# Branding and Marketing Your Business

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# Welcome & Introduction



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# What is Marketing?

Marketing is the **process** of getting people interested in your company's product or service

It is a **series of activities** designed to **identify** customer needs and wants and satisfy these while making a profit on a quality product or service

Marketing is NOT Advertising



# Marketing The Circus

If the circus is coming to town and you paint a sign saying, "Circus Coming to the Showground Saturday," that's

### **Advertising**

If you put the sign on the back of an elephant and walk it into town, that's

#### **Promotion**

If the elephant walks down main street and the local newspaper writes a story about it, that's

#### **Publicity**

And if you get the mayor or public official to laugh about it, that's

#### **Public relations**

If the town's citizens go to the circus, you walk them around show them the many entertainment booths, explain how much fun they'll have and ultimately, they spend a lot of money, that's

#### Sales

And if you planned the whole thing, that's



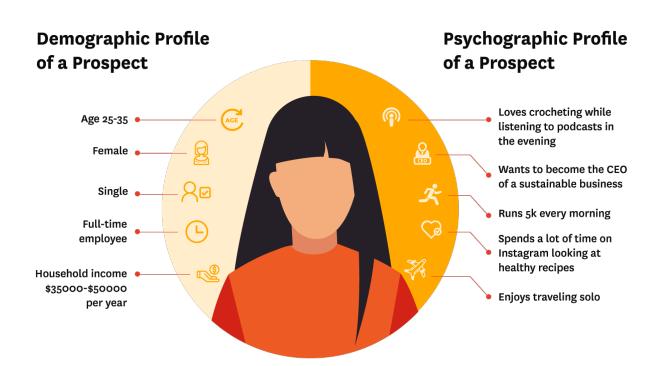
Marketing



- Audience Who's that person?
- USP Who cares?
- Branding clear, concise, memorable
- World Domination How, why, where
- Wash, (tweak) rinse, repeat.!

# Component 1 Define your Audience

Who is your customer? Build the Avatar (Customer Persona)!



Values: what's important? Family,

success?

Attitudes: environment

**Interests:** Reading, Gardening

**Personality:** Introvert/Extrovert

Lifestyles: Health conscious?

Budget minded, tech savvy

# Component 1 Why Define your Audience?



## Having a deep understanding and a clearly defined Customer Avatar will help you:

- ▶Determine what social and other platforms they are spending their time
- ▶Be more effective in your advertising
- ▶Better connect with your Avatar through your messaging
- ▶ Deliver and develop better products / services because you can anticipate your markets needs, behaviors, and concerns.

Once you know who they are, you can find WHERE they are!

## Who Wants Cake?







## **Customer Avatar Template**



#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

- Age
- Gender
- Marital status
- Children
- Income
- Location
- Occupation
- Level of education
- Religion
- Race



#### PRIMARY GOALS

- What do they else?
- · What are their primary beliefs in life?
- primary goal, and what do they hope to accomplish?



- value above all
- · What is their



#### INFORMATION SOURCING

- How do they stay informed?
- · Which websites do they frequent?
- · What are their preferred social media platforms?



#### **DIFFICULTIES** AND **CHALLENGES**

- What challenges do they face?
- · What are their primary pain points?
- What questions will they likely ask?



#### **PURCHASING**

- What possible objections might they have to your products or services?
- · What is their monthly budget?
- · Are they the direct buyer, or will they go through somebody else?

## Component 1 The Avatar

# Component 2 USP – Why do they want it?

A **Unique Selling Proposition** (USP) is a distinctive aspect or feature of a product, service, or brand that sets it apart from the competition

It's a specific benefit or advantage that a company offers to its customers, which differentiates it from others and gives consumers a compelling reason to choose **YOUR** product or service over alternatives.

Your message should be:

- Clear
- Concise
- Memorable

# Component 2 USP – Why do they want it?

Leading the electric vehicle revolution with sustainable luxury.





# Component 2 USP – Why do they want it?

When you care enough to send the very best!



# Component 3 Branding

## What is it?

- A promise of an experience your company delivers
- A company's face to the world.
- Ever evolving-they are not stagnant.



## It's not just a Logo!

# Component 3 Branding

## An effective brand embodies the essence of

- Who you are
- Why you are in business
- What is your service or product?
- What you stand for
- Your expertise
- The experience you want your customers to have.
- How you want your business to show up in the world

# Identify These Brands & Ideal Customer









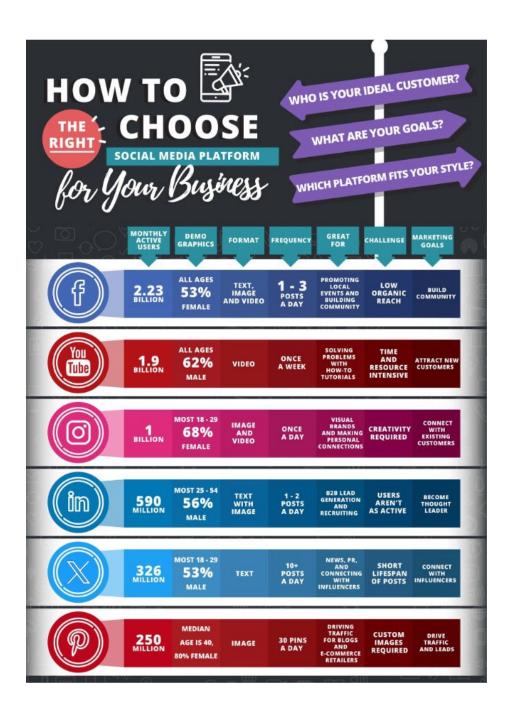
# Identify These Brands -4





# Component 4 Awareness - Promotion

WHERE DO YOUR CUSTOMERS LIVE AND INTERACT?



# Social Media Promotion

# Ways Promote Your Business

### One on One

- Networking
- Trade shows
- Live events

### **Publicity**

- Volunteering on
- Promote a cause
- Public Speaking
- Writing articles
- Teach a workshop
- Volunteer to be an SME

#### **Traditional**

- Radio
- TV
- Print
  - Newspaper
  - Trade publications
  - Magazines



# Marketing Exercise Patty's Shoe Protectors

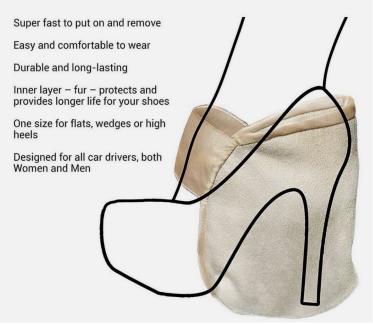
**Product: Shoe Protector** 

Uses: protects heals when driving

What does her customer look like? (Avatar)

Where is she? (Best place to promote)

### Speed Heel shoe protector



# Questions? Thank You!

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