

WEBINAR

Improving Lead Quality Through Conversion-Based Personas

Dive Deep in 60 Minutes | 1pm - 2pm



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Who We Are

Founded in 2001, Overdrive helps companies compete and win in today's hyper-competitive digitized marketplace by integrating:

- Digital-first strategy and planning
- Online media (display, social, video, DOOH)
- Search marketing (SEO/SEM)
- Account-based marketing (ABM)
- Persuasion oriented creative and design
- Website and application development
- Branding and demand generation
- Social media marketing
- Analytics and cross channel optimization



Client Experience



This webinar will explore how understanding the post-conversion mindset of your target users - whether they're seeking to gather top-level information, educate themselves, or make a purchase can significantly impact lead quality and campaign ROI.

Five Things You Can Expect to Learn Today:

- 1. What is a Conversion-Based Persona
- 2. How to develop Conversion-Based Personas
- 3. How to segment Conversion-Based Personas
- 4. A five-step process for creating "Conversion-Based Personas"
- 5. How "Conversion-Based Personas" have been leveraged to improve lead quality

In today's ever changing, complex and fast paced marketing environment, qualified leads are no longer just determined by their demographic make-up, but also by the mindset they possess upon entering the funnel.

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Target Audience Personas



Iggy the Influencer Age: 36-45 Gender: M Marital Status: Married Education: Bachelors Readability: Grade 18+ Career Type: Freelance Career Stage: C-Level or higher Income Range: \$41k-\$70k

Iggy is an influencer who lives online. no decision is made in his life without first checking the web, and thus he has earned a very strong following in the content marketing industry. He works as a freelancer but has a background in web development, SEO, PR and digital marketing.



Wendy the Writer

Age: 26-35 Gender: F Marital Status: Single Education: Some College Readability: Grade 18+ Career Type: Steadily Employed Career Stage: Entry_Level Income Range: \$41k-\$70k

Wendy is a freelance writer and content curator. She has a base knowledge of content marketing, but identifies as a creative writer first. She runs her own blog and is always looking for actionable tips on how to increase engagement on her blog and through social media, tips and tools to manage work flow and SEO.



Marketing Mark Age: 26-35 Gender: M Marital Status: Single Education: Bachelors Readability: Grade 13-15 Career Type: Steadily Employed

Career Stage: Senior Management

Income Range: \$71k-100k

Mark is a marketer and is always looking for trending content and industry news. Mark is connected to the internet all day, every day, so to get his attention, you either need brand news, actionable information or a completely unique approach. Mark loves workflow-tool pieces and data backed case studies.



CEO Cecilia Age: 26-35 Gender: F Marital Status: Single Education: Bachelors Readability: Grade 16-18 Career Type: Steadily Employed Career Stage: Senior Management

Income Range: \$71k-100k

Cecilia runs a big company and is on the lookout for ways for her company to run more efficiently. She gravitates towards articles that offer ways to simplify your workflow, basic managment tips, and tools to improve day-to-day efficiency. Cecilia always keeps ROI in mind and articles she reads do too.





The Target Persona Assumption

If you understand your target persona and apply the correct targeting you will connect with the right people, who will turn into marketing or sales qualified leads and opportunities.



The Challenge: Defining Lead Quality

Targeting and Connecting with Right Market Persona's

= Qualified Leads & Opportunities

What's not being considered is the mindset of the prospect once they have entered the funnel.





WHY?

The Conversion-Based Persona

The <u>mindset</u> of your prospect <u>once they have converted</u> and entered your funnel.



PERSONAS





Wendy the Writer





The Post-Conversion Mindset









The Impact of the Offer

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What you present to engage and connect with your target has a huge impact on how their conversion-based mindset will be shaped and defined.

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It's extremely important to not just look at your offer

as a standalone asset or call to action, but also based on the

type of post-conversion mindset it will create.





The offer your put forth has a huge influence on <u>shaping the user mindset</u> and how they will look to engage

with your organization post-conversion.



Shaping the Conversion-Based Persona





The moment the user sees your message and decides to engage with your offer, they are not only indicating interest in your organization

BUT ALSO

Where they are in their decision-making process and how they would like to interact with your organization in the near-term When planning campaigns, do not only look at offers in the context of what you can "give".

Look at offers via the <u>post-conversion</u> <u>mindset</u> that you are looking elicit and the type engagement you feel that offer will generate



Creating the Conversion-Based Persona



Three Key Personas



The Researcher

Current Need: Looking to better understand a product or category

Mindset:

Not ready to buy or speak with someone, but are in the process of accumulating knowledge to make a more informed decision

Challenge:

Top of funnel; early in decision making process

Opportunity: Very large group; great nurture candidate

Key Offers: Categorical White papers, Infographics, Top-10 List, Tip Sheet



The Student

Current Need:

Looking to get *actively* educated about a product, category or solution

Mindset:

Has done initial research; in process of trying to educate themselves about a particular product and/or solution to assess its effectiveness and if it meets their particular needs

Challenge:

Likely considering multiple options, smaller sample size; mid-funnel

Opportunity: Have "active interest"; informed mindset, further in the decision making process

Key Offers: Free Trial, Case Study, Product Demo, Technical White Paper



The Buyer

Current Need: Want to talk, don't just desire information but rather an engagement

Mindset:

Have a high level of interest that can only be satiated through a conversation about the product, category and/or solution; Ready to Buy

Challenge: Small pool of prospects, have immediate needs, higher cost-per-lead

Opportunity:

Highly Quality; Don't just *want* to speak to the sales team, they *expect* to speak with them; bottom of tunnel

Key Offers: Get A Quote, See Plans & Pricing, Book/Buy Now.

Five Key Steps

- 1. Define the Conversion-Based Personas you want connect with
 - Researcher
 - Student
 - Buyer
- 2. Inventory all potential offers
- 3. Assess what you feel is the post-conversion mindset that each offer will create
- 4. Assign each offer to a persona
 - Researcher
 - Student
 - Buyer
- 5. Select the offer, thereby YOUR Conversion-Based Persona



Mapping Your Conversion-Based Personas





Taking these steps will not only help you choose an offer that appeals to and works for your target, <u>but also one that connects with the mindset</u> <u>of the type of lead YOU want to generate</u>.

BUT MORE IMPORTANLY...

This approach will ensure that you not only generate leads, but deploy programs aimed at <u>shaping and connecting</u> with the type of post-conversion mindset *YOUR ORGANIZATION*

wants prospects to have upon entering *your funnel*.

Case Study

The Challenge

- Expectations
 - Generate leads associated with users who wanted to speak with salespeople and <u>actively engage</u> in the sales process
- The Challenge
 - Organization was promoting "content" driven offers such as tip sheets and case studies.
 - Assets were of interest to the target, but they were very top of funnel and not aimed at facilitating further "engagement"
 - Focus was on informing, rather than directly engaging, the user
- Result
 - Low qualified lead volume
 - Low lead >> MQL conversion rate







The Solution

- Strategized with the client to identify the Conversion-Based Persona they wanted to connect with
 - The Buyer
- Worked to brainstorm, define and develop offers aimed at engaging the active and sales-oriented mindset
 - Get A Quote
 - Get Pricing
 - Free Email Migration
- Rearchitected the entire program around "Engagement" oriented offers and messaging
 - Goal was NOT to promote offers based on distributing informative categorical content, but rather "hard" offers aimed in facilitating immediate and direct engagement
- Target users who were further down the funnel
 - Connect with users who not only had categorical interest, but also direct need and desire to speak about specific solutions and services



Implementation

- Offer Structure
 - Developed "lead gen" offers that would engage a "buyer" Conversion-Based Persona
 - Office 365 Free Email Migration
 - Colocation Get A Quote
- Messaging & Creative
 - Reworked all messaging and creative to speak to the new offer structure
 - Ensured that we connected with users who were further along in their decision-making process
- Landing Pages
 - Redesigned and rearchitected all landing pages to prioritize our "Engagement" oriented offers

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Campaign Results









Campaign Results – Call Tracking







Special Offer:

Conversion-Based Persona Workshop



Conversion-Based Persona Workshop

Overview

 Personalized workshop where I work with you and your team to develop Conversion-Based Persona's specific to your organization

Agenda

- Define your organizational Conversion-Based Personas
 - Researcher
 - Student
 - Buyer
- Inventory of offers
 - Asset assessment
- Map offers to your desired personas
 - Identify gaps
 - Assess organizational alignment
- Create YOUR Conversion-Based Personas
 - Your Researchers
 - Your Students
 - Your Buyers



• WORKSHOP

Crafting Conversion-Based Personas



INTERACTIVE

Schedule Workshop



Questions?



Thank You!

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