

Service companies can innovate too!

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Introduction: Colin Nelson



Director of Enterprise Innovation at HYPE Innovation

- 10 years supporting organizations and communities with enterprise collaboration
- 7 years in information management & consulting

My day job:

- I run a small multinational consulting team
- I help with adoption of enterprise & inter-enterprise collaboration programmes
- Typically focused on Innovation & Efficiency
- I write and talk about enterprise innovation







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Who Are HYPE?





HYPE Innovation

- Founded 2001: Daimler spin-off
- Specialized in Innovation Management
- Headquartered in Bonn, Germany
- Additional offices in Brunswick, Berlin, Boston, Southampton, Lyon and Abu-Dhabi
- 80 employees



Product & Services

- Supports Full Lifecycle of Innovation
- Results Driven Approach
- Software Developed to Solve the Innovation Manager's Pain Points (Jobs-to-be-Done)
- Highly Configurable: A Platform that Evolves with You
- Cloud or On-Premise

Selected HYPE Clients Across Industries





HYPE's Vision



Once organizations have reached a certain size, there is a significant distance between those who have ideas and insights and those who have the power and resources to act upon them. HYPE Innovation provides technology and processes that bring idea contributors and decision makers closer together, helping organizations to generate additional revenue, to become more efficient, and to empower people.

HYPE Full lifecycle process





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- Setting the scene
- Why is innovation different if you're a services company?
- Examples
- Starting points for service companies

Lets go back in time...



- What type of companies traditionally invested in new innovation techniques?
- What was it about those companies that made online, enterprise innovation attractive?
- What was their 'innovation environment'?



What type of companies were first to enterprise innovation?



- Consumer Goods
- Food & Beverage
- Heavy Engineering
- Chemicals
- Pharmaceuticals



What was their 'innovation environment'?





The historical perspective – a summary



- Large, complex, multinationals saw the benefits of harnessing the collective insight of their employees without taking them away from the day job.
- Improving the 'fuzzy front-end' of innovation was attractive to help the companies differentiate and continue to grow.
- Organic growth used to complement acquisitions.

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So what's so different about a services company?



- Main resource is people not products
- More dynamic in terms of new capability creation
- No history of systematic, new capability creation as a method of staying alive

Continuous Improvement is not as widely adopted



Which industries are now adopting online innovation?



Financial Services

- IT Services
- Construction
- Government
- Healthcare
- Business services
- Logistics

So what's changed

What's changed?



- Collective insight has wider benefits than product innovation
- Geographically distributed companies have collaboration problems
- The pace of change is increasing, meaning companies of all types need to develop 'dynamic capability' *

* For more on 'dynamic capability', see John Bessant, Exeter University



What kind of challenges are they addressing?



- Creation of new capabilities
 - Sharing best practices
 - Cost reduction
- Process improvement
- Problem solving

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What's the lesson?



- Services companies spend more time innovating the business than the product, but they are doing both
- They have a much wider range of use-cases meaning that efficiency is just as important as product innovation



Is there real value beyond product innovation?

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Where innovation efforts are applied...





...where innovation value is created





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Lets consider some examples



- Fujitsu IT Services Company
- UC San Diego Higher Education
- GfK Market Research
- Munich Re School bus safety





- IT Services Company
- Delivers long term outsourcing solutions and specific IT projects
- A need to better understand the customers real business needs
- Put in place the 'Activ8' program to harness the collective insight of customers and Fujitsu employees
- Creating tailored solutions





- Large University with over 30k students, one of the top 15 research universities worldwide
- New strategic goals looking at the future of the University and a desire to be student centered
- Crowdsourcing used to solve business challenges addressing growth, pace of change, efficiency and distributed workforce
- Campaigns run on reducing admin, improving the recruitment process & engaging students on local, campus wide issues





- 5th Largest market research company in the world
- Changing competitive landscape, digitalization, established business shape is under threat
- A transformation is underway from 'solely being data collectors to being mediators of data sources'
- Using idea campaigns to find new business ideas that are then pitched to senior management for seed funding





- One of the world's leading reinsurers
- A market where differentiation is hard
- A new innovation team focused on developing new capabilities
- Initial campaign focused on engaging diverse, external stakeholder groups to help reduce injuries and fatalities involving school buses
- Solutions involve combing expertise from a range of internal and external groups



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How can we move the culture forward?





- Organizations without product innovation in their DNA will respond differently to the innovation challenge
- May need to focus on working differently first
- Consider putting 'innovation' to one side, consider:

'Collective Insight with Purpose'

Two major areas of focus for any company



- Creation of new and differentiated capabilities
- Improving the efficiency of the organization



HYPE Full lifecycle process – how does this corrolate?





Every company has big topics to address, services companies are no different



HYPE Full lifecycle process – Idea Campaigns





- May be used tactically to solve problems, increase efficiency or small improvements
- May be used strategically to generate new capabilities

HYPE Full lifecycle process - Concepts





- Still useful if you need to build business cases, or justify investment
- The more options there are & the more resources and money is constrained, the more likely maintaining concepts in a system is useful

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HYPE Full lifecycle process – Innovation Projects





• Service companies also care about ROI, tracking implementation and benefits



Campaigns are the most commonly used process for Service Companies, lets consider the different campaign modes



Å	Creative	Diverse opinions collaborating to develop something that doesn't yet exist
	Problem Solving	Using collective insight and diverse opinions to fix a known issue
Ś	Discovery	Finding hidden insights and expertise from the corners of our organization or 3rd parties
	Testing	Testing a concept or idea with those likely to be impacted by its implementation
	Feedback	Gather feedback on current activities, with the goal to refine and improve

Typical use case examples



Efficiency: Innovation: ☑ Maximize profitability of a service or ☑ New offerings and/or new markets product ☑... Creative ☑... ✓ Cost saving **☑** Resolve blockers to new offerings Problem ☑... ☑... Solving ☑ Best practice identification **I** Find skills to develop something new ☑... ☑... Discovery ☑ Adoption of a new process **☑** Optimize offering before launch ☑... ☑... Testing **☑** Front-line worker insights ✓ Feedback on new capabilities ☑... ☑... Feedback

Full version of campaign mode examples available to HYPE clients on request

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Summary



- We need to get away from the concept that innovation = invention or the creation of things
- Innovation is just as important to a services company as a product company
- Pace of change is a big driver for doing things differently
- People are your greatest asset, they want to help make things better



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