



# Modular product architecture Product Variety as a key success factor

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#### Ford Model T: mass production



http://www.boldride.com/ride/1926/ford-model-t

To make the car popular, Henry Ford introduced mass production: standardized assembly lines building many cars of one single type.





#### Ford Model T: some figures



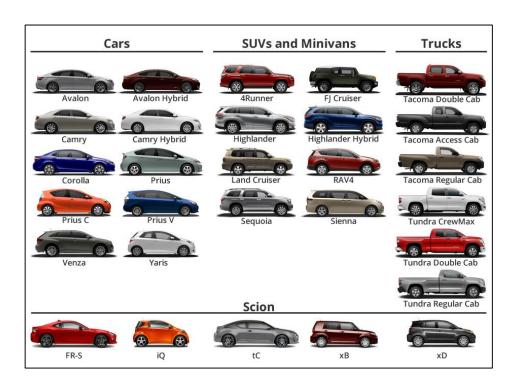
http://carsadel-ds.com/ford-t.php

- In production from 1908 to 1928
- 15.007.033 cars produced
- Production time: 93'
- Only one color available
- Price 1/8 of other cars
- 50% of global market share (1920)





#### Toyota today



- 86 different models
- Many variants for each model
- Different colors available ©





#### In every market sector customers want variety...









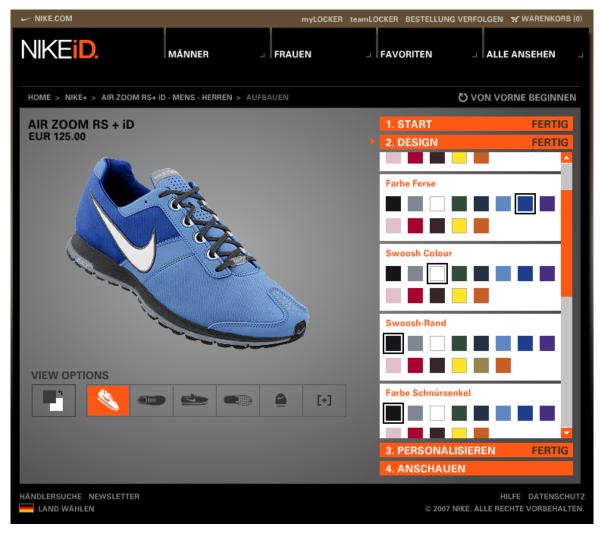
#### ... and customization







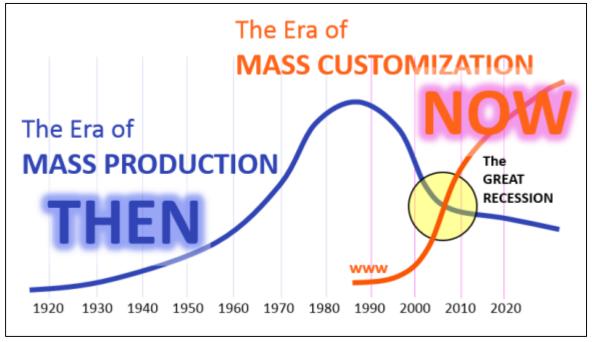
#### Customized products are cool!







#### Mass customization is a keyword



http://www.massingenuity.com/mass-customization-the-new-way-of-doing-business/





#### What does it mean mass customization?

#### Mass customization is:

- High industrial quality
- Low costs
- Short delivery time

for single batch production





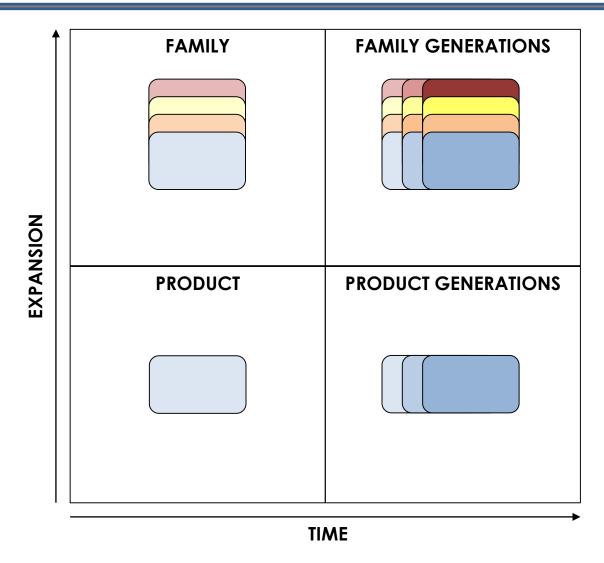


## The concept of product family





## Single products are rare





### Product hierarchy

