



Stand design & decoration

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- Ownership & production matters
- Situation within the halls
- Types of stands
- Sections and functions of stand
- Group stands

Some (very) good & (very) bad examples





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EXERCISE:

Make a (draft) sketch of your (fictional) stand.

Indicate approx. sizes, key elements and limits with adjacent stands...



Ownership & production matters

As an exhibitor, you have the choice between renting booth space only ('naked square meters') and renting a fully equipped stand, - or anything in between.

Further, specialised suppliers offer the choice between tailor-made booths and 'modular' booths and building systems, - or anything in between.

Lastly, you as an exhibitor can choose the range of services that should come with the booth: mounting & dismantling, storage & disposal, reuse...



Ownership & production matters

Traditional woodwork:

Freedom of forms - Building Time

Aesthetics After-use

Sturdy Reusability

Modular booths:

Fast to build - Cost (message)

Reusability Aesthetics

Environment No complex forms

Hybrid stands: best of both worlds



Most stand contractors offer several negotiated alternatives:

Buying: On completion, the exhibitor has full ownership (and responsibility) of the stand and its components.

Renting: On completion, the exhibitor has the right to use the stand and its components for the duration of the show.

Leasing: Construction & dismantling, transport and storage for several shows.

!! "Designed here, built there" - networks



Ownership & production matters

Ideally, the timing for stand design and assembly takes 6 to 9 months:

Register with organizer (D - 9 months)

Briefing and rough stand design (D - 8 months)

Planning assembly and disassembly (D - 8 months)

Construction of booth (D - 6 to 2 months)

Preparing furniture, equipment and exhibits (D - 2 m.)

Compiling material (D - 3 to 1 months)

Transport of material (D - 4 to 3 weeks)

Assembly of booth (D - 2 - 1 week)

Handing over of booth (day before trade fair)

Disassembly of booth

Transportation to company, repair and storage



Situation within the halls

Most visitors develop typical behaviour as to when to arrive and how to walk through the halls.

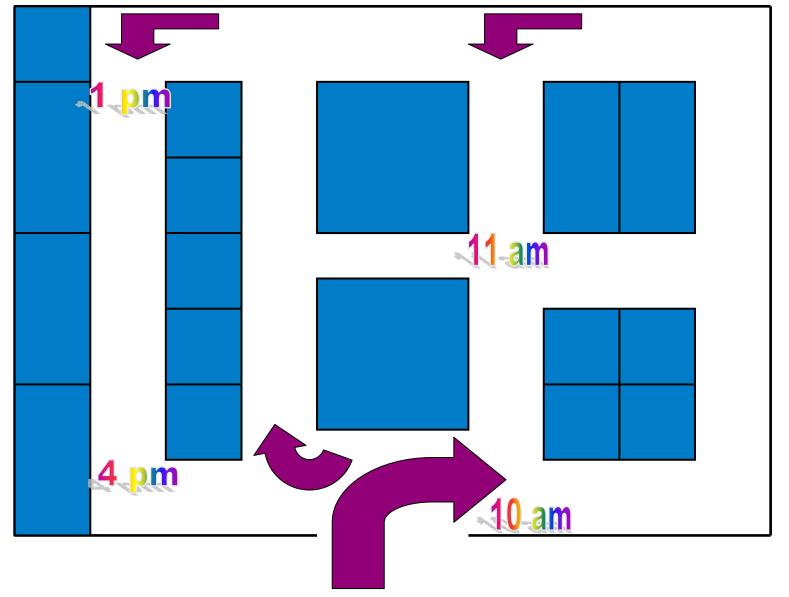
Several parameters determine which sections of which halls will be busy at what moments:

- Origin of visitors (local national international)
- Interest of visitors (seminars, special events)
- Segmentation of halls (horizontal vertical)
- Preparatory matchmaking (e.g. Royal Dutch)

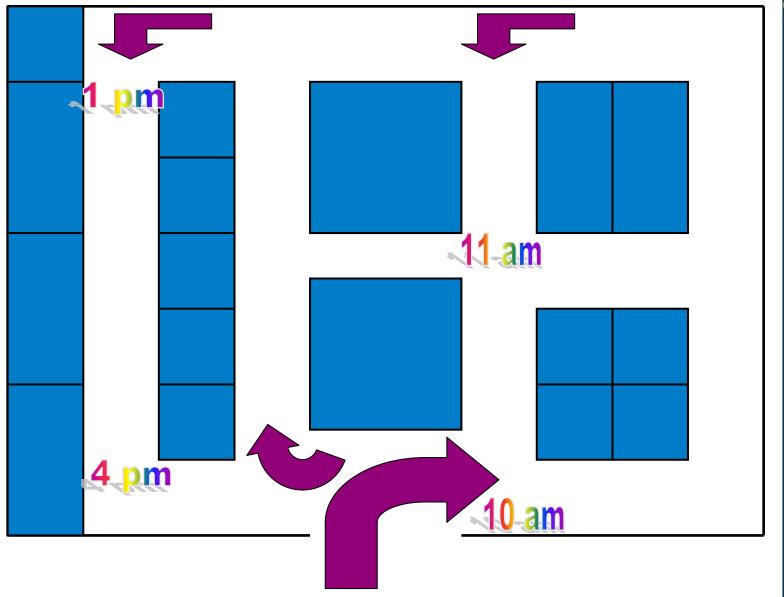
Exhibition targets determine the best site:

- Existing customers vs. new customers
- Transaction vs. information
- Demonstration vs. market research



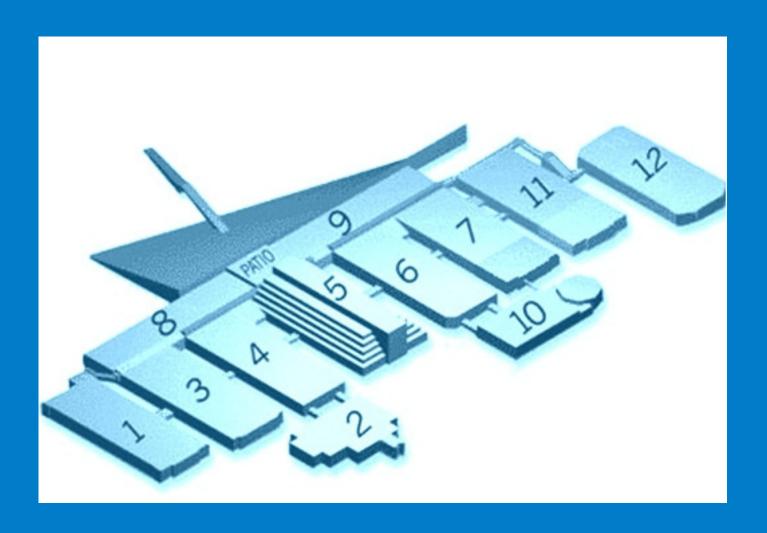






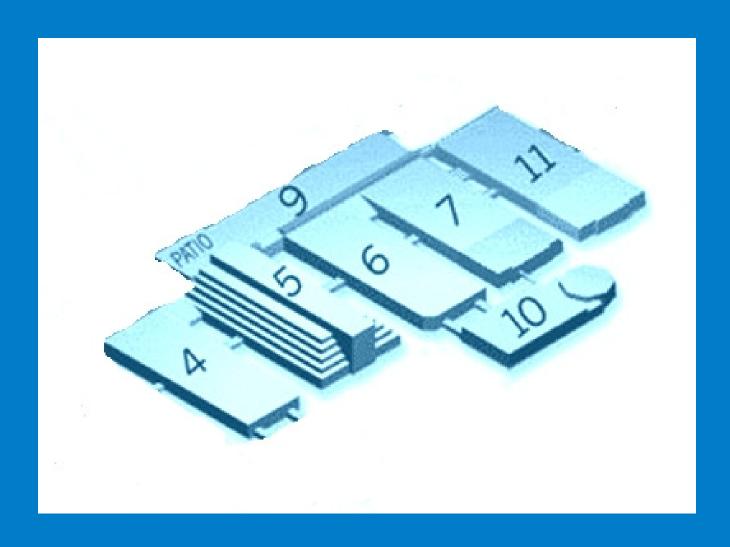






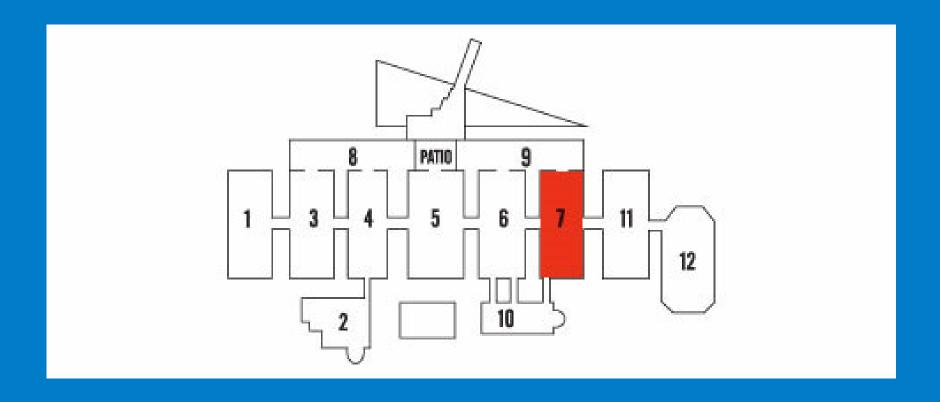














Types of stands

Criterion N° 1: Number of open sides

1 = Aisle stand

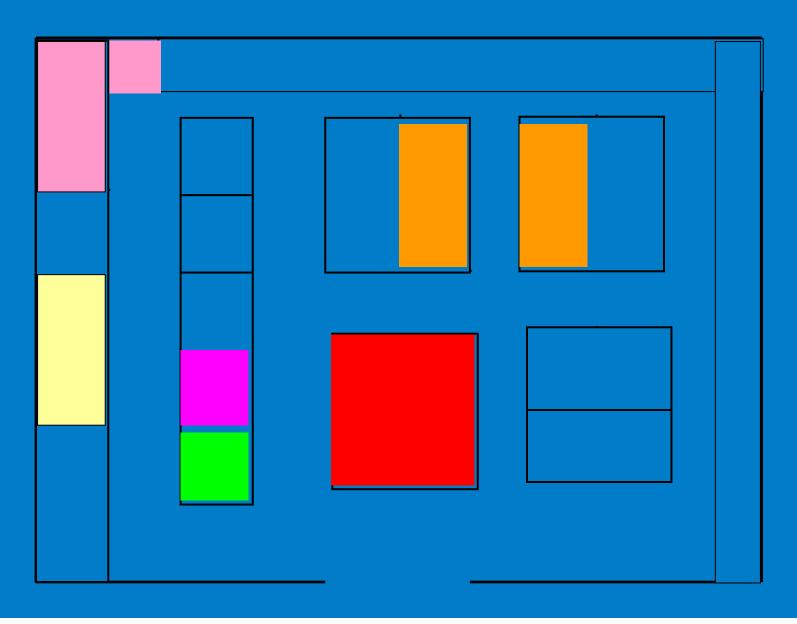
2 = Through stand *or* Corner stand

3 = Head stand *or* Corner stand

4 = Island stand

4+ = Avenue stand

Discover the booth types...







Sections and functions of stands

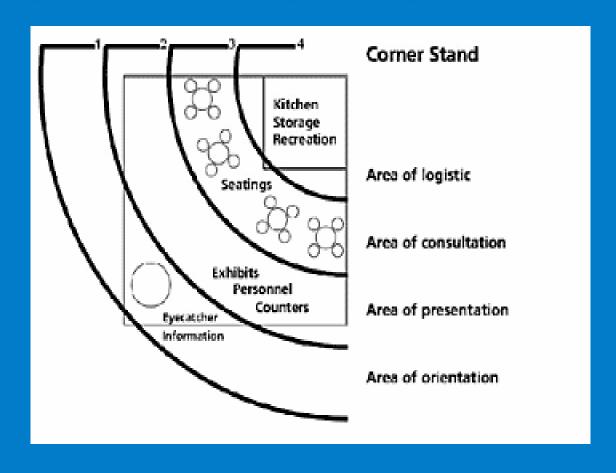
In general, a stand has **several functions** at the same time:

- Draw attention
- Spread a message/create an image
- Place to show / explain something
- Host booth staff & visitors (work & 'play')
- Front desk & logistical desk
- Hospitality point
- Information point





Sections and functions of stands







Stand design: some rules of thumb

Choose the user's perspective

Answer to "What is in it for me?"

Have a prominent eye-catcher

Keep it simple

Be consequent (targets, identity, promises, behaviour...)

Use the '4 and 15 yo rules

Try a zest of humor













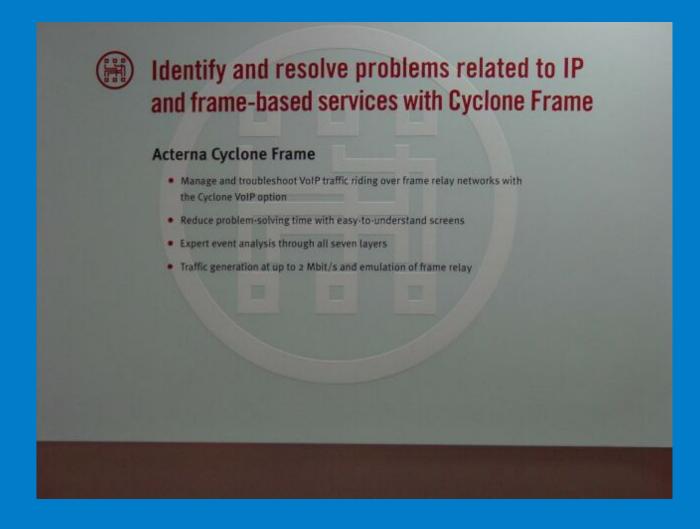


















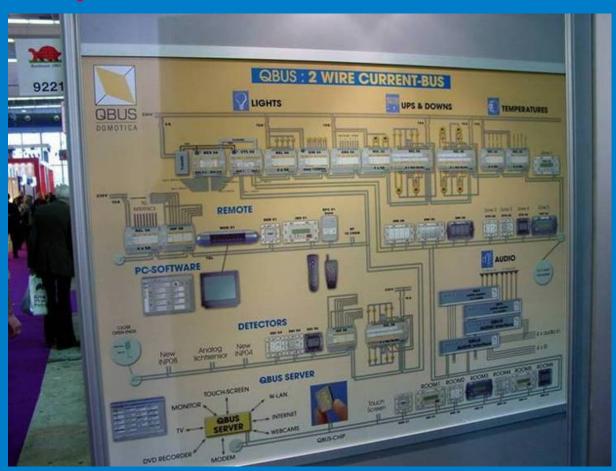
























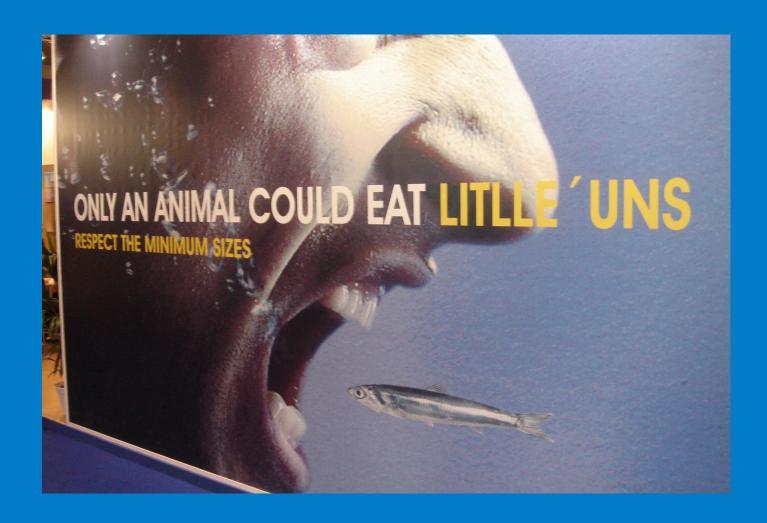
































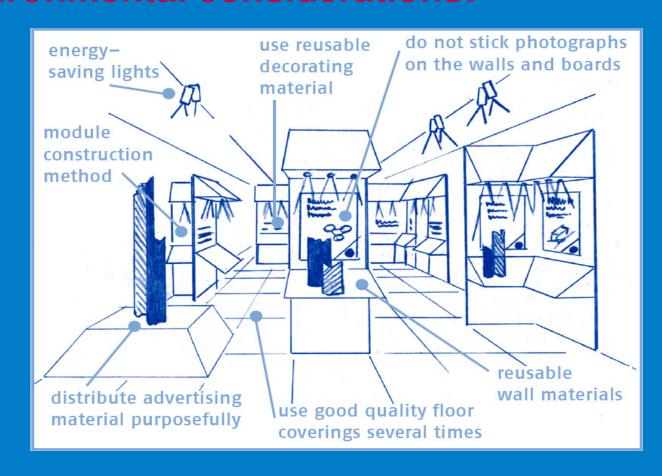








Environmental considerations:







Group stand rules of thumb

Say **no** to: Techie style exhibits

Nest builders

Non-visitor oriented activities

Irrelevant gimmicks

Anything far-fetched

Endorse: Exhibits respecting '4 rule

'Open area' concepts

Involvement of participants

Booth staff training

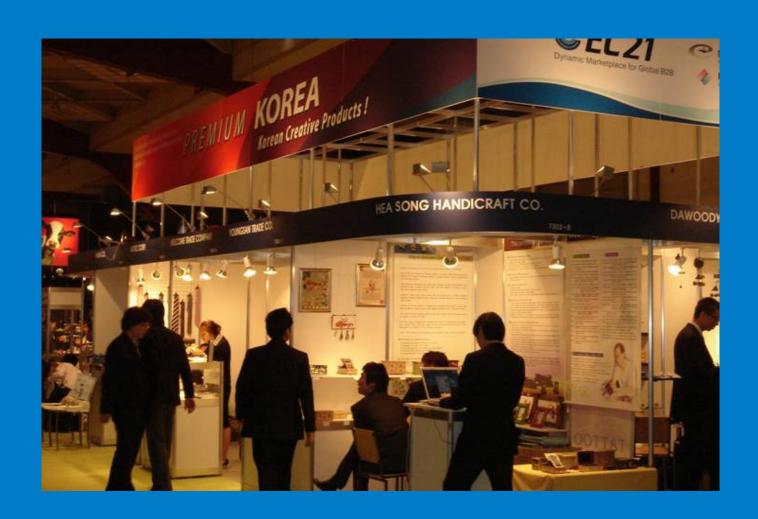








































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Q & A







What did we learn from this presentation?

- 1) The best place on the floorplan depends on my participation targets.
- 2) Stand design and communication have to be simple, straightforward and apealing to visitors.
- 3) The 4 second / 14 y.o. rules!





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