Course 11



Content Marketing Course

Knowledge is Power.

Stop Guessing. Start Knowing.



This course will cover:

What Is and How to Use Content Marketing

- What is content marketing?
- Why is content important to marketing?
- What is a content audit?
- How do you create a successful marketing approach?
- How do you create remarkable content?

WHAT IS CONTENT MARKETING?

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Strategic marketing and business process focused on creating and distributing valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a clearly defined audience, and ultimately, to drive profitable customer action.



Great content is the **foundation** of your content marketing plan.



When done correctly, this helps create a relationship with your audience, which leads to trust.







Content marketing is really just the **art of communicating** with your prospects, without having to sell to them.

CONTENT MARKETING FOCUSES ON

- Empowering potential customers.
- Building a lasting relationship with your audience.
- Creating valuable content that both entertains and educates.

WHY IS CONTENT IMPORTANT TO MARKETING?

44%

of B2B marketers now have a documented content strategy.

39%

of B2C marketers now have a documented content strategy.

WHAT IS A CONTENT AUDIT?

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A content audit is the process of evaluating your content – both in quantity and quality. By listing your content assets and current performance, you'll be able to identify any gaps in content, create a plan to improve performance, and uncover quick wins.

BENEFITS OF CONTENT AUDITS

- Identifies content gaps
- Immediate value by leveraging content your business already has.
- Helps you to identify the right personas for your business.

A quick win is taking content you already have, changing its format, and using it to convert unknown visitors into leads.

HOW DO YOU CREATE A SUCCESSFUL CONTENT MARKETING APPROACH?

EXTENDING THE VALUE OF CONTENT THROUGH REPURPOSING



GENERATING CONTENT IDEAS



BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE WRITER



THE POWER OF STORYTELLING



ANALYZING AND MEASURING CONTENT



HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE CONTENT



HOW DO YOU CREATE REMARKABLE CONTENT?

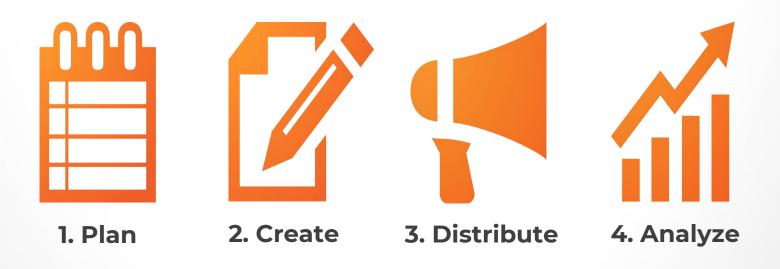
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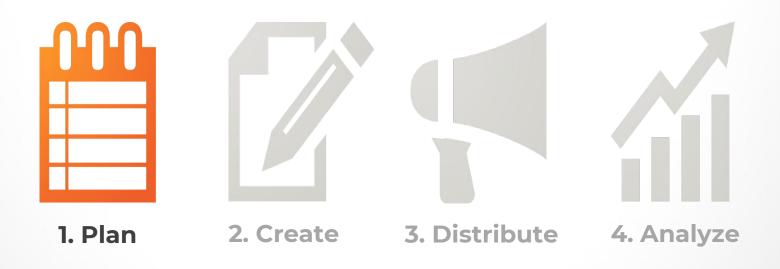


Building out a plan for your content creation machine does take time.

THE CONTENT PROCESS



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CONTENT IS DEFINED BY:

- Purpose
- Format
- Topic

CONTENT PURPOSE



Offer?

Gated by a landing page or behind a form requiring an email.



Blog post or website content?

Open access to anyone on the Internet.

CONTENT FORMATS

- Case study
- Videos Infographic
- Whitepaper
- Calculator/Worksheet
- eBook

- Template
- Research report
- Checklist Webinar
- SlideShare Deck

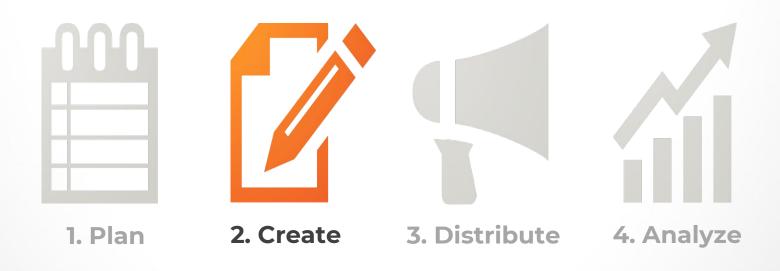


Picking the best format for your content is all about **your buyer personas.**

WAYS TO IDENTIFY TOPICS THAT MATTER

- Keyword research what you want to rank for?
- Internet forums
- Popular industry news
- Sales/support FAQs
- Your buyer personas' goals
- Your buyer personas' challenges

THE CONTENT PROCESS



BEST PRACTICES FOR CONTENT CREATION

- Always focus on mapping content to your buyer personas AND where they are in the buyer's journey.
- Less is more: your buyer personas are probably just as busy as you are
 make it easy for them to consume your content.
- Keep it educational, not promotional. It's not until the decision stage
 of the buyer's journey when your product should be discussed in
 detail.
- Focus on the informational part of the content first, worry about design second. Prioritize writing great content over making that content look nice.

HOW TO CREATE REMARKABLE CONTENT



Buyer Personas



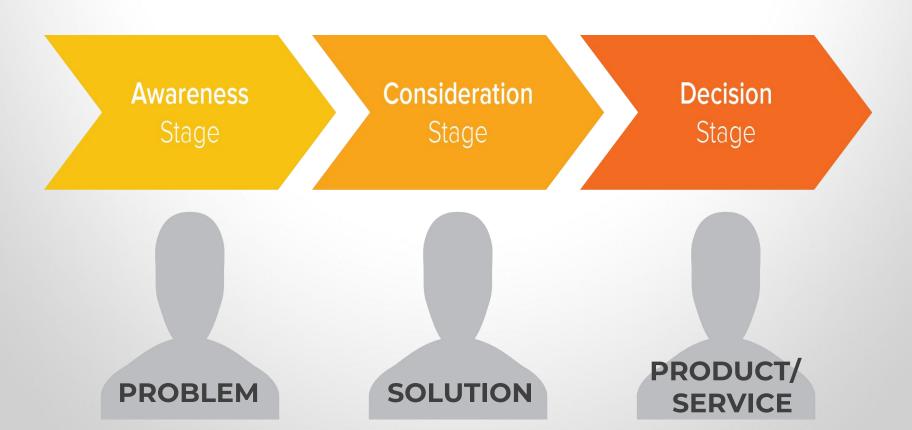
The Buyer's Journey

Buyer Personas are:

Semi-fictional representations of your ideal customer based on real data and some select educated speculation about customer demographics, behavior patterns, motivations, and goals.

THE BUYER'S JOURNEY

The active research process people go through leading up to making a purchase.



Prospect is experiencing and expressing symptoms of a problem or opportunity. Prospect has now clearly defined and given a name to their problem or opportunity.

Prospect has now decided on potential solution strategies, methods, or approaches.

THE BUYER'S JOURNEY AND CONTENT

Awareness Stage Consideration Stage **Decision** Stage

- Analyst reports
- Research reports
- eBooks
- Editorial content
- Expert content
- Whitepapers
- Educational content

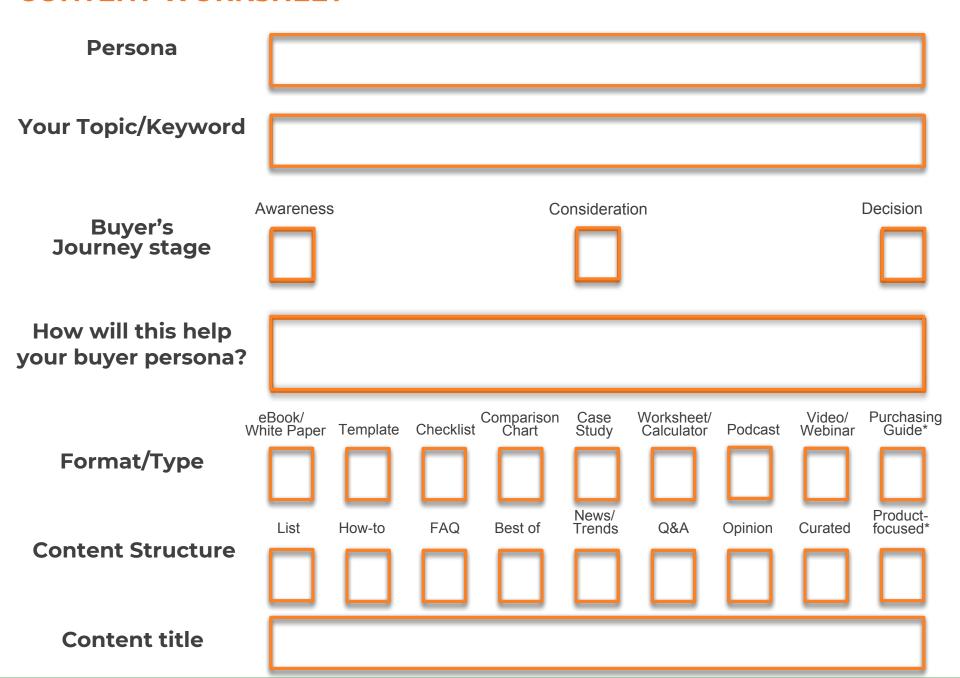
- Expert guidelines
- Live interactions
- Webcasts
- Podcasts
- Videos
- Comparison whitepapers

- Vendor comparison
- Product comparison
- Case studies
- Trial download
- Product literature
- Live demos & presentations

Understanding what you're going to write about before you put pen to paper will help you **stay** consistent.



CONTENT WORKSHEET



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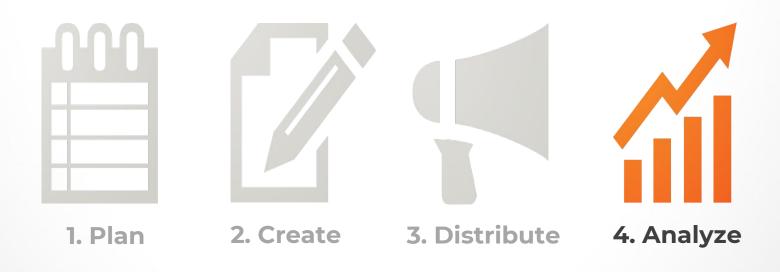


LEVERAGING CONTENT THROUGH DISTRIBUTION

The right distribution technique gets the right content in front of the right person at the right time.



THE CONTENT PROCESS



METRICS TO CONSIDER WHEN ANALYZING CONTENT

- Number of visits
- Leads generated
- Social proof, share-ability
- Inbound links
- Content performance by author
- Content performance by topic
- Content performance by format

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Getting Started Courses

- 1. Why You Need to Update Your Online Marketing Strategies
- 2. What is Modern Online Marketing and How it Works
- 3. How to Create a Marketing Positioning Statement
- 4. How to Create Marketing Buying Personas
- 5. How to Perform a Content Audit by Buying Stage
- 6. How To Research and Find the Right Keywords

Website Courses

- 7. How to Improve and Update your Current Website
- 8. How to Search Engine Optimize (SEO) your Web Pages Using Keywords
- 9. How to Deliver a Successful Website User Experience
- 10. How to Use A Call-to-Action, Landing Pages and Forms

Content Marketing Courses

- 11. What Is and How to Use Content Marketing
- 12. How to Repurpose and Produce Marketing Content
- 13. How to Generate Content Marketing Ideas
- 14. How to Engage Buyers with Effective Writing Techniques
- 15. How to Use Storytelling to Resonate with Buyers
- 16. How to Measure and Analyze your Content Marketing

Content Promotion Courses

- 17. How to Effectively Promote Your Content Marketing
- **18.** How to Create and Use a Blog to Drive Website Traffic
- 19. How to Use Social Media to Drive Website Traffic

Email Marketing Courses

- 20. What is and How to Use Email Marketing Strategies
- 21. How to Use Email to Nurture and Grow Your Customers
- 22. How to Create the Right Lists for Email Marketing
- 23. How to Design Email Templates that Capture Interest
- 24. How to Create High Performing Emails that Convert Buyers
- 25. How to Optimize, Measure, and Track Email Marketing Success

Get Going Courses

- **26.** How to Start Implementing Modern Marketing Strategies
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- 28. How to Use a CRM for Modern Marketing
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