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Greetings!

There seems to be always changes happening in the business marketing world! Chat GPT has been the talk of the internet ever since it rolled out, with marketing experts trying to learn just how it can benefit them and their clients.

Our hope is that our magazine will help provide you some insight into these and other marketing trends, and contain information you can utilize to help you grow your business.

This month's articles and infographic cover many topics that we hope will be relevant to your business, including Google Analytics, AI, Social Media, and more.

If you find the magazine helpful, and know other local business owners that could benefit from receiving our magazine each month, please do us (and them) a favor by forwarding a copy to them.

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Marketing Calendar

Plan your marketing messages around these upcoming holidays and proclamations.

August

Childrens Eye Health & Safety Month
Black Business Month
Eye Exam Month
Immunization Awareness Month
Traffic Awareness Month

1st - World Lung Cancer Day
1st - World Wide Web Day
1st - Spider-Man Day
2nd - Ice Cream Sandwich Day
3rd - Watermelon Day
3rd - IPA Day
4th - International Beer Day
4th - Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
5th - Oyster Day
5th - Play Outside Day
6th - Sister's Day
6th - Friendship Day
8th - International Cat Day
9th - National Book Lovers Day
9th - International Day of Indiginous People

10th - S'mores Day
10th - Spoil Your Dog Day
11th - National Son and Daughter Day
12th - International Youth Day
13th - Filet Mignon Day
14th - Financial Awareness Day
15th - Relaxation Day
16th - Roller Coaster Day
18th - Serendipity Day
18th - World Breast Cancer Research Day
19th - World Photo Day
20th - Radio Day
20th - World Honey Bee Day
21st - Senior Citizen's Day
24th - Kobe Bryant Day
24th - Waffle Day
26th - Dog Day
26th - Women's Equality Day
28th - National Bow Tie Day
30th - Beach Day
31st - Eat Outside Day

September

National Service Dog Month
Hispanic Heritage Month
Baby Safety Month
Self Improvement Month
Blood Cancer Awareness Month
National Organic Month
Sucide Prevention Month

Sept 4 - Labor Day (U.S.)
Sept 11 - Patriot Day (U.S.)
Sept 23 - First Day of Fall

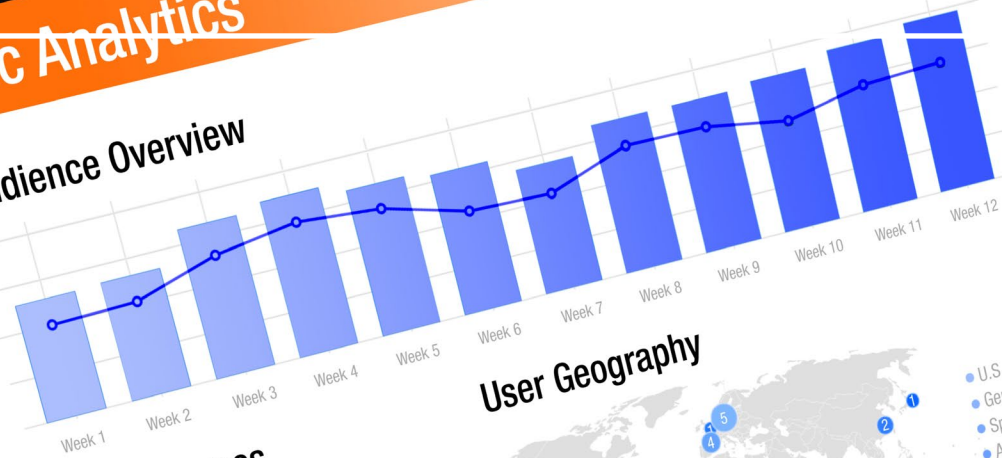
2nd - World Beard Day
2nd - Bacon Day
4th - Wildlife Day
5th - Cheese Pizza Day
6th - Read a Book Day
7th - Beer Lovers Day
7th - Google's Birthday
8th - Physical Therapy Day
10th - World Suicide Prevention Day
10th - Grandparents Day
12th - Video Games Day

12th - Chocolate Milkshake Day
13th - International Chocolate Day
13th - Peanut Day
14th - Eat a Hoagie Day
15th - Double Cheeseburger Day
16th - Guacamole Day
16th - Batman Day
17th - Citizenship Day
17th - Apple Dumpling Day
17th - Dance Day
18th - Equal Pay Day
19th - U.S. Air Force Day
21st - International Day of Peace
21st - World's Alzheimer's Day
22nd - Ice Cream Cone Day
22nd - Singles Day
25th - Cooking Day
25th - Quesadilla Day
25th - Daughters Day
28th - Good Neighbor Day
28th - Sons Day
29th - World Heart Day

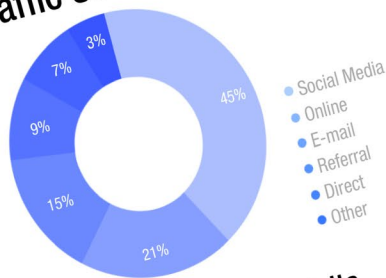
Website Traffic Analytics

- Dashboard
- Audience
- Acquisition
- Trends
- Revenue
- Marketing
- Behaviour
- Reports
- Settings

Audience Overview



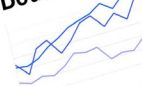
Traffic Sources



User Geography



Bounce Rate



Avg. Session



Page Views



Visits



New Users



Understanding Google Analytics 4: Unleashing Business Insights in the Digital Age

In the ever-evolving landscape of the digital world, data has become the currency of success for businesses both big and small. To thrive in this highly competitive environment, enterprises must harness the power of data to gain valuable insights into their customers' behavior, preferences, and interactions. Among the various tools available, Google Analytics 4 (GA4) has emerged as a leading platform that

promises to revolutionize the way businesses understand and engage with their audience.

In this article, we will delve into the fundamentals of Google Analytics 4 and explore how it can be effectively leveraged to make data-driven decisions, optimize marketing strategies, and drive growth in your business.

If you've been using Google's Universal Analytics, that platform stopped processing information as of July 1, 2023. You'll be able to access that data until at least January 2024. In most cases, Google automatically created a GA4 property to align with any property you already had in your account, however you should log in and make sure the migration was complete. You can also take this time to leverage some of the new features available in the GA4 platform.

IMPORTANT – you must update the Google Analytics tracking code on your website if you've been using the standard Universal Analytics tracking code. If not, Google Analytics will stop capturing data associated

with your website.

What is Google Analytics 4?

Google Analytics 4, often abbreviated as GA4, is the latest iteration of the popular web analytics service offered by Google. Releasing in late 2020, it represents a significant shift from its predecessor, Universal Analytics, offering a more comprehensive and forward-looking approach to data analysis.

GA4 aims to provide businesses with a unified view of customer interactions across various devices and channels, enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of the customer journey and make better-informed decisions.

Key Features and Benefits of GA4

1. Enhanced User-Centric Approach

Unlike Universal Analytics, which focused primarily on tracking sessions and pageviews, GA4 centers around individual user behavior. It uses an event-based model to track specific interactions, allowing businesses to gain insights into how

users engage with their website or app on a granular level.

2. Cross-Platform and Cross-Device Tracking

With the proliferation of devices, customers often switch between mobile, desktop, and other platforms. GA4's cross-platform tracking capabilities enable businesses to follow a user's journey seamlessly across different devices, providing a holistic view of their interactions.

3. AI-Driven Insights

Google Analytics 4 integrates machine learning to offer more robust and actionable insights. It automatically analyzes data patterns, customer segments, and churn probabilities, allowing businesses to identify opportunities and potential issues more efficiently.

4. Deeper Integration with Google Ads

GA4 offers improved integration with Google Ads, enabling businesses to create more targeted and effective ad campaigns based on user behavior data.

5. Improved Data Privacy and Compliance

In an era where data privacy is paramount, GA4 is designed to be more privacy-friendly. It allows businesses to collect and utilize data in compliance with global regulations, safeguarding user information and fostering trust.

Using Google Analytics 4 for Your Business

Now that we have a brief understanding of what GA4 offers, let's explore how businesses can utilize this powerful tool to optimize their strategies and drive success.

1. Seamless Implementation and Setup

Getting started with GA4 is relatively straightforward. Businesses can create a new GA4 property alongside their existing Universal Analytics property or set up GA4 as the primary tracking method for their website or app.

Once the implementation code is added, GA4 will start collecting data immediately, providing businesses with access to real-time insights.

2. Define Key Metrics and Goals

To make the most of GA4, businesses should determine their key performance indicators (KPIs) and establish specific goals.

Whether it's tracking e-commerce transactions, form submissions, or user engagement, defining clear objectives will help focus data analysis efforts and measure success accurately.

3. Explore the User-Centric Reports

GA4's user-centric reporting provides a wealth of information on individual user behavior. The "User Explorer" report allows businesses to inspect the actions of a single user, providing valuable insights into their interactions, preferences, and potential pain points.

The "Audience" report offers segmentation capabilities, enabling businesses to analyze different user groups and tailor their marketing strategies accordingly.

4. Leverage AI-Driven Insights

The integrated machine learning capabilities of

GA4 offer a competitive advantage to businesses. The "Insights" feature automatically identifies significant trends, anomalies, and opportunities within the data, presenting them in a digestible format. Leveraging these insights can help businesses make data-driven decisions promptly and effectively.

5. Utilize Enhanced E-commerce Tracking

For online retailers, GA4's enhanced e-commerce tracking provides valuable data on the entire customer journey, from product views to purchases. This data can be used to optimize the online shopping experience, identify popular products, and uncover potential bottlenecks in the sales funnel.

6. Harness Cross-Platform Tracking

With the majority of users switching between devices during their online journey, understanding cross-platform behavior is vital. GA4's cross-platform tracking offers a seamless view of user interactions, enabling businesses to optimize their marketing

efforts across various touchpoints.

7. Optimize Marketing with Google Ads Integration

GA4's integration with Google Ads empowers businesses to create more targeted and relevant ads. By analyzing user behavior data, advertisers can identify high-value audiences and create personalized campaigns that drive better results.

8. Monitor User Engagement

Engaged users are more likely to convert

and become loyal customers. GA4 provides detailed metrics on user engagement, such as scroll depth, video interactions, and outbound clicks.

Monitoring these interactions helps businesses identify engaging content and optimize the user experience.

Google Analytics 4 is a game-changer in the world of data analytics, offering businesses a comprehensive and user-centric approach to understanding their audience. By leveraging

its powerful features, such as cross-platform tracking, AI-driven insights, and enhanced e-commerce tracking, businesses can make better-informed decisions, optimize their marketing strategies, and ultimately drive growth.

Embracing GA4 as a crucial tool in the digital age can provide the competitive edge needed to succeed in today's data-driven landscape. So, if you haven't already, it's time to harness the full potential of Google Analytics 4 for your business and unlock a world of valuable insights and opportunities.



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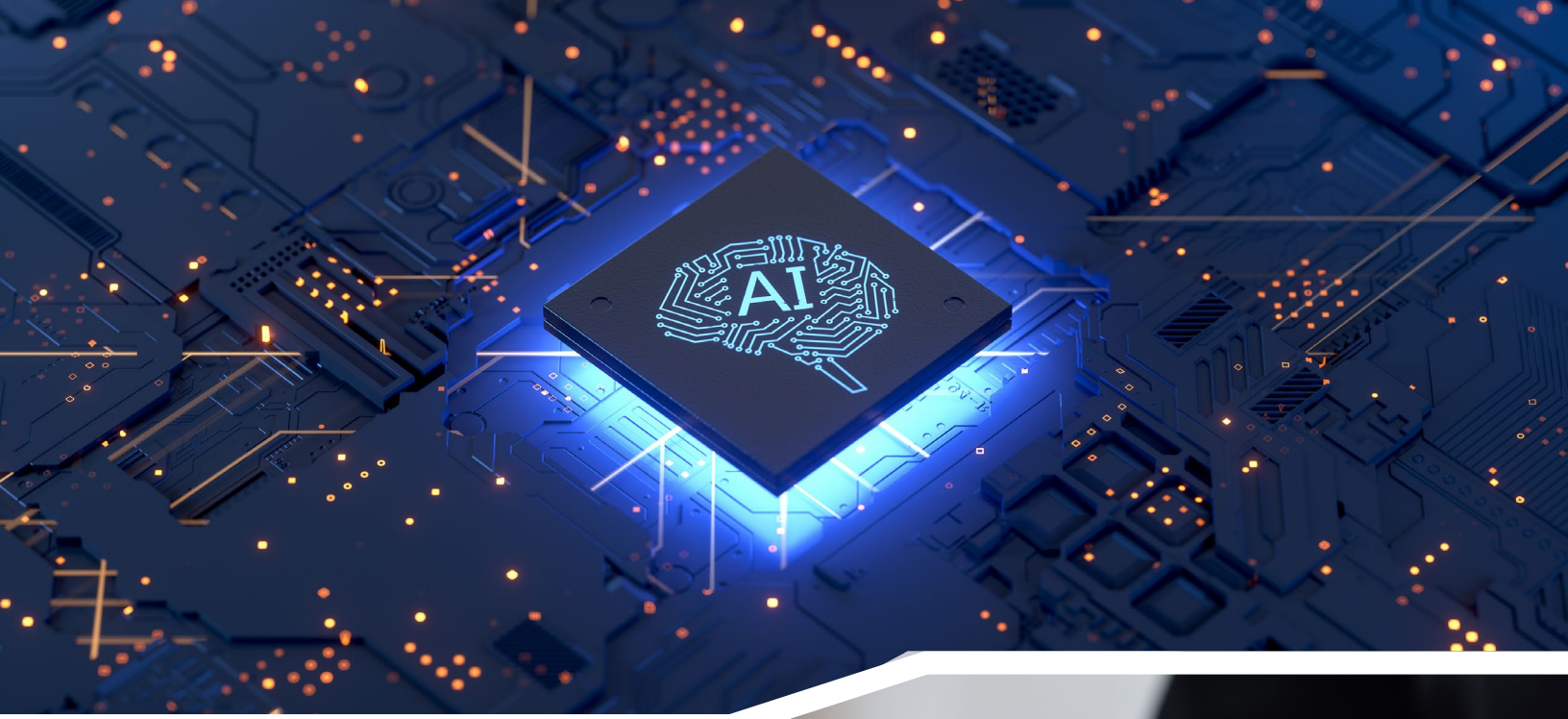
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Powering Growth: How AI is Revolutionizing Small Business Marketing

In the fast-paced and ever-changing landscape of business, small enterprises face unique challenges in marketing their products and services effectively. Limited resources, tight budgets, and the need to stand out in a crowded market often leave small business owners grappling for innovative solutions. Fortunately, the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has ushered in a new era of marketing possibilities, offering small businesses the tools they need to compete with larger counterparts.

From data analysis and customer personalization to automated processes and predictive insights, AI is reshaping small business marketing strategies and unlocking untapped opportunities for growth.

The Rise of AI in Small Business Marketing

As AI technology matures, its potential to transform small business marketing becomes increasingly evident. AI is no longer the domain of tech giants; it is accessible to businesses of all sizes, thanks to cloud-based platforms and scalable solutions.

This democratization of AI has leveled the playing field, allowing small enterprises to harness cutting-edge technology and make data-driven decisions.

With AI-driven marketing tools, small businesses can now analyze vast amounts of data, optimize marketing campaigns, and understand customer behavior at a granular level.

This newfound intelligence is a game-changer, providing valuable insights to craft targeted campaigns

that resonate with the intended audience.

Data-Driven Decision Making: Understanding Customer Insights

Data lies at the heart of AI's impact on marketing. For small businesses, gathering and analyzing data can be a daunting task without AI assistance. AI algorithms excel at processing big data, spotting patterns, and identifying trends that human analysis might miss.

With the help of AI-powered analytics, small business owners can better understand their customers' preferences, buying behavior, and pain points. Armed with this knowledge, they can tailor marketing efforts to meet specific customer needs, enhancing engagement and loyalty.

Personalization: Forging Strong Customer Connections

In the digital age, consumers seek personalized experiences that resonate with their individual tastes. AI enables small businesses to provide such experiences by

customizing marketing messages and content based on user behavior and preferences.

For example, AI-powered recommendation engines can suggest products or services to customers based on their previous interactions with the brand. This level of personalization not only enhances customer satisfaction but also increases the likelihood of repeat purchases and word-of-mouth referrals.

Automating Marketing Processes: Efficiency and Productivity

Small businesses often face resource constraints, making automation a valuable ally in marketing efforts. AI can streamline various tasks, freeing up time and resources that can be reinvested in core business activities.

Automated email marketing campaigns are a prime example of how AI benefits small businesses. AI algorithms can segment customer lists, send targeted emails, and analyze campaign performance, all without manual intervention. As a result, small businesses can focus on building

relationships with customers while AI handles the repetitive tasks.

Social Media Management: Enhancing Brand Visibility

Social media is a powerful marketing channel for small businesses, providing a cost-effective way to reach a broad audience. However, managing multiple social media accounts and creating engaging content can be time-consuming.

AI-powered social media management tools can schedule posts, monitor engagement metrics, and even suggest content ideas based on trending topics. By automating these processes, small businesses can maintain an active social media presence and build brand visibility without spending excessive time on mundane tasks.

AI-Driven Advertising: Optimizing ROI

Advertising is an essential component of any marketing strategy, but allocating the right resources to the right channels can be a

challenge. AI tools can analyze historical data and consumer behavior to determine the most effective advertising platforms and strategies for a specific business.

By leveraging AI-driven advertising insights, small businesses can optimize their ad spend, minimize wasted resources, and achieve higher returns on investment (ROI). This level of data-driven decision-making ensures that limited marketing budgets are utilized efficiently to reach the most receptive audience.

Predictive Analytics: Staying Ahead of the Curve

AI's predictive capabilities offer a glimpse into the future, helping small businesses anticipate customer needs and market trends. By analyzing historical data, AI algorithms can forecast demand patterns and customer behavior, enabling small businesses to plan inventory and marketing campaigns accordingly.

Moreover, predictive analytics can help small enterprises identify potential growth

opportunities, pivot strategies when necessary, and stay one step ahead of competitors. In a rapidly evolving market, this foresight can be the difference between success and stagnation.

AI and Content Creation: Unlocking Creativity

Compelling content is essential for small business marketing, but generating fresh ideas consistently can be challenging. AI-powered content creation tools, such as Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Natural Language Generation (NLG), can be a valuable asset in this regard.

While AI can generate blog posts, articles, and social media updates, maintaining a human touch and authenticity is vital. Small businesses must strike a balance between AI assistance and human creativity to deliver content that connects with their audience genuinely.

Ethical Considerations and Human-Centric Marketing

Despite AI's potential to revolutionize marketing, small businesses must

navigate ethical considerations carefully. Customer data privacy and security should be a top priority, and businesses must be transparent about their use of AI-driven marketing strategies.



Maintaining human-centric marketing is equally crucial. AI should enhance, not replace, human interactions with customers. Small businesses thrive on personal connections, and while AI can facilitate this process, it should never overshadow the importance of genuine human engagement.

Embracing the AI Revolution: Challenges and Opportunities

Embracing AI in small business marketing is a journey with its share of challenges and opportunities. Integration and implementation might require a learning curve, but numerous

resources and AI service providers cater specifically to small businesses.

Education and training play a pivotal role in capitalizing on AI's potential. Business owners and marketing teams must understand AI's capabilities, interpret data insights, and adapt strategies accordingly.

As technology continues to advance, small businesses must leverage every available tool to remain competitive. AI has emerged as a transformative force in marketing, providing data-driven insights, streamlining processes, and enhancing customer experiences.

By harnessing AI's potential, small enterprises can level the playing field, connect with their audience in meaningful ways, and drive sustainable growth.

As AI continues to evolve, its role in small business marketing will undoubtedly become even more integral, making it imperative for small business owners to embrace this revolutionary technology and unlock its full potential.

By adopting AI-driven marketing strategies, small businesses can seize new opportunities, navigate challenges, and create a brighter future for their enterprises in the digital era.

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The Importance of having an ADA Compliant Website: Ensuring Equal Access for All

In today's digital era, the internet plays a pivotal role in our lives, serving as a gateway to a wealth of information and opportunities. However, for people with disabilities, accessing the digital realm can be fraught with challenges.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has been instrumental in breaking down physical barriers, but the virtual

landscape still poses obstacles to accessibility. In this article, we delve into the importance of having an ADA compliant website, exploring the impact it has on inclusivity, legal considerations, business benefits, and the steps businesses can take to ensure equal access for all.

The Call for Inclusivity

The ADA, enacted in 1990, was a landmark legislation

designed to protect the rights of people with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities in various aspects of life. However, as the internet began to shape the modern world, it became evident that virtual spaces were far from universally accessible.

The rise of the digital divide revealed that millions of individuals with disabilities were left behind in the fast-paced online landscape.

Websites, often laden with barriers like non-descriptive images, incomprehensible forms, and lack of alternative text, made navigation a daunting task for individuals with visual, auditory, cognitive, and motor impairments.

The Impact of Web Inaccessibility

The consequences of web inaccessibility are far-reaching and affect individuals and society as a whole. For people with disabilities, an inaccessible website can lead to frustration, exclusion, and missed opportunities. Basic tasks such as shopping, accessing educational resources, applying for jobs, or even seeking essential services can become insurmountable challenges. The digital divide exacerbates the social exclusion faced by people with disabilities, hindering their ability to fully participate in economic, educational, and civic life.

Legal Considerations and the ADA

As society recognized the significance of web accessibility, the legal landscape evolved to address this issue. The

ADA, though enacted before the internet became ubiquitous, still applies to digital spaces. Courts have ruled that websites associated with public accommodations fall under the ADA's purview. Failure to comply with the ADA's accessibility requirements could result in lawsuits, with companies facing legal consequences and potential damage to their reputation.

The Business Case for Accessibility

Beyond legal obligations, businesses can benefit significantly from adopting web accessibility practices. An ADA compliant website demonstrates a commitment to social responsibility, fostering positive brand perception among customers and investors alike. Additionally, an accessible website can widen the customer base, as the global disabled community represents a substantial market segment with significant purchasing power.

SEO Implications of Accessibility

Surprisingly, the effort to make a website ADA compliant can also have a positive impact on search

engine optimization (SEO) strategies. Search engines favor websites with clear, organized content, descriptive links, and optimized images – all essential elements of an ADA compliant website. By incorporating accessibility principles, businesses can boost their online visibility and ranking in search results, ultimately attracting more visitors to their site.

Building an ADA Compliant Website

Creating an ADA compliant website requires a comprehensive approach that considers the diverse needs of users with disabilities. Here are some essential steps businesses can take:

1. Alt Text and Descriptions

Provide alternative text (alt text) for images and descriptive text for videos, allowing screen readers to convey this information to visually impaired users.

2. Keyboard Accessibility

Ensure that all website functionalities can be accessed and operated using only a keyboard, making it easier for individuals with motor impairments.

3. Captioning and Transcripts

Add captions to multimedia content and offer transcripts for audio files, enabling deaf and hard of hearing individuals to access the information.

4. Readable Fonts and Colors

Use legible fonts and ensure a high contrast between text and background to aid users with visual impairments.

5. Form Accessibility

Design forms with clear labels and instructions, making it easier for users with cognitive impairments to interact with the website.

6. Consistent Navigation

Create a consistent and intuitive website structure, simplifying the browsing experience for all users.

7. Compatibility with Assistive Technologies

Test the website's compatibility with various assistive technologies, including screen readers, magnifiers, and voice recognition software.

The Road to Inclusivity

Transforming a website into an ADA compliant platform requires a genuine commitment to inclusivity. Businesses should involve people with disabilities in the design and testing processes to gain valuable insights into the user experience.

Continuous monitoring and improvement are essential to ensure that the website remains accessible as technologies evolve.

Promoting a More Accessible Future

While businesses and organizations play a crucial role in fostering accessibility, policymakers, web developers, and technology companies must collaborate to create a more inclusive digital environment.

Governments can provide incentives for ADA compliance and establish clear guidelines for accessibility standards. Tech companies can invest in developing assistive technologies, making them more widely available and affordable.

In conclusion, the importance of having an

ADA compliant website goes beyond mere compliance with legal requirements. It reflects a commitment to equal access for all, resonating with the principles of inclusivity and social responsibility.

By creating an accessible digital landscape, businesses not only broaden their customer base but also actively contribute to breaking down the barriers that have marginalized people with disabilities for far too long. As we move towards a more connected future, ensuring web accessibility should be at the forefront of our efforts to build a truly inclusive society.

Incorporating web accessibility principles is not just an ethical obligation but a strategic choice that can lead to positive outcomes for businesses and a brighter, more accessible future for all.

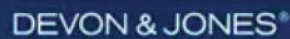
By embracing the vision of an ADA compliant website, we take a significant step towards bridging the digital divide and making the internet a place where everyone can participate fully, regardless of their abilities.



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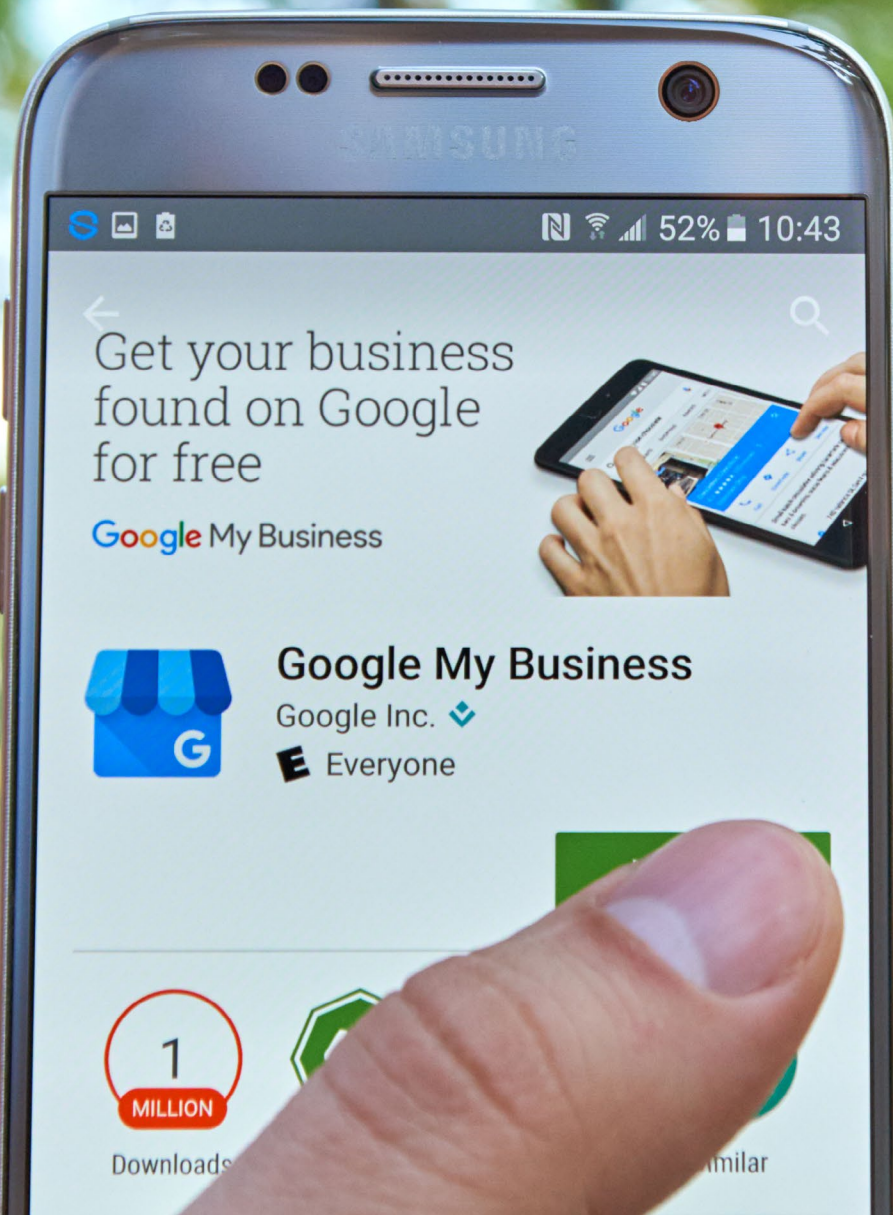


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Inexpensive Ways to Promote Your Local Business



As entrepreneurs, we are all on a perpetual quest to ensure that our local businesses thrive and flourish. The digital age has opened up countless opportunities for promotion, yet with so many options available, where should we focus our efforts? Fear not, for in this article, we will explore a myriad of inexpensive yet highly effective methods to promote your local business. From harnessing the power of social media to optimizing your online presence, we've got you covered.

The Power of Social Media: Building Your Digital Community

In the realm of modern business, social media platforms stand as bustling town squares where communities gather, share, and engage. Leveraging the power of platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn can give your local business a remarkable boost without draining your marketing budget.

Crafting compelling content that resonates with your target audience is paramount. Share behind-the-scenes glimpses of your daily

operations, showcase your products or services in action, and most importantly, foster authentic interactions with your customers.

Harnessing the Potential of Google My Business: Your Digital Storefront

Consider Google My Business (GMB), your digital storefront on the busiest street in town. This free tool not only helps you manage your online presence across Google's search engine and maps but also provides a platform for customers to leave reviews, ask questions, and get a sneak peek of what you offer.

Ensure that your GMB listing is complete and up to date with accurate business information, high-quality images, and a compelling business description. This not only enhances your online credibility but also makes it easier for potential customers to find you.

Content Creation and Blogging: Establishing Authority and Value

Content creation is akin to cultivating a garden. Regularly tending to it with fresh insights

and information helps establish your business as an authority in your industry.

Consider starting a blog on your website where you can share valuable tips, industry trends, and informative guides that cater to the needs and interests of your target audience. Not only does this strategy engage your current customer base, but it also attracts new visitors to your site, potentially converting them into loyal patrons.

Email Marketing: Nurturing Customer Relationships

In a world of fleeting digital interactions, email marketing remains a steadfast means of building and nurturing customer relationships. Collect email addresses through your website or in-store interactions, and craft engaging newsletters that offer exclusive discounts, share exciting updates, and provide valuable content.

Email campaigns allow you to directly connect with your audience, ensuring that your business stays top-of-mind.

Local Collaborations: The Power of Unity

Collaborations are like the symphony of local businesses coming together to create a harmonious melody. Reach out to complementary local businesses and explore collaborative marketing efforts. For instance, a bakery and a coffee shop can join forces to create a “Morning Delights” package, promoting each other’s products and services. Such partnerships not only expand your reach but also showcase your community spirit.

Harnessing User-Generated Content: Turning Customers into Advocates

Imagine your customers becoming your greatest advocates. User-generated content (UGC) can turn this vision into reality. Encourage your customers to share photos, reviews, and stories about their experiences with your business on social media.

Reposting UGC not only shows appreciation but also highlights the genuine satisfaction of your clientele. This kind of social proof is invaluable

in building trust and attracting new customers.

Summary: A Blend of Innovation and Resourcefulness

Promoting your local business need not be a costly endeavor. Through strategic utilization of social media, Google My Business, content creation, email marketing, local collaborations, and user-generated content, you can effectively expand your reach and strengthen your brand presence.

These inexpensive yet impactful methods allow you to navigate the evolving landscape of marketing with innovation and resourcefulness, ensuring your local business thrives in the digital age.

FAQs: Your Burning Questions Answered

1. How often should I post on social media for optimal engagement?

Posting frequency varies across platforms, but consistency is key. Aim for 3-5 times a week on platforms like Facebook and Instagram, and multiple times a day on Twitter.

2. Can I use Google My Business if I don’t have a physical store?

Absolutely! Even if you’re a service-based business or operate online, you can set up a GMB listing to improve your online visibility.

3. What’s the ideal length for a blog post?

Blog post length can vary but aim for around 1,500 to 2,000 words to provide in-depth insights and value to your readers.

4. How do I encourage customers to provide user-generated content?

Host contests, giveaways, or offer incentives for customers who share content featuring your products or services. Make it fun and rewarding!

5. Is email marketing still effective in the era of social media dominance?

Absolutely. Email marketing provides a direct and personalized channel to connect with your audience, fostering stronger customer relationships.

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August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar. It has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's month of July had. They took that extra day from February.

Fans of Elvis Presley mourn each Aug. 16th, the day the famed singer died in 1977

August Milestones:

- August 1st, 1981 - MTV network debuted on cable television, actually playing music videos 24 hours a day. The Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" was the first video shown
- August 5th, 1957 - American Bandstand debuted on the ABC television network, with host Dick Clark.
- August 6th, 2012 - NASA's Curiosity rover landed on the surface of Mars
- August 12th, 1981 - The IBM Personal Computer was released.
- August 16th, 1954 - The first issue of Sports Illustrated was published
- August 21st, 1911 - The Mona Lisa was stolen by a Louvre employee, Vincenzo Peruggia. It was returned in 1913
- August 30th, 1984 - The Space Shuttle Discovery took off on its maiden voyage

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users



2. YouTube
2.2 billion
monthly active
users



3. Instagram
2 billion
monthly active
users



4. WhatsApp
2 billion
monthly active
users



5. WeChat
1.26 billion
monthly active
users



6. Tiktok
1 billion
monthly active
users

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