Your Web Site Is a Billboard

Going by at 60 MPH!



% of Use the Internet



Internet Usage by Age

Age



Internet Usage by Income

Yearly Income



Internet Usage & Education

Educational Attainment



How We Use the Web

We don't read pages.

We scan them.





We don't make optimal choices

We satisfice



We don't figure out how things work

> We muddle through



Conventions are our friends



Web Site Conventions

- They are useful. Conventions only become conventions if they work
- Designers are reluctant to use conventions, they like to reinvent the wheel
- Innovate when you KNOW you have a better idea, but use conventions when you don't

Web Site Convention Examples

- Navigation appearing along the top or running down the left side of the page
- Logo located in the upper left corner
- Hyperlinks are underlined

Keep the noise down to a dull roar



What Defines A Good Small Business Web Site?

A Good Web Site Has:

- A tagline that clearly identifies what you do
- Consistent design and navigation on all pages
- Clear hierarchy of information
- Footer links at the bottom of every page
- Keywords that identify your business
- Easy-to-find contact information
- A means to gather user data

Things to Avoid

- Splash or Intro Pages
- Slow loading pages
- Large blocks of text on the main site pages
- White text on color background
- Too much Flash and Music
- Incomplete pages



3 Important Concepts Require Your Attention

- What the audience wants from you
- What you want to say
- How you arrange the content to best meet your audience's needs

Break up pages into clearly defined areas



Make it obvious what is clickable



Important Considerations

- A clear, concise mission, vision, and values statement.
- Include photographs to add visual meaning to the site.
- All photos should be captioned to increase comprehension & SEO.

Important Considerations

- FAQ's- improves users understanding of the information presented and reduces demand on your staff.
- Site Map—Helps users navigate and search your site.
- Page Footers offer the user a set of links to other pages in addition to essential data about the site.

Site Marketing

Your Web site should be an integral part of all marketing campaigns and corporate communications programs, and the URL for the site should appear on every piece of correspondence and marketing collateral.

Navigation 101



Site Navigation

- Gives us something to hold on to
- It tells us what's inside
- It instructs us how to use the site
- Consistent Navigation allows users to adapt easily and predict with confidence the location of information



Omit Needless Words

- Reduces noise level of the page
- Makes useful content more prominent
- Makes pages shorter, reduces scrolling

Kill the Happy Talk

- Happy talk is like small talk, visitors to your site are not interested.
- Contains no useful information



- Few Web users spend time reading long passages of text on-screen
- Chunking can help organize and present information in a uniform format
- Concise chunks of information are better suited to the computer screen. Long pages tend to disorient readers and require users to scroll long distances

Kneel Before Google

- Your content should be "Search Engine Friendly"
- Content should contain keywords that best describe your products and/or services
- Use hyperlinks within your content to link to other pages on your site

Stock Photography

- Google Images is NOT a source of photos for your web site
- **Royalty Free:** Pay fee for variety of usage
- Rights Managed: Pay fee for very specific, one-time usage.
- ShutterStock, Getty Images, FotoSearch offer affordable plans for Royalty Free Stock Images.





Design is Devine

 The design of your site should offer relief to the eye by striking a balance between text and graphic elements.

Success Criteria

- Top of Mind Awareness within Marketplace
- Content is relevant, informative, and addresses the needs of the visitor
- Information is easy to find and read
- Increase unique visitor traffic to site
- Reduce demand on staff when handling inquiries
- Capture user data for future marketing
- Connectedness—link to other Web properties
- More product inquiries—MORE BUSINESS!


Design Your Own Site

- WordPress and Joomla are two CMS products that use templates so you can build your own Web Site and manage the content.
- CMS allows you to add/edit and delete pages from your site

Benefits of DIY Web Sites

- Saves you money
- Template driven, plug-ins available to add functionality
- Provides content management system (CMS) that archives content and allows you to easily upload new content to the site.
- Manage site content via a Web browser

Benefits of Hiring a Pro

- Saves you time, allows you to focus on core capabilities
- A professional will know how to structure the site to make it visitor friendly and design the site to make the most of web technology
- Customized approach to meet your specific needs
- Employ SEO strategies

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Smartphones

- 81% browse the Internet, 77% search, 68% use an app, and 48% watch videos on their smartphone
- 91 Million consumers in the U.S. use mobile searches on a monthly
- 9 out of 10 smartphone searches results in an action (purchasing, visiting a business)
- 33% of mobile users are looking to access local content relevant to their GPS positioned location



Social Media

- Drives traffic to your web site
- Improves SEO with keyword rich content
- Gain better understanding of clients' perceptions of your business
- Increased awareness of your business





Search Engine Market Share





Organic (Natural SEO)

- Natural listings of web site URLs on search engines
- People click more on organically optimized web sites
- Organic SEO builds greater trust it yields more accurate results than paid search

Search Engine Optimization

- Insert key marketing phrases at the beginning of pages
- Careful selection and naming of keywords in Tags and Headings
- Inbound links give search engines another way to find and index your site.
- Inclusion of relevant copy in your site that is frequently updated

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Web Site Evaluation

- Effectively measuring site performance will enable you to accurately gauge ROI, and will aid in future decisions and strategy for evolving the site.
- Tracking visits is vitally important for a deeper analysis of your Web site.

Web Site Evaluation

- Number of unique visits
- Average duration of a visit
- Top referring web sites
- Top entry and exit pages
- Top referring URL's
- Average number of users per day
- Most active day of the week

Google Analytics

- A free service offered by Google that generates detailed statistics about the visitors to your web site
- Shows you how people found your site, how they explored it, and how you can enhance their visitor experience



QR Codes

- Link to a Web page, text message or phone number
- Practical Uses
 - Back of business card
 - Marketing Materials
 - Product Packaging
 - Link to Coupons, YouTube Videos
 - Google Places

Really Bad Web Sites

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