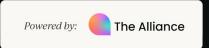
The product marketer's guide to pricing

Your framework for pricing success.



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Stage		Steps to consider
Research foundation	Insights from sales	Lost deal analysis, pricing objections, competitor positioning, sales feedback
	Customer-centric data	Usage patterns, expansion triggers, perceived value, budget cycles
Strategic alignment	? Key questions	Problems we solve, value for key customers, where we win most, unique differentiation
	\$ Pricing hypotheses	Testing willingness to pay, mapping features to value, gauging market fit
Stakeholder collaboration	\$ Finance	Revenue targets, margin goals, growth projections
	Product	Feature roadmap, technical constraints, value delivery
	II. Sales	Deal cycles, discounting patterns, key competitor strategies
Execution plan	← Internal	Cross-functional committee, decision criteria, success metrics, timeline milestones
	External	Communication strategy, grandfather plan, competitive response, sales enablement
Tools and frameworks	Must-have resources	Competitor pricing databases, pricing page examples, strategy templates, feedback loops. visit PricingSaas .

Research foundation: Sales insights

- Talk to sales
 - What are the most common pricing objections?
- Lost deal analysisWhere does pricing lose us deals –and where does it help us win?
- Competitive intelligence What pricing models are our competitors using?

Research foundation:

Customer data

Pro tip:

Pair qualitative interviews with product analytics for a complete picture.

- Analyze usage
 - What features do users value most?
- Find expansion triggers
 - What drives upsell/renewal opportunities?
- Understand perceived value
 - What are customers willing to pay for?
- Budget intelligence
 - When do budget cycles allow for price changes?

Strategic alignment: Pricing hypothesis

Test willingness to pay (WTP) with surveys or Van Westendorp methods.

Map features to value tiers – what belongs in which package?

Gauge product-market -pricing fit. Does the price match perceived value?

Strategic alignment: Key questions

- What problems do we solve (and how well)?
- Who values us most and why?
- What makes us unique?
- Where do we win most often?

Stakeholder collaboration:

Finance

Pro tip:

Bring finance in early so they can catch any flaws ASAP.

Align on revenue targets and profit margins

Understand CAC and LTV implications

Stress-test against growth forecasts

Stakeholder collaboration:

Product

Pro tip:

Pricing and packaging should reflect real user value – not just dev effort. Can pricing evolve with feature releases?

Are there technical constraints for bundling/tiering?

How is value delivered (API calls, usage, etc.)?

Stakeholder collaboration:

Enable sales to win

Create pricing battlecards and objection-handling scripts.

Understand deal cycles and pricing objections

Analyze discounting patterns – when and why?

 Prep for competitor price comparisons

Execution plan: Internal

- Form a pricing committee
- Set decision criteria (e.g. thresholds, guardrails)
- Define success metrics (e.g. ARPU, win rate)
- Align on timeline and ownership

Tip: Treat it like a mini product launch!

Execution plan: External

- Have a communication plan (to customers, press, etc.)
- Create a "grandfathering" policy
- Prepare a competitive response plan
- Train sales and support teams

Surprise price changes = angry customers. Communicate early and often.

Tools and frameworks

- Use competitor pricing databases (e.g. Paddle, OpenView)
- Reference best-in-class pricing pages
- Grab templates (check out our <u>pricing strategy framework</u>)
- Set up continuous feedback loops

Visit **PricingSaaS.com** for curated resources.

Pricing isn't a one-and-done project

Pricing is a living strategy that evolves as your product and market grow. The best approaches balance customer value with business goals and adapt through ongoing testing and feedback.

Think of pricing as an ongoing experiment. Test new ideas, listen to customer feedback, and keep a close eye on your metrics.

When you treat pricing as a cycle of learning and improvement, you build a strategy that doesn't just work today – it scales with you tomorrow.

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