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Alexander Sierra

CEO, Sigma Ridge

Alexander Sierra has a diverse background. He has a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Florida, A master's degree in Finance from Harvard University, and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. Over 23 years of experience as a leader in Consulting, Sales & Marketing. Alex has managed teams of over 130 direct reports in 13 different countries and Marketing budgets of over 25 million dollars a year. He has been able to achieve year-over-year growth for his clients from 25% to 120%.

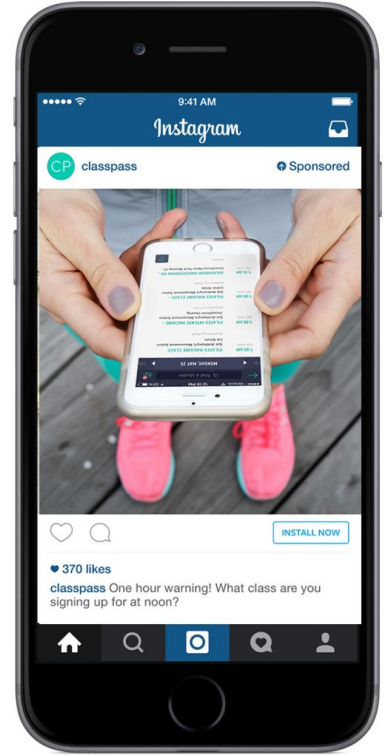
His consulting practice [-Sigma Ridge-](#) was a spinoff from the Harvard University Consulting club where he works with companies like Cisco, Microsoft, IBM, Dell, and some of the largest fashion companies in the US.



Let's Meet

Stand up and tell us:

- Name
- What do you do for a living?
- What you hope to get out of today?
- Open a social channel mobile device
- Scroll to the first ad
 - Is the ad content relevant and valuable to you?
 - How do you know it's an ad?





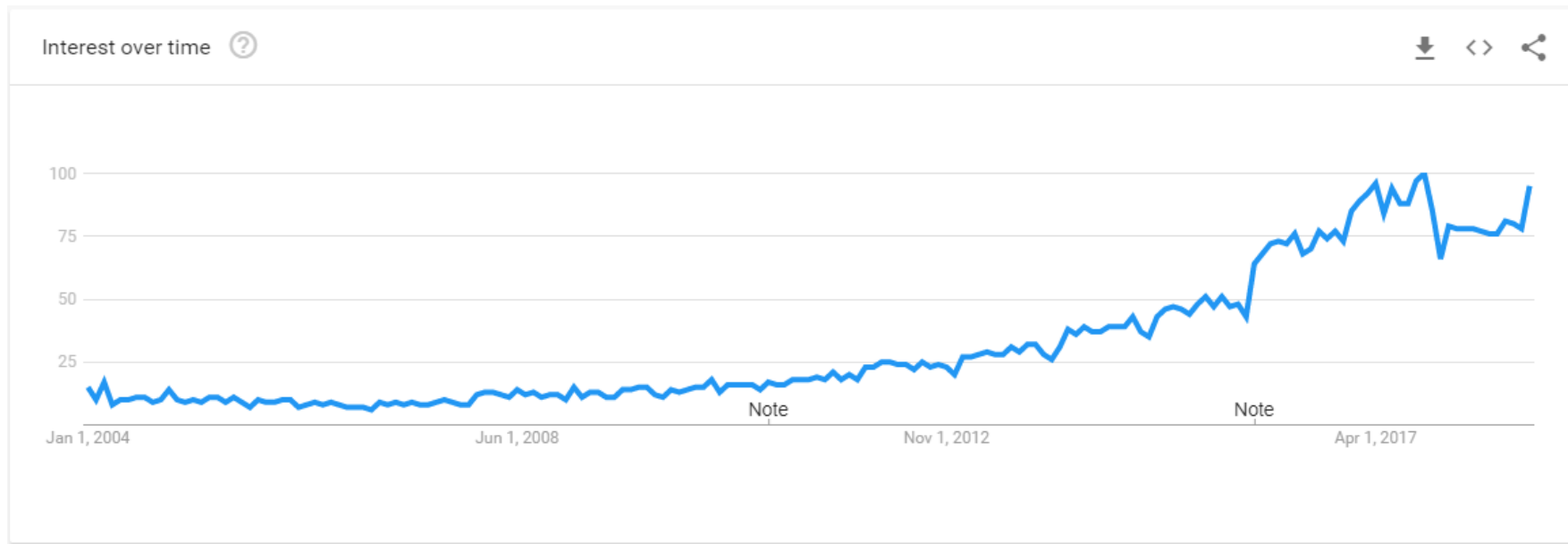
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Marketing

PRODUCT Continually improve features and functions. Differentiation is based on technological superiority relative to competitors.	SOLUTION Define offerings in terms of the current and emerging needs that they meet. Differentiation is based on the relevance of the offerings to the specific needs of customers.
PLACE Determine the locations/channels through which customers find it most convenient to purchase. Identify appropriate distribution partners, wholesalers, and middlemen.	ACCESS Consider the customer's entire purchase journey: how and where they access the solution, take delivery, and incorporate it into their value chains. Develop an integrated, cross-channel presence.
PRICE Set price relative to competitors, cost to produce, and profit margin requirements. Manage the real and perceived price the customer pays.	VALUE Understand the role that the solution plays in increasing the customer's business effectiveness. Articulate the full range of benefits provided relative to the price.
PROMOTION Communicate the full range of product features and functions. Ensure the message's reach through advertising, publicity, and personal selling.	EDUCATION Develop a program to provide relevant information to customers at each point in the purchase cycle. Focus communication on the customer's needs and required benefits, not the full range of product features and functionality.

Digital Marketing Trends



<https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all&geo=US&q=digital%20marketing>

Digital Marketing

Digital marketing is an umbrella term which includes marketing channels like:

- Search (Google, Bing, Yahoo)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Myspace)
- Email
- Websites
- Marketing Automation tools

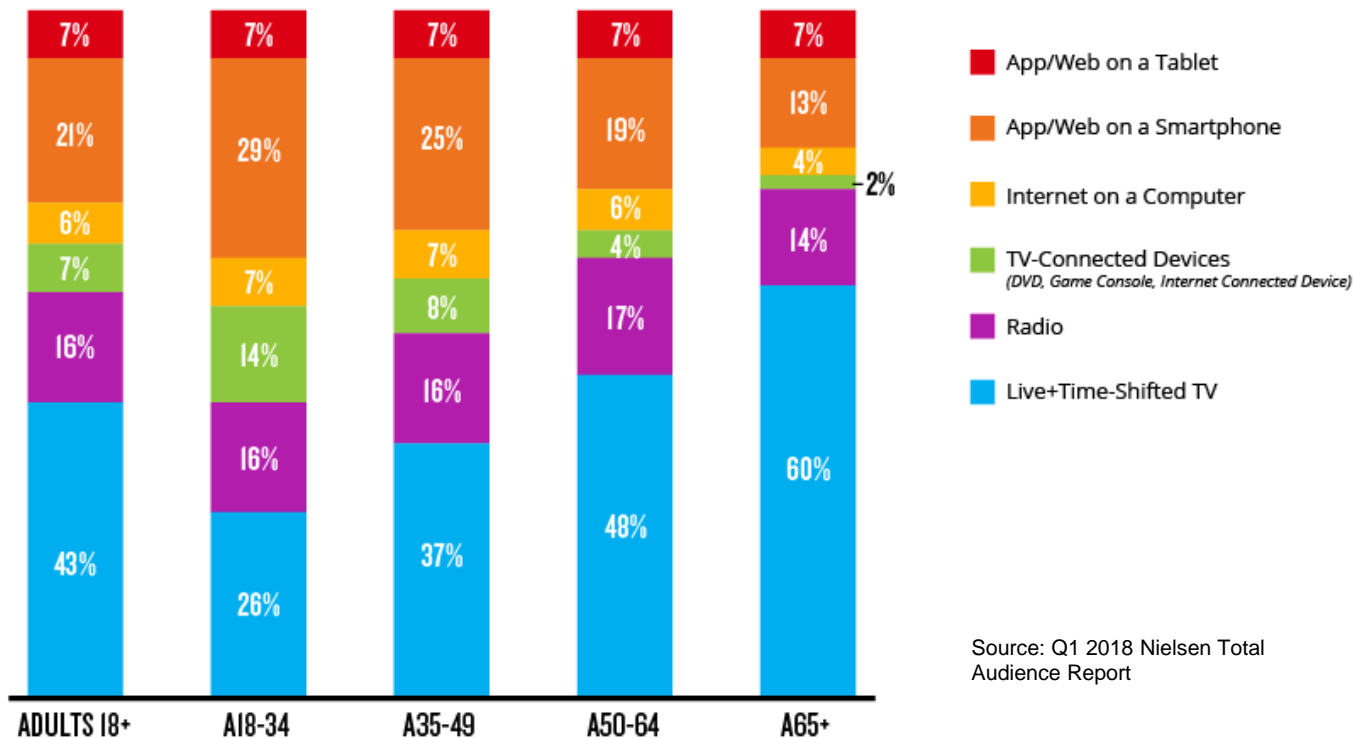
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Share of Daily Time Spent by Platform



Source: Q1 2018 Nielsen Total Audience Report



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Americans spend more time than ever watching videos, browsing social media and swiping their lives away on their tablets and smartphones. American adults spend more than **11 hours per day watching, reading, listening to or simply interacting with media**, according to a new study by market-research group Nielsen

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Digital marketing is king.

Marketing has always been about meeting the customer where they are; right now, they're online.

Before and After...

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Malverne Community Theatre Plays Attract Enthusiastic Audiences

The Malverne Community Theatre, with its experienced and talented director, Sid Zucarno, has established itself firmly as a superb seat of good local entertainment with its presentation of five plays and a musical program during the past two weeks. The theatre within this short period has become a mecca for players who demand the best productions "right at their door," without the inconvenience of making long and tiresome trips to Broadway, and have received the best.

The casts, from Malverne and surrounding territory, gave excellent professional performances and evoked enthusiastic applause.

Chosen as the best play Saturday night in the Woodfield Road School was "The Pomgranate Curiouside" by Mrs. Wyn Patterson of West Long, who shyly admitted that while she has written other plays, this was the first time one of her efforts was on the boards. Her comedy was rich in humor as Persiphe, Linda Hubben, Kildesoyne, her singing mother, Demeter, Mrs. Helen Parsons, set into the forbidden fruit and elected to cast her lot in Hades.

The second choice was "Graveyard Shift" by Mr. John S. Brown, Jr. of Glen Cove, third was "The Man from B.M." by R. A. Barrett of Manhattan, fourth, "The Lord of Illus," by James Lattin of Seaford, and fifth was "The Second Line, and No Red," by George Salvatore of Baltimore.

The judges were Dr. Julian Mager, head of the Drama De-

partment of C. W. Post College; Mrs. Elizabeth Acherman of 94 Nassau Avenue, a Malverne High School English teacher; Mrs. Henry Lapanian of 15 Catty Court; Mrs. Irene Bond of radio station WLIH; and Mrs. Sally Lambert Macdonald, publisher of the Malverne Herald.

Coinciding the series was "The Music and Piano of Carl Kolman," with Mr. Kolman and Raymond Harvey of 899 Pinelake Drive, Lakeview, at the piano; Miss Carol Johnson of Lakeview and Miss Robin Gerson of 12 Alameda Road as singers; and Miss Marie Muir and Miss Jean Kober, students at the Flushing School of Nurses, as dancers.

Raymond Harvey, showed amazing versatility as musician, actor, dancer and singer and bade fair to realize his ambition to become a Broadway star after he is graduated from Malverne High School and Oberlin College.

Mr. Kolman received a special award for his original music.

All of the plays were judged for their originality, writing technique, adaptability to the stage, dramatic value and playwright's potential, and the final award was the "Plays' Best" by The casts included Maxine Meyer, Alexander Ray Pevar, Long Beach; Roger Marbo, 9 Allen Court; Al Pinelli, Ocean-side; Alan Korfeld, a Malverne High School teacher; Paul Meisler, 33 Stuart Avenue; David Tordella and Joe Fishback, Park Rockaway; Jacqueline Kassarich, East Rockaway; Laura Freund-

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autographed football, thanking him from left are Andy Lopez, winner of Most Valuable Player Award; Bill Permaroff, leading scorer, and team quarterback Tom Felner.

Malverne Junior-Senior High School Parent-Teacher Association, heretofore one organization, was divided after long consideration at a meeting Tuesday night in the fifth through-eighth grades, and the Malverne High School P.T.A. for grades nine through 12.

Officers for the Junior group are Mrs. Elmore Mason, president; Mrs. Joyce McGee, vice-president; Principal John K. Archer, honorary vice-president; Mrs. Louise Finner, recording secretary; Mrs. Greata Dwyer, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Davis Bennett, treasurer.


Malverne High School officers: Gene Fakhry, president; Patricia Saxe, vice-president; Richard Meyer, honorary vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, recording secretary; Mrs. Gloria Kane, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ann Kimmel, 121 Widge Lane, Kimmel will describe the director of the Nassau District Parent-Teacher Association, will install both states June 11 at 8:30 p.m. in the Senior High School.

Don't Miss the Art Exhibit

The Malverne Artists Spring Art Exhibit will close May 20, mark the date, as this is well worth seeing. One of the high Rockaway, Long Beach, and the last by the late Joseph in Arima.

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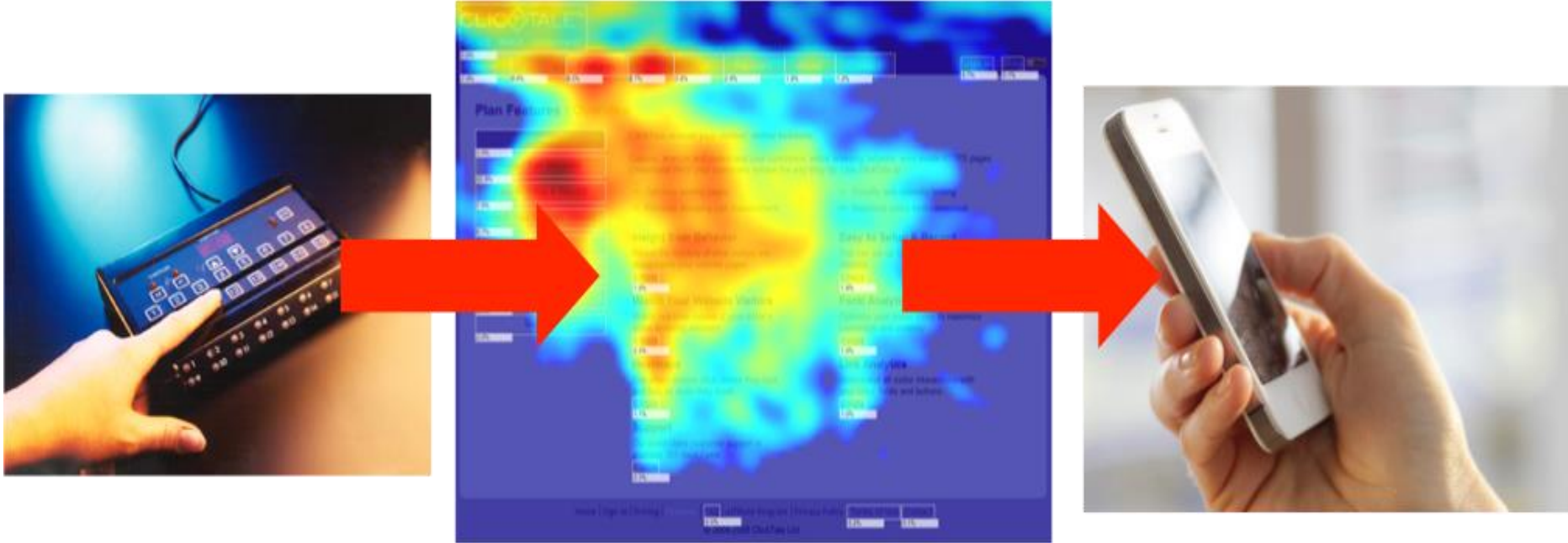
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Role of Technology



Digital Marketing



Role of Strategy

WHAT TO DO

- Display ads
- Video ads
- Mobile ads
- Native ads
- Audio ads
- Blogging
- Content
- Influencer marketing

WHERE TO DO IT

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest
- Email
- Websites
- Affiliates
- Publishers
- TV
- Print
- Billboard

WHO TO TARGET

- Demographics
- Psychographics
- Time of day
- Day of week
- Behaviors
- Contexts
- Devices
- Locations
- Emotions

WHAT TO MEASURE

- Impressions
- Reach
- Frequency
- Views
- Clicks
- Engagements
- Interactions
- Time spent
- Repeat visits
- Repeat usage
- Conversions
- Revenue
- Efficiency rates for all of the above

HOW TO OPTIMIZE

- Adjust targeting
- Adjust channel mix
- Change messaging
- Change creative
- A/B test





**So many choices
So little time!**



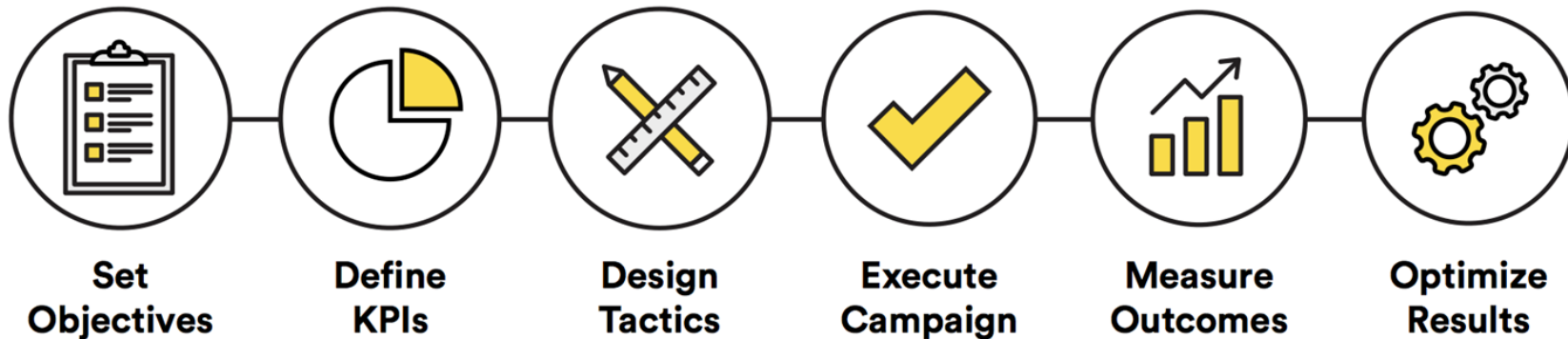
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The Objective-First Framework

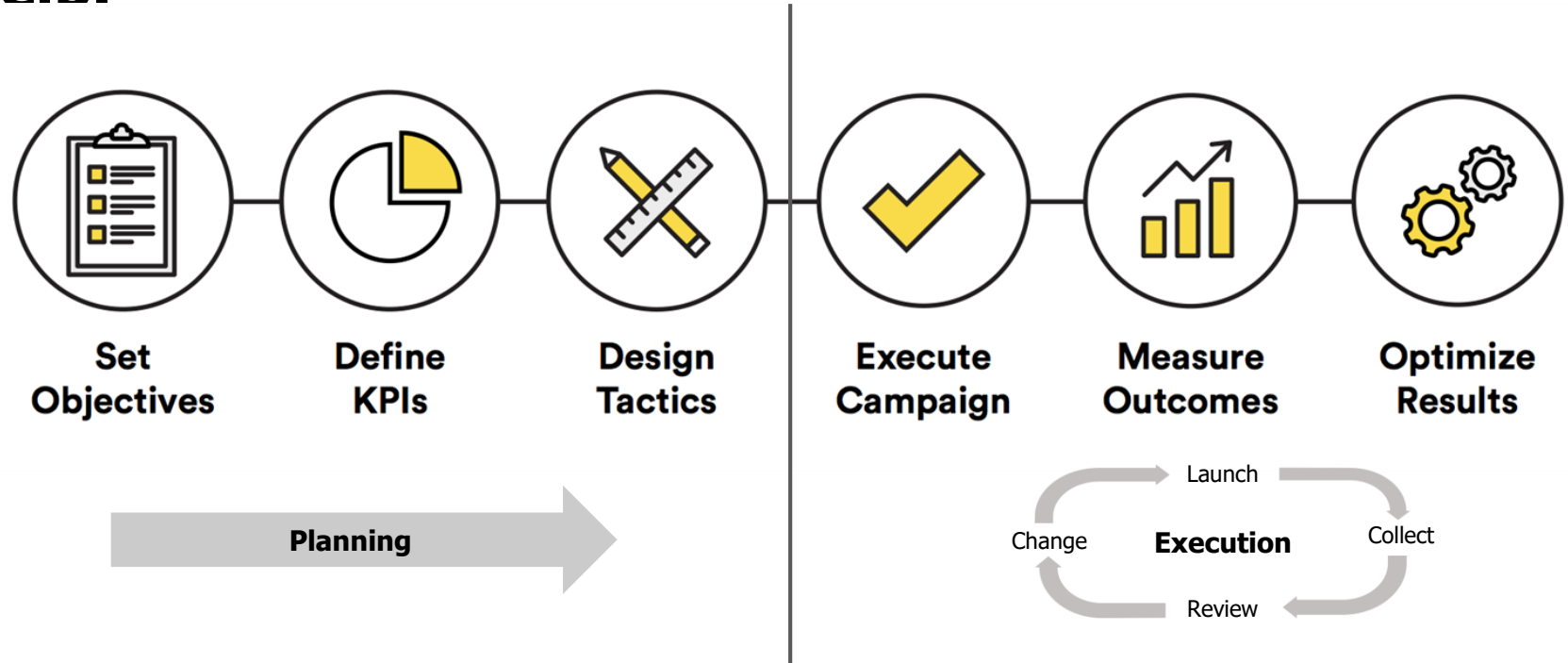
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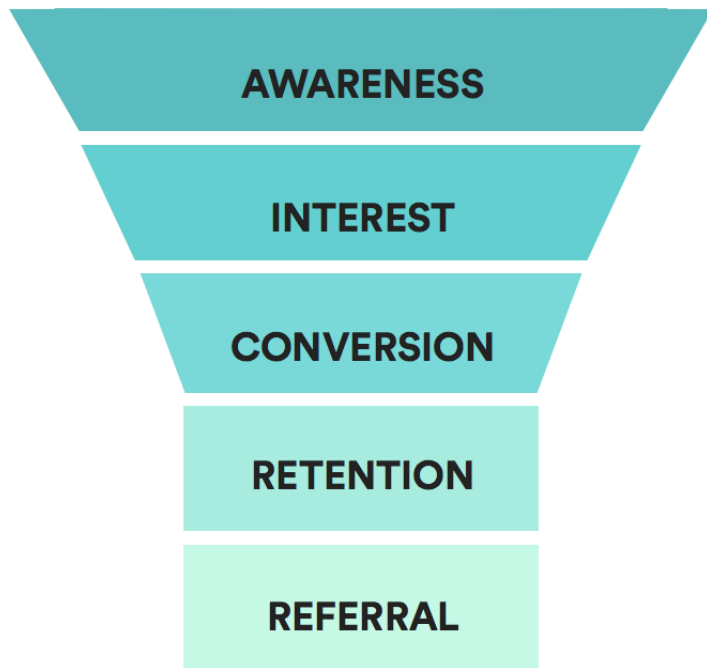
The Objective First Campaign Framework Is Here To Help.



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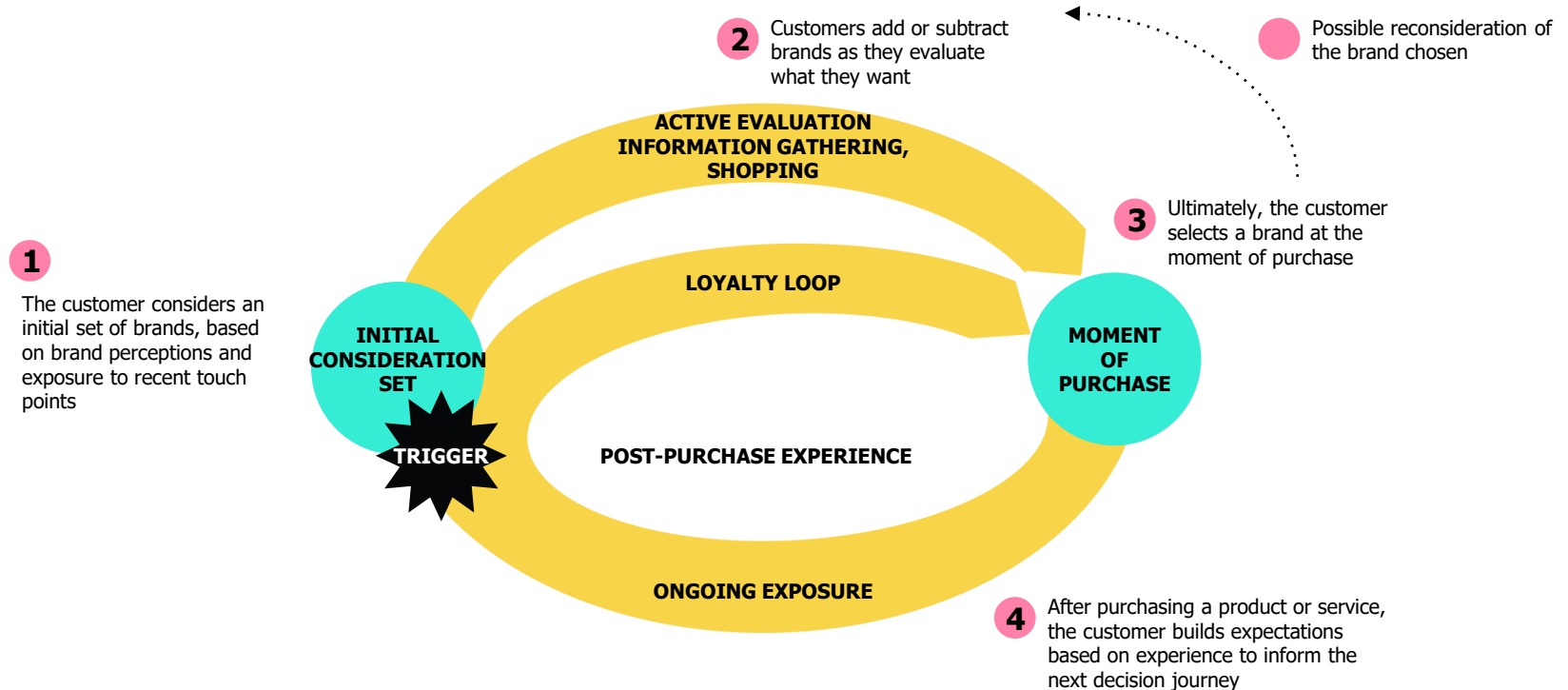


Marketing objectives are typically rooted in the funnel.



- Brand Marketing:
“I want to make people aware and excited about what we have to offer!”
- Customer Acquisition:
“I want to grow my bottom line by gaining new customers.”
- Retention and Loyalty:
“I want to engage my customers and get them to buy more!”

The 'New' Customer Decision Journey



Source: McKinsey Consulting

On the Customer's Side, the Journey Isn't Quite As Direct As We Imagine...





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Objectives & KPIs

Laddering Up Objectives



Business Objectives

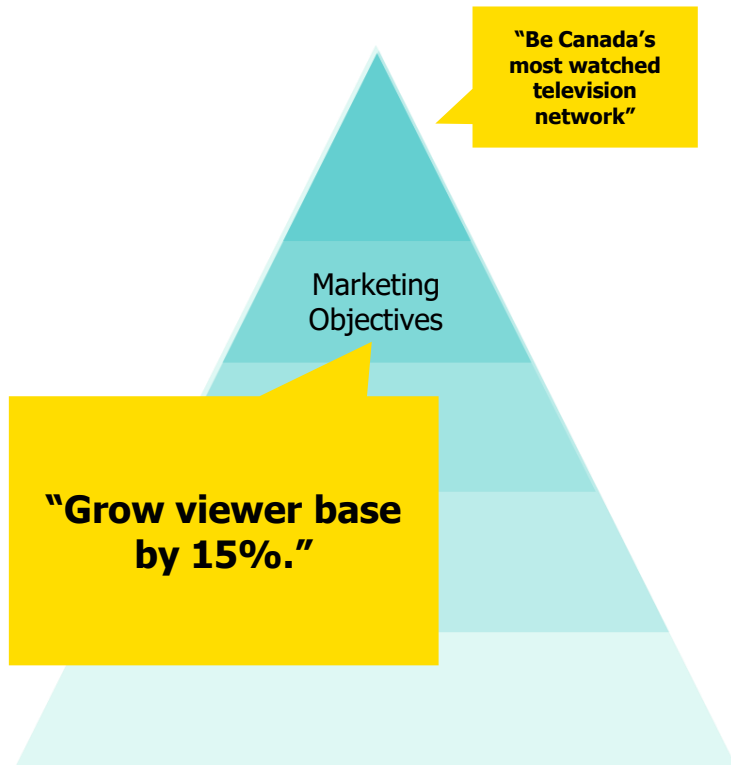


Business Objectives:

Broad, company-wide goals.

These are created by senior leadership (typically annually) to guide decisions across the business.

Marketing Objectives



Marketing Objectives:

This is how the marketing team will drive the business objectives. These will be the measure of success for the overall marketing performance.

Campaign Objectives

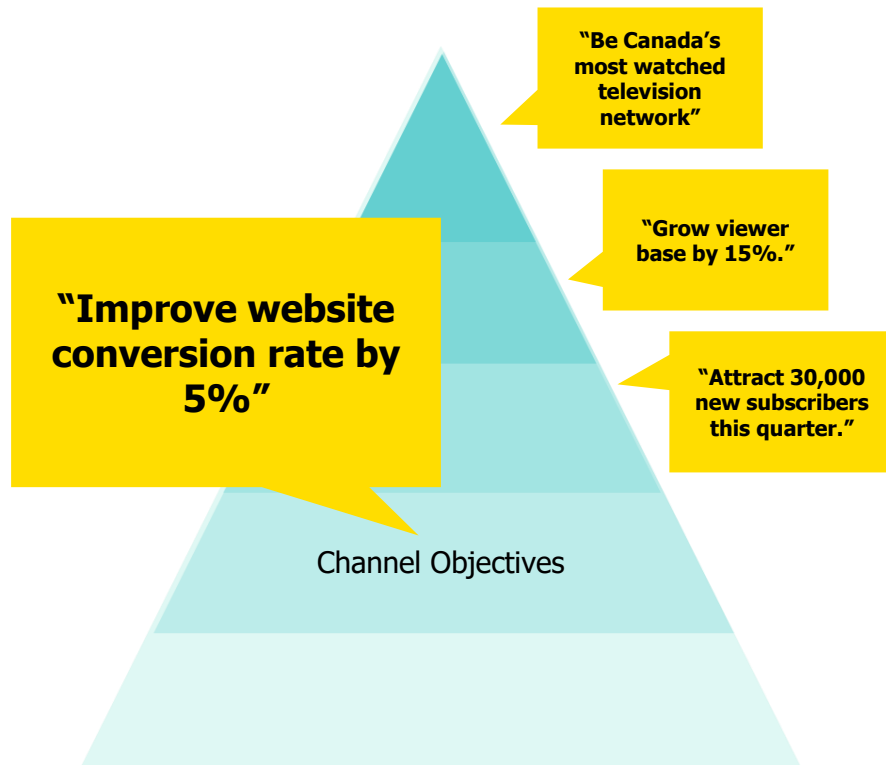


Campaign Objectives:

Campaigns aim to change a specific perception or behavior of a target audience in a quantified way over a set period of time.

They can be carried out on a single channel (i.e. Facebook) or across multiple channels.

Channel Objectives

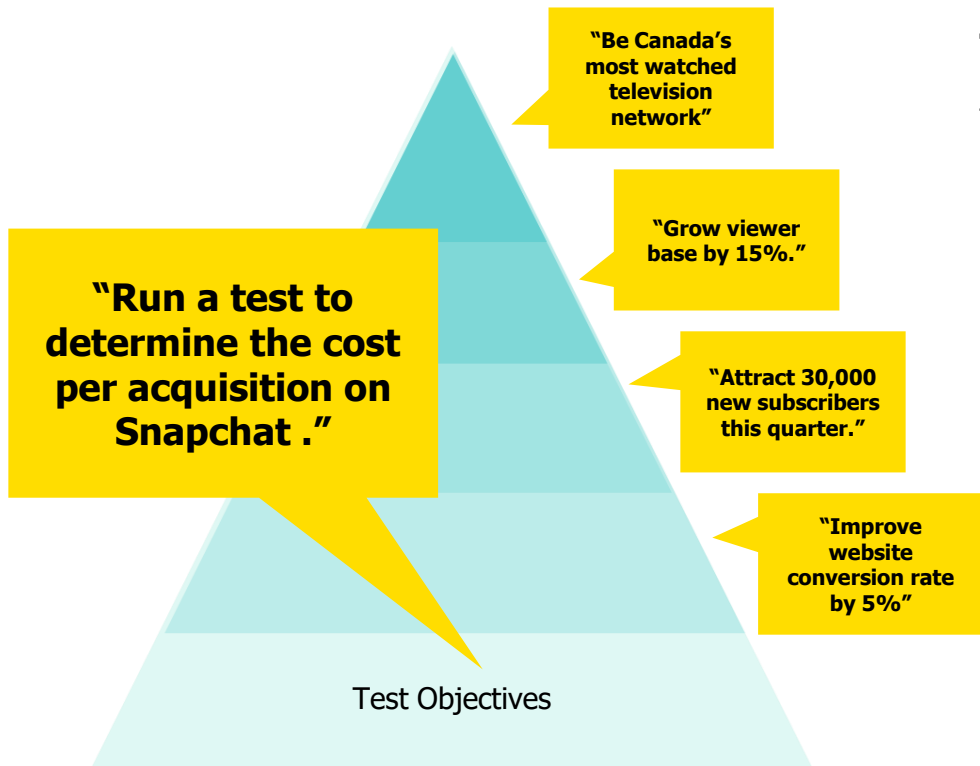


Channel Objectives:

Some channels, like your website and your paid search ads, are "always on." You will want to improve performance of these channels both in support of and separate from specific campaigns.

Channel objectives are often related to the marketing funnel and improving customer acquisition and retention.

Test Objectives



Test Objectives:

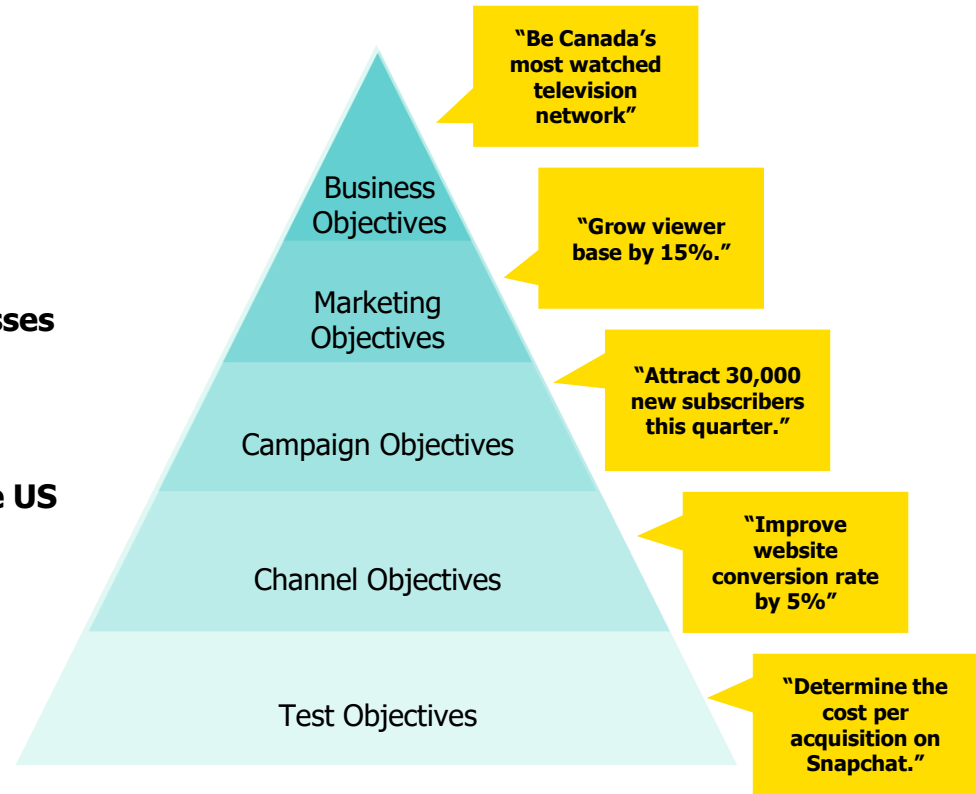
The goal of a test is to learn something which will help you make better decisions for a larger scale project.



Discussion

Where on the ladder do these objectives fall?

- **Cut Facebook cost per acquisition in half**
Channel Objective
- **Determine which geographical region expresses the most interest in a new product**
Test Objective and/or Marketing Objective
- **Become the #1 Men's Grooming Brand in the US**
Business Objective
- **Generate 10,000 leads by referral**
Channel Objectives



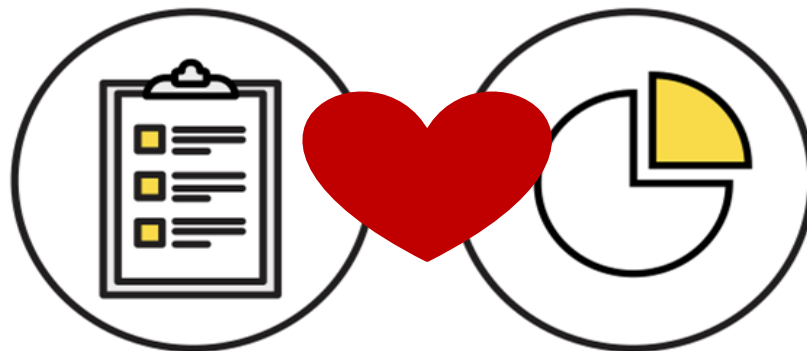
The Best Objectives Are SMART



Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Time-Bound
Make sure your goals are focused and identify a tangible outcome. Without the specifics, your goal runs the risk of being too vague to achieve. Being more specific helps you identify what you want to achieve. You should also identify what resources you are going to leverage to achieve success.	You should have some clear definition of success. This will help you to evaluate achievement and also progress. This component often answers how much or how many and highlights how you'll know you achieved your goal.	Your goal should be challenging, but still reasonable to achieve. Reflecting on this component can reveal any potential barriers that you may need to overcome to realize success. Outline the steps you're planning to take to achieve your goal.	This is about getting real with yourself and ensuring what you're trying to achieve is worthwhile to you. Determining if this is aligned to your values and if it is a priority focus for you. This helps you answer the why.	Every goal needs a target date, something that motivates you to really apply the focus and discipline necessary to achieve it. This answers when. It's important to set a realistic time frame to achieve your goal to ensure you don't get discouraged.

Objectives And KPIs:

You Can't Have One Without The Other.

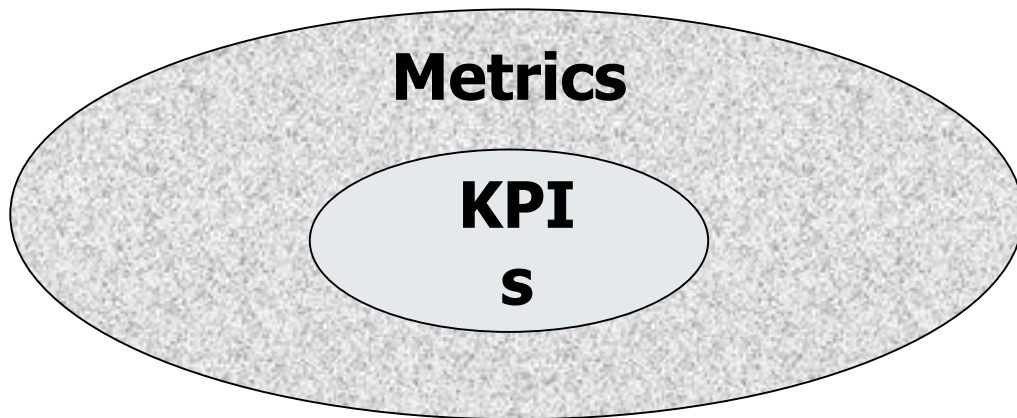


**Set
Objectives**

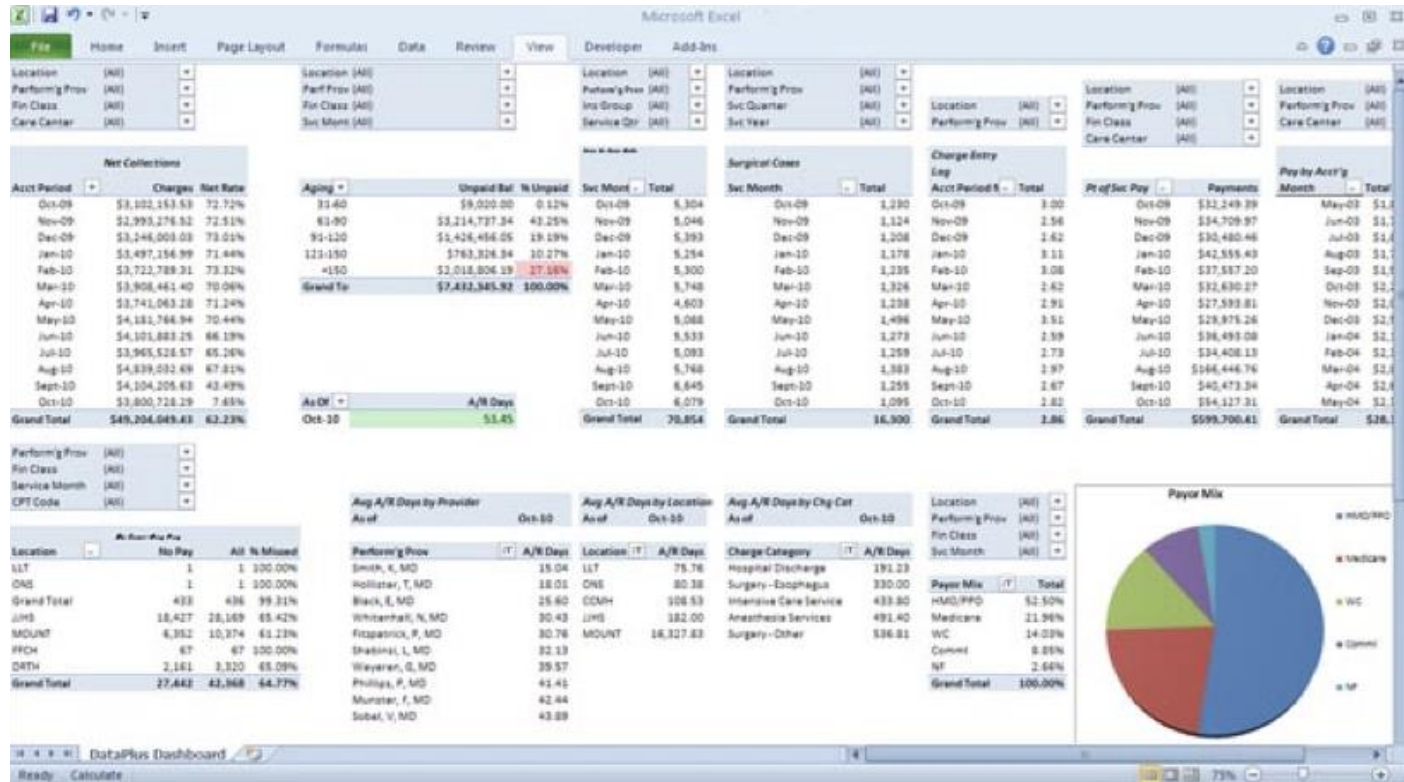
**Define
KPIs**

How Many KPIs Should You Have Per Objective?

- A strong SMART objective should have ONE primary KPI. This is the one source of truth that tells you whether or not you reached your goal.
- You might have 1-3 secondary KPIs that relate to other objectives/things you care about (i.e. cost effectiveness) as well as the primary KPI.



When We Don't Have KPI's...we get paralyzed by data

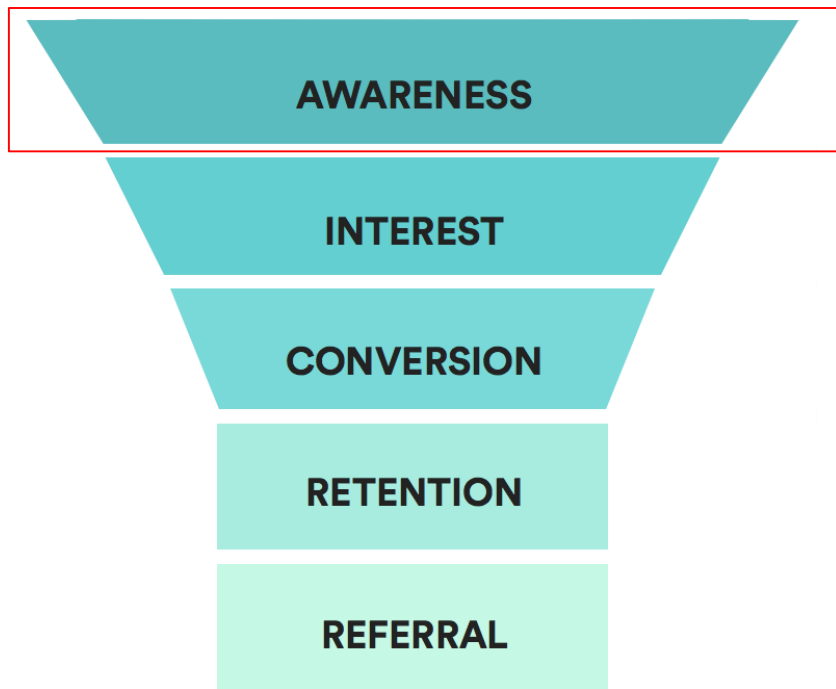


Scale Vs. Efficiency Metrics

#: SCALE	?: EFFICIENCY
<p>Numbers that measure volume, usually a “Whole Number” such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of sessions.• Ad impressions.• Clicks.	<p>Numbers that are expressed as a ratio or percentage (Rational Number), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average order value (AOV).• Pages per session.• Cost per click (CPC).



Awareness messages mean you reached your customer.



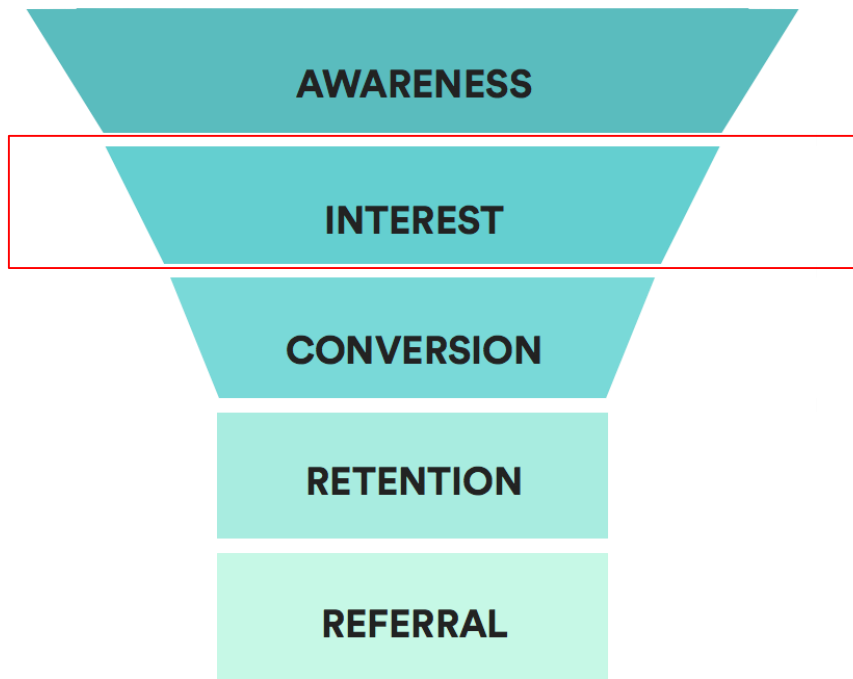
- **Scale Metrics:**

- a. Reach
- b. Impressions
- c. Video views
- d. Brand mentions
- e. Pageviews

- **Efficiency Metrics**

- a. Cost per reach
- b. Cost per 1000 impressions (CPM)
- c. Cost per view
- d. Average frequency

Interest metrics show a customer engaging with your messaging and content.



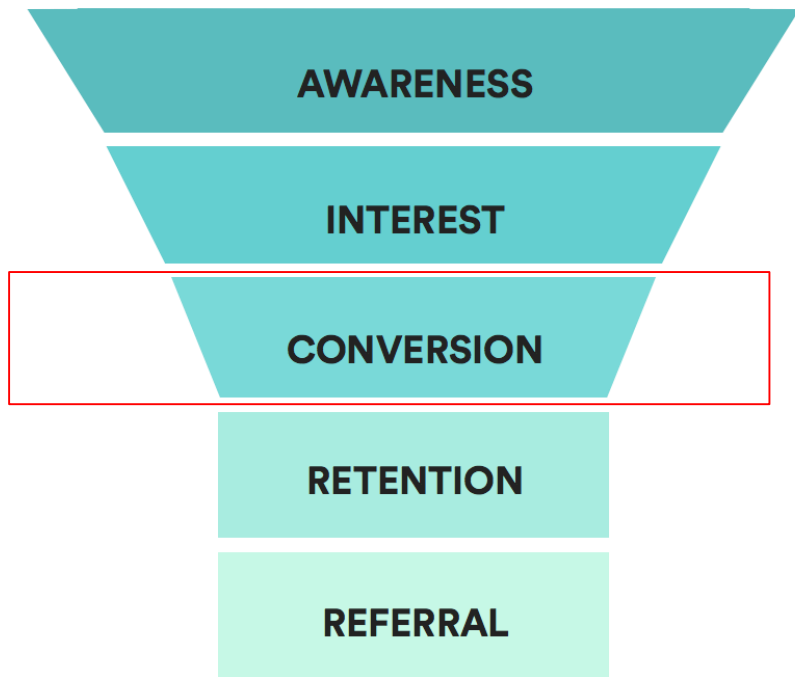
- **Scale Metrics:**

- a. Engagement
- b. Clicks
- c. Visits
- d. Completed Video Views
- e. Shares
- f. Repeat visits

- **Efficiency Metrics**

- a. Click-Through Rate
- b. View-Through Rate
- c. Engagement Rate
- d. Cost per Engagement
- e. Cost per Completed View

Conversion metrics are tied to a customer completing a meaningful or revenue-creating action.



- **Scale Metrics:**

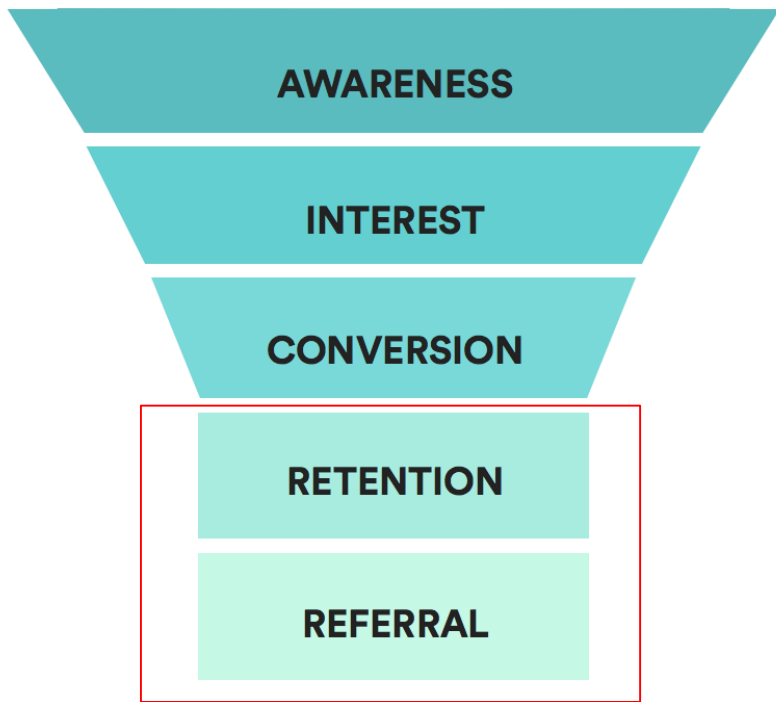
- a. Leads
- b. Downloads
- c. Orders
- d. New customer acquisitions
- e. Repeat purchases

- **Efficiency Metrics:**

- a. Cost per order (CPO)
- b. Cost per lead (CPL)
- c. Cost per acquisition (CPA)
- d. Conversion Rates
- e. Average order value (AOV)
- f. Return on Investment (ROI)
- g. ROAS



Retention & Referral:



- **Scale Metrics:**
 - a. Repeat purchases
 - b. Referrals
 - c. Annual recurring revenue
- **Efficiency Metrics:**
 - a. Churn rate
 - b. Average customer lifetime value
 - c. Retention rate



Group Exercise: Which one's the KPI?



1. If...your objective was to raise awareness of a new product?
2. If...your objective was to drive website traffic?
3. If...your objective was to improve efficiency of ad spend?

Facebook Ads Performance

6,772

CLICKS

428K

IMPRESSIONS

1.58%

CTR (%)

271K

REACH

66

PAGE LIKES

952.60

SPEND

0.42

CPC (LINK)

30

WEBSITE ACTIONS (ALL)

1.58%

CTR (%)

271K

REACH



But wait: We don't have any hard numbers yet!

Where Do The Numbers In The "Measurable" Part of S.M.A.R.T. Come From?

Your Historical Data

For example: you ran a test and found a benchmark click-through rate and are scaling up

Industry Benchmarks

For example: you're getting started on Instagram so you check average engagement rates for your industry

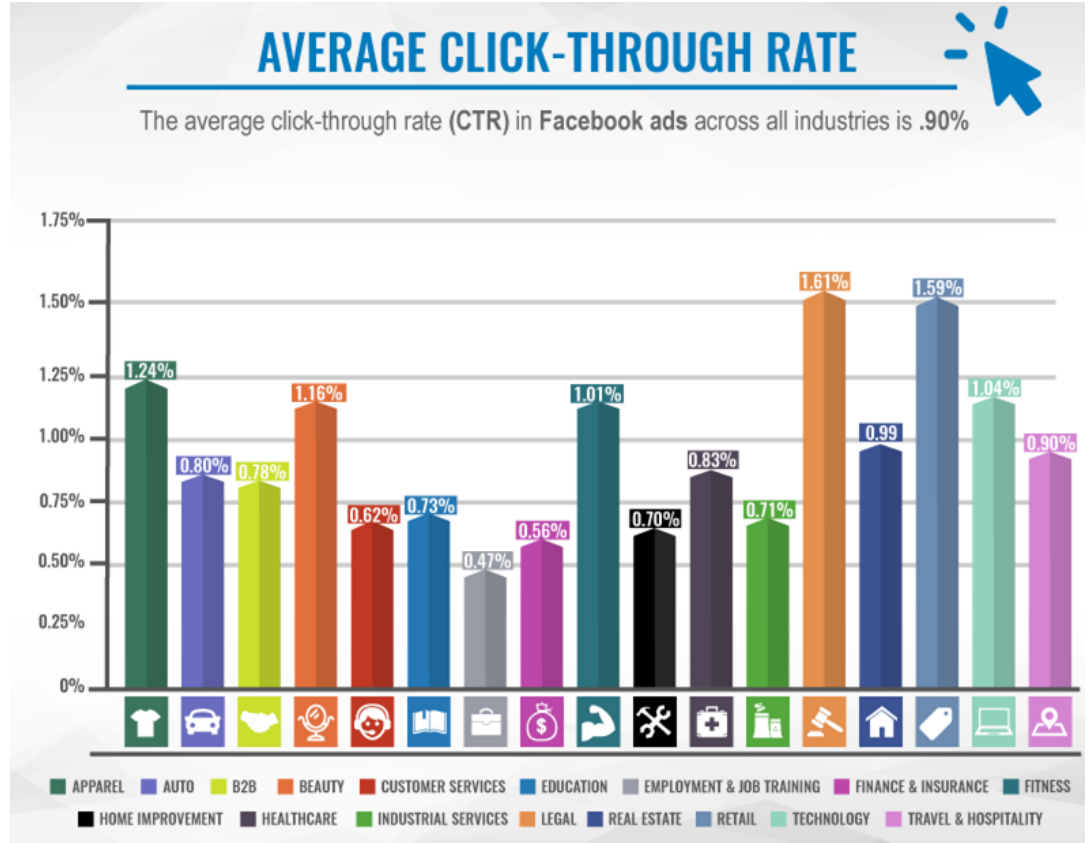
Absolute business needs

For example: if you absolutely need 1000 new customers this quarter or your business is going to shut down.

Starting out & shooting low

For example: If you're starting out with a brand new company with no prior marketing, just ballpark something low and learn

Do Your Research:



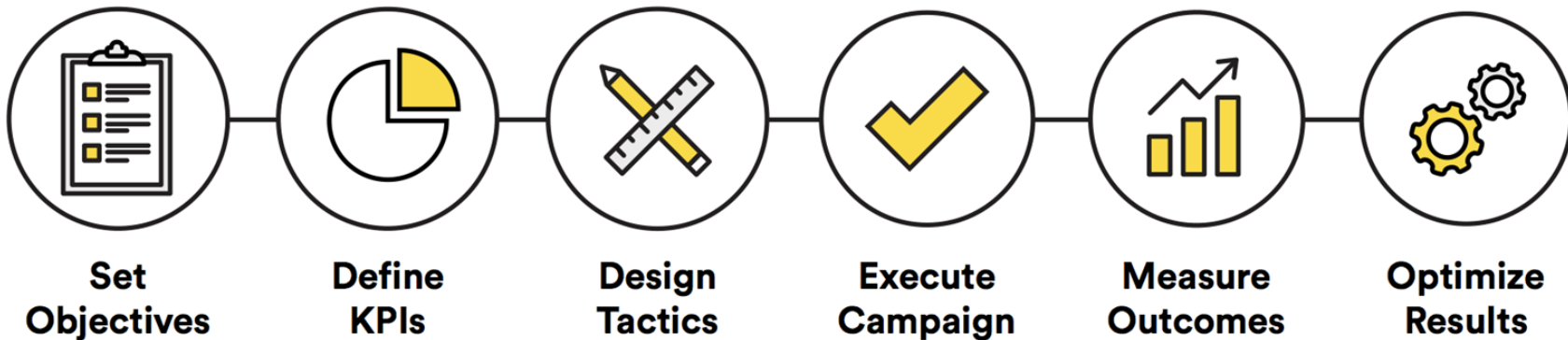


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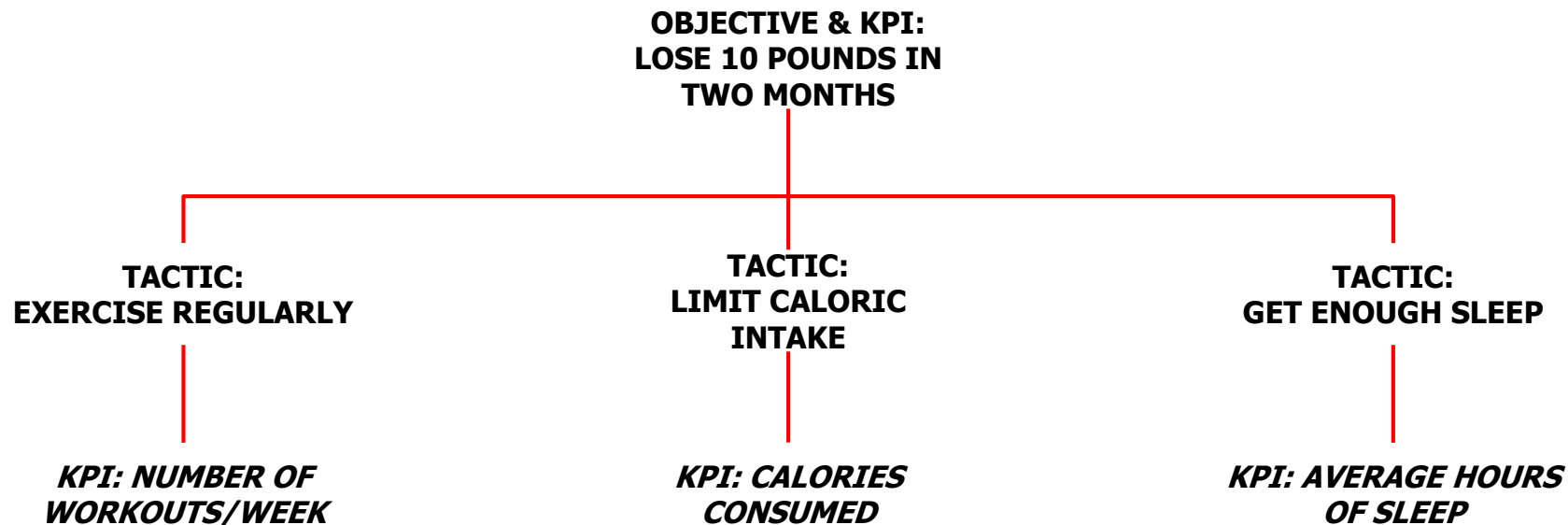
Design Tactics

Revisiting the Objective-First Framework

Now that we know what we want to achieve, how do we do it?



You Can Achieve a Single Objective With One or Multiple Tactics



It starts with the customer

WHETHER YOU'RE...

B2C

OR

B2B

OR

B2B2C

THINK

H2H

The Curse Of Knowledge Means...

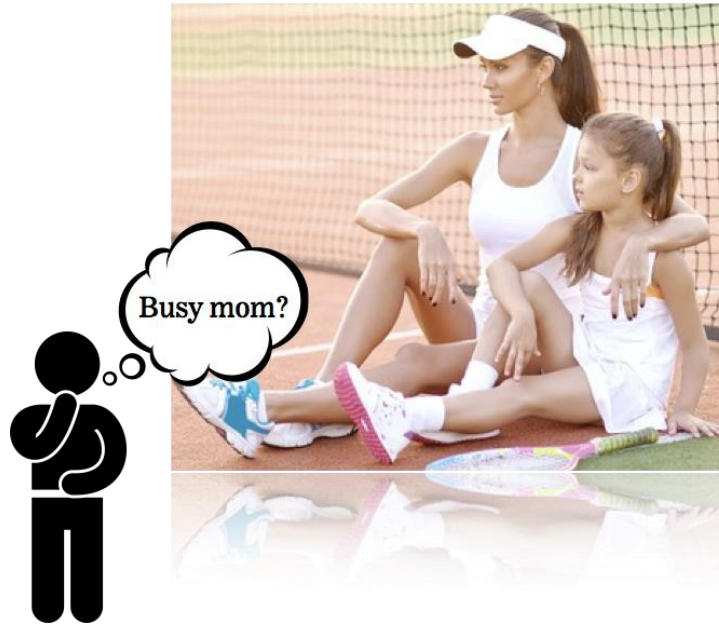
YOU ARE NOT YOUR CUSTOMER.



How Would You Sell Me Your Product?



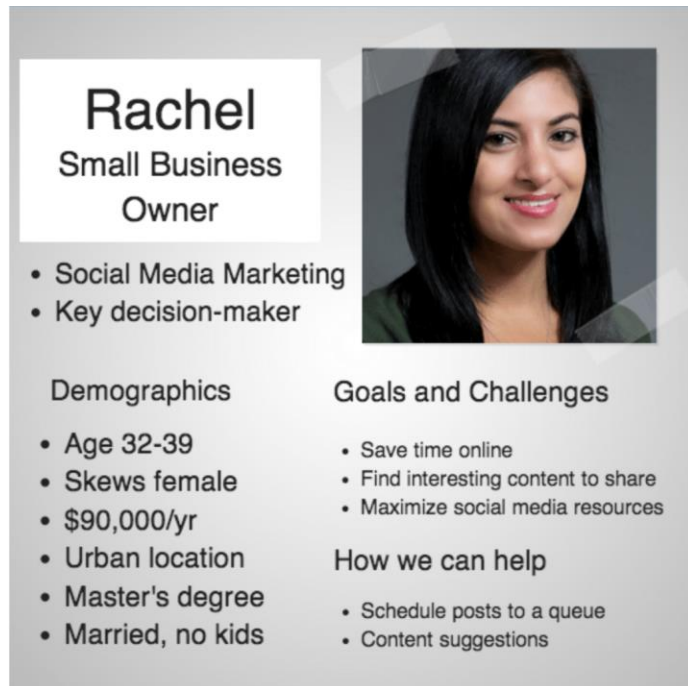
Personas Help You Dig Beneath The Surface to Minimize Bias



Digging in Deeper: Customer Personas

Personas are brief documents that encapsulate data about your target audience. They allow you to:

- Build empathy for your customers and evaluate messaging from their perspective.
- Give data context and a human face.
- Help your team (and partners) make decisions based on a shared understanding.



A customer persona card for Rachel, a Small Business Owner. The card includes a portrait of Rachel, a list of her roles (Social Media Marketing, Key decision-maker), and sections for Demographics, Goals and Challenges, and How we can help.

Rachel
Small Business Owner

- Social Media Marketing
- Key decision-maker

Demographics

- Age 32-39
- Skews female
- \$90,000/yr
- Urban location
- Master's degree
- Married, no kids

Goals and Challenges

- Save time online
- Find interesting content to share
- Maximize social media resources

How we can help

- Schedule posts to a queue
- Content suggestions

WHERE DOES VALUE COME FROM?

Customer value comes from three places:

Psychological: emotional or inexplicable benefits

"It makes me feel good."

"Don't know why, but I love it!"

Economic: financial benefits

"Buy this one to save money."

Functional: utility gained from the product or service

"Helps me do things better or faster."

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The Formula for a Value Proposition

Benefit + Proof - Risk = \$\$\$

- An OK value proposition promises a benefit.
- A GOOD value proposition promises a benefit without risk.
- A GREAT value proposition adds proof to that promise.



The Difference Between Brand & Product

“A brand for a company is like a reputation for a person. You earn reputation by trying to do hard things well”.

Jeff Bezos

Introducing a Simple Framework

Here's a simple three-step formula to build a value proposition that's clear and compelling:

You know how...	<i>Goals and pain points – Who is your customer, what is their main pain point</i>
Well, what we do...	<i>Benefits and feelings - What you offer, focus on key features and benefits</i>
In fact...	<i>Data and impact - Why they need it, how you're different and the impact you make.</i>

Examples

Uber

You know how...	<i>It can be hard to find a taxi and you're not sure one will come.</i>
Well, what we do...	<i>Is have a car come to you with just one tap.</i>
In fact...	<i>Our average pickup time is only four minutes.</i>

Uber competitor

You know how...	<i>There has been a lot of negative press about Uber's leadership.</i>
Well, what we do...	<i>Is treat our employees and drivers with respect.</i>
In fact...	<i>We were voted one of the best places to work.</i>



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Channels

Channels & Tactics

Channels

Where marketing and distribution happens:

The pipes that connect you to the customer.

- Websites
- Email
- TV
- Facebook
- Apps
- Text messages
- Phone calls
- Retailers
- Wholesalers

Tactics

The stuff that flows through the pipes:

Strategies that can take place on one or more channels.

- Promotional discounts
- Content marketing
- Influencer marketing
- Live videos
- Retargeting
- Chatbots



Buzzword Breakdown

What it is

Single-Channel

One or multiple messages on one channel.

Multichannel Marketing

One or multiple messages on multiple channels.

Integrated Marketing

One unified message across multiple channels.

Omnichannel Marketing

One unified experience that seamlessly picks up where it dropped off across multiple channels.

What it means

You might work for a startup doing all of your marketing on Facebook.

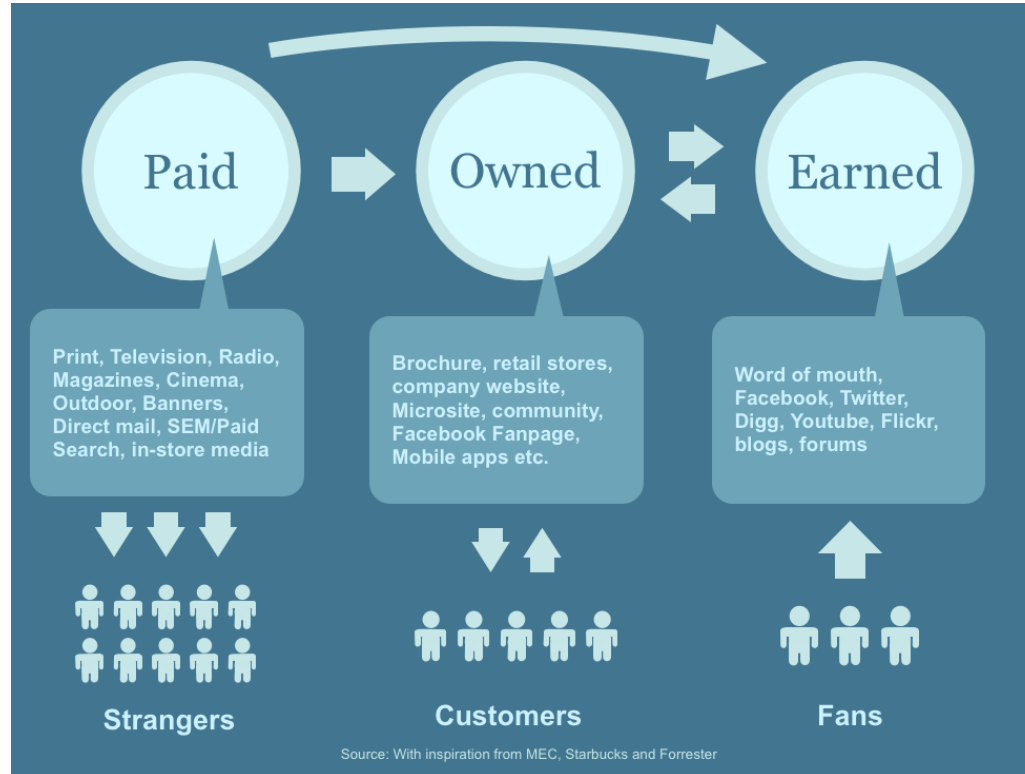
Basically, this is just marketing.

Your marketing team works together.

What all retailers want to be, some like to talk about being, and few are.



THE MARKETING LANDSCAPE: THEN AND NOW



Digital Advertising



A Blast From The Past:



Welcome the The "First" Banner Ad

Yes, this site is supposed to look this way. After all, this is what most web pages looked like back on October 27, 1994 -- the day that Wired Magazine flipped the switch on its first website, hotwired.com, starting a revolution in web content and advertising that still reverberates today.

This site is dedicated to showing off one of the ads that ran on that site. No, it wasn't the "first" as there were a handful of other ads that ran on various sections of hotwired.com. This site is also here to tell the story of how that ad came to be, how it succeeded beyond anything we had imagined, and how we tried to set an example for how corporations could communicate with their audiences.

1994: "You only love me for my eyeballs"

People visit site:



Site reads:

impression 1

impression 2

impression 3

Server delivers:



Today: "You love me for me...or at least my data points"

People visit site:



Site reads:

affluent father
lives in tribeca

retired female
active on Facebook

frequent online shopper
interested in fashion

Server delivers:



Facebook is a powerhouse for targeting, testing and learning



Copy Best Practice: The Action-Benefit Rule

Hire talent through the top freelancing website

Action

and keep your project moving.

Benefit



SEARCH



Paid Search vs. Organic Search

The screenshot shows a Google search for "home improvements". The search bar at the top contains the text "home improvements" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, navigation tabs include "All", "News", "Maps", "Images", "Shopping", "More", "Settings", and "Tools". The "All" tab is selected. Below the tabs, it says "About 52,100,000 results (0.79 seconds)".

The search results are divided into two sections. The first section, highlighted with a blue border, contains paid search results. The second section, highlighted with a red border, contains organic search results.

Paid Search Results (Blue Border):

- Improvements® | Home Decor, Storage, & More**
(Ad) www.improvementscatalog.com/ ▼
Beautify Your Home or Get Organized with Smart Solutions. Shop the Full Catalog!
- Online Catalog**
Quickly browse and shop the pages of our most recent online catalogs.
- Home Decor**
Wide variety of unique home furnishings for every taste.
- Outdoor Living**
All your outdoor living needs- from patio furniture to garden decor!
- What's New**
Shop New products now available! Outdoor Living, Indoor and Pets.
- Home Improvements | Don't Hire Just Anyone | HomeAdvisor.com**
(Ad) www.homeadvisor.com/ ▼
Compare Local Pre-Screened Pros. Hire Our Pros & Get the Job Done Right!
- Home Improvement | Get In Touch | homeevolutions.us**
(Ad) www.homeevolutions.us/HomeImprovement ▼
Turn Your Home Into A Dream With The Help Of Our Qualified Professionals.
- General Contracting Pros | Hire Top-Rated Professionals | houzz.com**
(Ad) www.houzz.com/Contractors ▼
Connect With Local Contractors Who Can Help With Your Project.

Organic Search Results (Red Border):

- Home Organization, Storage Solutions, Outdoor Furniture ...**
[https://www.improvementscatalog.com/ ▼](https://www.improvementscatalog.com/)
Shop Improvements for our variety of innovative home organization, storage solutions, outdoor furniture, and unique problem solvers for your home and more.
Home Improvement · Improvements Sale · Home Decor · Home Accents
- Home Improvement Ideas and DIY Projects | DIY**
[https://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/topics/home-improvement ▼](https://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/topics/home-improvement)
Whether you're preparing to sell or staying put, get home improvement tips for inside and outside your home. ... DIY Network's remodeling experts Nicole Curtis and Matt Blashaw talk about the smartest way

When To Use Seo Vs. Paid Search

Organic search (SEO)

- The long game: Can take a while to see results
- Compounding ROI over time; best if you have other initiatives to rely on short term
- Costs: primarily labor
- You can only win through better content, structure, domain authority

Paid Search (PPC)

- The results are almost instantaneous
- You have access to all the data
- ROI can be high, but always has a cost
- Costs: Pay per click
- You can win by spending a lot of \$\$



LOW INTENT

"Summer Grilling"

"Indoor Gardening"

"Ocean Pollution"

MEDIUM INTENT

"Weber Grill"

"AeroGarden Kits"

"Save the Waves"

HIGH INTENT

"Weber Grill at Home Depot"

"Buy AeroGarden"

"Donate to Save the Waves"

HIGH VOLUME

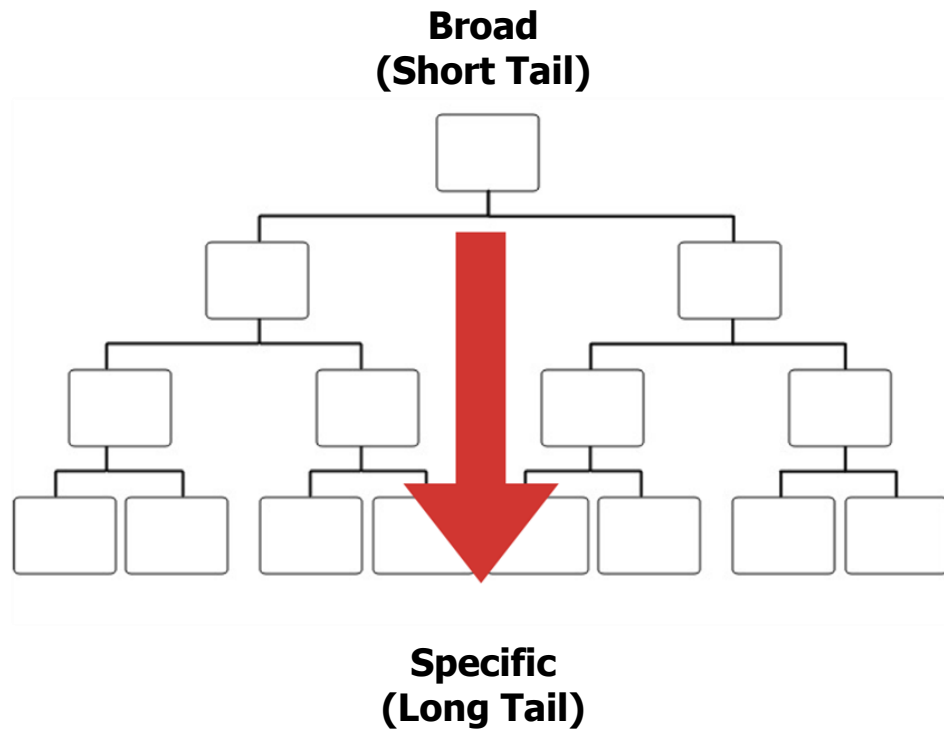
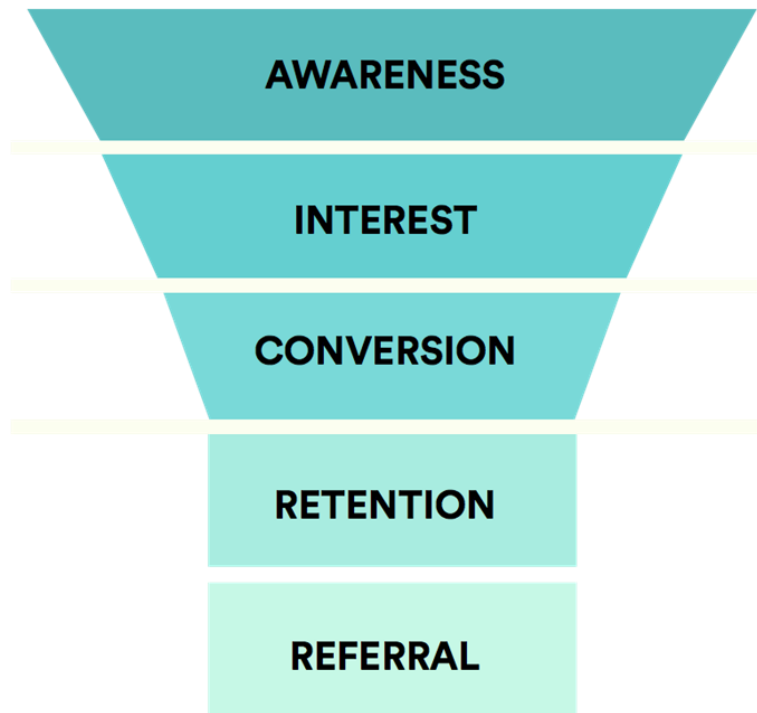
LOW VOLUME

LOW CONVERSION %

HIGH CONVERSION %



Gathering Data: Buyer Intent



Keyword Research Tools Everyone Can Use

TOOL	FREE?	REQ'S ACCT?	GOOD FOR:
Google Keyword Planner	Yes	Yes	Keyword Research, Competitor Research, Article Ideas
Google Trends	Yes	No	Identifying Trends, Understanding Cyclicalities / Seasonality
UberSuggest	Yes	No	Keyword Research, Article Ideas, Customer Research
MozBar	Yes	Yes	Keyword Competitive Analysis
SEMRush	Trial	No	Keyword Research, Competitor Research
BuzzSumo	Trial	No	Article Ideas



Organic Social

Guess Who?



Regarded as a source of inspiration and discovery.



Posts with 1,900–2,000 words and 1–8 photos perform well here, but videos don't.



About 93% of users use this network to plan purchases.



Content should be humorous and/or "in the moment," as opposed to part of a longer narrative.



Brevity is anticipated and required, with some of the most respectable brands resorting to posting "u" instead of "you."



Used for everything from catching up with the news to wedding announcements .



Content Marketing

Content: It's Not About You

PUSH →

WHAT WE WANT THEM TO KNOW

WHAT THEY WANT TO SPEND TIME ON

← PULL

Getting Your Brand Out There: Push vs. Pull Marketing

Advertising

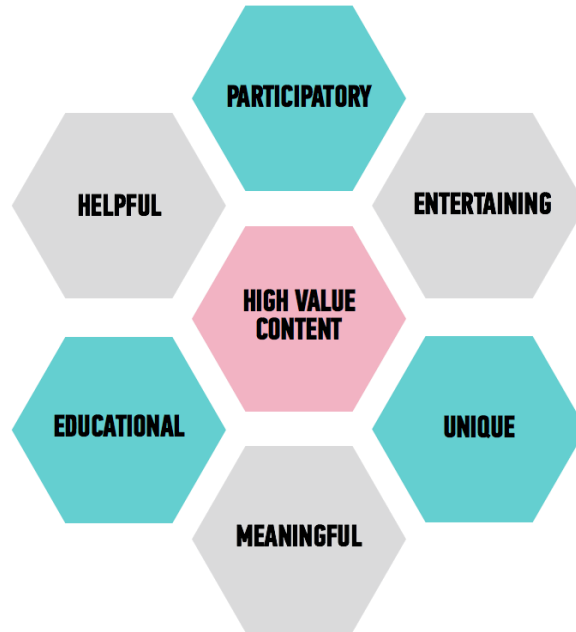
- Communicate your value prop
 - Brand value & story
 - Promotions (direct response)

Content Marketing

- Solve a customer need:
 - Education
 - Entertainment



The Content Marketing Honeycomb

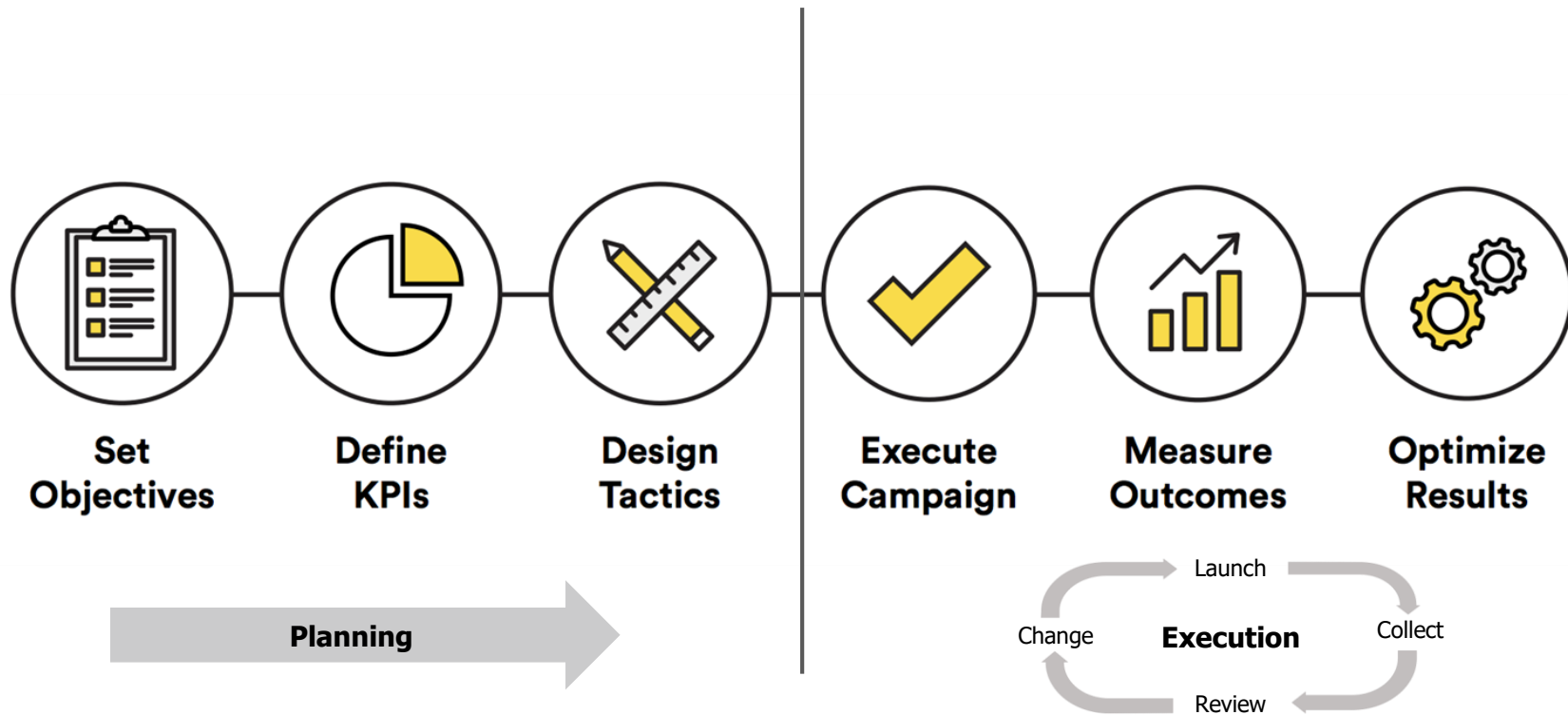




Digital Marketing

Measuring Outcomes

Remember Me?



How Do You Convince Your Boss to Give You a Digital Marketing Budget?

Marketers need to be able to say, "If I spend X, you will get Y back."



Calculating ROI

To calculate ROI, take the benefit (or return) of an investment and divide it by the cost of the investment.

This is expressed as a percentage or ratio.

$$\text{ROI} = \frac{(\text{Investment Gain} - \text{Investment Cost})}{(\text{Investment Cost})} \times 100$$



Testing



A/B Tests

- Pick a single variable to change.
- Create two or more versions of that variable and change nothing else.
- Randomly split the audience so that each member of the audience sees only one version of the variable.
- The results are easier to interpret than a multivariate test.
- Significant results occur faster than with multivariate testing.



Multivariate Tests

- Pick more than one variable you feel influences customer behavior.
- Create two or more versions of each variable. For example, you may have two subject lines and two headlines in an email, for a total of four unique combinations.
- Randomly split the audience so that each member of the audience sees only one unique combination of the versions. (Most test software will do this for you.)
- Can be more difficult to interpret than an A/B test, but is more impactful.
- More learning happens from a single experiment compared to A/B testing.



QUESTIONS?

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