

# Educating customers and promoting the value proposition Promotion and education

## marketing communication



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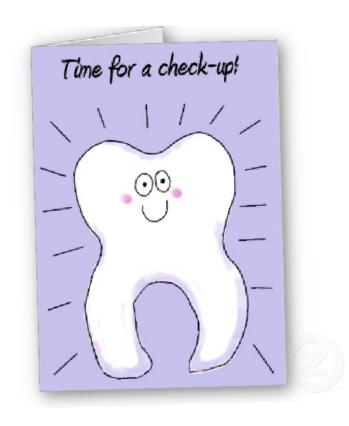
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effective communication is here to help to learn of a service firm's existence





annual checkup reminders

birthday and anniversary cards

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# communicating services

## problem of intangibility

services are performances rather than objects therefore benefits can be difficult to communicate to customers services are performances rather than objects therefore benefits can be difficult to communicate to customers

# to promote attributes/benefits of service, we can face











#### abstractness

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airline seats



cabin service

#### generality

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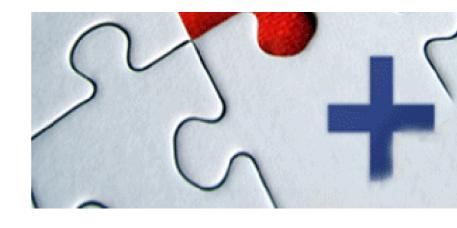
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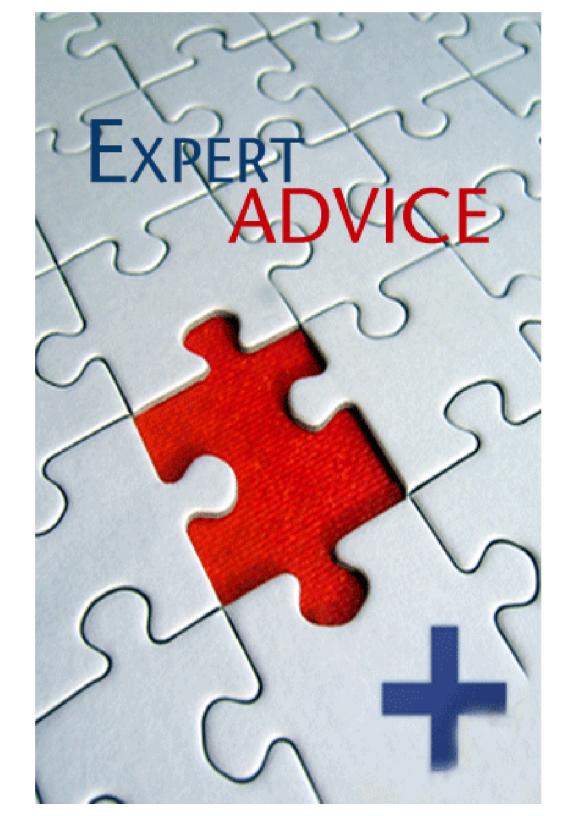
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#### safe transportation



Going My Way is the smart choice in student transportation needs.

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## strategies in advertising include

#### tangible clues



#### vivid information

catches the audience's attention, make impression on senses, ...



#### documentation

examples of service provission







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implies a promise of the personalized attention, make it reasonable realistic (because it changes customers' expectation)



## setting communication objectives

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purchase

users

employees

customer contact personnel point-of-sale promotions

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WHAT do we need to communicate and achieve?

HOW should we communicate this?

WHERE should we communicate this?

WHEN do the communications need to take place?

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media advertising public relations purchased lists (mail, telemarketing)

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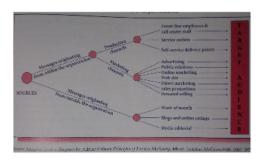
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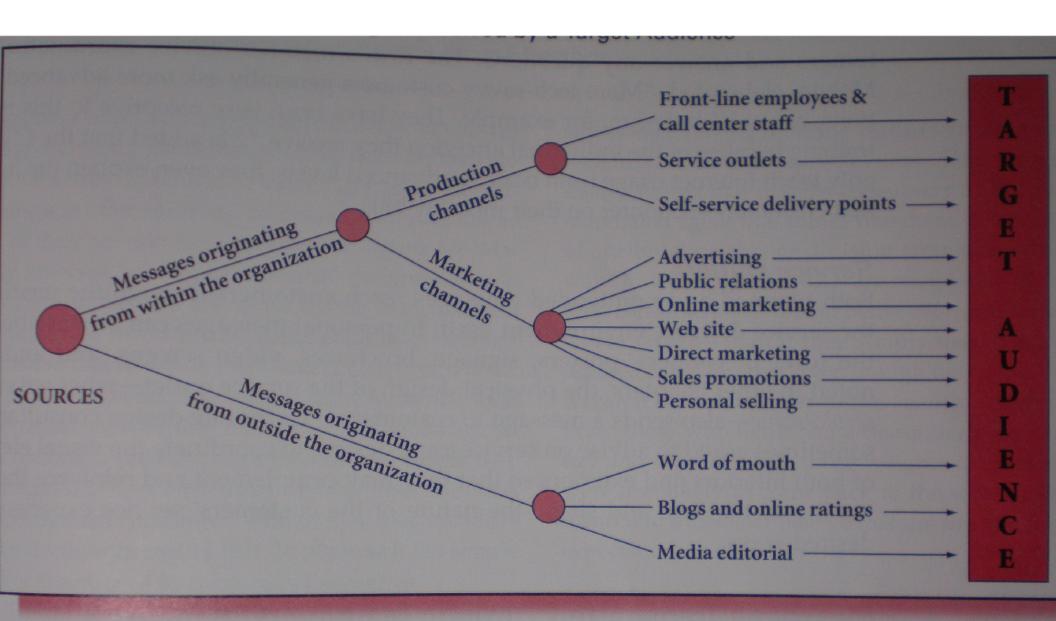
## WHAT

## HOW

### the marketing communications mix

numerous forms of communication see mind map





Source: Adapted from a diagram by Adrian Palmer, Principles of Services Marketing, 4th ed. London: McGraw-Hill, 2005: 397

# corporate design

desired brand image cognizable theme linking tance through use of





## corporate

- to introduce a desired brand image
- to provide a recognizable theme linking all service experiance through use of physical evidence

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# internet

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## internet

- many posibilities of usage
- it allows two-way communications
- reasonable cost
- helps to establish individual relationship

internet advertising should be integral part of communications strategy

#### communications strategy

## web site design considerations

web site should contain information that customers will find useful and interesting

users expect speedy access, easy navigation and relevant up to date content

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### set communication goals for the site

make a 'sticky' site!

- promotional channel
- self-service
- news room that disseminates information
- archive of press releases
- all of these?
- educational vs promotional content?

## make a 'sticky' site!

high in content quality

easy to use

quick to download

updated frequently

# effective advertising (webvertising)

## banner advertising

to related ing services

online traffic 's own site

## banner advertising

placing banners to related but noncompeting services

goals is to draw online traffic to the advertiser's own site

doesn't necessarily increases in awareness, preference or sales

failing in favour

preferable tie fees to marketing-relevant behavior

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## search engine advertising

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# search

can be seen as reverse broadcast network instead of advertisers broadcasting their
messages to consumes, serach engines let
advertisers know exactly what consumers
want

targeted placement of ads to keyword serches

short text message with click-through link

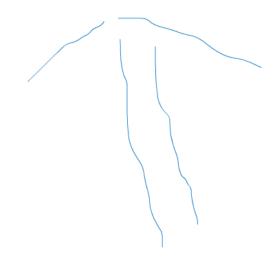
pay-for-placement (buy top ranking positions)

## pop-ups

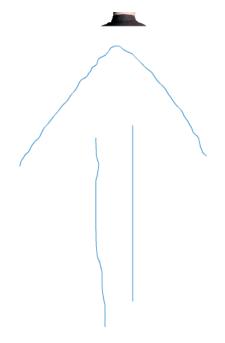
launch automatically - usualy annoying and intrusive

- social networks
- podcasting
- blogs

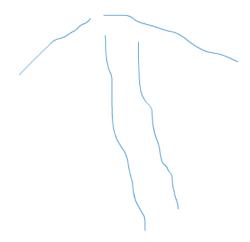
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IMC - integrated marketing communications - ties together and reinforces all communications to deliver a strong brand identity



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