

# Welcome to our Webinar Series: I Don't Know My Customers...HELP!

PART II: I Don't Know Which Customers to Talk to or When.....HELP!

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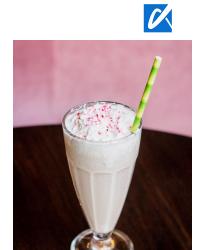
# Webinar: I Don't Know My Customers ... Help!











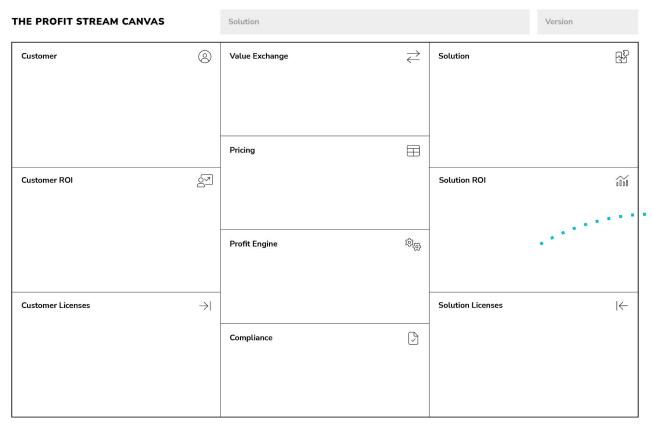














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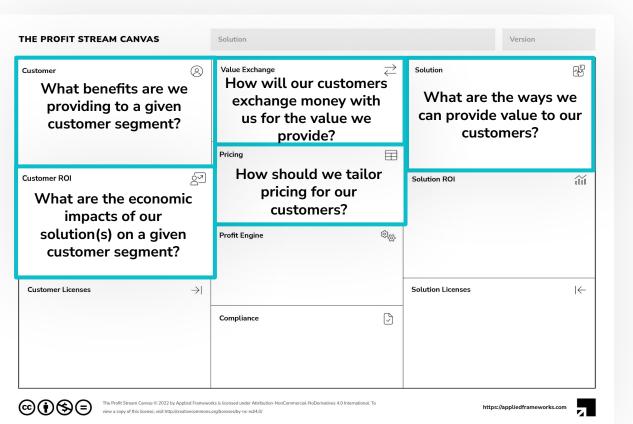
# The Profit Stream Canvas!

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# Why do I need to understand my customers?





- Helps us segment customers to identify the the value each segment desires/needs
- → Helps us help our customers achieve greater **customer ROI**
- Influences how we exchange value with different customers
- Guides pricing structures and policies for different segments
- Helps us identify the right solutions to deliver to achieve value delivery for each segment
- Ensure the highest levels of customer satisfaction
- → Maximize profitability
- → Ensure business sustainability and longevity for our customers and ourselves

### Agenda





**01 /** Welcome and Webinar #1 Recap

**02** / WHO: Identifying Customer Segments to Engage

**03** / WHEN: Understanding the Solution Lifecycle

**04** / Q & A



# WHO SHOULD WE ENGAGE?







# Investment

- Research costs
- Research budget





# **Timing**

- Deadlines
- Market rhythms
- Learning loops





# **Proximity**

How direct are your insights?

# There are 3 broad categories of customers...



CONSUMER

B<sub>2</sub>C

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HOME COOK



**PARENT** 

**PROFESSIONAL** 



**DOCTOR** 





**DESIGNER** 

**BUSINESS** 





BANK



HOSPITAL



SUPERMARKET

# Within these categories, segments emerge...



Customers with different needs

Customers who value different outcomes

Customers who value different aspects of our solution

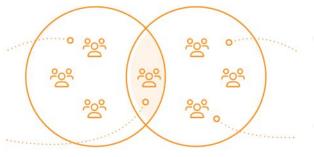
Customers who are willing to pay more based on brand

Customers who require unique sales or distribution



We love cats!

We love animals



We love dogs!



We love Poodles



We can segment by business type.



We're a bank



We're a manufacturer

We can segment by geography.



We're a regional company



We're a European company

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# Jobs to Be Done

Functional





### Jobs to Be Done

- Functional
- Emotional





## Jobs to Be Done

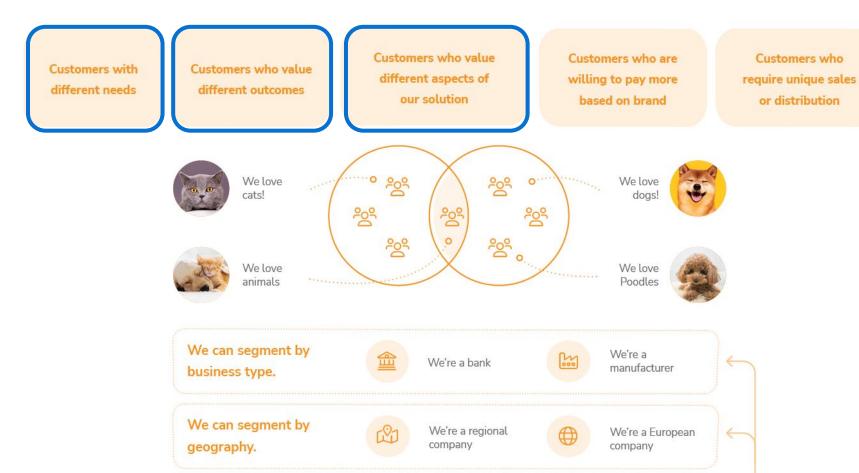
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- Emotional
- Social





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# A CASE STUDY



# Case Study: Wardrobe Wizard

- → Wanda is the owner of a small chain of women's clothing boutiques - one location each in three neighboring states.
- → She has observed that many of her customers have extensive wardrobes but lack the skills and vision to maximize their wardrobe's potential.
- To better serve her clients and introduce an additional passive revenue stream she is considering creating a mobile application that will offer styling advice to allow users to maximize the inventory of existing clothing in their closets.



# Case Study: Wardrobe Wizard

- → Before making a significant investment in developing an app, Wanda wants to conduct interviews and engage in several experiments to better understand what problems are most impactful to solve for.
- → She has identified several customer segments that could help her better understand her potential customers.



# Case Study: Wardrobe Wizard

#### Potential customer segments include:

- Current boutique customers who make purchases at least twice per quarter
  - → ~500 female customers
  - Typically have expendable income for clothing
- → Young professionals between the ages of 21-32
  - Both male and female
  - ♦ Annual salary less than \$75K
- → Personal stylists/image consultants
  - ♦ Wanda currently follows ~25 independent stylists on Instagram

#### Instructions: For each customer segment rate each criteria from 1 to 5 where: 1= low; 5 = high



Strength of Relationship	Market Size	Urgency for Solution	Technological Savvy	Accessibility to customers	TOTALS
Weight = 3	Weight = 5	Weight = 10	Weight = 7	Weight = 3	
	Relationship	Relationship Size	Relationship Size Solution	Relationship Size Solution Savvy	Relationship Size Solution Savvy customers

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Young professionals	1 3	5 25	5 50	5 35	3 9	122
Personal stylists	3	1 5	3 30	28	4 12	78



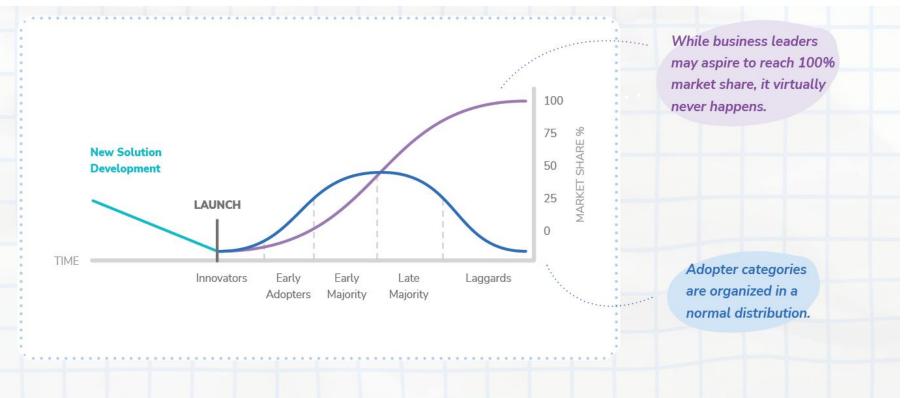
# WHEN SHOULD I ENGAGE CUSTOMERS?



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# The Solution Lifecycle

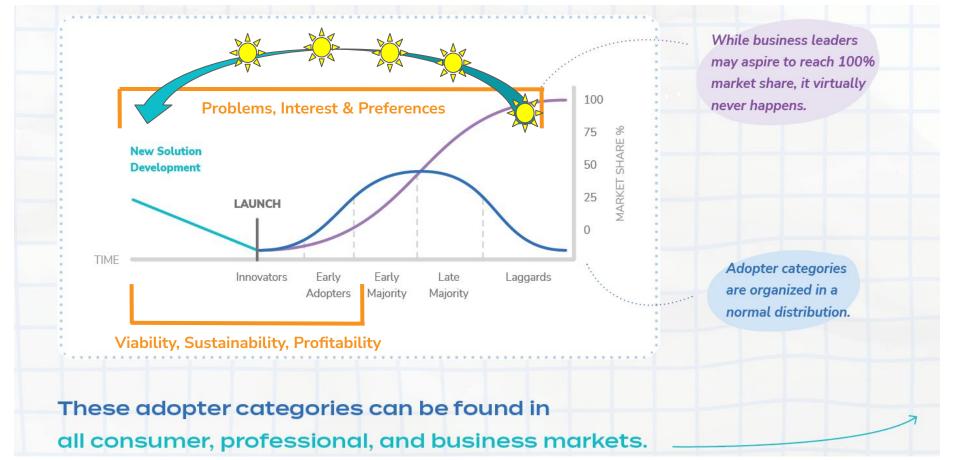




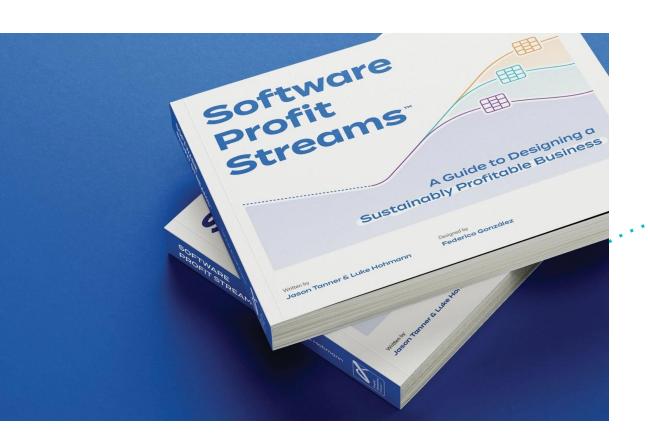
These adopter categories can be found in all consumer, professional, and business markets.

# The Solution Lifecycle









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# Putting the Profit Back Into Value



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# Revving the Profit Engine



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# **Understanding Value Exchange Models**



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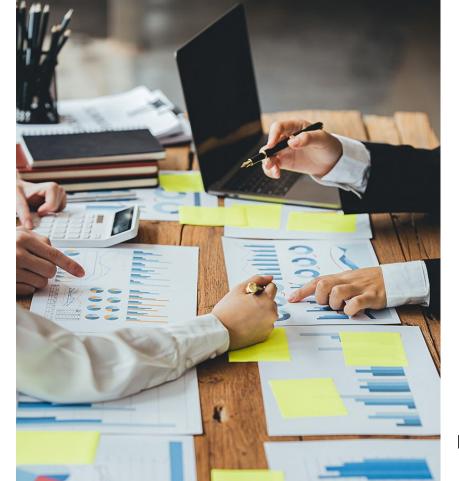
# Understanding Software Pricing Structure



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# Growth Pricing Workshop

https://profit-streams.com/growth-pricing-workshop

# Software Pricing Fundamentals

https://profit-streams.com/software-pricing-fundamentals



# **Thank You!**

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# **Evaluating Research Techniques**

#### **Problems/Interest**

- ·Link tracking
- oProvide customers with a unique link which offers additional, on-line information about your product.
- ·Ad tracking
- oCreate a paid, social media campaign on keywords relevant to the hypothesis under test.
- ·Live or recorded customer support calls
- oListen to customers' challenges to identify pains and gains; what is lacking in the product? What jobs/tasks prove to be difficult for them?
- ·Ethnographic research
- Observe customers where they work or live to better understand their jobs, pains, gains and environment with the goal to identify the important jobs, extreme pains and essential gains and the context in which these exist.
- ·Interviews
- oSpeak with customers to learn more about their jobs, their environment, the pains they avoid and the gains they are seeking.



# **Evaluating Research Techniques**

#### **Preferences**

- ·Split testing
- Test one or more variations of the product to find the variation that is most compelling to customers. Commonly referred to as "A/B testing".
- ·Landing page
- oCreate a webpage that describes the benefits and key features of your product; track analytics such as page hits, time spent on the page, etc.
- ·Video
- oProduce a video that demonstrates and/or describes the benefits and key features of your product; track analytics such as views, likes, shares, etc.
- ·Illustrations, storyboards
- oDraw simple pictures, tell stories, and describe scenarios about how the product will benefit customers; collaborate with customers to obtain their feedback.
- ·Buy a Feature collaboration framework.
- OAsk customers to fund features with a limited budget using fake currency to explore their priorities for the product's proposed features.
- ·Functional prototype
- Build a sample of the product and encourage customers to interact with the model to assess how the product meets their needs (or not).



# **Evaluating Research Techniques**

#### Willingness to Buy

- ·Mock sales
- Encourage customers to purchase the product (using something as simple as a "Buy Now" button) or offer limited quantities of the product for sale.
- ·Presales
- oPersuade customers to crowdfund the product or sign non-binding letters of interest expressing their desire to purchase the product at a future date.
- ·Data analytics
- OAnalyze quantitative date related to purchase trends or drop off rates and patterns leading up to sales.
- ·Conjoint analysis
- OUSed to assess price sensitivity, predict adoption of a solution, and forecast sales volume.



#### Good Luck on Your Quest to Achieving Customer Understanding!

- Avoid common barriers
- → Be intentional about customer segmentation to ensure that your business is profitable and sustainable
- Evaluate the customer segments that can best support your learning
- Consider timing, investment, and proximity of customers when conducting research
- Conduct customer research continuously to ensure you have fit
- Evaluate research techniques based on the type of fit you are seeking

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