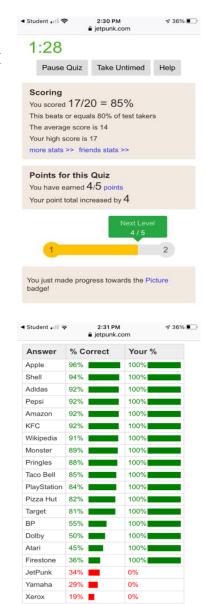
6.2 Importance of Branding and Logos

I enjoyed this activity because I have always been fascinated by branding and why some brands are more memorable than others. I spent two decades working in the graphic design industry helping others build their brand. While I cannot say that my branding efforts took companies to the top of their market, I did help many develop a branding package that they would not have otherwise had. This can overtime help them also become recognized as a household brand if they are successful in their continuous marketing efforts.

One thing I noticed when taking these quizzes (all of them) was just how many I knew without hesitation. It was rapid fire responses. More surprising is that I could not readily recall the names of some of the companies, but I knew exactly what industries they were in. The exceptions were: JetPunk, Umbro, and Skoda Auto. I just did not know them at all.



This observation emphasizes how important branding and logos are. While I could not rapidly recall the names of some companies, I recognized the logo enough to rapidly associate them with their appropriate industries. This is not because I am exposed to them daily, but rather their image has been consistent and reliable anytime that I have been exposed them. This is just as

important as the rapid recall of names. If I am looking for a financial institution for a new credit card and I Google search them, I am more likely to lean toward companies that I know as they are more trustworthy in my mind. The same would be true for other industries and markets as well. We trust what we know unless a bad experience has taught us otherwise. Also, if you can get a consumer to the correct industry, they are more likely to discover you as a specific company and/or product.

I have so many different logos that I enjoy that we would be here all day if I listed my favorites. There are so many different things that can attract me to a logo and sometimes it is just 1-2 aspects. I love how sometimes the logo tells a story about the brand. To narrow it down, I limited my selection to those listed in theses quizzes.

My three favorite logos are Lego, Morton, and LG.

The Lego logo has featured simple lettering with bright contrasting colors for decades and it is likely here to stay. The current logo has been around since the early 1970s and has changed minimally since then. The use of bright primary colors and more casual font usage indicate "fun" and target the younger generations (or those still young at heart). We



must get old, but we do not have to grow up. This bright, energetic, and fun branding is replicated in the atmosphere in their stores and theme parks around the globe. When I walk into a Lego branded store, I know exactly what I am going to find and that is fun.

I have always enjoyed the Morton Salt logo, especially when it is placed on its usual navy-blue box. This standardized packaging has made it easy to recognize their product on the store shelves over the years. I enjoy the story the logo tells that corresponds with the



company's motto, "When it rains, it pours." It illustrates the simplicity of a girl walking with a tipped salt canister, and the salt flowing out in the pouring rain. She is wearing a bright and cheery dress in stark contrast of the atmosphere of pouring rain. The irony is that rain (water) would dissolve the salt and moisture would cause clumping. Morton solved this problem, and this logo is how they shared that with the world.

I have found the LG logo to be fun to look at because it is simple and clean lines. It serves as a great reminder of the company's motto, "Life's Good." The lettering inside the circle of the logo creates a happy and smiling face. The L forming the nose, and the G forming the shape of the face and smile. I personally own three LG appliances, and life has been good with them. The logo has prominent placement on the front of the appliances and has become a pleasant sight as I stand filling my cup at the less than stellar water filling features on my fridge as if it is a reminder that life is good, not perfect. This simple design flaw aside, I'd buy another one and I fixed this one last year instead of waiting six months for a replacement. This logo is creative and a play on the elements of the brand's name and motto.



