

Growing Your Business with Strategic Internet Marketing



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The Internet Has Transformed Business



- New business models have emerged
 - "In five years' time, all companies will be Internet companies, or they won't be companies at all." Andy Grove, the chairman of Intel, 1999
- Most businesses now involve the Web
- Yet we are just now really beginning to use the web for marketing

To Succeed on the Internet you need a Multi-Faceted Strategy





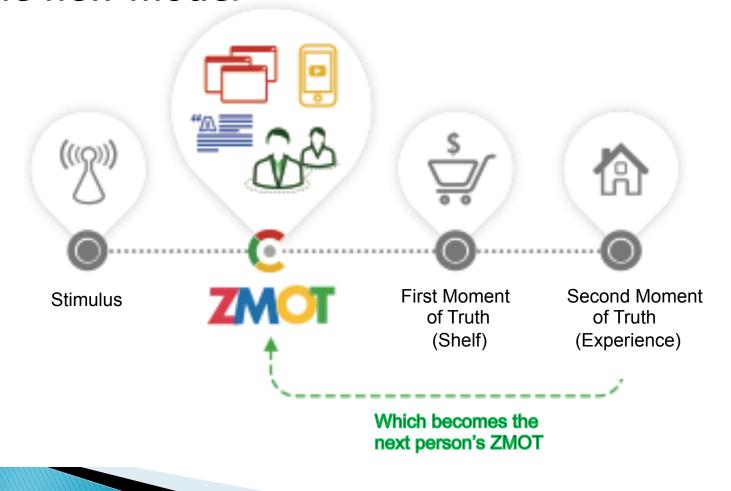
The old model







The new model



Internet Marketing Provides Interactivity To Engage Customers



- Promote / build awareness
 - Just like with off-line marketing
- Two-way communication
 - Adds new ways to interact with customers
- Internet marketing is a reality
 - 78% of American adults use the Internet May 2011
 - 78% of the these look for information online about a service or product they are thinking of buying – Sept 2010
 - 71% buy a product online May 2011

Source: Pew Research

Get Onboard Now or Get Left Behind

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I need to find X to buy!

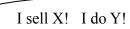
I need help with Y!

Find the methods that enables customers to find you

Earn people's interest instead of buying it

More complex because it's two way

Actual map of one part of the Internet



Internet Push Marketing



Push marketing is about building / enhancing awareness through pro-active customer outreach



Internet Pull Marketing





Pull marketing is all about getting found by customers

Bring Prospects to Your Website



Pull Getting found by customers

Push
Building / Enhancing
Awareness

Internet Marketing Continuum

- Non-paid search
- Paid search

- Blogging
- Social media
- E-mail Marketing
- Ads
- Public relations

Your Website Is the Foundation

Your Customers Drive Your Strategy

Internet > Website > Sales









- Two audiences
 - People
 - You've got 2 to 5 seconds to hold on to them
 - Your message must be immediately visible
 - A well-crafted landing page => more Customers
 - A customized sales pitch
 - Movement holds on to visitors
 - Content rich with easy navigation
 - Search Engines
 - Rich content = improved search engine ranking
 - Images and movies don't help you with search engines

Readable by Both People & Search Engines

Web Site Optimization Case Study: 🔔 Store Your Toy Indoors



Early 2010

- Site was getting just a couple visitors a day
- With economy dropping, losing clients monthly

Not readable by the search engines

Site was all done in images

Convert site to current Internet standards

- Readable by the search engines
- Site Traffic increased 10X in first month

RESULTS: Getting New Clients! Facility is close to full

Web Site Optimization => More Clients



Blogs



Short for Web-log; originally designed to be an online journal



- 23% of F500 firms have blogs
- 57% of businesses report getting customers through their blogs
 - Great tool to educate customers or to build a personal reputation
- Takes very little budget, but a significant amount of time & effort

Provide Information that Keeps Customers and Prospects Coming Back to Your Website



Blogging For Thought Leadership

Blog enables Fulcrum to provide thought leadership and position its products



"Personal" Social Media: Facebook, 🔔 Google+, etc.



- Pages where you share updates, interests, photos and videos
- 800 million Facebook users share 30 billion pieces content every month



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- U.S web users spend 6.8 hours / month on Facebook
- New features make Facebook & Google+ marketing tools
 - Circles/Lists, MiniBlogs/Notes, new analytics & searching

Great for Companies Who Can Target by Demographics

Facebook: SEVEN Networks





"Professional" Social Media: LinkedIn



- Your resume is your home page, then you link to others you've worked with or know professionally
- More than 120MM people worldwide
- Create company pages, company status updates, participate in professional groups, keep up with changes in people's jobs

 Linked in

Develop Relationships with Clients and Prospects based on Professional Interests

Other Social Media Tools



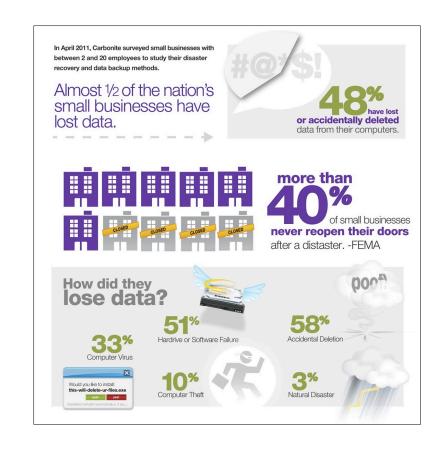
- Twitter
 - Broadcast 140 character notes to followers
 - 100 million tweets per day
- YouTube
 - Post corporate or viral videos
 - 490 million users / 92 billions videos watched
- Wikipedia/SlideShare
 - Reference information for content marketing

Opportunities to Connect to Customers with Rich Media

Digital Public Relations



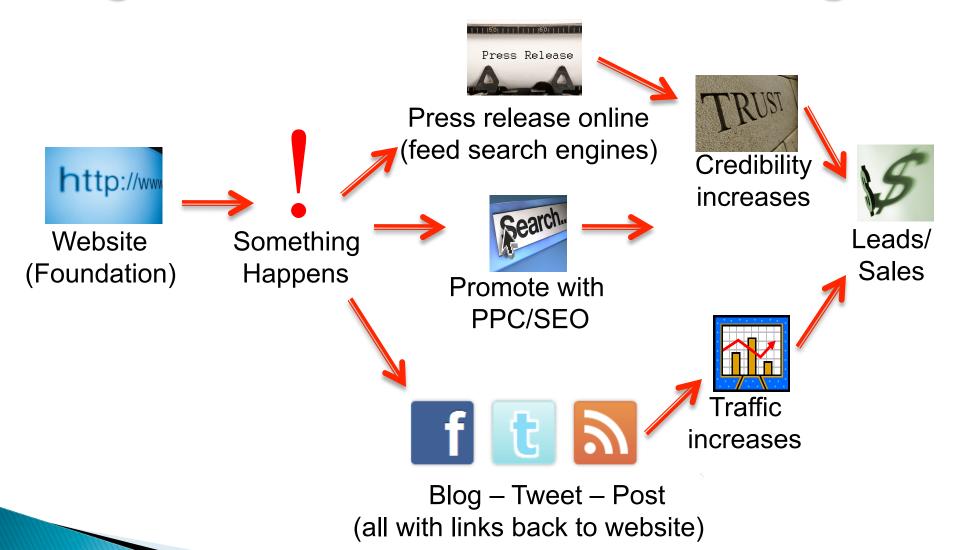
- Expands PR to Internet media
- Start with news, then add
 - "Rich media"
 - Links
- Gives readers more ways to engage with the story



Multimedia and Interactive Public Relations

Digital PR Lead Internet Marketing







Virtual Events and Advertising

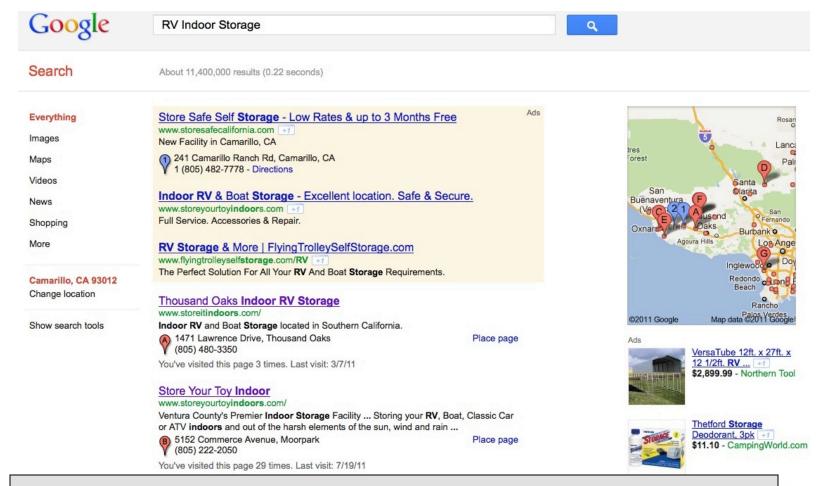
- Virtual events / Webinars
 - Uses Internet as a way to "meet" with customers and prospects without having to travel
 - Excellent tool for educating hundreds of people without the time or expense of travel
- Advertising
 - Banner ads
 - Pop up ads
 - Affiliate Marketing

Reach Massive Audiences for a Low Cost



Marketing

PPC and SEO Pay-Per-Click and Search Engine Optimization



Advertising is Changing at a Fundamental Level



Pay-Per-Click (PPC)

- PPC ads direct traffic to websites
 - Text Ads
 - Image (Banner) Ads



- Two Approaches
 - Keywords (Google, Bing, etc.)
 - Search
 - Content (Banner Ads)
 - Demographic (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.)
- You pay only if a user clicks on your ad



Cost-controlled Advertising for Quick Results



Pay-Per-Click (PPC)

Disadvantage



- Only 20% of people click on ads
- In competitive markets Keywords get expensive

Advantage

- It's a representative sample of your customers searches
- Test Drive your marketing
- Gives you a solid basis for SEO
- Does generate traffic to your site

Find Effective Message and Keywords Quickly

Search Engine Optimization (SEO)



- Effective SEO => your website on top of search results
 - Strategic placement of keywords
 - Creation of links
 - Takes time up to six month



- Competition is high
- There are over 200 factors
 - Change regularly
 - Google does not tell you what the factors are
 - Google does not publish it's algorithm



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Google does not take bribes

Takes Consistent Effort

Example of just One Factor – Links 🔔



- Originally
 - Any link helped in page ranking
 - · Caused creation of link farms
- Change Link Farms Ignored Q1 2011
 - Rare case where Google announced the change
 - Some sites loose their top placement
 - Now need low density of links to text to be counted
 - Caused creation of article farms
- New Change
 - If link is embedded in the same text multiple times, the link is only counted once
 - Creation of article variation farms

Google's Goal: Give the Searcher the Best Possible Information

Bringing it All Together



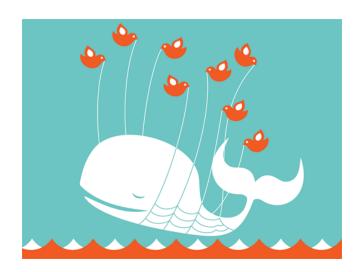
The Right Mix Depends on Your Market

Conclusion





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Mistakes can be Costly – Results can be Rewarding



