

Lifecycle Marketing



PLANNER

WELCOME

Creating a sales and marketing strategy for your small business can be daunting. Marketing your business involves more than an amazing storefront, nice signage, a well-designed website and a blanket of ads across your local market.

It's a strategic plan that includes tactics and tools that are precisely targeted to the audience that you're trying to attract.

The Lifecycle Marketing framework has proven ideas and innovative strategies designed **to help you get more customers, grow your sales and save time.**

This planner contains everything you need to keep your small business on track for the next week, month and year. You can use this

planner to record ideas and insights about the biggest opportunities you see in your marketing and sales strategies.

Yes, it will be hard work. And yes, Infusionsoft will be right here with you as you do it. Let's create a sales and marketing strategy together, one step at a time.

Now, let's get started!

A top-down view of a woman with a long brown braid, wearing a white shirt, sitting at a wooden desk. She is looking at a laptop. The desk is cluttered with papers, sticky notes, and a smartphone. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

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INTRODUCTION

Infusionsoft's Lifecycle Marketing framework provides a simple model that you can use to attract leads, grow sales and wow your customers.

Lifecycle Marketing was developed by a team of sales and marketing experts at Infusionsoft, and has helped thousands of small businesses achieve success.

The beauty of Lifecycle Marketing is in the simplicity of the framework, which can be

applied to any small business, regardless of industry or business model. When put into action, Lifecycle Marketing will help you grow sales AND give you more time to focus on the things you love.



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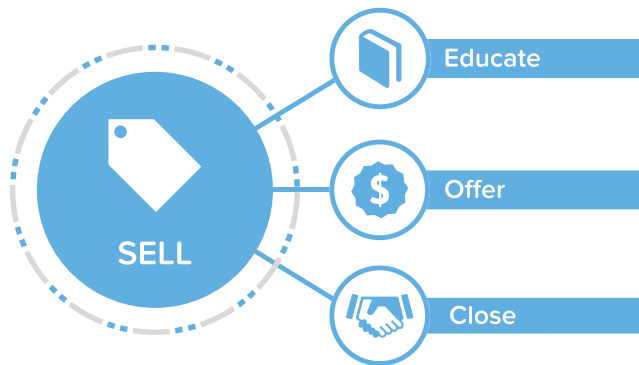
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SALES & MARKETING STRATEGY FOR SMALL BUSINESS



ATTRACT is the first phase in the Lifecycle Marketing framework. In this phase, you will focus on these stages:

- ✓ Know Your Target Customer
- ✓ Attract Interest
- ✓ Collect Leads



SELL is the second phase in the Lifecycle Marketing framework. Here you will learn how to convert followers to fans by focusing on these stages:

- ✓ Educate
- ✓ Offer
- ✓ Close



WOW is the third and final phase in the Lifecycle Marketing framework. This phase is designed to help you create raving fans and keep them coming back for more. In this phase you will:

- ✓ Deliver and Wow
- ✓ Offer More
- ✓ Get Referrals



IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET MARKET

As an entrepreneur, you have big dreams. You want the entire world to know your products and services are available to everyone.

It can be easy to spend huge sums of money trying to attract the world to your products and services, only to find that you've overspent your budgets and you don't have any new customers.

It's hard to get noticed in this clutter filled world, but attempting to reach everybody

with your product or service is not only inefficient, it's also very expensive. That's why it's important to narrowly define your target customer and meet them where they are.

Who are my ideal customers? (Use demographics such as age, annual income and education level. Use psychographic information such as behaviors, hobbies and values.)

What are their pain points? (Efficiency, ease of use, time, etc.)

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Build My Target Customer

Demographics: the average or typical characteristics of your target market .

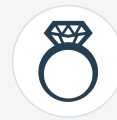
Psychographics: what motivates them to take action.



Age



Gender



Marital Status



Children



Income



Education



Region



Hobbies



Values



ATTRACT MORE CUSTOMERS TO YOUR BUSINESS

Once you know who your target customers are, you'll need to find out where they are most likely to come in contact with your brand, and be receptive to your messaging.

Think about location both online and in person. Are they on a particular social media platform? Do they attend local business events? Are they members of a local community or work in the neighborhood?

After you've identified where they are, start focusing your efforts there. Perhaps this means that you need to join a local

networking group, open up a Twitter account or spend some money on advertising. Be where your customers are and start engaging with them in an authentic, helpful and personable way.

Use lead magnets, like videos, free reports, coupons or giveaways to attract more of your target audience to your business.

Where do my customers "hang out"? (Social media, online, conferences, etc.)

Topics to Brainstorm

What are some common mistakes that you help people avoid?

- ✓ 3 mistakes most people make when *[buying their first home, cleaning their pool]*
- ✓ Do you make these 3 mistakes in *[raising your children]*?
- ✓ 3 common *[investing]* mistakes you don't know you're making

What are the frustrations people have when they buy from your competitors?

- ✓ 3 questions to ask your *[pool repair guy]* before you hire him
- ✓ 3 mistakes that rookie *[lawyers]* make when *[writing wills]*
- ✓ 3 things to consider when *[choosing your pest control company]*
- ✓ The 3 biggest problems with *[public schools]*

What are the underlying goals your customers have?

- ✓ 3 tips for successfully *[publishing]* your *[first book]*
- ✓ 3 things you absolutely need to know about *[lawn care]*
- ✓ 3 proven techniques to *[increase your energy]*
- ✓ 3 new tricks to *[get on the first page of google]*
- ✓ 3 keys to fixing your *[scorpion]* problem

What are your customers curious about or trying to learn?

- ✓ 3 Questions I always get asked about *[investing]*
- ✓ 3 things they should have taught in *[college]* about *[investing]*
- ✓ 3 Tips for dealing with *[bratty kids, nosy neighbors]*

Map My Lead Magnet

Identify your lead magnet gaps and categorize them below.





COLLECT VISITORS' INFORMATION TO FOLLOW UP

As you begin attracting more customers to your business, you'll want to make sure they don't leave and forget about you.

Now that you've attracted the right audience, you need to either make the sale or get their contact information so you can follow up with the leads that aren't ready to buy just yet. You can capture leads by providing them with something of value in exchange for their contact information, like a free trial or sample of your product or service. Build

trust and give your prospects a reason to opt in. E-books, podcasts, videos, webinars and downloads are just a few content assets that you can offer to build trust with your audience and establish credibility for your brand. Make it easy to opt in with the right lead capture tools, like a web form on your blog or website.

How many visitors am I attracting and collecting each month using the following?

Website: _____
Events: _____
Blog: _____
Direct Mail: _____
Telephone: _____

Networking: _____
Social Media: _____
PPC: _____
SEO/SEM: _____
Walk-in: _____



EDUCATE TO SELL MORE

Consumers will only pay attention to you when they're motivated to do so, and the best way to gain their attention is through interaction and education.

It's important to understand your target customer before you can create content that's relevant to them. As you build out your content strategy, consider how your message serves your target customer's

basic psychological or self-fulfillment needs. Then, build foundational content on your website, blog, social networks or other communication platforms that addresses those needs.

What questions do potential customers have before they buy from me? (Product details, cost, warranty, social proof, etc.)



MAKE THE OFFER

In order to make the right offer at the right time, it's important to understand your target customer's buying process—the journey a customer goes through before they decide to buy (or not buy) from you.

The best way to do this is to observe past customers' actions and create a buying process map. Then, match your sales process to their buying process.

If you have a sales team (or if you are the entire sales team) you'll want to optimize your resources so that you spend your

limited time with consumers that are qualified. **Lead scoring** is tracking your prospects' behaviors and activities, so you can determine their varying levels of interest in your solution. It's a great tactic to use that will help ensure that you spend your limited time on the people who are most likely to convert.

What is my compelling offer? (What solution do I provide that addresses my customers' pain points?)

When should I extend the offer? (After they read the e-book, after a conference, when they initiate a call with a sales rep, etc.)



CLOSE MORE SALES

Closing the sale involves more than just an exchange of money or signed documents.



In a direct sales conversation, the close involves clear communication, good presence and written documentation.

In an eCommerce business, the close involves ensuring that there is a mechanism

for collecting payments and processing the order. Regardless of your business type, the close is the signal that the deal has been negotiated and you can now begin the process of delivery (and eventually sell more).

How do customers buy from me? (Online, in person, sales team)

How do I make it easy to buy from me?



CREATE A CULTURE OF WOW

The first step in wowing your customers involves delivering more than what you promised. This may seem simple and obvious, but in the hustle and bustle of daily work, it's often overlooked.

Think about the last time you were completely impressed by a company. You probably did business with them more than once, and maybe even told a few of your friends about it. Wowing your customers involves going the extra mile to create a

memorable, delightful experience that will create customers for life. Satisfy customers by providing the service or product that your customers pay for in a timely fashion. Then wow them by going above and beyond their expectations and provide additional value.

What are 5 things I can do to wow my customers during the first 30 days? (Send cards, quality and unique packaging, coupons, personal phone call, etc.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



GROW THE VALUE OF EACH CUSTOMER

The second stage in creating an experience that Wows your customers involves offering more.

Determining what to offer and when to offer it involves a bit of strategy. The easiest way to do this is to determine how you can help your target customers today and in the future. The solution doesn't have to be your specific product or service nor does it have to result in a sale. Your solution can be as easy as providing tips and resources related to their inquiries. Here are three ways to tactfully increase your revenue while continuing to be helpful:

- ✓ **Cross sell:** Customers aren't always aware of the perfect product or service pairings, and may be willing to purchase related items that enhance their experience.
- ✓ **Upsell:** Listen to your customers and try to understand their needs. They might be willing to pay extra for special treatment, warranties or monthly programs.
- ✓ **New products:** Remember to help your customers by identifying things that will enhance their lives by notifying them of new products or services.

What products do I offer that are often purchased together, or that customers would consider a must-have based on their previous buying history? (Accessories, software)

What are my upsell opportunities? What can I offer as a higher level of service? (Warranty, special treatment, etc.)

What do I do to encourage existing customers to buy new products?



KEY ACTIONS IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS:



Opportunity Analyzer

Number of one-time customers that I could turn into repeat customers by upselling and encouraging them to buy new products.

Lifetime value of a customer:

(Review the number of 1 time customers and multiply that by the average amount spent by the repeat customer.)



GROW SALES WITH REFERRALS

Asking for referrals and rewarding customers who refer your business to their friends and networks completes the final stage of the Wow experience.

Effective referral programs are a big win for small businesses because they help customers develop habits that include your company. Consider establishing a referral program with

rewards that are easy to obtain. Providing small gift cards, discounts or movie tickets for referrals is a great way to demonstrate your appreciation.

When a customer is happy, how can I ask for referrals, repeat sales or testimonials? (Surveys, cards, etc.)



WOW MY CUSTOMERS WORKSHEET

1. Check the box next to the items that you could use to wow your customers.
2. Sparked a new idea? Add additional thoughts in the space provided.

50 Cost-effective ways to wow your customers:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill orders on time | <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to complaints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up with emails | <input type="checkbox"/> Call them and say thank you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Answer questions that they pose | <input type="checkbox"/> Send a handwritten thank you note |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a \$5 gift card with every purchase | <input type="checkbox"/> Send a lottery ticket with every purchase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Start a rewards or loyalty program | <input type="checkbox"/> Feature a customer on your website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a surprise discount | <input type="checkbox"/> Send cookies, fruit, or flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a book with a personal note | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate on behalf of your customer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a pizza or a pizza gift card | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a tree on behalf of your customer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide special private shopping hours or prizes during certain hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet up with customers in the cities that you are visiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throw a party for all of your customers at your next major event | <input type="checkbox"/> Randomly select a few customers to receive a product that you upsell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a gift card for an item in your store or on your website | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide an upgrade for free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide offers to customers who contribute ideas or engage with your company online | <input type="checkbox"/> Send unique swag, such as a guitar pick earrings for music lovers or sippy cups for parents with kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate an event, such as a birthday or anniversary | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule lunch at your office and invite customers to attend and share feedback |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate a milestone, such as number of years as a customer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell your customers how their feedback was implemented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a gift card for a free car wash | <input type="checkbox"/> Give them a free song download |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer free wrapping for product purchases | <input type="checkbox"/> Include a free USB flash drive with their order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name a star after their company | <input type="checkbox"/> Send a laminated reference guide or chart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a box of office supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a video message and send it via email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send them a Payday candy bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Send a small gift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide group/bulk order opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade their shipping to priority mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow them on Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Hire them |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give them bonus items | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-order exclusive items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send personalized address labels | <input type="checkbox"/> Give them an inexpensive photo album |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send samples of new products | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a make-over related to your product |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a night out at the movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Send them a travel mug filled with tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

NOTES



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GETTING STARTED

Review the questions in each of the 3 phases. Select each statement where the answer is yes. Assign one point to each of those statements and total your score for each phase. The phase with the lowest score should be your starting point in building your Lifecycle Marketing strategy. If there is no clear phase to begin with, we recommend that you start with the Attract phase.

Attract:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm clear about who my target audience is. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I currently utilize lead magnets to attract traffic to my business. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I know the pain points of my target audience. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I use more than 2 types of lead magnets. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I understand what my target audience cares about. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I utilize social media to attract traffic to my business. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm clear about who is not my target audience. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a formal process for collecting prospect information. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I understand what makes my business stand out from the crowd. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a system to organize potential customers once I have their information. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I know where my customers 'hang out'. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a formal process for generating leads. | | |

TOTAL POINTS:

Sell:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I anticipate questions that potential customers have before they buy from me. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a system in place to identify when someone is ready to buy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a clear content strategy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I understand what offers work to convert sales. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have clarity around my compelling offer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a clear process for closing the sale. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I know how potential customers make decisions on what and when to buy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | It's easy to buy from me. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I understand my customer's buying journey. | <input type="checkbox"/> | My sales team has been fully trained on sales procedures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | My sales process is mapped to my customer's buying process. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a strategic plan for making it even easier to buy from me. |

TOTAL POINTS:

Wow:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a consistent plan to wow my customers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a customer loyalty program. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I fulfill on time or early if possible. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I offer additional product/service at the point of sale. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I provide a quality service or product. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a formal referral program. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I send a personal thank you note to customers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a process to ask every customer for referrals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I send a small thank you gift to customers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a formal incentive program to reward people who refer others. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I call my customers to check-in and thank them. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have a process to generate repeat sales. | | |

TOTAL POINTS:

MAP YOUR LIFECYCLE MARKETING STRATEGY

Based on your results in the “Getting Started” section & in each individual section define your desired goals for the next 30 days. Use this page to map your strategy for each of the 9 stages. Once you’ve begun to implement your new Lifecycle Marketing strategy you need to track your progress. Use this data to determine where to improve upon your strategy.



TARGET:



ATTRACT INTEREST:



COLLECT LEADS:



EDUCATE:



OFFER:



CLOSE:



DELIVER & WOW:



OFFER MORE:



GET REFERRALS:

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Businesses

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