The Biometrics Industry: Leveraging the Technology Adoption Lifecycle

based on the work of Geoffrey A. Moore in his books Crossing the Chasm and Inside the Tornado

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Leveraging the Technology Adoption Lifecycle

- The TAL Model
- Cracks in the Model
- The Chasm
- The Bowling Alley
- The Tornado
- Implications for Biometrics
- Opportunities
- Winners

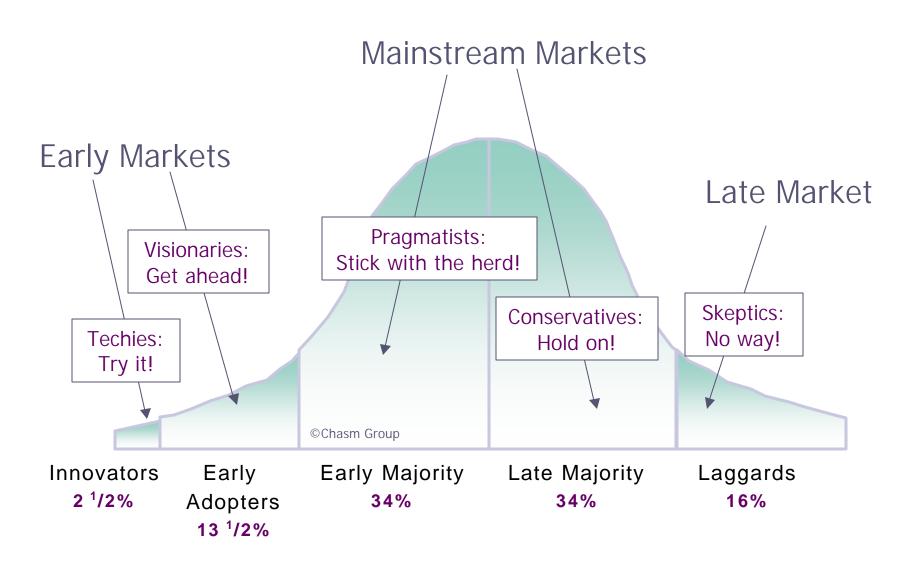
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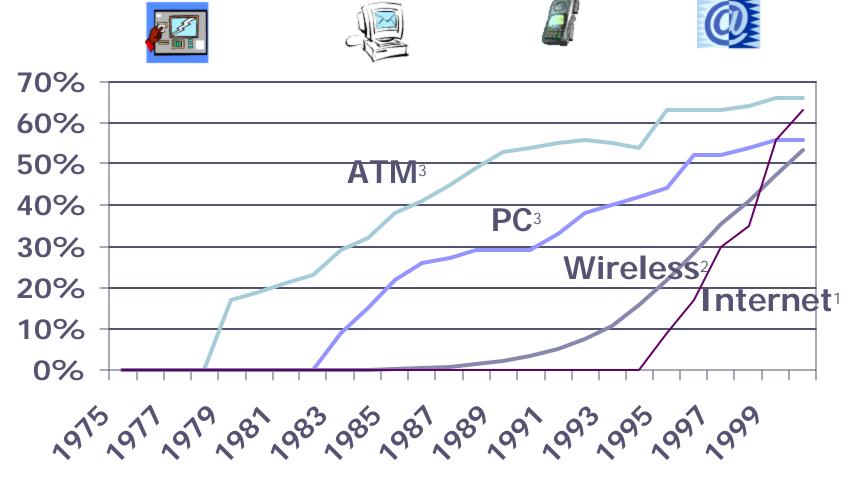
TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION LIFE CYCLE

Technology Adoption Life Cycle

Groups are distinguished form each other based on their characteristic response to discontinuous innovations created by new technology



Historical Adoption Rates*

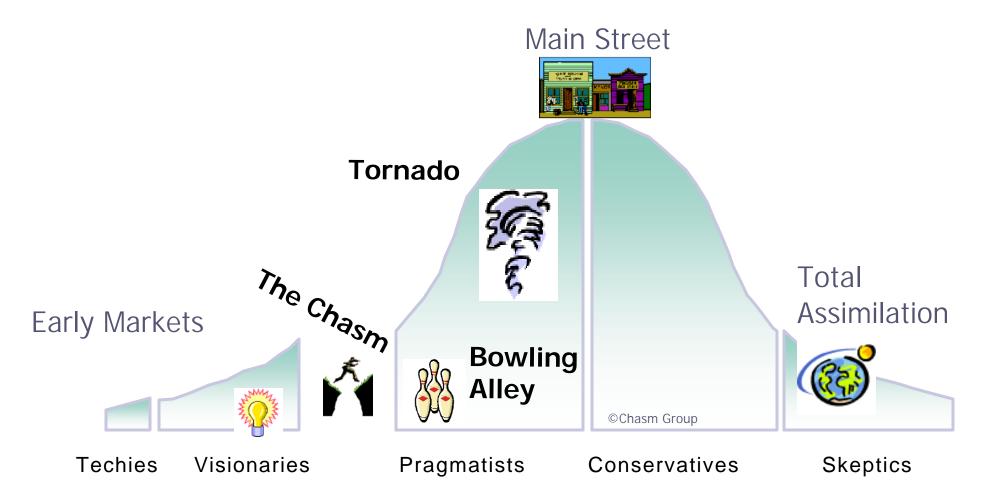


*US data

1 US Adults online - Harris Interactive, 11/01 2 % Penetration - Frost & Sullivan 9/99 3 penetration of US households - 15K+ income Synergistics 10/0

Market Development Model

Transitions are Not Smooth



Early Market Success

To get an early market started requires:

- 1) a breakthrough technology product that enables a new and compelling application,
- 2) a technology enthusiast who can evaluate and appreciate the superiority of the product over current alternatives and
- 3) a well-healed visionary who can foresee an order-ofmagnitude improvement from implementing the new applications

- Geoffrey Moore

Why The Chasm is Created?

Basis for Sale Radically Different



Visionaries: break from pack

- Revolution
- Think Project, Not Product
- **Buying Change Agent**
- Driven by Competitive Edge
- **Expect Radical Discontinuity**
- Helps Pay for New Paradigm
- Prepared to Champion This Cause Against Entrenched Resistance
- Demand Whatever It Takes Commitment
- Rely on Their Own Judgement

Pragmatists: stay with herd



- **Evolution**
- **Enhance Not Overthrow**
- Buying Productivity Improvement for Existing Operations
- Whole Product Solution
- Does Not Want to Debug Product
- Works Properly and Integrates Easily With Existing Infrastructure
- On-going Relationship
- Buy From Market Leader
- Must Have References

In The Chasm

- Wait and See Lull
- Revenue Growth Ceases Often Recedes
- Visionaries Represented Initial Cash Flows
- Funding Needs Increase
- Repeatable Business Model No More Specials
- Credible Reference Accounts Needed!
- GOAL: GET OUT! Minimize Time in The Chasm

Aside: Definitions

Marketing: Taking actions to create, grow, maintain or defend markets.

Market:



- a set of actual or potential customers
- for a given set of products or services
- who have a common set of needs or wants, and
- who reference each other when making buying decisions

Two individuals/organizations buying the same product for the same reason that have no way to reference each other are not part of the same market.



Crossing the Chasm

- Niche Marketing Segment and Target
- Market Driven As Opposed to Sales Driven
- "Big Fish Small Pond" Size of Beachhead = Annual \$
- Solve Niche Market Problem
 - Unique to Segment
 - Difficult to Solve
 - Significant Economic Impact
- Develop Whole Product
- Define Your Competition Market & Product Alternatives
- It's About Relationships (not Markets)
- GOAL: Secure Mainstream Beachhead Normandy Beach

Bowling Alley Enter The Bowling Alley

- Displace Status Quo With New Technology
- Customer Application Defines Market Not Your Product
- Must Have Whole Product for Each Target Segment Generic, Expected, Augmented, Potential
- Restrained Competition Due to Whole Product Barriers
- Healthy Price Margins
- Value Added Distribution
- Goal: Keep Moving Toward Tornado Build Momentum

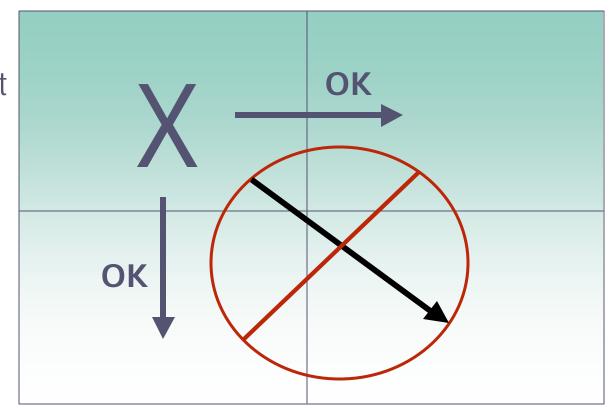
Aside: Niche Market Penetration

Existing Application

New Application

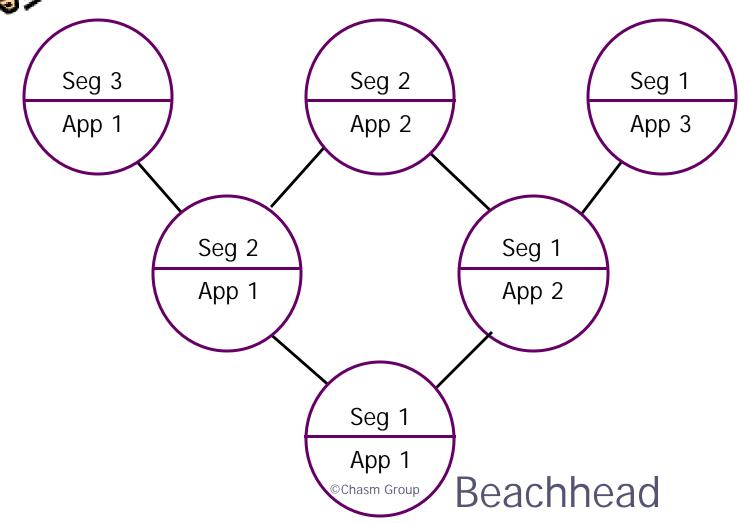
Existing Segment

New Segment





Bowling Alley Strategy





- Period of Hyper Growth
- Technology Solution Proven in Several Niches
- Enough "Pins" Knocked Down to Attract Mainstream
- Pragmatic Buyers Flock En Masse to Adopt Technology Standard
- Market Share Determined Leadership Established
- Product Focus Shifts From Problems of the End User to Infrastructure Buyer That Implements Technology
- Set Technology Standard Reap Financial Rewards
- Forget the Customer "Just Ship It"
- GOAL: Establish Market Share Be the Gorilla!

Implications for Biometrics

- Where Are We Today? Entering the Chasm
- Don't Be Fooled by Post 911 Market Hype
- Based on Product Category Not Just Your Product
- Biometrics Market Is a Misnomer Product Category Versus Market Category
- Stay in Early Market until Core Technology Fully Developed
- Adopt Appropriate Marketing Strategy!
 - Early Market Finance Your Core Technology With Specials
 - Chasm Choose a Beachhead Equal Your Annual Revenue
 - Bowling Alley Leverage Niche Market Whole Products
 - Tornado Forget The Customer and JUST SHIP IT to establish Dominance

Exploit The Opportunity

- Goal is not to develop "best possible solution" but rather to develop "best solution possible"
- Develop Vertical Market Horizontal Application Matrix
- Size and Rank Opportunities & Pick on Someone Your Own Size
- Refocus from selling products toward creating relationships
- Pragmatists will rally behind you and conspire to keep your competitors out
- LEVERAGE Word of Mouth
- As niche markets penetrated, solution perceived to be less of a niche product, momentum builds towards the Tornado.

The Winners

- Divide and Conquer Segment, Target, Dominate
- Define the Whole Product
- Build an Organization that leverages Relationships
- Shift from Technology/Product to Market/Solution Focus
- Its Counterintuitive BUT RESIST Fall back to Sales Focus
- Compensate Sales Force to Pursue Niche Opportunities
- Pass the Elevator Test
 - For (target customers beachhead segment only)
 - Who are dissatisfied with (the current market alternative)
 - Our product is a (new product category)
 - That provided (key problem-solving capability)
 - Unlike (the product alternative)
 - We have assembled (key whole product features for your specific application)
- Be Ready to Rock & Roll when the Tornado hits

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