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Secrets of Successful Implementation — Turn a Great Strategy into Great Results











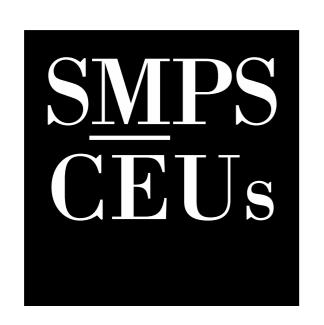
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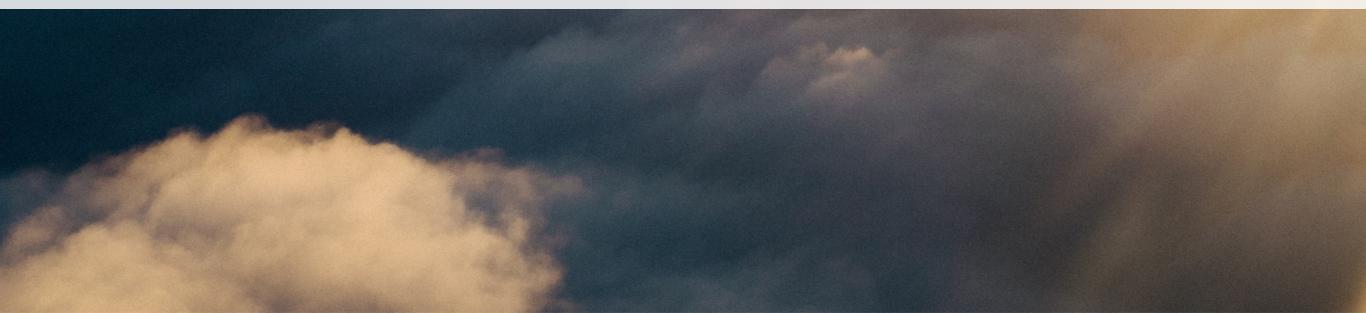
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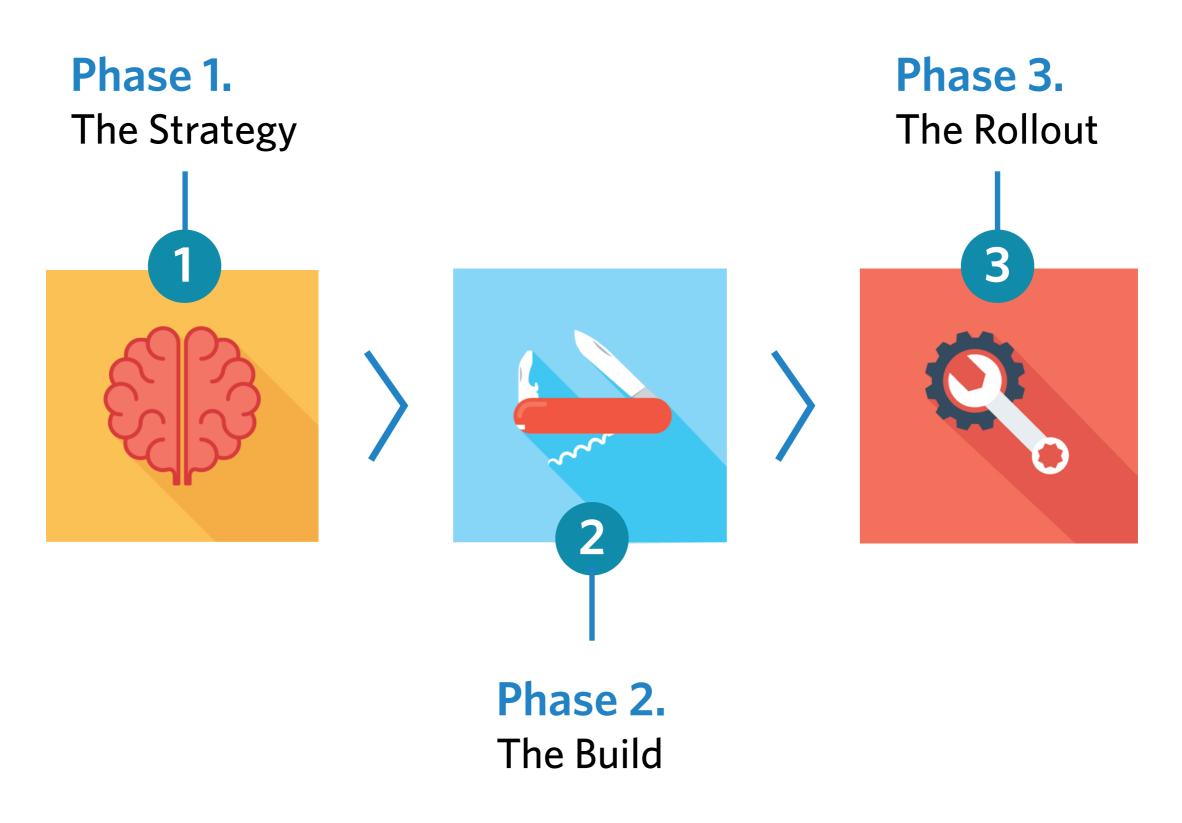
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#### The Visible Firm

### A firm that has attained high visibility and a reputation for expertise in their industry niche.







#### What We'll Cover Today

- Common Implementation Issues
- 2 Meet Today's Marketing Department
- 3 Meet Today's Business Developer
- 4
- **Processes and Tips**

#### **Common Implementation Issues**

"We don't have the time."

"We can't develop enough content."

#### "We aren't sure what to write about."

"Our marketing and BD teams aren't coordinating."

"We have enough leads - they're just not converting into clients."

#### Meet Today's Marketing Department

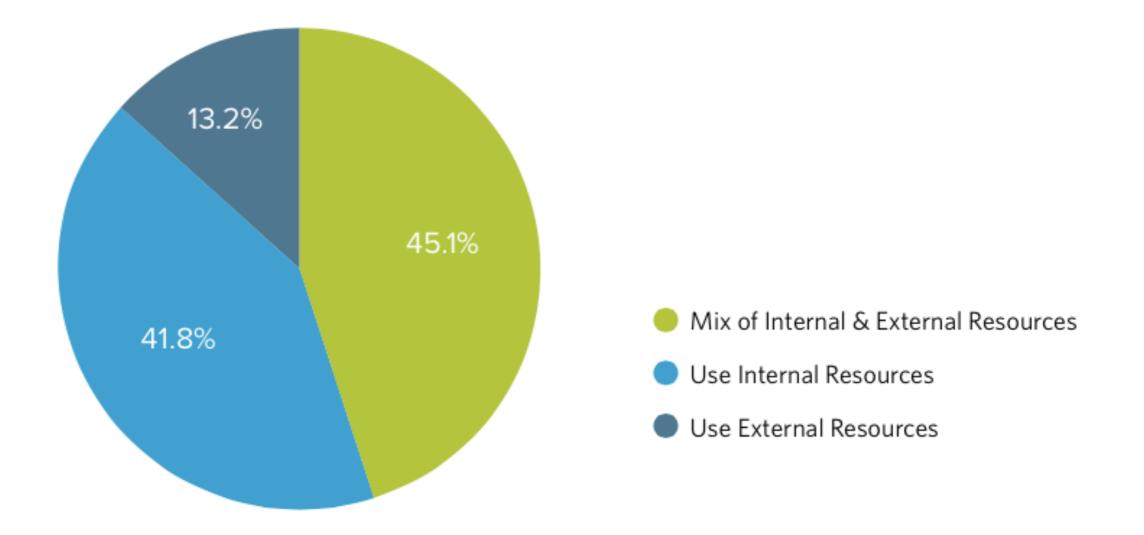
#### What to Expect From A High-Growth Marketing Department

- 1. An understanding of your target market and competitors.
- 2. A strategy to drive growth and profitability.
- **3**. Which services to offer and how to price them.
- 4. A steady flow of new leads and opportunities.
- 5. The ability to monitor and optimize implementation.





#### How Firms Are Approaching Marketing Today





Source: Marketing Priorities Report for Professional Services Firms

#### Three Things You Must Have

- 1. A vision
- 2. A collaborative attitude
- 3. Continuous learning



#### What Skills Are Needed For Success



Marketing Skill	Existing Skill	Train Internally	Hire Externally
Research			
Keyword research			
Target audience research			
Competitive research			
Guest posting opportunities			
Speaking opportunities			
Partnership opportunities			
Strategy			
Positioning and messaging			
Content			
Promotion			
Offers			
Networking			
Partnerships			



#### Research

- Keyword research
- Target audience research
- Topic research
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- Speaking opportunities
- Partnership opportunities





#### Strategy

- Positioning and messaging
- Content strategy issues and topics
- Promotion
- Offers
- Networking events and social media
- Partnerships





#### Writing Editorial Copy

- Blog content and articles (own and guest)
- Newsletter
- Guides and white papers
- Ebooks and books
- Webinars and presentations
- Research reports





#### Writing Marketing Copy

- Promotional email
- Offers
- Ads
- Website copy
- Pitches
- Proposals





#### Promotion

- Networking and social media
- Partnerships
- Speaking opportunities
- Guest posts and articles





#### Analytics

- Website traffic
- Social media traffic
- Email
- CRM/Pipeline leads, opportunities, proposals
- Conversions
- A/B Testing





#### Implementation Support

- Scheduling
- Project management
- Website management
- CRM/Marketing Automation management
- Content calendar management
- Graphic design and layout
- Presentation preparation





#### Meet Today's Business Developer

Business Development Skill	Rating	Improvement		
		Self-Guided	Train Internally	Train Externally
Cold call prospects				
Networking face to face				
Qualifying prospects				
Build relationships				
Persuade prospects with their presentation				
Negotiate with prospects				
Close the deal				
Make expertise visible				
Engage online				
Use content to educate and nurture				
Solve problems collaboratively with prospects				
Help influencers persuade their internal teams				







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#### **Processes and Tips**

#### Marketing Planning

- Determine where the tactics you'll use to reach your goals
- Ensure you have the resources necessary
- Prioritize your tactics
- Be sure you have the analytics to measure and track goals



#### **Content Calendar**

- Plan out how and when you are going to deliver your content to your audience
- Will help you stay organized and work around a schedule content will be ready to deliver
- Will help you see at a high level if you're distributing your focus across your topics
- Will help you from a tactical level so you can plan ahead



#### Content Calendar - Spreadsheet Format

Week	Content Type	Content Title	Promotional Channel	Keyword
Week 1	Executive Guide (Core)	3 Key Drivers of Your Profitablity Strategy	LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Profitability Strategy
Week 1	Blog Post (Core)	4 Demand Planning Essentials	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Demand planning
Week 1	Executive Guide (Hospitality)	Using Workforce Analytics to Gauge Profitability	LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Workforce analytics
Week 1	Blog Post (Hospitality)	Get Real Results from Your Hotel Management System	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	hotel management systen
Week 2	Blog Post (Core)	Demand Mangement Mistakes that Kill Profitabiilty	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Demand management
Week 2	Email (Core)			
Week 2	Blog Post (Hospitality)	5 Costly Workforce Management Mistakes	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	workforce management
Week 2	Email (Hospitality)			
Week 3	Blog Post (Firm)	Use a Business Process Assessment to Uncover Cost Savings	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Process Assessment
Week 3	Guest Blog Post (Hospitality)	Hospitality Labor Management Practices that Drive Profit	LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	labor management
Week 3	Blog Post (Core)	The 4 Biggest Budgeting and Forecasting Mistakes	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Budgeting and Planning
Week 4	Blog Post (Hospitality)	Hospitality Labor Planning: Avoiding the Costliest Errors	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	labor planning
Week 4	Email (Hospitality)			
Week 4	Guest Blog Post (Core)	Improve Forecasting in Businesses Facing Increasing Uncertainty	LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Forecasting in Business
Week 4	Email (Core)			
Week 4	Blog Post (Firm)	The 4 Biggest Budgeting and Forecasting Mistakes	Blog, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook	Budgeting and Planning



#### **Content Calendar -** *Calendar Format*

Monthly Content Pieces:	Blog	Email Marketing	Stock Content	Blogger & Partner Outreach	Webinars:			
Week of March 2								
	Developing Differentiators: How							
Monday, March 2, 15	Research Can Help You Pass the Test							
		Upcoming Webinar: Top		MultiVisionDigital Blog				
	What Managing Partners Need to	10 Benefits of Social		Post Goes Live (Write-Up				
Tuesday, March 3, 15	Know About Social Media	Media Marketing		by Robert Weiss)				
	Top 5 Lead Generation Tips in Mgmt		Publish Rethinking					
Wednesday, March 4, 15	Consulting		Referral Marketing Guide					
		Offer: Free Branding			Partner Webinar: Social			
Thursday, March 5, 15	Rebranding 101	Review			Media Today (Lee)			
	How to Create Compelling							
Friday, March 6, 15	Technology Client Case Studies							



#### **Content Development Process**

- Determine which SME's will be involved
- Assign a professional writer
- Can mix both external and internal resources



#### **Content Development Process**





#### **Content Development Process - Other Considerations**

- Do you need to conduct research for the content?
- Will you need design resources?
- Can partners help distribute the content?
- How else might the content be used?



#### Repurpose your content to extend its life.

# **Research Report** REFERRAL MARKETING for Professional Services Firms



#### **Rethinking Referral Marketing: Demonstrate Your Expertise**



#### Implementing and Managing

- Who will post the content on your website?
- Who will promote the content on social media?
- Who will draft the emails promoting the content?
- Who will send the emails?
- Who will do blogger outreach?



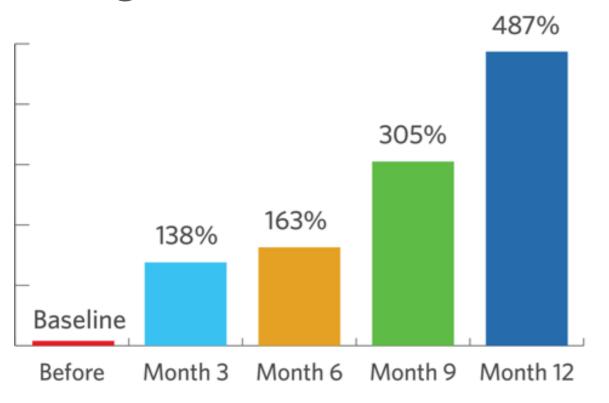
#### Analyzing and Adjusting

- Use analytics to identify if you're reaching milestones to ultimately reach your goal
- If you're not reaching your goals, digging deeper into issue to identify the cause - figuring out how to improve
- If you don't feel goals were set appropriately, adjust them to be more accurate and attainable

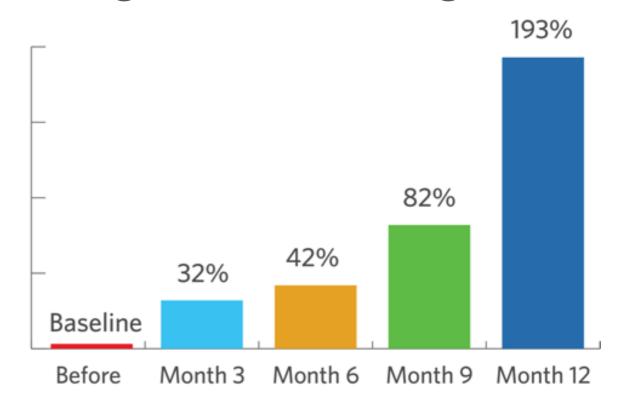


#### Results

#### Average increase in online leads



#### Average client web traffic growth



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