# Overview: Marketing Best Practices

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#### AGENDA

- Why Is It Important
- Definitions and Decisions
- Planning Considerations
- Free & Low-Cost Tools
- Q & A

# Why Is It







#### The Internet Has Changed Everything

**Google Search Statistics** 

# 5,062,654,143

Google Searches today

view how many in 1 second

Google Search Volume (current and historical)

Growth Rate

Search Market Share

Sources and References

Google now processes over 40,000 search queries every second on average (visualize them here), which translates to over **3.5 billion searches per day** and **1.2 trillion searches per year** worldwide. The chart below shows the number of searches per year throughout Google's history:

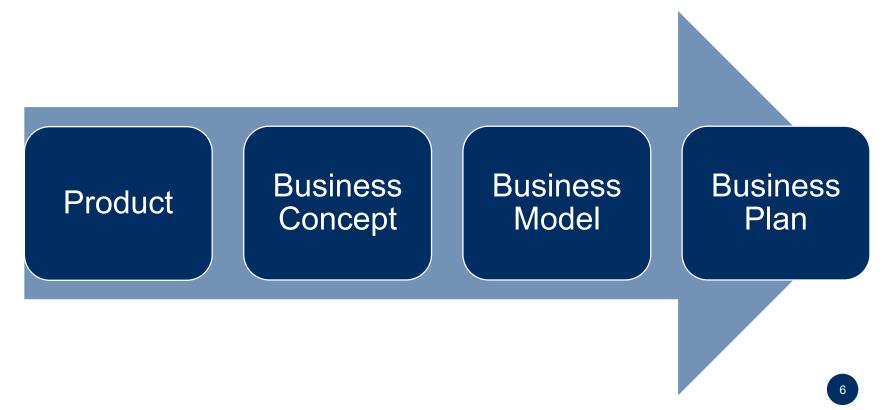
## Why Is It Important

- 97% of Consumers use the internet to find local goods and services
- Organic search is the primary driver of traffic to business sites
- Digital influence continues its rapid growth. Today, \$0.56 of every dollar spent in a store is influenced by digital interaction.
- Nearly half of American small businesses **still do not have** a website.
- The number of internet users around the world is now **400 million** higher than it was before the beginning of the pandemic, representing annual growth of 10 %.

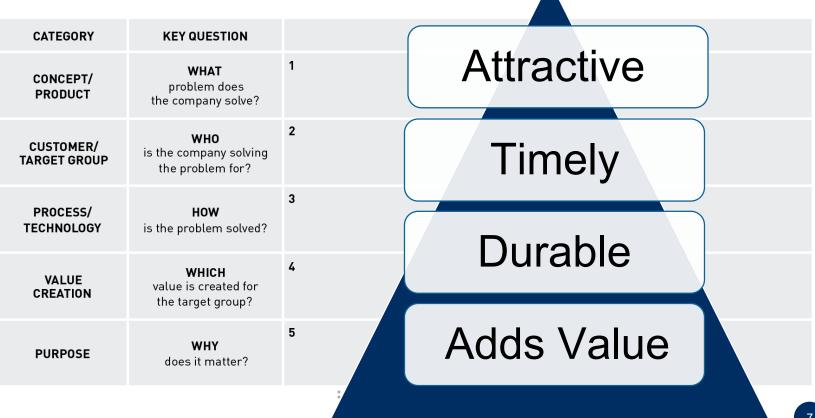




#### Understand the Relationships to Tell Your Story



### **Essential Qualities of an Opportunity**





#### **Targeted Audience**

Who do You Want to Talk To? Where Are They on the Internet? What is Most Important to Them? How Do They Make Decisions?



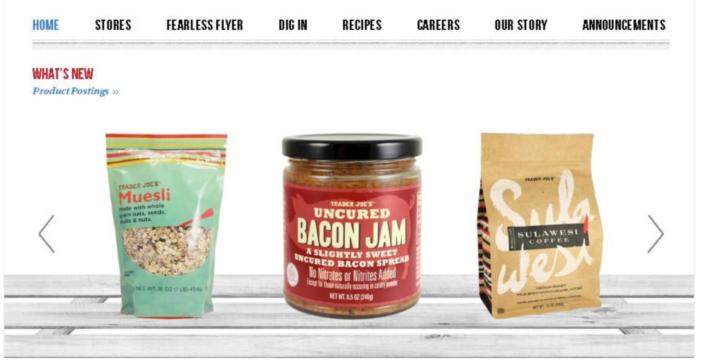


MARKET SEGMENTATION			
Geographic	Demographics	Psychographics	Behavioral
Grouping customers based on defined geographical boundaries	Grouping customers based on customer personal attributes	Grouping customers according to lifestyles	Grouping customers based on actual customer behavior toward products and services
<ul> <li>For Example:</li> <li>Region</li> <li>Country</li> <li>Population</li> <li>Climate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For Example:</li> <li>Age</li> <li>Gender</li> <li>Nationality</li> <li>Ethnicity</li> <li>Occupation</li> <li>Income</li> <li>Social Class</li> <li>Family Size</li> <li>Religion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For Example:</li> <li>Lifestyle</li> <li>Personality</li> <li>Values</li> <li>Attitudes</li> <li>Opinions</li> <li>Interests</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For Example:</li> <li>Brand Loyalty</li> <li>Benefits Sought</li> <li>User Status</li> <li>Usage Rates</li> <li>Occasion</li> <li>Readiness to Buy</li> </ul>
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Buyers' decreasing their engagement with salespeople until they've narrowed their options to just a few solutions is not going away. Now more than ever before, your company's success requires content that is grounded in deep insight about buyers' decision to choose you over a competitor, or to do nothing at all. You need to become experts in your target buyers, how they buy, and what is important to them in order to be successful

#### Persona Research

## eBusiness Challenges



#### An unemployed college professor who drives an old Volvo.





# **Create a Solid Foundation**



- Electronic Payment
- Point of Sales
  - **Solutions**
- Internet Bandwidth



# Step 1: Develop the Plan

Write the Vision What do you see?

"Have the courage to follow you heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become" Steve Jobs



#### **Define Site Goals & Strategies**



You Must Have a Way to Accept Electronic Payments





## **Design Considerations**

- Stunning images attract readers / viewers
- Simple layouts
  - ✓ Easy to navigate
  - ✓ Easy to read
- Bold headlines and great color pallete grabs attention
- Compelling content keeps them there
- Calls to action bring results
- Custom landing pages

"Content builds relationships. Relationships are built on trust. Trust drives revenue."

Andrew Davis



## Free and Low-Cost Marketing Tools

Website Templates



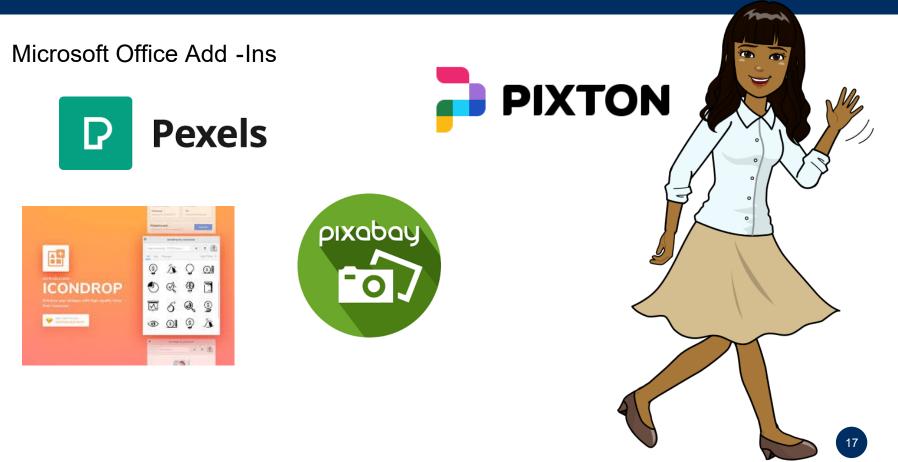




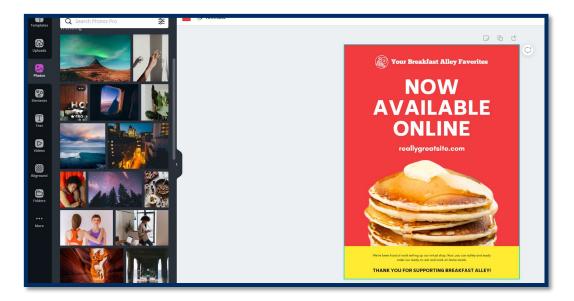
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- Upwork.com Across All Industries
- Toptal.com Software Engineers & Digital Designers
- 99Designs Designers only (All Jobs Posted as a Contest)
- PeoplePerHour All Skill Related to Web Design
- LinkedIn ProFinder Across All Industries
- Dribble

### Royalty Free Images & Photo Sites



# Canva



With the need to include more visual content as part of your social-media posts, you can turn to <u>Canva</u> for high-quality images that fit your budget. They offer numerous templates that help you look like a great designer, even if you don't always know exactly what you are doing.





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