PROMOTION

COMMUNICATION



4 Steps to Marketing Strategy



Define the Market

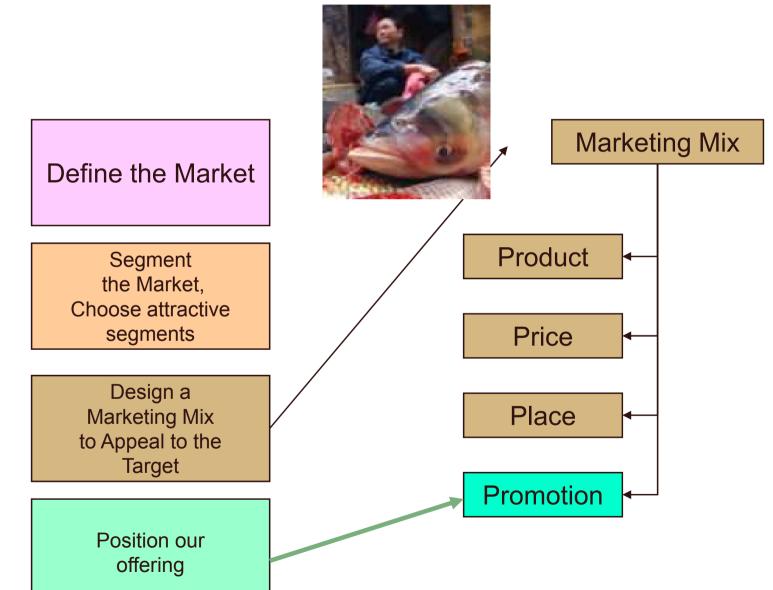
Segment the Market, Choose attractive segments

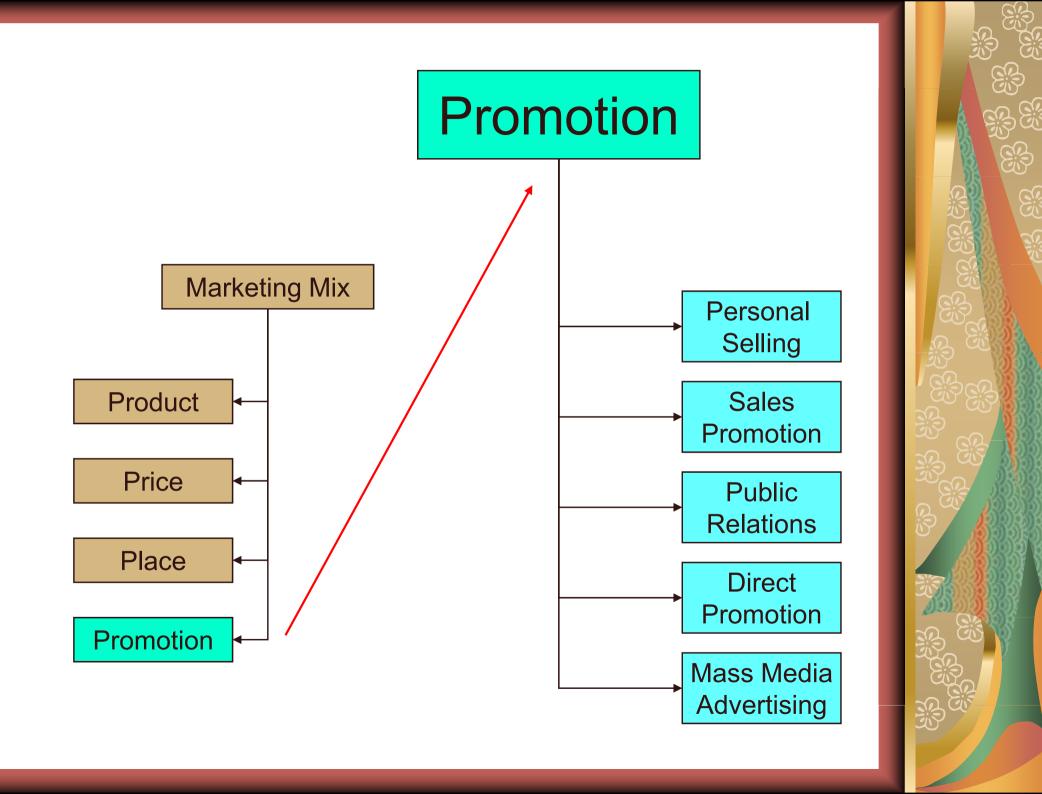
Design a
Marketing Mix
to Appeal to the
Target

Position the offering



The Marketing Mix and PROMOTION





The Role of Promotion

- Promotion
 - Communication to build and maintain relationships by informing and persuading one or more audiences
 - Overall role of promotion is to stimulate demand by:
 - building and enhancing customer relationships.
 - focusing customers on information about company activities and products.
 - promoting programs that help selected groups to build goodwill.
 - sponsoring special events that generate positive promotion of an organization and its brands.

http://www.moviegoods.com/customer_testimonial.asp



Which tool and technique to use?

"What do we want to accomplish?"

Switch Don't need to our Induce product class brand trial Not yet Vot yet buying users Customer Occasional Regular Don't Buy more Buy when you leave more buy me! often

Information Flows Are Important in Integrated Marketing Communications



Integrated Marketing Communications

- Integrated Marketing Communications
 - Coordination of promotion and other marketing efforts for maximum informational and persuasive effect
 - Major goal is to send a consistent message to customers

http://integrated.tmp.com/index.htm



Promotion

PRODUCT

COMPANY

PRICE

Integrated
Marketing
Communications
(IMC)

PLACEMENT

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Personal Selling

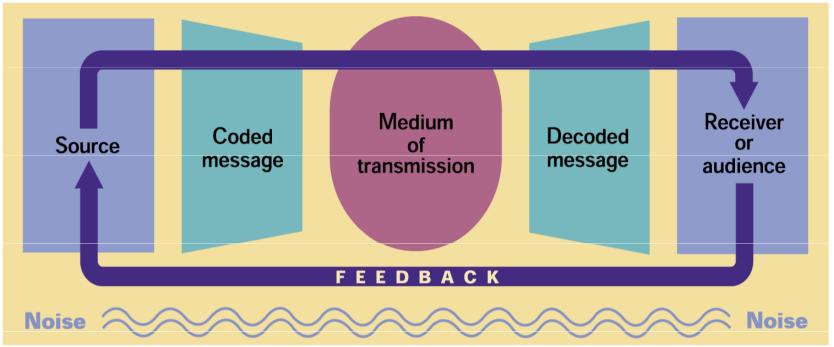
Sales Promotion

Public Relations

Direct Promotion

Mass Media Advertising

The Communication Process





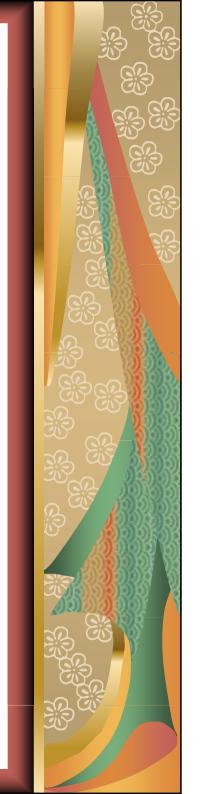


Promotion and the Communication Process: Key Terms

- Communication
 - A sharing of meaning; the transmission of information
 - Source is a person, group, or organization with a meaning it tries to share with an audience
 - Receiver is an individual, group, or organization that decodes a coded message
 - Coding process (encoding) is the converting meaning into a series of signs or symbols
 - Medium of transmission is the the means of carrying the coded message from the source to the receiver



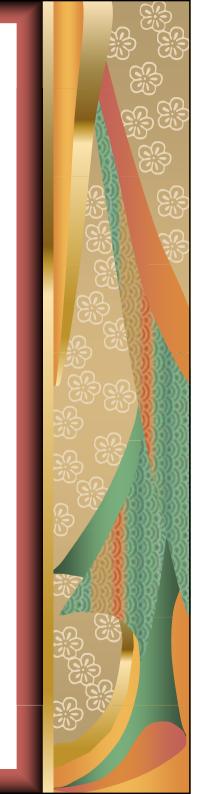
- Decoding process is the conversion of signs or symbols into concepts and ideas
- Noise is anything which reduces a communication's clarity and accuracy
- Feedback is the receiver's response to a message
- Channel capacity is the limit on the volume of information a communication channel can handle effectively



GOALS OF PROMOTION:

- Create awareness
- Stimulate demand
- Encourage product trial
- Identify prospects
- Retain loyal customers
- Facilitate reseller support
- Combat competitive promotional efforts
- Reduce sales fluctuations

Awareness▶ knowledge→ liking→preference ▶ conviction▶ purchase



Push and Pull Channel Policies

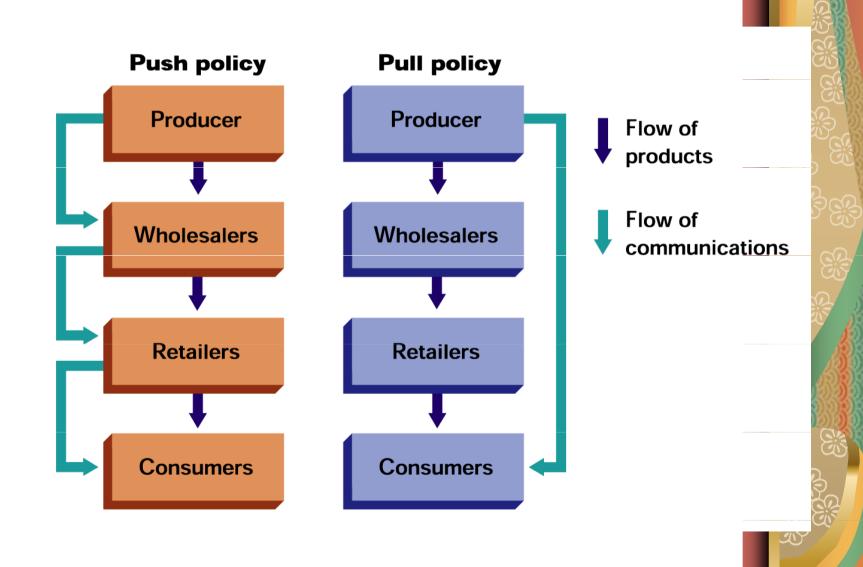
- Push Policy
 - Promoting a product only to the next institution down the marketing channel
- Pull Policy
 - Promoting a product directly to consumers to develop stronger consumer demand that pulls products through the marketing channel







Comparison of Push and Pull Promotional Strategies

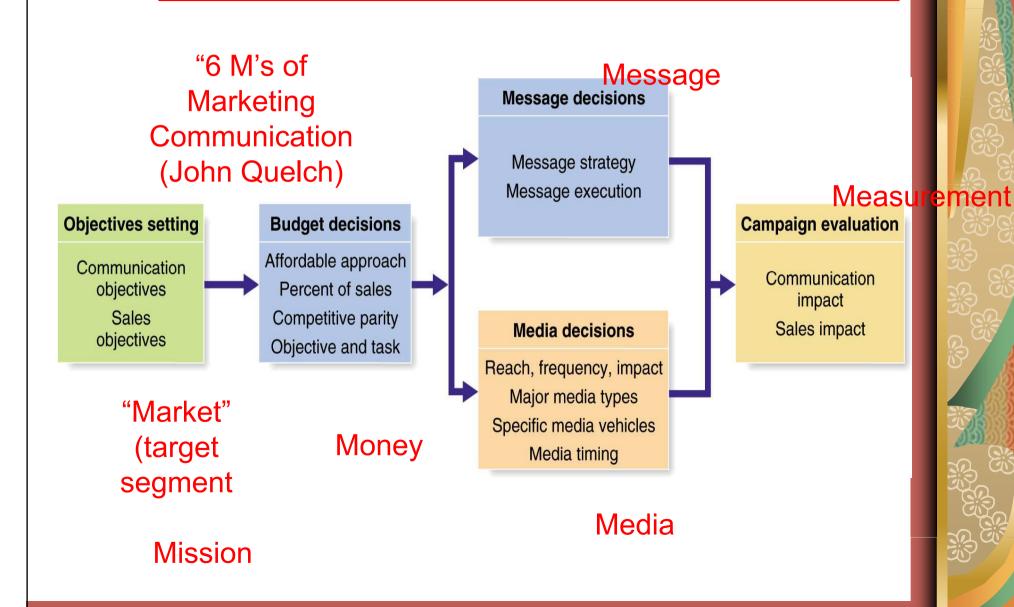


Advertising

- A paid nonpersonal communication about an organization and its products transmitted to a target audience through mass media
- Benefits
 - Extremely cost efficient (cost per person) in reaching a large audience
 - Repeatable several times and in several media markets
 - Adds value to a product and enhances a firm's image

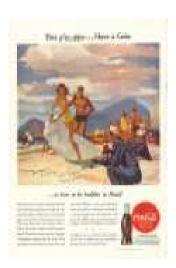


Major Decisions in Advertising



MEDIA:

- Newspapers
- Television
- Radio
- Magazines
- Outdoor
- **Indoor**
- **m** internet









Personal Selling It's effective . . . but expensive

A **paid personal** communication that seeks to inform customers and persuade them to purchase products in an exchange situation

- Advantages
 - Is a more specific form of advertising
 - Has greater impact on consumers
 - Provides immediate feedback (kinesic, proxemic, and tactile communications)
- Limitations
 - Is an expensive form of advertising
 - Is labor intensive and time consuming
- Relationship marketing is focused on mutual benefit and the long term

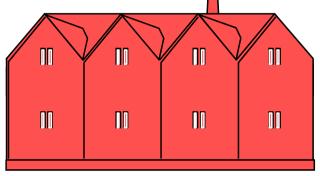


Possible Ways to Organize the Sales Force

Territorial



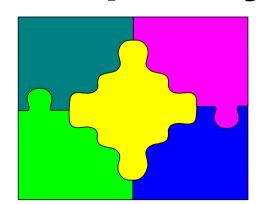
Product



Market



Complexity



Motivating the Sales Force

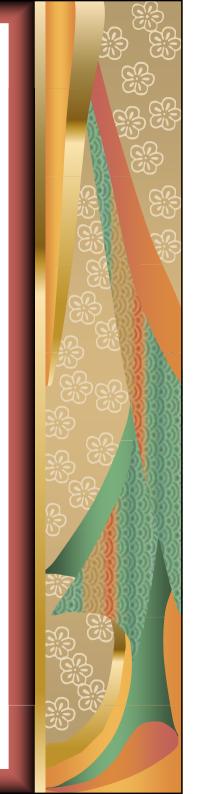
- Surprise! Money works, also promotion, accomplishment
- Recognition (Salesperson of the month) and liking don't work as well
- Most firms develop quotas
 - Warning, there are always unintended consequences
- Supplemental rewards (often travel) are typical



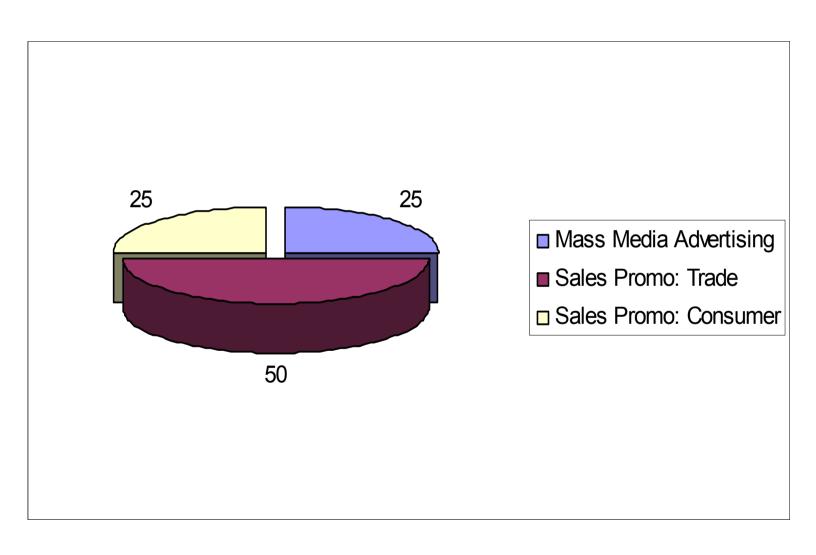


Sales Promotion

A "Necessary Evil" for Mature Products, and often useful to "induce trial" for new products



"Advertising" is a small part of promo expenditure



Sales Promotion, pro and con



- A "necessary evil" in product maturity
- May give customers a "reason to buy"
- It works: Discounts do drive sales



- Erodes current quarter profitability
- May erode reference price
- May accelerate purchases from future periods to now

Types of Consumer Sales

Promotion Activities

- Coupons
- Price disconts (cents off)
- Buy this, get that packs
- 25 percent more free





- Contests
 - Consumer
- Premiums
- Samples
 - Free use in B2B
- Loyalty rewards



Types of Trade Sales Promotion Activities

- Temporary price reduction
- Increased margin
- Trade deals "buy 6 ship 8"
- Annual sales volume rewards
 - Be careful about antitrust

Contests (sales force)



Ecopy CREs won top honors at the recent Leading Root Estate Compan of the World Th Conference. Shown here from the left are Nancy Summa incoming referral coordinator; Pandra Dickson, senior VP and discrete CRES; and Merry Shuck, manager of network services.



Jayme Schmalz nied, busines development manager; Pandra Dickson, se VP and diversor CRES; and Shelley Davis, directive of corporate listings, received the RELO Direct[®] Outstanding Service Award.



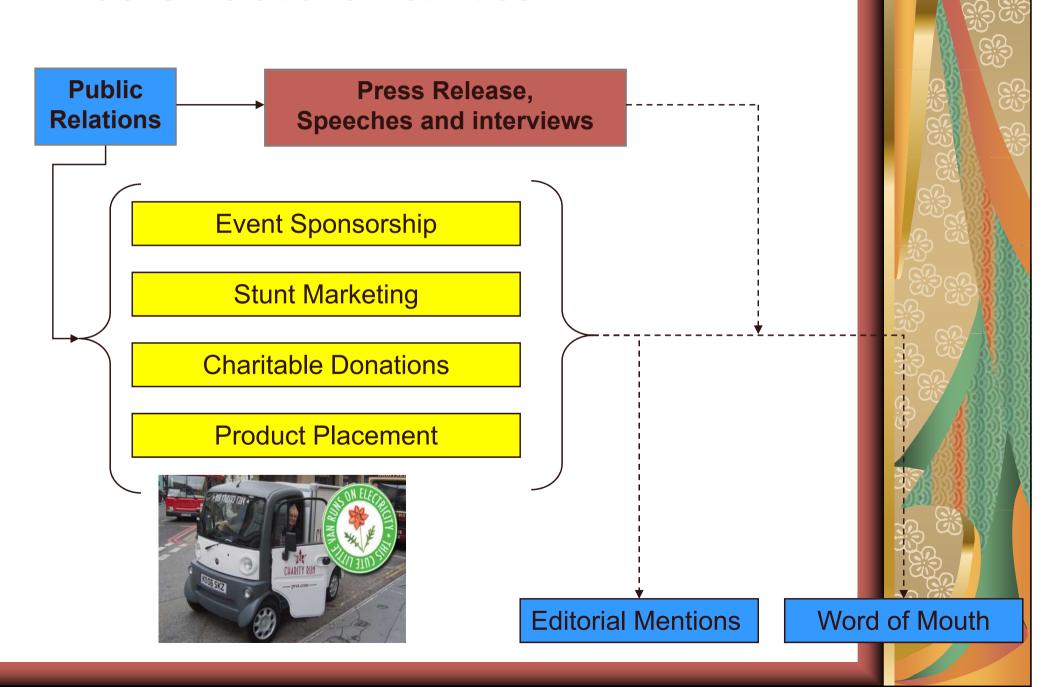
Public Relations

Communications with the firm's publics that are not "mass media paid advertising" or "direct promotion"

- A broad set of communication efforts used to create and maintain favorable relationships between the organization and its stakeholders
- Publicity is a nonpersonal communication in a news story form about an organization or its products, or both, transmitted through a mass medium for free



Public Relations Activities





Product Placement Possibilities

Public Relations

Event Sponsorship

Stunt Marketing

Charitable Donations

Product Placement

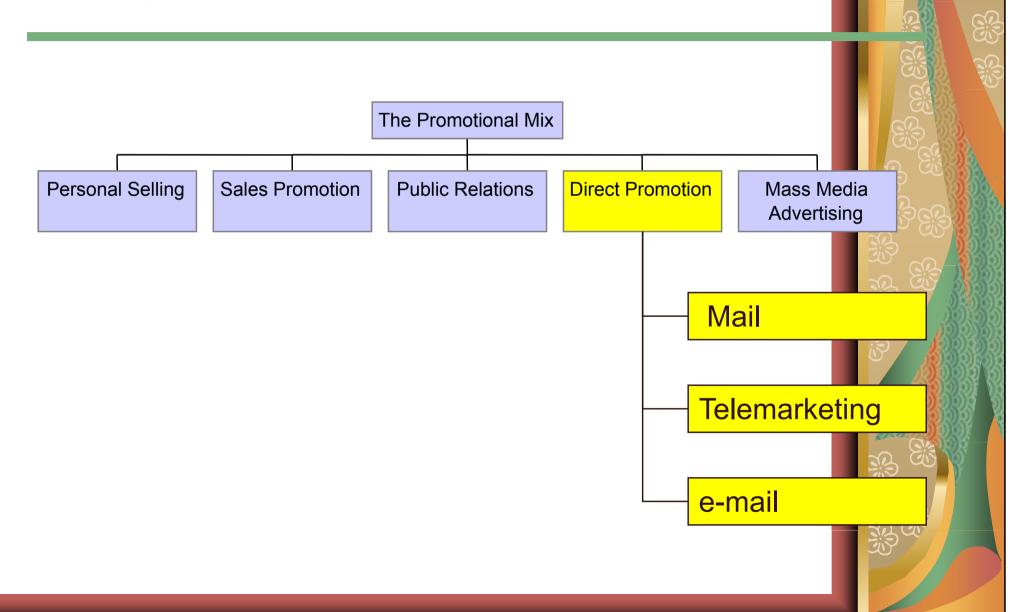


Shows & Movies

Celebrities & "Lead Customers"

Direct Promotion

When we know the target by name or address (including e-mail)



Comments on "Media"

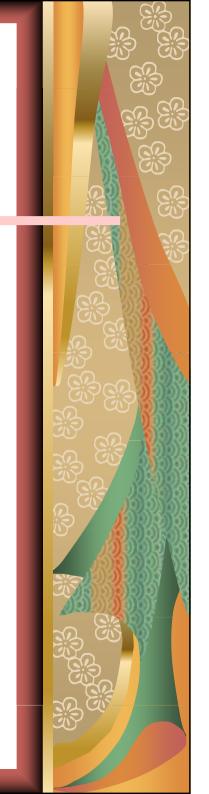
- This is why you have an promo agency:
- Pros and cons of each medium
 - Reach, Impact, Frequency, Cost (the *metric* is CPM: Cost per Thousand impressions)
- Are you aiming for awareness, interest, trial or repeat behavior?

How to think about the Internet

- Both a medium for advertising, and a channel of distribution ("order on-line")
- The great advantage of the Internet is that it permits context-based advertising (when you search for "Caribbean Cruise" Google shows you links to Disney Cruise Line and Expedia)

http://blog.frogbody.com/frogblog/2005/07/context_based_a.

<u>html</u>



Media terminology

- Timing
 - All at once, or "flights" or "even"
 - Reach (the percent of our target who will see)
 - Impact
 - Credibility
 - Image
- "Impressions"
 - (number of times target sees your ad)
 - Conventional wisdom is that response peaks after 7 impressions

Message Decisions

- What point are we trying to get across?
 - "Now with more fiber"
 - "Half the price of our competitor's offer"
- The "brand essence statement" should drive this, followed by the specific promotional goal (e.g. "Induce brand switching from brand-y to us")