purpose is it not useful?



Modified value chain



[ReicMeieFrem2002]



- Value creation of an intermediary
 - Selection and composition of information product
 - Preparation of information product for transfer to customer
 - Communication, marketing, pricing information product
- Individualisation of information products
- Not suitable for distributed value creation



Exercise 4 Value Creation

c) What are the characteristics of a distributed value creation?



- Distributed value creation involves several actors at the same time
- Non-linear sequence of value creational activities
- E.g. mobile intermediary network

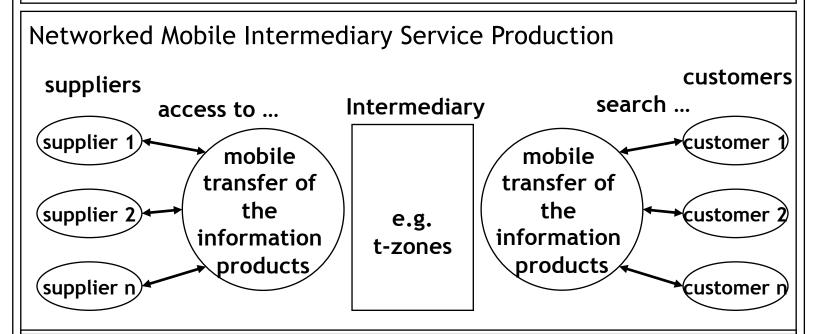


Value network

[ReicMeieFrem2002]

Network Marketing

- Acquisition of network members (information product customers and suppliers)
- Promotional activities
- Charging



Mobile Network Infrastructure

- Maintenance, administration of the technical infrastructure
- Maintenance, administration of the database
- Maintenance, administration of the mobile network
- Design, administration of the mobile internet presentation
- Programming of the service process

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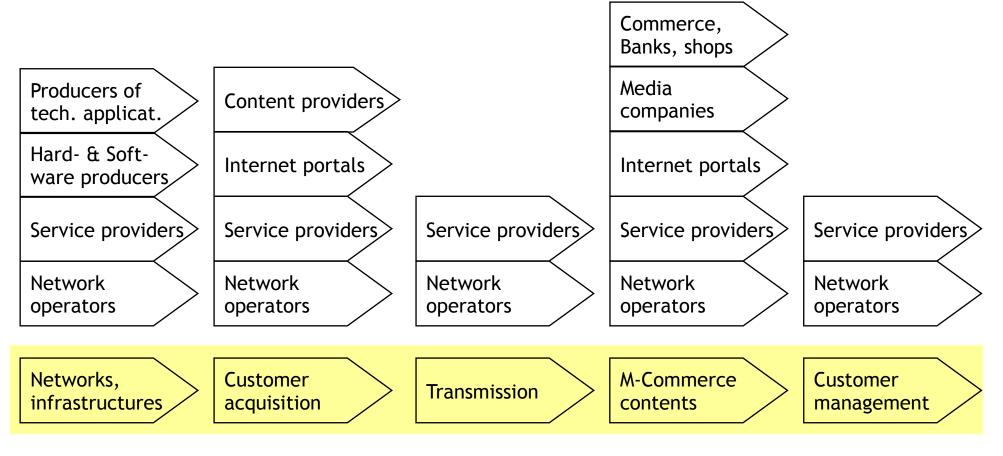


The presented classification is just one possibility

Further example:
 Mobile value chain [PicotNeuburg2002]



M-value chain



[PicotNeuburg2002]



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Exercise 5 Business Models

a) Define the term Business model.

Definition



- A business model is the abstract description of a business.
- A business model consists of three main parts:
 - 1. Value Proposition (Nutzenversprechen)
 - 2. Value Creation Architecture (Wertschöpfungsarchitektur)
 - 3. Revenue Model (Ertragsmodell)

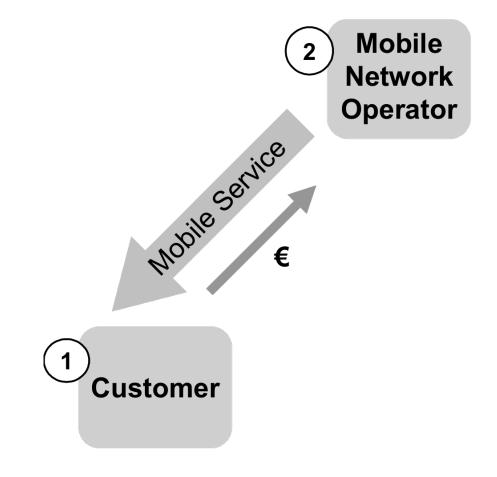


Exercise 5 Business Models

 Outline a classic business model for a mobile service (stakeholders, money and service flows).



Classical business model (CBM) I:

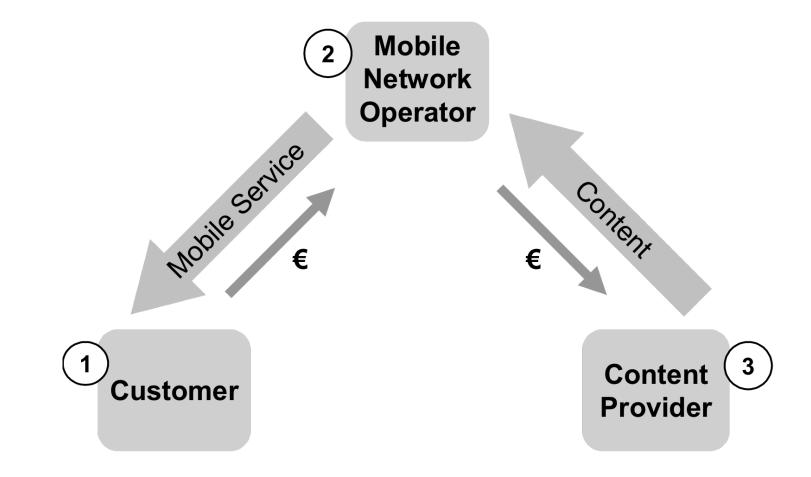




- Classical business model I:
 - Two parties: Customer, mobile network operator
 - Operator provides communication services and possibly contents to the customer.
 - Possibly the operator manufactures these contents himself. Providing contents is not his core competence.



Classical business model II:





- Classical business model II:
 - Three parties: Customer, mobile network operator, content provider.
 - Operator purchases content (from the content provider) and passes it on to the customer.
 - Content Provision is not the core competence of the network operator.



Exercise 5 Business Models

c) Name a new business model for a mobile service and describe why it is capable of competing.



Business Models

- New business model
 - "Reverse" approach: Instead of charging the customer, the service provider contacts the customer and offers free access.
 - → Sponsoring of interesting (profitable) customers by advertising service providers



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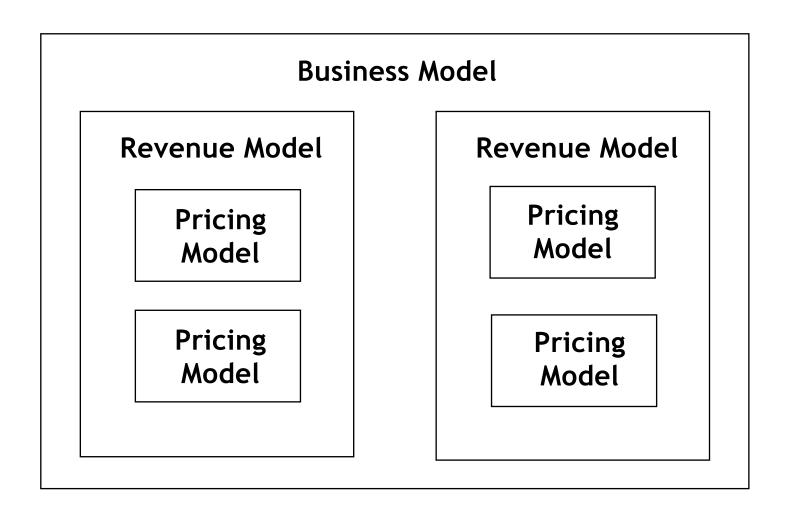


Exercise 6 Pricing Models

a) Put the terms business model, revenue model and price model in context of each other.



Pricing Models



Example



Exercise 6 Pricing Models

 b) Name the similarities and differences between a price model in M-Commerce and E-Commerce.



Pricing Models

- M-Commerce Commonalities with E-Commerce
 - Network effects imply a penetration strategy in order to build an installed base
 - High price transparency implies little space for pricing decisions
 - Heterogeneity/differences in Willingness-to-Pay (WTP) encourage differential pricing
 - Low transaction costs facilitate flexible price adjustments and variable pricing mechanisms



Pricing Models

- Differences to E-Commerce
 - Cooperation of equipment manufacturer and operators allows new revenue models
 - Very low WTP for internet services, higher WTP for mobile services
 - Mobility, availability, localization and identification allow new forms of product and price differentiation
 - Services may be offered just-in-time on the mobile phone (e.g. flights) > variable pricing mechanisms.



Exercise 6 Pricing Models

c) Explain the difference between product and price differentiation. Give one example for each, in the context of M-Commerce.



Pricing Models

- Product differentiation
 - Offering variations of the same product to different consumer segments.
 - Example: Different types of cell phones
- Price differentiation
 - Offering the same product (or products with small variations) to different consumer segments at different prices.
 - Example: Mobile Tariffs



Exercise 6 Pricing Models

d) Name at least two requirements for price differentiation.



Pricing Models

- Segmentation / separation must be possible
- Different willingness-to-pay among segments



Exercise 6 Pricing Models

e) What chances result from price differentiation especially for M-Commerce?



Pricing Models

 Many tools at hand in order to individualise mobile information products and thereby ensuring separation of segments





Case study: Airbnb example

- a) Describe the stakeholders/entities in the business model architecture
- b) What is the value that is being provided to the customers?
- c) What are the interactions between the entities?
- d) Electronic vs. mobile business(?)





Discussion: Airbnb pricing

- a) Revenue model
- b) Pricing model/method



Literature

- This set of slides is based upon the following Economic Basics lectures:
 - *Lecture 5:* E-Commerce vs. M-Commerce
 - Lecture 6: Market Structure and Value Creation
 - **Lecture 7:** Business Models

