

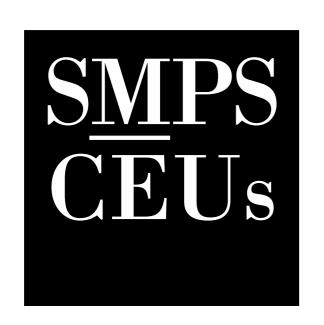
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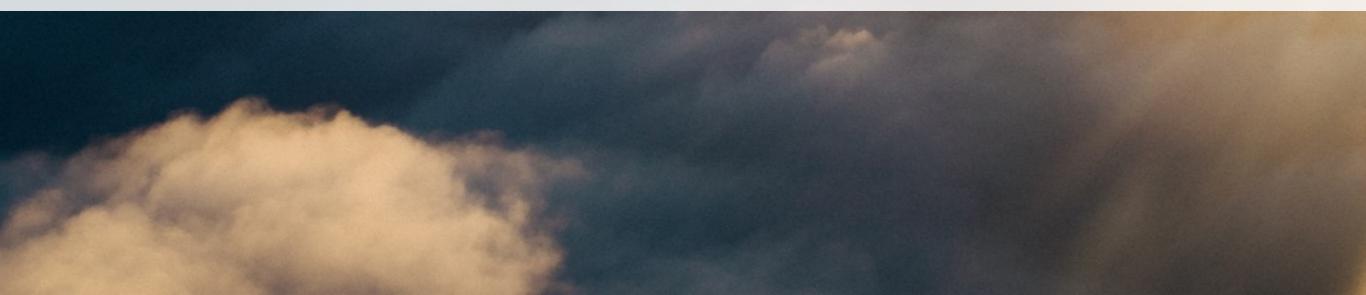
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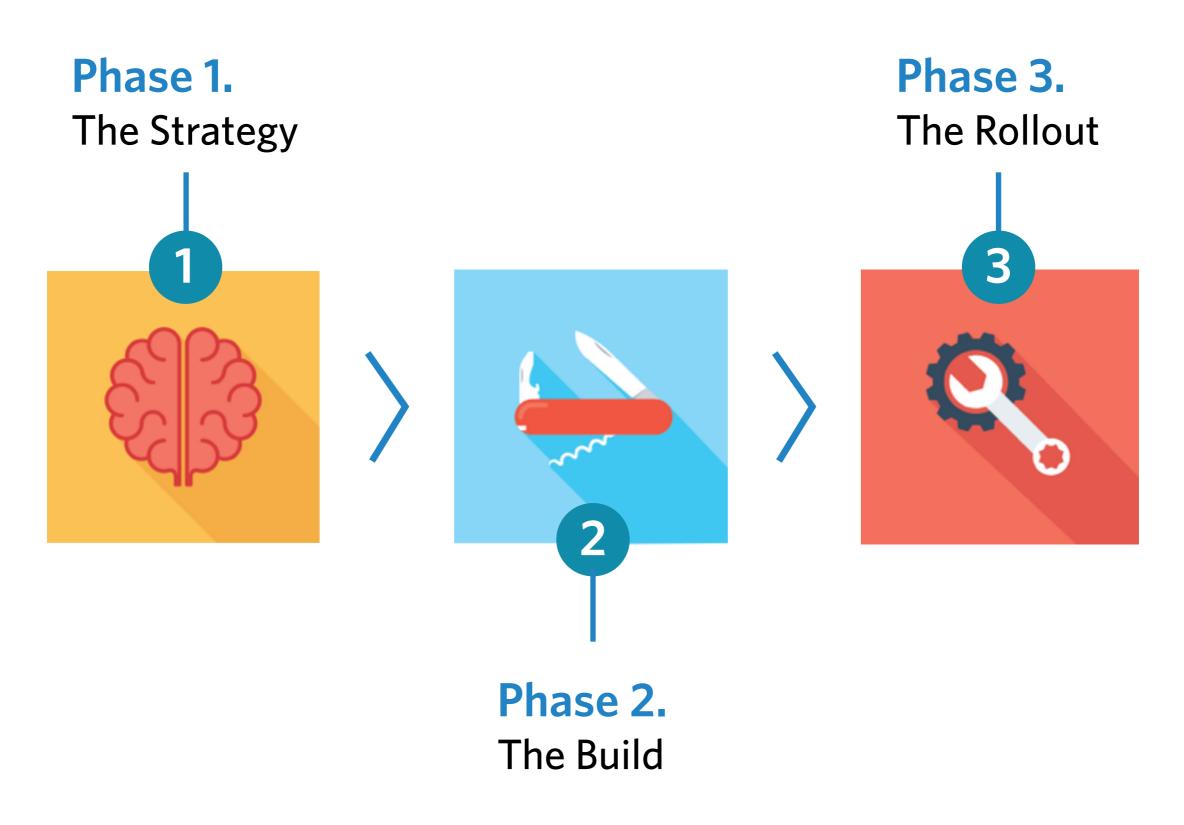
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The Visible Firm

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







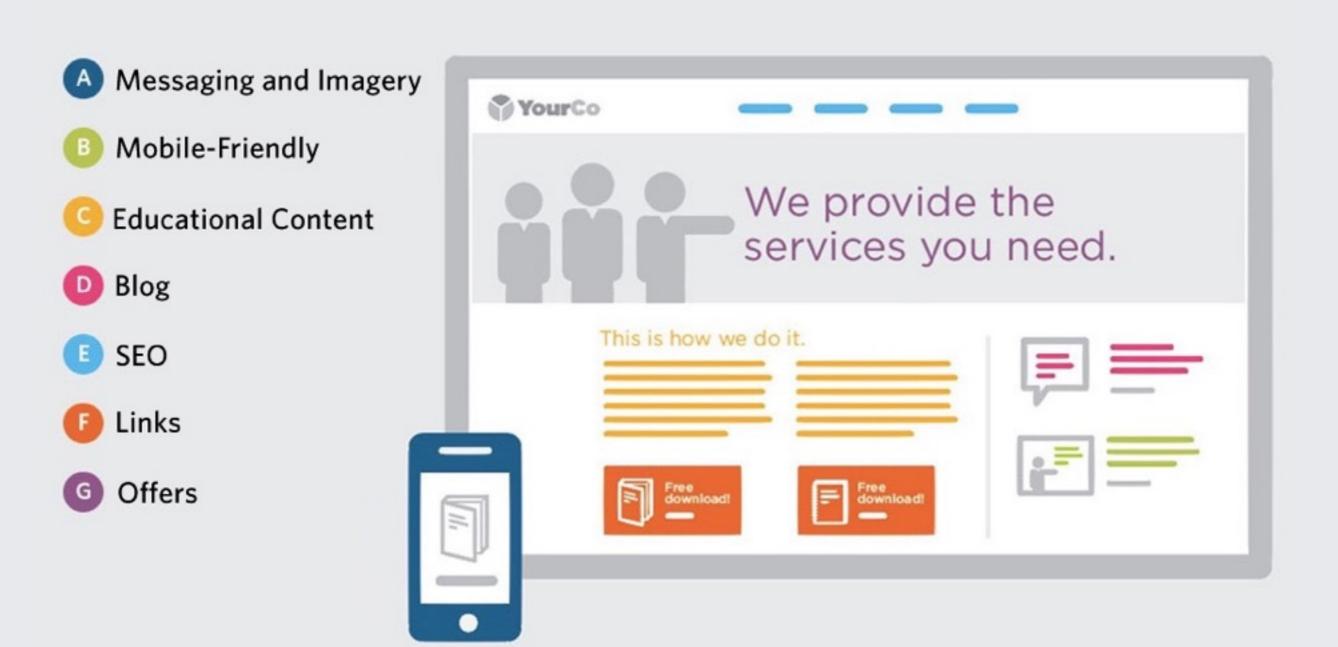
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- What is a High-Performance Website?
- 2 Clear Messaging and Professional Imagery
- The Importance of Responsive Design
- Educational Content
- **5** Optimizing Your Website for Search Engines
- Including Offers and Calls-to-Action

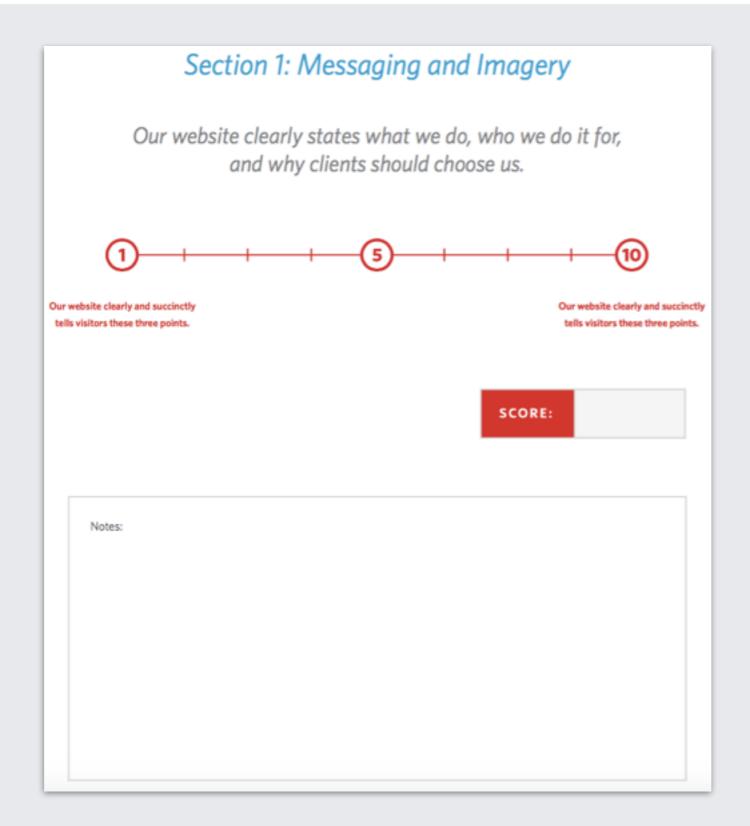
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What is a High-Performance Website?

Elements of a High-Performance Website



Today's Worksheet



Clear Messaging and Professional Imagery

of professional services buyers check out your **website**.

Source: Referral Marketing for Professional Services Firms Research Report

rule out referrals because they couldn't **understand** how the firm could help them.

Source: Referral Marketing for Professional Services Firms Research Report

Your website should convey your overall brand positioning.



What do you do?



What do you do?

Who do you do it for?



What do you do?

Who do you do it for?

Why should clients choose you?



Imagery sends a message about the quality of your brand.

Death by Cliche.





Death by Cliche.



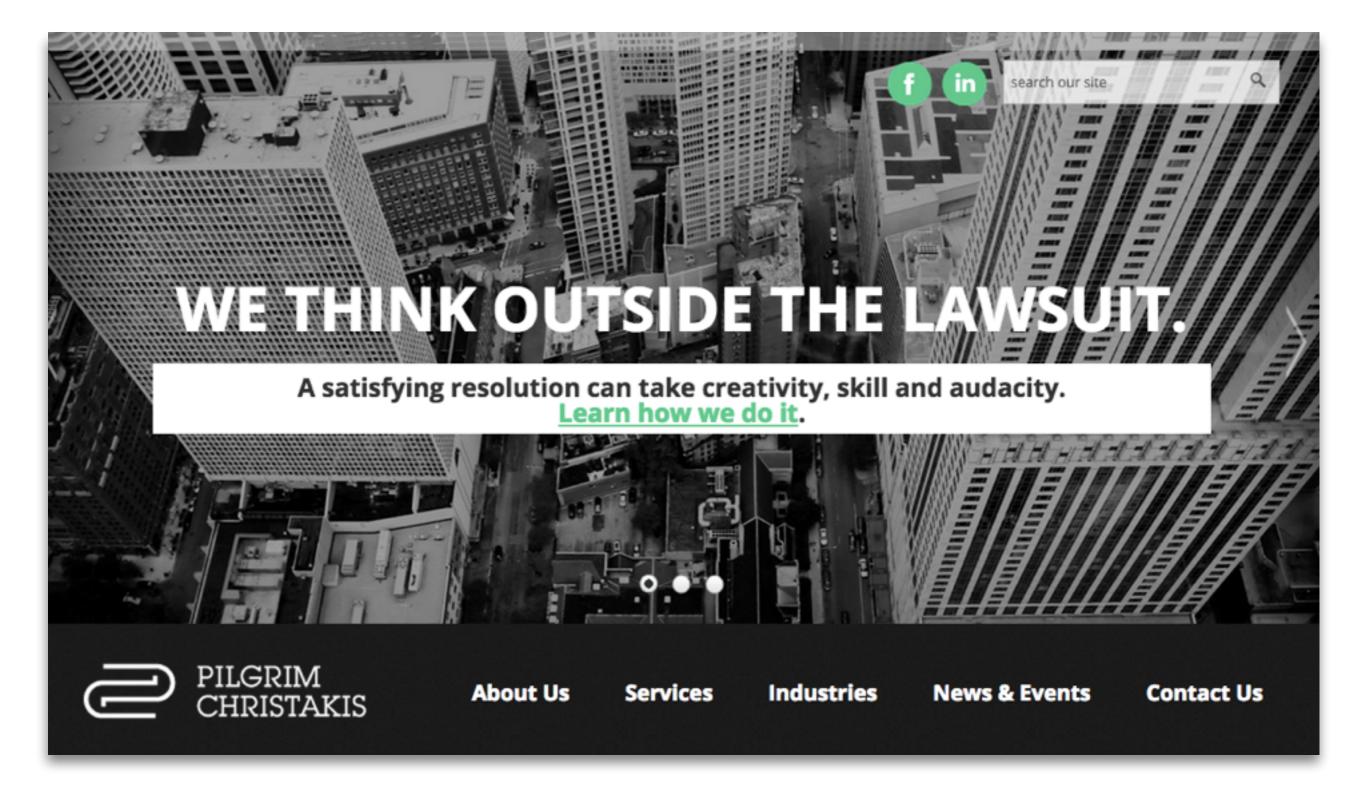


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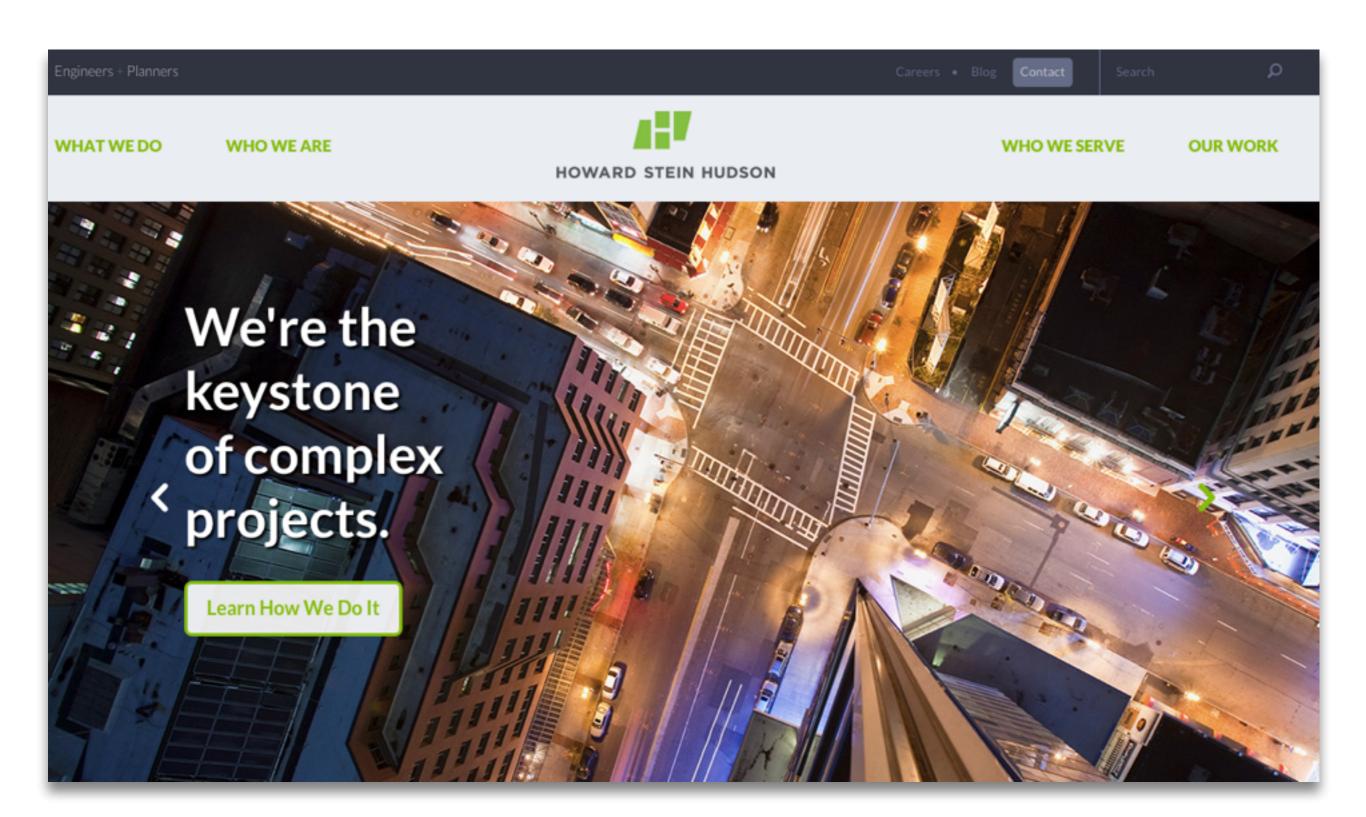
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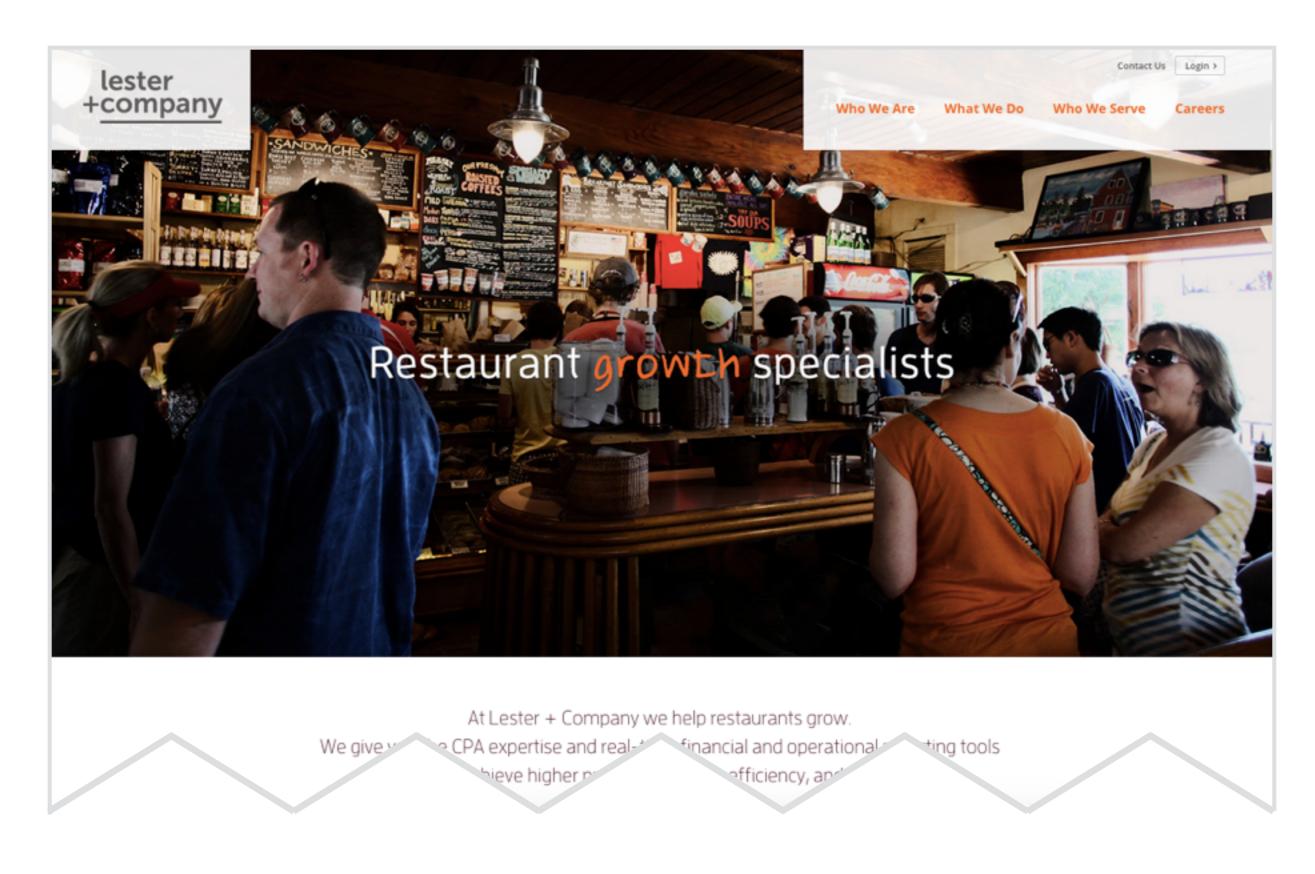


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At Lester + Company we help restaurants grow. We give you the CPA expertise and real-time financial and operational reporting tools you need to achieve higher profitability, more efficiency, and faster growth.

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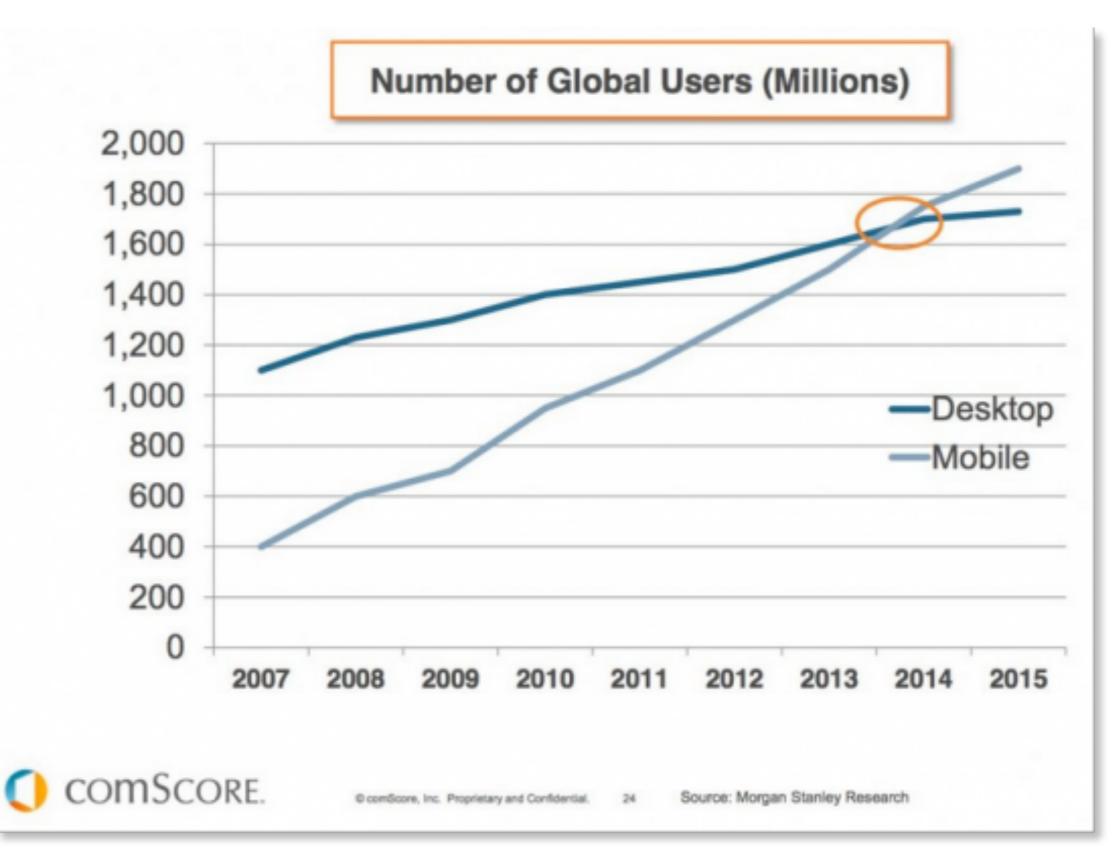
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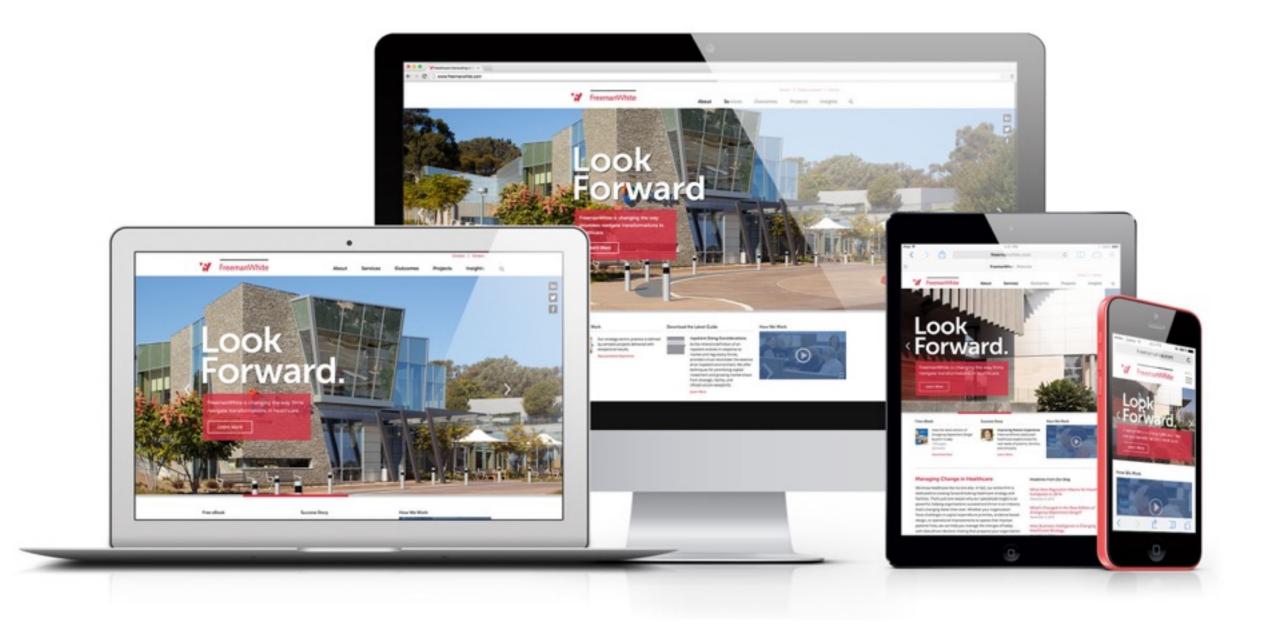


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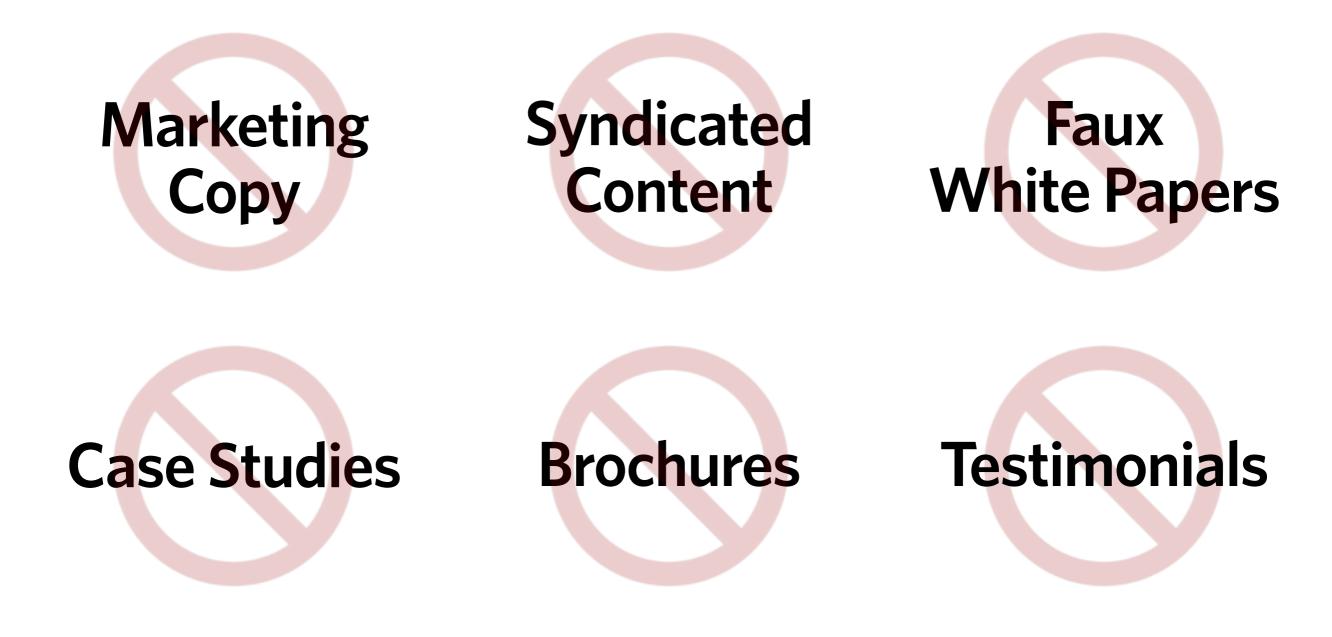
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What is educational content?

Content that is useful to your clients and showcases your expertise.



Educational Content is Not...





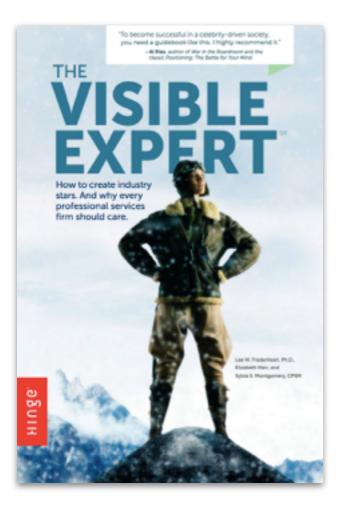
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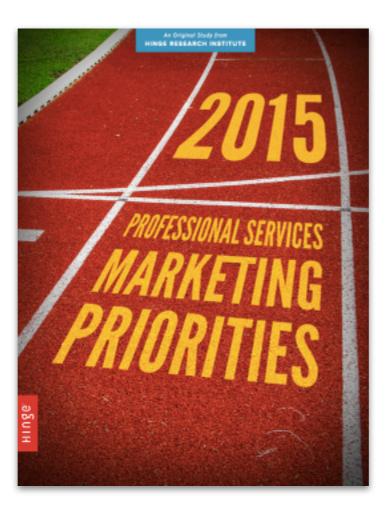
Stock Content

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Focus	Issue level
Access	Requires registration
SEO	Optimize titles and landing pages only
Examples	Guides, ebooks, research reports



Stock Content





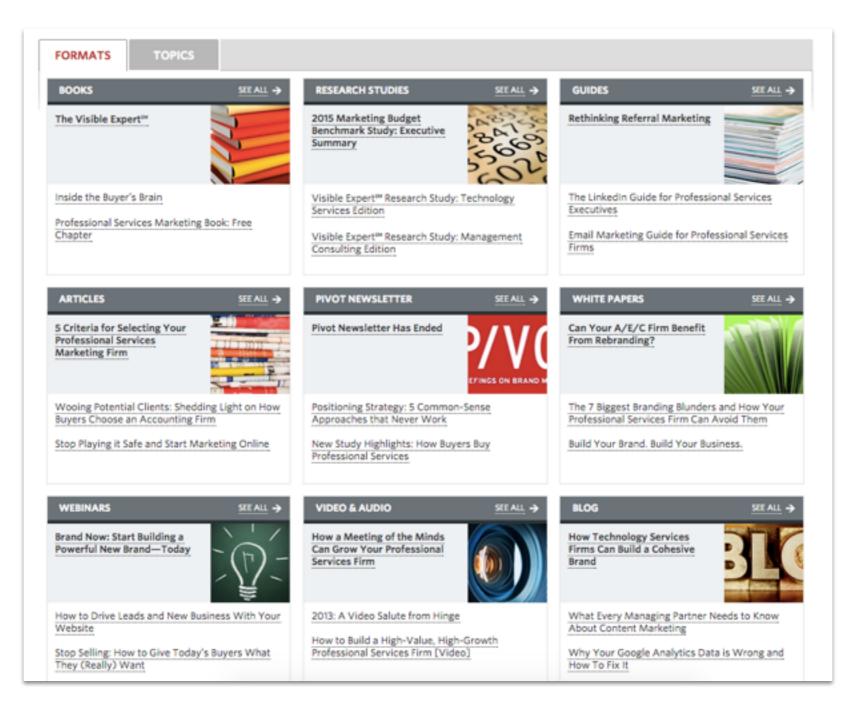






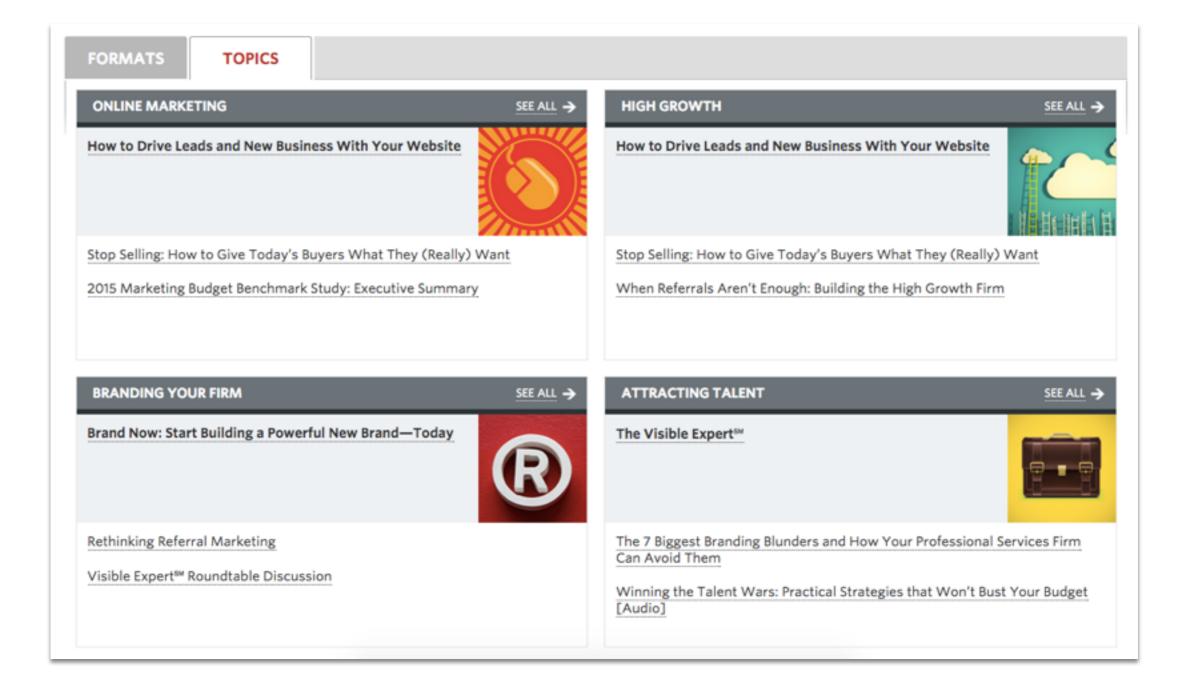
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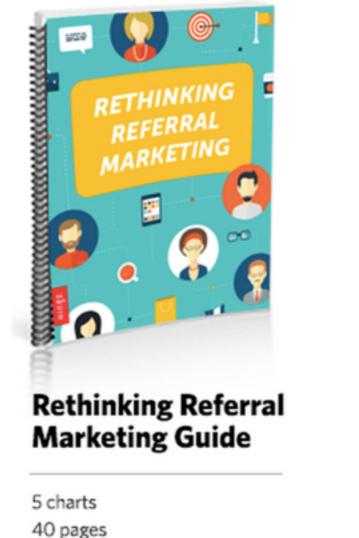
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Rethinking Referral Marketing

The <u>research shows</u> that professional services referrals have evolved – but many firms haven't caught up.

Are you generating referrals based on your reputation and expertise? Do you have strategies in place to stop your referrals from being ruled out? If not, your firm may be leaving business on the table—business that the competition will be only too happy to pick up.

In our Executive Guide, *Rethinking Referral Marketing*, we provide a step-by-step guide to help you build a complete and powerful referral strategy.



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Webinar: 2016 Marketing Planning: Building the Visible Firm

The year is quickly winding down. But many firms haven't started on their 2016 marketing plans yet. That's no surprise — there are plenty of questions to answer even before you start planning.

Who should be involved in the marketing planning process? What are the most effective offline and online marketing techniques today?

In this webinar, Hinge's Sylvia Montgomery and Candis Roussel will help your professional services firm get ahead of the curve.

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The webinar will cover:

- Understanding where your firm stands in the marketplace
- Creating a strategic plan moving forward
- Developing a well-rounded marketing plan, using both offline and online techniques
- The new skillsets needed in a high-growth marketing department
- Tracking the performance of your marketing strategy and remaining agile

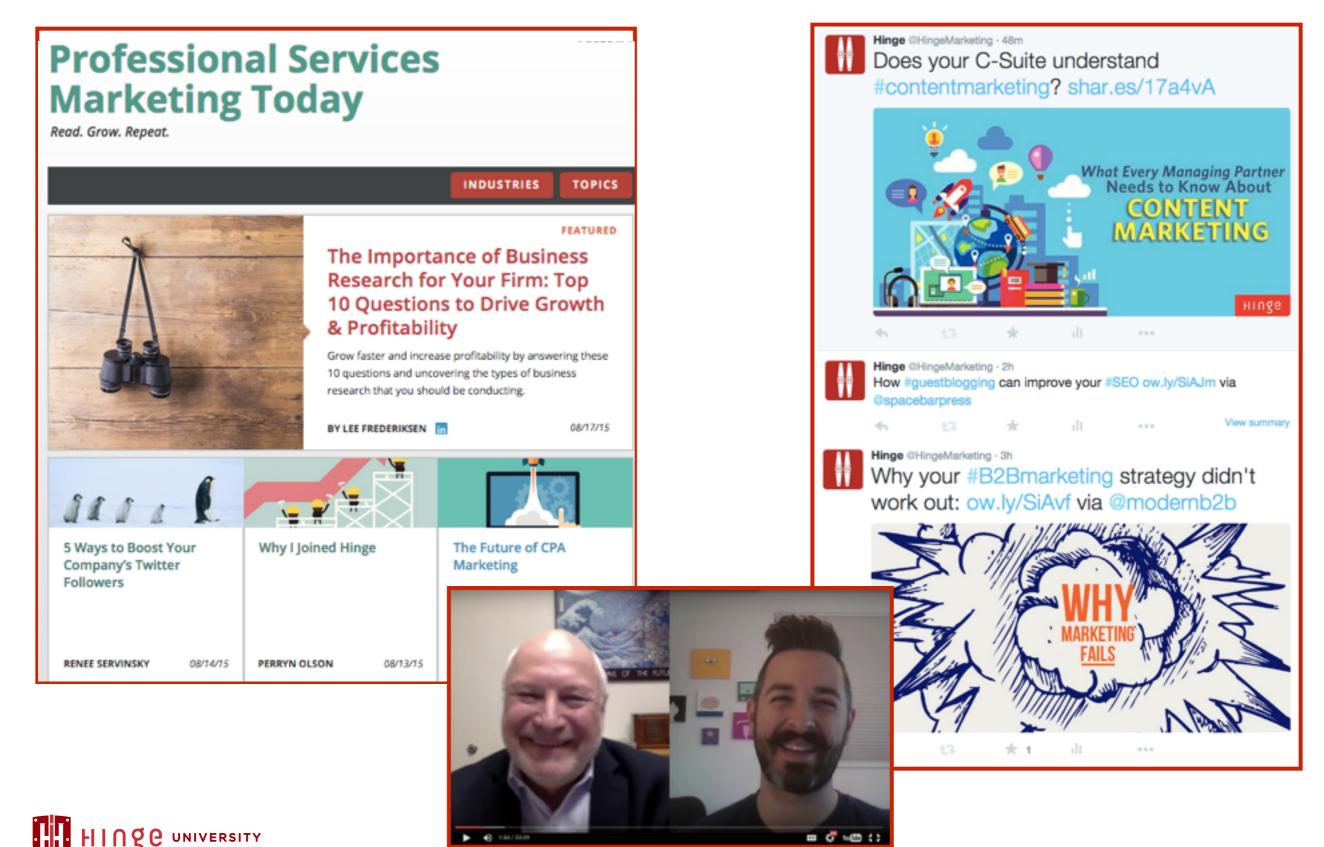


Flow Content

Purpose	Draws traffic
Focus	Topic level
Access	Open access
SEO	Optimize titles and content
Examples	Blog posts, videos, articles, social media



Flow Content





Some of your flow content goes out into to the world.



In this era of #contentmarketing, your content can get lost in the crowd. Use these 3 tips to make yours stand out.

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Start thinking outside the box when developing your content marketing strategy.

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FAST COMPANY 3 KEY DIGITAL MARKETING SKILLS STUDENTS DON'T LEARN IN COLLEGE

MANY SCHOOLS NEED TO UPDATE THEIR MARKETING CURRICULA. IF THEY DON'T, STUDENTS WILL BE THE ONES TO LOSE OUT.

BY LEE W. FREDERIKSEN

If you've interviewed marketing candidates straight out of college, you've likely

noticed a surprising trend. These rising young professionals may be sharp, thoughtful digital natives—but all too often, they don't have the online marketing skills required in today's marketplace. The reason? University marketing departments are behind the curve.

The center of gravity for much of the marketing world has moved online. In my firm's area of specialty, professional services, the landscape has changed quickly from one of brochures and direct mail to online content marketing and social media campaigns. In a study of more than 1,000 professional services purchasers, we found that more than 80% of buyers look to a firm's website to check them out, making websites the most commonly used resource for initial purchasing evaluations.

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Hinge Marketing Attracting more business involves a discussion of increasing brand visibility. Here's how to do that the right way:



How to Increase the Brand Visibility of Your Professional Services Firm

hingemarketing.com · Learn why brand visibility and reputation must be developed together and five ideas for building both simultaneously.

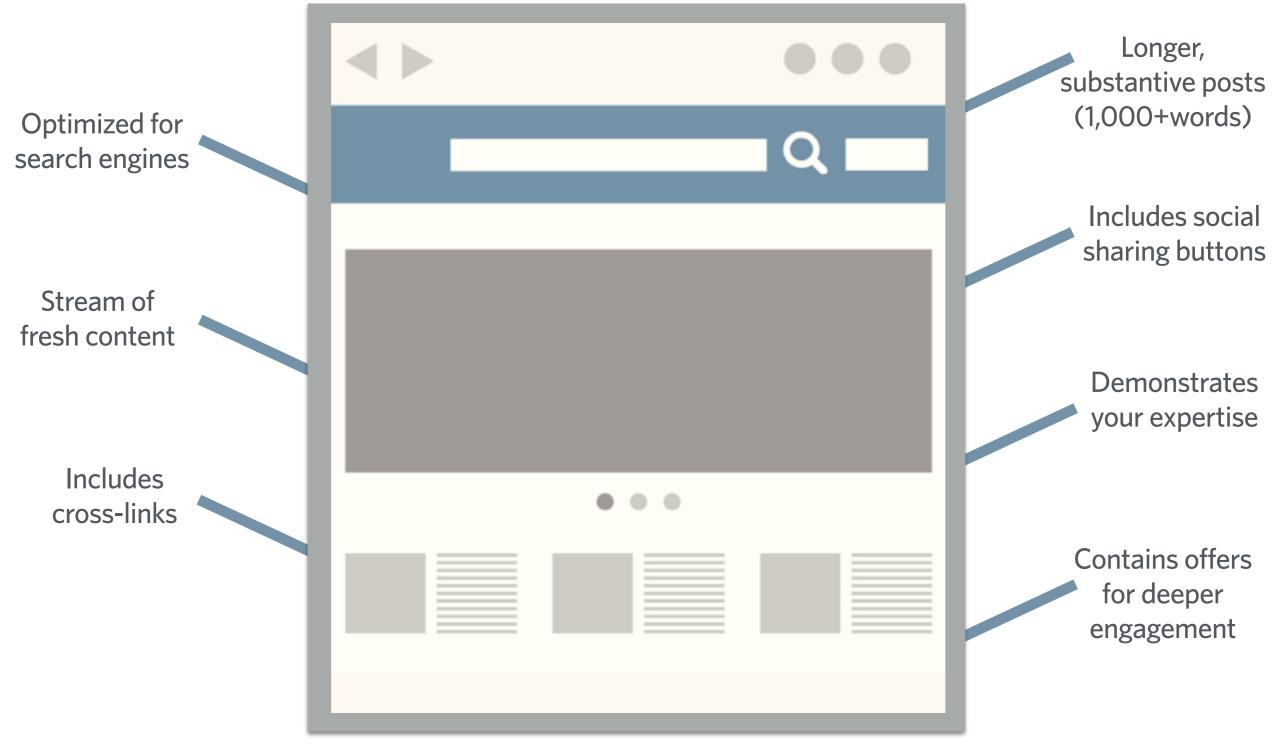


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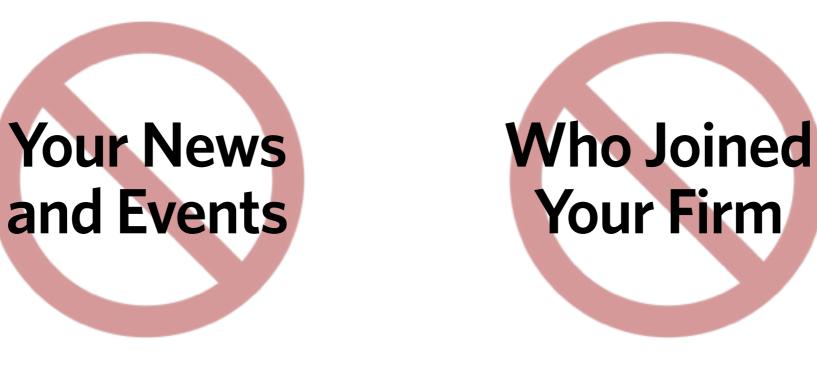
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Social media **Top 10 Tips For Writing A Case Story** sharing buttons SHARE Does writ g a case story feel like a bad trip to the dentist? You are not 59 alone. Most proressional set Yet 2 your content marketing strategy. If the mean ell, the 119 Here are some of our favorite tips to make the process easier and much 10 more effective. 1. Involve the client very early.

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BY LEE FREDERIKSEN

Some clients will shy away from participating and others have firm policies against them. But for many clients, being considered as a case story will be a strong positive.

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title of the case story and 2-3 times in the copy.

Some common keywords include the name of the client's company and the nature of the service you provided.

5. Tell a story.

Good stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end. They also have a struggle against the odds and a turning point. If it is too easy,

there is no tension or suspense. Will it work or not?

While we are not suggesting turning your case stories in literature, a little bit of old fashion story telling will go a long ways toward increasing reader interest and engagement.

Explain the client's challenges and why your professional services firm was the right fit for their needs. Describe how you helped the client and try to paint a clear picture of what it's like to work with your firm. And most importantly, show results and that you were able to deliver on your promises.

SEE ALSO: How to Create a B2B Case Study that Boosts New Business

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Content Marketing Guide for Professional Services



content to build your reputation, generate leads and drive growth.

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Optimizing Your Website for Search Engines

What is search engine optimization (SEO)?

SEO is a technique designed to make your content easily accessible to the right audiences through organic search.



How to Think Like a Search Engine

- Relevance (keywords)
- Website authority (links)
- User experience (responsive)
- Technology (optimizing)



Do keyword research to understand what terms people are searching for and your capability for ranking for those keywords.

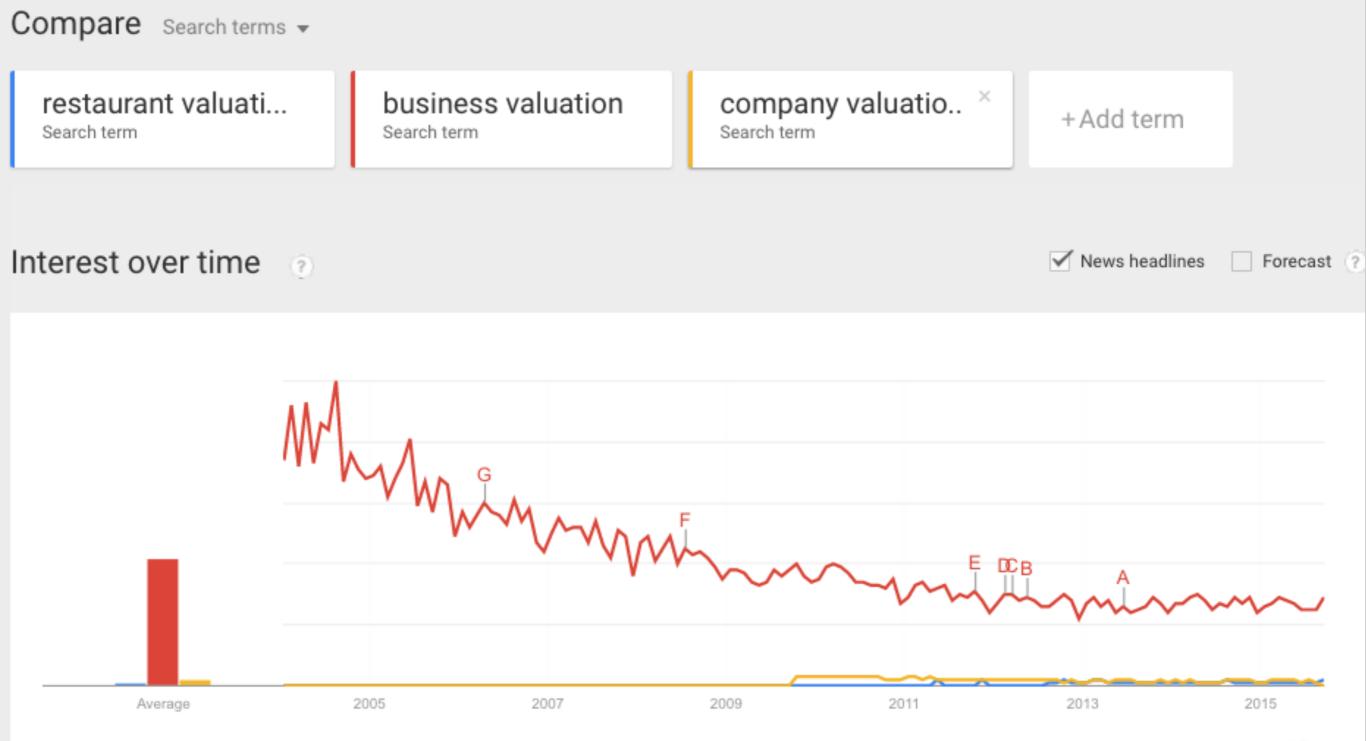
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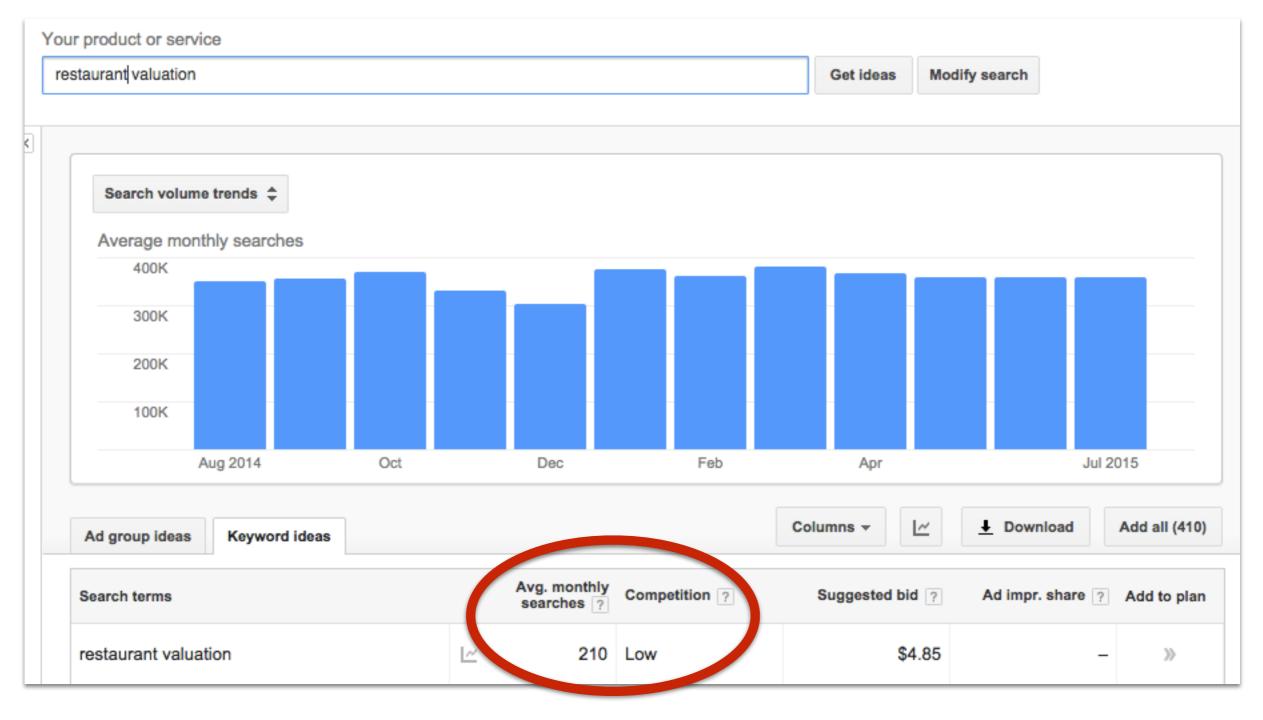


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restaurant business valuation for Google US	35%	20
exit planning for Google US	44%	140
business valuation resources for Google US	45%	320
m&a planning for Google US	48%	not available
or Google US	48%	320
business exit plan for Google US	52%	20
business valuations for Google US	56%	320
business valuation techniques for Google US	53%	30



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4	exit planning	210	44
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Aim for keywords with difficulty lower or just above your website authority



Choosing the Right Keywords

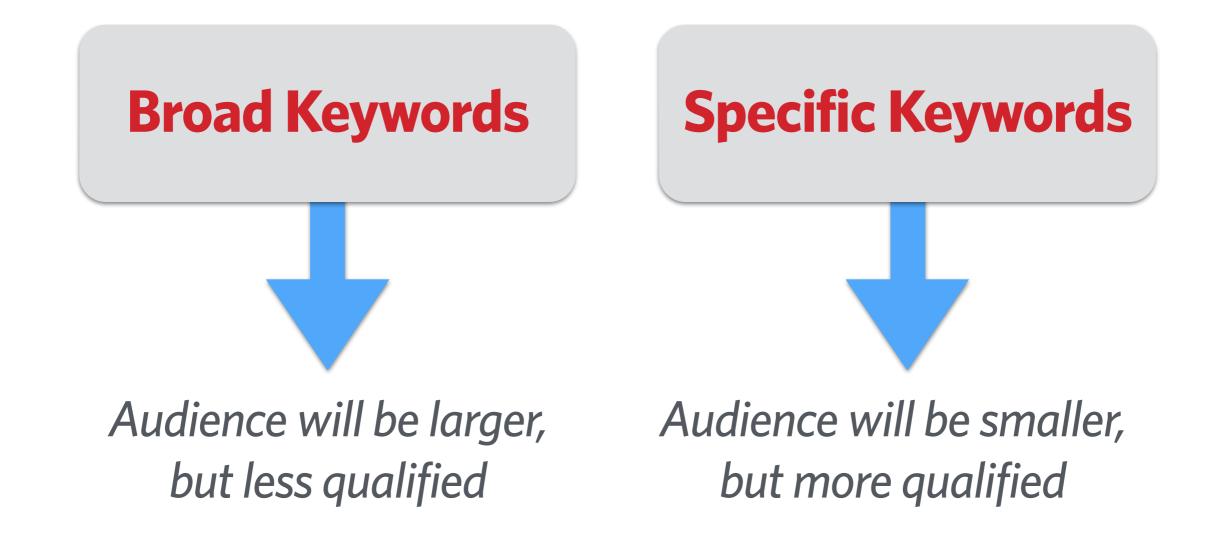
Find a balance of

Volume

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Relevance







Implementing the the keywords in titles, title tags, meta descriptions and within your content.

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4 Metrics to Track ROI in B2B Online Marketing

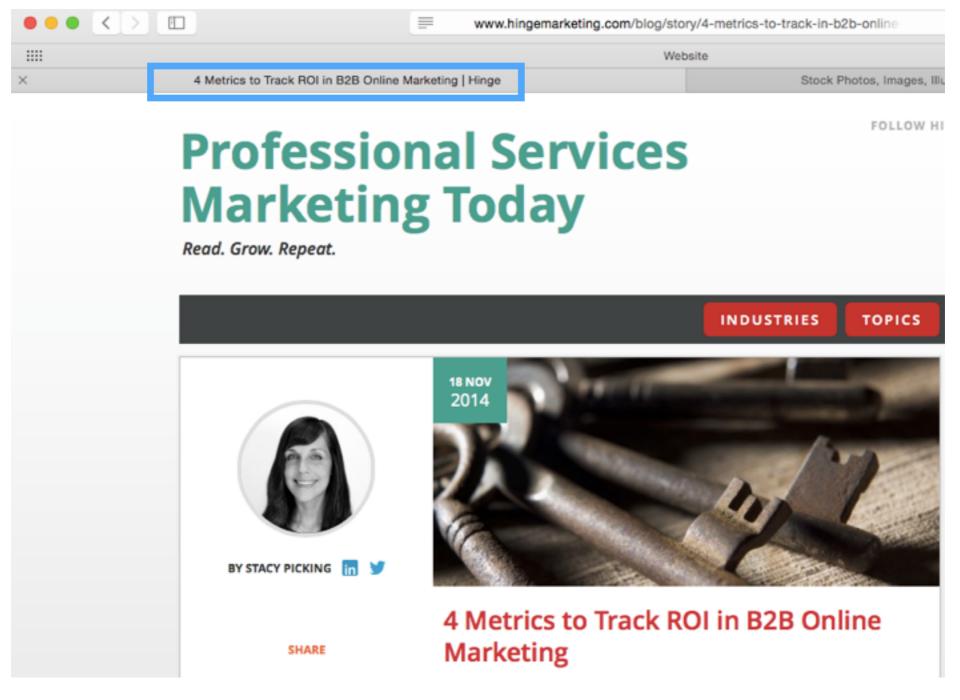
As the end of the year approaches, many professional services firms will ask "what is the return on investment for my marketing expenditures?"

However, the ROI for traditional marketing investments is notoriously difficult to measure. Because of this, it seems like marketing expenses are the first to be cut when budgets are being evaluated.

In contrast, online marketing offers opportunities for measurement above and beyond traditional measurement. You can track prospect interaction and engagement down to individual clicks and page views thanks to tools like Google Analytics, Google Webmaster Tools, and social media monitoring software.



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Within Content

SEE ALSO: The Top 10 Advantages of Online Marketing in Professional Services

3. Opt-ins to your email list or newsletter. When prospects choose to sign up for your email list or to receive your newsletter, they're indicating an increased commitment and interest in your content. Their email inbox is a personal space and they're making the choice to receive your content directly.

Growing an email *list does not happen overnight*. Research shows that 50% of organizations describe their email list growth as positive, but slow. Only 17% of respondents say their email list is growing rapidly.

Creating and expanding an email database can be a slow, painful process, but one of the most critical ones to grow and nurture an audience of potential leads.

4. Increased sales. When it comes right down to it, the ultimate performance indicator that your online marketing is working is an increase in your number of leads and closed business opportunities. When these numbers are trending upwards, this shows that your content resonates with the right audiences, your firm is visible in the marketplace, and your firm has educated prospects on the services you offer.

Our research shows that it's the highest growing professional services firms who are taking advantage of lead generation through online marketing. While average growth firms generate 12% of their leads online, high growth firms generate over 62% of their new business leads on the web.



Including Offers and Calls-to-Action



Stage 2 **Build Engagement**

Stage 3 **Turn Opportunities** **Offers to expose** visitors to other content

> **Offers to move** prospects through the funnel

into Clients





Three Blogging Tips for Professional Services Marketers

Blogging as a marketing tool is all about creating value through educating your audience. By offering your insights, you build your brand and invite in leads when they're ready to talk further about your services.

Blogging is so effective as a branding tool that nearly 74% of Visible Experts[™] use blogs as a part of their marketing strategy and rate blogging as the fifth most impactful marketing tool.

These Visible Experts are industry leaders whose visibility and reputations make them brands unto themselves, giving their firms and ideas a leg up in the marketplace. These high profile professionals know what they're doing —and most of them are blogging. If you haven't yet built a loyal following (and even if you have a large readership), you should always be working to get more eyes on your blog. Promote and amplify your content to increase your impressions and the exposure you'll get.

Publishing blog posts and letting them be won't get the results you want. Your content will quickly go stale and your efforts will have been wasted.

SEE ALSO: 5 Point Checklist to Ensure Your Content Gets Maximum Reach

Share your posts on social media to drive website traffic. Have your marketing partners promote your content as well (and kindly return the favor to keep online relationships strong). Last but not least, *leverage your existing contacts*. You've got existing contacts who are likely interested in what you have to say. So, promote your blog posts through all the channels you use to reach prospects and clients, including through email, newsletters, webinars, and more.





Rethinking Referral Marketing: Build Your Professional Network

At this point, we've gone through many of the steps needed to build a complete and powerful referral strategy:

- 1. Referral Marketing and Your Professional Services Brand
- 2. Where Are You Now?
- 3. Understand Your Target Audience
- Develop a Strategy
- 5. Demonstrate Your Expertise

Now it's time to turn your attention to building our your professional network.

Clients and influencers tend to refer firms with expertise and reputations that they understand — firms they trust. But trust doesn't always proceed from a professional engagement. Often, it may arise sult of your reputation, your expert content, your social interactions, or a mix fall three.

The fact is that your network is fertile ground for referrals. And today, your professional network extends far beyond the people you meet in person. Social media has grown to become an essential networking tool, hosting vibrant, ongoing conversations between industry leaders. Our research shows that 60% of professional services buyers use social media. providers.

FREE GUIDE **Rethinking Referral** Marketing



Learn how your professional services firm can drive more referrals and new business by building a strong brand.

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