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## DIGITAL MARKETING

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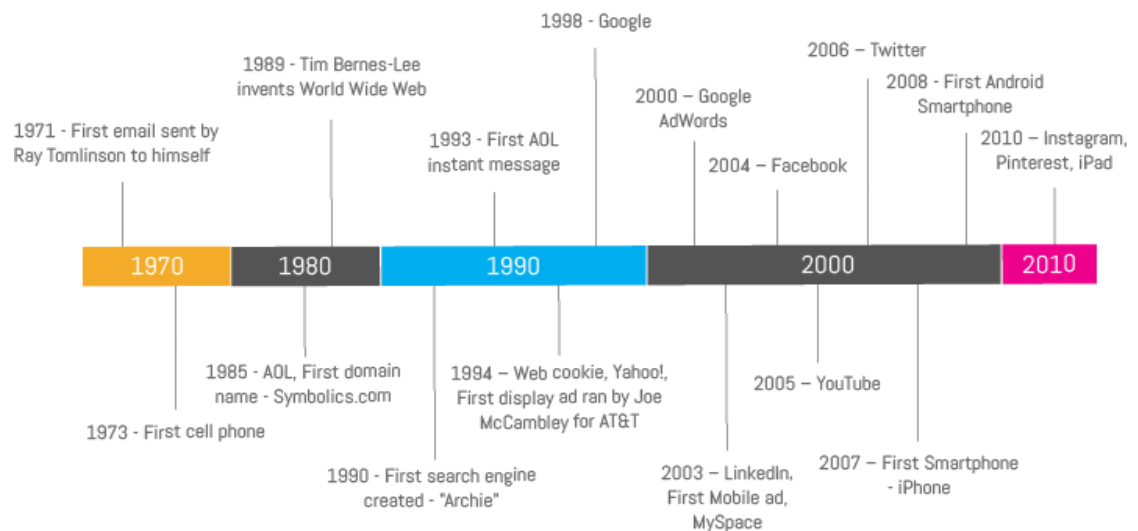
# Digital Marketing

### Introduction To Digital Marketing:

Today's time of Internet has opened the gateway of tremendous digital marketing opportunities for businesses. By utilizing different channels of digital marketing, businesses cannot just share their product and services online; additionally they can gain clients for their business, entice them and can convert them to boost their business profits. The speed and straightforwardness with which the digital media transmits data and support a business is astonishing.

The world is super-connected nowadays and all things considered, marketing and advertising are no more the same as they once were. This is particularly valid because of the ascent of online networking, which has changed how organizations speak with potential and existing customers. Essentially, it is an aggregate term, which is utilized where advertising and marketing meet web innovation and different types of online media platforms.

#### HOW HAS DIGITAL MARKETING EVOLVED?



**Figure 1.2** illustrates the history and evolution of Digital Marketing as a field of marketing

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## **DEFINITION OF DIGITAL MARKETING:**

Digital marketing is basically applying all marketing techniques to digital channels. Different sources can be used to promote services and products like SMS, search engines, email, websites, social media and mobile devices.

The digital nature of this marketing method makes it a cost-effective means of promoting one's business. Digital marketing, also called online marketing, is the promotion of brands to connect with potential customers using the internet and other forms of digital communication. This includes not only email, social media, and web-based advertising, but also text and multimedia messages as a marketing channel.

The use of digital marketing depends on the organization's marketing objective. It could be that the organization wants to generate more leads, build their brands, increase sales or improve brand engagement. Digital marketing means more than just having a website. The website needs to be aesthetically pleasing and easy to navigate, and also needs to have quality content to reflect the nature of the business.

Search engine optimization (SEO) is an important factor as well. Search engines need to read and index the website properly. There are content and SEO specialists who can help organizations to design websites which are responsive and accessed through all devices. Digital marketing also involves managing the organization's social media presence and interacting with fans as well as marketing the business across major social media channels.

## **HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL MARKETING:**

Digital marketing first appeared as a term in the 1990s but, as mentioned above, it was very different world then; Web 1.0 was primarily static content with very little interaction and no real communities. The first banner advertising started in 1993 and the first webcrawler (called WebCrawler) was created in 1994—this was the beginning of search engine optimization (SEO) as we know it.

Once Google started to grow at pace and Blogger was launched in 1999 the modern internet age began. Blackberry, a brand not connected with innovation any more, launched mobile e-mail and MySpace appeared. MySpace was the true beginning of social media as we define it today,

but it was not as successful as it could have been from a user experience perspective and ultimately that is what led to its downfall.

Google's introduction of Adwords was their real platform for growth and remains a key revenue stream for them to this day. Their innovation, simple interface and accurate algorithms continue to remain. Cookies have been a key development in delivering relevant comments and therefore personalizing user experience.

“One of the technologies which really brought information revolution in the society is Internet Technology and is rightly regarded as the third wave of revolution after agricultural and industrial revolution”.

The first search engine started in 1991 with a network protocol called Gopher for query and search. In 1993, the first clickable banner went live, after which HotWired purchased a few banners ads for their advertising. This marked the beginning of a new era, the digital era of marketing. Because of this gradual shift, the year 1994 saw new technologies entering the digital market place. The very same year, Yahoo was launched.

1998 saw the birth of Google. Microsoft launched the MSN search engine and Yahoo brought to the market Yahoo web search. In 2000, the internet bubble burst and all the smaller search engines were either left behind or wiped out leaving place for the giants. Then in 2006, digital marketing world saw its first steep surge. At that time, search engine traffic already grown to about 6.4 billion in a single month.

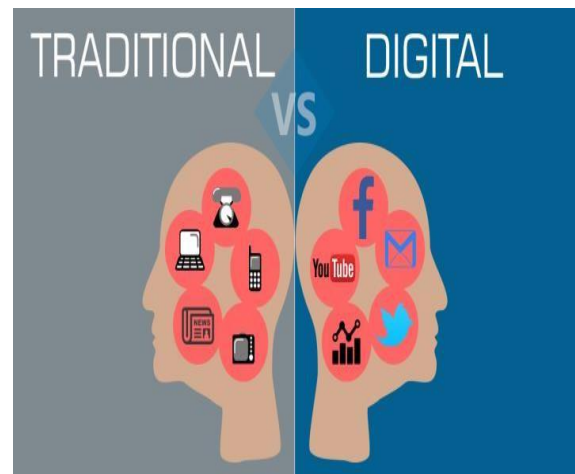
Soon, Google began to expand and along with this social networking sites began to emerge. Myspace was the first social networking site followed by Facebook. With this, companies realized that all these new sites are opening new doors of opportunity for them to market their products and brands.

Products marketed digitally are now available to customers at all times. Statistics collected by the Marketing tech blog for 2014 show that posting on social media is the top online activity in the US. The average American spends 37 minutes a day on social media. 99% of digital marketers use Facebook to market, 97% use Twitter, 70% use Google+, 69% use Pinterest and 59% use Instagram. 70% of B2C marketers have acquired customers through Facebook. 67% of Twitter users are far more likely to buy from brands that they follow on Twitter. 83.8% of luxury

brands have a presence on Pinterest. The top three social networking sites used by marketers are LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.

### **Traditional Marketing Vs Digital Marketing:**

The debate continues as to whether digital marketing is overpowering and surpassing traditional marketing or not. Many think that for the most part, digital marketing has taken over and traditional marketing barely exists, if at all. Recent occurrences such as the magazine giant, News week switching to totally digital publications cause ripples throughout the marketing arena. Over the last year or so traditional marketing had fallen nearly 160% while in the same time frame expenses for digital marketing increased over 14%.



### **Traditional Marketing:**

The traditional way of marketing lets businesses market their products or administrations on print media, radio and TV commercials, bill boards, business cards, and in numerous other comparable ways where Internet or web-based social networking sites were not utilized for promoting.

- However, traditional promoting approaches had constrained client reach ability and extent of driving clients' purchasing conduct. In addition, traditional marketing methods were not quantifiable too.
- There are many face to traditional marketing and examples might include tangible items such as business cards, print ads in newspapers or magazines. It can also include posters, commercials on TV and radio, billboards and brochures. Traditional marketing is anything except digital means to brand your product or logo.
- Another overlooked means of traditional marketing is when people find a particular business through a referral or a network and eventually you

build a rapport with them.

- Because of its longevity, people are accustomed to traditional marketing. Finding ads in magazines and newspapers, or reading billboards are still familiar activities and people still do them all the time.
- Most of the time, traditional marketing is reaching only a local audience even though it is not limited to one.
- There are some aspects where traditional marketing wins over the online advertising battle, which include Target Local Audience, Materials are for keeps, More personal and Simpler process.
- One of the primary disadvantages of traditional marketing is that the results are not easily measured, and in many cases cannot be measured at all.
- In most cases, traditional marketing is also more costly than digital marketing. And perhaps the biggest disadvantage today is that traditional marketing is static which means there is no way to interact with the audience. It's more like you are throwing information in front of people and hoping that they decide to take action.



## Digital Marketing:



Digital Marketing can be understood as a well-targeted, conversion-oriented, quantifiable, and interactive marketing of products or services by utilizing digital innovation to achieve the customers, and transform them into clients in a sustainable fashion. The whole concept and functionalities of Digital Marketing are more competent, effective, result-oriented and measurable, which make it very different from traditional marketing.

- Digital or online marketing is the marketing mode of the global village. It is only obvious that the era of the internet will have its influence in every realm of life.
- The world of digital marketing continues to evolve and also technology continues to advance, digital marketing will as well.
- Examples of digital marketing include things like websites, social media mentions, YouTube videos, and banner ads. Specifically, digital marketing is similar to traditional advertising, but using digital devices.
- However, digital marketing is considered a form of inbound marketing and its goal is for people to find you. Businesses put content (or ads) out for individuals to find.
- People may conduct an organic online search, a paid search, find your business on a social network or by reading content that has been published online such as a blog or an article. The more they see you or your content, the more familiar they will be come with your brand and they will eventually develop a trust and a rapport with you through this online presence.
- One benefit to using digital marketing is that the results are much easier to measure; and another is that a digital campaign can reach an infinite audience. It is also possible to tailor a digital campaign to reach a local audience but it can also be used on the web and reach the entire globe when appropriate.

- Digital marketing is also a very interactive means of reaching an audience since it makes use of social outlets. There can be plenty of direct contact between the audience and the business which means that the business can get some very valuable consumer feedback.
- Benefits of Digital Marketing over Traditional Marketing include reduced cost, real time result, brand Development, non-intrusive, higher exposure, higher engagement, Quicker publicity, Non interruptive, Good For All Stages Of Fields, Easy analytics and Strategy Refinement.
- One of the disadvantages to using digital media marketing strategies is that it can take some time to realize measurable success.

### **Differences between Traditional Marketing & Digital Marketing:**

TraditionalMarketing	DigitalMarketing
1. Communication is unidirectional in traditional marketing, which means, an organization communicates about its services with its audiences.	1. Communication is bidirectional in Digital Marketing as businesses can communicate with customers and customers can ask queries or make suggestions to businesses as well.
2. Medium of communication in traditional marketing is generally phone calls, emails, and letters.	2. Medium of communication is more powerful and involves social media websites, chats, apps and Email.
3. Campaign in Traditional marketing takes more time as designing, preparing, and launching are involved.	3. Digital marketing campaigns can be developed quite rapidly and with digital tools, channelizing Digital Marketing campaigns is easier.
4. It is best for reaching local audience.	4. It is very effective for reaching global audiences.
5. It is almost impossible to measure the effectiveness of a traditional marketing campaign.	5. Digital Marketing lets you measure the effectiveness of a digital marketing campaign through analytics.

### **Benefits of Traditional Marketing:**

- **You can easily reach your target local audience.** For example, a radio ad might play in one location: your city or region. Or mailbox flyers will go to households in a select number of suburbs.
- **Convenient For Customers** – Most traditional marketing methods are suitable for customers. For example, businesses can send out mailings or make phone calls without having to leave their homes.
- **Fast** – Traditional marketing can be very fast, as campaigns can be launched quickly without much planning. This is advantageous in times of crisis or when a new product or service is urgently needed.
- **Personal Connection With Customers** – Traditional marketing allows businesses to build personal relationships with their customers, providing them with a level of service and attention that is difficult to replicate through online or other forms of marketing. This emotional connection typically results in a higher customer satisfaction rate.
- **Widely Accepted** – Traditional marketing is widely accepted by most businesses, as it has been used for many years. This means that a lot of trust and credibility are built over time.
- **Flexible** – Traditional marketing can be very flexible, as different campaigns can be launched at other times and in different ways. This means that it can be used to target a wide range of customers.

### **The Downside to Traditional Marketing:**

- **There is very little interaction between the medium used and the customers-**It is more of providing information to the public that the brand exists with the hope of these people patronizing the brand.
- **Print or radio advertisements can be very costly-**Printing materials can be expensive and you need to hire people to distribute these.
- **Results on this marketing strategy cannot easily be measured.**

### **Benefits of Digital Marketing:**

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- **You can target a local audience, but also an international one.** Further, you can tailor a campaign to specific audience demographics, such as gender, location, age and interests. This

means your campaign will be more effective.

- **Your audience can choose how they want to receive your content.** While one person likes to read a blog post, another person likes to watch a YouTube video. Traditional marketing doesn't give the audience a choice. Most people hate receiving sales flyers in their mailbox or phone calls at inconvenient times on stuff that they have little interest in. Online people get the choice to opt in or out of communications and often it is relevant because they were the ones searching for it in the first place.
  - **Interaction with your audience is possible** with the use of social media networks. In fact, interaction is encouraged. Traditional marketing methods don't allow for audience interaction. You can encourage your prospects, clients and followers to take action, visit your website, read about your products and services, rate them, buy them and provide feedback which is visible to your market.
  - **Digital marketing is cost-efficient.** Though some invest on paid ads online; however, the cost is still cheaper compared to traditional marketing.
  - **Data and results are easily recorded.** With Google Analytics and the insights tools offered by most social media channels, you can check on your campaigns at anytime. Unlike traditional marketing methods, you can see in real time what is or is not working for your business online and you can adapt very quickly to improve your results.
  - **Level playing field:** Any business can compete with any competitor regardless of size with a solid digital marketing strategy. Traditionally a smaller retailer would struggle to match the finesse of the fixtures and fittings of its larger competitors. Online, a crisp well thought out site with a smooth customer journey and fantastic service is king – not size.
  - **Real time results:** you don't have to wait weeks for a boost to your business like you would have to waiting for a fax or form to be returned. You can see the numbers of visitors to your site and its subscribers increase, peak trading times, conversion rates and much more at the touch of a button.
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- **Brand Development:** A well maintained website with quality

content targeting the needs and adding value to your target audience can provide significant value and lead generation opportunities. The same can be said for utilizing social media channels and personalized email marketing.

- **Viral:** how often do your sales flyers get passed around instantly by your customers and prospects? Online, using social media share buttons on your website, email and social media channels enables your message to be shared incredibly quickly. If you consider the average Facebook user has 190 friends of which an average of 12% see their liked posts – your one message has actually been seen by 15 new prospects. Now imagine a number of them also like and share your message and their friends do the same? That's why high-quality content is so important.

### **Characteristics of Digital Marketing:**

We are living in the digital age today. Outdated marketing won't help you get profits you desire for. Digital Marketing is a necessity today of almost every business. There is no way around it. The way you dedicated a lot of your time and effort to making your product, similarly it is important to invest in a complete digital strategy to launch and show your product or services to your targeted audience and continually improve your brand presence online.

Make sure that you evaluate all your options so you get aware of your digital marketing platforms and whether or not you're really boosting the potential of your marketing campaign. When done correctly, this can help you stand out from the crowd and get succeed.

Digital Marketing is a great way of increasing brand awareness, customer engagement and long-term loyalty and generating a short-term boost in sales, despite the fact that every digital marketing campaign is different in their own ways, the reality is that many of them are built on common basics and a few key elements. Successful Digital Marketing Campaign requires a lot of time following through analytics and data to find insights. But, as we have analyzed which characteristics successful campaigns share to help you.

#### **1. Get a Quality Company Website:**

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What was a novelty a mere decade ago is a critical requirement today. A business website is a pseudo B2B portal, allowing businesses and

customers from around the world to connect with you. A business website is similar to your Company brochure, available 24×7, and projects you as a professional outfit.

## **2. Social Media Presence:**

The biggest achievement of this digital era has been the ease with which people have learnt to communicate- Social Media websites like Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, YouTube etc. are the latest methods to communicate across wide demographics of age, taste and culture. By actively promoting your company on these social media, you are getting the world to talk about you.

## **3. Blogging and Forums:**

Here is a powerful axiom- 'Content is King'. Produce powerful, genuine and compelling content as part of your Company blog. Be a regular on relevant forums and discussion panels. Learn the art of connecting your business themes into the content that you produce. In time, your content will stand up to be the biggest promoter of your brand.

## **4. List your business on the three biggest listing services:**

Register your business on 'Google Places'- this allows your business to feature on Google searches and be listed on GoogleMaps. Other business data bases that you must be part of include 'Yahoo!Local' and Microsoft's 'Bing'. Joining these services is free; setting up an account takes very limited time and the far reach of these services translates to free promotion for your business.

## **5. Email Marketing:**

In recent times, bulk emailing isn't a very favored promotional concept. However, if done well, and with good intentions, email marketing could be a powerful tool in your Company's online promotional arsenal. Personalized emails speak directly to the target audience, helps you get an immediate response and can aid in the opening of a line of communication with your prospective customer base. It's free and fast promotion-with an impactful feedback.

## **6. A Dedicated Digital Marketing Expert:**

If you aren't sure about pulling off a good promotional job individually, may be it's a good idea to hire an innovative, enthusiastic Digital Marketing Consultant to handle your Company's online promotional

strategy. This action will allow you to be on top of your promotional ideas while employing a professional to implement concepts that drive towards your expected results.

### **Why Is Digital Marketing Important?**

Digital marketing offers the ability to reach and engage target audiences in ways which were never before possible. A strong digital marketing strategy can deliver a far higher return on investment(ROI) than traditional marketing methods.

People are consuming digital content at a never seen before rate. More than half of the planet now has regular access to the internet, spending an average of 6 hours online per day, presenting massive opportunities for brands and businesses. Such trend will not slowdown, as the number of internet-connected portable devices is on the rise. Gartner reported that smart phones surpassed the sales of feature phones for the first time in 2013, while the 2014Q3 report from Global web index reports that consumers are now spending more time with online media than they are with traditional forms of media.

However, the particularities of the digital world and its appropriation for marketing have fostered the development of channels, formats and languages that have led to tools and strategies that are unthinkable offline.

Today, Digital Marketing has become a new phenomenon that brings together customization and mass distribution to accomplish marketing goals. The development of Digital Marketing strategies offer much potential for brands and organisations. Otero and Rolan (2016) put forward some of them are:

- **Branding:** platform is a great opportunity to build a brand image on the Web due to their scope, presence and constant updates.
- **Completeness:** the advantages of assembling information through links offer customers the chance to approach the organization in a wider and customized way.
- **Usability:** simple and user-friendly platforms are available for all to improve user experience and allow for their activities.
- **Interactivity:** internet offers the possibility of having a conversation and therefore generating a positive experience with the brand.
- **Visual communication:** with digital marketing, marketers have different image and video-based tools. This helps to reach audiences and get them involved in your activities.
- **Community connection:** internet offers the opportunity for

business to connect with their audience.

## **DIGITAL MARKETING PLATFORMS**

### **Definition of Digital Marketing Platforms:**

A digital marketing platform refers to a comprehensive online tool or software that enables businesses and marketers to plan, execute, manage, and analyze various digital marketing activities and campaigns. These platforms offer a centralized hub where marketers can create, automate, and optimize their online marketing efforts across multiple channels and platforms.

An integrated digital marketing platform is a combination of integrated tools and technology that allow marketers to manage big chunks of their digital marketing responsibilities. The world of business just can't do without digital media. From targeting new people to maintaining relations with loyal customers, everything happens digitally. Also, all business sectors from retail stores to manufacturing companies are present on the digital platforms and are thinking of ways to develop online connection with their targets.

Digital marketing platforms expose key elements as standardized services via a programmatic application programming interface for building custom applications and extensions and integrations. So any platform in digital marketing needs to address requirements specific to a limited number of neighborhoods or domains. In the era of digitization, organizations are surrounded by digital ideas, concepts, and thought-processes. To make the most of the creative digital ideas, Jenni (2017) has outlined the different types of digital marketing platforms where organizations can place their brand communication and enjoy productive maximum response.

### **Key features of a digital marketing platform often include:**

- **Multi-channel Integration:** The platform allows marketers to manage campaigns across various digital channels, such as social media, search engines, email, content marketing, and more.
- **Campaign Management:** Users can create, schedule, and launch marketing campaigns, including advertisements, content distribution, and promotional activities.
- **Automation:** Automation features streamline repetitive tasks,

such as sending emails, posting on social media, or segmenting audiences, improving efficiency and consistency.

- **Analytics and Reporting:** The platform provides data-driven insights, performance metrics, and reports to measure the success of campaigns and make informed decisions.
- **Audience Segmentation:** Marketers can segment their target audience based on demographics, behaviors, interests, and other factors to deliver personalized content and experiences.
- **Personalization:** The platform enables tailoring marketing messages and content to specific segments or individual users, enhancing engagement and conversion rates.
- **A/B Testing:** Users can conduct split testing to compare different versions of campaigns, ads, or content to identify the most effective strategies.
- **Social Media Management:** Social media scheduling, posting, engagement, and monitoring tools are often included to manage brand presence and interactions.
- **Search Engine Optimization (SEO):** Some platforms offer tools to optimize websites and content for better search engine visibility and rankings.
- **Content Creation and Management:** Platforms may provide tools to create, edit, and organize content for various marketing purposes.
- **Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Integration:** Integrating with CRM systems helps track and manage customer interactions and data.
- **Lead Generation and Nurturing:** Features for capturing and nurturing leads through automated workflows and targeted content.

Digital marketing platforms offer a holistic approach to managing online marketing efforts, allowing businesses to streamline their processes, maintain consistency, and effectively reach their target audience across different online channels.

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## **DIFFERENT PLATFORMS FOR DIGITAL ADVERTISING:**

There are numerous digital marketing platforms available to cater to different aspects of online marketing. Here are some common types of digital marketing platforms:

### **1. Display Advertising**



*Display Advertising for Brand Awareness & Direct Response Campaigns*

Based on your audience profile and your products, select ad space in specific websites from where you can get good traffic. Display ads can be anything from the banner ads to videos. In the online world, it is considered as one of the most effective ways of digital branding. Instead of developing text-based communication, create interesting videos or images that will speak on behalf of your brand. Also, take time to follow your targets and wisely choose the websites, which in turn are followed by your audience group.

### **2. Search Advertising**

While your visitors enter certain search keywords, specific to your brand and business; you can take this opportunity and promote your ad through the search engines. To do so, you have to coin down certain keywords, with which you shall sync your advertising message.

With this, your business or company might not have a good rank in the search engine pages, yet you will expose your audience to your brand. Often, search engine ads can give you better leads since people eye-witness a solution that they are just looking for. It also saves their research time. You can also consult with any SEO Company forgetting good position in Search Advertising.

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### 3. Mobile Advertising:

Mobile-centric ads are the current trend. From the in-app messages to the videos, mobile advertising is the most effective way to promote your brand. With the entire world going mobile, developing short and crisp communication targeting the mobile users is the best practice. As people carry their mobiles your brand communication stays in their mind, for a longer time.



While developing mobile ads, ensure that it fits the screen sizes of all hand-held devices. In this way, your message will be clear and you shall successfully position your brand name in the minds of your targets.

#### 4. Social Advertising

## Social Ads



Social media sites mostly Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and other similar platforms provide lucrative opportunities to promote your brand. The best thing about social ads is that you know your targets well and can propose your brand message.

Also, based on certain audience profile, you can personify your advertising and suit to the specific needs, interests and desires of your large target audience. If strategically done, social ads can also bring leads which are sure to land into sales.

#### 5. Video Advertising



Contrary to texts which lack visual appeal, video ads serve as effective stimulants that influence your audience to try you out. Video ads can be placed in any platform- mobile, website, social media sites. Just like television ads, online video ads quickly hit your targets and with frequent exposure can enable them to purchase your product or avail your service.

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## 6. Cross-Channel Advertising



Another new-age form of digital advertising, cross-channel advertisement is an intelligent way to follow your online visitors and track their interests and desires. With the help of cross-channel ad software, you shall become aware about the digital journey of your target audience.

Accordingly, you can choose specific online platforms and promote your brand only in those spaces and reach individual audience. It is the best way to develop personal communication and have better connect with your target group.

## 7. Demand-side Platforms



Last but not the least, DSP or Demand-side platforms allow you to manage multiple ad exchange and various data exchange accounts, using only one interface. With DSPs, you can track real-time bidding, optimize algorithms and get maximum value from each audience. In milliseconds, the search engines try

to determine the value of prospective impression and places a bid accordingly. Using DSPs, you can also integrate ads with third-party vendors and ensure more impressions from various sources.

With all the above digital advertising platforms, you must also realize that not all are required for your business. Based on your communication objective, purpose of advertising, nature of product, and target audience profile, you must choose the most suitable platforms that will provide maximum reach and exposure to your brand. Such decisions are time-consuming, and with adequate time and in-depth research and analysis; you can arrive at the right online destinations.

### **Types of Digital Marketing Channels:**

As we mentioned above, there are two types of marketing. Traditional Marketing and Digital Marketing. Traditional marketing channels still exist but digital marketing channels have evolved with time. Let's see the type of digital marketing channels:

#### **1. Paid Search/ Pay Per Click (PPC)**

Paid search, also known as pay-per-click (PPC) advertising, usually refers to the paid result that appears at the top or side of a search engine results page. These advertisements charges when you click the ads and these ads will only show when certain targeted keywords or search phrases are entered into the search engine box.

Your adverts are basically targeted to audiences looking for a specific product or commodity. As a result, because they rely on data collected from individuals' online behavior, these advertisements may be incredibly effective in increasing website traffic by providing relevant adverts to the right people at the right time. These advertisements also use retargeting, which means that marketing automation solutions may create unique, personalized cross-platform ads depending on the behaviors of clients.

#### **2. Search Engine Optimization (SEO)**

SEO is an act of optimizing your website so that it "ranks" higher in search engine results pages, increasing the quantity of organic traffic to your website. Websites, blogs, and infographics are among the mediums that profit from SEO.

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There are several approaches to SEO that may be used to drive quality visitors to your website. These are some examples:

- **On-page SEO** focuses on all of the content that resides “on the page” while viewing a website. You may answer queries for readers and rank better on search engine results pages (SERPs) by analyzing keywords for their search volume and intent (or meaning).
- **Off-page SEO** focuses on all of the action that occurs “off the page” while optimizing your website. Now you must be thinking, “What happens outside my website will have an impact on the ranking of my website?”. Yes, it will affect you. You will need inbound links for this. The number of publishers who link to you, as well as their domain “authority,” influence how highly you rank for the keywords you care about. You may get the backlinks you need to raise your website up on all the right SERPs by networking with other publishers, publishing guest articles on their websites (and linking back to your website), and creating external attention.
- **Technical SEO** is concerned with the backend of your website and how your pages are coded. Image compression, structured data, and CSS file optimization are all examples of technical SEO that may improve the loading time of your website, which is a significant ranking criterion in the eyes of search engines like Google. In short, organic web traffic generated by SEO significantly impacts search rankings and, by extension, organic site traffic. You may utilize SEO to significantly enhance exposure and build long-term consumer engagement by leveraging keywords and phrases.
- **SEO** is described as enhancing a website’s ranking in online search results, and hence organic site traffic, by the use of popular keywords and phrases. Because exposure is the first step toward a long-term consumer connection, robust SEO methods are extremely powerful in digital marketing initiatives.

### **3. Content Marketing:**

When it is about content marketing, it aims to educate and inspire people seeking knowledge rather than being commercial. When you provide valuable content to your audience, you may position yourself as a thought leader and a reliable source of information. Do you know that content marketing generates three times the number of leads as paid search advertising? When you create **blog articles, educational guides, whitepapers**, or any other sort of

content, you're basically opting to generate a massive amount of traffic through them.

#### **4. Social Media Marketing:**

SMM or also known as social media marketing – it's everywhere. Social media has become a part of people's daily lives. This strategy promotes your brand and content on social media networks in order to raise brand recognition, boost traffic, and create leads for your company.

You can utilize the following channels for social media marketing:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

Many marketers will utilize these social media sites to launch a viral marketing campaign. A viral marketing approach involves collaborating with a prominent content producer or participating in a trend that connects with a large audience. The goal is to develop something shareable in the hopes that it will spread organically over a social media platform.

#### **5. Email Marketing**

Like millions of people, your mail inbox is also filled with tons of promotional emails from brands and companies you don't remember signing up for. We agree that it's frustrating but most of the time it also convinces you to purchase their product or services. If not buy, at least go to their website and look at what they're selling. After more than two decades, email is still the quickest and most direct means to reach consumers with essential information. To avoid being buried in your customers' inboxes, successful email marketing must be extremely engaging, relevant, instructive, and amusing.

To be successful, your marketing emails should meet five key criteria. They must be:

- Reliable
- Appropriate and relevant
- Informal but not too informal
- Blended across channels
- Strategic

## **6. Marketing automation:**

Marketing automation is a critical medium that links all of your digital marketing endeavors. In fact, organizations that automate lead management enjoy a 10% or more increase in revenue within six to nine months. Without it, your campaigns will resemble an incomplete puzzle missing a critical component.

Marketing automation software:

- Marketing activities and procedures are simplified.
- Results are measured.
- Calculates the return on investment of your digital marketing.

Marketing automation may provide significant information about which campaigns are successful and which are not. It will also give measurements that will help you to demonstrate the impact of digital marketing on your company's bottom line.

## **Digital Marketing Strategy:**

A clear plan helps you determine the most effective strategies for your business and then put those strategies into action. A digital marketing plan helps you organize your initiatives so that you're continually connecting with your audience, engaging them, and driving them to action. With a digital marketing business plan, you think ahead, coordinate among departments, and integrate your digital marketing for greater impact.



## **Digital Marketing Plan:**

**A digital marketing plan is a document in which you strategically map out your digital marketing objectives, as well the actions you'll take to achieve those objectives.**

### **1. Define your digital marketing goals and business objectives:**

Clear, measurable, and attainable digital marketing plan objectives help you define exactly what you want to achieve and measure. Be clear and concise when you set these goals. You should also include specific numbers and timeframes to benchmark your progress.

### **2. Define audience segmentation and buyer personas:**

A key reason **why digital marketing is important** is because it allows you to target your audience with great precision.

For any digital marketing campaign to be successful, you need to know who you're targeting. Segmenting your audience and then **building buyer personas** for each of those segments can provide you with insights about what types of marketing will be most effective.

For example, say you sell IT services. Part of your audience might be small businesses with less than \$500,000 in revenue. You might also sell to large corporations with significant IT needs. Your buyer personas and marketing strategies for each of these segments will look very different. Messaging that resonates with a small business owner probably won't resonate with the head of a large IT department, and vice versa.

Start by defining the different segments in your target audience. From there, begin building out the personas of your ideal customer within each segment. Here are **9 great examples of personas** to get started.

Your buyer persona information will vary depending on whether you're B2B or B2C and the price of your product/service. Some demographic and additional information you may want to include is:

- **Age range**
- **Income**

- **Job title**
- **Location**
- **Priorities**
- **Goals**
  
- **Challenges**
- **Interests**
- **Social media platforms**
- **Industry**
- **Pain points**
- **Products/features desired**

Your goal in creating personas is to get inside the minds of your target customers and to see things from their perspectives. When you understand what matters most to them, you can make a digital marketing plan that speaks to their deep desires and big challenges.

### **3. Conduct a competitive analysis and determine market share:**

If you want your marketing efforts to be effective, you need to know who you're up against. A **competitive analysis** allows you to identify your competitors, **calculate your market share**, and determine the marketing strategies they employ.

When doing your competitive analysis, consider the following types of things:

- **Which audience segments are they targeting?**
- **What digital marketing channels are your competitors using?**
- **Where are they strongest?**
- **Where are they weakest?**
- **What portion of their traffic is earned/owned/paid?**
- **What's their positioning in the market?**
- **What's their claimed differentiation?**
- **What type of messaging and specific language do they use?**
- **What is their tonality and brand personality?**

A thorough competitive landscape analysis will give you insights into how you can use online marketing to surpass your competitors. For example, you may realize that your competitors' positioning and differentiation are well known, so you'll benefit from crystalizing your own in contrast. Or, you may discover they're strong in social media marketing but weak when it comes to **search engine optimization (SEO)** performance.

#### **4. Conduct a SWOT analysis:**

SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) is the counterpart to a competitive landscape analysis. It offers a framework to analyze your business against other forces in your market. Use this process to identify what's working, spot potential **organic growth opportunities**, and prepare for external threats.

Start by analyzing the strengths of your company. What are your primary advantages over your competition? Which things do you do particularly well? What unique resources do you have at your disposal?

Next, look at your weaknesses. What elements of your business aren't working particularly well? What things keep you from making sales? Where do you fall short of your competitors?

The third step is to look closely at the opportunities available to your company. Are there any market trends you can take advantage of? Can you utilize new technology that your competitors can't? Is there an under-served segment in your audience?

Finally, identify any potential threats to your business. Could a competitor steal market share? Are there any obstacles blocking **business growth**? Are there potential financial issues on the horizon?

The data from your SWOT analysis will help you develop your digital marketing plan. Your plan should cater to your strengths, mitigate your weaknesses, move toward opportunities, and proactively avoid potential threats. All in the name of helping you to increase sales.

#### **5. Calculate your digital marketing plan budget:**

The next step in creating the best digital marketing plan for your brand is to calculate your budget. The budget will define how much you have available to spend on digital marketing activities, as well as guide you toward specific channels, strategies, and tactics.

The amount you budget for digital marketing will vary based on a number of factors, including:

- **Revenue**
- **Position within the industry**

- **Previous results**
- **Goals**
- **Location**
- **Profitability of a strategy, tactic, or campaign**

How much will you allocate to **brand awareness campaigns**? What about to specific campaigns and offers? Are you going to allocate a certain amount of digital marketing budget for customer retention? Do you know **how much to spend on SEO**?

It's important to establish your budget upfront. However, remain flexible so you can capitalize on opportunities for **greater SEO ROI**. If you notice that a certain campaign just isn't generating positive ROI, then you may be better off eliminating that spend. Similarly, if you see that a certain campaign (or channel) is producing outsized results, consider shifting the budget and allocate additional dollars towards what's working well. If you have a specific return-on-spend in mind that's highly profitable, then keep increasing the budget as long as you're keeping your acquisition costs under the target.

In this way, your budget can be a dynamic, evolving support mechanism of your digital marketing initiatives.

## **6. Define your digital marketing channels:**

Before you **develop a content strategy**, you'll need to define the primary **digital marketing channels** you'll be using. Your choice of channels needs to take into account your audience, goals, and budget.

For example, say your goal is to **drive 30% more targeted traffic** to your website. One way to do that is through PPC ads, which can give you an immediate boost. However, Google Adwords can also be expensive.

To improve ROI, turn to more cost-effective channels, like SEO and content marketing. These channels take longer to produce results but also deliver a far lower acquisition cost, giving you more bang for your buck. Plus, SEO and content marketing results compound over time, setting you up for longer-term sustainable success.

When defining your digital channels, consider where your audience spends most of their time. If you're in a B2B industry, you may want to focus on channels like LinkedIn or webinars. If your audience is younger, you may want

to consider influencer marketing on Instagram. Focus on how you can deliver value to your audience within the channels they favor most.

And don't assume your audience doesn't care about great content. Some of the **best content marketing examples** come from a broad range of companies with completely different customers.

## **7. Develop your digital marketing strategies and tactics:**

After defining your channels, you need to develop the digital marketing tactics and strategies you'll use within those channels.

For example, if you're going to focus on search engine optimization, you need to determine the keywords you're going to target and how you're going to target them. You may decide to create a comprehensive **content hub**, online courses, **SEO topic clusters**, or a series of online tools. Or you may decide to provide more detailed, superior how-to information, or to deliver insights on upcoming trends, or to deliver content featuring celebrities.

If you're **focused on b2b lead generation**, you may want to create case studies that showcase your results. As you think through your digital marketing plan look for ways to differentiate yourself from the competition. For instance:

- **Dollar Shave Club caught people's attention by being funny and irreverent in a traditionally boring industry.**
- **Tableau offered a free online tool and garnered backlinks from more than 56,000 websites.**
- **LEGO created an online, interactive community with more than 300,000 in monthly organic traffic.**

The more crowded the market space, the harder you'll need to work to capture attention and achieve true optimization across your digital marketing portfolio. No matter what, when you **build your digital marketing strategy**, be true to your brand.

## **8. Create a marketing calendar:**

A marketing calendar allows you to map out exactly when you'll implement — your digital marketing campaigns and initiatives. It also creates accountability, — ensuring that you hit deadlines and effectively execute the plan throughout the

year. A calendar also helps ensure that you are consistently reaching each of your various audience segments throughout the year.

Try to map out 12 months in advance, and break down your calendar into each month of the year. This will provide you with an overall framework, along with sufficient time to prepare and execute on each delivery. For example:

- **In January you'll release a training webinar. Before you can release it, you need to create a slide deck, build a landing page, design social media graphics, etc.**
- **Throughout January and February, you'll promote the training webinar across multiple channels, including social media, email, video, and PR.**
- **In March, you're going to start a blog that will be updated weekly. To make this happen, you need to decide on topics, assign them to writers, coordinate with a designer, create a blog calendar, organize videos to be embedded, etc.**

Be realistic when **creating your editorial calendar**. Give yourself sufficient time to get everything done in a quality manner, and make sure that each deliverable is clearly assigned to a specific individual.

## **9. Measure the results and KPIs of your digital marketing plan:**

The final step in creating a digital marketing plan and strategy is to measure your results through the definition of metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs). You need to compare the outcomes of your marketing efforts to the baseline as well as original goals. If the results are underwhelming, adjust and optimize, and then measure again.

Be sure to measure each channel so that you, as a marketer, can identify what's working most successfully for your brand, and what may need to be cut. Keep your entire marketing team informed through dashboards. Popular marketing dashboard **tools** include **Klipfolio, TapClicks, Grow, and Domo**.

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## Setting goals and objective

Setting clear and strategic goals and objectives is a fundamental step in creating an effective digital marketing campaign. Here's how you can establish goals and objectives for your digital marketing efforts:

**1. Understand Your Business Objectives:** Start by understanding your broader business objectives. What does your company aim to achieve? This could include increasing revenue, expanding market share, improving brand awareness, or launching a new product.

**2. Make Goals Specific and Measurable:** Ensure your goals are specific and quantifiable. For instance, instead of saying "increase brand awareness," set a goal like "increase brand awareness by 20% within six months."

**3. Use the SMART Framework:** Apply the SMART criteria to your goals:

- **Specific:** Clearly define what you want to accomplish.
- **Measurable:** Use metrics to track progress and success.
- **Achievable:** Set goals that are challenging but attainable.
- **Relevant:** Ensure your goals align with your business objectives.
- **Time-Bound:** Set a realistic timeline for achieving each goal.

**4. Segment Your Goals:** Divide your goals into categories such as awareness, acquisition, engagement, and conversion. This segmentation helps align your strategies and tactics with specific objectives.

**5. Consider Your Target Audience:** Tailor your goals to your target audience's needs, preferences, and behaviors. Consider where they are in the buyer's journey and how your goals can influence their decision-making process.

**6. Prioritize Your Goals:** Determine which goals are primary and secondary based on their importance to your overall business strategy. Prioritization helps focus your resources effectively.

**7. Align with Digital Marketing Channels:** Match your goals with appropriate digital marketing channels. For example, if your goal is lead generation, consider channels like social media ads, content marketing, or email campaigns.

**8. Set Specific Objectives for Each Channel:** For each chosen channel, set specific objectives that contribute to your overall goals. For instance, if your

goal is to increase website traffic, your objectives might include boosting organic search traffic by 15% or increasing referral traffic by 20%.

**9. Use Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** Identify relevant KPIs that align with your objectives. KPIs provide measurable metrics to track progress. For instance, if your goal is to increase social media engagement, KPIs could include likes, comments, shares, and click-through rates.

**10. Be Realistic and Data-Driven:** Ensure your goals are realistic based on your resources, budget, and market conditions. Use historical data and market research to set achievable targets.

**11. Review and Refine:** Regularly review your goals and objectives. If circumstances change or you achieve a goal, consider adjusting or setting new objectives to keep your digital marketing efforts aligned with your business's evolving needs.

Setting goals and objectives in digital marketing is a strategic process that guides your entire campaign. Clear, measurable, and well-defined goals provide direction and help you track your progress toward achieving tangible results.

## **Introduction to Digital Marketing Campaign Planning and Execution**

In today's fast-paced digital landscape, effective marketing campaigns are essential for businesses to cut through the noise and reach their target audience. This comprehensive guide delves into the intricacies of campaign planning and execution in digital marketing. A successful campaign involves strategic thinking, data-driven decision-making, and a deep understanding of your audience. From setting clear goals to analyzing post-campaign results, each step plays a vital role in achieving your desired outcomes.

### The Steps to Crafting a Successful Digital Marketing Campaign

- **Step 1: Define Clear Goals and Objectives** Every successful campaign begins with a well-defined purpose. Establish what you aim to achieve, whether it's increasing brand visibility, driving sales, or enhancing customer engagement. Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) objectives serve as the foundation for your strategy.
- **Step 2: Identify and Understand Your Target Audience** To effectively engage your audience, you must understand their demographics, preferences, behaviors, and pain points. Detailed buyer personas help you tailor your

messaging and select the most suitable digital channels.

- **Step 3:** Conduct Thorough Market Research and Competitor Analysis A comprehensive understanding of your industry landscape and competitors is crucial. Analyze trends, market gaps, and your competitors' strategies to identify opportunities and areas for differentiation.

- **Step 4:** Select the Right Digital Marketing Channels Based on your audience and goals, choose the digital channels that align with your campaign objectives. Social media, search engines, email, content marketing, and influencer partnerships are among the various options.

- **Step 5:** Allocate Budget and Resources Determine your budget and allocate it wisely across different campaign elements, including ad spend, content creation, design, and analytics tools. An efficient allocation ensures optimal utilization of resources.

## Executing and Managing Your Digital Marketing Campaign

- **Step 6:** Develop Compelling Content Create engaging content that resonates with your target audience. Whether it's blog posts, videos, infographics, or interactive content, ensure that your content addresses your audience's needs and preferences.

- **Step 7:** Establish a Campaign Timeline Set clear start and end dates for your campaign, along with key milestones and tasks. A well-structured timeline keeps everyone on track and ensures efficient execution.

- **Step 8:** Design Creative Assets Craft visually appealing and platform-specific creatives. Adhere to each platform's guidelines and maintain a consistent brand identity across all assets.

- **Step 9:** Launch Your Campaign Implement your campaign across the chosen channels. Set up tracking mechanisms to monitor real-time performance, allowing you to make informed decisions.

- **Step 10:** Monitor and Optimize Regularly monitor key performance indicators (KPIs), such as click-through rates, conversion rates, and engagement metrics. Use the data to identify trends and areas for improvement. Implement A/B testing to refine your approach.

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## Maximizing Success and Post-Campaign Analysis

- **Step 11: Engage and Interact with Your Audience** Engage actively with your audience by responding to comments, messages, and feedback. Building a genuine connection fosters brand loyalty and trust.
- **Step 12: Conversion and Follow-Up Strategies** For campaigns focused on conversions, ensure you have effective strategies for turning interest into actual sales or leads. Implement persuasive landing pages, lead nurturing workflows, and retargeting tactics.
- **Step 13: Analyze Post-Campaign Results** As your campaign concludes, conduct a comprehensive analysis of the data collected. Compare results against your predefined objectives and KPIs. Identify successes, areas for improvement, and insights that can guide future campaigns.

## Conclusion and Future Campaign Success

- In the ever-evolving digital landscape, mastering the art of campaign planning and execution is a continuous journey. By following these steps, you lay a strong foundation for successful digital marketing campaigns. Each campaign serves as a learning opportunity, allowing you to refine your strategies, optimize your approaches, and create increasingly impactful campaigns. With a commitment to creativity, data analysis, and adaptability, you'll be well-equipped to achieve exceptional results in your future digital marketing endeavors.

## Monitoring and adjusting digital marketing campaigns

Here's a guide on how to effectively monitor and adjust your campaigns:

- 1. Set Clear Goals and KPIs:** Define specific goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) for your campaign. These metrics could include click-through rates, conversion rates, website traffic, engagement rates, and more. Clear objectives provide a benchmark for measuring success.
- 2. Implement Tracking and Analytics:** Utilize tracking tools such as Google Analytics, social media insights, and marketing automation platforms. These tools help you collect data on user interactions, behavior, and conversions.
- 3. Regularly Monitor Performance:** Keep a close eye on your campaign's

performance using real-time data. Monitor your KPIs and metrics daily or weekly to identify trends and patterns.

**4. Compare Data Against Goals:** Regularly compare the data you've collected with your predefined goals and KPIs. Are you on track to achieve them? If not, identify areas that need improvement.

**5. Conduct A/B Testing:** Experiment with different variations of your ads, headlines, images, or other campaign elements. A/B testing helps you determine which variations are more effective and can guide adjustments.

**6. Analyze User Behavior:** Dive deep into user behavior data to understand how visitors are interacting with your campaign. Look at bounce rates, time spent on pages, and navigation paths to identify areas for improvement.

**7. Evaluate Conversion Funnels:** Review your conversion funnel to identify potential drop-off points. Are there stages where users are abandoning the process? Adjust those elements to improve conversion rates.

**8. Adjust Ad Spend and Budget Allocation:** Based on the performance of different channels and campaigns, reallocate your budget to invest more in high-performing areas and reduce spend on underperforming ones.

**9. Refine Targeting:** Analyze audience demographics and behavior to refine your targeting. Adjust parameters like age, location, interests, and behaviors to reach a more engaged audience.

**10. Optimize Ad Creative and Copy:** Refresh your ad creatives, headlines, and copy to prevent ad fatigue. Engaging visuals and compelling copy can rekindle interest.

**11. Landing Page Optimization:** Continuously optimize your landing pages for better user experience and conversion rates. Test different layouts, CTAs, and content to find the most effective combinations.

**12. Stay Responsive to Trends:** Keep an eye on industry trends, seasonal changes, and current events. Adjust your campaigns to align with relevant trends and maintain your campaign's relevance.

**13. Review and Adjust Timeline:** Assess your campaign timeline. Are there peak periods when your audience is more active? Adjust your campaign schedule to maximize visibility during these times.

**14. Regular Reporting and Communication:** Prepare regular performance reports that outline the progress of your campaign. Communicate these

results with your team and stakeholders.

**15. Be Agile and Adaptive:** Be prepared to make quick adjustments based on real-time data. The digital landscape is dynamic, and the ability to pivot is essential for campaign success.

**16. Learn and Apply Insights:** Document the results of your adjustments and analyze their impact on your campaign's performance. Apply these insights to future campaigns for continuous improvement.

By regularly monitoring and making data-driven adjustments, you can optimize your digital marketing campaigns for better results and ensure that you're meeting your goals effectively.

## **Budgeting and resource allocation**

Budgeting and resource allocation in digital marketing involve strategically distributing your financial resources and assets to various online marketing initiatives to achieve your business objectives. Here's a comprehensive overview of how to effectively manage budgeting and resource allocation in the realm of digital marketing:

**1. Understand Your Business Goals:** Start by identifying your business objectives and marketing goals. Whether it's increasing sales, driving website traffic, boosting brand awareness, or generating leads, your budget should align with these objectives.

**2. Determine Your Total Budget:** Establish the total amount of money you're willing to invest in your digital marketing efforts. This budget will serve as the foundation for your allocation decisions.

**3. Allocate Budget to Different Channels:** Consider the various digital marketing channels available, such as social media advertising, search engine marketing (SEM), content marketing, email marketing, influencer partnerships, and more. Allocate a portion of your budget to each channel based on its relevance to your target audience and goals.

**4. Prioritize High-Impact Channels:** Allocate a larger portion of your budget to channels that historically provide the highest return on investment (ROI) or align with your current goals. High-performing channels can deliver significant results.

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**5. Campaign-Specific Budgets:** For each individual campaign or initiative,

allocate a portion of your budget. This includes expenses for content creation, design, advertising costs, and other campaign-related activities.

**6. Account for Fixed and Variable Costs:** Different channels and tactics have varying cost structures. Some require ongoing investments (e.g., social media ads), while others involve fixed costs (e.g., website development).

**7. Include Tools and Technology Costs:** Budget for tools and software necessary for analytics, social media management, email marketing, SEO optimization, and other digital marketing activities.

**8. Set Aside Budget for Testing and Optimization:** Allocate a portion of your budget for A/B testing, experimentation, and optimization. This allows you to refine your strategies based on real-time data and insights.

**9. Evaluate Performance and ROI:** Regularly assess the performance of each channel and campaign by measuring key performance indicators (KPIs) and calculating ROI. Invest more in initiatives that yield higher ROI.

**10. Monitor and Adjust:** Continuously monitor campaign performance and adjust resource allocation based on real-time data. If a channel is underperforming, consider reallocating resources to more successful areas.

**11. Focus on Data-Driven Decisions:** Base your allocation decisions on data and analytics rather than assumptions. Analyze metrics like conversion rates, click-through rates, engagement rates, and customer acquisition costs.

**12. Stay Adaptable:** Be prepared to adjust your allocation strategy based on changing market conditions, trends, and unforeseen opportunities.

**13. Communication and Collaboration:** Maintain clear communication among team members responsible for different aspects of your campaigns. Collaboration ensures effective resource utilization.

**14. Regular Review and Reporting:** Schedule regular reviews of your budget allocation and campaign performance. Prepare reports to provide insights and support data-driven decisions.

**15. Continuously Learn and Optimize:** Continually learn from the results of your budget allocation decisions. Apply insights to future campaigns for continuous improvement.

**16. Be Agile and Flexible:** Be ready to adapt your budget allocation based on real-time performance data. The digital landscape evolves quickly, and agility is crucial.

Effective budgeting and resource allocation in digital marketing require a combination of strategic planning, data analysis, and adaptability. By allocating resources thoughtfully and optimizing based on performance, you can make the most of your digital marketing investments and drive meaningful business outcomes.

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