### Course 3



**Getting Started Course** 

#### Knowledge is Power.

Stop Guessing. Start Knowing.



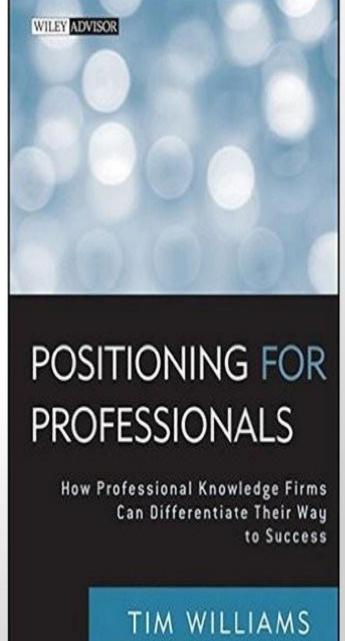
#### This course will cover:

#### **How to Create a Marketing Positioning Statement**

- Why is positioning important?
- What is positioning?
- How does positioning benefit your business?
- How do you define your company's positioning?
- How does positioning impact your business?

# WHY IS BUSINESS POSITIONING IMPORTANT?

Based on Tim Williams' book, "Positioning for Professionals."



YOU CAN'T MARKET
YOUR COMPANY
SUCCESSFULLY
WITHOUT A CLEAR
POSITIONING STRATEGY.

#### WHAT IS POSITIONING?

Positioning is an articulation of what products or services you offer, and which markets or customer segments your serve.

# THE ANSWER CAN NOT BE "EVERYTHING" AND "EVERYBODY."

# IF YOU TRY TO APPEAL TO EVERYONE, YOU END UP APPEALING TO NO ONE.

"Nobody buys a product or service because it can do everything, but rather, because it can do something."

TIM WILLIAMS

Imagine you're planning your wedding.



YOU AREN'T LOOKING FOR A FREELANCER "WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE."





With thousands of companies around the world, you need to find a way to specialize and stand out from the crowd.

Positioning requires focus, it means that you're saying "no" to things.



## HOW DOES POSITIONING BENEFIT YOUR BUSINESS?

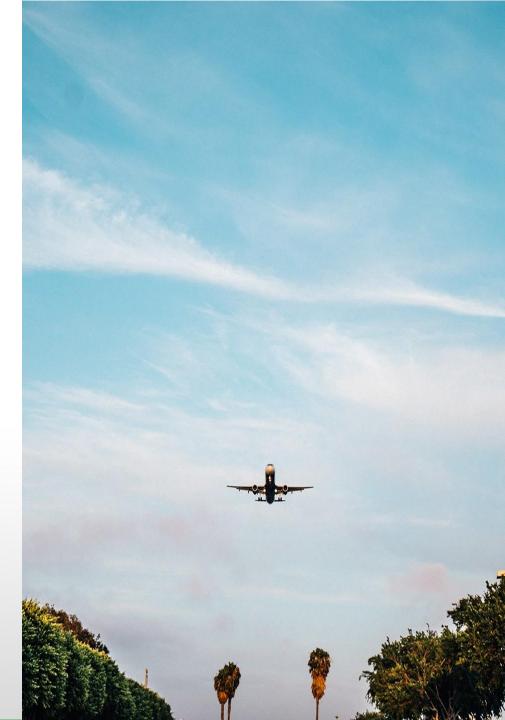


## Positioning provides direction.

There will be no question about what you do, whom you do it for, and how you do it.

## Positioning provides a borderless market.

By determining a focus, and building this up as a core part of your service, clients will want to work with you, regardless of your location or size.





## Positioning provides a clear target audience.

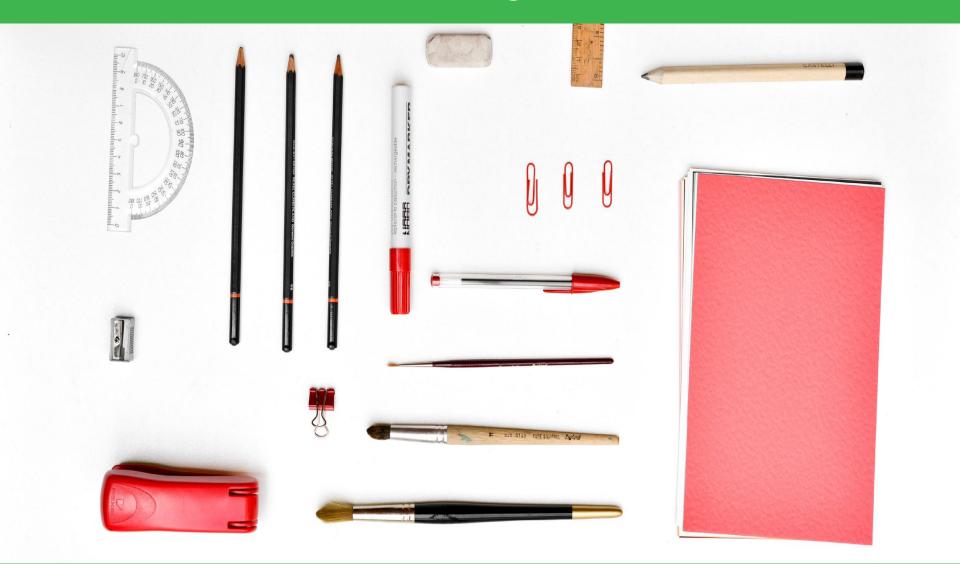
Strong positioning helps you understand the unique pain points of your target audience, what they need and want, and how they buy.

## Positioning drives **premium pricing**.

With profound expertise, comes premium pricing.



The **positioning statement** will help marketing produce clearer, tighter and more consistent messages.





### POSITIONING STRATEGY CREATION NOTES

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#### STEPS FOR DEFINING YOUR POSITIONING STRATEGY













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### A MISSION STATEMENT IS NOT A POSITIONING STATEMENT.

#### **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

#### ASSESSING YOUR CURRENT POSITIONING

- What makes your company unique today?
- How do you communicate that differentiation on your website?
   Social media? Content? With your clients?

## IN THE BEGINNING IT'S TEMPTING TO WANT TO BE EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE.

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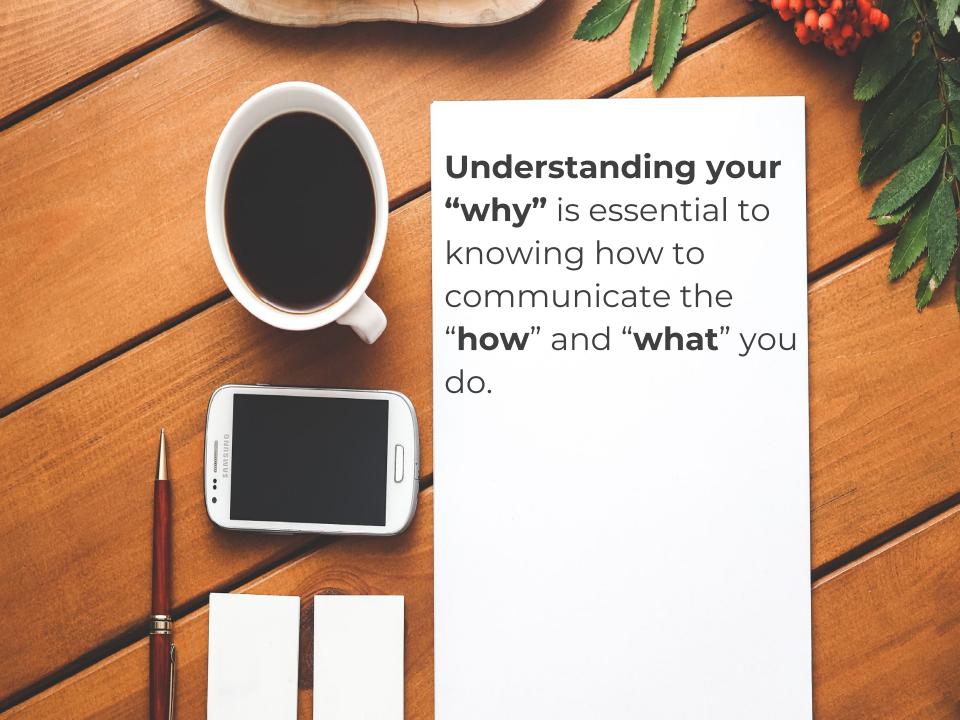
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"Purpose is a definitive statement about the difference you are trying to make in the world."

#### **YOUR PURPOSE ANSWERS**

- Why does your company exist?
- Why do you go to work every day?
- Why do your employees continue to come to work?
- Why do your clients want to work with you?





#### Making money is **not a "why."**

Revenues, profits, and salaries are simply results of what you do.



Purpose provides you and your team with a view on how your company will make a difference, setting everyone on the same path.

#### **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

#### **DEFINING YOUR PURPOSE**

- Besides profits, why does your organization exist? What would people miss if you didn't exist tomorrow?
- What inspires you to go to work each day?
- What is the purpose and the meaning of what you do?
- What problems do you solve?
- If your people were volunteers instead of employees, what would they be volunteering for?

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# 72%

of consumers are more likely to buy from thought leaders, people or businesses that are recognized as an expert in their marketplace.

# DO YOU SPECIALIZE AROUND A SPECIFIC INDUSTRY?

# DO YOU SPECIALIZE AROUND A SPECIFIC AUDIENCE?

## **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

### IDENTIFYING YOUR COMPANY'S BEST CLIENT

- What type of clients have you been most successful with in the past?
- What traits do they have in common?
- Which industries, business categories, or market segments do you know best and excel at?
- What type of consumers do you enjoy working with the most?
- What type of clients do you NOT want to do business with?

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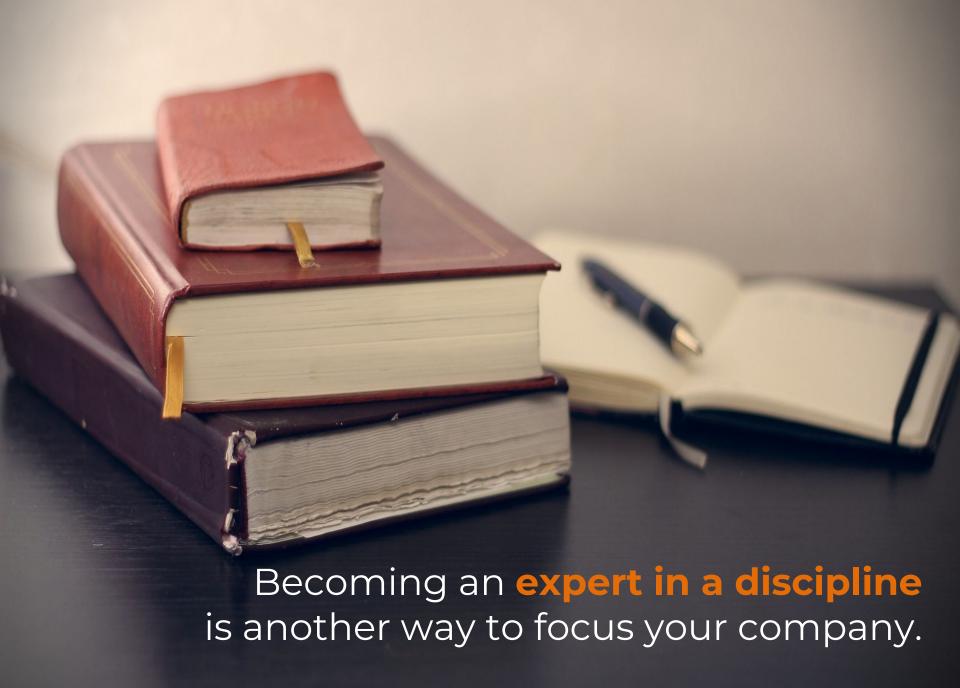
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# CAN YOU BE SEEN AS A THOUGHT LEADER?

# **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

### IDENTIFYING YOUR COMPANY'S CORE COMPETENCIES

- What do you do particularly well, better, or more efficiently than any other company?
- Which of your capabilities and services provide the most value to your clients?
- If you could only provide one service, what would that be? What services would you give up to have that focus?
- What are the things that your clients can't do on their own?

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The culture of your business is your company's way of life.



## **QUESTIONS TO ASK**

### DEFINING YOUR COMPANY'S CULTURE

- What are the philosophies and methods you follow?
- Do you have a unique way of thinking or working processes?
- What is the one thing that you would never change about your company?
- Will you say "no" to a prospective client because of your values and culture?
   If so, what are some of the reasons that would cause you to say "no"?
- Regardless of role, what does it take for someone to truly succeed at your company?

## Create a Culture Code.

Here's the 7 principles that one company follows.

# I need to...

- 1. Be insanely driven to unify marketing + sales
- 2. Innovate, educate & empower others
- 3. Question things & drive positive change
- 4. Embrace transparency, honesty & selflessness
- 5. Get sh\*t done
- 6. Turn metrics into action
- 7. Be awesome

# SHARE THIS CULTURE CODE INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY.

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# EXAMPLE POSITIONING STATEMENT

"We create custom, user-centric websites for B2B companies by using modern design because we value your customers' experience and believe your website is essential to achieving your business goals."

## **LET'S BREAK IT DOWN:**

We create custom, user-centric websites

THE WHAT

forB2B companiesbyusing growth-driven designTHE WHO

because

we value your customers' experience and believe your website is essential to achieving your business goals

THE WHY

# GET THE SUBSTANCE RIGHT FIRST, DON'T FOCUS TOO MUCH ON SHINY WORDS.

## **FILL IN THE BLANK:**



# POSITIONING IS AN ONGOING PROCESS. ALWAYS ADAPT AND ADJUST.

# RECAP: POSITIONING STRATEGY CREATION NOTES

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# HOW DOES POSITIONING IMPACT YOUR MARKETING?

# A POSITIONING STRATEGY IS NOTHING WITHOUT EXECUTION.



You should bring your positioning strategy to life in all your company's major business practices.

# **EXECUTE YOUR**POSITIONING STRATEGY



WEBSITE PAGES



**CONTENT CREATION** 



LEAD QUALIFICATION



# Develop your content strategy with your **positioning in mind.**

Any future content you create should be specific to your company's positioning.

# BEST BENEFIT: YOU NOW KNOW WHAT QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN A LEAD OR POTENTIAL CUSTOMER



# Course 3 Completed. Now take the next course.

#### **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
- **27.** How to Set Marketing Metrics and Milestones
- 28. How to Use a CRM for Modern Marketing
- 29. What Software Tools are Needed for Modern Marketing

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