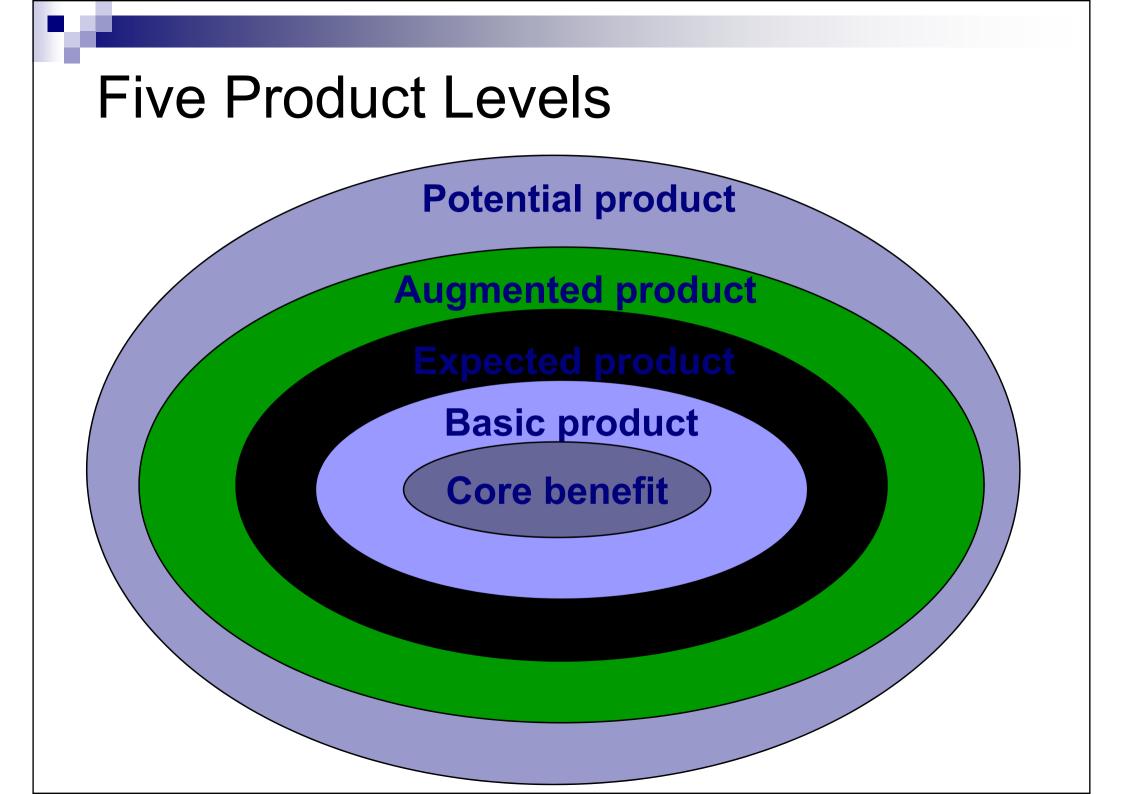
MARKETING MIX PRODUCT

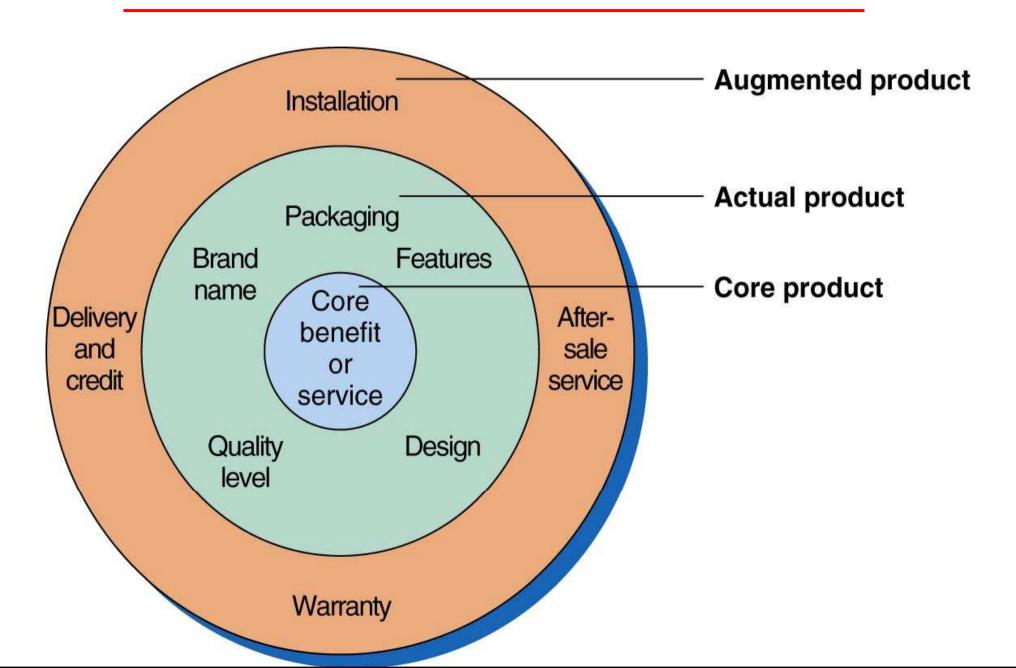
WHAT IS A PRODUCT?

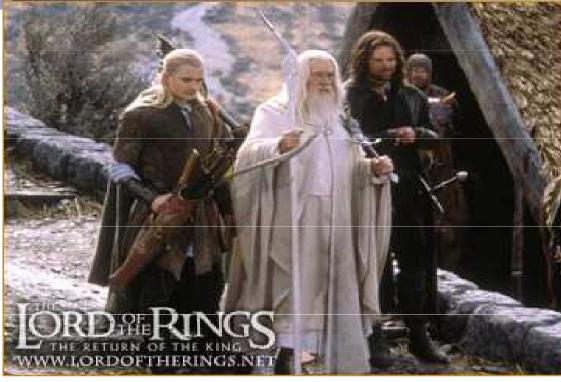
Product:

- bundle of physical, service, and symbolic attributes designed to enhance buyers' want satisfaction
- anything that can be offered to a market for attention, acquisition, use, or consumption and that might satisfy a want or need.
 - Includes: physical objects, services, events, persons, places, organizations, ideas, or some combination thereof.



Levels of a Product







What is a Service?

A form of product that consists of activities, benefits, or satisfactions offered for sale that are essentially intangible and do not result in the ownership of anything.

Examples: banking, hotel, airline, retail, tax preparation, home repairs.

Consumer-Goods Classification

Convenience Products Shopping Products Buy frequently & immediately Buy less frequently > Low priced > Gather product information > Many purchase locations > Fewer purchase locations > Includes: > Compare for: Staple goods Suitability & Quality Impulse goods Price & Style Emergency goods **Specialty Products Unsought Products Special purchase efforts** New innovations > Unique characteristics > Products consumers don't > Brand identification want to think about. > Few purchase locations >Require much advertising & personal selling

Figure 11.5: Classification of Consumer Products

Specialty Products

Lexus and Infiniti luxury cars, Tax attorney, Versace designer clothes, Cosmetic dentistry

Convenience Goods

Consumer Products

Impulse Items: Carwash, Disposable camera, Snack foods, Staples: Gasoline, Dry cleaning, Bread Emergency Items: Emergency room visit, Plumbing repair kit, Insect bite ointment Shopping Goods Homogeneous: Washer and dryer, Gold's Gym, Auto insurance Heterogeneous: Child care, Furniture, Caribbean cruise

Unsought Goods

Pre-need funeral plans, Cancer insurance policies, Remedial math programs Table 11.1: Marketing Impact of the Consumer Products and ServicesClassification System

Factor	Convenience Products and Services	Shopping Products and Services	Specialty Products and Services
Marketing Mix Factors			
Price	Low	Relatively high	High
Promotion	Advertising and promotion by producer	Personal selling and advertising by both producer and retailer	Personal selling and advertising by both producers and retailer
Distribution channel length	Long	Relatively short	Very short
Number of sales outlets	Many	Few	Very few; often one per market area
Importance of seller's image	Unimportant	Very important	Important









Industrial Products + commodities

Those purchased for further processing or for use in conducting business.





Industrial Products

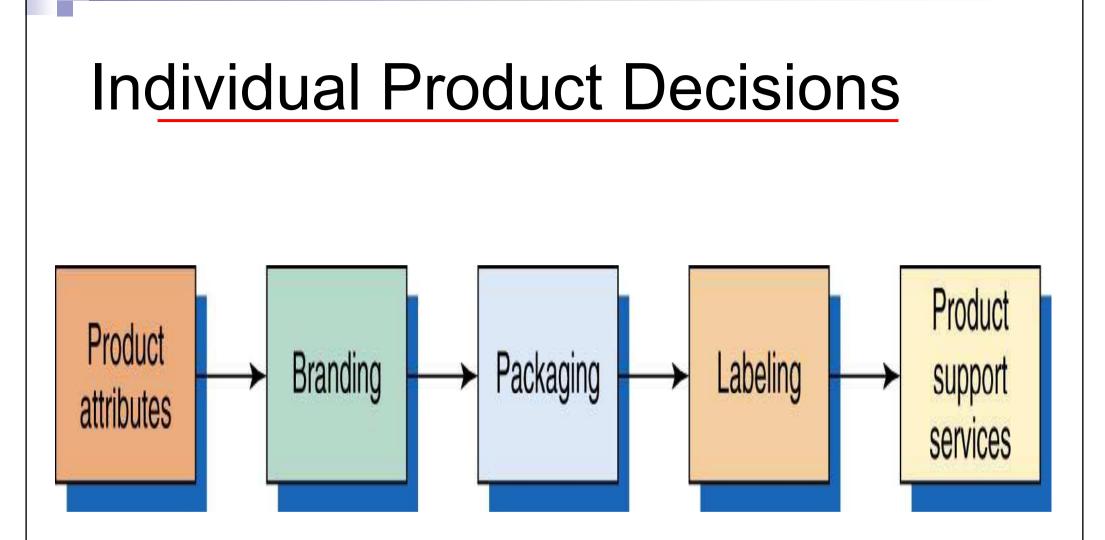
Materials and Parts Raw materials, manufactured materials, and parts

> Capital Items Products that aid in buyer's production or operations

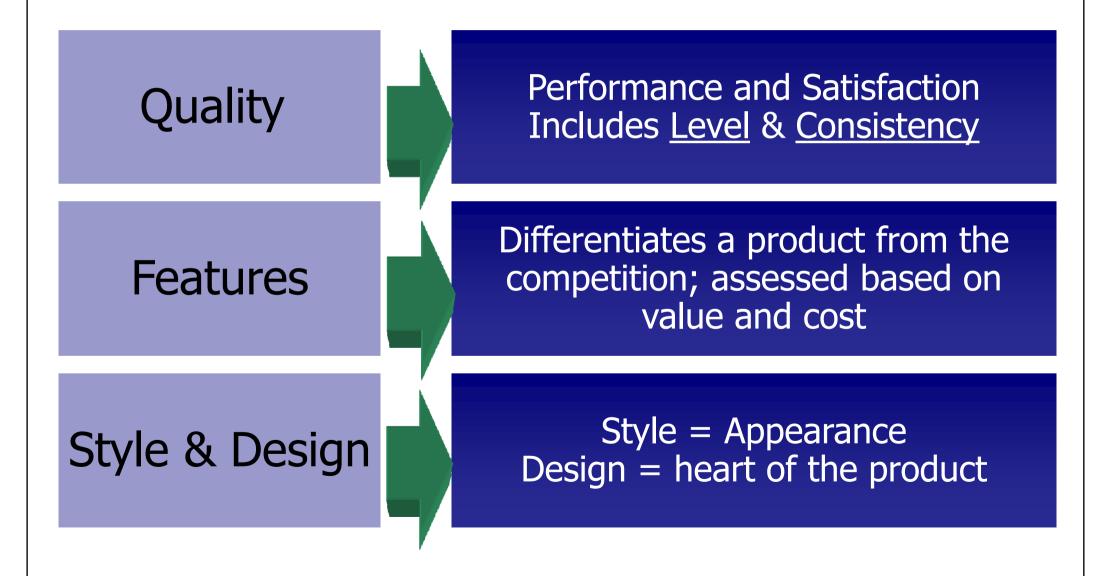
> > Supplies and Services Operating supplies, repair, and maintenance items

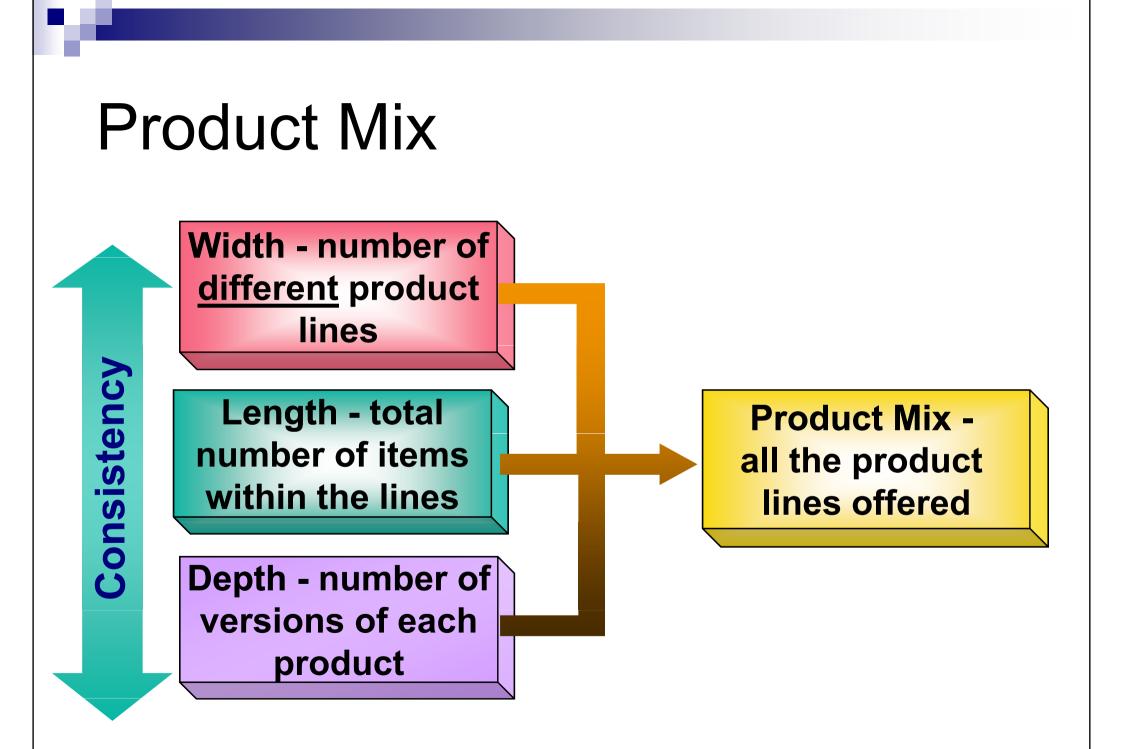
Other Market Offerings

- Organizations: Profit (businesses) and nonprofit (schools and churches).
- Persons: Politicians, entertainers, sports figures, doctors, and lawyers.
- Places: create, maintain, or change attitudes or behavior toward particular places (e.g., tourism).
- Ideas (social marketing): Public health campaigns, environmental campaigns, family planning, or human rights.



Product and Service Attributes

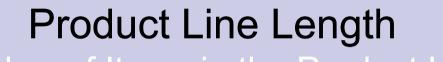




Product Mix Decisions

- Product Mix: all of the product lines and items that a particular seller offers for sale.
- Width: the number of different product lines the company carries. # product lines an organization offers
- increase width to:
 - □ diversify risk
 - capitalize on established reputations
- *Depth*: the number of versions offered of each product in the line.
- # product items in a product line
- increase depth to:
 - □ attract buyers with different preferences
 - □ increase sales & profits by further segmenting market
 - capitalize on economies of scale
 - even out seasonal sales patterns
- *Consistency*: how closely related the various lines are.
- http://www.henkel.com/cps/rde/xchg/henkel_com/hs.xsl/index.htm

Product Line Decisions



Number of Items in the Product Line

Stretching

Lengthen <u>beyond</u> current range.

Filling

Lengthen <u>within</u> current range

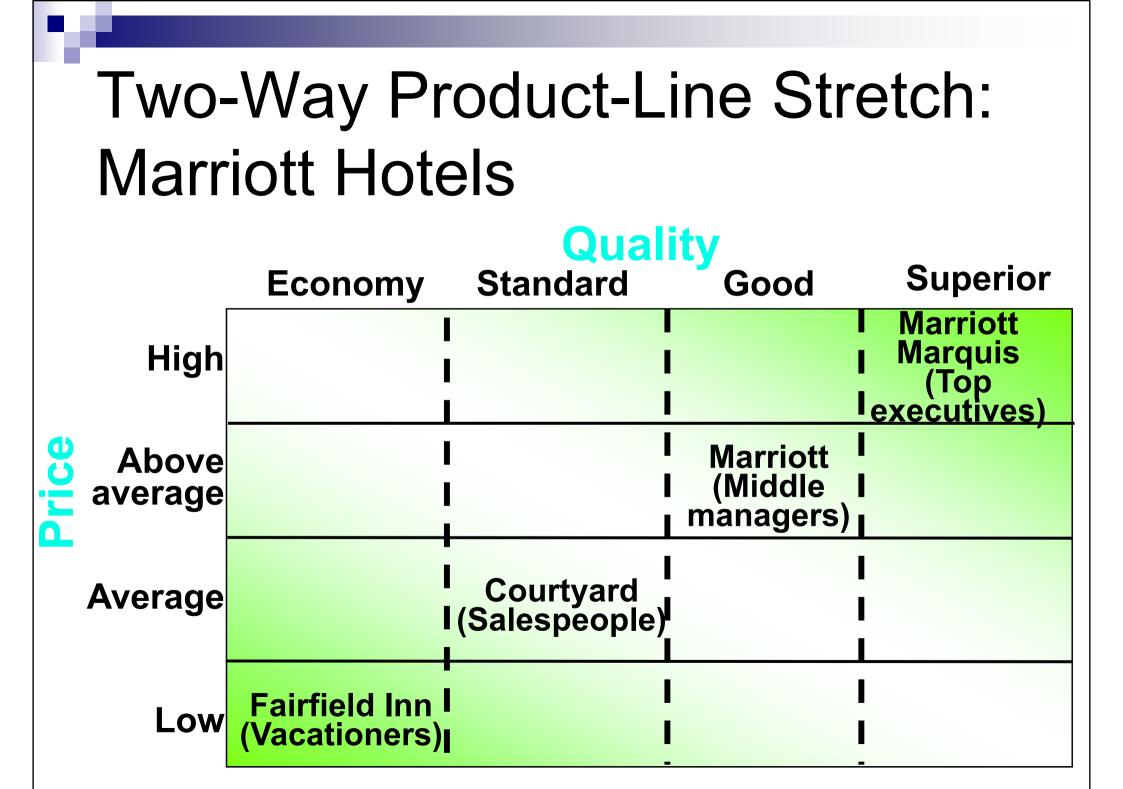
Can be:

Downward

Upward

Both Directions

http://eshop.vodafone.cz/hs.htm?lang=en



What is a **Brand**? A brand is a name, term, sign, symbol, or design, or a combination of these, that identifies the maker or seller of a product or service. User Culture **Personality Attributes Benefits** Values

Branding

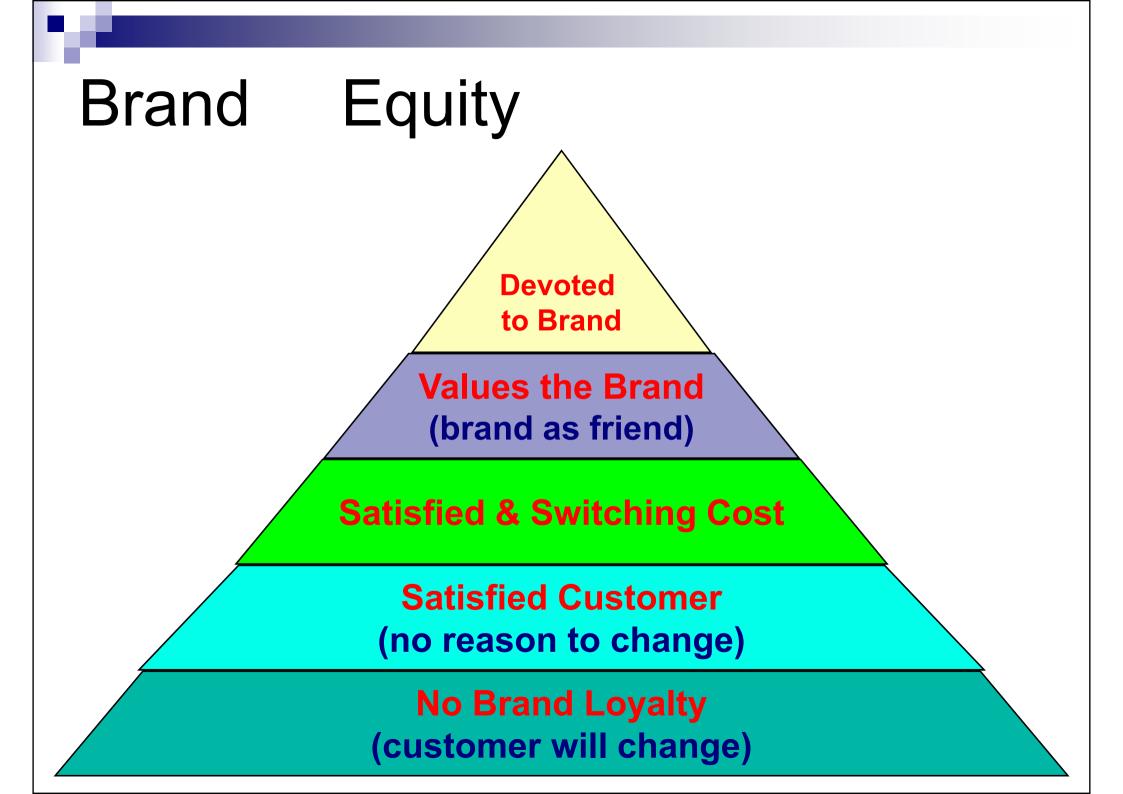
Advantages to buyers: Product identification Product quality Advantages to sellers: Basis for product's quality story Provides legal protection Helps to segment markets

Brand Equity

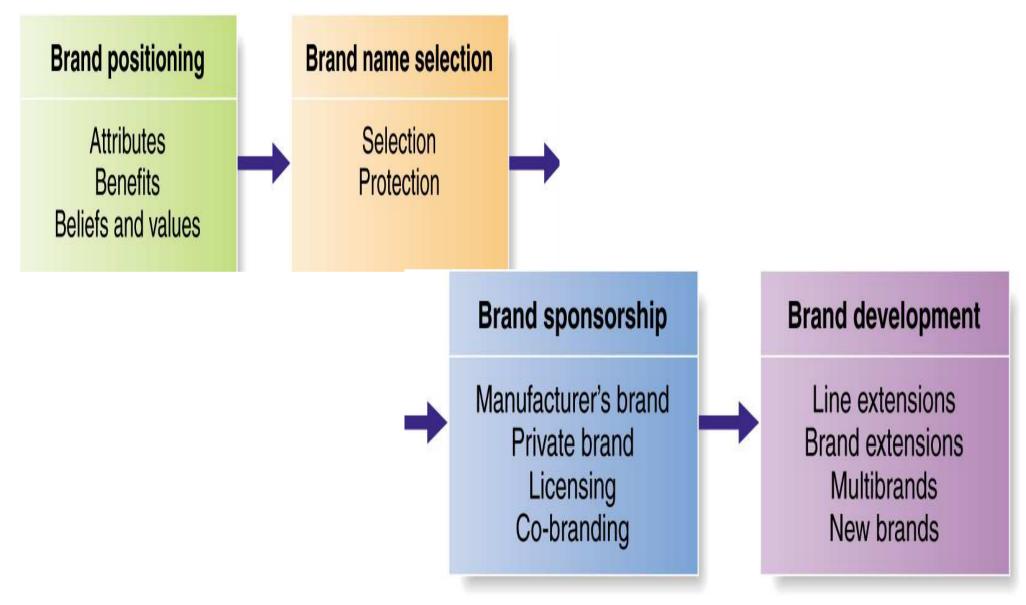
The positive differential effect that knowing the brand name has on customer response to the product or service.

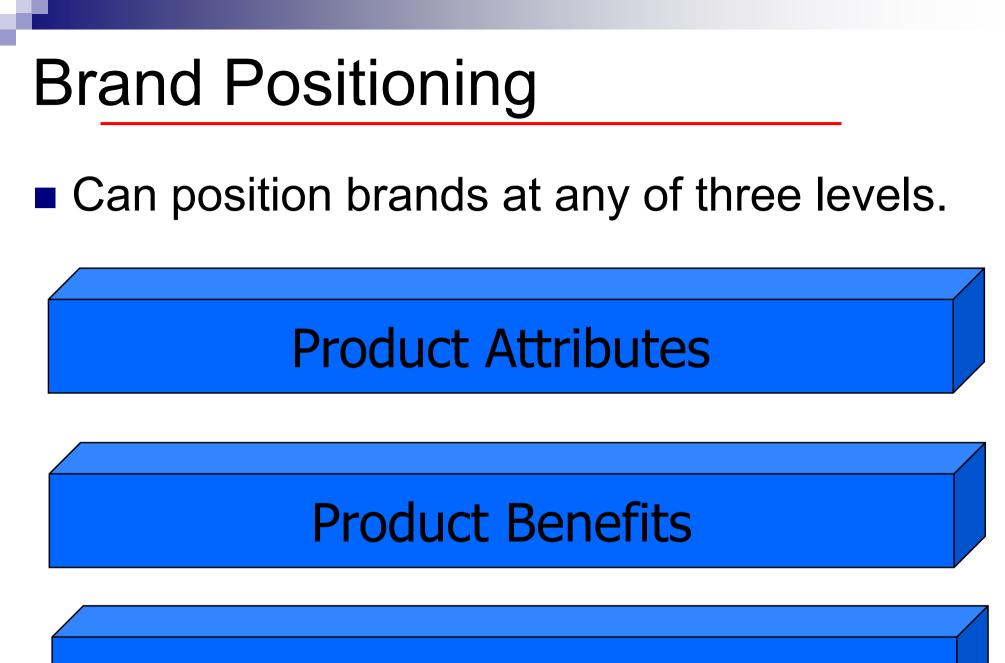
Provides:

- □ More brand awareness and loyalty
- Basis for strong, profitable customer relationships



Major Brand Strategy Decisions





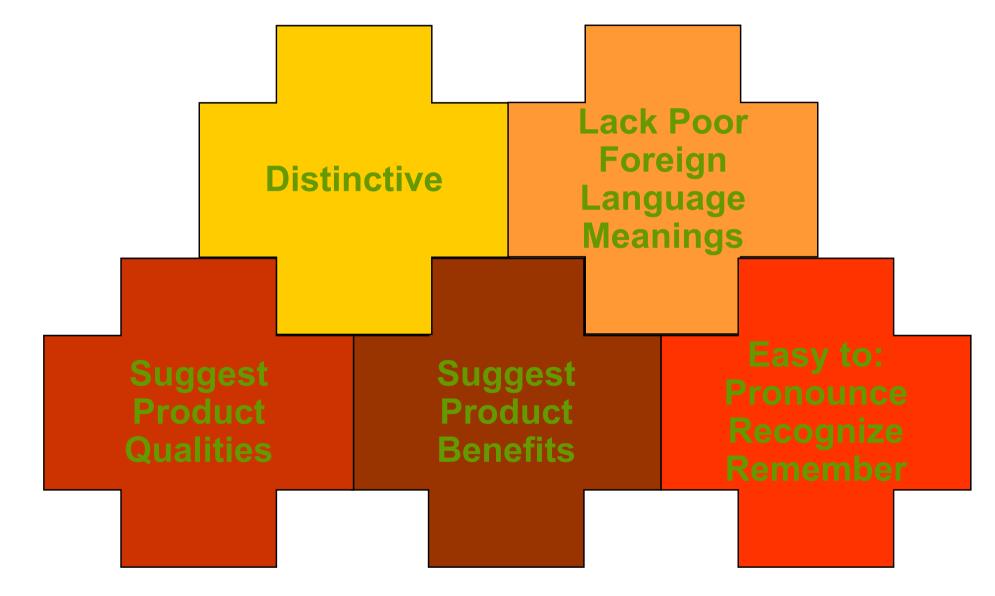
Beliefs and Values

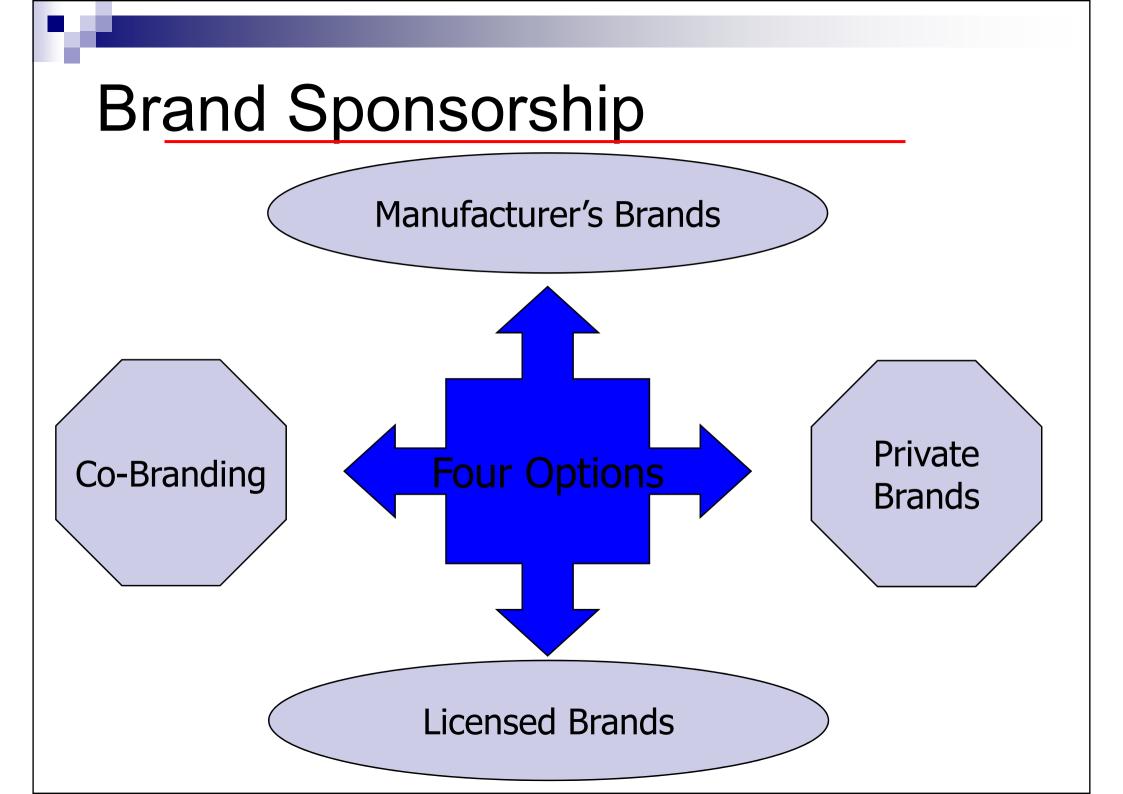
Brand Name Selection

Desirable qualities for a brand name include:

- 1. It should suggest product's benefits and qualities
- 2. It should be easy to pronounce, recognize, and remember
- 3. It should be distinctive
- 4. It should be extendable
- 5. It should translate easily into foreign languages
- 6. It should be capable of registration and legal protection







Brand Development

Line Extension: introduction of additional items in a given product category under the same brand name (e.g., new flavors, forms, colors, ingredients, or package sizes).

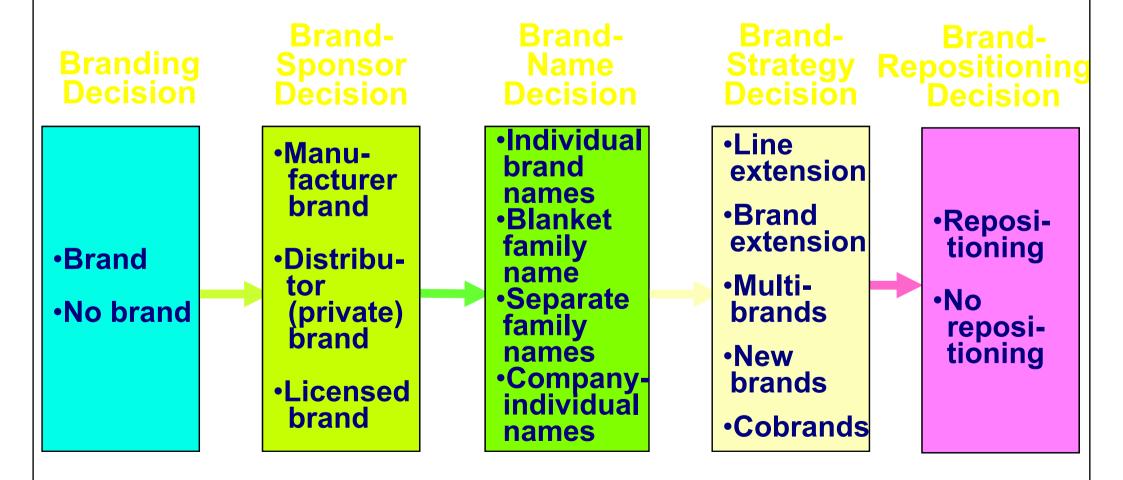
Brand Extension: using a successful brand name to launch a new or modified product in a new category.

Brand Development

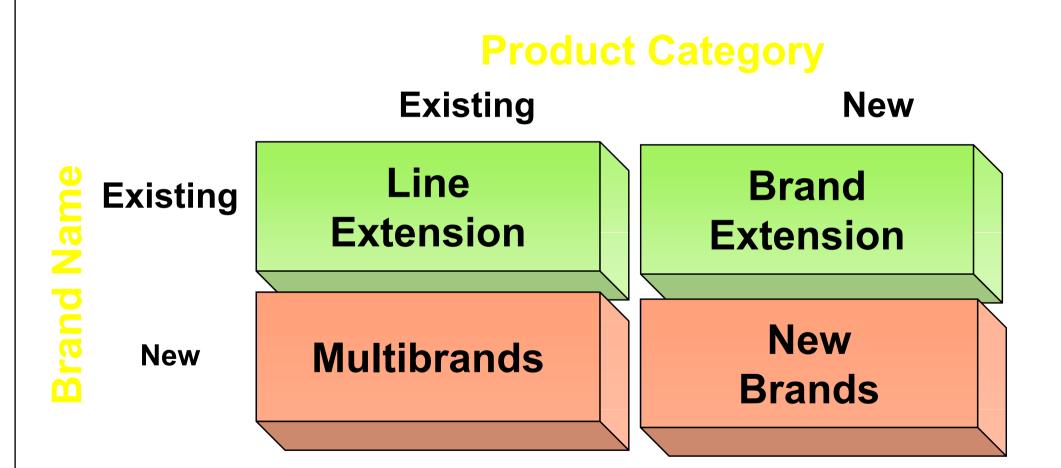
 Multibranding: offers a way to establish different features and appeal to different buying motives.

New Brands: developed based on belief that the power of its existing brand is waning and a new brand name is needed. Also used for products in new product category.

An Overview of Branding Decisions



Brand Strategies



Packaging

- Designing and producing the container or wrapper for a product.
- Developing a good package:
 - Packaging concept
 - Package elements
 - □Product safety
 - Environmental concerns

Why Package Crucial as a Marketing Tool

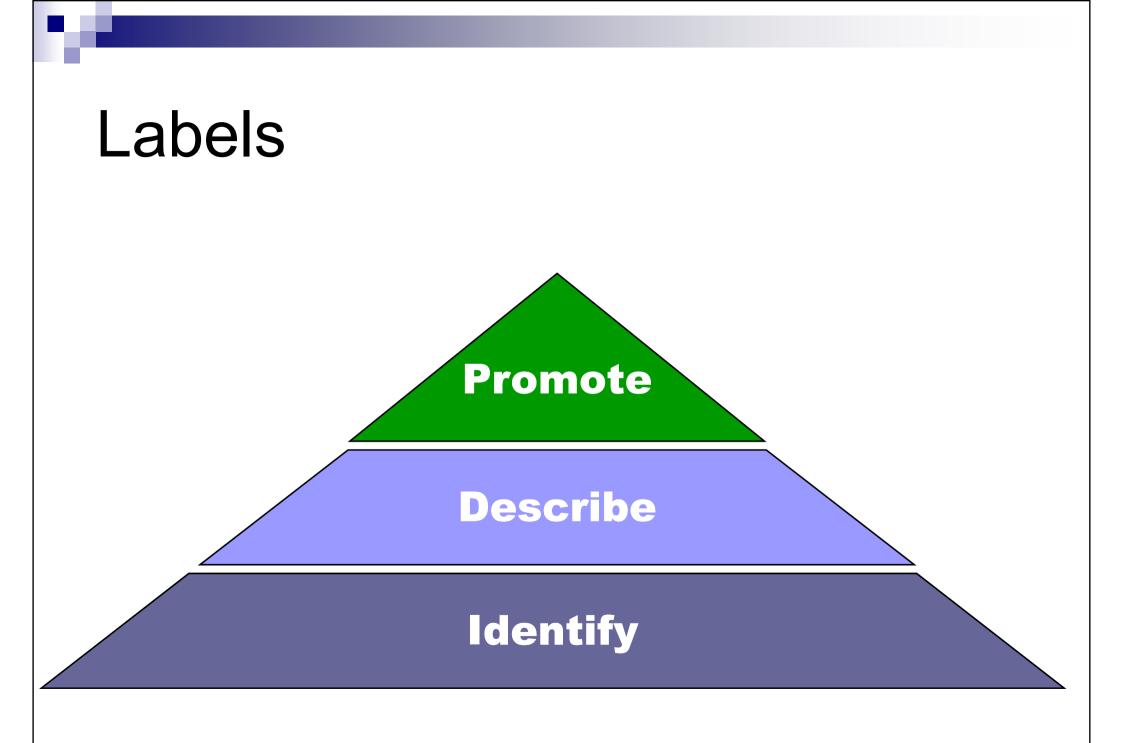
- Self-service
- Consumer affluence
- Company & brand image
- Opportunity for innovation





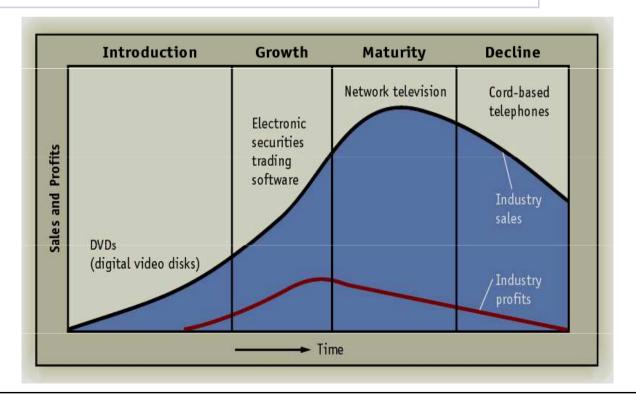
Labeling

- Printed information appearing on or with the package.
- Performs several functions:
 - □ *Identifies* product or brand
 - Describes several things about the product
 - Promotes the product through attractive graphics



THE PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE

 Product life cycle: progression of products through introduction, growth, maturity, and decline stages



Introduction

- Firm works to stimulate demand for the new market entry
- Promotional campaigns stress features and attempts to generate awareness, interest, and trial
- Additional promotions to intermediaries attempt to induce them to carry the product
- Although prices are typically high, financial losses are common due to heavy promotional and research-anddevelopment costs

Introduction

Growth

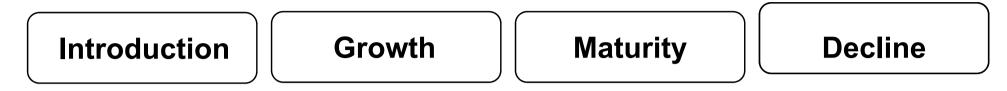
- Sales volume rises rapidly
- Firm usually begins to realize substantial profits
- Success attracts competitors
- Firm may need to make improvements to the product
- Additional spending on promotion and distribution may be necessary

Introduction

Growth

Maturity

- Industry sales continue to grow, but eventually reach a plateau
- Many competitors have entered the market, sales and profits begin to decline
- Differences between competing products diminish
- Available supplies exceed industry demand for the first time
- Must manage competition and look to extend PLC



- Innovations or shifts in consumer preferences cause an absolute decline in industry sales
- Industry profits continue to fall -sometimes become losses
- Firms cut prices in a bid for the dwindling market
- Manufacturers gradually drop the declining items from their product lines

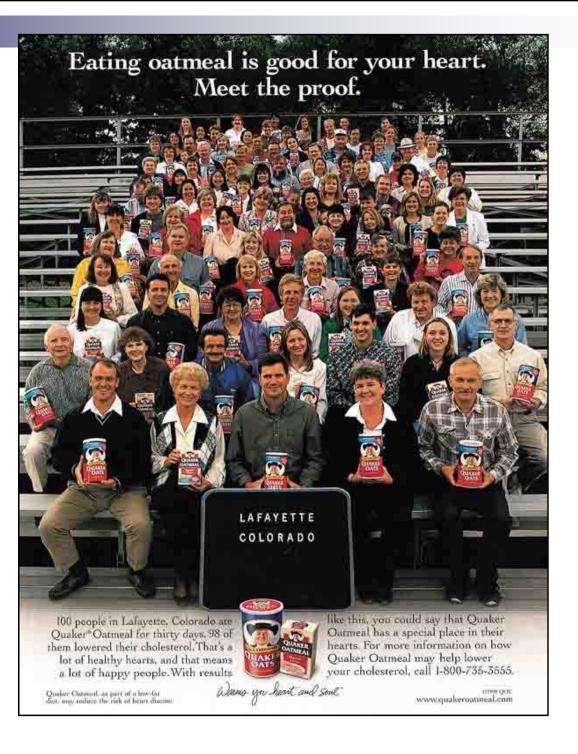
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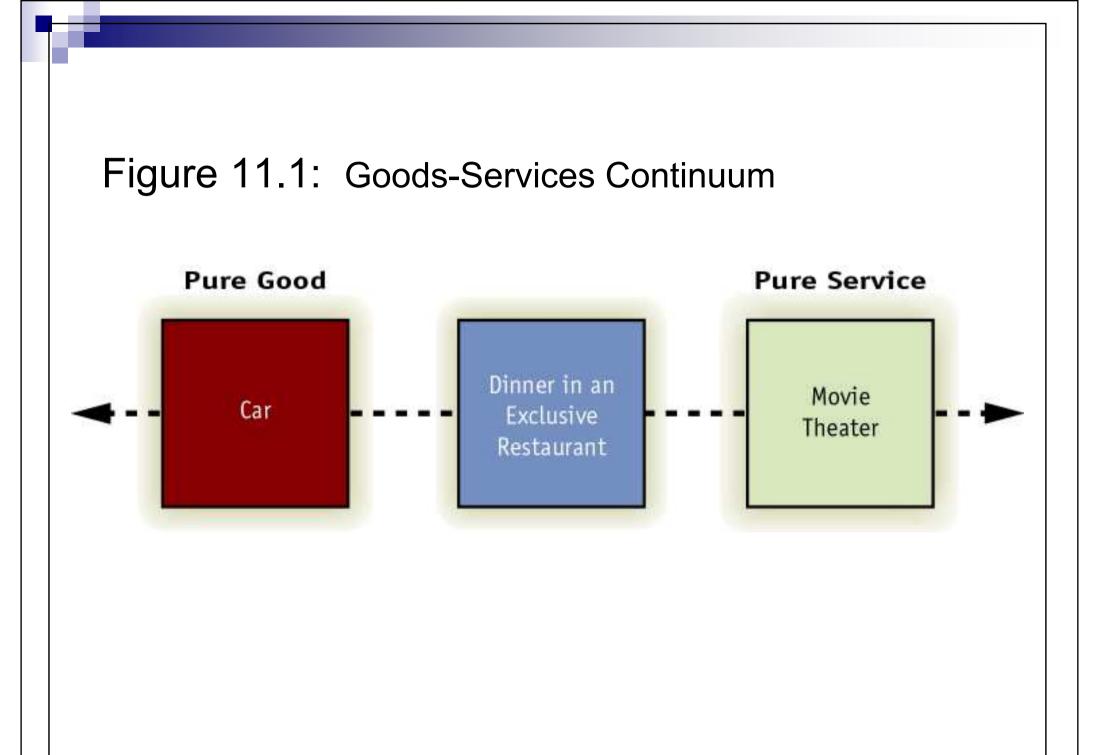
- During the growth stage, a firm may lengthen or widen its product mix
- In maturity, the Company may decide to ad variations that will attract new users
- In decline, a product may be pruned or altered, and new product may extend the product life cycle
- Line extension: introduction of a new product that is closely related to other products in the firm's existing line

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE CONCEPT

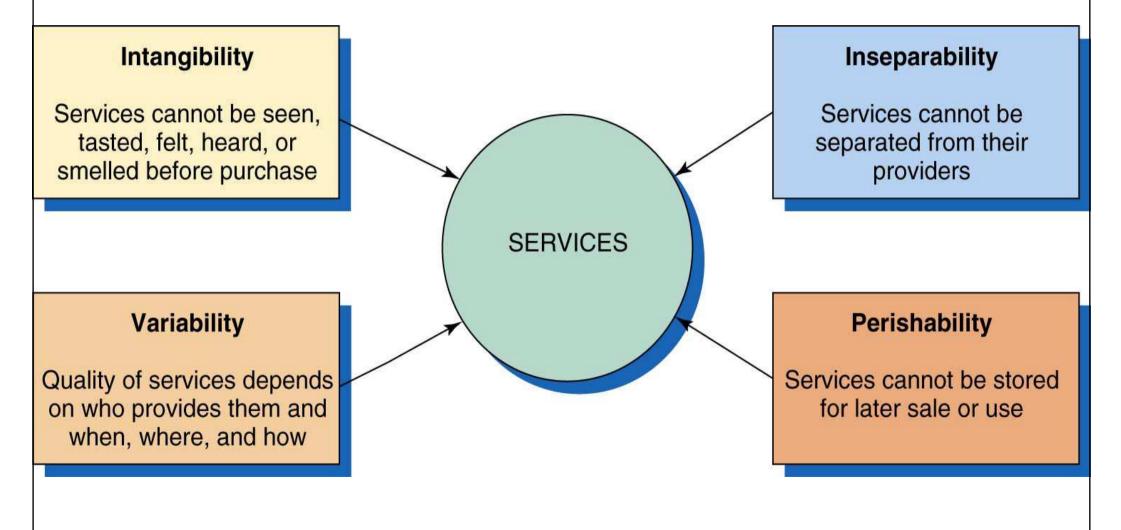
- Marketers usually try to expand each stage of the life cycle for their products as long as possible
- Marketers seek to extend product life cycles through strategies to:

Figure 11.14: A New Application for a Mature Product





Nature and Characteristics of a Service



Major Service Marketing Tasks

Managing Service Differentiation:

- □ Develop a differentiated offer, delivery, and image.
- Managing Service Quality:
 - Be customer obsessed, set high service quality standards, have good service recovery, empower front-line employees.

Managing Service Productivity:

Train current employees or hire new ones, increase quantity and sacrifice quality, harness technology.

The Service Package

- Supporting Facility: The physical resources that must be in place before a service can be sold. <u>Examples</u> are golf course, ski lift, hospital, airplane.
- Facilitating Goods: The material consumed by the buyer or items provided by the consumer. <u>Examples</u> are food items, legal documents, golf clubs, medical history.
- Information: Operations data or information that is provided by the customer to enable efficient and customized service. <u>Examples</u> are patient medical records, seats available on a flight, customer preferences, location of customer to dispatch a taxi.
- Explicit Services: Benefits readily observable by the senses. The essential or intrinsic features. <u>Examples</u> are quality of meal, attitude of the waiter, on-time departure.
- Implicit Services: Psychological benefits or extrinsic features which the consumer may sense only vaguely. <u>Examples</u> are privacy of loan office, security of a well lighted parking lot.

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