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#### ENGR110/210 Perspectives in Assistive Technology



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# Questions, Comments, Thoughts? ?

## Handout

Whirlwind Wheelchair International brochure

#### Wheelchairs

# "Users" vs "Riders"







# Pitching

- Book
- Book chapter
- Funding proposal
- Journal article
- Project report
- PowerPoint presentation
- Poster presentation
- Elevator pitch  $\leftarrow$
- Abstract (see <u>How to Write an Abstract</u>)
- One breath
- One phrase

#### **Engineering an Elevator Pitch**



For:target customersWho:statement of the need or opportunityThe (product name) is a (product category)That:statement of key benefit – i.e., the compelling reason to buyUnlike:primary competitive alternativeOur product:statement of primary differentiation

Let's try a few examples. Suppose we are Amdahl, a maker of plug-compatible clones of IBM mainframe, and let us say that our primary competitive alternative is Hitachi Data Systems. Our elevator message might be:

"For Fortune 500 companies who are looking to cut costs and who operate in data centers of IBM mainframe computers, Amdahl's computers are plug-compatible mainframes that match or surpass the equivalent IBM computers in features and performance, at a far more attractive price. Unlike Hitachi's line of computers, our products have been backed by the same service and support organization for over 20 years." - Crossing the Chasm by Geoffrey Moore - page 161

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# Thursday



#### Teri A. Adams, JD Who's Gonna Pay for That? Durable Medical Equipment and Healthcare Reform

# Today



#### Edward C. Brodd Driving with Adaptive Equipment

### Adjourn

