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Welcome!

I don't believe I have ever met a business owner that didn't want to grow their business. The challenge they face is how to effectively accomplish this. In today's marketplace, many business owners aren't sure where they should invest their marketing dollars to ensure they receive a decent return on their investment.

Our hope is that our magazine will help provide some of the answers, and give you some insight and information you can utilize to help you grow your business.

This month's articles and infographic cover many topics that we hope will be relevant to your business, including employee retention, small business marketing, successful social media methods and other timely topics.

If you find the magazine helpful, and know other local business owners that could benefit from receiving our magazine each month, please do us (and them) a favor by forwarding a copy to them.

Have a topic that you'd like to see us cover? We welcome any suggestions, comments or questions you might have. Of course, we always welcome the opportunity to explain how we've been able to help businesses just like yours increase their revenue by using our effective, yet affordable marketing solutions.

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Marketing Calendar

Plan your marketing messages around these upcoming holidays and proclamations.

July

National Grilling Month
National Ice Cream Month
National Picnic Month
Independent Retailer Month
National Watermelon Month

July 4 - Independence Day (U.S.)

1st - American Zoo Day
1st - Postal Worker Day
1st - International Joke Day
3rd - International Plastic Bag Free Day
6th - International Kissing Day
6th - Fried Chicken Day
7th - World Chocolate Day
8th - Video Game Day
10th - Kitten Day
11th - 7-Eleven Day
11th - Mojito Day
13th - French Fry Day
14th - Mac and Cheese Day

15th - Pet Fire Safety Day
15th - Give Something Away Day
17th - Lottery Day
17th - Emoji Day
17th - Ice Cream Day
18th - World Listening Day
19th - Daiquiri Day
20th - Hotdog Day
21st - Junk Food Day
24th - Parents Day
24th - Tequila Day
25th - Hire a Veteran Day
26th - Bagelfest Day
26th - Disability Independence Day
27th - Scotch Day
28th - Milk Chocolate Day
29th - Chicken Wing Day
30th - International Day of Friendship
30th - Cheesecake Day
31st - Mutt Day
31st - Avocado Day

August

Childrens Eye Health & Safety Month
Black Business Month
Eye Exam Month
Immunization Awareness Month
Traffic Awareness Month
Sandwich Month

1st - World Lung Cancer Day
1st - World Wide Web Day
1st - Spider-Man Day
2nd - Ice Cream Sandwich Day
3rd - Watermelon Day
3rd - IPA Day
4th - International Beer Day
4th - Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
5th - Oyster Day
5th - Play Outside Day
6th - Sister's Day
6th - Friendship Day
8th - International Cat Day
9th - National Book Lovers Day
9th - International Day of Indiginous People

10th - S'mores Day
10th - Spoil Your Dog Day
11th - National Son and Daughter Day
12th - International Youth Day
13th - International Lefthander's Day
13th - Filet Mignon Day
14th - Financial Awareness Day
15th - Relaxation Day
16th - Roller Coaster Day
18th - Serendipity Day
18th - World Breast Cancer Research Day
19th - World Photo Day
20th - Radio Day
20th - World Honey Bee Day
21st - Senior Citizen's Day
24th - Kobe Bryant Day
24th - Waffle Day
26th - Dog Day
26th - Women's Equality Day
28th - National Bow Tie Day
30th - Beach Day
31st - Eat Outside Day



The Importance of Marketing Your Small Business Online: Harnessing the Power of the Digital Age

In today's interconnected world, where virtually every aspect of our lives is influenced by the internet, the significance of online marketing for small businesses cannot be overstated. As traditional marketing methods become less effective and cost-prohibitive, digital marketing emerges as a game-changer for small enterprises. With a global audience at their fingertips, businesses that embrace online marketing

strategies can level the playing field and compete with larger competitors like never before. In this article, we will explore the various reasons why marketing your small business online is crucial for success in the digital age.

1. The Reach of the Internet: Breaking Down Barriers

The internet has transformed the way we communicate, shop, and consume information. As a small business owner, having an online presence allows you to tap into an enormous audience, regardless of geographical barriers. Through search engines, social media, and other digital platforms, you can engage with potential customers from across the globe. This unparalleled reach opens up avenues for growth and expansion that were previously unimaginable for small businesses.

2. Cost-Effectiveness: Making Every Penny Count

Unlike traditional marketing methods, online marketing offers cost-effective strategies that deliver substantial

results. Small businesses often operate on limited budgets, making it challenging to allocate funds for extensive marketing campaigns. With online marketing, you can leverage various affordable channels such as social media advertising, email marketing, and search engine optimization (SEO). These strategies are not only cost-effective but also provide measurable results, allowing you to optimize your marketing efforts and maximize your return on investment (ROI).

3. Targeted Advertising: Reaching the Right Audience

One of the significant advantages of online marketing is its ability to target specific demographics and interests. Through tools like Google Ads and Facebook Ads, small businesses can create customized advertisements that reach their desired audience. By tailoring your marketing messages to resonate with the right people, you can improve conversion rates and minimize wasteful spending on irrelevant audiences. Targeted



advertising helps small businesses make the most of their marketing budgets and ensures that their efforts are focused on potential customers who are more likely to convert.

4. Enhanced Brand Visibility and Credibility

In the digital landscape, a well-executed online marketing strategy can significantly enhance your brand's visibility and credibility. Through website optimization, content marketing, and social media engagement, you can build a strong online presence that attracts and retains customers. A professional website, high-quality content, and active participation in social media platforms position your small business as a trusted authority in your industry. This visibility and credibility help establish brand loyalty, increase customer trust, and

foster long-term relationships.

5. Measurable Results: Data-Driven Decision Making

Online marketing provides small businesses with a wealth of data and analytics, empowering them to make informed decisions. With tools like Google Analytics and social media insights, you can track the performance of your campaigns, measure website traffic, and gain valuable insights into customer behavior. By analyzing this data, you can identify what works and what doesn't, allowing you to refine your marketing strategies for optimal results. The ability to make data-driven decisions is invaluable in today's competitive business landscape.

6. Increased Customer Engagement: Building Relationships

In the digital age, customers expect businesses to be accessible and responsive. Online marketing channels provide small businesses with the opportunity to engage directly with



their customers, whether through social media interactions, email newsletters, or blog comments. By actively engaging with your audience, you can build meaningful relationships, address customer concerns, and provide personalized experiences. These interactions not only foster customer loyalty but also provide valuable feedback that can help improve your products and services.

7. Staying Ahead of the Competition

In a crowded marketplace, small businesses must find ways to stand out from the competition. Online marketing offers a range of tools and strategies to help you differentiate your business and stay ahead.

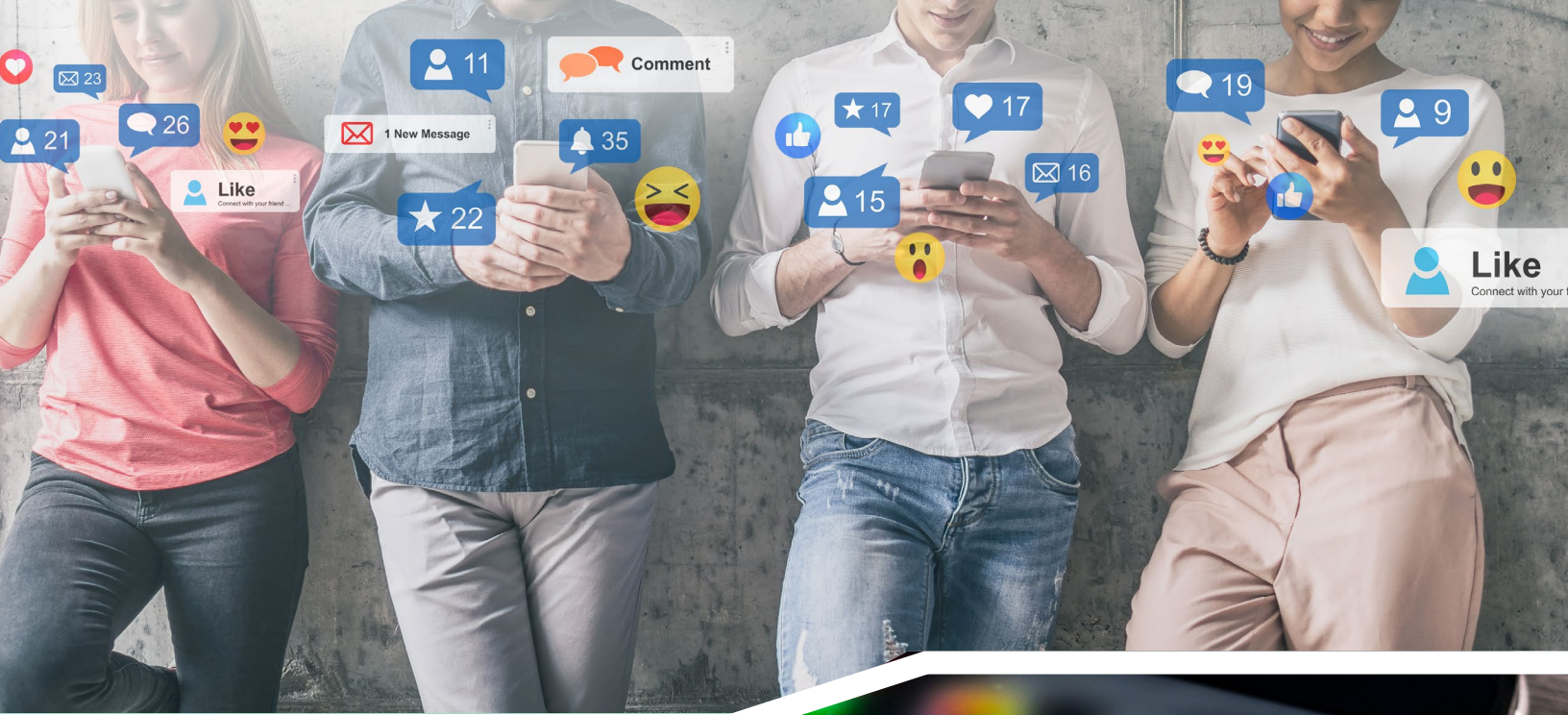
From search engine optimization to content marketing and social media campaigns, digital marketing allows you to showcase your unique

selling points and capture the attention of your target market.

By keeping up with the latest trends and adapting your online marketing efforts accordingly, you can position your small business as an industry leader and gain a competitive edge.

In today's digital age, marketing your small business online is no longer an option but a necessity. The internet offers an unprecedented level of reach, cost-effectiveness, and targeting capabilities that can revolutionize your business's growth prospects. Through online marketing, you can enhance your brand's visibility, credibility, and engagement, all while staying ahead of the competition.

The availability of data and analytics empowers small businesses to make informed decisions and optimize their marketing strategies for maximum impact. Embrace the power of the digital age, and let online marketing propel your small business to new heights of success.



Comprehensive Guide to Planning and Executing a Successful Social Media Marketing Campaign for Small Businesses

Successful social media marketing campaigns are pivotal to driving brand awareness, engagement, and conversions for small businesses. However, an effective campaign requires a careful planning and execution strategy. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you navigate this process.

Step 1: Set Clear Goals

Identify what you want to achieve with your social media marketing campaign. Be sure your goals align with your business objectives. They could include improving brand recognition, increasing website traffic, generating new leads, boosting sales, or enhancing customer engagement. Use the SMART framework - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound - to help formulate your goals.

Step 2: Understand Your Target Audience

Who are your customers? What are their demographics, interests, and behaviors? Which social media platforms do they use? Understanding your target audience is crucial because it informs your content, tone, language, and the platforms you should focus on.

Step 3: Choose the Right Platforms

Each social media platform has a unique user base and content preferences. For example, LinkedIn is ideal for B2B businesses, while Instagram or



TikTok might be better for companies targeting younger consumers. Choose platforms that align with your brand and where your target audience spends most of their time.

Step 4: Conduct a Competitive Analysis

Understanding what your competitors are doing on social media can give you insights into what works and what doesn't. Look at their content types, posting frequency, engagement, and follower growth. You can leverage these insights to create a more effective campaign.

Step 5: Create a Content Strategy

Content is key in social media marketing. Plan your content around your target audience's interests and needs while reflecting your brand's identity. Use a mix of content types -

blogs, videos, infographics, memes, how-tos, user-generated content, etc. Remember, your content should add value, not just sell.

Also, create a content calendar detailing what will be posted, when, and on what platform. This will keep your posting schedule consistent.

Step 6: Allocate a Budget

Determine how much you're willing to spend on your campaign. This could include costs for content creation, social media management tools, and paid promotions or advertisements. Remember, you don't need a large budget to be successful. You need to spend it wisely.

Step 7: Execute Your Campaign

Start creating and posting content as per your content calendar. Be consistent in your posting schedule as it helps in building an engaged audience.

Step 8: Engage With Your Audience

Social media is about building relationships. Respond to comments,

messages, and mentions, and engage in conversations with your audience. User engagement increases brand loyalty and enhances the chances of conversions.

Step 9: Use Paid Advertising

Consider using paid advertising to reach a larger or more targeted audience. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn offer sophisticated targeting options to ensure your content reaches the right people.

Step 10: Monitor and Adjust

Use the analytics provided by each platform to monitor the performance of your campaign. Track metrics relevant to your goals like reach, impressions, engagement, click-through rates, conversions, etc. Based on your findings, adjust your campaign - experiment with different types of content, posting times, and ad targeting options to optimize results.

Step 11: Report and Reflect

After the campaign,

prepare a comprehensive report on the performance. Compare your actual results with your goals, identify what worked well and what didn't, and gather insights for future campaigns.

Social media marketing is a continuous process. It requires regular effort, engagement, and adjustments based on performance and evolving trends. But with a solid strategy and careful execution, small businesses can reap significant benefits.

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Keeping Employees in Today's Business Environment



In today's fast-paced and ever-evolving business environment, retaining employees has become more challenging than ever before. With the job market becoming increasingly competitive, companies must prioritize employee engagement and satisfaction to ensure they retain their top talent. In this article, we will explore effective strategies and best practices for keeping employees motivated, happy, and committed in the modern workplace.

Understanding the Importance of Employee Retention

Employee retention is crucial for the long-term success and growth of any organization. High turnover rates can be detrimental, resulting in increased recruitment costs, loss of institutional knowledge, decreased productivity, and lowered employee morale. Therefore, it is vital for companies to invest in strategies that foster a positive work environment and build strong relationships with their employees.

Creating a Positive Work Culture

A positive work culture plays a significant role in

employee retention. When employees feel valued and supported, they are more likely to stay committed to the organization. To create a positive work culture, companies should focus on:

1. Promoting Work-Life Balance

Encouraging a healthy work-life balance can lead to increased job satisfaction and reduced burnout. Offering flexible work arrangements, providing wellness programs, and promoting stress management techniques can contribute to a positive work-life balance.

2. Recognizing and Rewarding Achievements

Acknowledging and appreciating employee contributions is crucial for their motivation and job satisfaction. Implementing employee recognition programs, offering performance-based incentives, and providing opportunities for growth and advancement can boost employee morale and loyalty.



3. Building Strong Communication Channels

Open and transparent communication is essential for fostering trust and engagement. Encouraging regular feedback, conducting team-building activities, and creating platforms for employees to voice their concerns can strengthen the employer-employee relationship.

Investing in Employee Development

One of the key reasons employees leave their jobs is a lack of growth opportunities. To address this, companies should prioritize employee development and provide avenues for continuous learning. Here's how:

1. Offering Training and Skill Development

Providing opportunities for employees to enhance their skills and knowledge not only benefits the individual but also the

organization. Companies can offer in-house training, mentorship programs, or sponsor employees' participation in workshops and conferences.

2. Career Pathing and Succession Planning

Employees are more likely to stay with an organization that offers clear career advancement paths. By implementing career pathing and succession planning initiatives, companies can demonstrate their commitment to employee growth and create a roadmap for their professional development.

3. Encouraging Learning and Innovation

Promoting a culture of learning and innovation can inspire employees to take on new challenges and contribute fresh ideas. Companies can establish platforms for sharing knowledge, encourage cross-functional collaboration, and reward innovative thinking.

Balancing Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation

To keep employees engaged and motivated, organizations need to strike

a balance between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation factors.

1. Intrinsic Motivation

Intrinsic motivation stems from internal rewards such as personal fulfillment, a sense of purpose, and the enjoyment of work. Companies can foster intrinsic motivation by creating meaningful and challenging roles, providing autonomy, and aligning employees' work with the organization's mission and values.

2. Extrinsic Motivation

Extrinsic motivation involves external rewards such as competitive compensation, benefits, and recognition. While extrinsic rewards are important, they should be complemented with intrinsic motivators to ensure sustainable employee engagement.

Retaining employees in today's business environment requires a holistic approach that focuses on creating a positive work culture,

investing in employee development, and balancing intrinsic and extrinsic motivation factors. By prioritizing these strategies, companies can build strong relationships with their employees, reduce turnover rates, and cultivate a motivated and committed workforce.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How can employee turnover impact a company's bottom line?

High turnover rates can result in increased recruitment costs, loss of institutional knowledge, decreased productivity, and lowered employee morale, all of which can negatively impact a company's financial performance.

2. What are some effective ways to recognize and reward employee achievements?

Effective ways to recognize and reward employee



achievements include implementing employee recognition programs, offering performance-based incentives, providing opportunities for growth and advancement, and giving public praise and appreciation.

3. Why is open and transparent communication important in the workplace?

Open and transparent communication fosters trust, engagement, and a sense of belonging among employees.

It allows for effective collaboration, prevents misunderstandings, and creates an environment where feedback is valued and acted upon.

4. How can organizations promote a culture of learning and innovation?

Organizations can promote a culture of learning and innovation by establishing platforms for sharing knowledge, encouraging cross-functional collaboration, rewarding innovative thinking, providing opportunities for

professional development, and supporting ongoing learning initiatives.

5. What are some effective strategies for promoting work-life balance?

Effective strategies for promoting work-life balance include offering flexible work arrangements, providing wellness programs, encouraging employees to take regular breaks, promoting stress management techniques, and respecting boundaries between work and personal life.



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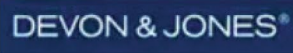
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The Critical Role of Reputation Management

As we stand on the precipice of another sweeping revolution in business brought on by digital technology, there's an often overlooked but critical facet of business strategy taking center stage: Reputation Management.

As the business landscape becomes increasingly digital, the lines separating companies and customers continue to blur. This change has made businesses

more transparent than ever, placing corporate reputations under an unyielding microscope.

In this new age, local businesses can no longer afford to ignore the role reputation plays in their success or failure. No longer are company reputations only the concern of public relations departments.

Instead, they've become a collective responsibility, something that touches

every aspect of a business, from its employees to its operations and, most importantly, its relationship with customers.

The heart of the matter is that corporate reputation is akin to social currency in the modern marketplace. Companies with strong reputations attract more customers, secure better employees, and foster greater loyalty than their lesser-regarded counterparts. They are



seen as more trustworthy, more reliable, and more worthy of a customer's time and money.

Reputation Management is the practice of shaping and maintaining a positive public image for a company or business. It involves monitoring public opinion, addressing any issues promptly and transparently, and executing strategies to maintain and build trust and positive relationships. It's an intricate game of chess that plays out on a public stage, where any misstep can result in severe consequences.

The burgeoning power of social media platforms and review websites has made reputation management even more vital. Today, a single tweet, post, or review can go viral, creating a wave of

public opinion that can be beneficial or devastating for a business. Companies must be proactive, staying one step ahead of the narrative to maintain control over their public image.

For example, businesses that promptly respond to negative reviews or customer complaints in a public forum can often mitigate the damage. They can even turn a negative into a positive by showing their commitment to customer service and their willingness to rectify mistakes. This proactive approach can earn business respect and appreciation, not only from the aggrieved customer but from other potential customers who witness the interaction.

Reputation management also plays a pivotal role in

employee satisfaction and retention. The image a company projects is often a reflection of its culture, values, and how it treats its employees.

Prospective employees are more likely to seek out and remain with companies that have a reputation for treating their workers well. This aspect of reputation management is crucial, especially in an age where skill and talent are becoming the ultimate differentiators for businesses.

Another key component of reputation management is crisis management. How a company handles a crisis can make or break its reputation. The need for well thought-out crisis communication plans has been underscored in recent years by a number of high-profile corporate crises.

Companies that have managed crises well have been able to bounce back and even strengthen their reputation in some cases. Those that haven't fared as well have suffered severe reputational and, often, financial losses.

Moreover, reputation

is also a vital factor in investor decisions. In a world where information is readily accessible, investors are becoming increasingly discerning.

Companies with a history of ethical conduct, customer satisfaction, and good corporate governance are seen as less risky, attracting more investments.

Beyond the investors, a good reputation helps companies forge stronger relationships with their suppliers and partners. Businesses are likely to get better deals, credit terms, and cooperation from partners who view them as reliable and trustworthy.

However, despite the critical importance of reputation management, many businesses underestimate its value. They focus more on the tangible aspects of their operations, often neglecting the intangible.

But the truth is that in a world where perception often holds more weight than reality, failing to manage reputation can be a grave mistake.

Reputation management requires a strategic, long-term approach. It's not just about quick fixes or damage control but about creating and sustaining an image that aligns with a company's mission, vision, and values. It requires consistent communication with all stakeholders, proactive engagement with customers, and a commitment to ethical conduct and transparency.

In closing, the importance of reputation management for local businesses today cannot be overstated. In an increasingly interconnected world, where a single post can reach millions in an instant, managing a company's reputation has become an indispensable part of doing business. It's an investment in the future of a company, a protective shield against the unpredictable storms of public opinion.

As the digital revolution continues to shape our business landscape, the companies that recognize and prioritize reputation management will be the ones that stand tall and succeed.

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Empowering Small Businesses: The Art of Effective Marketing

In today's competitive marketplace, small businesses face numerous challenges when it comes to marketing their products and services. With limited resources and budget constraints, it becomes essential for these enterprises to devise smart and cost-effective strategies to maximize their reach and attract customers. In this article, we explore the dynamic

world of small business marketing and uncover the secrets behind successful campaigns that drive growth and create lasting connections.

Understanding the Target Audience

Before embarking on any marketing endeavor, small business owners must gain a deep understanding of their target audience.

Who are their customers, and what are their needs? Through market research and customer profiling, entrepreneurs can identify their niche, enabling them to tailor their marketing messages effectively. By understanding the desires, pain points, and demographics of their target customers, businesses can develop strategies that resonate with their audience,

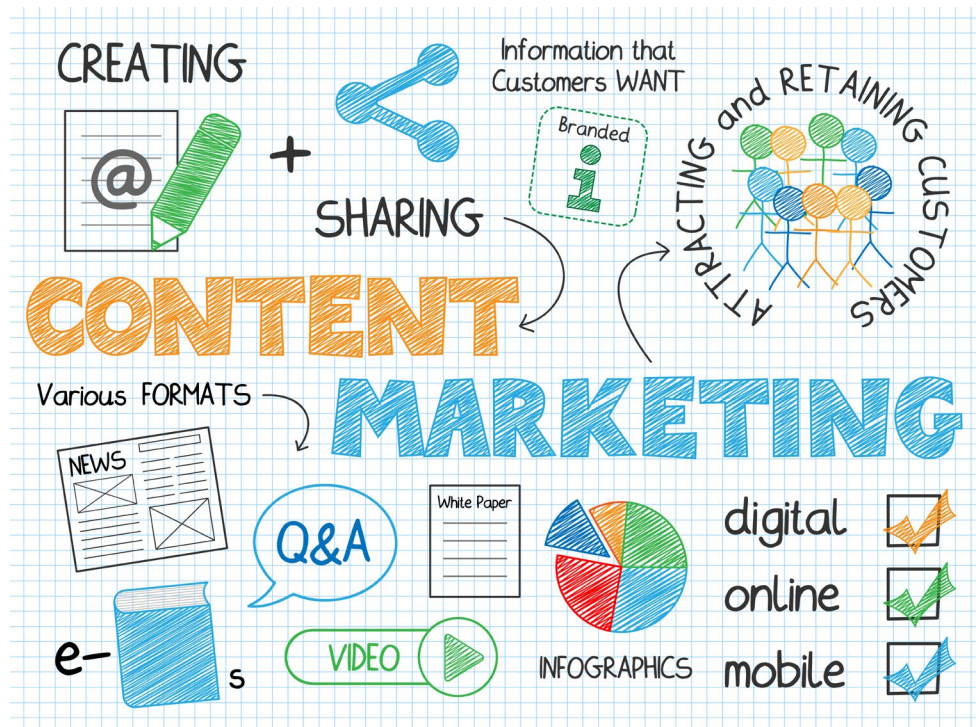
ultimately leading to higher conversion rates.

The Power of Digital Marketing

In an era dominated by technology, small businesses have an opportunity to leverage the power of digital marketing to level the playing field. A strong online presence is crucial for success, and this can be achieved through various channels such as social media, search engine optimization (SEO), and email marketing.

Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, provide an excellent avenue for engaging with potential customers. By creating engaging content, sharing updates, and fostering conversations, small businesses can build brand awareness and establish themselves as industry leaders. Additionally, paid advertising on social media platforms can be highly targeted, allowing businesses to reach their desired audience with precision.

SEO is another vital aspect of digital marketing that helps businesses improve



their visibility on search engines. By optimizing their website with relevant keywords, creating high-quality content, and building backlinks, small businesses can enhance their organic search rankings. Appearing on the first page of search results significantly increases the likelihood of attracting potential customers and boosting website traffic.

Email marketing remains a powerful tool for small businesses to engage and nurture their customer base. By offering valuable content, personalized offers, and exclusive promotions, businesses can build trust and loyalty. Furthermore, email campaigns can

be automated, saving time and effort while maintaining a consistent connection with customers.

The Impact of Content Marketing

Content marketing has emerged as a powerful strategy for small businesses to build brand credibility and establish thought leadership. By creating and sharing valuable content such as blog posts, videos, infographics, and podcasts, businesses can position themselves as experts in their respective fields. This not only attracts customers but also helps establish trust, which is essential for fostering long-term relationships.



Quality content can be repurposed across various platforms, maximizing its reach and impact. By adapting content for different mediums, such as social media, websites, and newsletters, small businesses can amplify their message and engage with a broader audience.

Building Relationships through Community Engagement

Small businesses often thrive by forging strong connections within their local communities. By actively participating in community events, sponsoring local initiatives, and partnering with neighboring businesses, entrepreneurs can build a sense of trust and loyalty among potential customers.

Engaging with customers on a personal level through feedback mechanisms and social media interactions is

also crucial. Responding promptly to customer inquiries, addressing concerns, and valuing feedback not only helps to improve products and services but also strengthens the bond between the business and its customers.

Analyzing and Adapting

Effective marketing for small businesses requires constant analysis and adaptation. By leveraging data analytics and tracking key performance indicators (KPIs), entrepreneurs can gain valuable insights into the success of their marketing campaigns. This data-driven approach helps identify what strategies are working and what needs to be adjusted, ensuring that limited resources are invested wisely.

In the ever-evolving landscape of small business marketing, the key to success lies in

understanding the target audience, harnessing the power of digital platforms, leveraging content marketing, building community relationships, and constantly analyzing and adapting strategies. By employing these tactics, small businesses can effectively compete in the marketplace, expand their customer base, and achieve sustainable growth.

Remember, marketing is not just an expense; it is an investment that holds the potential to transform a small business into a thriving enterprise.

In summary, successful small business marketing requires a customer-centric approach, utilizing digital platforms, content marketing, community engagement, and data-driven analysis.

By embracing these strategies, entrepreneurs can overcome challenges, reach their target audience, and build strong and lasting relationships with customers, paving the way for growth and success in a competitive marketplace.



FUN FACTS

Contrary to popular belief, only two Founding Fathers signed the US Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The majority of signers penned their signatures on August 2, 1776.

July Milestones:

- July 1st, 1770 - Lexell's comet passed closer to the Earth than any other comet in recorded history.
- July 3rd, 1826 - John Adams, second president of the U.S., died the same day as Thomas Jefferson, third president of the U.S., on the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The two founding fathers did not get along during their careers.
- July 11th, 1991 - The 'eclipse of the century' solar eclipse cast a shadow stretching 9,000 miles from Hawaii to South America, lasting nearly seven minutes.
- July 10th, 1962 - Telstar, the world's first communications satellite, was launched into orbit.
- July 15th, 2006 - Twitter was launched. 140 characters could say a lot.
- July 29th, 1981 - A worldwide TV audience of over 700 million people watched the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Lady Diana Spencer at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

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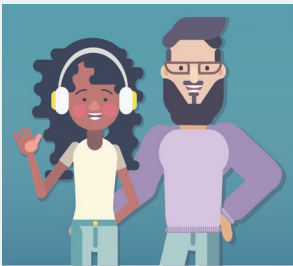
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Instagram Statistics That Every Business Needs To Know

Instagram is the **3rd most used platform** with **2 billion** monthly active users. Compared to Facebook, Instagram has a **4x higher engagement rate**, providing businesses with the **highest ROI** among all social platforms.



61.2% of total users are between the ages of 18 & 34



The best time to post is on **Friday between 6pm & 9pm**



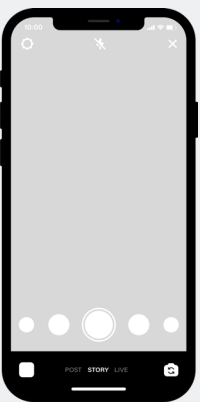
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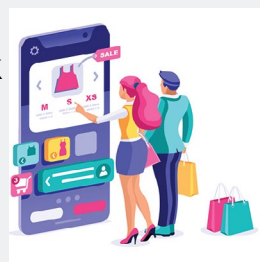
Story ads have a CTR between **0.33% and 0.54%**



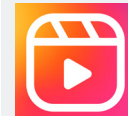
Story reach rate has declined in the past year from **2.4% to 1.6%**

35% of users prefer short narrative-type stories

70% of shoppers look to Instagram for their next purchase



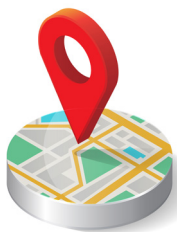
62.3% of users follow and research brands & products on Instagram



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Reels score an average engagement rate of **1.23%** & an average reach rate of **20.59%**

Reels take up **30%** of the time people spend on Instagram



Posts with a tagged location result in **79%** higher engagement



Conversion rates range between **0.30%** and **2.6%** depending on reach



72% of marketers work with influencers/creators on Instagram



A man with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark blue shirt, and a woman with dark hair, wearing a red shirt and a white apron, are sitting at a wooden counter in a cafe. The man is smiling and looking at the camera. The woman is also smiling and looking towards the camera. On the counter in front of them is a tablet computer, a white mug, and a stack of pastries including a croissant and several muffins. In the background, there are shelves with various items like mugs, jars, and a patterned bag.

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