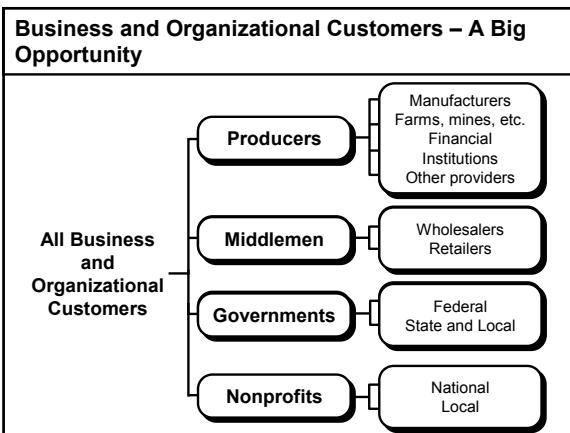
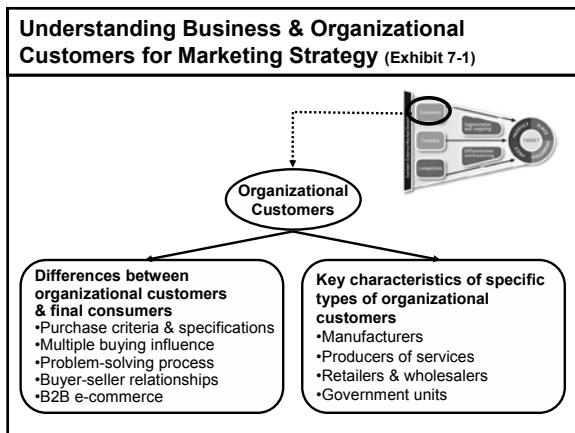
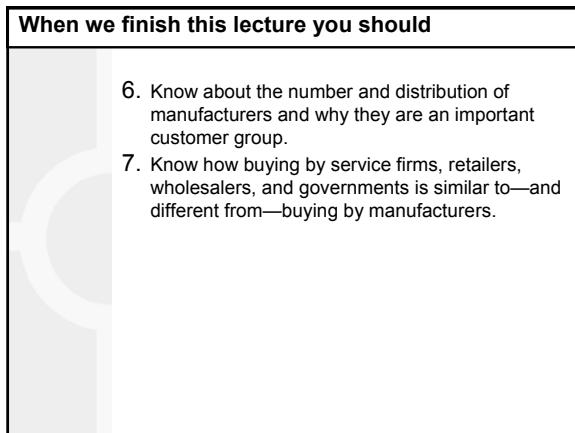


When we finish this lecture you should

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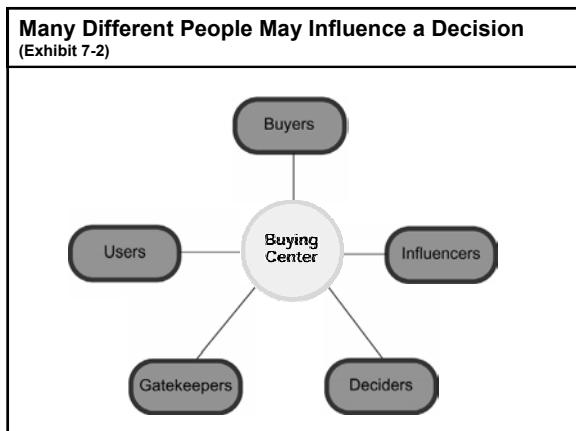
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Specifications and Quality

Specifications Describe the Need

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Checking your knowledge

Consuela Velasquez is a receptionist for a group of seven physicians. As she controls the calendars for the physicians, any sales representatives from pharmaceutical companies wanting to call on the physicians have to go through Consuela. As a result, it is very important for sales reps to cultivate a good relationship with her. In the buying center, Consuela would be best described as a:

- buyer.
- user.
- influencer.
- gatekeeper.
- decider.

Checking your knowledge

Ahmed Jamison is a purchasing specialist for a large company. He has the authority to execute purchase orders for amounts up to \$100,000. On a purchase order for a higher amount, Ahmed arranges the terms of sale, but the transaction has to be approved by the company president. In the buying center for a purchase in excess of \$100,000, Ahmed is a _____ and the president is a _____:

- A. buyer; influencer.
- B. influencer; buyer.
- C. buyer; decider.
- D. gatekeeper; decider.
- E. user; influencer.

Evaluating Organizational Buying Influences



- Vendor Analysis Considers All Influences
- Behavioral Needs Are Important Too
- Ethical Conflicts May Arise
- Purchasing May Be Centralized

Organizational Buyers Are Problem Solvers (Exhibit 7-4)

Characteristics	Type of Process		
	New-Task Buying	Modified Rebuy	Straight Rebuy
Time required	Much	Medium	Little
Multiple influences	Much	Some	Little
Review of suppliers	Much	Some	None
Information needed	Much	Some	Little

Checking your knowledge

Nikita Jackson, a sales representative for an industrial supply house, calls on a prospective business customer. The customer has an established relationship with another supplier, but says that there have been some reliability problems with deliveries. Nikita seizes the opportunity to describe her company's state-of-the-art logistics and transportation system that provides outstanding delivery reliability at low shipping costs. Nikita is encouraged because her customer seems to be in a _____ situation.

- A. straight rebuy
- B. modified rebuy
- C. new-task
- D. extensive problem-solving
- E. limited problem-solving

Checking your knowledge

Auto parts wholesaler Fixem, Inc. decides to invest in a new data management system to increase the efficiency of its warehouse operations. Previously, all record-keeping was done via printed documents, but now all transactions will be electronic. This change will require Fixem to expend a significant amount of money for hardware, software, and training. However, in the long run, the cost savings should exceed the up-front investment. Fixem has arranged for presentations to be made by three different vendors. Fixem seems to be facing a _____ buying situation.

- A. straight rebuy
- B. modified rebuy
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Interactive Exercise: Organizational Buying

Select one of the three types of organizational buying processes:

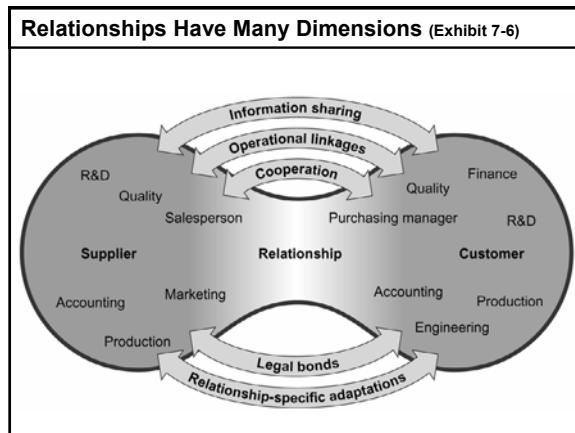
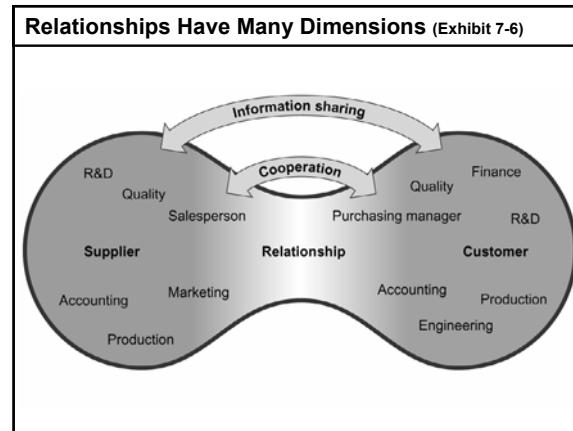
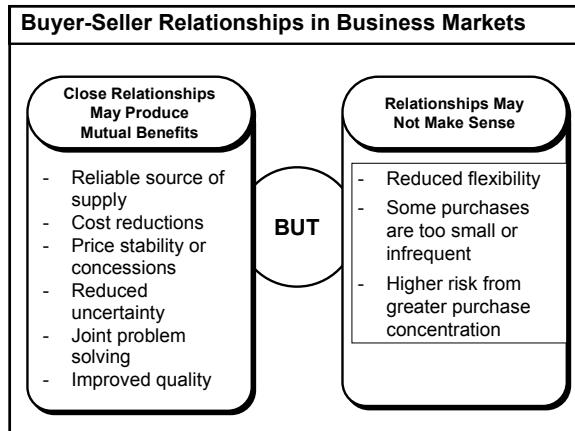
New-Task Buying

Modified Rebuy

Straight Rebuy

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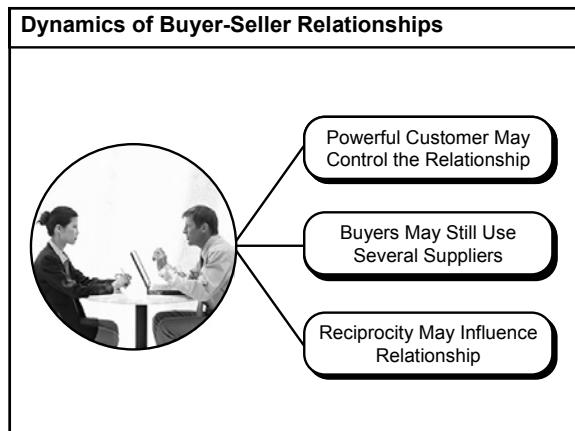
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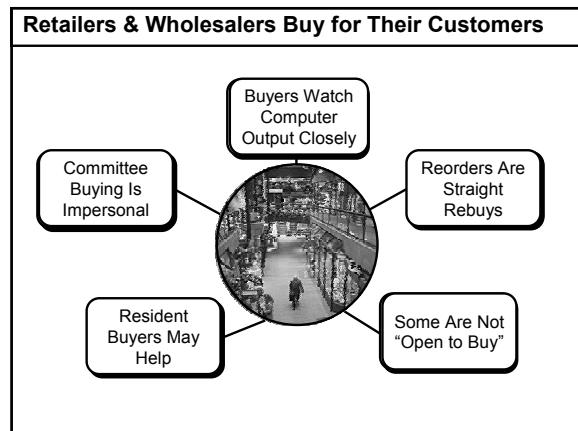
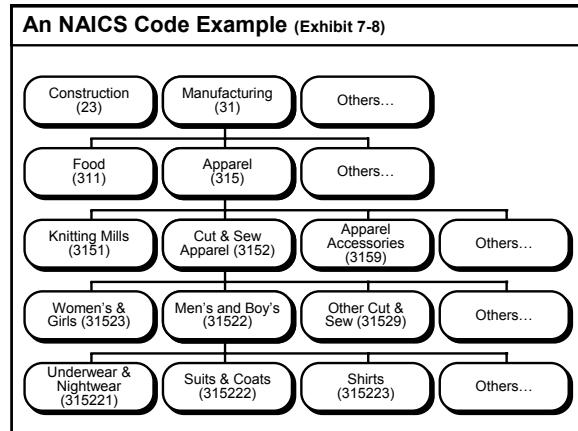
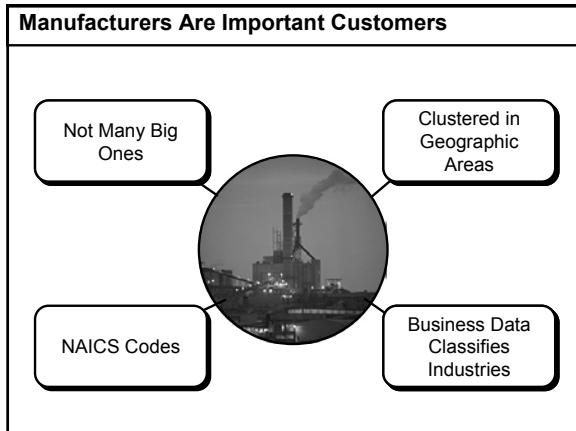
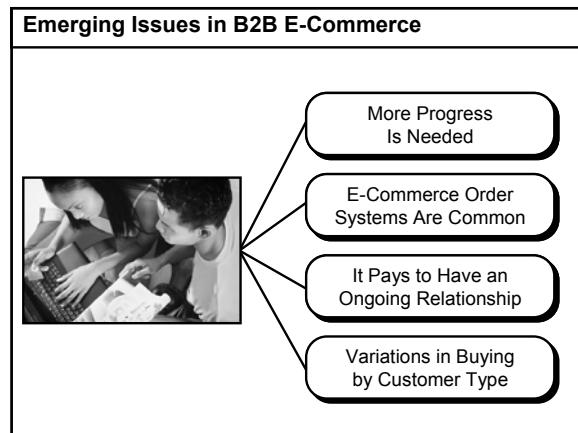
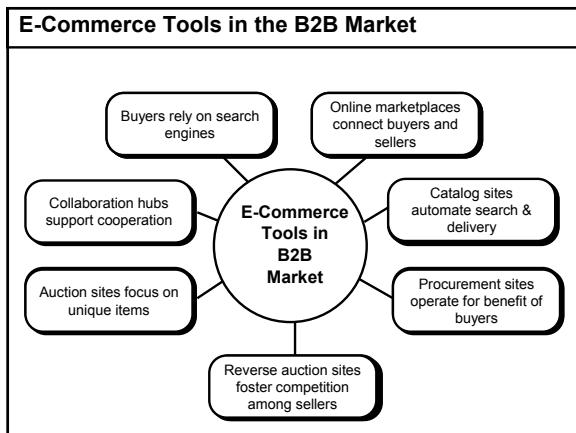


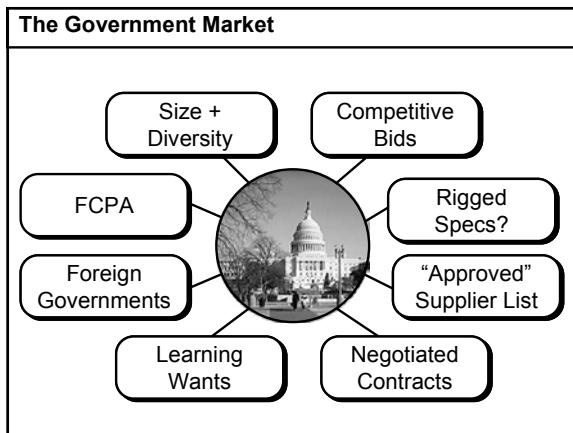
Checking your knowledge

Gotcha! is a chain of trendy stores catering to the urban contemporary market. As part of its close relationship with suppliers, Gotcha! has an Internet site that is accessible only by suppliers, and it provides up-to-the minute point-of-sale information from all of the Gotcha! stores. Suppliers can see how their products are doing at retail during any time of the day or night. In the relationship between Gotcha! and its suppliers, the Gotcha! supplier site is an example of:

- information sharing.
- legal bonds.
- reciprocity.
- operational linkages.
- negotiated contracts.







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6. Know about the number and distribution of manufacturers and why they are an important customer group.
 7. Know how buying by service firms, retailers, wholesalers, and governments is similar to—and different from—buying by manufacturers.

- Key Terms**
- Business and organizational customers
 - Purchasing specifications
 - ISO 9000
 - Purchasing managers
 - Multiple buying influence
 - Buying center
 - Vendor analysis
 - Requisition
 - New-task buying
 - Straight rebuy
 - Modified rebuy
 - Just-in-time delivery
 - Negotiated contract buying
 - Outsource
 - Reciprocity
 - Competitive bids
 - NAICS codes
 - Open-to-buy
 - Resident buyers
 - Foreign Corrupt Practices Act