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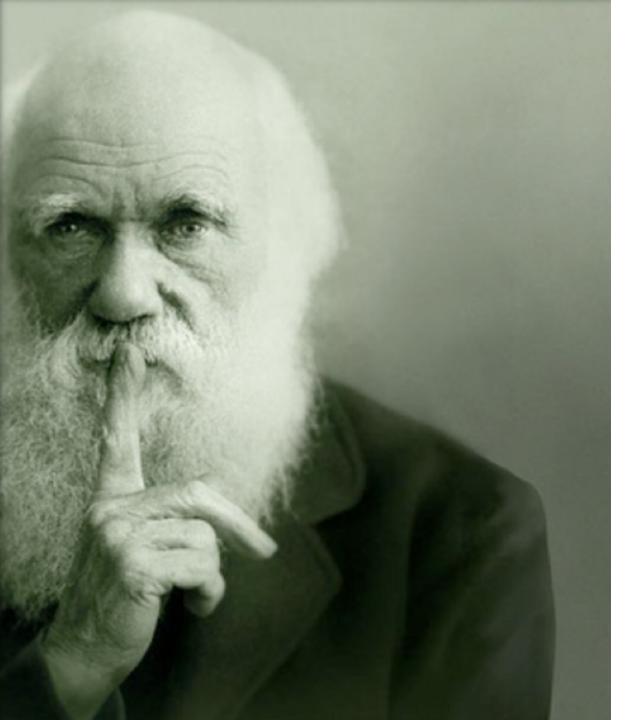
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BLVD Music offers consignors the best aspects of selling instruments online *and* offline







Digital Darwinism is the evolution of consumer behavior when society & technology evolve faster than your ability to adapt



Digital Darwinism is already changing the landscape of business

Over 40 percent of the companies that were at the top of the Fortune 500 in 2000 were no longer there in 2010



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"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change."

— Leon C. Megginson



Social Media is the New Normal

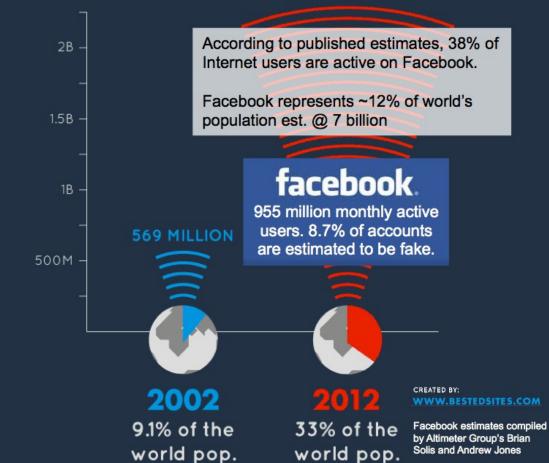
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Social Media is different than other media channels before it. Here it's about relationships, recognition, engagement, value, and help.

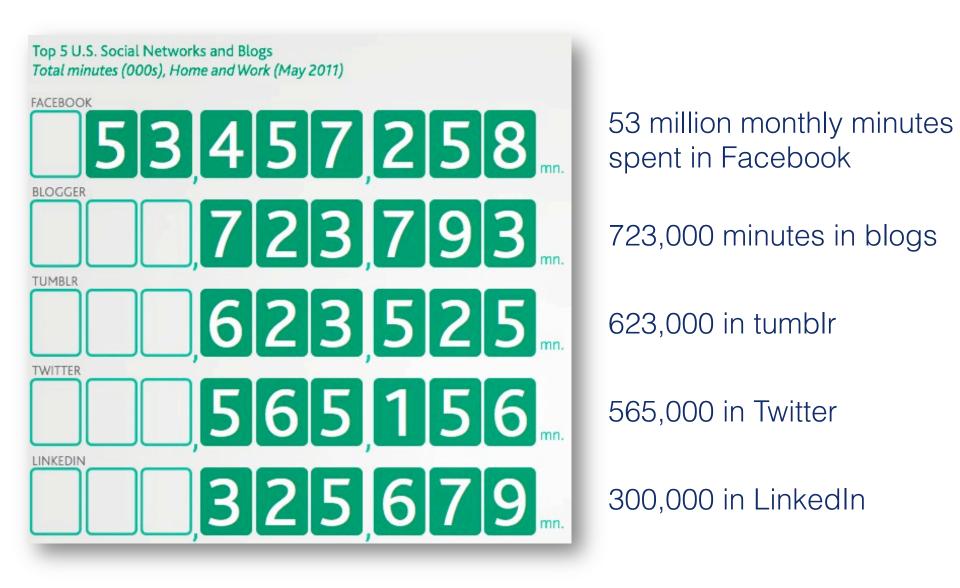
THE GROWTH OF THE INTERNET IN THE PAST 10 YEARS IS STAGGERING

Internet Users

2.27 BILLION

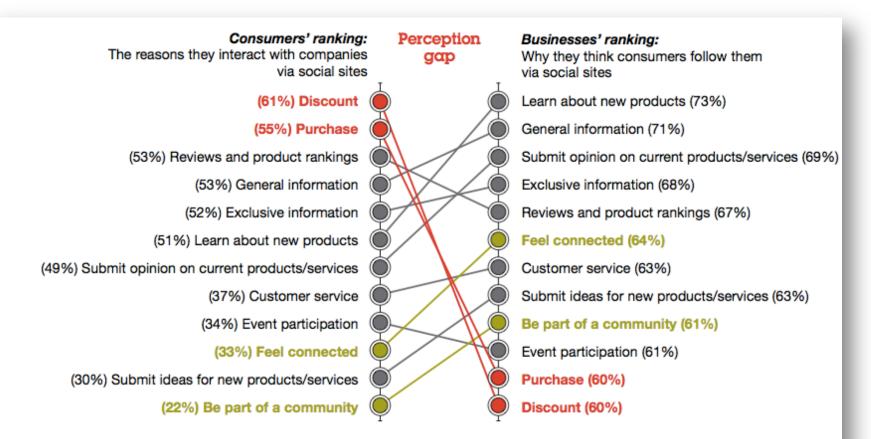






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The Perception Gap in Social Media

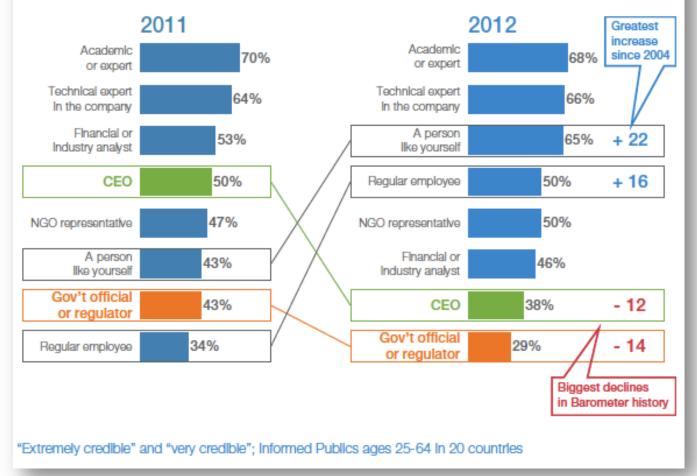


Note: Consumer: N=1056; Business: Learn N=333, General info N=336, Submit opinion N=334, Exclusive info N=333, Reviews/rankings N=333, Feel connected N=331, Customer service N=331, Submit ideas N=332, Community N=329, Event N=332, Purchase N=334, Discounts N=331. Source: IBM Institute for Business Value analysis. CRM Study 2011.



2012: Trust in peers rises to level of experts

If you heard information about a company from one of these people, how credible would that information be?



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Source: Edelman Trust Barometer

"If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own."

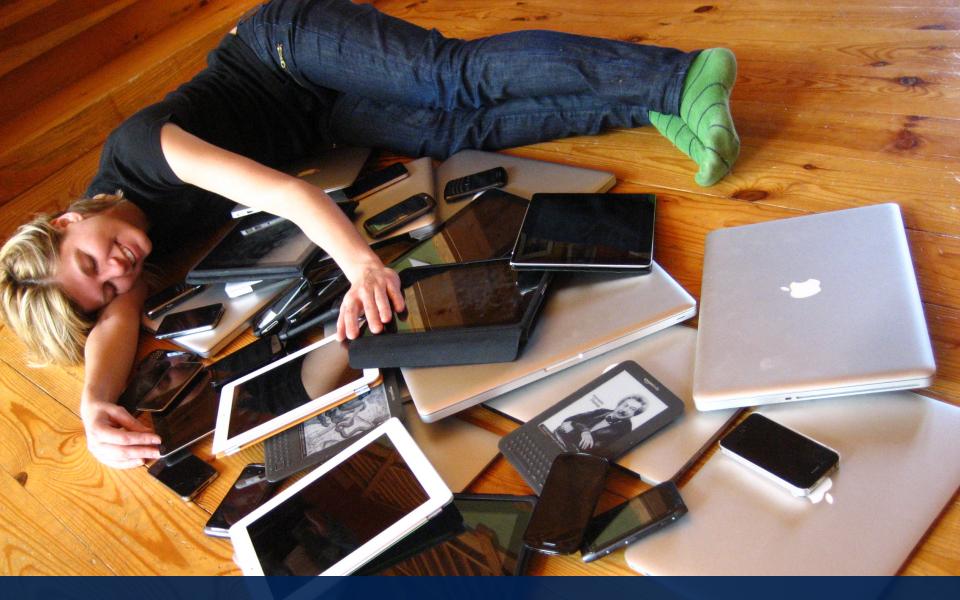
— Henry Ford



The Rise of the Connected Customer – Generation C







How people connect, communicate, share and discover is changing. This is only the beginning of a much larger movement...and its forcing businesses to adapt.



For my I year old daughter, a magazine is an iPad that does not work.

It will remain so for her whole life.

Steve Jobs has coded a part of her OS.





Customer behavior & expectations are evolving. They expect to engage your business & all it represents...their way.

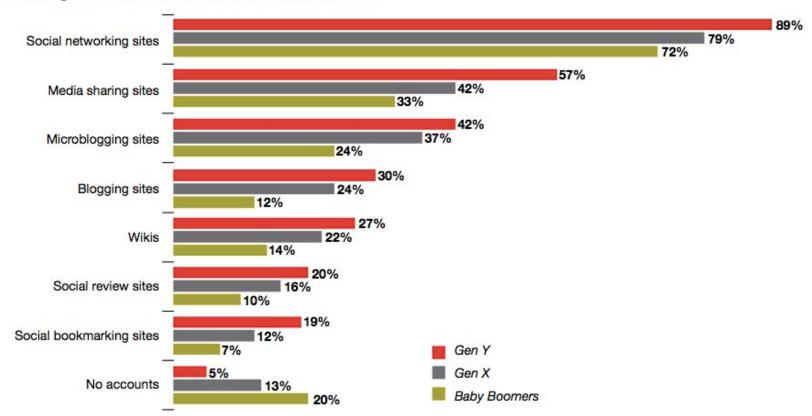
Traditional Digital CONNECTED





You are now marketing to an audience with an audience of audiences — Strategies must engage and trigger a social effect

Connected Consumers still represent EVERY demographic



Percentage of consumers with accounts on social sites

Notes: 1) Sample size N=1056. 2) Generation Y: People born between 1975 and 1992 (18 to 35 year olds); Generation X: People born between 1965 and 1974 (36 to 45 year olds); Baby Boomers: People born in or before 1964 (46 years olds and older). Source: IBM Institute for Business Value analysis. CRM Study 2011.



Armed with new methods of gathering information and interacting with retailers, consumers are becoming increasingly informed, empowered and demanding.



Meeting the demands of the smarter consumer



Customers are empowered and informed and they use retail outlets as showrooms for e-tailers

An Analyst Walked Into Best Buy, And Discovered Firsthand How Amazon Is Destroying It

Joe Weisenthal

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Best Buy recently reported that earnings were significantly below last year's as a result of declining store sales, lower gross margins and higher expenses

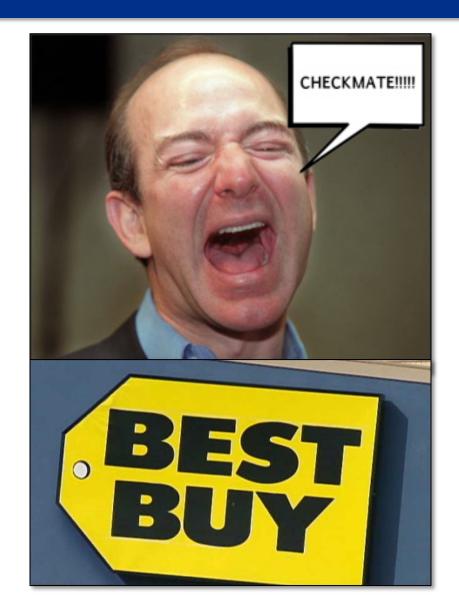
Amazon announced its quarterly sales were up 30% and its operating cash flow was up 8% to \$3.4 billion for the trailing 12 months.

We visited several retainstores including Best Buy Target Wal-mart Staples





Retailers wage a war against Amazon as showrooms for e-tailers



Best Buy and Target are attempting a price matching war with Amazon. Amazon bests Best Buy prices by 17% across 75% of its inventory. Analysts say the move can cost it more than \$400 million of gross profit.



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Can Best Buy Beat Amazon with Service?

"Why not try an experiment: tell customers the fee for sales assistance in selecting the right product is...\$25, but that fee will be applied to the purchase price if they buy from the store. If the advice is high quality and objective, my guess is that some customers will agree."

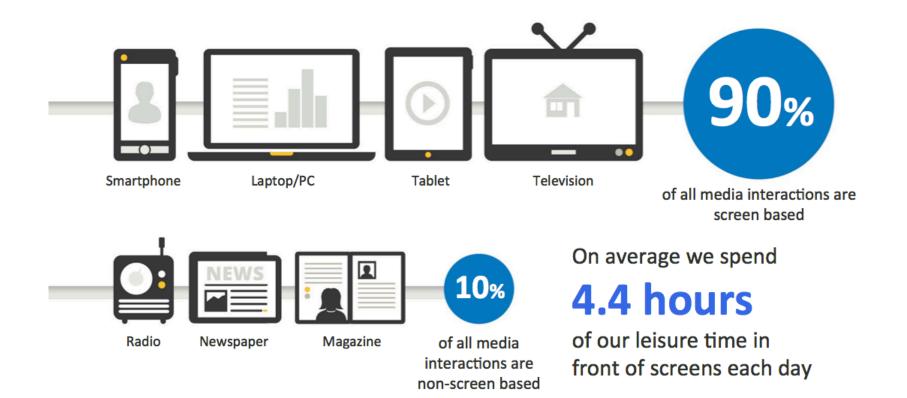
- Alan Wurtzel, former CEO of Circuit City



You are now competing for... ATTENTION AND RELEVANCE

We are a planet of multi-tasking and multi-screeners. Attention is now divided. Without a strategy or architecture, attention is impossible to grab.

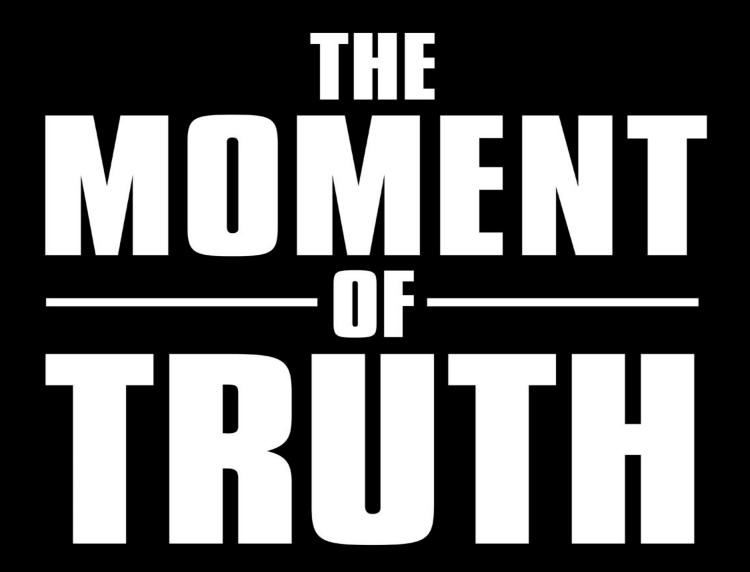
Majority of our daily media interactions are screen based

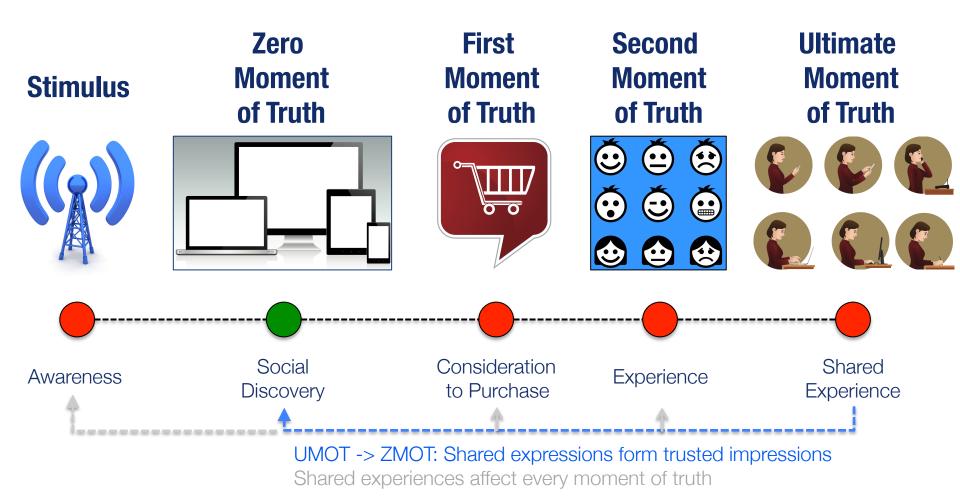






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Stimulus: Awareness

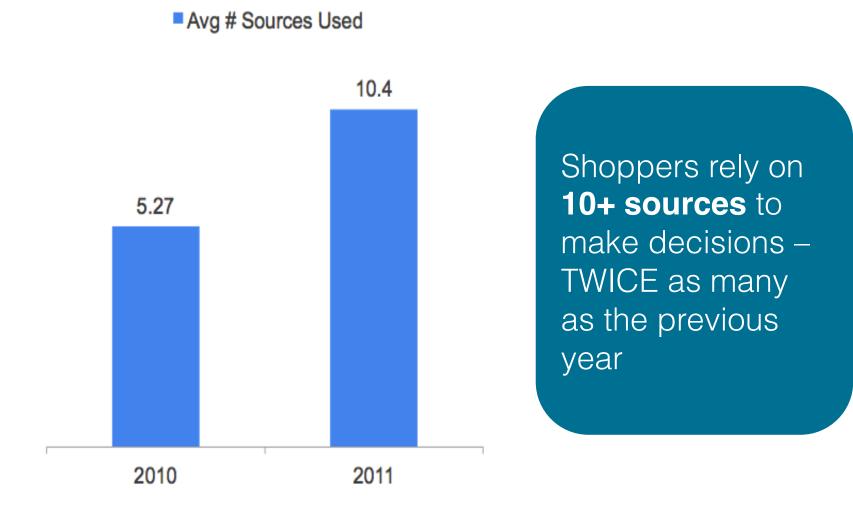
Without awareness there can be no consideration. Every moment of truth is a student touch point.



Zero Moment of Truth: Consideration Purchases are researched, influenced by social proof, or impulse-driven. Multiple channels can contribute and drive each action.



Social Feeds = Information Discovery



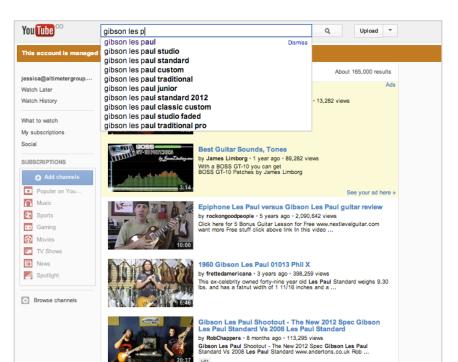
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When it comes to search...

You Tube

is the new



95% of consumers use BOTH YouTube and Google when searching for relevant content.

Source: AskYourTargetMarket Research Study, Q3 2012



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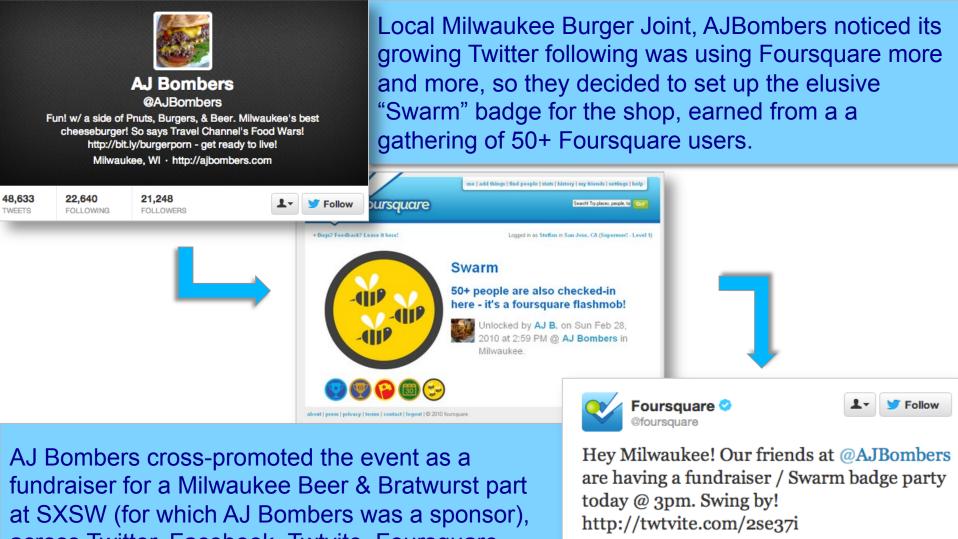
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How a burger joint used Foursquare to draw a crowd



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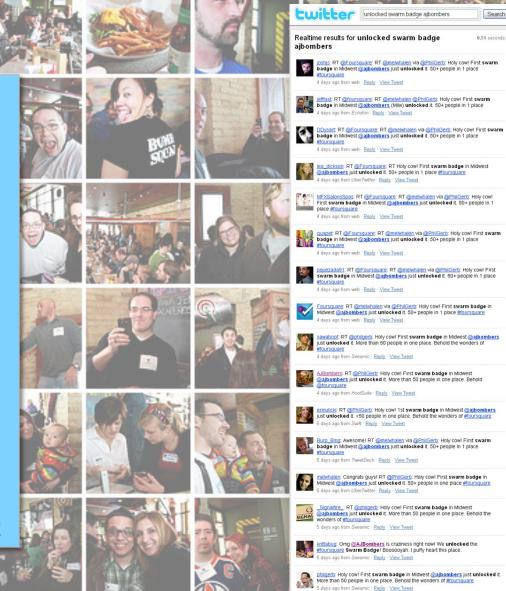
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And 'swarm' they do; AJ Bombers draws mass foot traffic, engagement



- 100 pre sign-ups; 161 check-ins generated by the event in one day
- Hundreds of tweets generated by the event, marked increase in word of mouth
- 56 users signed up for Foursquare for the first time just to get the badge
- Biggest Foursquare check-in event in the mid-west hitherto, first "Swarm"
- Picked up by multiple media outlets
- Took only 1 week to organize the event



GiantNerd employs social tools to empower outdoor enthusiasts to make educated purchasing decisions



By the community and for the community; GiantiNerd incentivizes customer reviews and interaction through NerdDollars, both on products and for the site itself. Users also direct inventory; GN listens for demand and selects products accordingly. Through social sign-on, users can toggle between questions, answers, and reviews by everyone or just their friends.

GiantNerd's 3rd party, community-driven platform ties social to commerce, closing the loop

COMMUNITY FAVES & THE NERD PERSPECTIVE





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GT SENSOR 9R EXPERT 29ER MOUNTAIN BIKE 9:00AM Mon. 12-10-12

Giantnerd®

GiantNerd itself crowdsourced 'community experts' to aid in customer support, lowering GN's costs and upping the level of expertise available per product. The site boasts a full end-to-end purchasing platform for users, providing conversions and insights for a variety of brands.

LET'S SOCIALIZE! Joseph Bryant Nanonerd Michael klein Nanonerd А Answered a question about the GT Sensor 9R Elite 29er Mountain Bike Posted 14 hours ago Steven Bonda Nanonerd Answered a question about the GT Sensor 9R Elite 29er Mountain Bike Posted 1 day ago Posted 1 day ago Jav Glvnn Nanonerd Answered a question about the Tommaso Corvo SRAM Apex Road Bike (Pr.. Posted 1 day ago





Joseph Bryant Nanonerd GT Sensor 9R Elite 29er Mountain Bike

Brian Edwards Nanonerd Uploaded a product photo to GT Sensor 9R Expert 29er Mountain Bike Posted 2 days ago



Brendan Sheen Nanonerd Updated their status Posted 1 day ago

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First Moment of Truth: Point of Action Online transactions of any kind are social up to the moment decisions are made. Technology, messaging, design and also people influence up to this point.

Second Moment of Truth: Experience 'Customer' experiences are *felt* and they can set the stage for the Ultimate Moment of Truth. They must be designed.





After







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Most Helpful Customer Reviews

111 of 112 people found the following review helpful

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""We Help You Make Music" "



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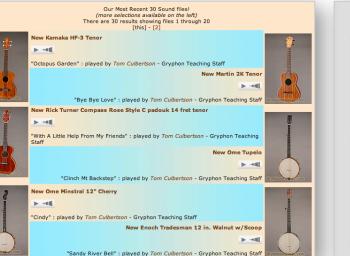
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Gryphon Music leverages online video and audio to showcase selection, brand









Featured Playlists



Uploaded videos by GryphonStrings's channel



Gryphon invests in creating quality video and audio recording for their instrument inventory. For most pieces, the store (employees, customers, groups of players) creates a video and post it across social channels to drive interest. Gryphon showcases its personalization, eclectic selection, and expertise through these videos.

Gryphon Music finds new business through YouTube channel



"YouTube is a huge driving force for us. It's helped our international business too. People who have been looking everywhere for a specific instrument will do a search for it, see it for sale in our videos and contact us. We have a folder full of email inquiries that mention YouTube videos, and more come in nearly every day."

- Derek See, Sales, Gryphon Music

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Ultimate Moment of Truth: Post

commerce experiences contribute to the state of the relationship. The next steps must be personal...and social.

Shared experiences become the next person's ZMOT (design them).



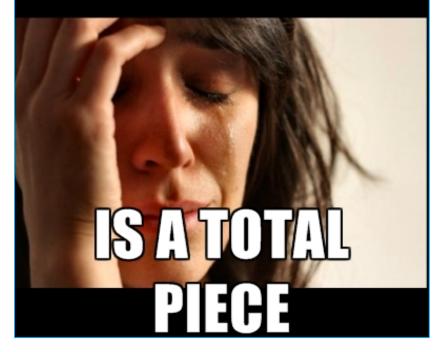


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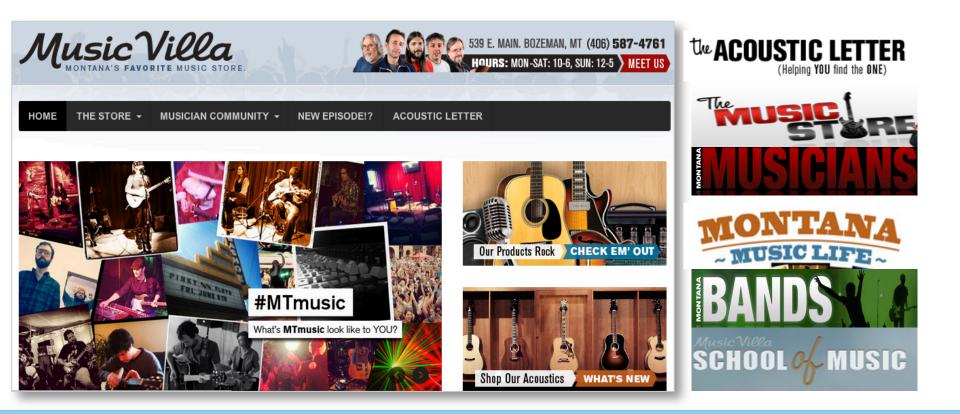


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Music Villa's mantra: more than an instrument store; a music hub for Montana musicians



What started as a full line, independent music store, has leveraged digital to create a network to enable fellow musicians to network with other musicians, promote their bands, and find local events. They also run the state's top music school. Multiple brands live under the Music Villa name, each specific to a different engagement vertical or function.

Music Villa powers a community for musicians, by musicians



Music Villa's Montana Musicians is a community portal where musicians can connect, collaborate, post share ideas, aid in each others' research, ask and answer questions, post statuses, songs, videos, blog posts, post used gear, classifieds, find local events, and much more.

Music Villa also hosts its own 'reality' web series: The Music Store

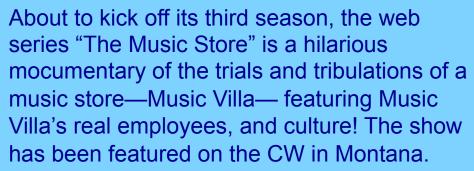


Follow The Music Store: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook Watch below for teasers, updates, release dates, and...um BIG NEWS!











Music Villa's "Acoustic Letter" – an e-newsletter that differentiates

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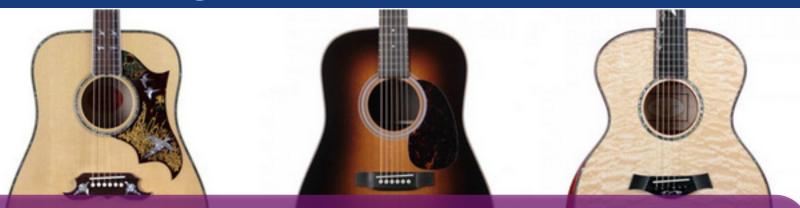
Music Villa offers exclusive, first-access to one-of-a-kind and limited-run custom-made Gibsons, Martins, and Taylor guitars. By signing up for the e-newsletter, fans are emailed when new Music Villa- exclusive models come out, featuring HD videos, comparisons, photo shoots, and descriptions. MV also allows fans to pick woods and access custom ordering

Music Villa bolsters its community and each microsite across its social channels



This is **how guitar reviews should be done**. It is obvious you know what you are talking about. You have owned more than the two guitars you are reviewing and you can actually play. I wish all reviews on youtube were this good. - davidjdriver

Music Villa 'puts itself on the map,' and sales are increasing as a result



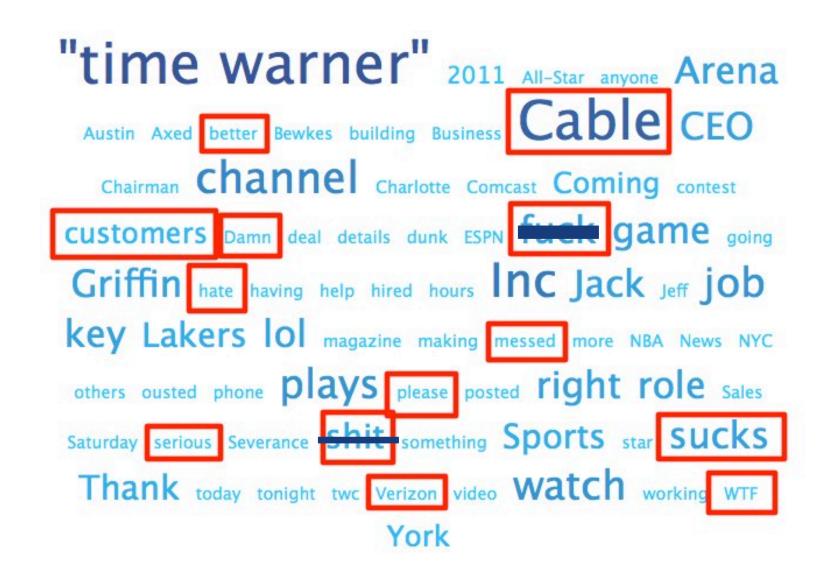
"People ask me "but how do make money from it? How many lessons would it take to pay for that?" I look at it like I'm branding something to make it "us", to make it part of the culture. People always come in referencing our online content. We get followers, and for some it's more, more like real advocates who help spread the word."

- Paul Decker, Owner, MusicVilla

Music Villa is an industry leader in its digital marketing. Through its content marketing, community platform, educational resources, and leverage of social platforms, it was recognized in NAMM's Best Dealer Awards in May of 2012 for Best Ad and Best Social Media. Their innovative use of e-commerce is becoming a substantial part of sales for acoustics, having grown markedly in the last month alone.



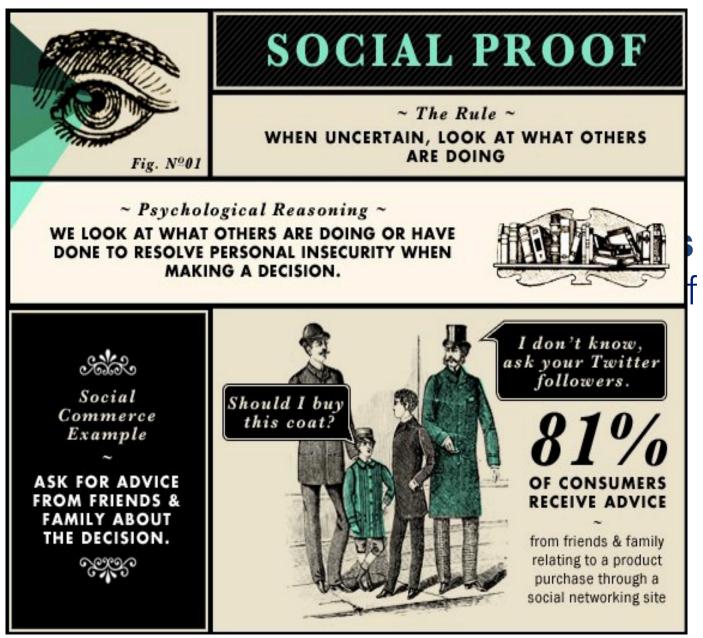
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AT THE END OF THE DAY...

...YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

There are steps to take to drive your customers, employees, and **relationships** forward in a meaningful way.



Let's get started



Walk in your customers digital shoes and search online to see what the competition really is and what they're doing





Focus on creating a premium shopping and customer experience





Offer value through service and make the product secondary AND hire/train knowledgeable and friendly reps





Deliver happiness: Internalize a new philosophy and vision that spoils customers before, during, and after the sale





Walk in your customers digital shoes and search online to see what the competition really is and what they're doing





Invest in a delightful online, social and mobile experience. This takes time and resources but the ROI is worth it





Demonstrate how products look and work using video and social merchandising – offer tips/tricks/how to's through digital and social channels





Build a social community where people can ask and answer questions and invest in its cultivation – then provide rewards and incentives for engaging





Create an exceptional loyalty program that rewards customers for purchases and promotion AND employees for exceptional service/ performance





Be everywhere your important customers are





Market EVERYTHING that makes you different





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