Online Marketing:
Building web traffic, growing your email list, increasing conversions, and integrating your program

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Overview

Websites as conversion tools Emails as conversion tools Integration of online/offline



Introductions

Goals:

- 1)Build web traffic
- 2)Increase Conversions
- 3)Integrate web, communications, and direct response



CONTENT

Better content -> ↑ web traffic - >↑conversions

CONVERSIONS

Better strategies -> ↑ conversions

↑ volume of conversions

↑ percentage of conversions

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Your organization's website

- who are your web visitors?
- who is your site built for?
- who do you want to attract?
- is it a good reflection of the org and its mission?
- do you know your site's web traffic?
- are you receiving any web analytics?
- do you know why people visit your site?
- do you know the most visited pages?



Primary Conversions

Web visitor -> Customer Email subscriber -> Customer



Secondary Conversions

Web visitor -> Repeat Web visitor Web visitor -> Email Subscriber Web visitor -> Online Advocate/Action Taker Online Advocate/Action Taker -> Online Customer Online Customer -> Email Subscriber Web visitor -> Offline Customer Non-web Visitor -> Web Visitor



Content

Think in terms of small bites.

(fact of the month, tip of the month, this day/week/month in history)

Think of what may have a viral component.

Plan for the unplanned.

Tie it to the news.

Focus on storytelling.

Find the entertainment value.



What content is most important on a nonprofit's website?

- 1. Your organization's mission, goals, and objectives. (#1 is 4X more important than #2)
- 2. The organization's presence in the constituent's own "community".
- 3. How your organization uses donations.

Do an audit of your site.

Ask web visitors how easily they find content 1-3.



Converting to Donors

- 1. Site visitors should be easily prompted to make a donation.
- 2. Test placement of donation.
- 3. Include donation option in global navigation.

Example: USHMM Banner



Home Page Checklist

- A 5-10 second statement of who you are and what you do
- Easy navigation based on user intent or perspective (not the org chart)
- Link to a case for why yours is THE organization that matters
- Emotion accomplished through imagery
- A way to capture people who are interested (email signup)
- □ A way to make a donation (one in the nav, one as a big button)
- Any third-party endorsements
- A link to illustrate how your donations are spent
- Engagement opportunities (share, tell us, act)
- Links to social media
- Personal fundraising options
- Postal address and phone number

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Webpage Checklist

- □ Skimmable pretend it's a billboard
- Easy navigation based on user intent or perspective

(not the org chart)

- Logo that goes to the home page
- □ A site search function that is easy to find (test it!)
- Make all images clickable to something
- Donate on every page
- Email sign-up on every page
- Postal address/phone on every page
- Contact us on every page
- FB and other social media links on every page

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Website

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Design
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F-pattern

Printer-friendly

Above/below the scroll

Content

Pie charts

Charity seals

"donate" vs. "become a member"

Buttonized links



Testing on Websites

Test:

- 1. Different web browsers
- 2. Autofills with real data
- 3. Repeat actions and visits/cookies
- 4. Plan web pages for life beyond the campaign



Integration

When web traffic goes up, so do all conversions. Example: USHMM SS album

Integrating with the program, marketing, web units to become involved with content.



Integration

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo microsite email campaign social media email acquisition fundraising appeal next: online event tickets

The Senior Citizens League
website redesign
content reformat – blog
email campaign
next: email acquisition, web ads



Online/Offline Integration

When web traffic goes up, so do all conversions.

How can direct mail/offline drive traffic to the website?

How can online drive response of direct mail or telemarketing?

How can direct mail/telemarketing grow an email list?

What does the website offer that you can give to direct mail/offline donors? (Calendar? Annual report? White papers? Constituent recognition?)

What is happening in direct mail/offline that you can create an online version of?

Can online be a good place to test an idea of an engage group campaign?

Online Marketing Tech

- The technology behind the strategy
- Connecting tech to a marketers skill set



On a need to know basis

- Every online marketer should understand (and preferably have a working knowledge of):
 - -HTML(5)
 - -CSS(3)
- At least a peripheral understanding of what makes the web run, databases, programming languages, servers, pictures of cats, etc.
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Open Source and Open data

- Understanding the state of online innovation can help marketers get a jump start on their competition
- More and more data sets are being published and available
 - Open Gov's open data initiative
 - Google Public Data, AWS Public Datasets

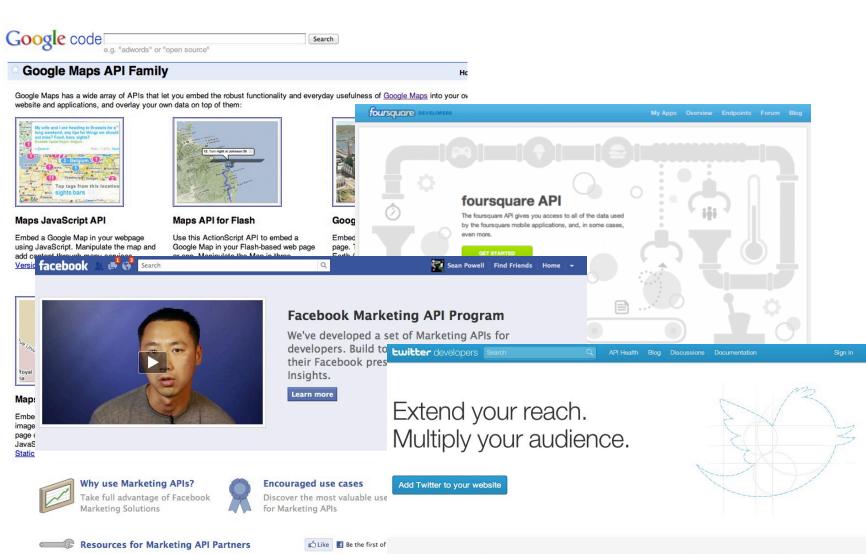




(Social) API's

- What's an api?
- Facebook and the Open Graph protocol,
 Twitter, Google Maps API, Flickr API, etc.
- Everybody has one
- Marketers need an understanding of what they are, how they can be leveraged, and their limits







API as a gateway drug

- The amount of information that marketers can use and implement is enormous
- The different ways information is bridged between different data sets yields insight into a marketers target market



Data Visualization and Mapping

- Infographics, mashups, interactive maps, etc.
- Used to display a message in creative, visually inspiring ways
- Mapping typically used in conjunction with API or easily accessible data (like open gov, google, bing, etc)

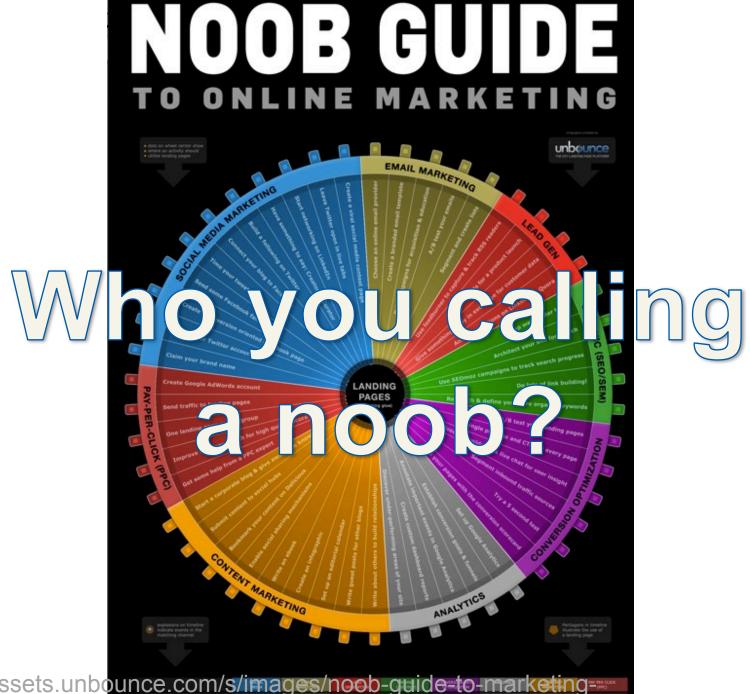




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A LITTLE INTRODUCTION

The following is one of 2,000 "Teach Hunch About You" questions that Hunch users can answer at their leisure as they use Hunch.com.



PC people are 22% more likely than Mac people to be ages 35-49.

22% more likely than PC people to be ages 18-34.

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Understanding online marketing data

- SEM, SEO, and Web Analytics
- Marketers need to understand how to analyse and leverage reports on metrics related to SEM, SEO, Web Analytics
 - Have the ability to judge whether data is applicable. E.g. Bounce rate
 - Understand how search engine algorithms work at a high level.



Tech as a platform for marketing

- Apps
- Mashups
- Authoring Tools and Open source projects
- The ubiquitous Cloud



Summary

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Learn the technology behind online marketing

Thank you

