

## DEVELOPING A MESSAGE THAT INTEGRATES HARDWARE, SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS

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### **TODAY'S GOALS**

- 1. Develop your own marketing message that integrates copiers, managed services and solutions
- 2. Position your dealership as a team of I.T. experts
- 3. Build a content marketing strategy to communicate your managed services value proposition to your market



## WHAT IS MARKETING?

- Getting prospects to...
   Know, Like and Trust you
- So they will...
   Try, Buy, Repeat and Refer



Courtesy of John Jantsch, Duct Tape Marketing





## **HOW DOES YOUR MARKET SEE YOU?**

How do prospects form an opinion of your dealership?



### HOW DO YOU WANT THE MARKET TO SEE YOU?

- Copier dealership?
- Business Technology Integration and Service Experts?
- Solutions Experts (Problem Solvers?)





## HOW DO YOU CHANGE YOUR POSITION IN THE MARKET?





### IT STARTS WITH A HEART OF SERVICE

You provide outstanding service for copiers and printers.

You provide outstanding service for all of a business' technology.





## THINK FROM YOUR CLIENTS' PERSPECTIVE

- Do they see their computer network and their printers as separate things?
- Do they see print management and network management as separate?





### YOU PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE

#### Knight Printer Manager

Maximize uptime with proactive support and supply replenishment

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#### Knight Device Manager

Enhance security with up-to-date software and virus patches on desktops, laptops, tablets and smart phones

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#### Knight Server Manager

Ensure network stability with your servers monitored 24/7/365

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#### Knight Help Desk

Improve user satisfaction with a help desk for desktop, laptop, table, smart phone and printer issues

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#### THE MESSAGE IS ABOUT SERVICE

What challenges do your clients face regarding their business technology?

#### **Small Business**

We need a the services of an I.T. department but can't justify the expense.

We need advice on what technology we need and how to use it.

#### I.T. Departments

We need to focus on strategic initiatives but keep getting distracted with user support and maintenance issues.







## HOW DO YOU GET YOUR CLIENTS TO SEE YOU AS A TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ALL OF THEIR TECHNOLOGY?





### IT STARTS WITH A HEART OF SERVICE

You provide outstanding service to your <u>clients</u>.

How can you provide outstanding service to your prospects?





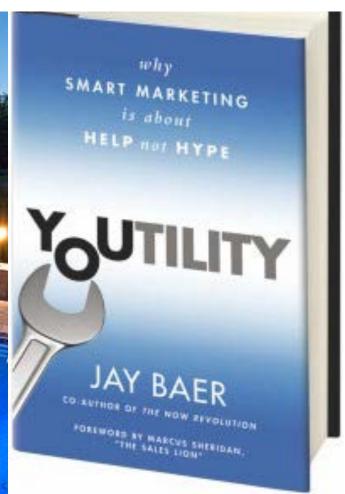


## WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOUR PROSPECTS HAVE?













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"If you sell something you get a customer today. If you help somebody you get a client for life."

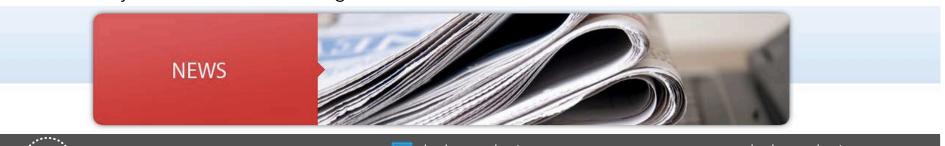
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### **CONTENT MARKETING**

 Content marketing is any marketing format that involves the creation and sharing of media and publishing content in order to acquire customers.

Courtesy of the Content Marketing Institute







### **CONTENT MARKETING**

- Content marketing is focused not on selling, but on <u>communicating helpful information</u> with customers and prospects.
- The idea is to inspire business and loyalty from buyers by consistently delivering valuable information.



### **CONTENT MARKETING**

- This information can be presented in a variety of formats, including:
  - blog articles
  - videos
  - white papers
  - e-books
  - infographics
  - case studies

- how-to guides
- buyer's guides
- question and answer



### **BUILDING A CONTENT MARKETING STRATEGY**

- 1. A Great Website
- 2. With Useful Information
- 3. Consistently Updated
- 4. With Great Calls-to-Action



#### A GREAT WEBSITE

- Simple design
- Helpful Information
  - Blog articles
  - Special reports
- Gives the feeling that you understand I.T.
  - I.T. Logos
  - Article titles







### WITH USEFUL CONTENT

What content would be useful to your prospective clients?

How could you be helpful?

#### The Benefits of Cloud Storage

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Tue, 08/20/2013 - 16:08

As a business owner, you have no doubt heard of cloud computing or storing information using cloud computing. As technology continues to advance, so does the way we store and process information. Cloud computing just happens to be one of the more recent forms of storing data and storing it securely. Since we're always looking for the next big thing, cloud computing offers advantages to business owners that previous versions of storage isn't capable of.

Read more







#### THAT IS CONSISTENTLY UPDATED

- Shared in as many places as possible
  - Website
  - Company Social
  - Sales Reps' Social
  - Social Bookmarking Sites
    - Digg, Stumble Upon

















#### **Tweets**



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Proper preventative maintenance is the key to a healthy fleet of copiers and printers.

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16 Aug

Commercial base Pricing Unmasked! A Quick Guide to Reducing USPS Shipping Costs (via @FP\_USA) ow.ly/nvsA4

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HP Protect 2013 Keynote Speakers to Discuss How to Win the Security Cyberwar: ow.ly/nvstn

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## WITH COMPELLING CALLS-TO-ACTION

- Offer something of value
- Make sure there is a clear call to action



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## **LEAD-GEN CAMPAIGNS**







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### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Bring your dealership's core strength (service!) to your marketing
  - What can you provide to your market that adds value?
  - What questions do your prospects have?
- Provide helpful information on a regular basis
  - Website→Blog, Special Reports
  - Share through as many channels as possible
    - LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Newsletters, Email, Google, Events



## **CONTENT STRATEGY**









## **DEVELOP A HELPFUL CONTENT STRATEGY**

Monthly	Weekly	Daily
<ul> <li>Host a lunch-and-learn</li> <li>Use last month's blog posts to create a client newsletteremail and print</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Publish a helpful article on your blog every week.</li> <li>Share that article on your LinkedIn and Facebook</li> </ul>	Update Twitter with useful information
<ul> <li>Deploy a lead generation campaign</li> <li>Review your Search Engine Optimization results</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Share a customer or employee story on Facebook and LinkedIn</li> </ul>	



### **COMPLIMENTARY MARKETING REVIEW**

- A strategic review of your current marketing in light of your goals/challenges
- Present marketing strategies
- You get:
  - \$100 credit for future marketing services *or*
  - \$100 bill if you feel it was a waste of your time



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