## Concepts, Characteristics, and Models of B2B EC

## EXHIBIT 5.2 TYOes of 39: E-Commerae


(a) Sell-Side B2B

Services

(c) Electronic Exchange

(b) Buy-Side B2B

(d) Supply Chain Improvements and Collaborative Commerce

## Week 4:

What is it Like to Work in a Real Supply Chain?

Beer (Root) Game Introduction MIS 3537: Internet \& Supply Chains

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## Start Recording

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## Learning Objectives

- Have some fun with the beer game
- 'Experience’ working in a simulated supply chain
- 'Real' introduction to Bullwhip Effect
- Have fun in class while learning


## The beer game



Originally conceived at MIT

- A very good exercise in understanding the bullwhip effect
- The structure and rules...


## Game Roles (SC Players)



Factory

Distributor



Wholesaler


- Factory (I): Manufactures syrup
- Distributor (3): Bottling and package (case)
- Wholesaler (10): Local warehousing
- Retailer ( 10,000 ): Sale to customer


## Game Flows



- Types
- Physical
- Information (orders)
- Frequency: once per period (week)
- Delays (displayed on the ordering box)
- 2 weeks order to ship
- 2 weeks ship to delivery


## The rules of the game

- You, the player, can play one of the four roles; you are the manager at the
- Retailer
- Wholesaler
- Distributor
- Factory
- The factory has access to unlimited amounts of raw materials, labor etc.


## The Rules: Routine

- Each week you will receive orders from downstream
- You 'must' ship the order if you can. If you can't - it goes into backlog and must be shipped in later week when stock is available.
- Each player replenishes stock from ordering from the partner upstream (except factory which produces)


## The rules: Decisions

- Each player must work with these parameters
- Order: the order amount received from the next level along your supply chain
- A retailer's orders are dependent on the perceived demand; a wholesaler's order amount is based on what demanded by the retailer and so on.
- Inventory: the numbers in stock
- Backlog: unfulfilled orders from past week(s)


## The rules: On the Clock

This Week (Intro)

- You'll have as much time as you need
- Proceed to next week when all orders have been placed
- Two Weeks 'Intro’

Next Week (Round I)

- There will be a timer (upper right of screen)
- If counter is zero without your input, system will reuse previous decision


## The rules: Silence

- You may not speak to each other
 or communicate in any way. Only place orders and ship product.


## The rules:Winning

How do you win?
Lowest Total Cost for entire Supply Chain (inventory cost + backorder cost)

- Inventory cost: For every item in the inventory, the holding entity (retailer, etc.) is charged \$ 0.50
- Backorder cost: For every item unfulfilled, the entity unable to fulfill the order is charged \$ 1.00


## Let's play the game!



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## Your thoughts

- Any Questions about the Logistics, Process of Playing the Game?
-Which role are you playing?
- How are you Feeling?


Next week (February 20)...

- In class Beer Game: Complete Round One

What's the plan?

## Follow Up

- Each team Decides Change to make for Round 2 (by February 25)
- Each team on their own completes Round 2 with the change (By March 20)
- Beer Game Write-up
(By March 20)


## Extra - Future Slides

## Your thoughts

-Which role did you play?

- What were your individual costs? What was the total supply chain cost?
- Share your thoughts about the game
- What could have helped you bring down the costs?

