

1. Customer Segments

Goal: Develop a hypothesis of who your customers are and what problems/needs they have that will drive them to use your product/service

Define the Customer Problem:

- Does the customer have a latent, passive, active or vision problem/need?
Explain

Define the Customer Type

- Define the distinctly different types of 'customer'

- Who will be the actual day-to-day users of the product?

- Who are the influencers and recommenders?

- Who is the ‘economic buyer’? (i.e. whose budget will pay for it?)

- Do you think the economic buyer has an existing budget for this product or do they need to get one approved?

- Who are the decision makers?

- Who else needs to approve the purchase? And who can kill it?

What are the Customer’s wants and needs?

- Rated on a “problem recognition scale”

Does the product solve a mission-critical company problem or satisfy a must-have customer need?

How painful is the need? How eager is the customer to satisfy the need?

Draw the Customer Archetypes

Draw the Day in the life of a customer-before and after the product

Draw the Organizational and Customer Influence maps

List those who could influence a customer's buying decision

Consider the product's influence on his/her daily life

Is this a Multi-sided Market?

- How will you address each side of the market?