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## WORKSHOP Successful Communication

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## What are your expectations?



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#### One sentence introductions





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#### Marketing is war

"The true nature of marketing today is not serving the customer; it is outwitting, outflanking, outfighting your competitors.

In short, marketing is war where the enemy is the competition and the customer is the ground to be won."

Al Ries, ranked among top 10 Business Gurus



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green army vs. red army , open field

hit rate = 1/3

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**Green army wins** The green army lost 3 soldiers The red army lost 6 soldiers

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> "Where absolute superiority is not attainable, you must produce a relative one at the decisive point by making skillful use of what you have."

> > Karl von Clausewitz



#### The Battle of Varus in the Teutoburg Forest



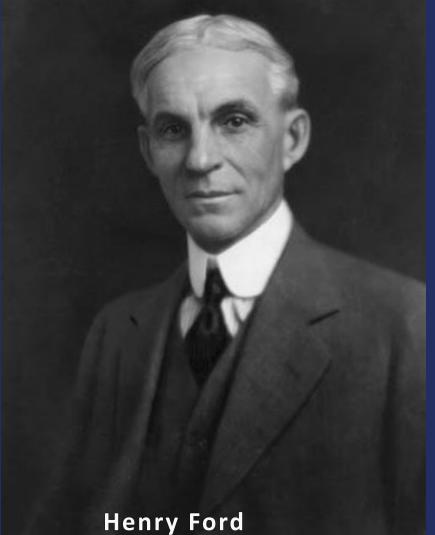
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"Ducks lay eggs discreetly, on the other hand a chicken makes noise so the whole estate can hear.

What is the result?

The whole world eats chicken eggs!"



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Human perception is expectation driven and highly selective.

We often don't even see what we don't expect.

The multi-optional customer is under stress

between 10,000 – 13,000 advertising messages daily

These messages must not only be produced and offered, but also processed and consumed!





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Source: www.wiwo.de

Despite increasing media opportunities, it is becoming increasingly difficult to communicate with customers.

Attention has become the scarcest resource of our time.

The good news: Advertising has a high level of acceptance among customers. But only if it doesn't bother her/ him, is dialogue-oriented and catches her/ him at the right moment. The consumer is no longer a recipient, but an actor her/ himself.

If you still want to stand out in the mass, you have to come up with something.



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# Guerilla-Marketing describes how companies can generate maximum profits with atypically small investments.



**Guerilla-Marketing** describes how start-ups can outperform their (large) competitors despite their smaller size (in terms of capital and employees).



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#### **A communication strategy** involves the alignment of a <u>companies</u> vision with marketing activites and using tactics to reach defined company goals.





#### Clear Vision, Mission, Values



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#### **Statements** that help define your business





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#### Mission, Vision & Values

#### **Your Mission**

A mission statement declares an organisation's purpose, or why it exists.



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"To enrich people's lives with programmes and services that inform, educate and entertain."







"[To] Develop and supply mechanically and electronically controlled Powertrain and **Electronic systems and** components, that improve fuel economy, minimize pollution, and enhance safety and performance."







Mission, Vision & values

#### Your Vision

Your mission statement will often inform your vision, which will inform your team, customers and stakeholders the direction you are heading in.





# "To be the most creative organisation in the world."







## "To be Earth's most customercentric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online."







"Make transportation as reliable as running water, everywhere, for everyone.."







#### Mission, Vision & Values

#### Your Values

The operating philosophies or principles that guide an organization's internal conduct as well as its relationship with its customers, partners, and shareholders.



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- Trust is the foundation of the XXX: we are independent, impartial and honest.
- Audiences are at the heart of everything we do.
- We take pride in delivering quality and value for money.
- Creativity is the lifeblood of our organisation.
- We respect each other and celebrate our diversity so that everyone can give their best.
- We are one XXX: great things happen when we work together.







- We strive to minimize our negative impact on the environment.
- We strive to show a deep respect for human beings inside and outside our company and for the communities in which they live.
- We seek and support nonviolent ways to achieve peace and justice. We believe government resources are more productively used in meeting human needs than in building and maintaining weapons systems.
- We strive to create economic opportunities for those who have been denied them and to advance new models of economic justice that are sustainable and replicable.
- We support sustainable and safe methods of food production that reduce environmental degradation, maintain the productivity of the land over time, and support the economic viability of family farms and rural communities.







#### Not just for external clients

Your mission, vision and values are important components for both internal and external audiences like employees, partners, board members, consumers, and shareholders.

Everyone should live and breathe by them! It also helps to inform your company culture.



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What is your Vision? What is your Mission?







# What is company culture? Why is it important?



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#### More than just a visual identity

- The worlds most valuable brands successfuly reflect their mission, vision and values through their visual identity and brand.
- The visual identity can be a significant intangible asset on a companies balance sheet.
- Companies pay special attention to ensuring their values are correctly aligned with their brand.
- Building a brand requires a clear and persistant presence amongst your target audience, which can only be done using your communication channels selectively and effectively.

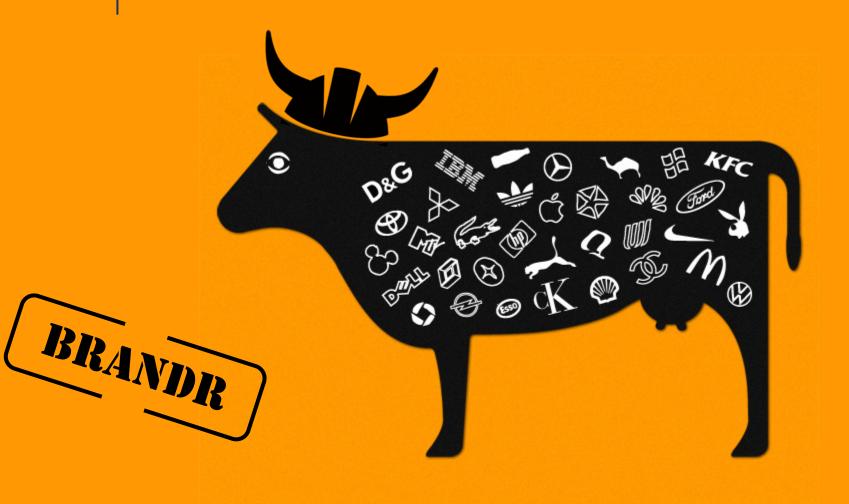




"Beyond Petroleum"









#### Valuable brands



Rank	Company	Brand Value
#1	Amazon	\$416 B
#2	Apple	\$352 B
#3	Microsoft	\$327 B
#4	Google	\$324 B
#5	Visa	\$187 B
#70	Red Bull	\$8.7 B





#### The New Hork Times

Monitos, March 24, 2014 🗱 Today's Paper - Personalize Your Weather - 🛐 🐙



#### Malaysia Says Jet Went Down in Ocean

#### Families Notified as New Analysis Shows Southern Path

BY THOMAS FULLER and CHRSI BUCKLEY 10.45 AHET Eased on satellite data, Prime Minister Najib Razak said Monday that there was no doubt that Flight 370 flew south into the Indian Ocean and could not have landed safely. # 205 Correlation

. De Video: Prime Minister's News Conference



Relatives of passengers from the missing flight in Belling.

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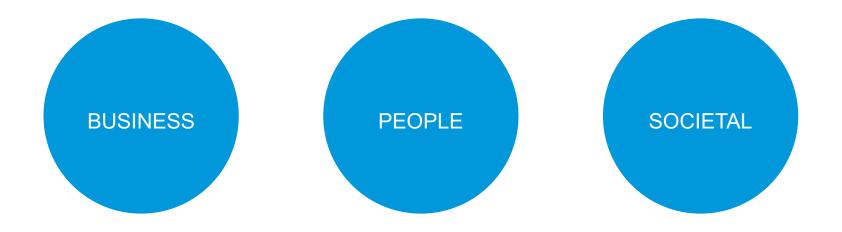
**Brand** safety risks come as a result of:

- 1. Bad decision making by marketers or other stakeholders with regards to the placement of marketing content.
- 2. Accidental of inappropriate ad content placement resulting from precision targeting & programatic advertising.





# Who are we creating value for and how do we measure it?







#### **Clear Differentiation**



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# ... a particular feature of a product or service that makes it different from and better than all its competitors`

Without USP => Price is decission basis



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#### Joghurt drink **Additional Value** Die Privalmolikersi Bauer DER JOGHURT DRINK BU Erdbeere Limette **IOGHURT** 8:0 200 g k NEU

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"The affluent society has an abundance of similar companies, employing similar people, having similar ideas, producing similar things with similar quality."

Kjell Nordström und Jonas Ridderstrale – Management Gurus





#### **Quality, Competence & Innovation**



# JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE UNIQUE



# DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE USEFUL

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MacBook Air

Apple –







# Viral Marketing



## What's your Competitive Innovation Advantage?

Related Names	Attribute	Critical Factors
	1 A service or product which is superior to that of the competitors,	Over-Engineering, Under-Marketing
Strategic Competitive Advantage (SCA)	2 in an important value attribute for the costumers,	Clear formulation of CIA- Concentration on a few, significant CIAs
Unique Selling Proposition (USP)	3 which is acknowledged by the customers as such,	Translation of the objective advantage into the CIA
Competitive Innovation Advantage (CIA)	4 can't be easily copied by the competition	Time passing will lead to the erosion of the CIA
	5 and gives the company an economic advantage (financial return)	Adequate countervalue of customer orientation



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What is your Competitive Innovation Advantage?





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#### Just WATER?







"Elegance is the only beauty that never fades"

- Audrey Hepburn





"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication." - Leonardo da Vinci



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Marketing is every bit of contact your company has with anyone in the outside world. Every bit of contact.

That means a lot of marketing opportunities. It does not mean investing a lot of money."

#### Jay Conrad Levinson



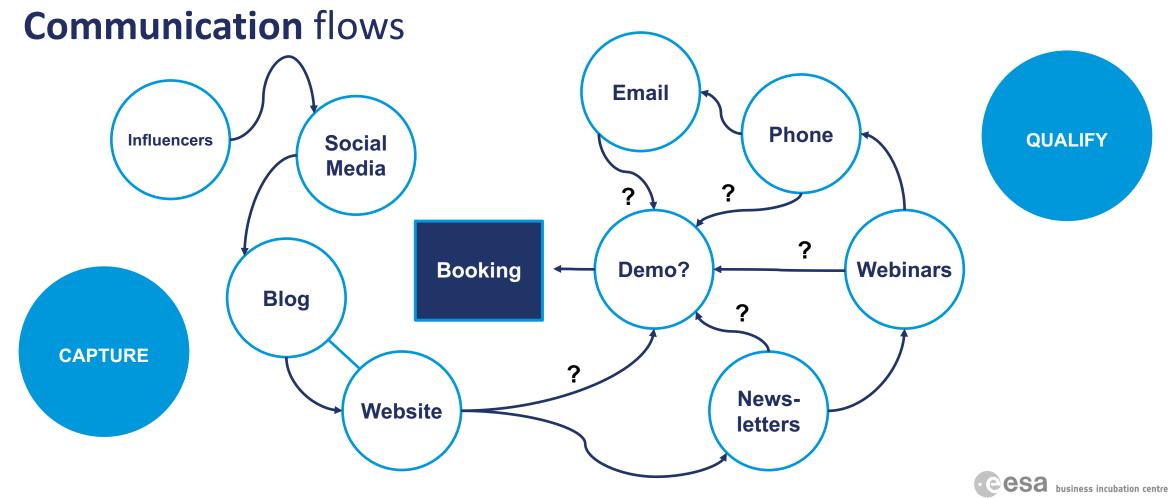
#### Analyze and optimize the path your customers are taking!



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# "You never get a second chance to make a first impression"





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#### What are your expectations?

Which one tastes more natural? – b or e? Which one is more expensive? – a or c? Which one addresses kids?







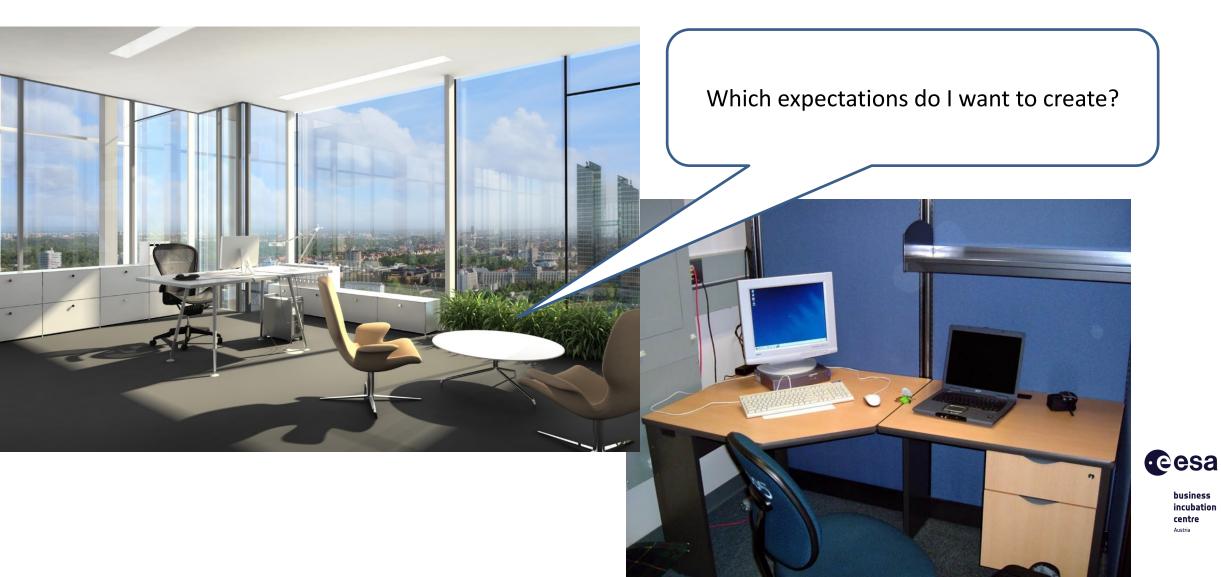
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## Placebo Effect







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#### Lead Generation: Reach out.

#### The Art of Cold Calling for Start-ups







### Telephone calls (Cold calling)

- **Objective:** Identify the right person and a time to talk: meeting or call
- Technique: Speak slowly, loudly, clearly, confidently and with a positive mindset
- Message: Introduction, value proposition of your product, the value proposition of the call and the request.
- Set measurable objectives within your calls.
- Use a CRM
- Be compliant with GDPR





#### Reach out.

### Telephone calls (example)

- 1) I'm Pascale Schneider..... I'm calling from ABC Company..... We support the property industry with intelligent parking access and analytics solutions, which can help save you significant costs, add value to your customers.
- 2) Can I please speak to...
- 3) I am currently working together with a number of large property development and management firms in LOCATION, who are using our expertise in the area of vehicle identification and parking, together with their teams to reduce costs in this area. I am confident we can do the same for you.
- 4) Is this a good time to talk? Would you have 5 minutes for me, so I can better understand how you are managing parking at...PROPERTY NAME?



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Reach Out!





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# Storytelling



# "Stories are such a powerful driver of emotional value that their effect on any given object's subjective value can actually be measured objectively."

— Joshua Glenn and Rob Walker.

Source: http://significantobjects.com/





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#### The role of the hero

The most consistent mistake companies make in sales and marketing is to position their company or product as the hero of the story.







#### The role of the hero

"We are the leading company for xyz software." "Our product reduces costs and is easy to use." "With over 80 features our product is amazing."

Wrong!







#### The role of the hero

"Working with Hero Company, we were able to accellerate their sales aquisitions 5 fold."

"Hero Company saved xyz millions with the assistance of our services."

#### **Right!**





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#### **Benefits Vs Features**

## Features = Facts

- Android and iOS Apps
- Compatible with Microsoft Word
- Mobile Responsive Website
- Batteries are not required
- On-Grid Solar Energy Generation
- 10x Image Magnification

## **Benefits** (Job to be done!) = Value

- Your customers are important to you so we ensure you can always reach them at home or on the move.
- You shouldn't have to worry whether your data is secure or not, or if your security measures are charged and working. We give you peace of mind.
- You can help improve the global environment from within your home and be the first to benefit from the renewable energy revolution.





#### Networking For Growth

#### The Entrance

Don't be afraid to step in and join a group conversation.

You could ask

"Would you mind if I join you?" "What is the topic that's being discussed?"

Make your introduction and deliver a value proposition that intrigues the group and creates questions.

"We help our customers to grow quickly using dynamic images."







#### Networking For Growth

## The Lead In

Be mindful of others in the room and who may like to join your group. It is easier to grow an existing group than enter a new one!

Make a brief introduction to the group that shows you have been listening and understand the current group members.

"Please join us. We are talking about how we support the growth of our clients. This is Tom, he is the CEO at XYZ Company, which offers ABC solutions."







#### Networking For Growth

## The Exit

Don't be afraid to ask your group to help you in identifying potential customers, stakeholders, investors etc.

A recommendation from another is a very powerful way of getting instant credibility.



## Homework

Create a Strategic Message Map for your start-up







Strategic Message Map

## Effective messaging is simple, consistent and repeatable.

https://medium.com/the-marketing-playbook/strategic-communication-how-to-develop-strategic-messaging-and-positioning-3cc59689ca28



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## **Targeting** the right channels is critical

Digital		Internal	Traditional
Websites	Podcasts	Intranet (wiki pages)	Telephone
Videos	Newsletters	Wall Messaging	Direct Mail
Blogs	Chatbots	Displays & Banners	Public Relations (Press)
Social Media	Messaging Services	Screens	Exhibitions/Fairs/Events
Apps	Webinars	<b>Team Meetings</b>	Client Meetings
Emails	Crowd Funding	Team Activities	Coffee (Austrian)
Adverts (Adwords)	Influencers		





## What are your objectives?

"I want to build a commercially successful business!"

## How will you do it?

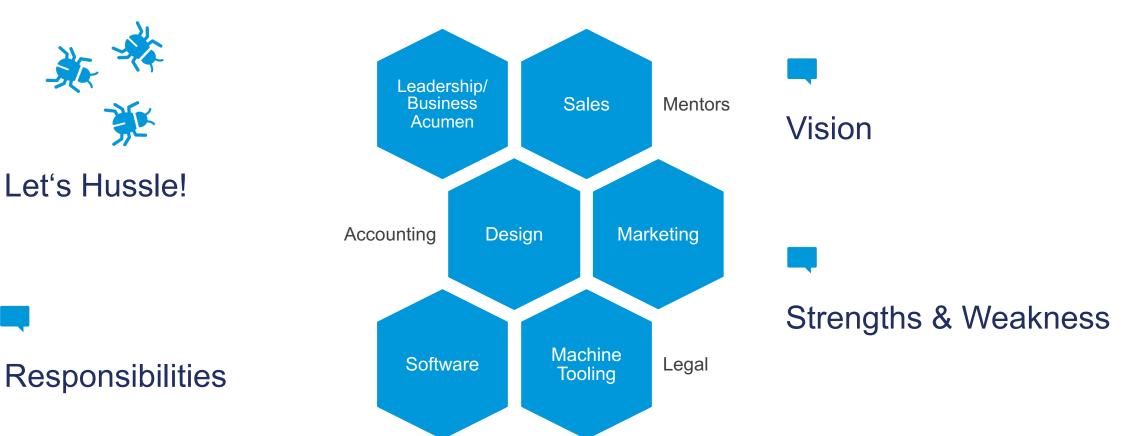
"By being present on Social Media"

## Why?

"Because everyone else is doing it!"









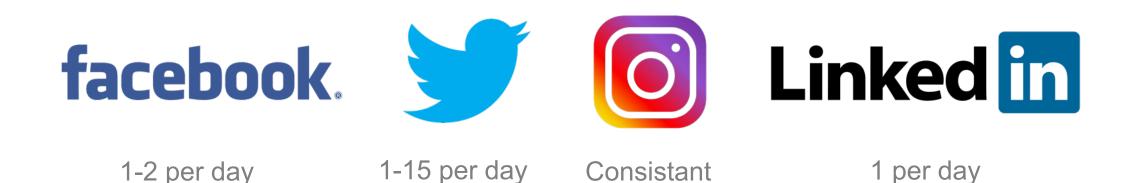
## Don't be afraid to pick up the phone!





## What's the ideal Social Media post frequency?

As with all things Social Media the answer is somewhat complex!





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## The benefits of precision targeting

- Boosted brand engagement
- Increased lead values

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- Improved tracking and measuring of success
- Personalisation (Determination of customer groups)
- Reduced ad waste





# What could go wrong with precision marketing?

## How much precision do I actually need?





## **Emails**

- Keep emails short and to the point.
- Use the subject line to inform or to intrigue.





#### **Communication Channels**

## **Emails**

- 1) "Question about [goal]"
- 2) "[Mutual connection] recommended I get in touch"
- 3) "Our next steps"
- 4) "X options to get started"
- 5) "Know this about [topic of interest]?"
- 6) "Feeling blue? Like baby pandas?"
- 7) "I love everything in this email!"





## **Newsletters**

- Segment your audiences.
- Carry out A/B testing.
- Get ready to react.
- Design links that tell you something about your users interests.





## Website

- What is the purpose of your website?
- Start simple and then build in the detail.
- Use benefits and features correctly!
- Tell stories





#### **Ambient Marketing**





## **Ambient Marketing**







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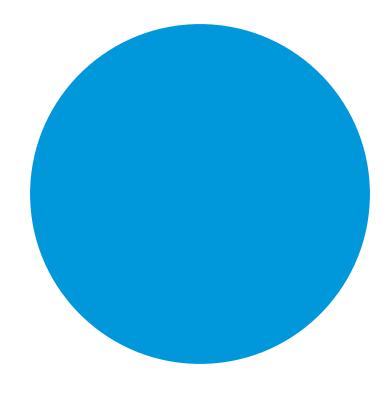
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