Digital Marketing in the Global Economy

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Objectives

- 1. Explain general consumer behavior
- 2. Leverage Web 2.0 and other technology for marketing and brand reinforcement
- 3. Write effective metadata and implement other effective search engine optimization strategies
 - FREE tools
 - Competitor analyses
- 4. Capitalize on the ability to create a sense of community and relationships including through:
 - Social networking
 - Customer reviews

Consumer Trends

- Technology-focused
 - Web 2.0
 - Social networking
 - Search-engine driven
- Information-driven, changing frequently
- Green
- Throwback
 - People want a voice, not a hard sell.
 - Consumers are tired of technology barriers.

Creative Marketing

- Businesses
 - Price products lower
 - Gain from new needs
 - Build sense of relationship
- Non-profit organizations
 - Hold fundraising events, silent auctions
 - Recognize volunteers
 - Hold media events
 - Create lower price points for sponsors
 - Build sense of community

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Creative Marketing

- Associations
 - Adapt to new needs
 - Provide membership incentives
 - Increase retention efforts
 - Develop creative ideas for new revenue
 - Plan strategically for the future
 - Build sense of relationship
 - Create sense of community

7 Online Marketing Trends - 2010

- 1. Improved lifecycle marketing provides customers with appropriate information.
- 2. Segmentation is essential to delivering relevant communications.
- 3. Social media marketing strategies mature.
- 4. Content is more shareable.

7 Online Marketing Trends - 2010

- 5. Search marketing continues to evolve and expand.
- 6. Metrics continue to become more sophisticated.
- 7. Offline marketing continues to expand its reach online.

Example of Email Campaign

From: Society of Government Meeting Professionals <noreply@mail.naylorcampaign10.com>

Subject: SGMP Show Guide

Date: May 20, 2010 10:11:08 AM EDT

To: Gabrielle Gabrielli

Reply-To: noreply@mail.naylorcampaign10.com

If you cannot see this e-mail properly, you can view this page in your browser.



Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the <u>2010 SGMP National Education Conference</u> <u>& Show Guide</u> digital edition is now available for viewing!

Designed to supplement the print publication, the digital edition comes complete with the same great content and visual appeal, plus convenient and interactive tools only found online.

Features from the guide:

- Thing to do in Kansas City
- Schedule at a Glance



Explore the guide today!

With the digital edition, you can:

 NEW! View digital edition on iPhone and BlackBerry.

Email Campaigns

- Personalize when possible.
- Make content visually appealing.
- Keep text to a minimum.
- Provide discounts or incentives to click.
- Keep frequency to less than once per 1-2 weeks.
- Include a call to action.

Email Rules of Thumb

- Customize for the individual and the group.
- Have powerful subject line & call to action.
- Watch frequency (1-2x) per month.
- Reinforce your brand.
- Provide unsubscribe with comments for people to tell you why they are leaving.
- Make adjustments as needed.

How Do People Find You?

Google

- Up to 70% of web traffic goes to top 3 results
- Paid clicks usually cost \$7-8 per click
- Free results are more credible than paid



Search Engine Optimization



Pagerank

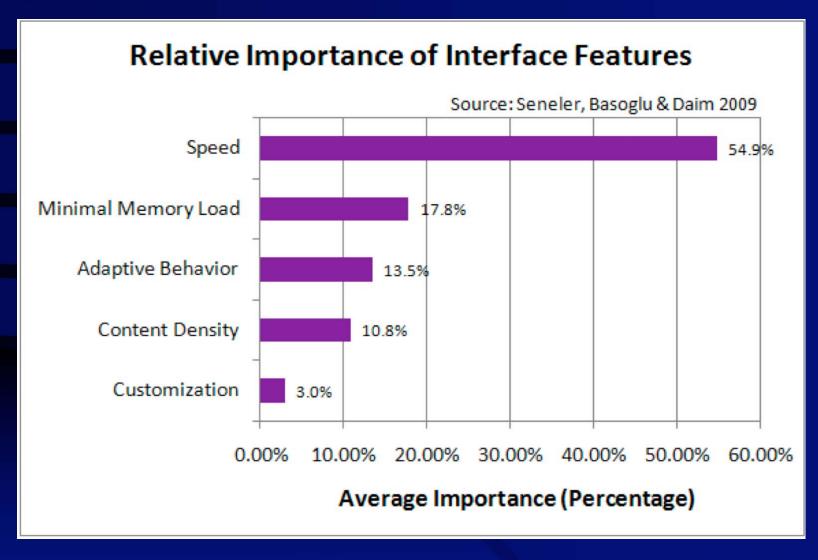
- Numeric value that represents how important a page is on the web
- Cross-linking is important
 PR(A) = (1-d) + d(PR(t1)/C(t1) + ... + PR(tn)/C(tn))

PageRank = 0.15 + 0.85 * (a "share" of the PageRank of every page that links to it)

What To Do about Negative Consumer Ratings

- Monitor message boards, customer reviews.
- Address customer concerns.
- Resolve legitimate concerns.
- Report concerns that are efforts to sabotage.
- Offset negatives with positives.

Importance of Interface Features



Costs of Clickthrus, Impressions, and Leads

- Advertisers pay as little as \$8.95 per thousand impressions and an average of \$1.20 per lead.
- Advertisers pay much more for targeted traffic, with prices as high as \$50.00 per lead (including the contact information from someone interested in learning more).

Cross Promote

- Blogs
 - Keep them current
- YouTube
 - Get votes on videos
- LinkedIn
- Twitter
- Facebook
 - Don't update status too much



Value of Facebook Fans

- Vitrue calculated value at \$3.60
- Based on impressions from news feed
- 1 million fans equals at least \$3.6 million in equivalent media over a year
- Range .44 3.6 impressions
- Engagement increases value

AdWeek, 14 April 2010

Value of Facebook Communities

- Starbucks \$20.7 million, 7 million likes
- Coke \$4.6 million, 5.5 million likes

Vitrue's Social Page Evaluator- calculates potential worth based on *their* best practices http://evaluator.vitrue.com

Marketing Your Website

- Check out your competition
- View source
- Ensure metadata (keywords, description, title, ALT tags, etc.) are effective
- Take advantage of free marketing options
- Consider industry publications and other paid marketing options

Website Rules of Thumb

- If your website is more than 3 years old, consider a redesign.
- If you still have a "splash" page, remove it.
- Don't have more than 2 moving items on a web page at any given time.
- Try to reduce volume of text to prevent scrolling on homepage.
- Cross-promote, cross-link, reinforce brand, market yourself with innovation!

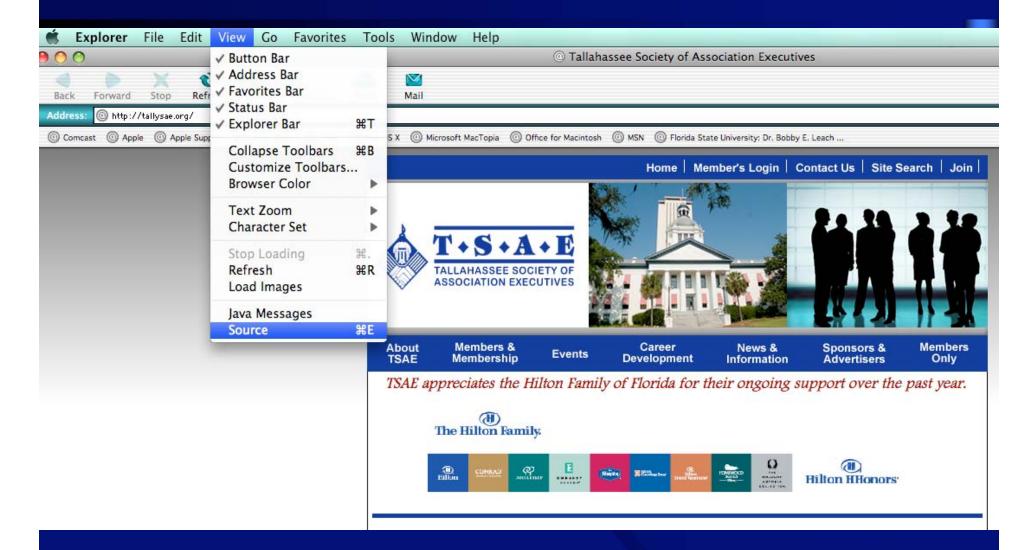
Free Website Promotion

- Exchange links with other organizations and businesses
- Take advantage of free website submission tools like http://addme.com

Metadata

- Page Title
- Description
- Keywords
- ALT Tags

View Source



Metadata Description

- Character Limit- Typically 200-250
- When limit is exceeded, some search engines may bump you

Metadata Description Examples

- The Society of Government Meeting Professionals is an organization of persons who plan government meetings and the individuals who supply services to them.
- Hyatt Regency Crown Center official site. Discover a Kansas City hotel with Midwest warmth and a prime location. Located on the Skywalk, our Kansas City Missouri hotel makes it easy to visit clients, the convention center, attractions and more.

Metadata Title

- Character Limits- Google 160, Yahoo 165, MSN 200
- When limit is exceeded, some search engines may bump you
- Default page name in some software is "Home" - be sure to change it
- Unique title is needed for each page

Metadata Title Example

- Westin Crown Center Kansas City, MO Hotels - Reservations at westin.com
- Downtown Kansas City Hotels- Hyatt Regency Crown Center- Kansas City Missouri Hotel

Metadata Keywords

- Character Limits- No real limits on most search engines but figure first 20 words as most important
- No real consequence when limit is exceeded
- Doesn't carry as much weight as it once did with SEO, but still important

Keywords

- Don't use capitalization.
- Don't use plurals.
- Put most important search terms at the top of the list.
- For local organizations, regionalize search terms.
- Add unique descriptors.

Metadata Keywords Example

 "government meetings, government travel, SGMP, Society of Government Meeting Professionals, meeting planning, government per diem, conference planning"

DO NOT use words like retail, sale, etc.

Metadata Keywords Example

 "kansas city hotel, kansas city missouri hotels, downtown kansas city hotel, crown center kansas city hotel, hyatt kansas city hotel, kansas city hotel reservation, crown center kansas city missouri hotels, kansas city hotels, downtown kansas city hotels, crown center kansas city hotels, hyatt kansas city hotel, hyatt regency crown center"

Metadata Keywords Example

 "hotel near the crown center plaza, kansas city hotels, missouri hotels, meeting hotel in kansas city, wedding hotel in kansas city, hotel near hallmark crown center, shopping hotel kansas city"

Which hotel do you think this is?

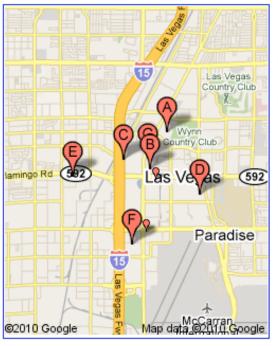
ALT Tags

- Help drive traffic to website and ensure Section 508 accessibility
- alt="Westin Hotels & amp; Resorts Homepage - Reservations at Westin.com"



Top Hit on Google for "Las Vegas Hotel Casino"

Local business results for hotel casino near Las Vegas, NV





Wynn Las Vegas

www.wynnlasvegas.com - (877) 321-9966 - 2526 reviews



Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel & Casino

www.flamingolasvegas.com - (888) 902-9929 - 2817 reviews



Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel & Casino

www.caesarspalace.com - (866) 227-5938 - 1317 reviews



Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

www.hardrockhotel.com - (800) 473-7625 - 841 reviews



Palms Casino & Resort: Las Vegas Hotels

www.palms.com - (702) 942-7777 - 713 reviews



Luxor Hotel and Casino

www.luxor.com - (702) 262-4400 - 3657 reviews



Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino

www.harrahslasvegas.com - (800) 214-9110 - 1346 reviews



More results near Las Vegas, NV »

Downtown Las Vegas Hotel & Casino - plazahotelcasino.com :: 🕸

The Las Vegas Club. \$15000 Father\'s Day Slot Tournament ... Please visit our other property website -PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO Site Credits: Icon Multimedia.

Hotel - Rooms - Amenities - Players Club vegasclubcasino.net/ - Cached - Similar

The Venetian - Resort, Hotel, Casino.

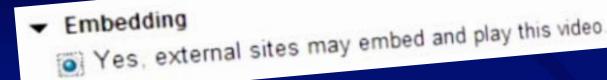
Of the top hotels Las Vegas offers, The Venetian Las Vegas Hotel Casino sets new luxury standards: Suites twice the size of other Las Vegas suites.

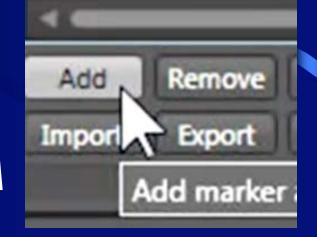
www.venetian.com/ - Cached - Similar

The Value of Great Content

...when a video goes viral on YouTube

- Connect with audience
 - Know who you want to reach
 - Create a relationship with them
 - Actively build audience base
- Add meaningful metadata





SGMP Blog- MOCAP

Welcome MOCAP Chapter Members!

No posts match your query. Show all posts

Home

Subscribe to: Posts (Atom)

SGMP MOCAP



SGMP National



Followers





Web 2.0 Technology

Increases:

- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Secure information sharing
- Community
- Capability
- Reciprocal communication

Examples of 2.0

- Social networking http://facebook.com
- Video sharing http://youtube.com
- Wikis http://wikipedia.com
- Blogs http://blogger.com
- Folksonomy http://flickr.com

Target Marketing

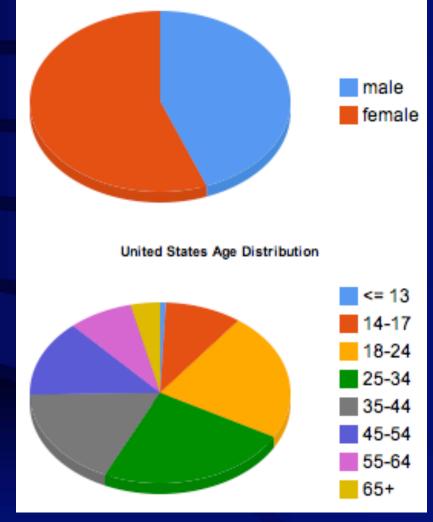
- Geographic segmentation based on location such as home addresses
- Demographic segmentation based on measurable statistics, such as age or income
- Psychographic segmentation based on lifestyle preferences, such as being urban dwellers or pet lovers

	Facebook	Twitter	LinkedIn
Founded	2004	2006	2003
Users	450 million	105 million***	60 million
Employees	700	141	480
Asks	What's on your mind?	What's happening?	Share an idea, article, question or update
Connections	Friends	Followers	Connections
Features	Wall posts, photos, video, links, groups, events, causes, fan pages, direct messages, applications	Tweets, retweets, direct messages	Professional networking, industry groups, recommendation s, job classifieds, direct messages, premier paid subscription

	As of 1	/04/09	As of 1/0						
Gender		Percentage		Percentage	Growth				
US Males	17,747,880	42.2%	43,932,140	42.6%	147.5%				
US Females	23,429,960	55.7%	56,026,560	54.3%	139.1%				
Unknown	911,360	2.2%	3,126,820	3.03%	243.1%				
Total US	42,089,200	100.0%	###	100.0%	144.9%				
Age	Users	Percentage	Users	Percentage	Growth				
13-17	5,674,780	13.5%	10,680,140	10.4%	88.2%				
18-24	17,192,360	40.8%	26,075,960	25.3%	51.7%				
25-34	11,254,700	26.7%	25,580,100	24.8%	127.3%				
35-54	6,989,200	16.6%	29,917,640	29.0%	328.1%				
55+	954,680	2.3%	9,763,900	9.5%	922.7%				
Unknown	23,480	0.1%	1,067,780	1.0%	4447.6%				
Geography	Users	Percentage	Users	Percentage	Growth				
New York	1,622,560	3.9%	2,934,580	2.8%	80.9%				
Chicago	797,040	1.9%	1,803,620	1.7%	126.3%				
Los Angeles	636,160	1.5%	2,166,840	2.1%	240.6%				
Miami	627,840	1.5%	1,113,540	1.1%	77.4%				
Houston	560,520	1.3%	1,361,820	1.3%	143.0%				
Atlanta	535,300	1.3%	1,967,720	1.9%	267.6%				
Washington DC	526,460	1.3%	1,429,760	1.4%	171.6%				
Philadelphia	498,220	1.2%	1,181,760	1.1%	137.2%				
Boston	440,500	1.0%	872,460	0.8%	98.1%				
San Francisco	264,460	0.6%	583,460	0.6%	120.6%				
Current Enrollment		Percentage		Percentage					
High School	5,627,740	13.4%	7,989,620	7.8%	42.0%				
College	7,833,280	18.6%	3,521,900	3.4%	-55.0%				
Alumni	4,756,480	11.3%	32,350,260	31.4%	580.1%				
Unknown	23,871,700	56.7%	59,223,740	57.5%	148.1%				
Interests		Percentage		Percentage					
Sex	72,100	0.2%	844,600	0.8%	1071.4%				
Drugs	25,440	0.1%	28,800	0.0%	13.2%				
Rock and Roll (Music		9.3%	1,375,080	1.3%	-64.8%				
Contact: Peter Corbett, Peter@iStrategyLabs.com									

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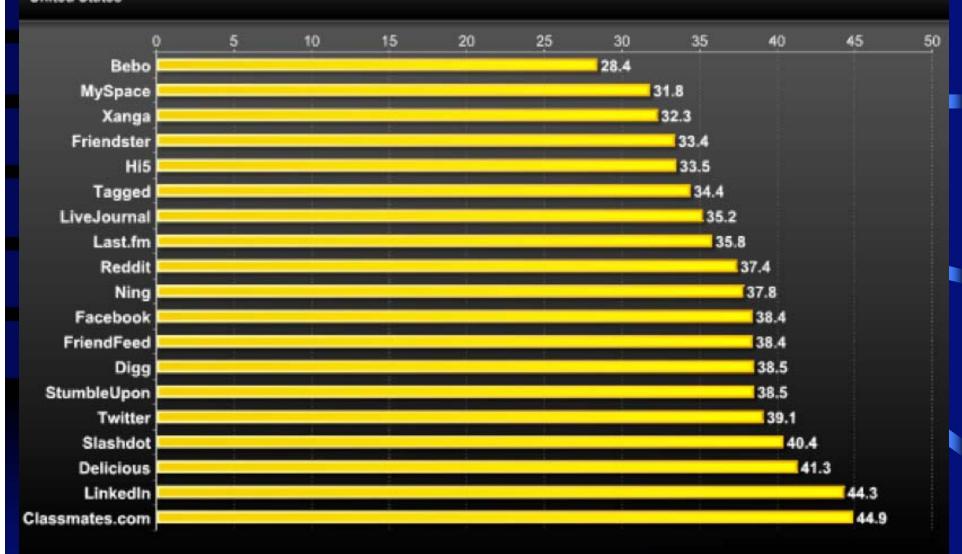
Distribution in U.S. on Facebook



Source: checkfacebook.com retrieved 20 May 2010

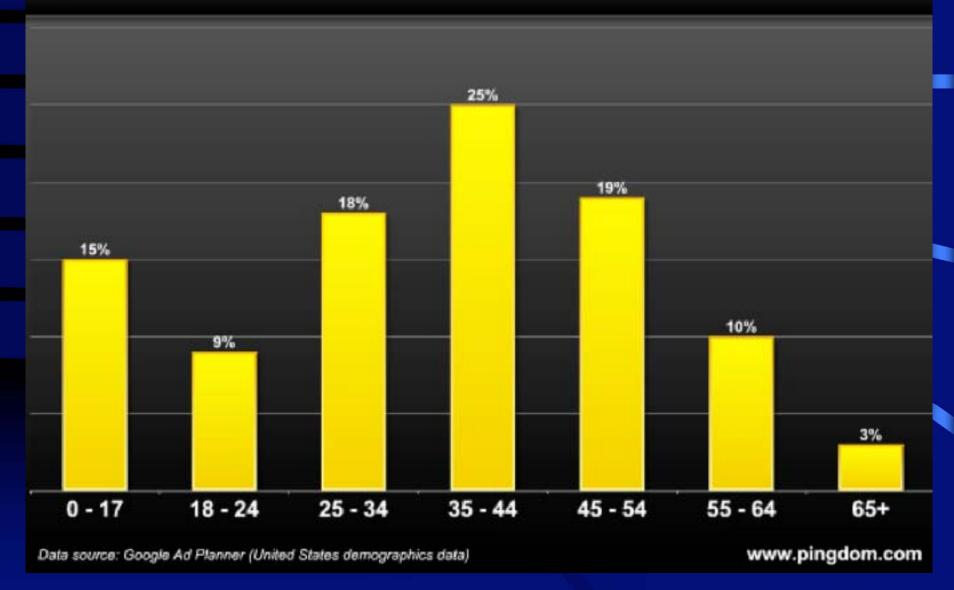


Data source: Google Ad Planner (United States demographics data)

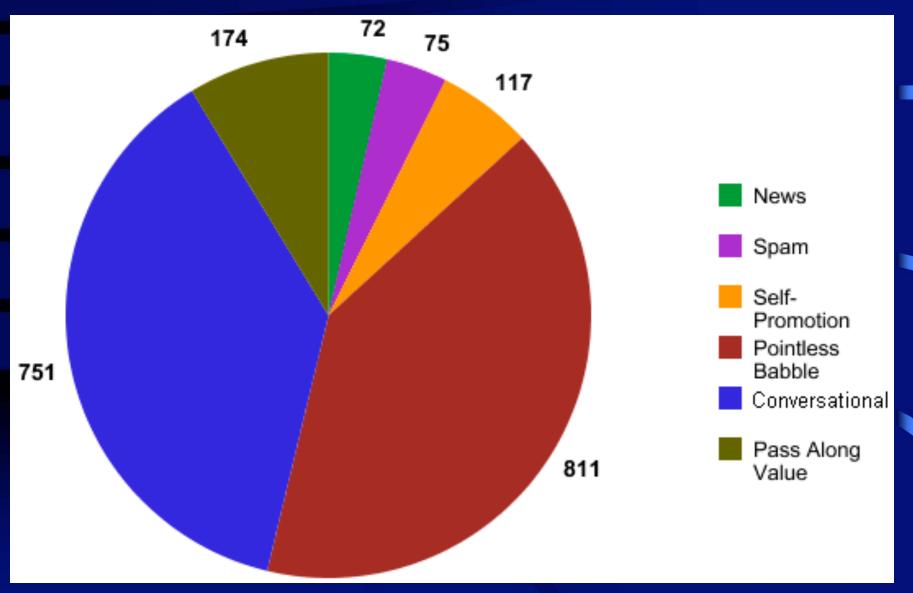


Estimated average age on social network sites



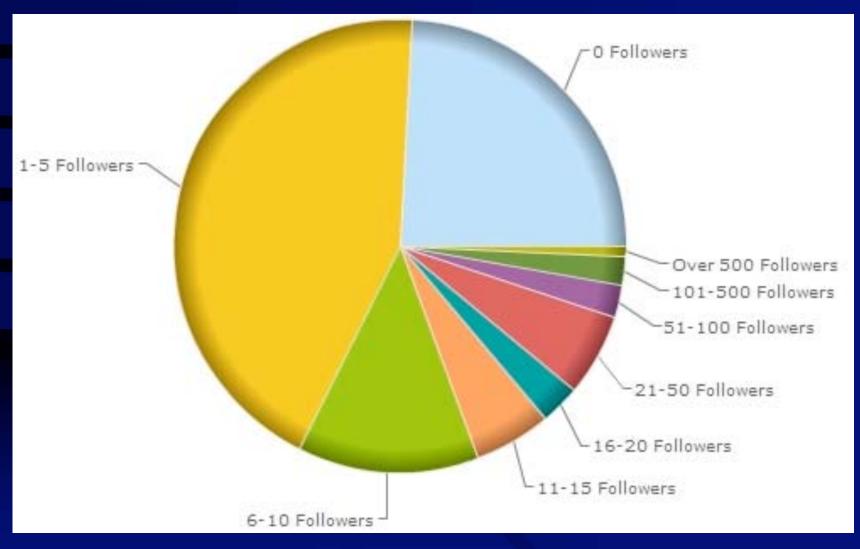


Content of Tweets



Pear Analytics, 2010

Twitter Followers



RJMetrics, 2010

Things Change Every Day....

Introducing the Like button

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Starting today people will be able to connect with your Page by clicking "Like" rather than "Become a Fan." We hope this action will feel much more lightweight, and that it will increase the number of connections made across the site. Learn more.



If I only had three choices....

- 1. Facebook
 - http://facebook.com
- 2. LinkedIn
 - http://linkedin.com
- 3. YouTube
 - http://youtube.com

Why Facebook?

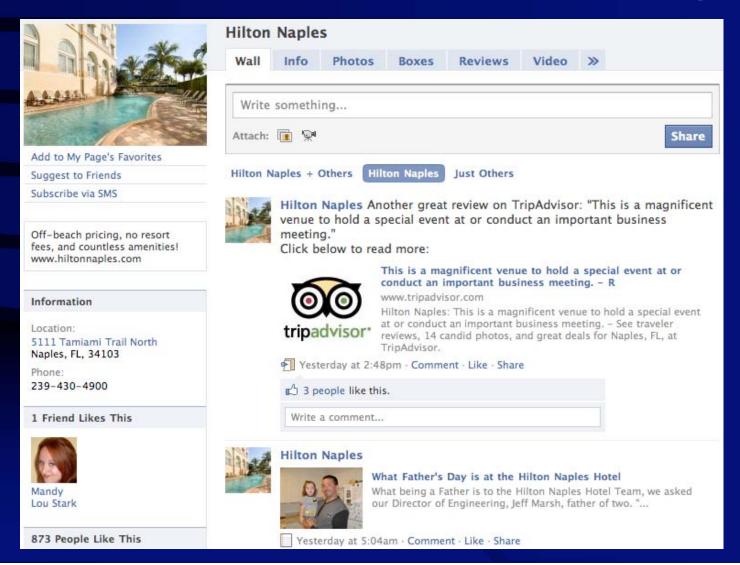
- Costs only time
- Facilitates networking with your target market
- Provides nearly 500 million potential customers
- Helped elect a President

Tip 1: Create Business Fan Page Username

- http://www.facebook.com/pages/Naples-FL/Hilton-Naples/47156073601?ref=ts should be
- http://www.facebook.com/HiltonNaples

Go to http://facebook.com/username to create a custom username for yourself or your business.

Hilton Naples Business Page



My Facebook Business Page

http://www.facebook.com/GabrielleConsulting



Tip 2: Don't Block Followers on Twitter



CraigsJewelry



Request sent.

You've sent a request to follow this person. If your request is approved, you'll be able to view their tweets.

Cancel request

Name Craig's Fine Jewelry Location Ridgefield CT Web http://www.craigs... Bio Where jewelry is more than fashion... it's our passion! 124 234 following followers listed Actions block CraigsJewelry report for spam Following

View all...

Tip 3: Increase Engagement

KPIs - Key Performance Indicators

- Time spent on site
- Pages per visit
- Return frequency to site
- Page view
- Visitors per referrer
- Bounce rate

I've attracted visitors, now what?

- Website must:
 - Be well designed
 - Provide appealing headline, image
 - Attract clicks
 - Drive traffic
 - Include a call to action that leads to engagement



Bounce Rate Metric

- "Stickiness" of a website
- High number = lack of appeal or relevance from landing page

Ways to Improve Bounce Rate

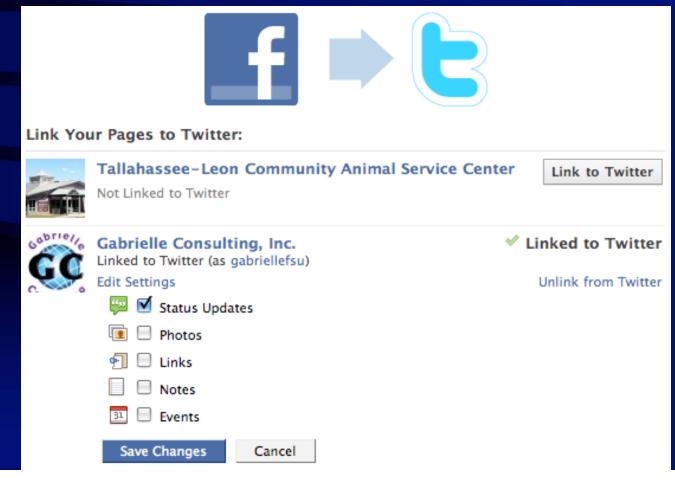
- Know your audience.
- Create more appealing web content.
- Keep text to a minimum.
- Include a call to action.
- Show them how you help meet needs.
- Track metrics and adjust accordingly.

Tip 4: Cross-Promote

- Connect all of your web presence sites to one another.
 - Social networking
 - Blogs
 - Website
- Connect with others through reciprocal links.

Tip 5: Save Time by Cross-Linking

- Facebook to Twitter link:
- http://www.facebook.com/twitter



Tip 5: Save Time by Cross-Linking

- WordPress to Facebook link:
- http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/shar e-on-facebook
- LinkedIn and Twitter are easily linked to each other through a checkbox



Tip 6: Watch Customer Reviews

Disappointment in the Big Easy

Doubletree Hotel New Orleans





JustSchneider

2 contributions
Dallas, Texas

May 17, 2010 | Trip type: Business NEW



Save Review

When I found Doubletree Hotel New Orleans I was very excited about the location and price. I booked it right away for 3 nights. After the first night, however, I quickly lost all excitement and just got out as soon as possible. The toilet still held onto a few of the pubic hairs from the previous guest. I heard every sound in the hallway and many from people's rooms (the guy vomiting was the low-light). The morning of checkout, before the noon time, my wife and I went to get breakfast. When we returned, the toilet had been used, left unflushed, and smelled horrible.

The staff was great; the beds were comfortable. But that's not enough to make this more than a terrible stay.

My ratings for this hotel

●●●●● Location

Date of stay May 2010

Visit was for Business

Service

Tip 7: Track Data

- Simple analyses can be done easily and free http://surveymonkey.com
- Ask your customers how many are currently using facebook, LinkedIn, etc. before committing resources.

Survey Question Example

	Poor	Fair	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Meeting Location	1.7% (1)	8.6% (5)	22.4% (13)	34.5% (20)	32.8% (19)	3.88	58
Meeting Time	0.0% (0)	12.1% (7)	37.9% (22)	32.8% (19)	17.2% (10)	3.55	58
Membership Benefits	0.0% (0)	5.2% (3)	13.8% (8)	39.7% (23)	41.4% (24)	4.17	58
Knowledge of Others	0.0% (0)	5.2% (3)	17.2% (10)	41.4% (24)	36.2% (21)	4.09	58
Helpfulness of Others	0.0% (0)	1.7% (1)	1.7% (1)	46.6% (27)	50.0% (29)	4.45	58
Efficiency of Meetings	13.8% (8)	8.6% (5)	37.9% (22)	27.6% (16)	12.1% (7)	3.16	58
Refreshments	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	29.3% (17)	48.3% (28)	22.4% (13)	3.93	58
Meeting Topics	0.0% (0)	17.2% (10)	29.3% (17)	34.5% (20)	19.0% (11)	3.55	58
				Other Comments	(places enseify)		17

Other Comments (please specify)



answered question

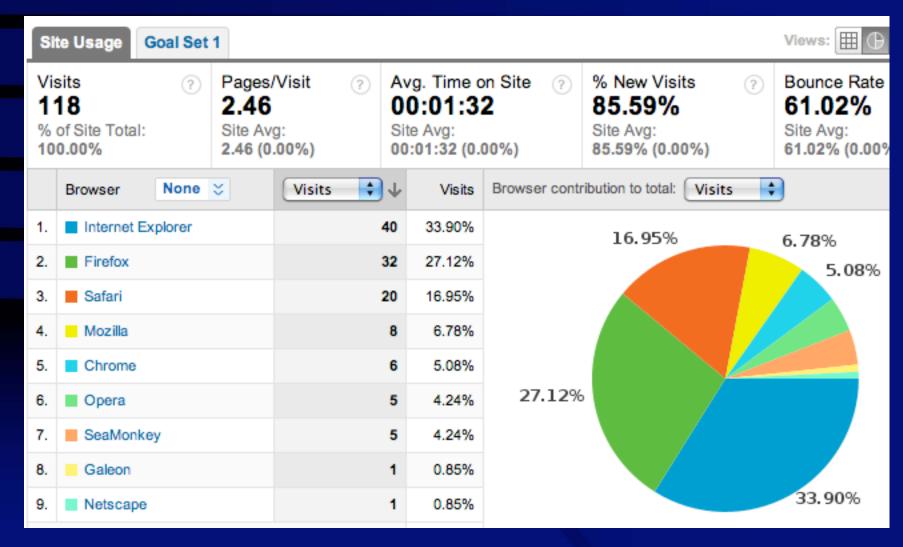
Tip 8: Take Advantage of Free Tools

- https://adwords.google.com/select/Key wordToolExternal - SEO Tools
- http://www.submitexpress.com/analyzer
 tools to check metadata, URLs, page load time, and more

Free Google Tools

- Google Analytics (sign up first)
 http://google.com/analytics
- Wonder Wheel
- Webmaster Tools

Google Analytics Example



Example of Wonder Wheel

south beach miami hostel south beach miami airport

south beach miami travel

south beach miami hotel south beach miami art deco hotels

south beach miami hilton south beach miami hotel deals

south beach miami motel south beach miami luxury hotel

miami dolphins hotel

miami biscayne bay hotel

miami university hotel

miami luxury hotels

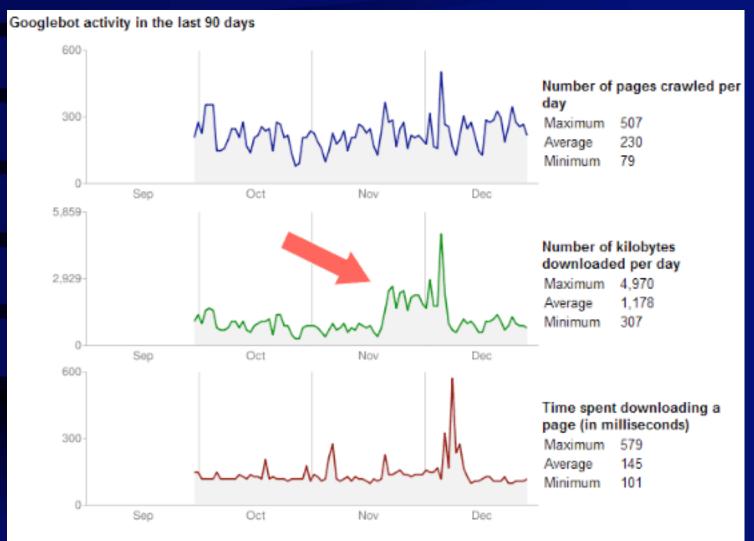
miami hotel

miami hotel discount

miami motel

miami hotel near airport

Google Webmaster Tools



These statistics provide distribution information for pages we have crawled for our google.com index. The PageRank distribution reflects all crawled pages in your site, not just the home page.

http://dotnetperls.com, 2010

Check Out Your Competition

 http://keywordspy.com - enter URL in top window, check out any website's keywords and more

Free Website Monitoring

http://internetseer.com - ensure uptime

Your Website Reports

Monitoring stats for: http://gabrielleconsulting.com

Day	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Weekly	
Date	04/13	04/14	04/15	04/16	04/17	04/18	04/19	Total	
Outages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Time on error	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	
% Uptime	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Connect time	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.11	

Outages- number of times we were unable to access this URL

Time on Error- the total time this URL was not available (hr:min)

% Uptime- the percentage this URL was available for the day

Connect Time- the average time in seconds to connect to this URL

Support-FAQ

Free Website Speed Test

 http://www.websiteoptimization.com/ser vices/analyze - free website optimization tool

Shorten URLs, Track Data

- http://bit.ly includes analytics, tracks real time data
- http://tinyurl.com create a custom, shorter URL (website address) for a long URL

Check for Accessibility

http://contentquality.com - Check ADA and ALT Tags to ensure accessibility

Verified File Name: http://www.sheratonatlantahotel.com

Date and Time: 5/20/2010 8:27:36 AM

Passed Automated Verification

Verification Checklist

Checkpoints			sed
508 Standards, Section 1194.22	Yes	No	Other
A. 508 Standards, Section 1194.22, (a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content). O Rule: 1.1.1 - All IMG elements are required to contain either the alt or the longdesc attribute. O Warning - IMG Element found at Line: 138, Column: 61 contains the 'alt' attribute with an empty value. Please verify that this image is only used for spacing or design and has no meaning. O Warning - IMG Element found at Line: 143, Column: 7 contains the 'alt' attribute with an empty value. Please verify that this image is only used for spacing or design and has no meaning. O Warning - IMG Element found at Line: 148, Column: 17 contains the 'alt' attribute with an empty value. Please verify that this image is only used for spacing or design and has no meaning. O Warning - IMG Element found at Line: 152, Column: 49 contains the 'alt' attribute with an empty value. Please verify that this image is only used for spacing or design and has no empty value. Please verify that this image is only used for spacing or design and has no			Warning

Check for Accessibility

Verified File Name:

http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html? propertyID=1144&EM=SI_SHERATONATLANTA.COM_1144

Date and Time: 5/20/2010 8:35:14 AM

Failed Automated Verification

Verification Checklist						
Checkpoints			Passed			
508 Standards, Section 1194.22	Yes	No	Other			
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What is Next? Web 3.0

- The next iteration of the Internet
- More like a personal assistant
- Vastly expanded search functions
- Learned capabilities
- Requires you to keep your finger on the pulse of search engine strategies and market with innovation

Your Call to Action

- 1. Website
 - SEO
 - Metadata
 - Stats
- 2. Social Networking
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - LinkedIn
- 3. Web 2.0

Questions?

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