

A No-Nonsense Guide for Busy People Who Want Results Fast!

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Busy People Who Want Results Fast! Robert W. Bradford and J. Peter Duncan

RAVE REVIEWS

Robert loves what he does and it shows. He was very generous in sharing from his wealth of experience & brings the theory to life via helpful anecdotes & examples"

Ben Agaki - Senior Strategy & Portfolio Advisor, Brunei Shell Petroleum

"Robert is very knowledgeable on strategic planning. He gave many concrete examples and advices from his consultancy experience as well as went in depth on the impacts to companies when strategic planning is done well or not well. The course content on strategic planning an eyeopener to finally understand the process required for strategic planning."

Supatra Lee - Portfolio Strategy & Planning Manager, Unified National Networks

"The speaker has a strong knowledge on the subject and good experience to share with the audience. For me, the main strength of the event was the interesting topic and there are certain parts that can be applied for my work."

Shahrul Aman bin Sabir Ahmad- Assistant Director of Strategic Planning, Tourism Malaysia

Robert's delivery reveals his immense experience and knowledge. The structure of strategic planning was the main strength." **Chuah Kee Heng - Head of Corporate Planning, Singapore Power**

"It was good of Robert to highlight examples of failed strategic planning examples whilst providing companies' experiences." Andrea Teo - Corporate Transformation Officer & Deputy Manager, Land Transport Authority Singapore

"would like to recommend others to also take the opportunity to also attend this program, this course. I think it is a good move by the company to bring him to Malaysia and provide opportunities for the high level strategic planners to understand more about how they should develop." **Abu Bakar Yusof - Director, Strategic Planning, MATRADE**

"Robert is very experienced in the strategic planning field & could answer many questions that I could not have found answer elsewhere. The event is very well organized and the strengths of the event are the materials, templates and example"

Dk Sri Joedianna Binti PG Haji Mohammed - Executive Director, Brunei Darussalam Central Bank



KEY BENEFITS

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN BY THE END OF THIS COURSE?

Why Most Companies Fail at Strategic Planning

- Why strategic planning requires a big-picture approach, rather than a single "magic bullet" solution
- How to craft a strategy that is thorough, yet simple

How to Create a Great Strategic Team

- Why you should never plan by yourself
- Who should be on your team...and who must NOT be
- How to build team commitment
- Ways to pinpoint the best team leaders

How to Dominate Your Market

- Why you must define your market with laser-like focus when creating a strategic plan
- The right way to segment your market for maximum profits
- The #1 mistake most companies make when doing segmentation
- How to gain market share...no matter how tough the competition is

How to Get Information You Need

- Why the information you gather is critical to the success of your plan
- The hands-down best way to gather information
- Why you never want too much information...and how to know when you have enough
- The truth about who should gather information for you (hint: the answer may surprise you)

How to Measure Key Success Factors

- The key areas to measure that drive your business
- The accurate way to measure intangibles
- How to create a profitability analysis to uncover and enhance your best profit centers
- The one thing you must always measure to ensure the very survival of your company

How to Find Your Unique Strategic Competency

- Why every company must find its strategic competency and what to do if you can't find one
- The three elements of every strategic competency
- How to sustain your strategic competency
- The three specific tests that every strategic competency must pass

How to Make Good Assumptions

- How to avoid one of the biggest mistakes of strategic assumptions
- How to anticipate the turning points in a trend
- What to do when it's impossible to make a reasonable prediction
- The four steps to minimizing assumption errors
- How to prepare for the unexpected

How to Select and Exploit Your Best Opportunities

- How to avoid the dreaded "group think"
- How to use creative brainstorming to uncover breakthrough ideas
- How to stimulate creative thinking about opportunities
- The four criteria you should use to assess the viability of any new opportunity

How to Protect Your Company From Potential Threats

- The most important question your company must answer to anticipate any strategic threats
- The five steps you must take to minimize the impact of any significant strategic threat
- How to evaluate perceived threats to identify those with the greatest potential impact

How to Determine Your Strategic Focus

- The six options for your company's strategic focus
- How to align your strategic focus with your strategic competencies
- The four key factors of market attractiveness
- The seven key characteristics of your competitive position
- The five core business strategies
- How to select the best strategy for each market segment
- The four options for your competitive strategy
- How to select a competitive strategy for each market segment

Get From Where Your Are To Where You Want to Be

- How to set measurable, specific and achievable strategic obiectives
- How to achieve 80% to 90% of your strategic objectives (most company achieve only about 30% of their objectives)

How to Best Allocate Your Resources To Meet Your Objectives

- How to determine resource needs and availability
- How to find the money and the time to carry out your strategic plans

How to Most Effectively Use Your Strategic Plan

- Why the planning process produces better results each time you use it
- How to use your daily behavior to communicate your plan throughout the company
- When to update your plan
- How often to monitor your progress



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COURSE AGENDA - DAY 1



This course will teach you both the concepts and the step-bystep logistics behind the Simplified Strategic Planning process, a comprehensive approach to creating a complete, workable strategic plan in about 7 days of meetings. The focus of the course is on reaching a robust strategic conclusion quickly and driving from that conclusion to effective implementation plans.

SESSION 1

EXTERNAL SITUATION

- Markets
- Key data to collect on markets for strategic planning
- Customer behavior and strategy
- Market segmentation
- Competition
- Key data to collect on competitors
- Where to get competitive data
- What matters most about a competitor
- Other external factors
- How technology can make or break strategy
- Supplier Market dynamics
- Economics and strategy

SESSION 2

INTERNAL SITUATION

- Financials
- The role of the balance sheet
- Assessing your income statement
- Measures of performance
- Measures you should use to think about strategy
- Why financials aren't enough
- How to select the most important measures
- Profitability analysis
- Using the profitability analysis to spot strategic issues
- Why profitability shouldn't dictate strategy

SESSION 3

STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCIES

- Quick strengths and weaknesses
- Defining your capabilities quickly, without fuss
- Pitfalls in using strengths and weaknesses in strategy
- Strategic competencies
- Understanding competencies, and why you should invest in them
- Identifying your strategic competency



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GROUP EXERCISE

An example of strategic competency in a multi-unit company.

SESSION 4

ASSUMPTIONS

- Market assumptions
- Projecting changes in your markets
- Key data to assess in formulating strategy
- Competition assumptions
- How to see how you will stack up against the competition in the future
- Understanding how you can change your competitive position
- Opportunities and threats
- Brainstorming the best opportunities
- How to separate the best opportunities from the good ideas
- Highlighting the most critical threats to your strategy
- Industry scenario and winners' profile
- Projecting the more distant future
- Using the far future to guide your strategic thinking



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

This course is perfect for you if your existing strategic planning is not giving you the results you need or if you are new to strategic planning.

Poor strategic planning is worse than no strategic planning. It can be a big waste of time and money. Even worse, it can lead to disaster. Avoid all this with Simplified Strategic Planning - a proven process to focus for superior performance without straining your resources.

Whether you've been doing strategic planning for years or starting from scratch, you can acquire a streamlined process for developing and implementing your strategy. In just two days, you will have learned this time-tested methodology, which has produced outstanding results for thousands of companies from a wide variety of business types.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

0900	Start	
1020	Morning Break	
1230	Lunch	
1500	Afternoon Break	
1700	End	



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COURSE AGENDA - DAY 2



On day two, we draw upon the data and ideas from day one and combine them to produce strategies, objectives and execution plans. The focus of this day is on devising well-integrated strategies that create competitive advantage, and managing execution.

SESSION 1

STRATEGIES

- Strategic assessment
- Identifying market attractiveness
- Identifying your competitive position
- Using your position to begin strategic thinking
- Strategic issues
- The one strategic issue every company must address
- How to identify and resolve most of your strategic issues
- Strategies
- Defining strategies for market segments
- Capturing your vision about your strategic focus
- Building a set of capabilities to support your vision

SESSION 2

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Mission statement
- Why you need a mission statement and why you don't
- How to get your mission written down in 30 minutes
- Goals
- Defining corporate goals
- Relating goals to measures of success
- How goals can drive execution and how they shouldn't
- Objective setting
- How to set objectives for optimal execution
- What to do with objectives that you don't select for execution

SESSION 3

ACTION PLANS

- Action plan writing process (group exercise)
- Formulating action steps
- Sequencing action steps
- Allocating resources to action steps
- Rules for better execution
- Tips from companies that achieve 100% of their objectives
- How to build better execution into your processes and culture

GROUP EXERCISE

Action plan writing process

SESSION 4

BUDGETS

- Cash flow budget
- Using the cash flow budget to protect your company
- Investment budget
- How to prioritize spending on strategic initiatives
- Five year projection
- Testing your strategic plan as a hypothesis
- How to quickly use your strategic plan to create a five-year budget forecast

SESSION 5

SCHEDULES AND AGENDAS

- Time budgeting process
- Understanding the role of time in strategy execution
- How to allocate time and schedule execution for better results
- Schedules
- Putting the whole strategic planning process together what to do and when
- How to modify the process to fit your company
- Monitoring process
- How to keep your strategic planning dynamic and alive
- How to assure excellent execution by monitoring



This seminar is SPECIFICALLY designed for C-level executives who are tasked with determining the best course and direction for their companies.

- CEO, CFO, COO's
- Heads of Operations
- Sales Directors
- Marketing Directors,
- IT
- Engineering
- Human Resource
- ..as well as other executives who report to the CEO.



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Robert Bradford is the keenly creative and insightful CEO of the Center for Simplified Strategic Planning and co-author of the Simplified Strategic Planning Manual and Simplified Strategic Planning. He has assisted many clients in a wide variety of industries, delivering outstanding results.

Recent articles by Robert include: "Re-thinking the SWOT Analysis", "Understanding the Competitive Value of Your Brand", "Dealing with Power- ful Customers" "Understanding Value", and "What Does Your Company Mean". A Graduate of Princeton University, with a A.B in Military History, Robert holds an MBA degree from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration and has completed Postgraduate work at the London Business School.

Robert is a member of the National Speakers Association and a Certified Speaking Professional. As a nationally acclaimed speaker, Robert blends a unique combination of broad knowledge and humorous insight resulting in seminars that are lively and practical at the same time. He has great relevant examples for every situation, and his presentations are crammed with great tips. A master trainer, he has spent the last nineteen years converting management theory into real-life application.

Robert always stimulates great strategic thinking and leaves seminar participants with practical, "how-to" steps they can take home to put to use immediately. Robert's seminars resonate with business audiences because they are built upon years of real-world strategic decisions. This real-world management experience enables Robert to bring real nuts- and-bolts strategic thinking into every seminar presentation.



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TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST ATTENDEES

"Robert has great mastery on the subject. His real-life experience adds depth & realism to the discussions. It was also my first experience attending Kexxel's organised program – excellent coordination & organisation."

Mardini Bin Haji Eddie – Assistant Managing Director, Brunei Darussalam Central Bank

"Robert has been a very passionate and helpful speaker, his examples are both insightful and useful."

Edmund Heng - Senior Manager, Health Sciences Authority of Singapore

"Robert's simple explanations on strategic planning made the whole experience of the event valuable. I can see why he is well-established as he is an excellent presenter"

Dr. Haji Mazrul Adimin Bin Hj Awang Besar - Executive Director, Pantai Jerudong Specialist Centre

"Kexxel couldn't have found a better trainer for this training. Robert is very professional." Kamariah Masri- Head, Human Resources, Royal Brunei Technical Services

Robert has vast knowledge and is able to disseminate that to his audience. His materials are very useful and easy to understand." Lai Yuhan – Head of Retail Strategy, Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam

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