

#### Growth Hacking + Online Marketing



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### **Before we start...**

- Feel free to ask questions anytime
- Q&A in the end

## Agenda

- Intro Startup Marketing & Costs
- Target Audience
- Exercise: Persona
- Break
- Content Strategy & Social Media
- Break
- LinkedIn
- Q&A

9:00 - 9:45 9:45 - 10:00 **10:00 - 10:30** 10:30 - 10:45 10:45 - 11:45 11:45 - 12:00 12:00 - 12:45 12:45 - 13:00

# Pitch your ideas in 1 Min :)

### **Intro Startup Marketing**

### Marketing

#### "Marketing is the **process** by which a firm profitably translates **customer needs** into **revenue**."

Mark Burgess – Managing Partner, Blue Focus Marketing



#### **B2C Marketing** Business to Consumer

Nike, H&M, Coca Cola

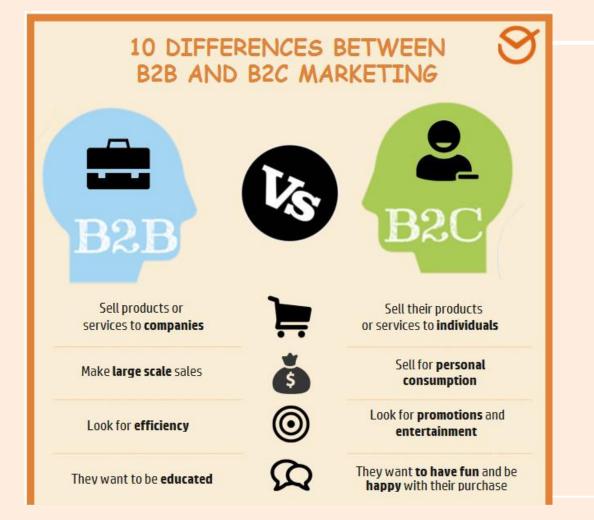


often B2B + B2C always H2H

#### **B2B Marketing** Business to Business

Siemens, Microsoft, IBM





Quelle: https://postcron.com/en/blog/b2bmarketing-and-b2c-marketing/



Quelle : https://www.domo.com/learn/infographic



### **Online** vs. Traditional Marketing



#### Pro's



#### real-time

individual

measurable

interaction, dialogs

flexible

### <u>Costs -</u> classic media

- Radio ad = ~ 100.00 € per 7 sec. spot
- Prismenwender Graz A9 = 4,235.00 € / month
- TV Pro 7 = 150,000 € / 14 days
- $\rightarrow$  broader target groups: Watering can
- $\rightarrow$  dominated by big brands
- $\rightarrow$  not engaging
- $\rightarrow$  dependent on time and place



### <u>Costs - Online Marketing</u>

• NOT FREE! → resources (time / team, tools)

YT Ads → 0.45 € / view - Smart TV Google Ads → 0.90 € / click Meta (FB/Insta) → 0.34 €

Personalisation - Segmentation - Laser principle

- $\rightarrow$  from big brands to small local stores
- $\rightarrow$  interactive
- $\rightarrow$  independent of time and place



### What is **Startup Marketing?**



- small team
- time pressure
- limited budget
- innovation
- asymmetric information about target market/pain points
- you're a nobody at the beginning



Success formula:

Product + Growth = Impact



**Growth Hacking** 

"A Growth Hacker is someone who solely focuses on business growth.

"Growth Hacking describes smart, mostly low-budget methods ("Hacks") to grow businesses using key performance indicators (e.g. no. of registrations, purchases, recommendations etc.)"

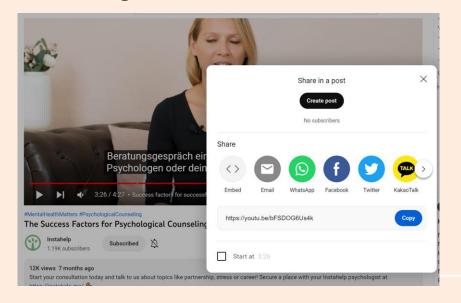
 $\rightarrow$  **TESTING!** 



#### **Growth Hacking Best Practice**

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	You are now fi	Invite Friends
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#### **Growth Hacking Best Practice**



### **Local** best practices





## **Target Audience**



#### What?

A **Semi-fictional character** that represents the target market for a product or service. This persona helps businesses understand the **needs and wants** of their **target market**-people who both use and buy their product or service.

Quelle: https://www.hubspot.com/make-my-persona/persona-examples

### Persona

Why?

Personas help you to deeply understand your customers →
✓ Basis for all your Marketing activities
✓ Helps with individual communication / Content
✓ Helps product development (new features)



Startup: help experienced professionals network and improve their career. Your business's ideal customer is someone who could use peer advice and wants to improve their already great skills.

#### Persona: Name John

Description: John is a middle-aged man who owns his own business. He's looking for ways to improve his business, but doesn't have a lot of time to go to events, conferences, or network with others.

#### Demographics:



Age: 45 Gender: Man Location: Los Angeles, CA Education: Bachelor's Degree Job Title: Owner Income: \$100,000-\$175,000

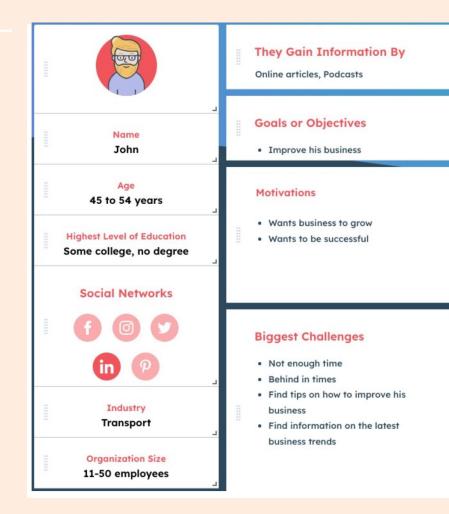
Family Life: Partner and 1-2 kids

**Needs:** Tips on how to improve his business. Information on the latest business trends

Struggles your product/service could address:

Motivations: Wants his business to grow 5x in the next 10 years Pain Points: Not having enough time. Feeling like he's behind the times

**Persona's journey:** John reads articles and listens to podcasts from trusted thought leaders when he can, but doesn't have a lot of time to make connections with them. John is most likely to find your company via social media or a search engine. It's best for you to have an active social media presence and interact with users so he can see your networking platform is a valuable time investment.



## **Tool tip: Hubspot**

Design your own persona

https://www.hubspot.com/make-my-persona



### Exercise

#### Build teams and design your own persona!

Time: 30 Min.

Afterwards short discussion

### Alternative

#### Divide in two groups and create a persona for

1. Gruppe Nike 2. Gruppe Tesla

Time: 30 Min.

https://www.hubspot.com/make-my-persona

## What you can already do today:

Ask 5 people to undergo registration/ purchase process . Observe and listen.

(mobile/desktop)





15 Min

### **Social Media**

### **Social Media in AT**



Number of social media users



% of daily social media users

Source: https://de.statista.com/themen/2841/social-media-in-oesterreich/

### Why Social Media?

- Increase brand visibility
- Interaction with potential customers/partners/ multipliers
- Website traffic/purchases



# Which channels have you been using?



# Social Media tip no. 1

Only focus on **relevant** social media channels!

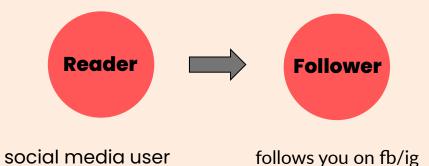
One channel - focus

Relevant **√ Target Audience active** X Trendy





social media user







#### Aida model



- attract attention in the whole flood of information
- visual signals
- connections
- goal: user stops scrolling

#### Aida Modell



- Build interest
- What value can you add?
- Communicate your pro's
- Don't focus on product, focus on the emotion.

#### **Aida Modell**



- Create desire
- "I must have this!"
- e.g. prize, trend, testimonials

#### Aida Modell



- Convert
- CTA: Buy now
- Special sales offers



#### **Posts best Practices**



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samsungaustria 🔮 Hast du Wien schon bei Nacht gesehen? 📀 Für euch hält @fabolus\_vienna die letzten Sonnenstrahlen mit dem #GalaxyS20 fest. #withGalaxy

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stunning!

Gefällt 835 Mal

1. SEPTEMBER

Kommentar hinzufügen ...

Text: Have you seen Vienna by night? @fabolus\_vienna captured the last sunrays with Galaxyxx





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- Aida  $\rightarrow$  Attention
- Awesome pictures
- You don't see the product itself, but rather the result → customer value (Samsung Galaxy takes amazing pics)
- Format (portrait) → more eye catching (feed)
- Geo tag
- Account tag

#### (+) DIESE 15 STORY-IDEEN FUNKTIONIEREN FÜR JEDES BUSINESS

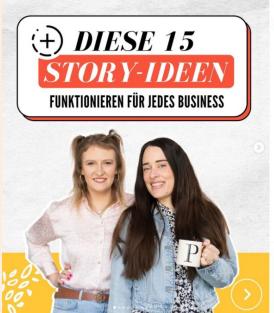




#### These 15 Story Ideas work for every Business

"Which Idea will you use in your next story? Tell us in the comments and save this post.

Follow us for more tips "



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- Aida  $\rightarrow$  Interest
- Tips & hacks
- Authentic  $\rightarrow$  builds trust
- Foto of themselves
- Format (portrait) → takes up more space → more eye catching (feed)
- Questions → increase engagement



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Reagiere auf das Bild und teile uns deine Meinung mit, welches Outfit am besten zu unserem GARRY passt.... See More

#### Welches Design gefällt dir am besten?

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- Call for engagement (higher reach)
- Clear CTA "Show us your reaction"
- Involve your community in product development process → long lasting relationships (customers feel like contributors an important part of the startup)



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blueapron 🗢 What's in the Box? Sweet & Sour Chicken!

Chef Alex & Olivia 🐼 are in the kitchen cooking our latest recipe from @chefroyyamaguchi! Bonus: learn how to make a gastrique!



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chasequigs Truly a masterpiece 😗 6d 2 likes Reply V 1,757 views

7 DAYS AGO

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Add a comment...

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- Aida  $\rightarrow$  Desire •
- Learn how to use the product •
- Product Demo from customers



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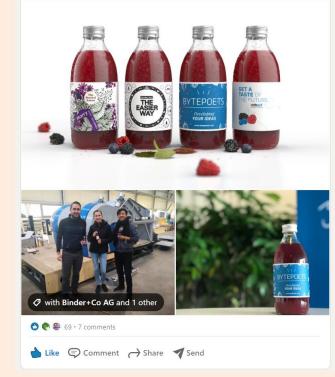


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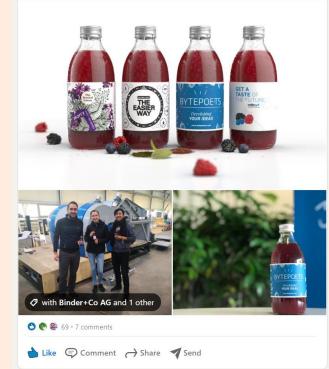
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- Aida  $\rightarrow$  Action
- Clear CTA "Send me a PN..."
- Show product spotlights (individual company design, gives natural energy, refreshing, regional ...)
- Business partner commitment + reach





By the time you read this post... 👇

... our colleagues will already be in Dubai making the final preparations, so they can answer all your questions about our product portfolio for three days at **Gulfood Manufacturing** 2022.

Mery Mehrabanpour, Javad Firosie, Philip Weis, Timo Behrend and Holger Ranters are confident that they have selected only the most exciting systems for you. And because practice is more fun than theory, we have a total of **18** different samples ready for you to taste at our stand **G7-49**.

Among them are products like:

- Processed cheese preparations that can be filled into jars or packed as triangles.
- Recombined milk
- Meat applications like sausages, cold cuts and nuggets
- Hybrid products that meet the growing demand for "healthier" meat products
- Mayonnaises & dressings

Curious? Then visit us in Hall 7 at our joint booth with **Planteneers**, **SternEnzym** and **OlbrichtArom**. We're looking forward to many visitors and an exciting show with you!

#wetexturetaste #gulfood #gulfoodmanufacturing





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#### Food ingredients Asia - finally in person again!

Asian's largest food and beverage ingredients event took place after a two years hiatus and our affiliate Stern Ingredients Asia-Pacific was delighted to be a part of it. Over three days of intensive exchange with partners and customers in three separate booths - our colleagues gain a lot from this event in Bangkok.

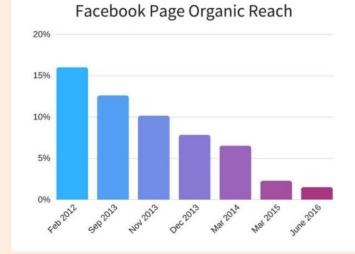
"It was amazing to finally visit Food ingredients - Fi Asia after a two years break. The visitors were very excited to taste our plant-based products and it was fun to show them our versatile solutions!" says Jil Dharmawan, Sales Executive Asia at Planteneers.

#fiasia #figlobal #wefuturefood #foodingredients

#### **Social Media development**

# Organic reach is **decreasing steadily**

2023: less than 2% 1000 fans  $\rightarrow$  ~ 20



# Social Media Tip 2.

Don't post the same content on every channel!

√ Consistent look & feel

✓ Content repurposing/different point of view

#### **Examples**



Jetzt ist die Katze endlich aus dem Sack! 😁 😅 🥰

Ab nächster Woche könnt ihr euch unsere liebe Marry auch in über 600 Spar Filialen und in einigen Metro Filialen österreichweit holen!

Wir freuen uns wahnsinnig darüber und bedanken uns nochmals ganz herzlichst bei euch allen, die uns auf diesem Wege so tatkräftig unterstützt haben! Jetzt kommt eine sehr spannende Zeit auf uns zu 🚀 #marrygrowth



TRENDINGTOPICS.AT | BY TRENDINGTOPICS.AT Marry Icetea: Grazer Drink-Startup schafft es in den Supermarktregale

1,355	733	-
People Reached	Engagements	Boost Unavailable

CC You and 159 others

50 Comments 16 Shares



#### Examples



Was macht Marry Icetea aus?



Transparenz

Nicht nur wir sollen wissen, was in Marry Icetea steckt. Unsere Community soll Teil der Geschichte sein.



Nachhaltigkeit

Wir schauen auf unseren Planeten und tun alles uns Mögliche, um ihn weiter lebenswert zu halten.



Gemeinschaft

Alleinsein macht niemanden glücklich. Am besten genießt man mit Freunden.



Regionalität

Home is where my Heart is. Wir leben

gerne in Österreich und wollen dieses

Gefühl auch in unsere Flasche füllen.

Persönlichkeit

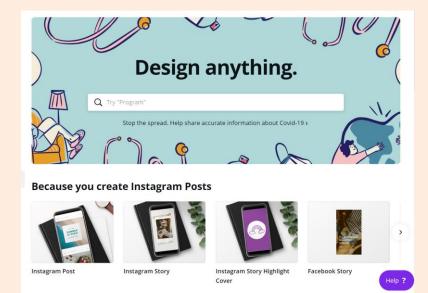
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K 派 Was macht Marry Icetea aus?

# Social Media tip 3: <u>Canva</u>

- **Design-Tool** for Social Media posts
- + easy to use
- + Lots of templates
- for FB, Insta, YT, LI
- + Every post format/pic sizes + **free**



https://www.canva.com/

# **Tool tip: Free pics**

#### Beautiful photos/videos license-free:

- <u>https://pixabay.com/de/</u>
- https://www.pexels.com/de-de/
- https://www.freepik.com/
- <u>https://unsplash.com/</u>



### Social Media tip 4.

Use new features!



- + Reach
- + Reels, FB 3D photos
- + New stickers (Links!)
- + YT Shorts

Quelle: @mosseri





### Example

#### Video Post: 403 clicks



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marryicetea Echter naturbelassener Geschmack, beerig-saftige Teekomposition, 100% steirische ganze Beeren - das macht unsere Marry aus ♥ Wir wünschen euch einen erfrischenden Wochenstart!

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#### Reel: (Clicks + Reach) x 2



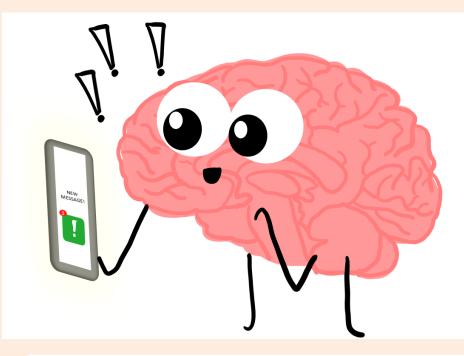
# **Social Media** tip 5.

Interact with your community!

- + Reach
- + Engagement
- + Community commitment



#### DOPAMINE



# **Growth** hack

Boost posts that gain new followers

Growth rate 14%





#### LinkedIn

#### Who uses LinkedIn?



# Who posts regularly on LinkedIn?



#### LinkedIn: Social Media & Business platform

- Linkedin is more than a hiring platform
- Place to go for digital B2B-communication
- Tool for Personal Branding
- Online networking tool



## LinkedIn Usage DACH





48% increase of discussions in 2021  $\rightarrow$  engaging platform

Quelle: https://www.futurebiz.de/artikel/linkedin-statistiken/

#### **Pro's**

Direct contact with potential employees, customers, partners and multipliers

- $\checkmark$  targeted networking  $\rightarrow$  Filter function
- ✓ Update your profile first
- ✓ Relatively good reach (right now)



# **Profile: Optimization**

Few seconds can be game-changing

- Is the person relevant for my business?
- Does he/she look like an expert?
- Can he/she support my business?

Profile: Your online business card / website



## **Profile: Picture**

- The first touch point
- Professional profile photo increases accept rate
- friendly and clear face
- Recognition value (colours)
- Pro tip: Add video









Tool tip - delete background: <u>https://www.erase.bg/de</u>

# **Profile: Cover photo**

#### • Builds trust

Photos of people from the same area of expertise, customers, employees and partners (stakeholders)
Photos on stage / podcasts (behind the scene)
Text: What am I doing



Tool tip - Linkedin cover photo https://www.canva.com/

#### **Profil: Cover photo**



#### https://www.linkedin.com/in/shayrowbottom/



https://www.linkedin.com/in/milesmcnair/

### **Profile: Catchphrase**

- Added value/service
- Take into account: Linkedin SEO (include keywords)
- Characters / emojis for separating text blocks
- 220 characters

# Formula: I help [TARGETAudience] to [CUSTOMER VALUE] without [PAIN POINTS]

- X Motivational Quotes
- X Don't be generic: "Business consultant"

## **Profil: Catchphrase**

#### Shay Rowbottom Shay Rowbottom

I develop content strategy for brands that builds culture, community, & leads. S APPLY FOR A CALL BELOW! Marketing | LinkedIn Coach | Social Selling | Making "Boring" Businesses Stand Out | Let's Connect

Felix Weinzinger ■) (Wachmacher) · 2nd Professional sleep consultant. Sounds funny. But it's true.

Sarah Theresa Schütz (sie/ihr) · 2nd Typescript Lover — 😰 Jira Wizzard — 🌈 WebGL Newbie

#### **Profil: Featured content**

- Showcase your product, service or business.
- External resources: Photos / Pdfs / Links / LinkedIn posts
- Eye-catching
- Reinforce your claim in the Catch Phrase
- Relevant to your target audience



### **Profile: The Rest**

- ✓ Fill out as much as you can: Work experience, education, skills ...
- ✓ Focus: Your results. No bullet points list with tasks
- ✓ Tipp: Ask proactively for recommendations
- Include Keywords
- Activate "Creator Mode" for active users



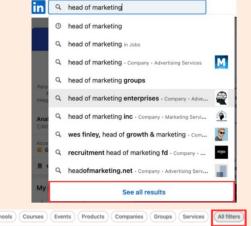
Tool tip - SSI Index <u>https://www.linkedin.com/sales/ssi</u>

### **Search** function

• People / Posts / Businesses / Jobs ...

1. Think about job titles Head of Marketing, Marketing Director, CMO ...

**1. Linkedin search function + Filter** (Location/Industry/Connection Level...)



- 1. Bonus: Connections from your other contacts
- 2. Bonus: Identify active users

#### **Tips for LI content creation**

- X Nobody is on LinkedIn to see your product
- ✓ Inform. Learn. Connect. Exchange. Discuss.
- ✓ Posts via private profile and/or business page
- LinkedIn Features (LinkedIn Live, Articles, new scheduling option)
- ✓ Hashtags (~5)
- Invite people to discuss about your content
- ✓ Content-mix (Slides, photos, videos ...)

# Algorhythm

- Rewards dwell time
- First 30 minutes are important (morning)
- Rewards engagement from >= 2nd contacts
- PDF slider / carousel photos ("invisible clicks")



#### Discussion

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Build a community that lasts is back-breaking work
- Be open about making mistakes and test, test, test
- Be clear and authentic when communicating
- Test, execute, analyse, learn, test again ...

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Find channel/task you love
- Have fun learning
- Prioritize social media channels (less is more)
- Don't give up :)

**Questions**?

# Let's connect!



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