
Market Penetration Traffic Referencing Seasonal Patterns based on Marketing Value

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Abstract

This study analyses market penetration traffic as a strategic instrument integrating value-based marketing with market performance. Using a descriptive qualitative approach, this study identifies three zones of market penetration traffic: green, yellow, and red. The findings show that the effectiveness of market penetration depends on the company's ability to integrate value-based marketing with market sensing capability. The green zone requires maintenance and expansion strategies, the yellow zone needs strategy optimisation, and the red zone necessitates fundamental transformation. The findings indicate the importance of continuously monitoring traffic indicators for marketing strategy adjustment. Managerial implications emphasise the development of effective feedback mechanisms to optimise market penetration and customer value creation.

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1. Introduction

Product traffic in the market is growing rapidly due to the influx of similar and complementary products flooding the market. Additionally, from 2019 to 2024, the Indonesian market has undergone a significant transformation influenced by the development of digital technology. The positive impact of this technology includes changes in consumer behavior, transaction dynamics, and shifts in the global economy. The e-commerce phenomenon has become a marker of economic transformation that drives rapid growth. In Indonesia, e-commerce platforms such as Tokopedia, Shopee, and Bukalapak have emerged, successfully shifting traditional transaction methods to digital platforms. They have transformed the shopping and selling patterns of people from conventional methods to digital means (Saragih & Andriyansah, 2023). Economists agree that the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of digital technology as consumers shifted to online shopping due to mobility restrictions and the need for health-safe transactions during the pandemic period.

Global phenomena and issues arising post-pandemic include an increased awareness of sustainability and corporate social responsibility (Arma et al., 2025). Consumers are now more concerned with business practices and tend to choose brands that support environmental and social values (Sukendri & Andriyansah, 2025). This creates both opportunities and challenges for companies in designing market penetration strategies that are both commercially effective and socially responsible. To enhance marketing performance, business units implement

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strategies such as market segmentation, iconic product value positioning, and price reductions (Hermajiwandini et al., 2025). Market penetration has become a key strategy for companies to maintain and grow their market share amid increasingly intense and complex competition.

Previous research has extensively discussed market penetration, but there remain gaps that need further exploration. Most studies have focused on market penetration through traditional channels or large companies with adequate resources. Research on market penetration strategies for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) utilizing digital technology is still limited. This is particularly significant as MSMEs play a crucial role in Indonesia's economy and have great growth potential through digital adoption (Hendrawan et al., 2024; Sukendri & Andriyansah, 2024). Moreover, post-pandemic consumer behavior has shifted again, but there is limited research on how these changes affect long-term market penetration strategies for both consumers and companies. Businesses must understand the shift to digital behavior and the potential return to traditional or hybrid approaches, as these changes significantly impact consumer preferences and loyalty. Harahap et al. (2025) found that companies need to identify untapped segments, such as youth groups or underserved communities, where they can discover new opportunities to expand their market reach. Other studies, such as by Li et al. (2020), revealed that companies expanding into new geographic regions without considering local cultural differences failed to increase market share. Additionally, research by Malesev & Cherry (2021) showed that when companies implement aggressive market penetration strategies in mature markets, it can reduce profit margins.

This study aims to fill existing gaps by providing insights and strategic recommendations for businesses, particularly MSMEs, to leverage opportunities and overcome challenges in market penetration to enhance marketing performance. The focus will be on exploring the role of digital technology and consumer behavior shifts post-pandemic in shaping effective market penetration strategies. Furthermore, the research will address the importance of cultural considerations in geographic expansion and emphasize sustainability and corporate social responsibility in modern marketing strategies. Ultimately, the goal is to offer valuable guidance for companies to develop market penetration strategies that are not only commercially successful but also socially responsible and aligned with changing consumer values.

2. Theoretical Background

Value-Based Marketing

Value-based marketing is a strategic approach that places customer value at the center of marketing activities, emphasizing the creation and communication of value that meets the specific needs of a target market (Jamil et al., 2022; Andriyansah et al., 2025). This approach goes beyond just product or service transactions and focuses on delivering meaningful, customer-centric value. As noted by Andriyansah, Faimah, et al. (2024), value-based marketing integrates several key elements, such as Customer Value Proposition, Value Creation, Value Communication, Value Delivery Systems, and Price-Value Alignment. The ultimate goal is to develop and maintain long-term relationships with customers by ensuring that the value delivered consistently meets or exceeds their expectations.

Market Penetration

Market penetration is a business growth strategy aimed at increasing the sales of existing products or services within current markets. This strategy focuses on optimizing market share through various methods (Aaker & Moorman, 2023). According to Nwosu et al. (2024), market penetration involves multiple dimensions, such as Pricing Strategy, Distribution Enhancement, Product Optimization, Intensification of Marketing Communication, and Enhancement of Customer Experience. The success of a market penetration strategy depends on how effectively these strategies are executed to attract more customers and deepen market presence. Effective

market penetration not only increases sales but also strengthens brand recognition and consumer loyalty within existing market segments.

Market Performance

Market performance refers to a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of an organization's marketing strategies and activities. It measures the extent to which a company achieves its marketing goals using various performance metrics (Andriyansah, Fatimah, et al., 2024). Setiawan et al. (2019) and Kurniawan (2023) highlight that marketing performance is multidimensional, encompassing financial metrics, customer-related metrics, market performance indicators, digital performance measures, and operational efficiency metrics. By evaluating these various dimensions, organizations can assess the effectiveness of their marketing strategies, identify areas for improvement, and optimize their marketing efforts to achieve sustainable growth. A holistic approach to market performance allows businesses to adapt to market changes and continuously improve their marketing initiatives.

3. Methodology

This research adopts a qualitative approach due to the complexity of the phenomena, which involves intricate interactions between digital strategy, consumer behavior, and technology (Nurhayati & Andriyansah, 2024). Given that the phenomena under study are dynamic and multidimensional, a qualitative methodology is essential for gaining a deep understanding of the market context and dynamics. This approach allows for capturing the nuances of decision-making processes and uncovering unexpected factors that may influence market penetration strategies. The research methodology is structured in three key stages:

1. Phenomenological Analysis in the Context of Digital Marketing

The first stage focuses on understanding the phenomenology within the digital marketing landscape. This involves analyzing how businesses and consumers experience and interact with digital marketing platforms, strategies, and tools. The goal is to explore the subjective experiences of both parties and how these interactions shape their behaviors and decisions in the digital marketplace.

2. Research Design Formulation

The second stage involves determining an appropriate research design that aligns with the research objectives and the expected outcomes. This stage ensures that the chosen design is suitable for addressing the research questions and is capable of capturing the complexities of the interactions between digital strategies and consumer behavior.

3. Literature Validation and Source Reliability

The third stage involves validating and ensuring the reliability of the literature sources used in the study. This step is crucial for ensuring that the literature referenced is relevant, up-to-date, and provides a solid foundation for the research theme. It ensures that the insights drawn from existing literature are applicable and provide valuable context for the analysis.

Through these stages, the research aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between digital strategies, consumer behavior, and market dynamics, contributing valuable insights to the field of digital marketing and market penetration.

4. Empirical Findings/Result

Market penetration in the digital era demonstrates significant transformation in marketing strategy, integrating data analytics with contemporary consumer behaviour. Here is the state of the art from several market penetration research studies.

Table 1. State of The Art

Authors	Method	Findings
Bühne et al., (2015)	Online consumer survey	The most significant barriers and obstacles to widespread market penetration are the high purchase prices of new technology. Therefore, making electric vehicles more attractive from the customer's perspective appears necessary. From the customer's perspective, a dense charging station network and financial measures such as tax reductions and energy cost incentives are vital prerequisites for convincing them to purchase electric vehicles.
(Bang et al., 2016)	Literature Study	Not all countries in emerging markets have the same product penetration and consumption level. Consequently, assuming that emerging markets are untapped and underserved across all product categories is incorrect. We add the large population as an important characteristic to the list of characteristics identified as unique to emerging markets and discuss its strategic implications.
Alkasim et al., (2017)	Quantitative using PLS-SEM	Market penetration has a significant positive impact on cost leadership. Similarly, the results found that market development strategy has a significant positive influence on the cost leadership strategy of manufacturing-based SMEs.
Harinia & Yulianeub, (2018)	Structural Equation Modeling-Partial Least Square.	Market penetration has a positive influence on the marketing mix and marketing performance, with the direct influence of market penetration on marketing performance being greater than the influence mediated by the marketing mix. Market penetration strategy can be enhanced by increasing customer sustainability, increasing sales in existing markets, increasing value, increasing existing market share, and increasing existing market size.
Morgan et al., (2019)	Survey research	Enhance the development, growth, and sustainability of craft businesses. Therefore, it is recommended that entrepreneurs, particularly craft producers, should adopt strategies such as entry strategies, market penetration, cost leadership, and diversification strategies at various stages of the industry life cycle to improve their business growth, profitability, and sustainability.
(Muriithi & Waithaka, 2020)	Descriptive survey design	has a positive and statistically significant relationship with company performance. Market penetration is the most important predictor of company performance
Yogandhi & Darma, (2021)	Qualitative approach	Market Penetration Strategy is the most appropriate strategy in facing competition in this New Normal era with the best long-term strategy being the Integration Strategy, namely by increasing the direct sales network

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Shah et al., (2022)	Quantitative approach	to consumers, then increasing control over suppliers to develop product innovation, and increase competitiveness. among others, by acquiring competitors.
King'ori et al., (2023)	Descriptive research.	Market penetration significantly affects market share
Anitha, (2024)	Holistic approach	Market penetration strategy has a positive and significant influence on the market performance of SACCOs that accept small and medium tier deposits Market penetration helps sales of green products increase. Product development and market development strategies for green products increase sales and improve existing markets.

Research findings on market penetration strategy reveal several important discoveries consistent with theories of company growth and competitive advantage. Studies conducted from 2015 to 2024 show that market penetration plays a strategic role in improving company performance, particularly for SMEs.

Consistent with the Resource-Based View (RBV) theory, research by Alkasim et al., (2017) and Harinia & Yulianeub, (2018) Demonstrates that market penetration positively influences cost leadership and marketing performance. This indicates that market penetration strategy is a dynamic capability enabling companies to optimize resources to achieve competitive advantage.

About emerging markets, Bang et al., (2016) emphasise the importance of understanding each market's unique characteristics, given the varying levels of product penetration and consumption. This finding aligns with contingency theory, which states that strategy effectiveness depends on its alignment with the business environment context.

Recent studies by (King'ori et al., 2023) and (Anitha, 2024) confirm market penetration's relevance in contemporary business contexts. Particularly for green products and financial services, market penetration has proven to increase sales and market performance. This supports stakeholder theory, which emphasises the importance of meeting various stakeholders' needs. (Yogandhi & Darma, 2021) This paper provides an interesting perspective on adaptation of market penetration strategy in the new normal era, emphasising the importance of vertical and horizontal integration. This finding reinforces Ansoff's growth theory, which combines market penetration with integration strategies to achieve sustainable growth.

The implementation aspects discussed by (Bühne et al., 2015) Identify the main barriers to market penetration, such as price and supporting infrastructure. This affirms Rogers, (1962) diffusion of innovation theory highlights the importance of overcoming adoption barriers for successful market penetration. (Muriithi & Waithaka, 2020) and (Shah et al., 2022) Underscores market penetration as a key predictor of company performance and market share. This finding supports Porter's competitive advantage theory, emphasising the importance of strong market positioning for sustainable competitive advantage.

Morgan et al., (2019) Provides practical recommendations on using market penetration strategies across various stages of industry life cycles, aligning with product life cycle theory. This demonstrates that market penetration effectiveness needs to be adjusted according to

industry development stages. Market penetration strategies are used by companies to increase competitiveness or to identify major challenges. (Harahap et al., 2025).

These research findings still contain gaps that can be filled to provide appropriate strategies for companies conducting market penetration, namely by using the Market Penetration Traffic strategy, which represents the novelty in this research. This strategy is a synthesis of three main theories, namely the Diffusion of Innovation Theory written by Rogers, (1962) which explains the process of spreading new products in a social system through certain communication channels over time. Then there is the Consumer Behavior Theory Howard-Sheth in 1969 which explained that consumers process information and make purchasing decisions based on marketing stimuli (Howard, 1969) and Traffic Building Theory was developed from the retailing concept written by (Gable, 1985) in "Retail Management: A Strategic Approach" which discusses the flow of visitors to business locations or digital platforms through various marketing tactics.

5. Discussion

Market penetration traffic is a strategic concept integrating value-based marketing with market performance to optimise product success in entering markets. This concept is built on Rogers' diffusion of innovation theory (Rogers, 1962) Furthermore, value-based marketing principles emphasise sustainable customer value creation. In implementation, the market penetration traffic system is divided into three zones reflecting penetration success and value creation levels. Green traffic indicates a safe zone characterised by optimally delivered customer value, positive market response, and high customer loyalty. In this zone, marketing ROI reaches maximum levels, brand equity continuously increases, and market share develops steadily, reflecting successful value proposition in meeting customer needs.

Yellow traffic represents a cautionary zone where customer value delivery is partial, resulting in fluctuating market response and moderate customer loyalty. Marketing ROI and brand equity remain static, while market share shows stagnant trends. This condition indicates the need for value-based marketing strategy adjustments to improve penetration effectiveness.

The most critical zone is marked by red traffic. Its main characteristics are a failure in customer value delivery, resulting in negative market response and low customer loyalty. Minimal marketing ROI accompanied by declining brand equity and market share indicates the urgency for a fundamental transformation in penetration strategy and value proposition with market needs. This approach allows companies to identify and respond to changing customer preferences in real time.

The results of the literature study, which researchers used to create traffic coding to become traffic signs for company products entering the market, are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 2. Literature Study

Indicator Traffic	Strategy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a thorough audit of marketing strategies • Revise the value proposition according to market needs • Identify and resolve distribution bottlenecks • Redesign pricing strategy • Improve product quality • Rebuilding brand awareness • Focus on the market segments with the most potential • Develop recovery strategies to increase customer trust
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and improve the value chain • Increase distribution system efficiency • Strengthen marketing communications strategies • Optimize prices and promotions • Conduct market research to identify gaps • Improve customer service • Improve product positioning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining an optimal value proposition • Expand distribution network to increase market reach • Increase investment in digital and offline marketing • Develop customer loyalty programs • Introducing product variations to strengthen market position • Carry out continuous innovation according to customer feedback

The effectiveness of this traffic system depends on the company's ability to integrate value-based marketing with market sensing capability. The transition from red to green traffic requires optimising the value chain and strengthening market sensing capabilities to ensure alignment between value propositions. These three colours can also be interpreted as a company strategy to enter the market by paying attention to the existing seasons, for example, in Indonesia. When the school season starts, this season will have green traffic, so the company can expand its distribution network to increase market reach. However, when the school season starts, the company enters yellow traffic, which means the company can carry out marketing communication strategies and market research to identify gaps in sales. and several strategies for yellow traffic. However, when the season has entered, but there is no increase, the company can implement red traffic. Carry out a comprehensive audit of the marketing strategy, redesign the pricing strategy and other strategies to improve marketing performance.

6. Conclusion

Market Penetration Traffic is a strategic tool that integrates value-based marketing with market performance to optimize market penetration efforts. By using a system with three distinct zones (green, yellow, and red), companies can effectively monitor and respond to penetration effectiveness in real time. The green zone represents optimal performance, signaling that the current strategy is successful but requires maintenance and expansion. The yellow zone indicates that improvements are needed, and the strategy should be optimized to enhance performance. The red zone signals a critical need for a fundamental overhaul of the penetration strategy. The successful implementation of this system relies heavily on a company's ability to integrate value-based marketing principles with market sensing capabilities. Furthermore, the speed at which companies respond and adjust their strategies based on traffic indicators is crucial to maintaining competitive advantage.

The managerial implications of this system underscore the importance of continuous monitoring of traffic indicators as a foundational element for adjusting value-based marketing strategies. Companies must establish robust feedback mechanisms to understand the factors driving movement between the different traffic zones. This will enable them to make timely, data-driven decisions and ensure that their market penetration strategies are always aligned with customer needs and market conditions.

While this study highlights the potential of Market Penetration Traffic as a strategic tool, there are several avenues for future research. First, further exploration is needed on how different industries can adapt the traffic system model to their unique market dynamics and customer profiles. Second, research could examine the long-term effects of continuous adjustments in marketing strategies based on traffic indicators, particularly in rapidly changing digital markets. Additionally, investigating the impact of external factors, such as economic downturns, technological disruptions, and shifts in consumer behavior, on the effectiveness of market penetration traffic systems would offer deeper insights into the resilience and adaptability of such strategies. Lastly, future studies could focus on refining the integration of value-based marketing with artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance real-time market sensing and predictive capabilities, further optimizing the speed and accuracy of strategic adjustments.

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