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## A STUDY ON SIGNIFICANCE OF BUSINESS TO CONSUMER E-COMMERCE

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Abstract:-As we are in the age of knowledge the internet has become a progressively more significance channel for both business and consumer. It has change the way of doing business to many companies. The saying such as "information is influence" and "customer is king" are often used in reference to business accomplished on the Internet. In the rather short history of e-business and e-commerce, events have verified that flourishing e-businesses are those that distinguish the needs of their target audiences and match their demand. The internet is solitary of the most ground-breaking technologies that transform the business environment and has a spectacular brunt on the prospect of electronic commerce (EC). Electronic commerce is supporting of customers, supplying of services and commodities, portion of business information, manages business transactions and maintaining of bond between suppliers, customers and vendors by devices of telecommunication networks. The future of EC will increase speed and will shift the power toward the consumer, which will show the way to elementary changes in the way companies relate to their customers and compete with one another. The enormous attractiveness of the Internet in current years has been fueled largely by the panorama of performing business on-line. The Internet has no geographical boundaries to commerce, almost instantaneously giving the smallest business access to unused markets around the world. At the same time, consumers can conduct business and make purchases from any part of world and from any companies which previously were unavailable to them. The rationale of this paper is to review of significance of B to C, advantages and limitations of B to C.

Keywords: Electronic Commerce, Business to Consumer, Internet, telecommunication networks.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The digital economy covers a wide range of businesses and services focusing on electronic commerce on the Internet, defined as purchases and sales of goods and services transacted over the Internet. Business-to-consumer electronic commerce is also one form of which is online shopping and defined as electronic-based economic transactions conducted between individual consumers and organizations. While this form of ecommerce is anticipated to develop speedily for the projected future, it still represents only a small portion of total consumer spending. To take improved benefit of and be equipped for this economic phenomenon, organizations require recognizing and understanding factors that may influence consumers' decisions to engage in online based e-commerce. In recent times, the significance of trust has been discussed in both the academic and practitioner press. The impact of trust on the use of e-commerce has been established empirically. At the moment global marketplace, speedy dependable information is a necessity for most companies to accomplish some kind of spirited gain. For instance, companies can generate a virtual marketplace in which to sell their products. This virtual market is unexploited and could get in touch with millions of users on the Internet 24 hours a day. Broadly defined, electronic commerce can be viewed as "any form of economic activity conducted via electronic connections" (Wigand, 1997, p. 2). At moment there is an existence of virtual markets, as so there is no need for passages and stores which will occupy any physical space, now consumer can access and do the trade and transaction in these markets from anywhere in the world without going anywhere, you can select and order goods on online shop at unspecified parts of the world and organization can also advertise on virtual networks and payment is provided through electronic services, all of these options have been invented by electronic commerce which is considered the phenomenon of our century. At present more than a few types of electronic commerce are in continuation, for instance business-to-business, business-to-consumer, or government-to-business. The word B2C refers to the process when a business or organization sells its products or services to consumer for use, over the internet. At moment B2C consist of not only

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online retailing but also incorporated services like online banking services, tours and travels, online ticket booking in entertainments sector, online auction, health information and real estate etc; the center of attention of this study is purchaser purchasing of retail goods and services over the online, an area of business-to-consumer electronic com

#### MEANING AND DEFINITION OF B2C

B2C can be defined as a business or transactions performed directly among a company and consumers who are the end-users of its products or services. In a simple word it can stated as a transaction that take place between a company and a consumer may be called as B2C. The term may also depict a company that makes available goods or services for consumers. Business that sells products or services to end-user consumers can be defined as B2C. It can also be stated as general business activities between merchants and customers, which are commonly referred to as "online shopping site". Enterprises, businesses can take advantage of the electronic mall network infrastructure, payment platform, secure platform management platform to share resources efficiently, cost-effectively carry out their own commercial activities. At the same time as business-to-consumer activity subsist of both online and offline, the short form B2C has first and foremost been used to describe the online variety. B2C businesses played a outsized character in the speedy improvement of the commercial Internet in the 1990s. Bulky sums of venture capital flowed to consumers in the form of free online services and discounted shopping, spurring adoption of the new medium. When the capital markets turned disagreeable, however, the B2C companies were among the first to fall, and they fell fast. Many companies tried to follow the flock of investors by undergoing a B2C to B2B alteration. On the other hand, some analysts still predicted that consumer businesses would prosper online, just not in the way everyone primarily predicted.

#### **B2C SIGNIFICANCE**

The term B2C stands for business to consumer which differs from B2B and that stands for business to business. In this type of B2C e-commerce business via internet provide consumers with a new shopping environment such as online store, online consumers shopping through the network, in the online payment. The business to consumer company model is one in which companies offer their products or services for sale to consumers. This mode saves the valuable time, money, effort and space of the customers and businesses, and also significantly improves the efficiency of the transactions. Consumers shop online for a multiplicity of reasons ranging from lower cost products to verdict superior quality products. For recurrent online shoppers, the governing factor for shopping online appears to be price, followed by seeming savings in time and efforts the option to carry out price evaluation without difficulty, the elasticity in ordering any time of 24x7 and discovering a wider selection online.B2C e-commerce has made available evidence of its importance stand on the fact where time is quintessence. In the stiff commercial markets, time plays an essential role to equally the business and consumers. From the business standpoint, with less time used up during each transaction, more transaction can be achieved on the same day and the cost for the middleperson to sell their products can be saved and diverted to another aspect of their business. From the consumer standpoint, they will accumulate up more time during their transaction. For this reason, B2C e-commerce steps in and substitutes the traditional commerce method where a single transaction can cost both business and consumers a lot of expensive time. Within in a minute a few clicks can place a transaction or an order and completed through the internet. Its solution has projected to make customers shopping understanding safe-secure and harass free. For instance, a banking transaction can be completed through the Internet within a few minutes compared to the traditional banking method which may take up to hours. This fact perceptibly proves that B2C e-commerce is beneficial to both business and consumer wise as payment and documentations can be fulfilled with better effectiveness.

The B2C e-commerce technique of imbursement is mostly cash on delivery or online payment and allocation of products or services of most businesses prefer through logistics outsourcing to save operating costs. With the transform in consumer way of life, enterprises would like to promote online shopping users for their rapid growth. Consumers by seating in their own home can get the convenience of shopping online, while businesses enjoy a low overhead since they can reduce a large inventory. Business can offer good prices to consumers and provide free or low cost shipping in many cases.

Since no organization require large overhead costs, the B2C Internet model of selling is ideal even for small businesses. It is imperative for business owners to examine how they can bear out their B2C e-commerce store that congregate the customer's necessities. Internet retailers can more easily obtain information about the buying habits of individual customers, which the companies can then use to do more targeted selling and thus improve the "product" of retail sales. Today, with business websites so affordable to create, small businesses can thrive on selling their products directly to consumers via the Internet. By observing flourishing phase of online ecommerce market, unquestionably one can say that in the present day ecommerce solution has appeared as main powerful as well as most demanding solutions in the market because of its exceptional features and aspects.

In the present day, B2C regularly refers to the online selling of products, which is identified as e-tailing. E-tailing products to consumers may be conducted by either manufacturers or retailers. Virtually any product can be e-tailed. The major task in-front of retailers and manufactures in a B2C online selling situation is to get consumer mob to their website marketplace. This requirement create search engine marketing (SEM) of intense value in business to consumer selling. SEM promotes a website by making the site extremely able to be seen on search engines.

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Usually Ecommerce is accessible in (B2G) Business to Government, (B2C) Business to Consumer, (C2B) Consumer to Business and (B2B) Business to Business types where among all these types of e-commerce solutions, B2C is leading ecommerce solution which is widely accepted by all retailers those holding an online store. Now a day B2C ecommerce solution is an ideal choice of all business owners which offering a high range of benefits and security to its customers that is more important.

#### **ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATION S OF B2C E-COMMERCE**

#### Following are the advantages and limitations of B2C ecommerce solutions:

Advantages of B2C: B2C ecommerce is a great deal with additional advanced and competitive than b2b ecommerce. Consumers normally have a huge number of choices, and so sites have to be speedy easy to use and quick to find the way. The focus is now on attracting, retaining customers and increasing the profitable sales.

Can get in touch with worldwide market with unrestricted, indefinite, unrestrained, boundless volume of consumer Display information in catalog, and visual displays already existing on other client web site. It can also update E-Catalog anytime, whether it's adding new products, or adjusting prices, without the expense and time of a traditional print catalogs. Extensive search can be done by itemize, by corporate name, by division name, by location, by manufacturer, by pictures, and by prices of products or services without spending a fortune on colorful advertisements.

Make online purchasing experience harass gratis.

Condensed marketing and advertising expenses, operate on decreased, little, or even no overhead which make them to compete on equal footing with much bigger companies; easily compete on quality, price, and availability of the products Use tested and trusted payment method.

It has reduced inventory, employees, and purchasing costs, eliminate distribution cost, order processing costs associated with communication and data entry, and even eradicate physical stores. Reduce transaction costs.

Limitations of B2C e-commerce: The limitations of B2C e-commerce happens to both of them businesses as well as to consumer as shown below:

The catalog needs to renew every time when there is some new information or items to add in.

Normally, customer will only locally and limited to certain area.

Usually, a lot of phone calls and mailings are needed.

B2C online selling situation is to get consumer traffic to their website marketplace which can create hassle to consumer

Lack of Cyber Crime Law knowledge and necessary information for use of electronic commerce and Internet network

Security issues are probably why the consumers are not choosing to purchase online because of its only online scams, frauds, and rip-off, people are scared to insert their credit card information on the web.

B2C is lacking of lawful infrastructures in electronic commerce on worldwide level for instance sometimes documents are not acceptable and electronic signature is not authenticated

No tested and trusted payment method. in some countries

Lower speed and limitations on the use of Internet

B2C is sometimes having short of information about intermediary institutions and manufacturing companies of the benefits of Internet business

The security and confidentiality of information exchanged

Cost regarding inventory, employees, inventory cost, purchasing costs, and order-processing costs associated with communication and data entry, and even physical stores. Subsequently, increase transaction costs. Low dropout rate - fast pages, easy shopping basket and checkout

#### CONCLUSION

The Internet businesses on which we focus is retail sales and mass customization that is B2C e-commerce is still in the early stages of their development. Like all other facets of electronic commerce and the digital economy more generally, it is complicated to forecast the ultimate form that these businesses will take. Apart from all the advantages such as, reduced inventory, employees, and purchasing costs, eliminate distribution cost, order processing costs and cost associated with communication and data entry, and even eradicate physical stores. Reduce transaction costs.B2C electronic commerce has limitation such as, lack of security, no tested and trusted payment method in some countries, lower speed and limitations on the use of Internet, access to personal computers, low-speed data transfer on the Internet, difficult to access to websites on the Internet. Consequences of these caused to weaken the impact of electronic commerce but with the increase in Internet users and ease of admittance to the virtual world of the Internet, electronic commerce will revolutionize the face of the world. In short, if without any major obstacles, Ecommerce will positively prolong to full-grown in the global market and ultimately, it will become an indispensable business plan for a company in order to continue to exist and stay ready for action in the ever changing market.

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