B2B CONTENT MARKETING WORKSHOP

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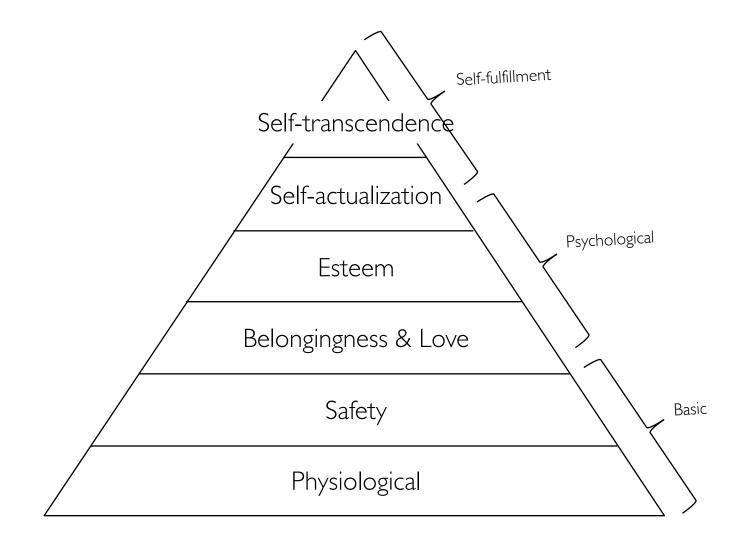
To Be Covered Today

- I. Your Customer's Hierarchy of Needs
- 2. Target Audience Segmentation
- 3. Product / Service Information
- 4. Corporate Information
- 5. Educational Content
- 6. Thought Leadership
- 7. Content Need Modeling

- 8. Brand Advocacy
- 9. Belonging
- 10. Entertainment & Inspiration
- II. Channel Strategy
- 12. Content Programming
- 13. Editorial Planning
- 14. Measurement & Optimization

HERARCHY OF NEEDS

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



Your Customer's Hierarchy of Needs



The Importance of Trust



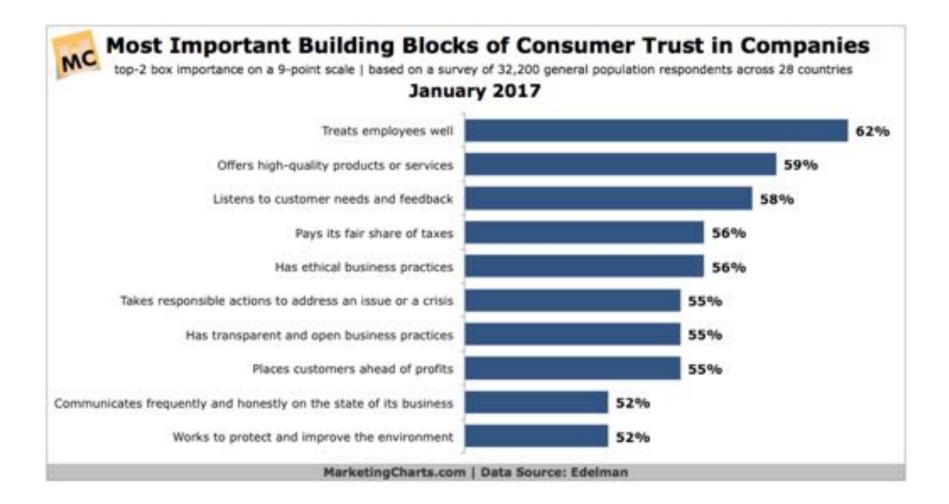
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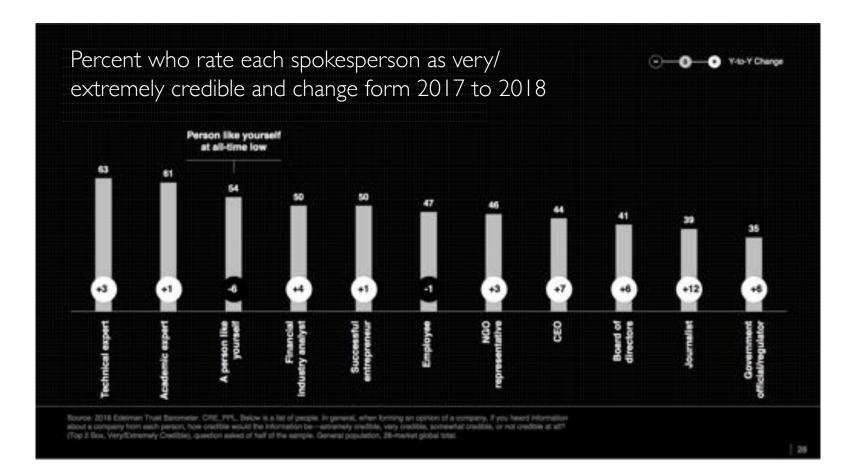
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Actions Speak Louder Than Words



Who is Speaking Matters



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TARGET AUDIENCE SEGMENTATION

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Core B2B Target Audience Segments

	Authority	Goal	Motivator	Influencers
Decision Maker	Final Yes	Innovation Competitive advantage Profitability Growth	Increase earnings, corporate and personal Industry recognition Not losing their job	Thought leaders Peers
Influencer (Procurement)	No	ROI	Getting promoted Not losing their job	Peers in the industry
Implementer	First Yes	Adoption User satisfaction ROI ROE	Getting promoted Not losing their job	Peers in the industry
User	Owns execution	Quick and effective solution	Getting promoted Not losing their job	Co-workers

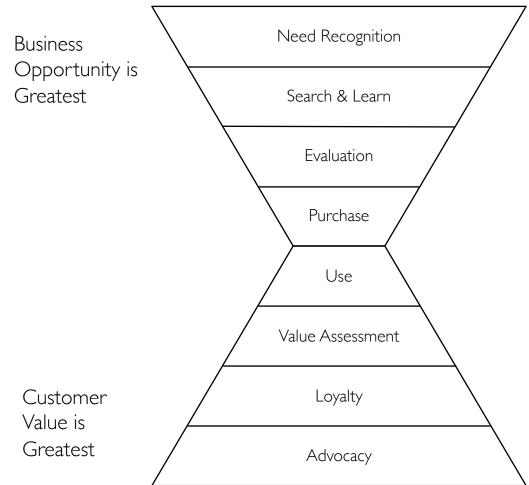
Target Audience Segmentation

- I. Review the B2B target audience segments model
- 2. Create custom segments based on what you know about your customers

Successful marketing positions a brand to meet its customer's needs in a unique and compelling way.

Helpful content is one of the easiest ways to amplify brand value, solidify positioning, establish credibility, and drive conversion and brand advocacy.

Coaxing the Customer Through Their Journey



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Majority of Buyer's Journey is Self Directed Online

- Average B2B buyer is 57% through the purchase process before they engage a sales rep. Some up to 90% through
- 67% of the buyer's journey is now done digitally
- Online searches are executives' first course of action (just like everyone else)

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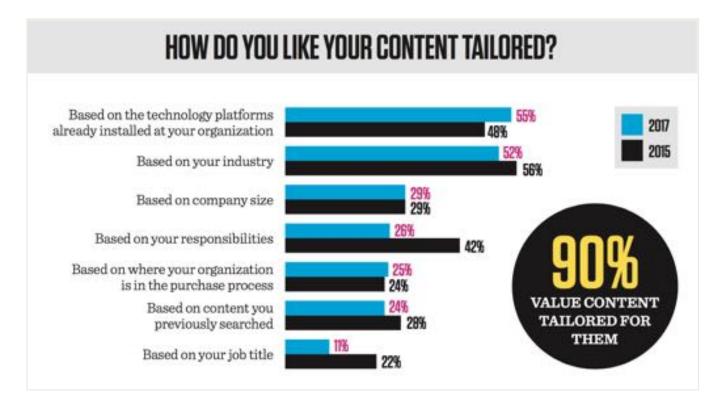
- Your product / service's intended purpose, how and why it will meet their needs
- Your product / service's features and benefits
- How your product is made / the experts behind your product
- Where your product is made and its components sourced / How your service is delivered
- Why your product / service is better than the competition
- How to use your product / service
- Your customer support systems
- How your product / service performs
- Do you offer a guarantee
- Price

Drive Home Why Your Offering is Best for the Customer

Showcase how it is brought to life, how it is continually improved and the amazing experts behind it

- Describe all key features and benefits and how they align with the customer's needs
- Explain the process, the systems at a high level
- Include interviews with key members of the team
 - Include those that provide support over the phone
 - Have them explain what they like about their jobs, how they contribute
- Include a timeline showing history of the product/service and key developments
- Address biases and friction points

Personalize How You Present Solutions To Make Your Content More Relevant



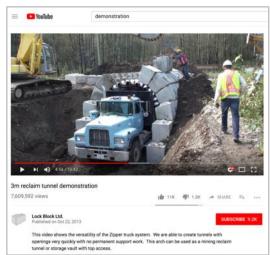


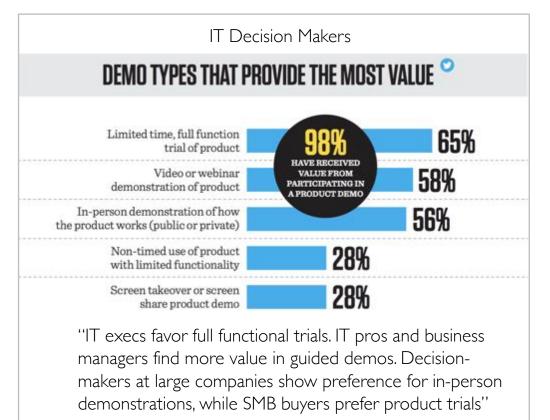
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Offer a Demonstration or Trial

Offer a variety of options to appeal to all customer segments

- Demo video
- Free trial
- Guided via conference call
- In-person





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Gather Customer Reviews

Encourage and showcase customer reviews to give prospects an understanding of the practical application of the product or service from a highly credible source

- Have sales and customer support solicit them after working with a satisfied customer
- Direct customers to your Google Business listing, other directory listings, and your website if appropriate
- Solicited from online influencers
 - Embed their YouTube video on your site
 - Include a pull quote and link to their blog post

Showcase Support Content

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Recent research revealed **how-to videos** earn the **most attention** of any content category on YouTube, even more than music clips or gaming.

Think with Google

Source: Google/Ipsos, U.S., Video Mobile Diary, (n of 18,219 total video occasions), 2017.

Address Pricing

- Can I afford to do this now?
- Can I justify this investment?
- Is this the best value for my money?

When custom estimates are required, the most important pieces of upfront price-related information are:

- I. How price is calculated
- 2. Contract requirements or terms



https://www.verticalmeasures.com/blog/digital-marketing/how-much-does-content-marketing-cost/

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Help Prospects Make a Side by Side Comparison

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	Cisco DNA vs. HPE vs. Huawei		
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Provide ROI / Evaluation Tools to Help Them Justify the Investment

By testing different scenarios they will convince themselves

- Satisfy those segments focused on the financials of the investment
- Empower sales reps in the field or at a trade show, with a tool that shows the customer the tangible benefits of your solution
- Analyze the data provided for insights on your customers



Reduce Payroll Losses with a Time & Attendance Solution

According the American Payroll Association, the average hourly employee "steals" anywhere from 50 minutes to 4.5 hours per week by showing up late, leaving early or taking long lunches and extended breaks.

Almost 75% of businesses in the U.S. are affected by what is known as "time theft."

> Time theft can cost companies up to 7% of their gross annual payroll.

> 25% of workers say they exaggerate the hours worked for 76-100% of their shifts.

Cutting down on a few minutes of "stolen" time for each employee can save you thousands of dollars each year.

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Prevent Time Theft and Increase Your Efficiency

Luckily, time and attendance software offers several ways to mitigate this problem. Use Paycor's interactive worksheet below to estimate your organization's savings opportunities.

Total Employees How many total employees work at your company?

Number of Hourly Employees Who Enter Time

Enter the number of hourly employees and their hourly rates for up to three roles. Ex: Our company has 20 employees making 515/hr, 4 employees making 512/hr, and 12 employees making 514/hr.

Employees in Role #2 Employees in Role #2 Employees in Role #3

Role #1 Avg. Hourly Rate Role #2 Avg. Hourly Rate Role #3 Avg. Hourly Rate

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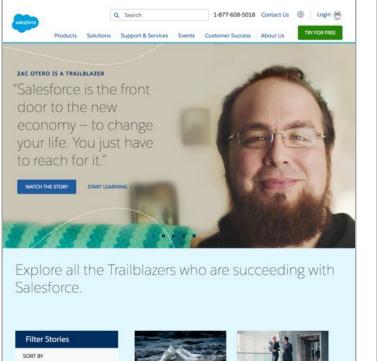


Enter the hourly rate for the person in charge of totaling and auditing your employees' time cards.

Average Admin Hourly Rate:

Calculate Your Cost Savings & ROI

Showcase Customer Successes via Case Studies



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By putting shoppers at the center of its business, adidas keeps winning. Speed and agility have been hallmarks of great athletic performance since the

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games, and likely before. But speed and agility in retail? That's not so easy A leader in athletic sportswear, shoes, and fashion, adidas is disrupting manufacturing and retail with bespoke design and a digital approach that puts consumers at the center of everything the company does. Joseph Godiey, Head of Digital Brand Commerce, explains that the company "is Yuly trying to build differentiated experiences, identifying key consumer segments and mapping ou nces tailored to their need

Athletic gear maker adidas is a Trailblazer in digital and online marketing.

The adidas website is a key part of a platform through which the brand can offer pren connected, and personalized experiences. Godsey said, "We ensure that our work in digital is aligned with our core belief. Through sports, we have the power to change lives. We realized that digital is the best way to enable this through the relationship we can create with consumer company's most important store is no longer a physical store: It is the dot com sites, and laiesforce is an important partner for delivering the company's digital transfor





Source: Demand Gen Report,

Write into your customer's contract quid pro quo, along with terms/timing

Categorize so relevant case studies can be easily found by your sales team and prospects

Commerce and customer support get an upgrade thanks to

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

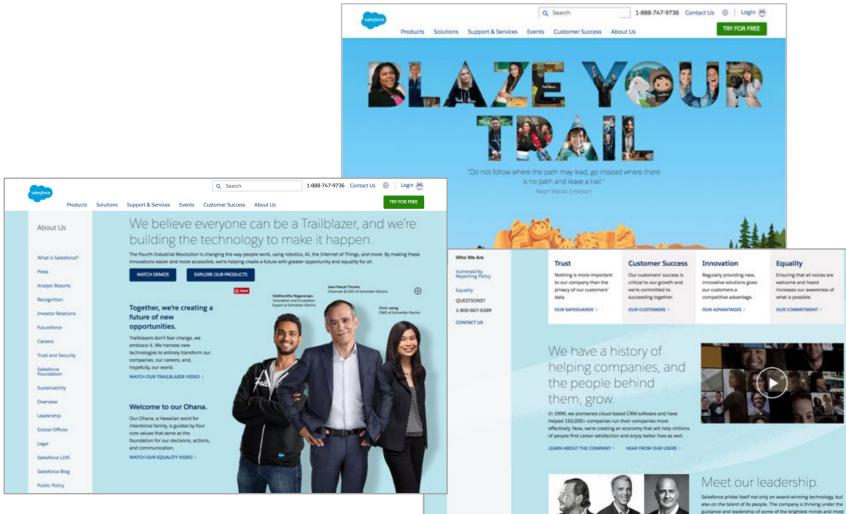
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Corporate Information

- Company values what do you stand for?
- Business practices how you treat your employees, what's your customer service like, how do you handle mistakes, etc.
- Brand purpose
- Creation story, history, and achievements
- Mission, vision, goals, and objectives
- Leadership

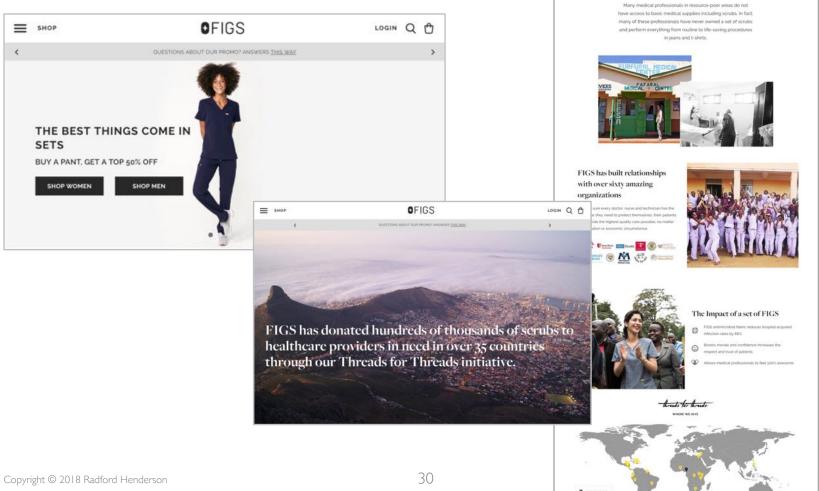
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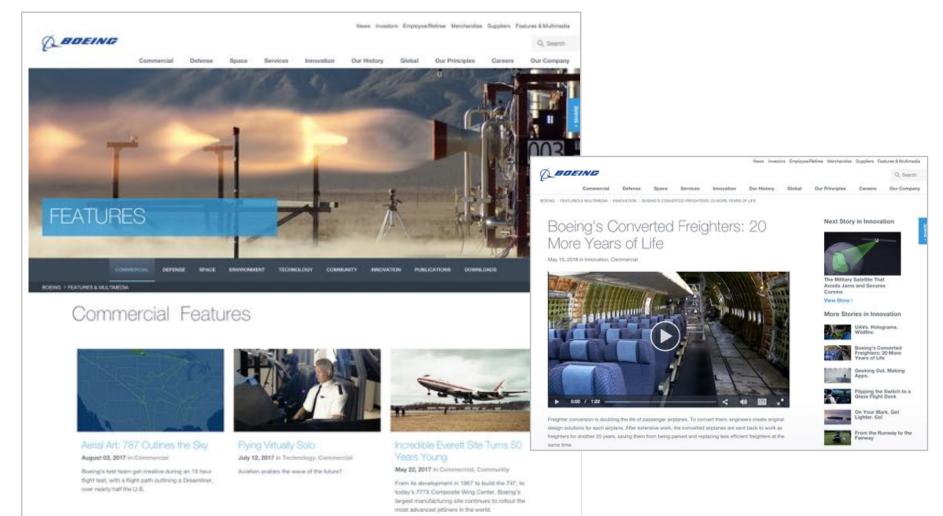
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Product / Service & Corporate Information Gap Analysis

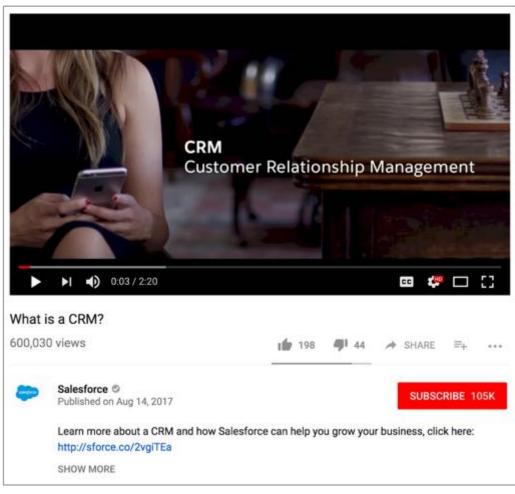
- I. Identify where you have the opportunity to provide more helpful information to your customer
- 2. Use the worksheets provided to do a gap analysis
- 3. Check the lists against the content published on your website
- 4. Check off all content that currently exists and is compelling for your target audience
- 5. Make notes where there are opportunities to enrich your storytelling
- 6. Use the voice of trusted / influential sources to communicate the information where possible

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

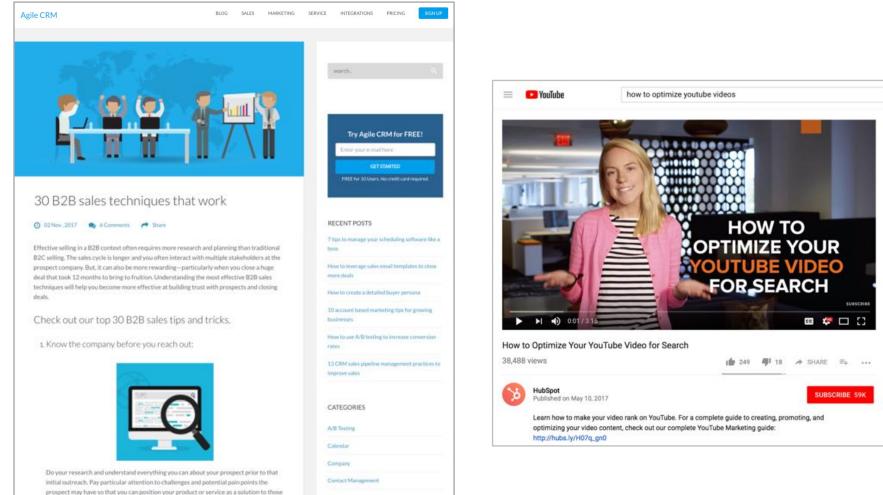
Help Your Prospects and Customers Succeed in Their Jobs and Careers

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Provide Explanations – Someone's Always Learning Something New



Offer Easily Applicable Tips & Checklists & How Tos



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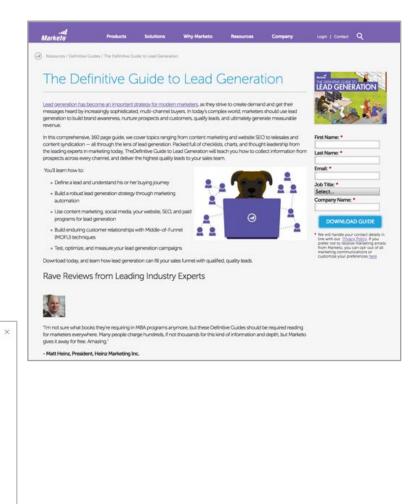
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2 Subscribe to your prospects' newsletters or marketing campaigns:

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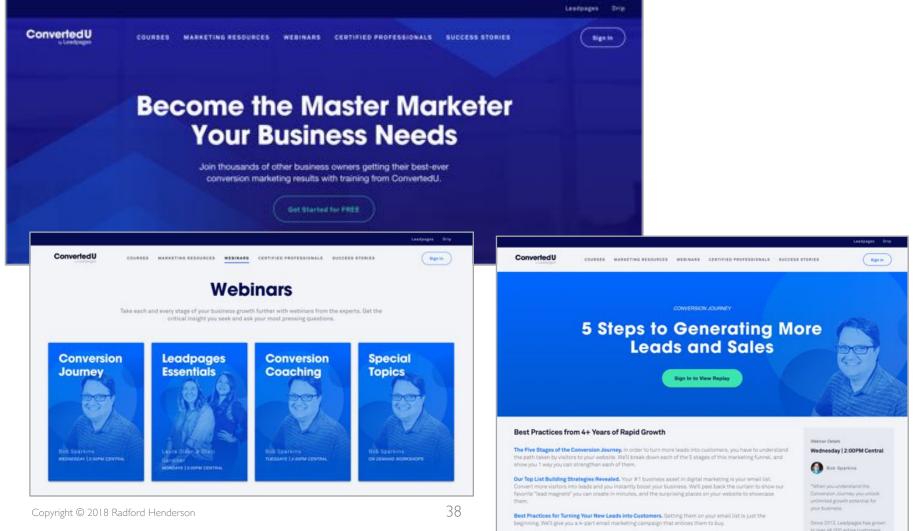
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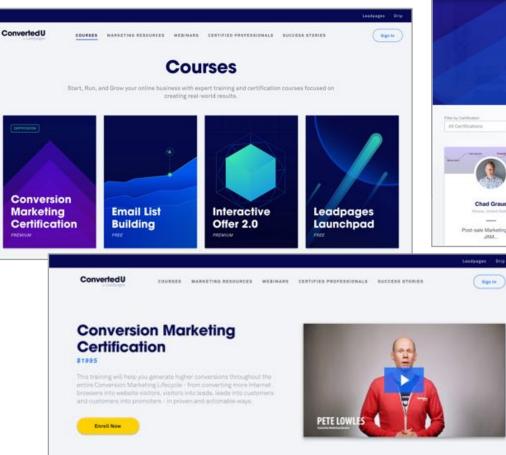
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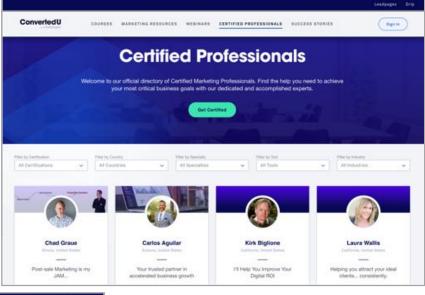
Provide Tutorials From Your SMEs via Webinars or Workshops



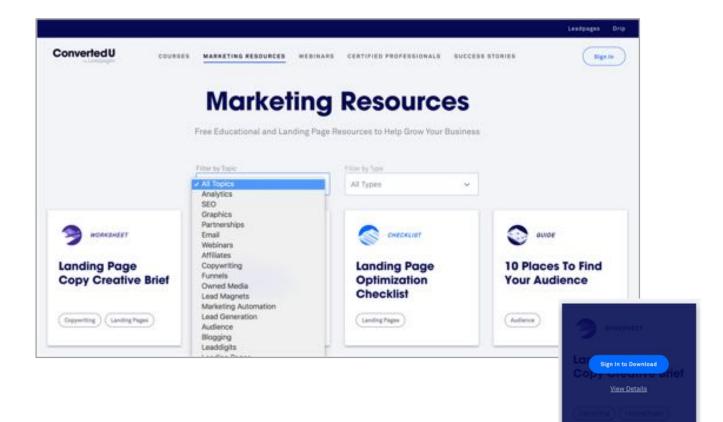
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Develop Certification Courses to Establish Your Leadership in a Field





Organize Evergreen Assets in a Resource Center

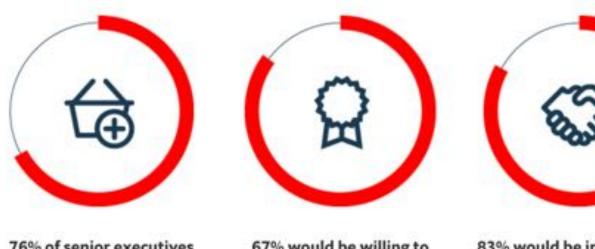


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Compelling Thought Leadership Influences Purchase Decisions

AFTER CONSUMING COMPELLING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP



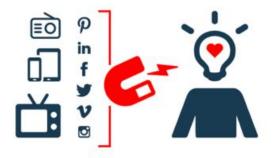
76% of senior executives are influenced in their purchasing decisions

67% would be willing to advocate for that brand or organisation externally

83% would be influenced in their choice of business partner

The Economist Group in Association with Hill + Knowlton Strategies, Thought Leadership Disrupted http://tldisrupted.com/key-findings/

Inspires Leaders to Think Differently and Generate New Business Ideas



The qualities executives most associate with compelling thought leadership

Innovative 40%*

Big Picture 36%*

Transformative 36%*

Credible 35% *

* % of executives associating their top three qualities with compelling thought leadership

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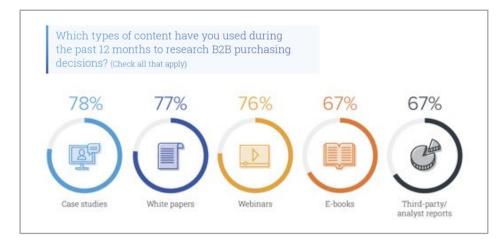
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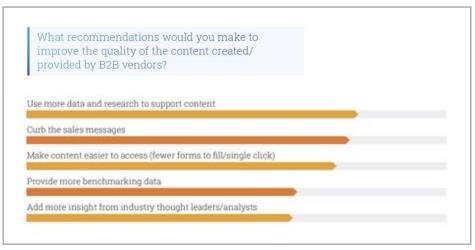
"I am more willing to pay a premium to work with an organization that has publicly articulated a clear vision for the future"



Edelman & LinkedIn, How Thought Leadership Impacts Demand Generation; June 1, 2017 https://www.edelman.com/b2b-thought-leadership/

Is Data-Driven, Credible and Goes Deep on a Topic

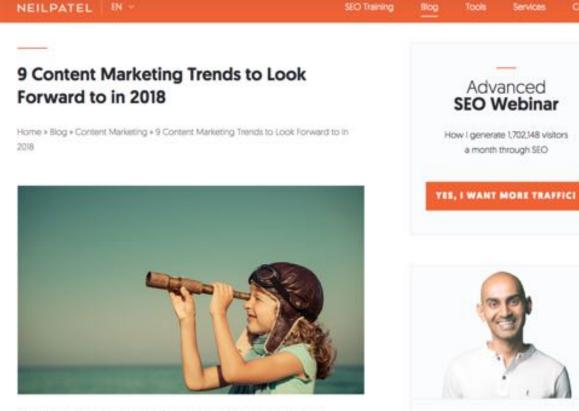




Source: Demand Gen Report, 2017 Content Preferences Survey. 2017.

Article





Organizations that have made consistent and sound investments in content marketing in recent years are reporting those investments paying dividends.

That's what the latest data from CMI is showing us.

According to the 2017 <u>benchmarks and trends report from Content Marketing</u> <u>institute and MarketingProfs</u>, more than 60% of 828 marketers reported that their content marketing strategies are more effective than one year before.

Comparing the data year over year, 34% of marketers feit their content marketing

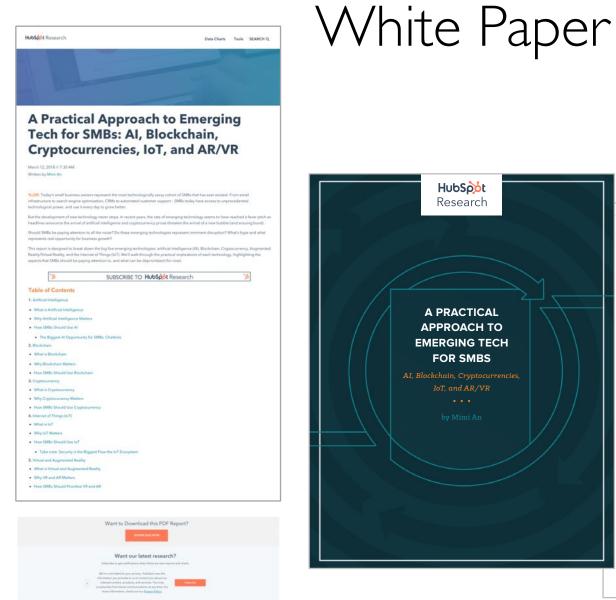
He is the co-founder of Nell Patel Digital. The Wall Street Journal calls him a top influencer on the web, Forbes says he is one of the top 10 marketers, and Entrepreneur

About Nell Patel

Magazine says he created one of the 100 most brilliant companies. Neil is a New York Times besteeling author

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Raise expectations

Healthcare, Energy/ Utilities, and

Manufacturing

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Digital currency that operates independently of central banks

Potential to break

down international barriers and create a global economy

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Augmented &

Virtual Reality

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Increase demand

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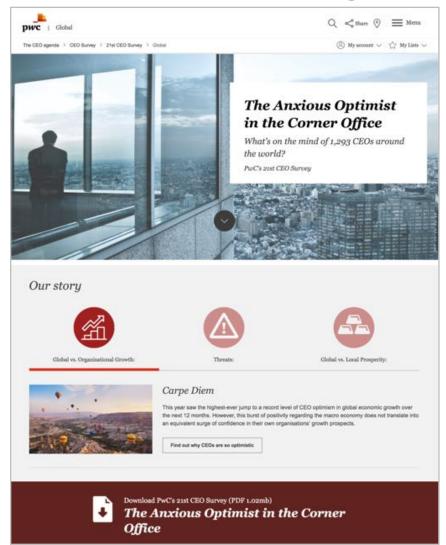
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Change our ideas about security (i.e., transparency is more secure than a traditional database)

with supply chain management

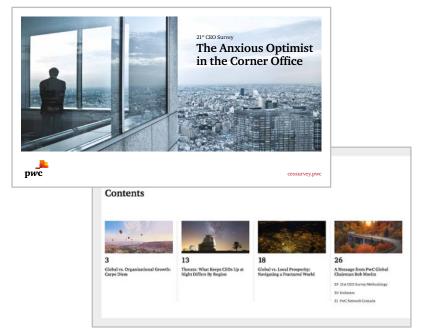
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Insight Report



Long-form publication that expresses the results of proprietary research

This type of newsworthy content can be shared with the media for press coverage



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Infographic

A visual representation of quantitative information, or highly-illustrative content that tells a data-driven story



The Impact of Thought Leadership on B2B Demand Generation

An Edelman Study, Powered by Linkedin

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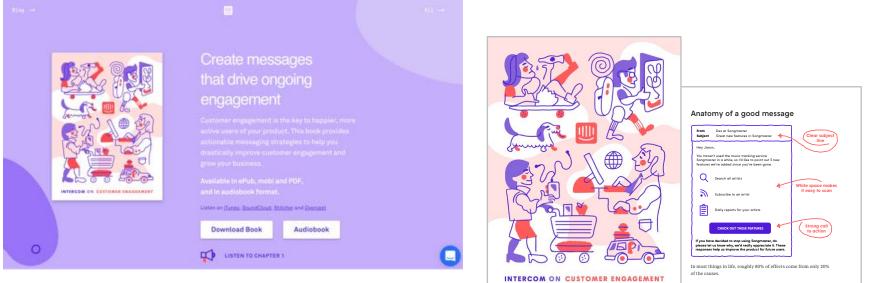
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For instance, 80% of Warren Buffett's wealth comes from just 10 investments, and about 80% of software problems are caused by 20% of bugs.

The <u>Pareto Principle</u> (aka 80/20 rule) states that a small number of

Benchmarking Studies

Survey of a specific customer segment to establish industry averages

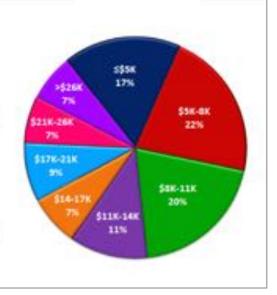
2016 ILTA/InsideLegal Technology Purchasing Survey

What is your annual technology spend per attorney?

(including software, hardware, support maintenance, etc.)

As with the percentage of total firm revenue question, we added more granularity in regards to firms' technology spend per attorney. Overall, 22% of all respondents (the largest single percentage), spend between \$5,001-\$8,000 per attorney specifically on technology, followed by 20% who indicated spending \$8,001-\$11,000. Just like in 2015, this year's figures indicate that 77% of survey respondents spend less than \$17,000 on technology, per attorney.

Among Small Firms, 70% of respondents spend up to \$8,000 per attorney on technology. 60% of Medium Firms spend between \$11,001-\$17,000 and 38% of both Medium and Large Firms spend more than \$17,000.



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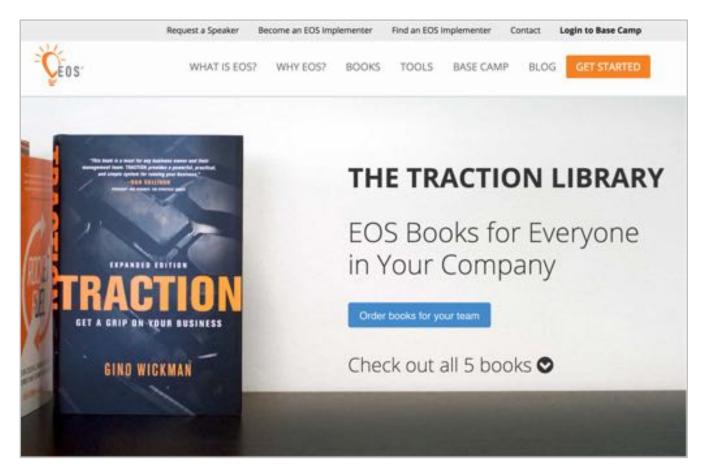
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T	Chris has been part of the Sacramento Superior Court team for 16 years leading various initiatives in the areas of technology and research & evaluation. He is currently participating in several statewide initiatives that will fundamentally resultance e-services in California ourts. Prior to joining the court. Chris worked for The Money Store in various technology roles including iT management, businessitystem analysis, and change management. He is a Gulf War Army veteran and has a BS from Brigham Young University.		
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Event providing in depth information on a specific topic or theme



Business Books

Long form print publication that provides in depth coverage of a topic

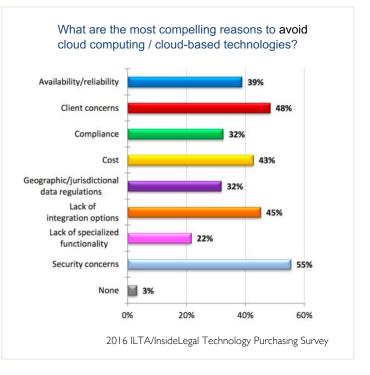


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CONTENT NEED MODELING

Mining for Ideas

- Ask staff for FAQs
- Survey customers
- Review existing third party research
- Commission research



By Product or Service

Product / Service	Issue	Benefit	Activity

By Customer Role

	How to execute role	How to master role	Reducing costs	Increasing revenue	Best Practices / Benchmarks	Career Aspiration
Decision Maker						
Influencer (Procurement)						
Implementer						
User						

By Phase of Initiative

Website Redesign									
Business Planning	RFP	Evaluating Vendors	Roll Out Planning	Implementation	Evaluation				
How to know if it's time for a website redesign Calculating the expected ROI of your website redesign Budgeting for a website redesign	How to conduct a website redesign RFP RFP templates	How to evaluate web dev shops The benefits of local web dev shops	Choosing a project management tool Creating an internal communication plan Establishing benchmarks and goals	How to know if your web project is on track	Conducting a project post mortem Measuring performance and optimizing your site				

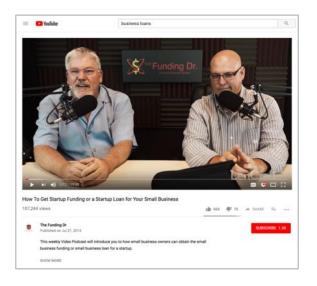
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Research search traffic to understand

- Topic demand
- Natural language used
- Ranking difficulty
- Seasonality
- Existing authorities

Social Scan



Research topics in social channels to identify

- Topic relevancy by channel
- Type of content driving engagement
- Relevant influencers
- Hashtags used





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Content Need Modeling Exercise

- I. Develop a content need model for the brand you are marketing
- 2. Choose from provided templates or create one of your own
- 3. Come up with 10 12 topics that could be helpful to your customer

Content By Segment By Phase

	Need Recognition	Search & Learn (Education)	Evaluation	Purchase (Justify Cost, Build Consensus, Negotiate)
Decision Maker	Drives for innovation Tracks trends Identifies need Thought Leadership Case Studies	Works to complete job tasks and improve job performance Education		Reviews recommendation Makes final decision Builds consensus internally In Person Demo Case Studies Analyst Research Technology News Interviews with Tech Experts
Influencer (Procurement)		Works to complete job tasks and improve job performance Education	Reviews recommendation Pricing Guarantee Vendor Comparison Tools	Approves recommendation Negotiates ROI/Assessment Tools Benchmark Reports
Implementer	Identifies need	Works to complete job tasks and improve job performance Education Identifies options Overview – Product / Service & Corporate Product Testing, Reviews, Opinions Pricing	Determines best solution Guided Demo Case Studies Vendor Comparison Tools	Builds support for recommendation Content to help make case to Influencer and Decision Maker
User	Identifies need	Works to complete job tasks and improve job performance Education Researches solutions Overview – Product / Service	Identifies solution to meet needs Trial Advocates for solution Content to help make case to Implementor	

Content By Segment By Phase 2

	Use (Set Up, Use, Get Help)	Value Assessment (Set Up, Use, Get Help)	Loyalty (Repurchase, Renew, Expand)	Advocacy (Endorse)
Decision Maker		Reviews performance reports Performance dashboard and reporting		Collaborates on case study Contributes a testimonial Becomes champion in industry Case Study Testimonial Presentation
Influencer (Procurement)		Reviews performance reports Performance dashboard and reporting	Continues, expands purchases Performance dashboard and reporting Optimization information	
Implementer	Rolls out solution Troubleshoots Implementation support FAQs, Guides, Tutorials	Assesses performance Performance dashboard and reporting	Continues, expands purchases Performance dashboard and reporting Optimization information	Shares feedback with peers Content to share Brand Ambassador Program Referral Program
User	Executes Troubleshoots FAQs, Guides, Tutorials	Provides feedback	Pushes for continuation, expansion	Advocates with co-workers and peers Content to share

Content Planning By Customer Segment & Journey Phase

- I. Grade each box for the current content A F, or star "low hanging fruit"
- 2. List content ideas on the blank template for the low rated boxes, "low hanging fruit"
- 3. Consider how you can use the voice of trusted / influential sources to communicate the information

BRAND ADVOCACY

Employees

Employee brand advocacy increases the reach of content, affects perception of the brand and impacts customer trust towards the company

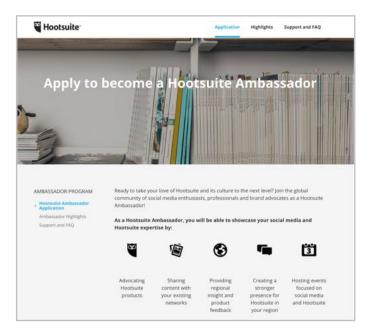
- Provide brand advocacy guidelines
- Provide tips on building out a LinkedIn profile and participating in social channels
- Invite them to contribute to content creation
- Encourage them to share brand content
- Encourage them to find and share their own content
- Provide instructions for hashtag usage
- Encourage them to share their experience on employer review sites

Employee posts can generate 8X more engagement than when that same content is shared through a brand handle. Cisco, Employee Advocacy: Marketing Engine of the Future?

Customers

Customers are highly trusted as sources of information about a company. Activate them as Brand Advocates

- Recruit brand fans already participating in social
 - Encourage them to write online reviews
 - Give them early and unique access to new product previews, events, promotional offers and other exclusive content
 - Encourage them to share helpful brand content
- Co-create content with them
 - Interview them for a blog post and invite them to guest blog
 - Create a case studies to tell their story and include a testimonial
- Offer an incentive for referring new customers
- Connect them with prospects
 - Have them answer questions from prospects in a forum
 - Have them introduce you or present their story at an event or on a webinar
 - Invite them to sit on a panel and invite prospects to join



Influencers

Influencers are highly valuable partners as they are already engaged with your target audience and seen as credible.

- Find industry experts already influential in your topic categories
 - Give them early and unique access to new product previews, events, promotional offers and other exclusive content
 - Ask them their opinion and encourage them to share
- Co-create content with them, e.g. ebooks
 - Identify questions your prospects are asking
 - Choose a theme and collaborate to answer
 - Share through both your networks and channels
- Build a value proposition for each influencer
 - Give them exposure, invite them to guest blog, amplify their best content



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Make Sharing Easy for Your Brand Ambassadors

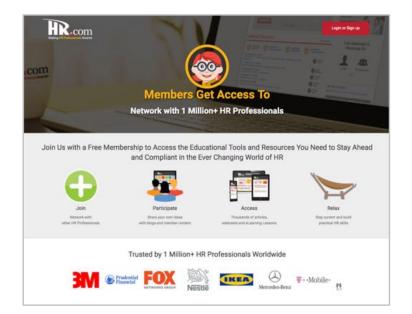
- Set parameters that put the focus on being helpful
 - Post 80% about topics that are informative, helpful and relevant to customers or is personally interesting
 - No more than 20% of the content shared should actually be about the brand
- Give them tools. Send them prewritten posts, images, embed codes and short URLs before publishing

BELONGING

Fostering Community

Creating opportunities where prospects and customers can connect with your experts and help each other will provide a sense of belonging and a feeling of contributing to the common good

- Conferences, seminars and webinars
- Peer to peer events, panels
- Online Q&A or Forum moderated by Brand Ambassadors and SMEs
- Co-creation opportunities
- Brand Ambassador program

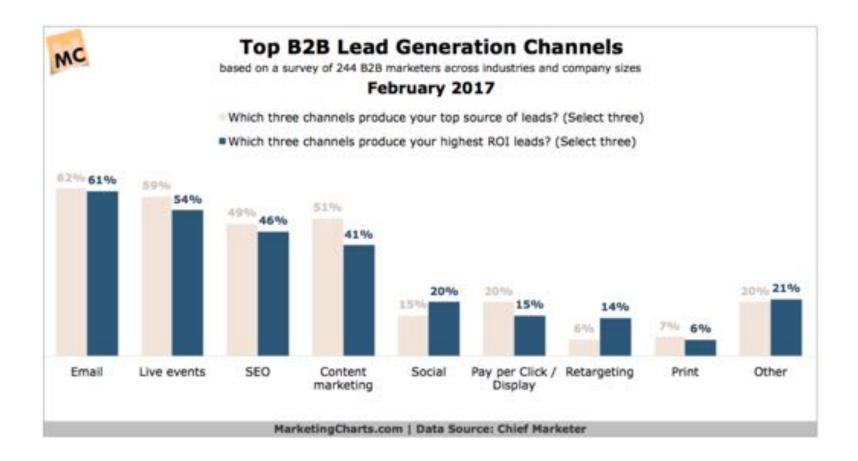


APPRECIATION, ENTERTAINMENT & INSPIRATION

CHANNEL STRATEGY



Owned & Earned Channels Provide the Most Leads

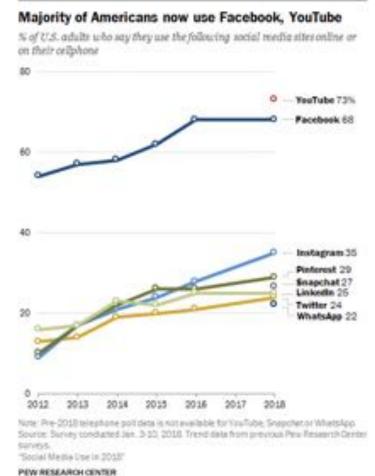


Email and LinkedIn Tops for Sharing Business-related Content



Source: Demand Gen Report, 2017 Content Preferences Survey. 2017.

YouTube Relevant as Top Channel for Video Content Consumption



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Optimize all content for discovery by following SEO best practices



https://moz.com/beginners-guide-to-seo

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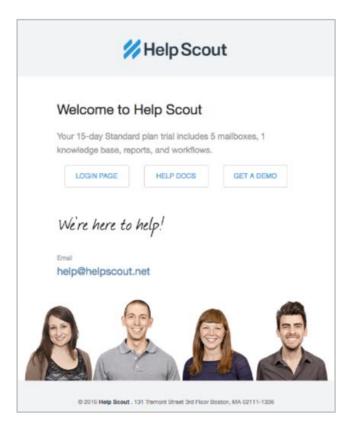
Email Marketing

• Welcome Series

- Introduce them to your business, reiterate the benefits
- Promote product / service adoption
- Promotional
 - Introduce new services and products and updates
 - Hype special purchase opportunities, your referral program, etc.

• Enewsletters

- Promote the educational and thought leadership content on your site
- Promote educational and peer to peer events
- Provide segmented newsletters based on customer's interests



Social Media

- Rule of Thumb: Post 80% about topics that are informative, helpful and relevant to your customers. Post 20% about the brand
- Focus on the big 5 and industry specific forums
 - LinkedIn: posting I time per day allows you to reach 60% of your audience
 - Facebook: post 1 time per week to 1 time per day (typically only gets engagement from employees and super fans)
 - Twitter: if you are going to engage in conversation, post 3+ times per day (more dependent on how active the conversation is in your category)
 - Instagram: if you have a visually compelling story to tell, post 1 time per day
 - YouTube: upload all videos, optimize for search, then embed on your site, reply to comments
- Use visually compelling content to stop the scroll
- Always link back to your site
- Use hashtags to curate your conversations and aid in discovery
- Get your Brand Ambassadors to amplify reach by sharing the content

PR

Newsworthy insight reports, infographics, business books, etc. should be shared with trade and business media for press coverage. Create an electronic press kit for easy sharing of assets

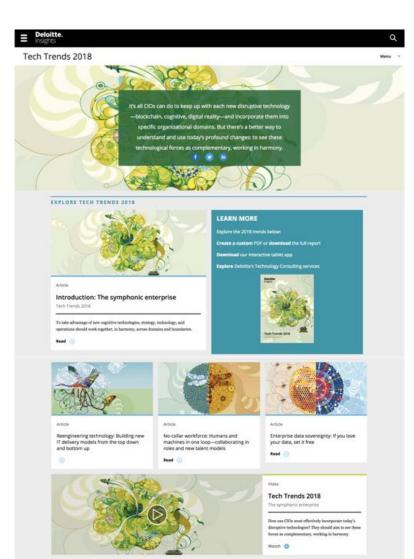
Advertising

Amplify reach of top performing content through targeted advertising, paid promotion and sponsorship campaigns

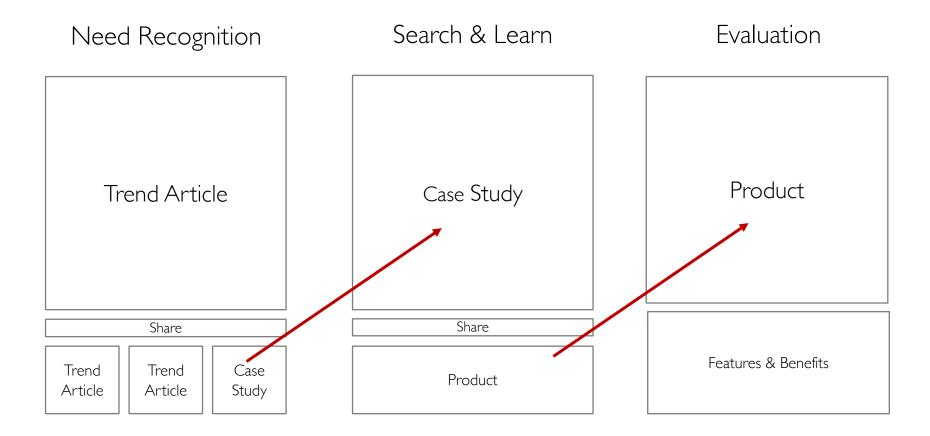
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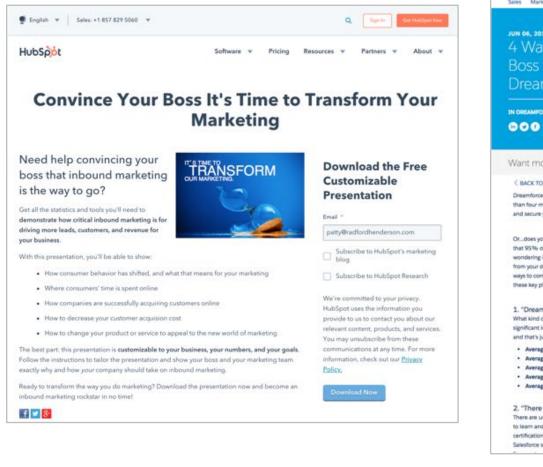
Establish Brand Authority With Topic Hubs



Sequence Content to Guide The Journey

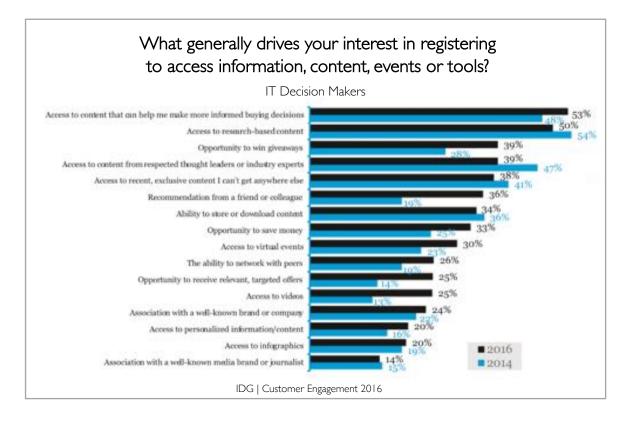


Help Your Advocates Make the Case Internally



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Gate Low Funnel Content to Capture Activated Leads



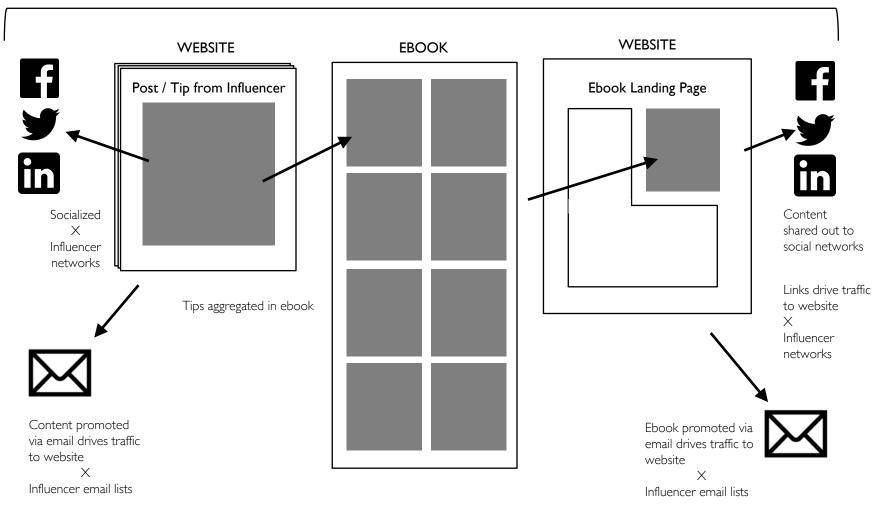
Follow a Franchise Model

	Description	Lifespan	Examples	Purpose	Quantity
Keystone Initiatives	Major content initiatives supported by multiple content assets	Planned Annually	Conferences Webinar Series Video Series Podcast Series Print Publications Email Newsletters Topic Hubs	Establish positioning, authority, advance marketing strategy	Determined by customer and business needs and marketing objectives
Bricks	Major content assets with multiple insights that require a substantial investment	Months or Evergreen	Seminar Video Podcast White Paper Insight Report Slideshow Infographic Long Form Article	Communicate proprietary insights	3 + supporting each Keystone Initiative
Pebbles	Content assets with a minimal investment	Days or Weeks	Short Article Blog Post	Provide additional information or articulate a POV about Bricks and Keystone Initiatives	I - 2 supporting each Brick
		Days	Email	Promote Pebbles, Bricks and Keystone Initiatives	In alignment with cadence established for subscriber
Feathers	Short pronouncements	Minutes and Hours	Social Post	Promote Pebbles, Bricks and Keystone Initiatives Foster sharing by influencers Test messaging strategy for Emails	2 - 3 supporting each Pebble and Brick As appropriate supporting Keystone initiatives

Ebook Content Program

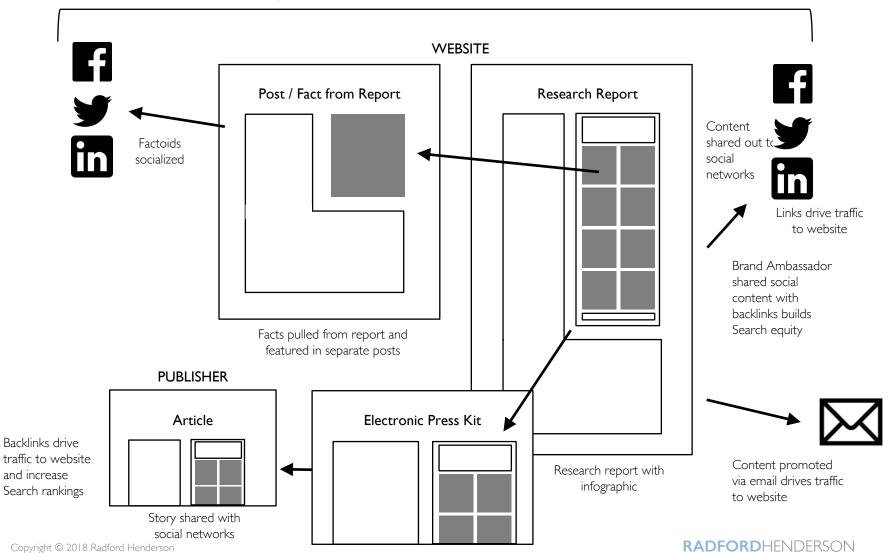
Keyword rich content indexes in Search and drives traffic back to website

Brand Ambassador shared social content with backlinks builds Search equity



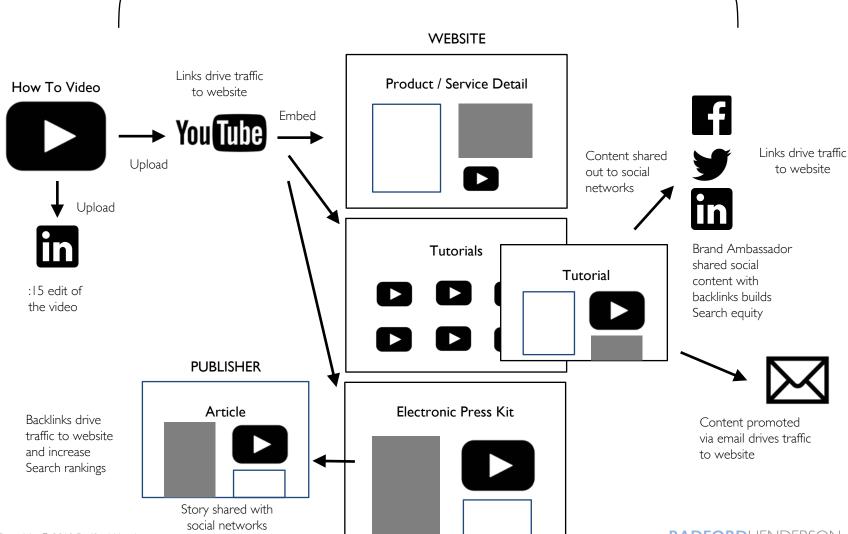
Insight Report Content Program

Keyword rich content indexes in Search and drives traffic back to website



Video Content Program

Keyword rich content indexes in Search and drives traffic back to website



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Create an Annual Plan

Choose monthly themes based on seasonality and business cycles

- For social campaigns, pick a couple key dates / ownable moments to go big and win at
- Plan keystone initiatives and bricks annually
- Plan pebbles and feathers quarterly or monthly
- Monitor trending hashtags, headlines and viral conversations to join with your brand message



In support of <u>the #ILookLikeAnEngineer movement</u>, Intel used social media to celebrate the diversity of its own engineers.

Integrated Marketing Calendar

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MEASUREMENT & OPTIMIZATION

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Key Performance Metrics (KPIs) to Track Monthly

Use to identify the content and marketing tactics that are performing best so you know where to focus your efforts. AB test content and messaging to optimize the underperformers.

Website

- Net new users (by source)
- Bounce rate
- Content asset engagement
 - Page views
 - Time on page
 - Shares (Brand Advocacy)
- Landing page conversion rate
- Marketing Qualified Leads (MQLs)
 - Warm leads that provide contact info

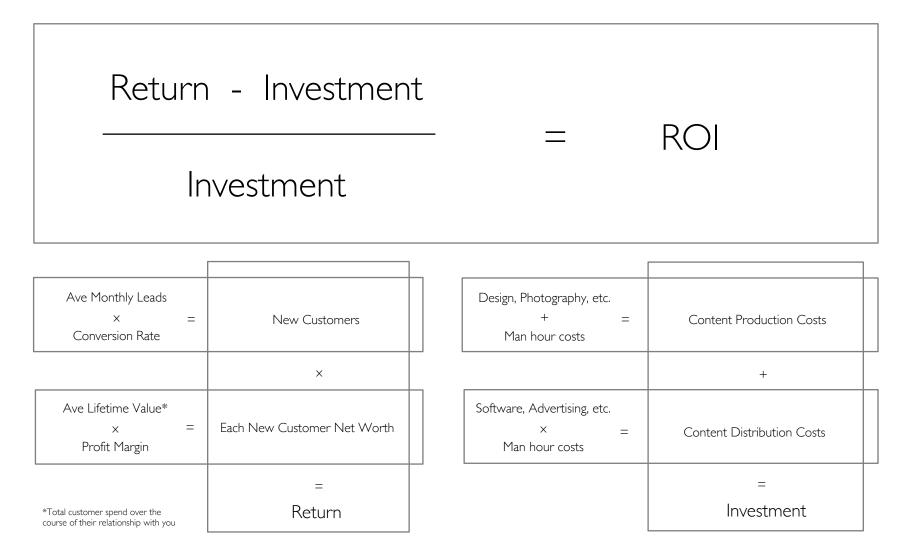
Email

- Email forwards (Brand Advocacy)
- Open and click through rates
- List growth

Social

- Shares and tags (Brand Advocacy)
- Follower growth
- Likes and comments

ROI



Where should you begin?



Get your house in order before you invite people over.

Content Strategy

How the unique value of the brand will be brought to life through content in a differentiated way that resonates with the target customer and compels them to take action.

Key Content Initiatives

(List only those that apply (in priority order), with a brief description of your focus and objectives – follow up with a page for each providing more detail and a roadmap showing timing)

Customer Insight What you want to learn about your customers and how you will go about learning it

Product & Service Info How you will drive home that your offering is best for the customer

Company Information

How you will demonstrate your values, establish credibility and invite customers to partner on making a broader positive impact

> Educational Content What you will help your customers achieve

Thought Leadership How you will inspire your customers to think differently and generate new ideas

> Brand Advocacy Approach for developing and activating Brand Ambassadors

Belonging / Community / Impact

How you'll foster a sense of belonging and help your customers feel part of something bigger

Appreciation, Entertainment & Inspiration What you'll do simply to show gratitude, bring joy, facilitate a peak experience, etc.

> Channel Strategy Channels to develop / focus on and why

Content Programming

Keystone initiatives and core tactics for driving engagement and conversion

Editorial Planning Your annual marketing calendar with editorial themes, keystone initiatives and bricks

Measurement & Optimization

How you plan to track, analyze, report on, and optimize your efforts

Operations

Resources, systems and tools needed to get it all done

Resources

Customer Insight

- Pew Research Center
- <u>Nielsen</u>
- <u>Forrester</u>
- Think With Google
- <u>eMarketer</u>
- <u>Marketing Charts</u>
- GlobalWebIndex
- Edelman Trust Barometer

Planning Tools

- <u>Google Analytics</u> track and measure
- <u>KWFinder</u> keyword research

Production Tools

- <u>Unsplash</u> photography
- <u>The Noun Project</u> icons
- <u>Canva</u> drag and drop design

Thank you!

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