# Strategic Planning

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Hope is not a strategy.

- Vince Lombardi

# What is Strategic Planning?

#### **Topics:**

- Terminology
- Elements of a Strategic Plan
- Defining Business Strategy
- What exactly is a "Business Model"?
- Strategy vs. Tactics





## Sapara Lodge Amazon Jungle

Safe, comfortable, relaxing, eco-lodge with all of the modern amenities



Safe, comfortable, relaxing, ecolodge with all of the modern amenities

Sapara lodge

#### "Strategic planning is...

an <u>organization</u>'s <u>process</u> of defining its <u>strategy</u>, or direction, and making <u>decisions</u> on allocating its resources to pursue this strategy."





**Vision:** To be Earth's most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online.

**Mission:** We strive to offer our customers the lowest possible prices, the best available selection, and the utmost convenience.



Vision: To create a better world where life can flourish.

**Mission:** We run so life can leap forward.



Vision: Feeding human progress.

**Mission:** Focused on feeding generations through a mix of cooperatives.



**Vision:** To be the trusted brand for delivering superior berries in a sustainable way. **Mission:** To delight berry consumers through quality, innovation, and a passion for

farming.



**Vision:** To provide an interconnected, frictionless shopping experience that enables our customers to seamlessly blend the digital and physical worlds.

**Mission:** To provide the highest level of service, the broadest selection of products, and the most competitive prices.







# Definition of Strategy

- A business strategy is a deliberate plan that helps a business to achieve a longterm vision and mission.
- A business strategy, in most cases, doesn't follow a linear path, and execution will help shape it along the way.

### **Examples of Business Strategies**

**Cross-sell more products** 

> Chick-fil-A

**Superior customer service** 

> Costco

**Technologically advanced** 

> Tesla

**Excel at customer retention** 

> Starbucks

Be the low-cost provider

> Walmart



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In its simplest form, a business model can be broken down into three parts:



**Everything it takes to make something:** design, raw materials, manufacturing, labor, and so on.



**Everything it takes to sell that thing:** marketing, distribution, delivering a service, and processing the sale.



**How and what the customer pays:** pricing strategy, payment methods, payment timing, and so on.

## Examples of Business Models

Subscription

Freemium

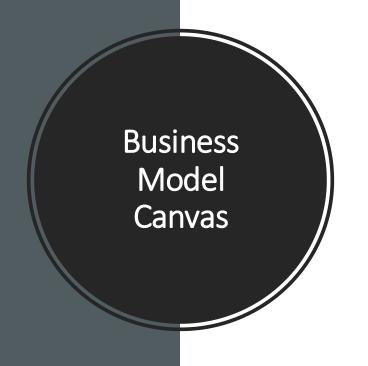
Social enterprise business model

**Franchise** 

Multi-sided platform

**Private Label** 





• The Business Model Canvas allows you to describe any business model based on nine fundamental building blocks. It's a practical business tool to design, test, implement, and manage business models over their lifecycle.

#### Covers the four main areas of a business:

- Customers
- Offer
- Infrastructure
- Financial viability
- Customer-centric



Do your best to fill in the worksheet individually – 2 min

#### Exercise



In groups, use the information you read and learned from the case study. Use post-its to capture ideas. – 7 min



Outline a rudimentary Brown Family Farm Mission, Vision, Objectives, Strategy – 2 min

# Learning Objectives

- Let go of "how it's always been done"
- Understand the fundamentals of Strategic Planning and why it is important
- Clear up terminology Vision, Mission, Objectives, Strategy, Business Model, Actions
- A Business Plan tells how these components will work together. It should start
  with a Business Strategy (which defines your customers and value proposition)
  and shows how to invest in Business Structure and Business Systems to,
  ultimately, deliver against that strategy to make money.
- Strategic plans are living documents not a one-time thing