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# THE BUSINESS BIG PICTURE GAME 

> Be the CEO... Prove that you are the best by taking a multi-product company through its life cycle, creating more prosperity and wealth than any other boss around.
> Think Big \& Good Luck!

## LAUNCH OPERATE ALIGN EXIT WIN



## WORLDVIEW

"Remember that the enduring companies we see are not really companies that have lasted for 100 years. They've changed 25 times or 5 times or 4 times over that 100 years, and they aren't the same companies as they were. If they hadn't changed, they wouldn't have survived. If you could take a snapshot of the values and processes of most companies 50 years ago - and did the same with a surviving company in 2014 you would say it's a different company other than, perhaps, its name and maybe its purpose and maybe its industry. The leadership that really counts is the leadership that keeps a company changing in an incremental, continuous fashion. It's constantly focusing on the outside, on what's going on in the marketplace, what's changing there, noticing what competitors are doing."

Lou Gerstner

## WORLDVIEW

Company


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Any company can be viewed and analyzed as a collection of ofmos (offering-market cosmos), which are virtual business spaces defined by an offering and a set of customers with the same need-addressing behavior relative to the offering.


Every ofmos can be represented on a map defined by the product's complexity and its perceived value.

Ofmos Map


After an ofmos is created, the products's perceived value (utility) drops throughout the ofmos's life span.


The explanation of how businesses work is further simplified into a simulation. An ofmos can be seen as a product. And a company can be mapped inside 9 environments, defined by the categories of product complexity and value (utility).


## Launch

Operate Downward Operate Laterally Operate Upward Exit
Convert
Align
$=\quad$ Launch a new product and start the product business
$=\quad$ Operate a product business
$=\quad$ Operate a product business and product innovate
$=\quad$ Operate a product business and value innovate
$=\quad$ Retire a product and exit the product business
$=$ Replace old products with new, more lucrative ones
$=\quad$ Share resources and create synergies among products

Be the CEO.
Start with $\$ 100$ (millions) and 18 products to launch. Use these initial resources to build and run your company, creating more wealth than your rival CEO.

As you both lead your companies from inception and toward their orderly closure, end the contest when either you or your opponent gets there first. The CEO with the most cash on the table at that moment wins.
(You also win if your opponent runs out of money or simply gives up.)

Decide who goes first. Take turns, with a single action per turn, and independently advance through the corporate stages. Use the section STAGES for a summary of the actions and the 'bonus' events available at each stage.

At each turn, select an action area on the board that, depending on the stage, includes one or more environments (basic action areas). Each environment is defined by a category of product complexity (triangle, square, pentagon) and a category of perceived value or utility (one notch, two notches, three notches).

For each action taken, execute the financial transaction that comes with it, always paying into and collecting from the cash pool. Use the section CASH for a summary of all the possible ways in which your cash flows in and out.

Calculate the amount of each financial transaction by using the number associated with the environment (basic action area) of your action and the corresponding formula, as indicated in the sections STAGES and CASH.
(In the formulas, E indicates the number associated with an environment. Like the numbers on the money chips, the numerical values of $E$, from 1 to 9 , represent those particular amounts in millions of dollars.)

## STARTUP

One by one, launch 9 products one in each of the 9 environments.

- Select an action area (1 environment), where you don't have a product yet.
- Launch a product in one of the open positions in the selected environment. Pay \$E.
(Throughout the contest, launch each product in its matching product complexity category.)


## EXPANSION

After you launched the first 9 products, launch the others, while taking advantage of the newlyavailable actions at will.

- Select the action area (1 environment) by rolling both dice: the complexity die and the perceived value die.
- Reselect the action area (1 environment) with an additional reroll (only one per turn). For the unintentional reselect, when an action is not possible, pay $\$ 3$. For the intentional reselect, pay $\$ 9$.
- Launch a product in one of the open positions in the selected environment. Pay \$E.
- Launch a product in the selected environment by pushing a competing product in the open position below. Pay \$E.
(Throughout the contest, the action is possible only if the position below the competing product is open. You cannot push your own product. The competitor does not collect for the downward move, but will collect the 'alignment' bonus, if the push creates such an event.)
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward in the open position below. Collect $\$ \mathrm{E}$.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward and taking out a competing product positioned immediately below. Collect \$E.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it laterally (left or right) in an open neighboring position, inside the category. Collect \$0.
- Exit with (take out) a product positioned inside the action area and on the bottom row of the board. Collect \$E.
- Generate a bonus by creating a horizontal alignment of 3 or more neighboring products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken (\$A), then collect the sum of all \$E corresponding to the positions of all products in the alignment.
- Generate a bonus by adding 1 or more neighboring products to an existing alignment of 3 or more products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken (\$A), then collect the sum of all $\$ E$ values corresponding to the positions of all newly-added products in the alignment.


## RESTRUCTURING

After the last product has been launched, complete the two required product conversions in any order, and launch the newlyacquired products.

- Select the action area (3 environments) by rolling one dice of your choice at every turn: the complexity die or the perceived value die.
- Reselect the action area (3 environments), with an additional reroll (only one per turn). For the unintentional reselect, when an action is not possible, pay $\$ 3$. For the intentional reselect, pay $\$ 9$.
- Convert: in one turn, take out 3 triangles from the selected action area (3 environments), and bring in 2 out-of-game squares that must be launched in later turns. Collect \$0.
- Convert: in one turn, take out 2 squares from the selected action area (3 environments), and bring in 1 out-of-game pentagon that must be launched in a later turn. Collect \$0.
- Launch a newly-acquired product in one of the open positions in the selected environment. Pay \$E.


| Cash Pool | Dice | \$100 | Three types of |
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|  | - $\ddagger$ |  | products (by complexity) <br> - Triangles (i.e., Bikes) <br> - Squares (ie Cars) |

18 Products


- Launch a newly-acquired product in the selected action area by pushing a competing product in the open position below. Pay \$E.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward in the open position below. Collect $\$ \mathrm{E}$.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward and taking out a competing product positioned immediately below. Collect \$E.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it laterally (left or right) in an open neighboring position, inside the category. Collect $\$ 0$.
- Exit with (take out) a product positioned inside the action area and on the bottom row of the board. Collect \$E.
- Generate a bonus by creating a horizontal alignment of 3 or more neighboring products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken ( $\$ \mathrm{~A}$ ), then collect the sum of all \$E corresponding to the positions of all products in the alignment.
- Generate a bonus by adding 1 or more neighboring products to an existing alignment of 3 or more products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken (\$A), then collect
the sum of all \$E values corresponding to the positions of all newly-added products in the alignment.


## FINALE

After the last of the 3 newlyacquired products has been launched, manage your company toward its orderly closure.

- Select the action area (all 9 environments), freely, with no dice.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward in the open position below. Collect $\$ \mathrm{E}$.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it downward and taking out a competing product positioned immediately below. Collect \$E.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it laterally (left or right) in an open neighboring position, inside the category. Collect \$0.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it laterally (left or right) in an open neighboring position, across categories. Collect $\$ 0$.
- Operate a product positioned inside the selected action area, moving it laterally (left or right) and taking out a competing
product in a laterallyneighboring position. Pay \$E.
- Exit with (take out) a product positioned inside the action area and on the bottom row of the board. Collect \$E.
- Exit with (take out) a product positioned inside the action area and anywhere on the board, except the bottom row. Pay $\$ 9$.
- Generate a bonus by creating a horizontal alignment of 3 or more neighboring products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken ( $\$ A$ ), then collect the sum of all \$E corresponding to the positions of all products in the alignment.
- Generate a bonus by adding 1 or more neighboring products to an existing alignment of 3 or more products. Execute the financial transaction for the action taken (\$A), then collect the sum of all \$E values corresponding to the positions of all newly-added products in the alignment.

End the contest when you or your rival retire the last active product. Counting only the cash accumulated to that point, show more of it and win.

Think Big \& Good Luck! ${ }^{\text {TM }}$

## STARTUP

Start your company and launch 9 products.


SELECT
Action Area, with No Dice


LAUNCH
in Action Area


SELECT
Action Area, with Two Dice


## EXPANSION

Manage your portfolio and launch the other 9 products.
in Action Area


OPERATE
Downward


OPERATE
Laterally, Inside-Category


EXIT
from Bottom Row


ALIGN
New Alignment


ALIGN
Addition to Alignment

## RESTRUCTURING

Restructure your company by replacing old products with new ones.


SELECT Action Area, with One Dice


SELECT
Action Area, with One Dice

## FINALE

Manage and bring your company to an orderly closure.


SELECT
Action Area, with No Dice


OPERATE
Laterally, Inside-Category


2 Squares Out, 1 Pentagon In 3 Triangles Out, 2 Squares In

ALIGN
New Alignment

ALIGN
Addition to Alignment


ALIGN
New Alignment


ALIGN
Addition to Alignment


## BE THE CEO

- Product's Complexity +


