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The (non-obvious) 10-Step Prioritized Framework for Digital Marketing

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GoogleHomepageServiceCall toContactThank YouPageActionPagePage



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2. Calls to Action

The buttons that get them there. Make the language specific, detailed.

3. Service Pages

Answer top sales questions, add evidence.

4. Home

Communicate quickly and clearly, easy navigation.

5. About

The story, the values, the people, video.

1. The Contact Page







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BEFORE

AFTER

Tens of thousands of people

20,000+ CPG pros







Working? Check the Funnel Visualization Report

Contact Lead

This Goal was completed in 51 sessions | 6.04% funnel conversion rate





Destination

Thank you page



/thank-you/

Case sensitive

For example, use My Screen for an app and /thankyou.html instead of www.example.com/thankyou.html for a web page.

Value optional



Assign a monetary value to the conversion. Learn more about Goal Values. For a transaction, turn the Goal Value off and use Ecommerce tracking and reports to see Revenue. Learn more about Ecommerce Transactions.

Funnel optional



Use an app screen name string or a web page URL for each step. For example, use My Screen for an app and /thankyou.html instead of www.example.com/thankyou.html for a web page.



Required?
YES

2. Calls to Action









Do this thing »

Do this thing »

Do this valuable thing »

Do this thing »

Do this valuable thing »

Do this easy thing »

Check Availability and Waitlist

Check Availability and Waitlist

Schedule a time to chat with an associate

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Schedule a time to chat with an associate

Usually, we can find a time within 24 hours

Easy

Schedule a Call with a Conversion Expert

Reduces the perceived cost of clicking

This click doesn't commit you to anything. It's just a call.

Valuable

Increase Leads without Increasing Traffic 🕨

Increases the perceived benefit of clicking

This click can make a big difference. It's important.

Neither



Doesn't indicate value or ease. Not a call to action.

3. Service Pages





Dave, Systems Engineer

Buys technology for his financial firm.

Triggers Recently hacked

Decision Stage Narrowing the options

Q's andIs this cloud-based? Does it integrate with X?ObjectionsWhat are the service level agreements?

How we can help? Show uptime statistics. Schedule a demo.

IT Manager

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What does your service da? How does it work?

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Why do I need this? How can this improve my business/speciation/state?

Which applies is best for me (cloud, software, hardware)?

Here much does this cost?

How long does this take to implement!

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Client

When evaluating options, what was most important to you?



Marketing

Security was the top priority, then scalability.



Client
When evaluating options, what was most important to you?



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Causes of User Failure



source: NN Group

What was the biggest challenge you were hoping to solve?



Marketing

I wanted better insights, not just dashboards

Client

You **already** have dashboards, but you're **still** not getting insights.

What can you do now that you couldn't do before?



Marketing

Now I don't have to run that report every time

Stop running the same reports again and again

Client



Feedback from our clients

Our customers span many industries and use Eagle to streamline workflows, captivate customers, and enrich their employees.

Eagle 3D Streaming is the leader in pixel and 3D streaming. They have the most reliable pixel streaming on the planet.



John Doe

Director of Operations, Rawlings Company

About Partners Testimonials Demo

Largest text is vague

They're on a separate page

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Not a real person

Put your best evidence ... on a rarely visited page?

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Elements of a great testimonial



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Anatomy of the perfect B2B service page



Service Page Checklist

- 1. Short descriptive headline
- 2. Keyword focus
- 3. Quick visual credibility
- 4. Meaningful subheads
- 5. Answers to top questions
- 6. Short paragraphs

- 7. Testimonials / social proof
- 8. Strong supportive visuals
- 9. Faces of your people
- 10. Data and statistics
- 11. Clean, simple flow
- 12. Depth and detail (800+ words)
- 13. Compelling call to action

4. The Homepage



Most Homepage Visitors Don't Scroll

Typical "fold"

We reviewed scroll heat maps for 10 lead generation site homepages (desktop only) and combined them into this composite image, showing how little scrolling happens on homepages.

On average 73% of homepage visitors do not see any below-the-fold content.

The Backyard BBQ Test "So, what do you do for a living?"

Prove impossible wrong



describe the service

Agility to plan for all futures

Intelligently control your integrated business planning and digital supply chain.

LEARN MORE

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES

Kinaxis acquires Rubikloud for Al-based retail and CPG demand planning. Learn more.

PLAN BETTER, LIVE BETTER, CHANGE THE WORLD.





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Descriptive Navigation Labels



5. The About Page



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Time to fail "The French Test"

we... us... our...

Elements of an effective About Us section

The origin story (video)
 Mission, vision, values
 Team, people, leadership

6. Your Google "Branded Query" SERP







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Adler Planetarium wedding

Adler Planetarium offers both indoor and outdoor ceremony ceremony options for up to 325 people and space for up to 600 guests when setup for an indoor seated reception. Your guests can take in the iconic **Chicago** skyline with a cocktail hour or **wedding** ceremony on the Nancy A. Petrovich Skyline Terrace.

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Adler Planetarium Wedding Venue Information [REAL PHOTOS]

Feedback

www.adlerplanetarium.org > private-events 💌

Private Events at the Adler Planetarium

With breathtaking skyline views, the **Adler Planetarium** is an iconic Chicago venue ... Named one of The Knot's 2019 picks for 'Best of **Weddings**,' the Adler ...

Oh no! Another website is ranking #1 for their *most popular* branded keyphrase.

The Three Types of Keyphrases

Type of keyphrase	Searcher's intent	Examples
Informational Queries 80% of all searches	KNOW Research / Looking for answers Wants to do it themselves	"Can a microscope see cells?" "Why do microscopes make things look upside down?" "How to replace a microscope lightbulb"
Transactional Queries 10% of all searches	DO Getting ready to buy Has a product/service in mind Choosing between options	"USB microscope" "Best science kits for kids" "Microscope replacement bulbs"
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Google Yourself



Google Search

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Which "Site Links" are being shown by Google?

... keep those pages updated!

Which competitors are bidding on your brand? Google

...let's go bid on theirs!

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People also search for which companies?

... any potential partners here?



What questions do people ask about your business?

...answer those questions in your content







5 Tips for Branded Query SERP Analysis

- Search for each of those phrases. Like what you see?
- 2. Make sure there are pages for each specific keyphrase/topic
- 3. Bid on competitors who bid on you
- 4. Answer "People also ask" questions in your GMB account
- 5. Polish up any reputation issues

When do we start marketing??



Blog

Sales-Focused Content

> In-Depth Research

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Google Branded Query SERP Your other homepage. It's what people see when the search for your company name.

- 7. Content Mission Statement The foundation of your content strategy.
- Email CTA & Blog Templates
 Optimize to convert readers into subscribers.
- Sales-focused Content Content that directly impacts sales closing rates.

10. In-Depth Research

Makes you the primary source for new data.

Foundation

- Conversion optimization
- Durable improvements
- More leads from every visit

Growth

- Increased traffic
- Content marketing
- Better performance from every post



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7. Your Content Mission Statement



Our content is where [audience x] gets [information y] that offers [benefit z].



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1. Our blog, articles and resources 2. Our email newsletters 3. Our social media posts 4. Our videos, events, podcasts ...and every other format we use

 Potential customers
 Anyone we can help through our expert advice

- 1. Tips, advice, insights, strategies and checklists
- 2. Stories
- 3. Ideas and inspiration
- 4. Research and reports
- 5. News and trends

Why they should click, visit, read, watch, listen, share, subscribe ...and pay attention to your content



Source: Content Marketing Institute

Marketers who document their mission statement are 3x more likely to succeed

"Do you have an editorial mission statement?"



Source: Content Marketing Institute

8. Email Signup CTAs and Blog Templates





as simple as penciling in as a 10-minute walk every day after dinner or swapping cookies for apples on your grocery list may make a big difference in both longterm health and short-term attitude. So go ahead and sign up for that Zumba class you've always wanted to take. It's a necessity that feels like a luxury.

Subtract the Bad

Sometimes building good habits may not be enough to put you on a trajectory to well-being. You need to ditch bad habits too! This could be as simple as tossing all the bags of late-night temptations in your pantry or as tough as quitting smoking. You could also "subtract" by taking control of your environment Marie Kondo style. Could getting rid of dishes that don't spark joy increase your overall well-being? Only one way to find out!

Don't Go It Alone

If you only take one thing away from this article, we hope it's this: It's a-okay to ask for help before you need it. Think of it this way: you don't start looking for a gas station when your tank's empty — you fill 'er up before you're stranded on the shoulder of the road. If you're feeling like your needle's approaching empty, reach out and ask for help.

If you're a professional, your employer might provide counseling benefits. Check with your HR manager for details. There are also resources dedicated to helping healthcare professionals navigate the stress of caregiving, especially in crisis situations like the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.



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9. Sales-focused Content





The Perfect B2B Website Service Page: 13-Point Checklist

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Anatomy of the perfect 828 service page
The right content for the right audience



Andy Crestodina <andy@orbitmedia.com>

Reply

Good morning,

I think we talked about this article on our last call, it's the checklist of elements to include on a B2B service page. This came up as we were talking about quick possible changes to your site that might make an impact without a lot of cost. It's live here:

B2B Service Page Checklist

Enjoy! And feel free to pass this on to anyone in your network looking for more leads but not ready for a redesign.

Andy Crestodina | Co-Founder / Chief Marketing Officer

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Try Some Account Based Content Marketing



1. Identify Ideal Prospects



2. Conduct a bit of custom research

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1	Top 50 Financial Services (Private Equity - Asset/Investment Management)	Descriptive headline (clearly states what they do)	Contact Top Right	Search in Header	Call to action (not just: contact, read, visit, learn)	Descriptive navigation labels (not just: what we do, services, products)	Dropdown menus	People pictures (beyond stock photos)	Corporate Video (Specific to what company does versus a generic background video)	Evidence (Most importantly DATA, followed by testimonials, case studies, client logos, awards, etc.)	Side Show	Content. (blog, news) on the home page?
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3. Do outreach and ads for the target audience

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4. Make a nice landing page



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Webinar: What do top manufacturing companies put on their websites?

MAY 18, 2021 FROM 12-1PM CT





Video with captions (hosted on Vimeo, not YouTube)

SIGN ME UP -= +

After careful analysis of the websites of the top 100 manufacturing company websites, we are presenting the UX best practices (or at least common practices) so we can all compane, contrast and find opportunities.

During this one-hour session you'll learn:

What features are the most common on manufacturing company websites?

· What are the biggest missed opportunities?

Call to action

5. Do a webinar, presenting your research



6. Maybe turn it into a guide



7. Follow up with a lot of personal outreach

Typical	Custom and High-Touch
Upload video / slides	Post-event landing page
Bulk "thank you" email	Personal emails, based on engagement
	Reformat content into a PDF guide
	Send a physical book
	Offer to consult (review website/Analytics)

Task	Role	Time / Cost
Research	Virtual Assistant	4 hours
Prospect identification	Marketing / Sales	4 hours
Presentation planning / prep	Marketing	4 hours
Webinar logistics (publish, promotion)	Marketing / Sales	6 hours
Day-of presentation	Marketing / Sales	4 hours
Follow Up	Sales	8 hours

Total Time: 30 hours

Outcome	Number
1:1 Conversations with new prospects	21
Qualified leads	8*
Proposal generated	4
Projects won	2
Revenue impact	\$169,000

*We suspect that some leads snuck past us and went straight through the website

Send it to anyone you meet in that industry ...forever after



10. In-depth Research



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"How long does it take to write a blog post?



New Blogging Statistics: Blogging still works, especially for the 10% of bloggers who do things very differently...

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Welcome to the 7th Annual Blogging Survey

Years ago, we set out to get some basic questions about blogging. It's grown into a long-larm project. that tracks trends in the changing world of content marketing.

Each year, we ask 1000+ bloggers about their content and their process. Then we make a giant pile of charts. We add input from content marketing experts. And we look for correlations between the data and results.

This year we had 1,279 survey responses.

What follows are 33 charts, 13 experts and hundreds of blogging statistics that reveal some fascinating installes inter an includes in fine

How long does it take to write a blog post?



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Overview

Get the data you need to do better link building research, smarter content ideation, and link prospecting - in less time.

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People link to it all the time!



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"What do people in our industry often say but rarely support?"

"Is this website the primary source for any information?"

"Do we have the best page on the web for any relevant topics?"



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BY ANDY CRESTODINA It's the one question I hear most often. It has various forms.

Ok, but where should I start?

What are the 2-3 things I should do now?

What's the first thing we should be thinking about?

Es often asked at the end of meetings about SEO, content strategy, Analytics, web design or really any topic in digital marketing.

Regardless of the industry, the audience or the maturity of the business, our recommendation is often the same...

Start at the end of the lead generation process.

Go to the very end of the process, to the bottom of the funnel, to calls to action and the conversion pages. Fix these first.

Then go backwards, up through the funnel, making improvements to each previous step in the experience of your audience.

Improvements to these final steps are website improvements, which are durable, permanent upgrades. They make all future traffic more valuable, because they affect conversion rates. Consider...

Should you add more water to the bucket? Or fix the leaks first?

No amount of water can fill a bucket with holes in the bottom

Should you add more cheese? Or build a better mousehap first?

You can attract a million mice, but if the trap stinks, you'll catch nothing.

Let's mix in one more metaphor: **lead generation is a chain**. Every link must be strong for it to work properly. If there is a weak link at the end of the experience of your audience, every previous effort will be wasted.

What To Do First in Digital Marketing



The summary...

Where to Start with Digital Marketing



1. Contact Page/Form

This is where the magic happens. Add evidence, remove friction.

2. Calls to Action

The buttons that get them there. Make the language specific, detailed.

3. Service Pages

Answer top sales questions, add evidence.

4. Home

Communicate quickly and clearly, easy navigation.

5. About

The story, the values, the people, video.

 Google Branded Query SERP Your other homepage. It's what people see when the search for your

company name.

- Content Mission Statement The foundation of your content strategy.
- Email CTA & Blog Templates
 Optimize to convert readers into
 subscribers.
- Sales-focused Content Content that directly impacts sales closing rates.

10. In-Depth Research

Makes you the primary source for new data.

Thank you.

Reach out anytime.



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