

# Relative Targeting: An Example

Target Market: \_\_\_\_\_

Current trends exist that indicate likelihood to buy:	<input type="checkbox"/> We are able to list three or more trends specific to this market that we believe will drive targets to make a purchase in the short term	<input type="checkbox"/> We are able to list one to two trends specific to this market that we believe will drive targets to make a purchase in the short term	<input type="checkbox"/> We cannot list any trends specific to this market that we believe will drive targets to make a purchase in the short term
Describe the general health of the target?	<input type="checkbox"/> Growing	<input type="checkbox"/> Stable	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrinking
Are there any pending triggers that can be identified in the target market that will force targets to purchase imminently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and we are aware of their specifics and how our product/service aligns with them	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but we are not aware of their specifics and how our product/service aligns with them	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has there been an increase in your product's category spend in the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate to significant	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal to moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal to none
Has there been adoption of the solution by leading companies within the target market?	<input type="checkbox"/> We can identify a number of industry leaders that have adopted the solution	<input type="checkbox"/> We can identify a few industry leaders that have adopted the solution	<input type="checkbox"/> We cannot identify industry leaders that have adopted the solution
Is your product category currently perceived as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/> A nice to have	<input type="checkbox"/> No established perception of use and importance
Are there existing solutions and competitors that target this segment?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but our offering is generally accepted to be superior	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and our offering is generally accepted to be comparable to others
Do you have the database capability and/or list procurement ability/budget to market to this target?	<input type="checkbox"/> We have a significant, complete number of records in the market	<input type="checkbox"/> We have a significant number of records, but many are inaccurate or incomplete	<input type="checkbox"/> We have few records in the target, and it would be difficult to secure them from a third party
How has the product/service in question been designed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Our product/service is designed specifically for the target market	<input type="checkbox"/> Our product/service has been altered/enhanced to address needs within the target	<input type="checkbox"/> The product/service is designed for generic use across markets
How knowledgeable are marketing and sales about the target?	<input type="checkbox"/> We have deep domain expertise in regard to the market	<input type="checkbox"/> We have limited domain expertise in regard to the market	<input type="checkbox"/> We have no domain expertise in regard to the market
Has your organization developed specific messaging that addressed known needs within the target?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; we have a built a complete messaging approach for the target	<input type="checkbox"/> We haven't built a messaging approach, but have the resources and expertise to do so	<input type="checkbox"/> We haven't built a messaging approach, and don't have the resources/expertise to do so
How well prepared is the sales team to sell into the target?	<input type="checkbox"/> The sales force can access a complete set of tools and collateral to help build knowledge and competency	<input type="checkbox"/> The sales force can access a limited set of tools and collateral to help build knowledge and competency	<input type="checkbox"/> The sales force has access to little to no tools and collateral to help build knowledge and competency

**Key/Instructions**

Blue attributes: External considerations

Gray attributes: Internal considerations

**The majority of checks in one column should indicate the target segment's viability.**

**Column 1: Active Targets: Desirable segments from both external and internal perspectives. This indicates a highly viable segment.**

**Column 2: Nurture: Target segments should be nurtured until internal and/or external factors improve.**

**Column 3: Dormant: This indicates low viability as a target segment and most likely shouldn't be considered at this time, in a targeting strategy. Review periodically for change. This is especially true if most of the checks in this column were in the "External considerations" section.**

