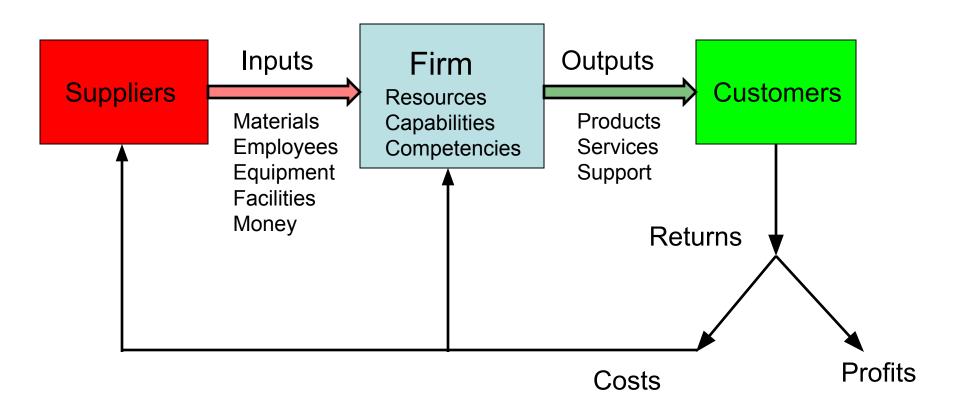
# What Is Strategic Management?

Business strategy is the analysis, decisions, and actions taken by a firm in order to create sustainable competitive advantage

- Competitive advantage means in the minds of customers, our product/services satisfy needs better than the available alternatives
- Core competencies are the *source* of competitive advantage; they are things the firm does to create distinction in the minds of its customers
- Competitive advantage is *measured* by superior profits

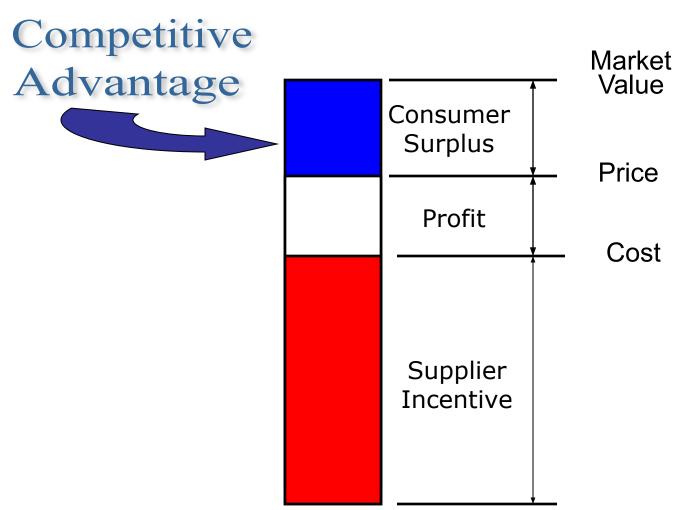
Strategy is how the firm generates profits by creating value for the marketplace

# Systems Model of the Firm



## Dries Cost and Value

# Price, Cost, and Value



## What Isn't Strategic Management?

- Business Model
- Operational Effectiveness
- Custodial Management

#### Two fundamental elements of strategy

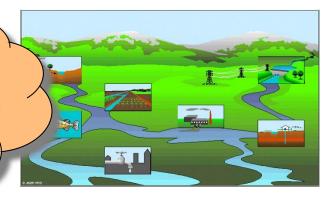
- Strategy is about distinction: being different from rivals performing different activities or performing similar activities in different ways.
- Strategy is about change: adapting to continual change in the external and internal environment

# Strategy is an Integrating

**Process** 



# STRATEGY



#### Firm:

Resources

Capabilities

Competencies

Experience

Knowledge

History



Stakeholders

Shareholders

Customers

**Employees** 

**Suppliers** 

Community

**Environment** 

Economy

Community

Laws/Regulations

Culture/Tradition

Technology

Physical

## Strategy is an Integrating Process

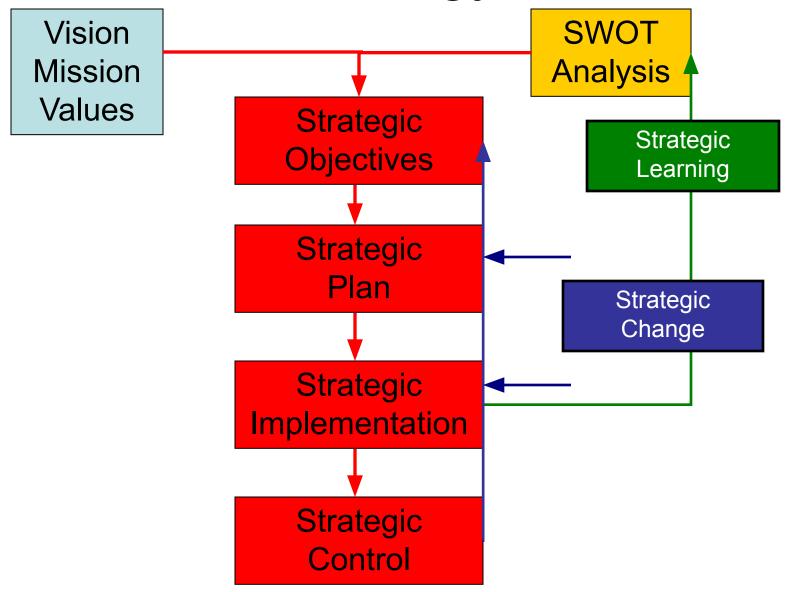
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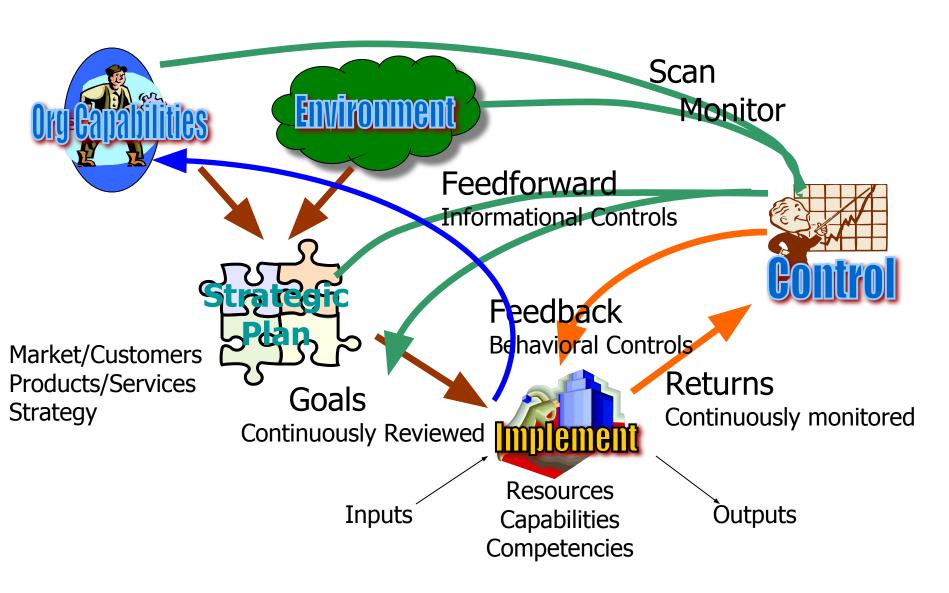
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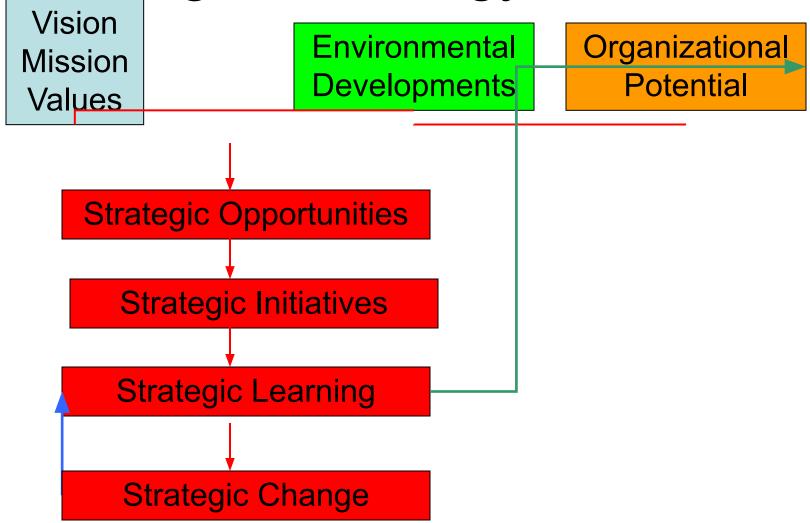
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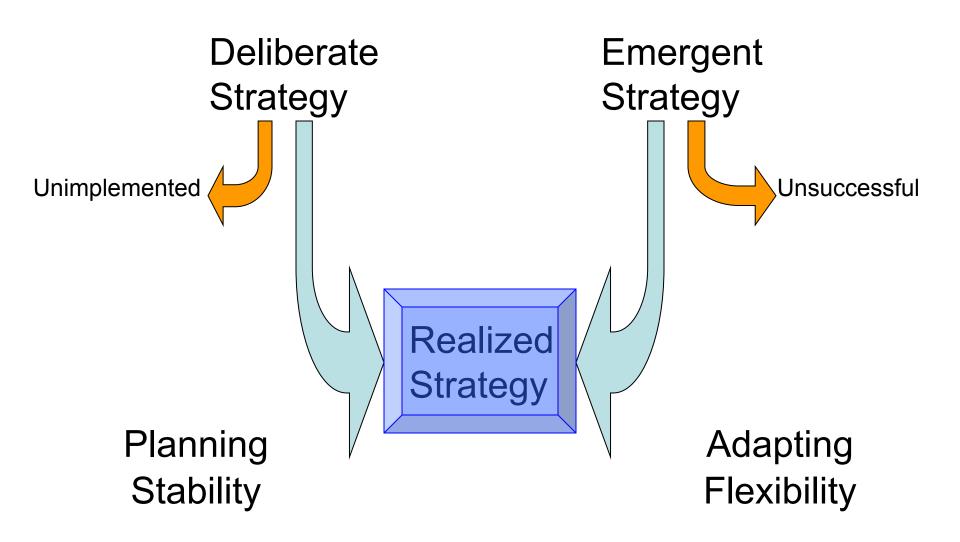


## Strategy Process



# **Emergent Strategy Process**





#### Vision Statements

- Massively inspiring
- Overarching
- Long-term
- Driven by and evokes passion
- Fundamental statement of the organization's
  - Values
  - Aspiration
  - Goals



#### Mission Statements

- Purpose of the company
- Basis of competition and competitive advantages
- More specific than vision
- Focused on the means by which the firm will compete



### Values Statement

- Statement of ethical priorities
- Guidelines for norms and decision making
- Standards of behavior and practices
- Basis for moral courage



# Strategic Objectives

- Operationalize the mission statement
- SMART(S)
- Indicates strategic intent – BHAG
- Strategic v Financial
- Long-term v short-term

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S Specific,
M measurable
A attainable
R realistic
t time-framed
stretch
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# Hierarchy of Goals

