INTRODUCTION

An overview of the Capstone® simulation



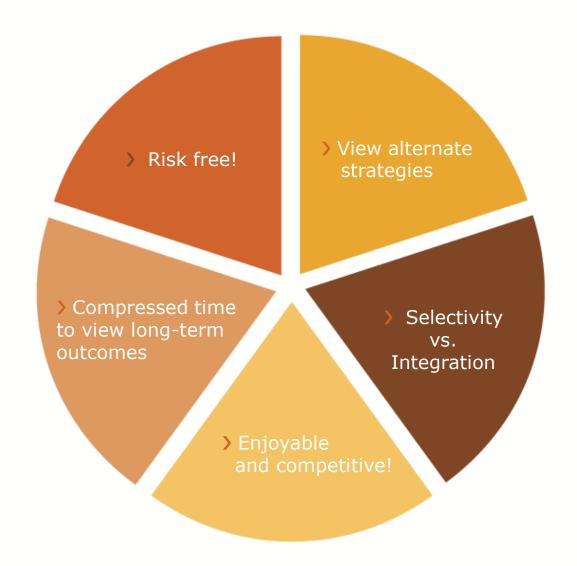
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WHY SIMULATE?



OBJECTIVES OF THE CAPSTONE® SIMULATION

- ▶ Demonstrate effectiveness of multi-discipline teams working together.
- Use strategic thinking.
- Take away practical skills in business management.
- Test your business acumen.
- Understand overall interaction and impact of various parts of a business on one another.
- Grow the awareness of competition.



THE STORY: BACKGROUND ON YOUR COMPANY

Started as a single corporation named *Sensors, Inc.* sold sensors as main product. Corporation was shut down by FTC due to monopolistic operations

Sensors, Inc.



FTC required *Sensors, Inc.* to be broken up into separate companies:



YOUR JOB

Operate one of the companies and make it successful

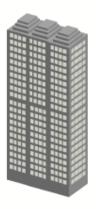
THE START

When Sensor, Inc. breaks up, each of the new companies start off with the following scenario:

- ▶ \$100 million in Sales
- ▶ 5 Product Lines
- ▶ 5 Market Segments
- Closed Marketplace













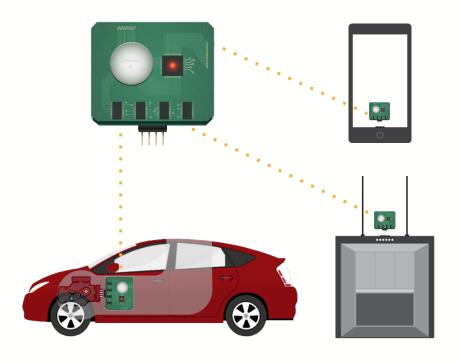
SENSORS: AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR COMPANY'S PRODUCT

- Customers (OEMs) need sensors for their products to function.
- Used for diverse applications

Customer demands vary between the five segments

Five market segments:

- Low End
- Traditional
- High End
- Performance
- Size



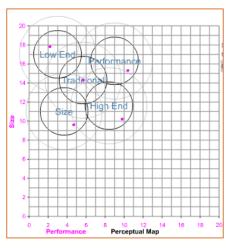
THE MARKETPLACE: A LOOK INTO THE SEGMENTS

- Perceptual map used to track changing consumer demands in size and performance.
- Each year, consumers will expect faster (higher performance) and smaller products (smaller size)
 - This causes the segment circles to drift to the lower right constantly
- Market segments continue to diverge over time.

Note the drift towards the lower right (expectations of faster and smaller products)

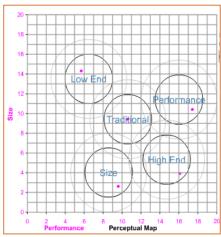
Also note the divergence of the segments.

Consumer segment expectations

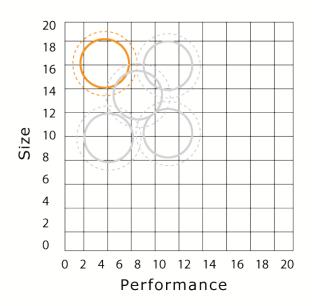


ROUND 1





LOW END CONSUMER CHARACTERISTICS



PRICE

Price sensitive. Prefer prices at lowest possible.

"I want to spend as little money as possible!"

RELIABILITY

Ideal MTBF: 12000 - 17000

"They have to be moderately reliable...
but not enough to drive up the price!"

POSITIONING

Prefer less cutting edge products (Bigger Size & Low Performance)

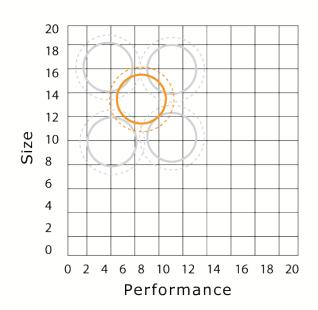
"The technology doesn't have to be cutting edge."

AGE

Ideal Age: 7 years

"I want them to have been around for a while...
no beta testing!"

TRADITIONAL CONSUMER CHARACTERISTICS



PRICE

Price sensitive, but willing to spend more than Low End consumers

"I want these sensors to be moderately cheap."

RELIABILITY

Ideal MTBF: 14000 - 19000

"They have to be fairly reliable...but not enough to drive up the price!"

POSITIONING

"Average" Performance and Size

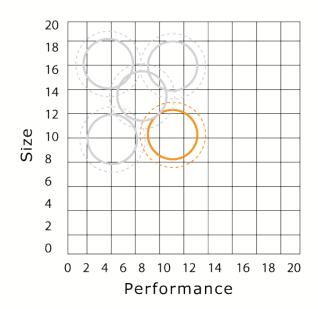
"I want average sensors."

AGE

Ideal Age: 2 years

"I want them to have been around for a couple years...no beta testing!"

HIGH END CONSUMER CHARACTERISTICS



"Price is not an issue. I want the best sensors in the market!"

PRICE

RELIABILITY

Ideal MTBF: 20000 - 25000

"We need a very reliable package."

Not price sensitive, willing to pay higher prices

POSITIONING

High performance and small size

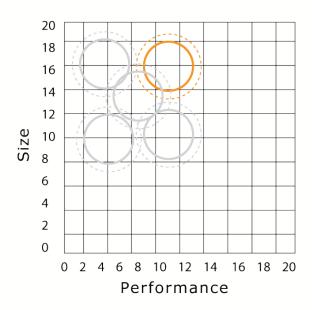
"Only the most cutting edge products will satisfy me!"

AGE

Ideal Age: 0 years

"I want the newest sensors you have!"

PERFORMANCE CONSUMER CHARACTERISTICS



PRICE

Not price sensitive, willing to pay moderately higher prices

"I am willing to pay for what I need"

RELIABILITY

Ideal MTBF: 22000 - 27000

"Reliability is very important and must be high."

POSITIONING

High performance and small size

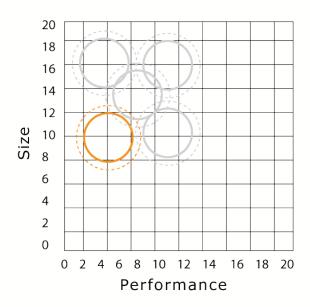
"I want the highest Performance available!"

AGE

Ideal Age: 1 year

"I prefer new technology!"

SIZE CONSUMER CHARACTERISTICS



POSITIONING

Average Performance but maximum miniaturization

"Now that's small!"

PRICE

Not price sensitive, willing to pay moderately higher prices

"I am willing to pay for what I need"

RELIABILITY

Ideal MTBF: 16000 - 21000

"We want pretty reliable sensors."

AGE

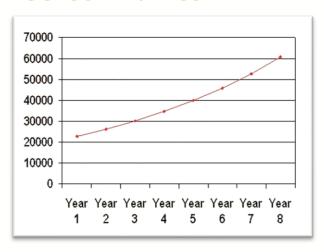
Ideal Age: 1.5 year

"I prefer fairly new technology!"

SEGMENT GROWTH

According to a Market Analyst, there will be continuous growth in the sensor market.

Sensor market



"I see the entire market growing at around 14% or 15% per year. The high tech market alone will be growing at a whopping 20%."

YOUR GOAL

Prepare your company's products to meet the needs of the growing market.

THE DECISION

MAKING PROCESS

DECISION AREAS

Students need to coordinate strategy and tactics across the following areas of their company:



R&D (Research & Development)



MARKETING



PRODUCTION



FINANCE

ADDITIONAL MODULES

- ► HR
- ► TQM (Total Quality Management)
- ► Labor Negotiations
- Advanced Marketing

R&D



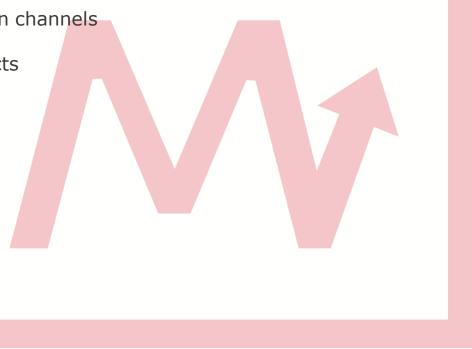
- ► Ensure the perceived age of the product meets customer demands
- Build the quality and reliability (MTBF) of the products
- ► Invent new products to address the changing marketplace and take advantage of new opportunities
- Determine the specifications of the products to meet customer expectations



MARKETING



- Set the price of your products
- Build customer awareness through investing in promotion
- Establish a sales force and distribution channels
- Set the sales forecast for your products
- Set credit policies (A/R and A/P)



PRODUCTION



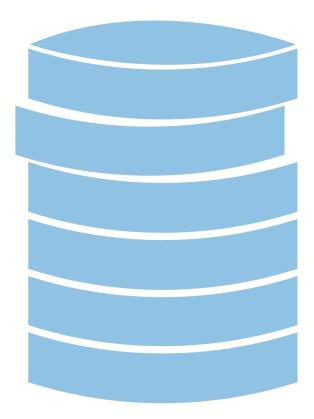
- Purchase machinery to automate them in your facilities
- ▶ Buy or sell capacity on your product lines
- ► Set production schedule
- Manage the majority of the company's fixed assets
- Staff your facility with workers



FINANCE



- Acquire capital to fund growth and operations
 - Issue stock
 - Short-term debt
 - Issue long-term bonds
- ► Issue dividends to your shareholders
- ▶ Balance your debt portfolio
- ► Manage your Proformas



PROFORMAS: A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE



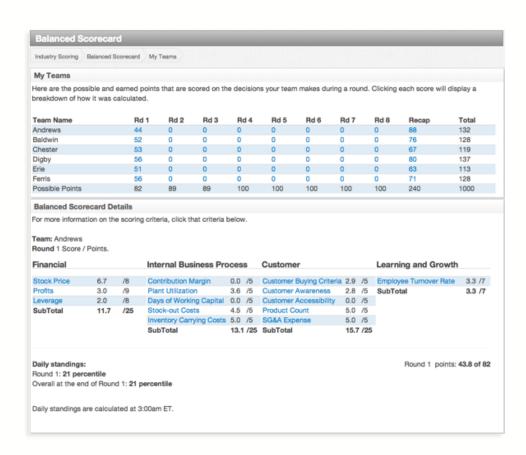
- Proformas use decisions made in the current year to project company performance for the next year
- Analyzing them is critical for company success
- ▶ The following Proformas are available:
 - Balance Sheet
 - Income Statement
 - Cash Flow Statement
 - Financial Ratios





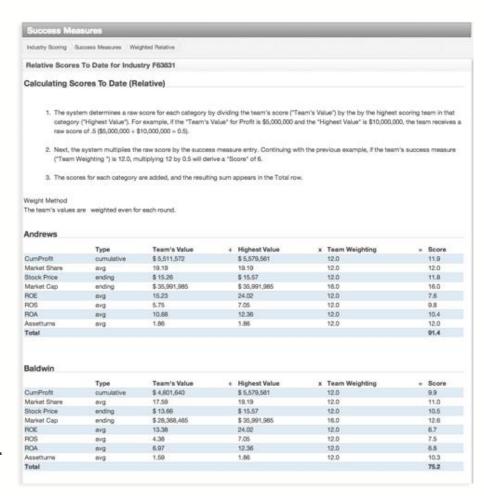
BALANCED SCORECARD

- Improving company financial picture in preparation for final debrief
- Point System
- Gauges company performance based on four perspectives:
 - The Customer
 - Internal Business Process
 - Learning and Growth
 - Financials
- ► In the simulation, a Proforma Balanced Scorecard is available to project results for the upcoming year.



SUCCESS MEASURES

- ▶ In the real world, companies have different goals. Using the same success measures, YOU get to choose the parameters on which your company is measured.
- Some of the Criteria that are used:
 - Cumulative Profits
 - Average Market Share
 - Average ROS (Return on Sales)
 - Average Asset Turnover
 - Average ROA (Return on Assets)
 - Average ROE (Return on Equity)
 - Ending Stock Price
 - Ending Market Cap
- Students or Professors choose the percentage weighting for each selection.



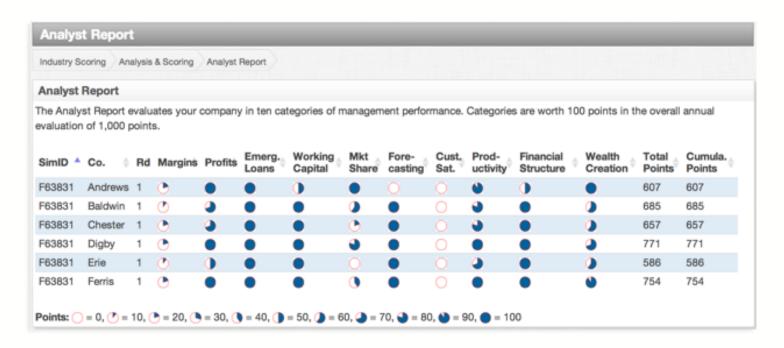
ANALYST REPORT

Evaluates your company in ten categories:

- **Margins**
- **Customer Satisfaction Profits** Financial Structure
- **Emergency Loans**
- 8. Wealth Creation
- Working Capital
- 9. Forecasting

Market Share

10. Productivity



THINGS TO DO ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

Establish business strategy for your company Begin the process again by Analyze Capstone® Courier confirming alignment of your results to see industry results with your company's strategic goal Rejoice in your superior Make tactical decisions across each capitalistic acumen functional area (aligned to strategy!) Await results when Upload official decisions and confirm on the website professor processes

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY!

HERE WHEN YOU NEED US

We're dedicated to your success. One of our client relationship consultants will be assigned to you to help you and your students. Contact us any time throughout the entire simulation process. We'll be glad to help.

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