# GPD 2007

Project Overview

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#### World Innovative Technologies, Inc.

#### Multinational consulting company

- Offices in Ann Arbor, Berlin and Seoul
- Successful for the past 10 years

#### Now

• Increasing pressure of global turn down

#### Aggressive CEO

• Wants to enter global markets with new innovative products

#### WIT, Inc

Offering innovative engineering solutions for the global market

### Core competencies: Engineering



Fuzzy-net buddy



Internet-ready truck



Internet-ready door



Internet-ready trash can

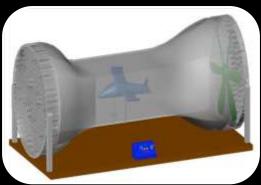


Networked pharma dispenser

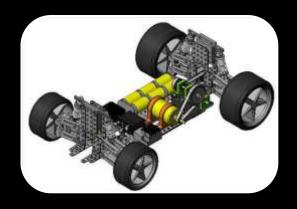
#### Core competency: Sustainability



Self-educator



Fly-box!



Remote car



Bicycle-Wheelchair



Enviro-Refrigerator

#### Some trends

#### Internet is becoming pervasive

• In homes, and on the streets!!!

#### Internet-ready appliances

- No. of appliances >> # of PCs around the house
- High potential for growth

#### **Products**

- Digital VCRs, MP3 players: essentially there
- Home automation: products exist
- Internet appliances: all major vendors designing them

#### Some trends

#### Pressure

• On resources (ecological, economic, human)

#### Competitiveness and advantage

Through sustainability

#### Increasing Regulations

Relevant to closed-loop economy

#### Now...

Develop a global product/system

is Internetready to enable closed-loop economy

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# How to go about it?

Determine customer needs

Create Product ideas

Analyze

Detail

Implement

Market Place

Product Systems

Customer Needs

Creative Process

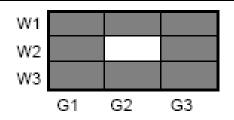
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Select a "primary" region for product launch

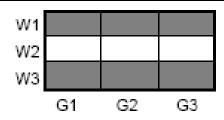
Select a "secondary" region (for next launch)

Understand the customer in both regions Understand the market and IT infrastructure

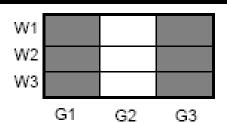
#### Market pattern



Single Segment Concentration



Customer want specialization



Customer group specialization

#### W(ants)

W1: speedy want

W2: long lasting want

W3: gentle want

#### G(roups)

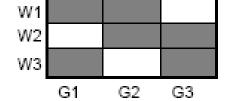
G1: young people

G2: middle aged people

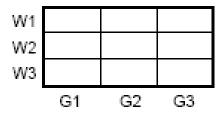
G3: elderly



G2



Selective specialization



Full coverage

Source: Kotler (with adaption)

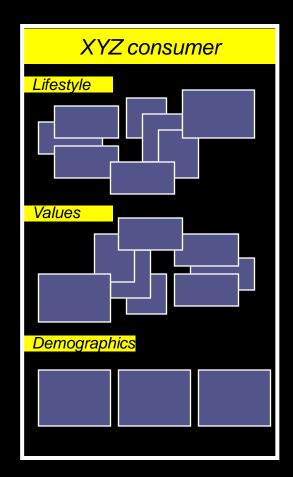
# Create your visual station!

#### **Consumer Group Name**

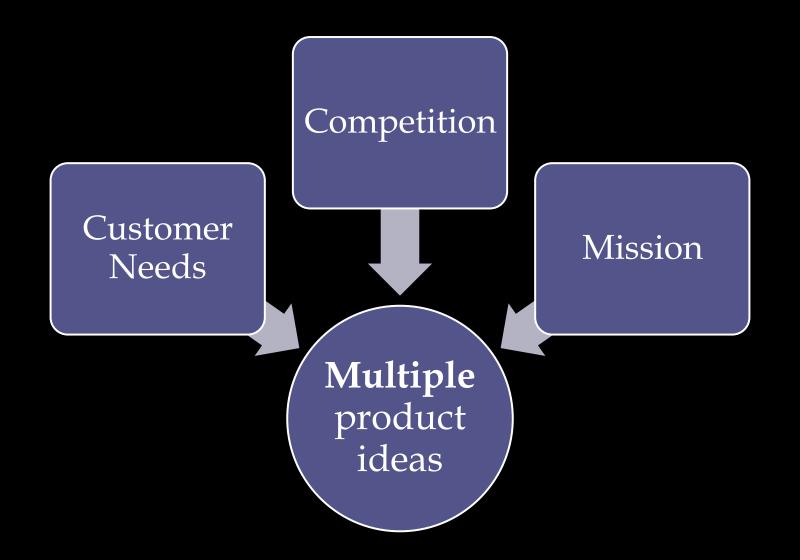
Life style
Time use, other products used, information sources

Values influences, politics, hierarchy of preferences

Demographics Income, population, location



### Generate multiple product ideas



#### Ideation

Generate as many ideas as you can (e.g., 10 x team size)

Hold all criticism and evaluation of initial ideas

Keep the customer/market (regions of the world) in view

Sketch ideas and <u>archive</u> for all team members to see

Stick with it - the best ideas come near the end

Think far-out (many good ideas come by snap-back)

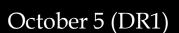
## **GPD Project Phases**

#### Sep 20 (Proposal)

- Determine needs
- Create product ideas

Nov 6 (DR2)

• Detail design



- Detail needs
- Analyze and select one project
- Develop the concept

Dec 7 (DR3)

- Prototype
- Large-scale Manufacture
- Business plan

# Distributed global product development

Team exercise - as much as possible

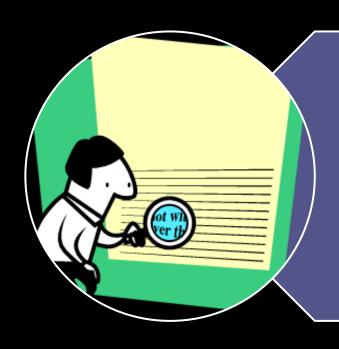
Establish group cohesion and respect diversity (of thought, language, culture, etc.)

Set aside a specific time block for group meetings and idea generation

Use the clock—
schedule team
meetings as well as
individual
investigation times

Generate ideas and share with team members using email, web, fax

### What is important?



You have limited time and resources and it is unlikely that you will be able to address all the items under consideration. However, this is the real world!

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### Global product

#### Two markets

- Developed countries/areas
- Varying requirements across the markets

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### Internet-ready



Connected to the Internet?

#### Internet-ready: Issues

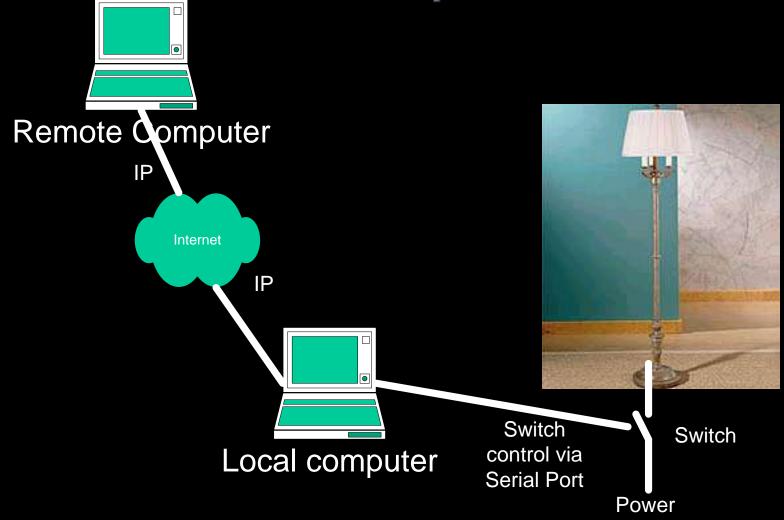
How does an appliance get "on the internet"?

Is Internet-ready same as "web-enabled"?

What technologies are out there to make this happen?

Once an appliance is internet-ready, what next?

# Key Idea: Serial connection to a local computer



Making Systems Internet-ready (GPD 2002) - Atul Prakash

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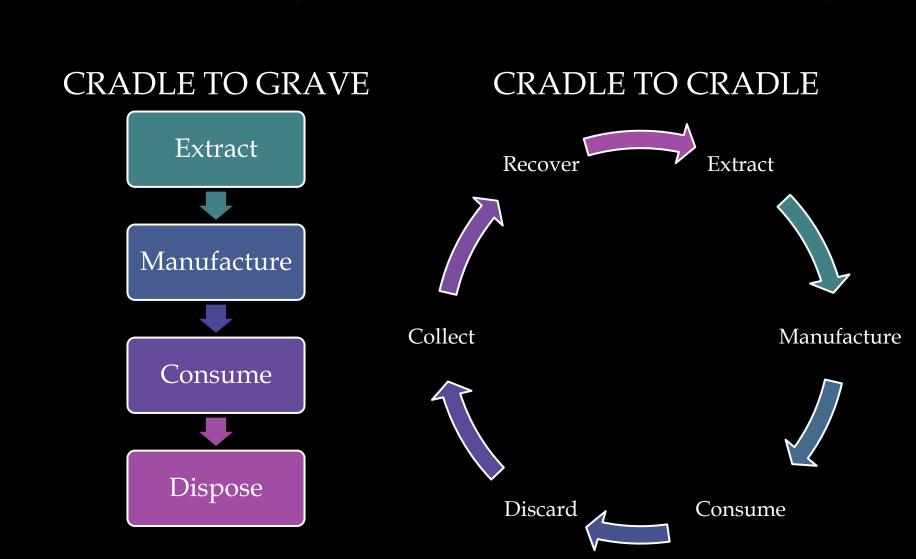
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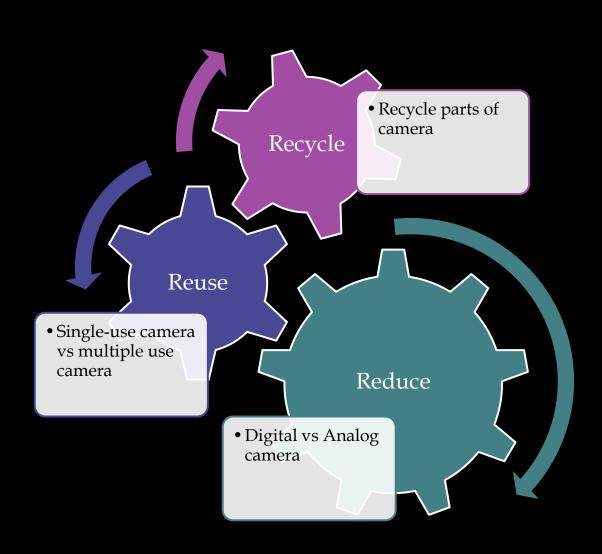
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#### Closed-loop "resource" economy



# R's of closed-loop economy



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### Where do you begin?

#### Teamwork!!

- Cannot over emphasize the importance!
- Throw in work constraints, time differences and virtual team issues and each team will have a lot to handle in the course (assignments and semester project)