



Business Growth

Connecting Brands with Buyers

Essential Sales & Marketing Components for Start-Ups

Starting and scaling a business requires mastery of several essential sales and marketing components. In this presentation, we'll explore essential strategies to help you succeed.



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Target Audience and Buyer Personas

Demographics

Get specific on who you want to target based on account attributes like business size, location, industry, and contact-level details like job function, role and seniority. Ultimately you're looking to build profiles of the typical buyer or buying group.

Psychographic Attributes

Focus on the persona's attitudes, beliefs, values, motivations, and lifestyle. This information helps to understand their aspirations, interests, preferences, and the factors that drive their decision-making.

Behaviours

Analysing the behaviour and buying patterns of your target personas helps to understand their purchasing habits, preferences, and the channels they use to discover, evaluate, and purchase products or services. This information helps optimise your marketing and sales strategies and tactics.

Pain Points

Identify typical challenges and pain points and offer personalised solutions that meet your personas unique needs. As a buyer moves through the buying cycle, personalising the purpose, tone and content format to goals and the stage of journey, will build trust, your authority, improve conversion and engagement.

Goals

Find out what your target audience hopes to achieve and tailor your messaging to showcase how your product or service can help them reach their goals. Build strong value propositions that tackle this goals and reinforce them with appropriate messaging throughout the sales cycle.



The Buyer Journey

Mapping out the typical buyer's journey helps visualise the various touch points and interactions personas should experience to optimise engagement and conversion. This includes the awareness stage, consideration of options, evaluation, purchase, and post-purchase experiences. Understanding this journey helps maintain momentum and stimulation for the buyer and provides sellers with valuable insight on intent to buy.

Brand Positioning and Messaging



Brand Identity

Define your brand's core values, mission, and vision, to guide all messaging and communication.



Brand Positioning

Differentiate your brand from competitors by defining your brand's unique value proposition and benefit to customers.



Brand Messaging

Communicate consistently across channels using your brand's personality, tone, and voice to develop a strong brand identity and awareness.

Content Strategy and Creation

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Goal Setting

Define your objectives and goals, whether it's brand awareness, lead generation, or sales conversion. Create a content plan based on these goals.

2

Content Creation

Create valuable, informative, and engaging content for your target audience using various mediums like blog posts, videos, infographics, and social media posts.

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Optimization

Optimize your content to rank higher on search engines by using keywords, meta tags, and other SEO strategies.

Lead Generation and Nurturing



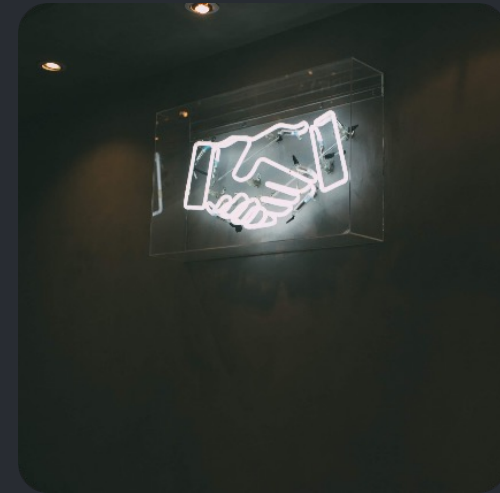
Attract

Develop a strategy to attract potential customers using social media, content marketing, email marketing, and other inbound marketing methods.



Nurture

Engage with your leads by following up with them regularly through email marketing, social media engagement, and personalized content.



Convert

Convert your leads into paying customers by using lead scoring, retargeting, and custom offers and discounts.

Sales Process and Automation

1 Define Your Sales Process

Create a clear and defined process for managing the sales cycle from initial lead right the way through to close. This is a must-have.

2 Automate Your Sales Process

Use sales automation tools to streamline repetitive tasks like tracking leads, sending emails, and generating reports, so you can focus on your core business tasks.

3 Measure and Refine Your Sales Process

Analyze your sales performance over time to adjust your sales and marketing tactics and make data-driven decisions. Effective sales insight focuses time, energy and resources on the right opportunities.

Marketing Analytics and Reporting

Google Analytics

Use this powerful free tool to measure and analyse your website traffic, user behaviour and the performance of essential key words to optimise search and ad campaigns.

Salesforce CRM

Track all of your sales and marketing activities in one centralised hub, so you can get a complete view of your customer interactions. Salesforce offers a variety of customizable CRM analytics solutions to help you track and report on your data.

Marketing Automation

Get in-depth reporting on multi-channel marketing campaign performance, lead generation outputs, A/B testing, lead quality, marketing's contribution to sales pipeline and automate essential marketing task using your marketing automation software.

Budgeting and ROI Analysis

1 Set Your Budget

Set a realistic budget that includes the cost of all your sales and marketing activities, from content creation to advertising costs.

2 Track Your ROI

Track the returns you are getting on your investment in sales and marketing activities to determine which activities need to be scaled up and which require optimisation.

3 Adjust Your Plan

Make necessary adjustments based on ROI analysis, new business goals and objectives, or any changes in your target audience's behaviour or preferences.

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