

## Business session 2: what we are going to cover



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- Why it is important
- Competitor Sales Strategies and AnalysisSWOT Analysis
- How to do it

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#### **CONVERTING NEW CHICKS:**

- Converting trial sessions to buying consumersWhy you should offer a "try before you buy"
- How to effectively follow up with trial consumers
- Special offers

#### **GROW YOUR REVENUE:**

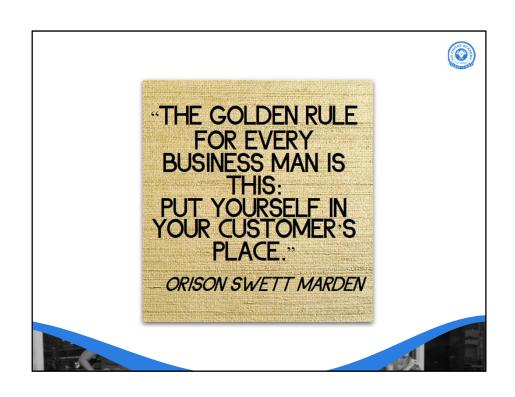
- Upselling your programs or offerings
- Bundle packages
- Maximize existing clients

#### LOYALTY CONSUMERS:

• How to create and offer loyalty programs

#### **CONSUMER BUYING BEHAVIORS:**

• 7 main types of consumers







- 1. Water
- 2. Put your finger tips together
- 3. Take 3 deep breaths





Say what?

A competitive analysis is an objective view of the overall market in which your product and or service is playing within.

Super important to have so that you know the strategies required by you to make an impact in your marketplace.



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### **Your Company's Competitors:**

- 1. Create a list of direct competitors
- 2. High level and introductory
- 3. Direct and indirect
- 4. Potential companies or products you are aware of that might enter your marketplace in the next two years
- 5. Review list frequently



#### **Competitor Product Overview:**

- 1. Review competitors products and services
- 2. Create list of all direct competition products and services
- 3. Make note of everything to do with direct competitors like:
  - What they are selling
  - How they are selling it
  - Price points
  - Marketing strategies
  - Product or service reviews
  - How they are seen in the marketplace
  - Success on each product or service

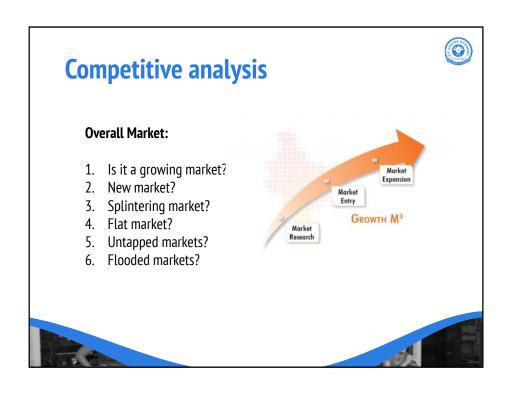


### **Competitors Strengths and Weaknesses:**

- 1. Review all areas of strengths and weaknesses as if you are a consumer
- 2. Do your homework
- 3. Highlight similarities between your product and theirs in both areas







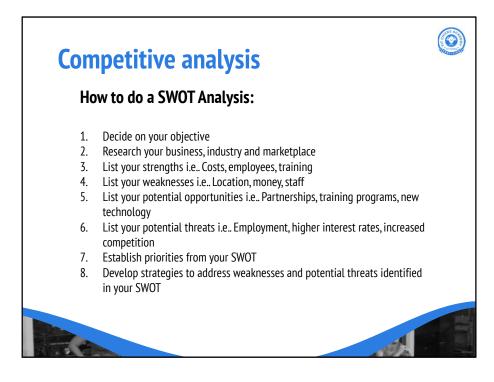
#### **SWOT ANAYLSIS**

- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
- Way to asses positive pieces of your business and recognize areas of improvement or requirements
- Great learning tool to really dig deep in your business



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https://www.business.qld.gov.au/business/starting/market-customer-research/swotanalysis/conducting-swot-analysis



## **Sales positioning**

#### How much \$\$ to charge for your products or services:

Is your product unique to the marketplace What is your competition price points Will you be a leader in the market Avoid high costs or can be undercut by competition Look at market value

#### **Pricing Perceptions:**

Shift focus from cost to time related activities
Pay before use
Remove the \$ sign
Create a format of payment
Show price comparisons and have new value smaller font



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## **Sales positioning**

#### 3 Main Profit Margins You should Consider:

1. Direct cost margin is to determine the margin you have after you have calculated the costs associated with the actual product. You must at the very least cover the direct costs in order to continue.

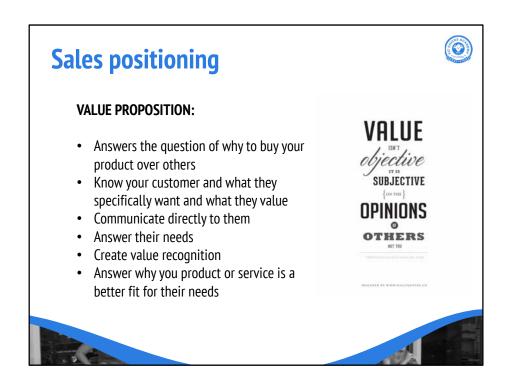
Direct cost margin = sale price - total direct cost

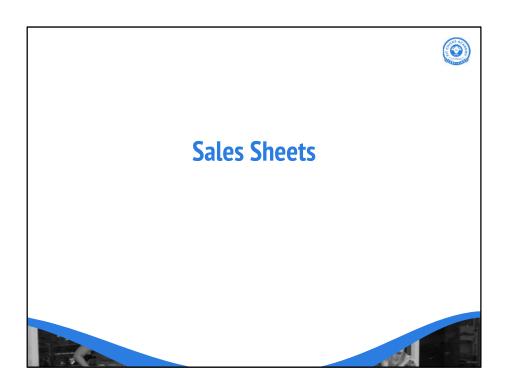
2. Break even pricing is to determine the total sales required to just break even. Not ideal in business.

Break even price = direct costs / units + fixed costs / volume

3. Profit price = the winning combo as this is the one that identifies what you need to do to generate profit on sales and service.

Profit price = direct costs / unit + (fixed costs + desired profit) / volume





# How to build an effective sales sheet

- 1. Have a call to action
- 2. Include all really important information
- 3. Look at including special offer
- 4. Make it interesting!
- 5. Write out unique selling points and including all important elements like tagline, body, headline, testimonials, pictures etc.
- 6. Sleep on it
- 7. Have important stuff be the centre of attention
- 8. Revise as needed
- 9. Get it out the door
- 10. Test it out and change as needed



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http://www.business2community.com/strategy/10-steps-to-a-profit-pounding-sales-sheet-0397408

## **Sales sheets**



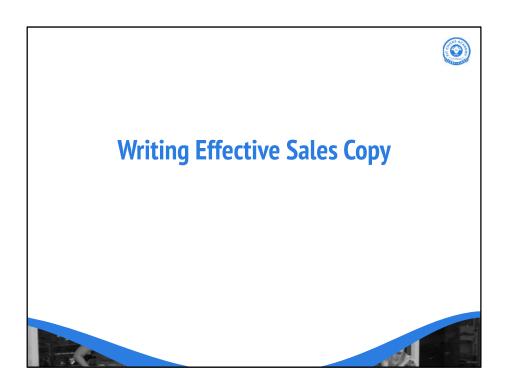
#### Why are they so important and effective:

- 1. Face of your brand and company
- 2. Drive sales and awareness
- 3. Marketing but also sales tool
- 4. Cost effective
- 5. Easily distributed
- 6. Take away for consumers
- 7. Easy way to reach new audience
- 8. Cross marketing











http://www.entrepreneur.com/article/167910



**Converting trial sessions to sales** 

## How to convert trial sessions to new sales opportunities:

Offer the most amazing experience possible Offer unique added value options Provide an easy process Follow up with the client Think like a consumer

#### Why you should offer a "try before you buy" option:

Most peeps are wary about spending a lot of money on something they cannot physically touch, feel or experience. By providing them a "try before you buy" option you are giving them confidence in your product, experience and you as a business.

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**Converting trial sessions to** sales

### **Effective follow up with trial members:**

- Within 24 hours of session
- Show that you care about experience
- Ask for feedback
- Avoid inundating them with information
- Email or by phone
- Send short survey with special offerDo not cross the "stalker" line



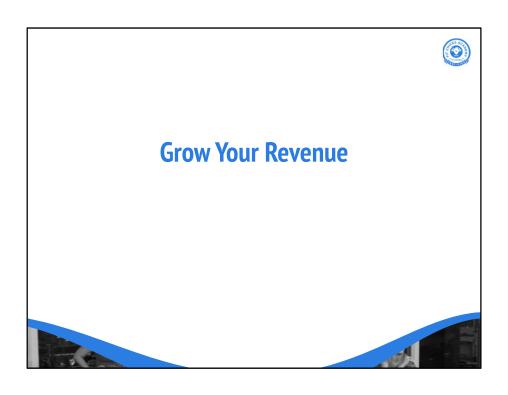
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### **Special Offers and Discounts:**

- Have limited time offer
- Unique selling points listed as reminder
- Have unique code used for each offer to track success
- Bring a friend options
- Group rates



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## **Grow your revenue**

#### How to upsell your programs or offerings:

- Create unique qualities
- Communicate before or during the actual use
- Develop strategies for continued use
- Create excitement around the product or service = desire

#### **Bundle Packages:**

- Creates more value perception
- Takes away cost per unit breakdown
- Bundle an emotional (Hedonic) element to take

away guilt factor to have more impact on sales Bundle similar priced items only - keep perception that the main product of desire is valuable



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#### Maximize existing clients:

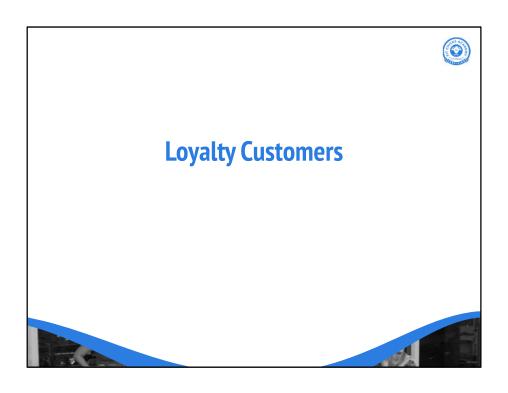
- Offer more of what they are looking for
- Can you provide more services without losing your focus
- Focus on results
- Communicate effectively
- Know your audience
- Sell them what they want not what you like

Great article on how to gain more sales from existing customers:

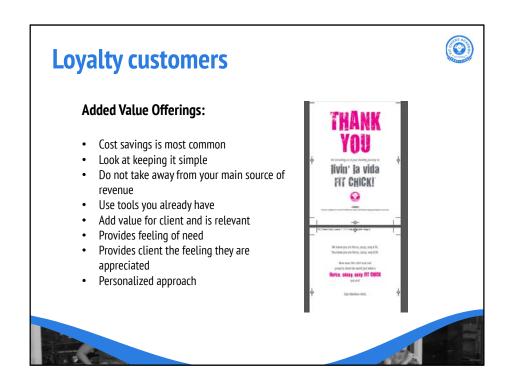
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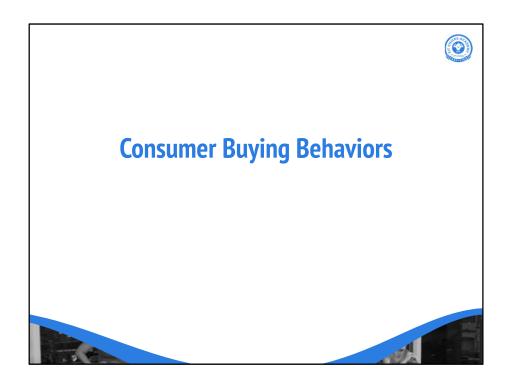


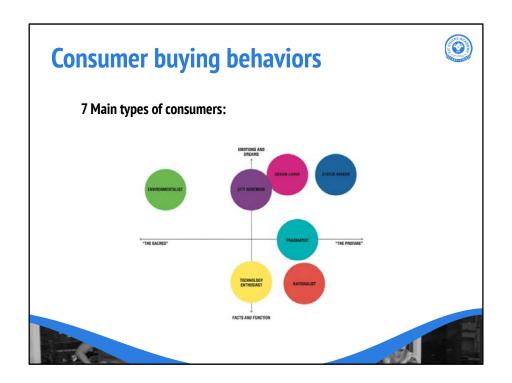
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http://www.etrans.dk/index.php?id=113

## **Consumer buying behaviors**



#### 7 Main types of consumers:

- 1. Environmentalist: social conscious and would look at all aspects to be sure they fall in line with their beliefs
- 2. City Bohemian: follows trends
- 3. Technology Enthusiast: into technology based ideals
- 4. Design Lover: appreciates the aesthetics
- 5. Pragmatic: convenience is #1
- 6. Rationalist: used as a tool or to gain something specific
- 7. Status Seeker: status symbol

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