

Leveraging content to grow your business

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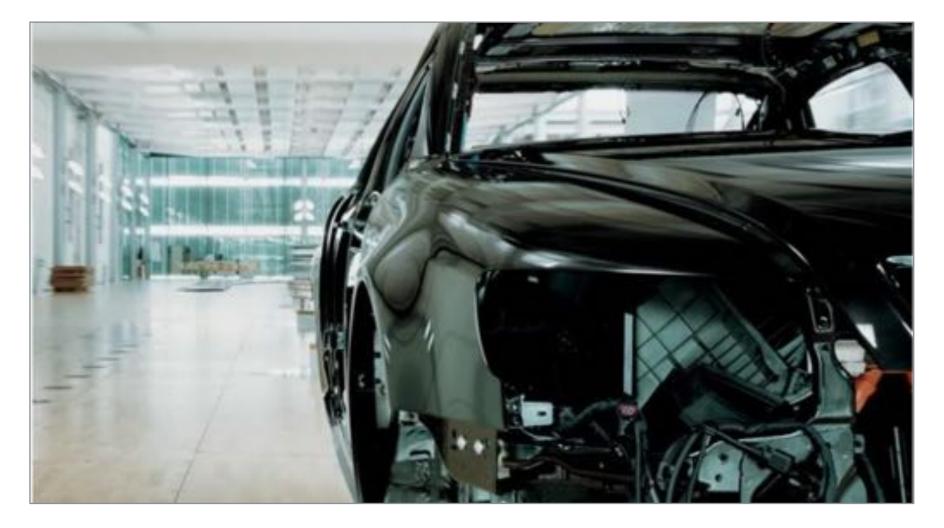
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This is the VW Phaeton





The parts were sourced from Audi and Bentley models





It has the Audi A8 engine with 414 horsepower





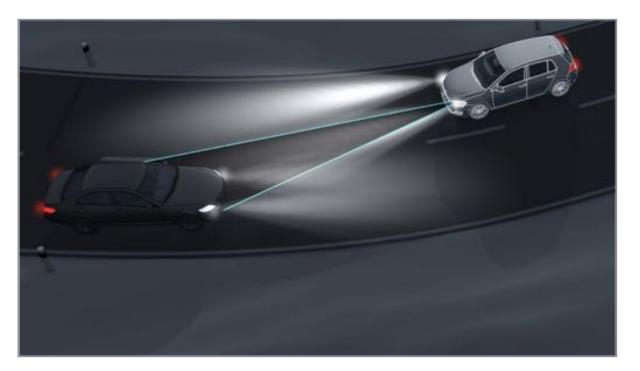
+100 patents were filed creating the Phaeton





The Phaeton debuted two new technologies







Lots of trunk space and leg room!







A state of the art factory in Germany was built for its production







A technological marvel of over-engineering excellence."

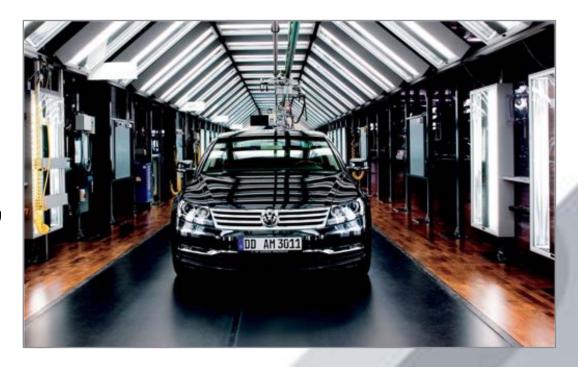






Sumptuous and silent, swift and serene, the Phaeton immediately establishes its credibility."





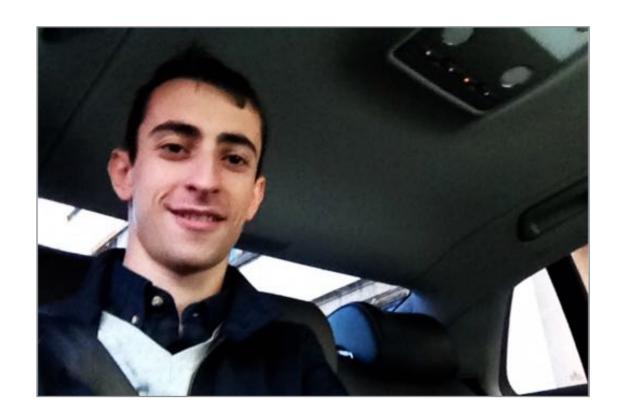


The interior is solidly built using the finest leather and wood Volkswagen could find."





I got to drive in one while in the UK







But it failed



"I had a chance to drive a Phaeton for a week in Colorado last year.

Let me say the car is fantastic.

Smooth, quiet, powerful. The interior is beautiful and functional. Having said that, **I would never spend \$70K on a VW**.

They are pushing the envelope in the wrong direction with the Phaeton and the Tourag TDI. VW is known for economy.

The Phaeton was a bargain at \$70K - if it had been labeled a Bentley or a Porsche they could have sold them like hotcakes."



The best product doesn't always win



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Brand is the best way to differentiate.

Content is the best way to build brands.















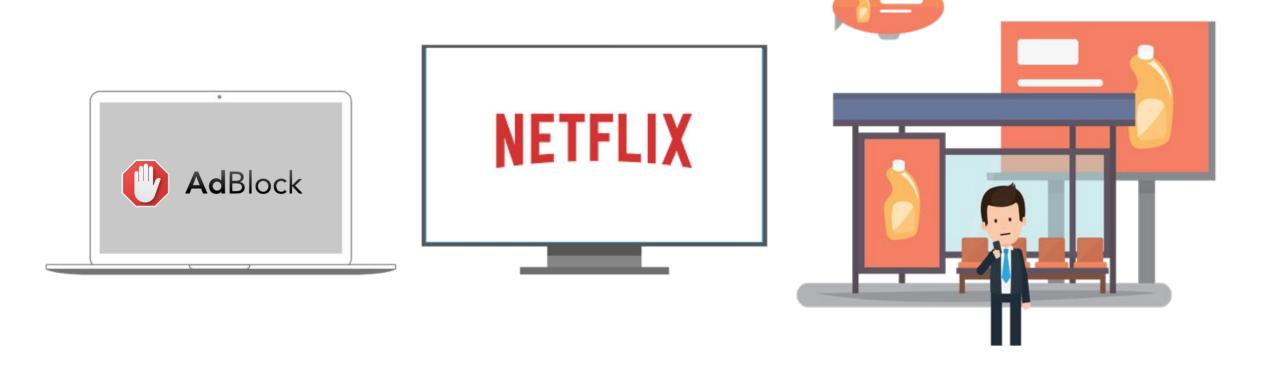








This is me in 2018





Content marketing tools (it's all the free stuff!)

- Tools like calculators, widgets
- · How to videos
- Long form articles
- Blog posts
- Graphics like charts, photos, memes
- Educational resources
- Slide decks
- Animations
- **APIs**
- Comments
- News
- Email Newsletter
- White paper
- Article
- Infographic
- Survey

- eBook
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- Testimonials
- Microblogging
- Webinar/ webcast
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- Podcast
- Awards
- Contests
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- Game
- Discussion Forum



Leveraging Content to Grow your Business

Agenda: Leveraging content to grow your business

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Your keyword + "community"



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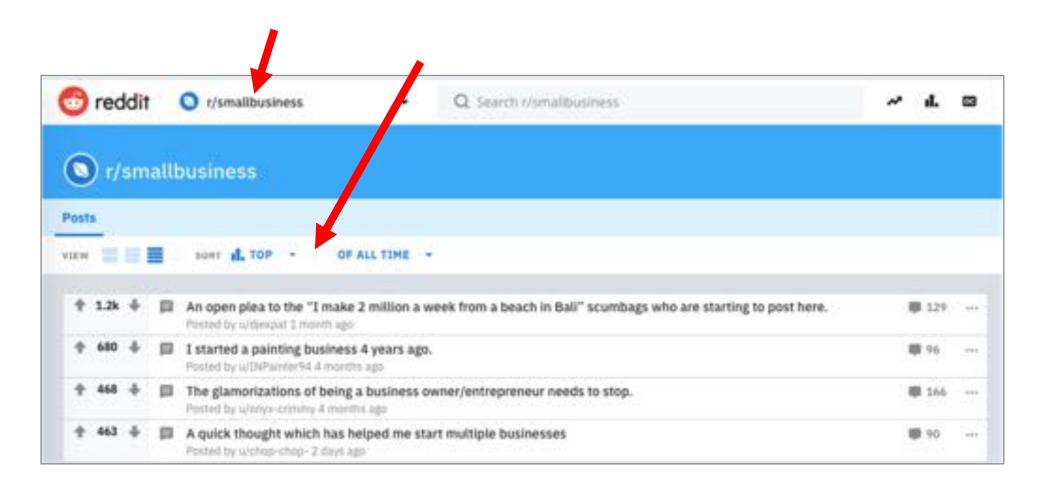




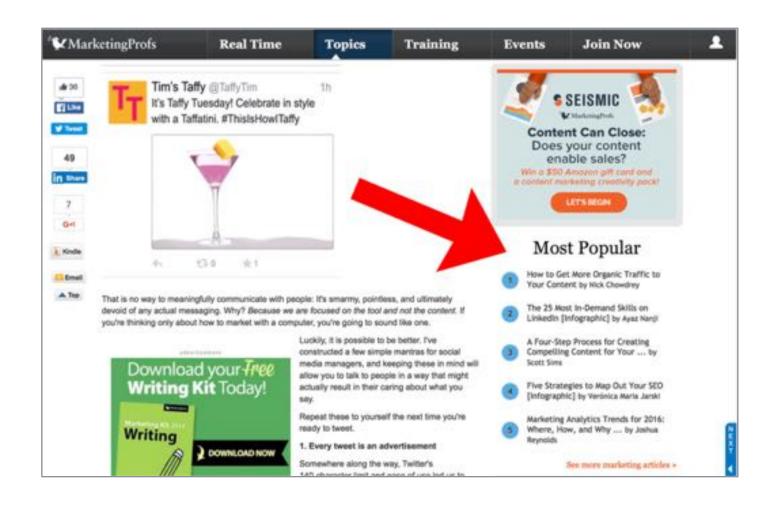






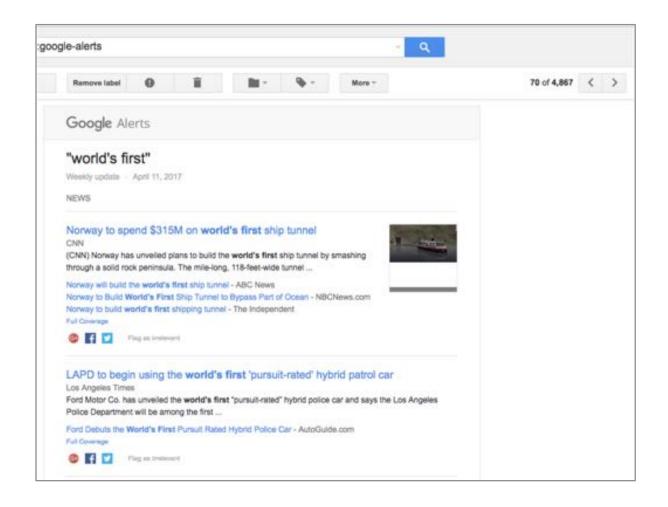






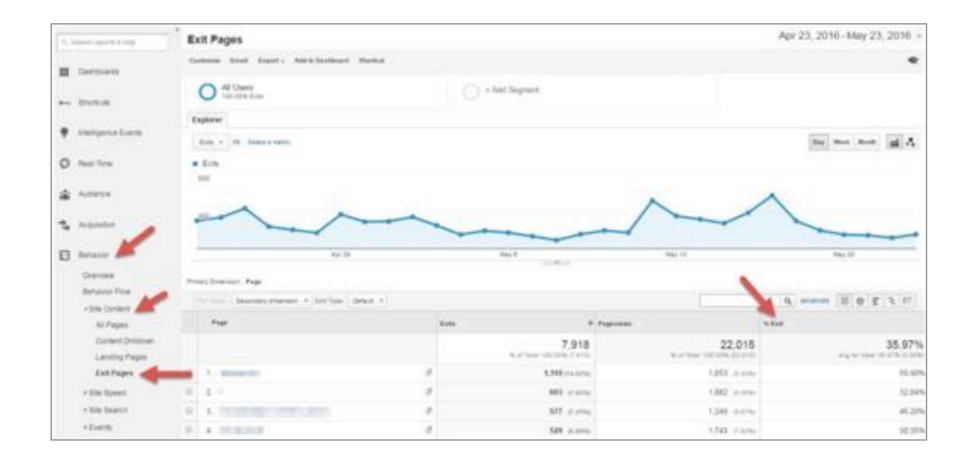


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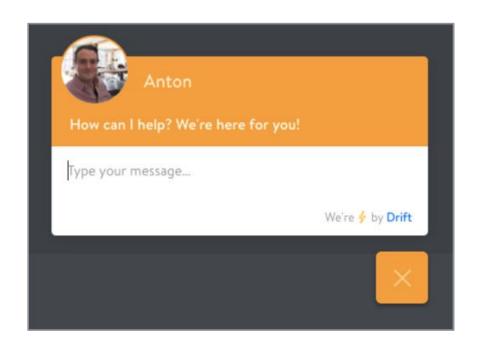




















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"Write a business plan". "Nah, it's a waste of time."

"Raise lots of money." "Bootstrap."

"Learn how to code. "Don't bother."

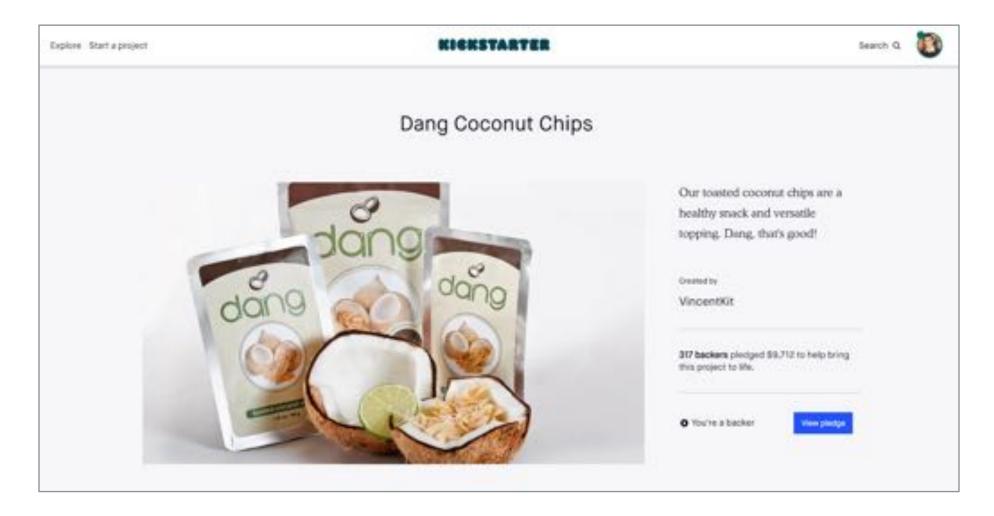
"It's all about strategy." "It's all about execution." "It's all about culture."

"Never hire your friends." "Actually, definitely hire your friends."



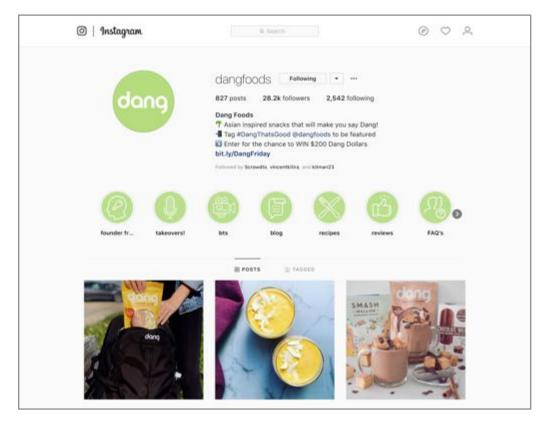








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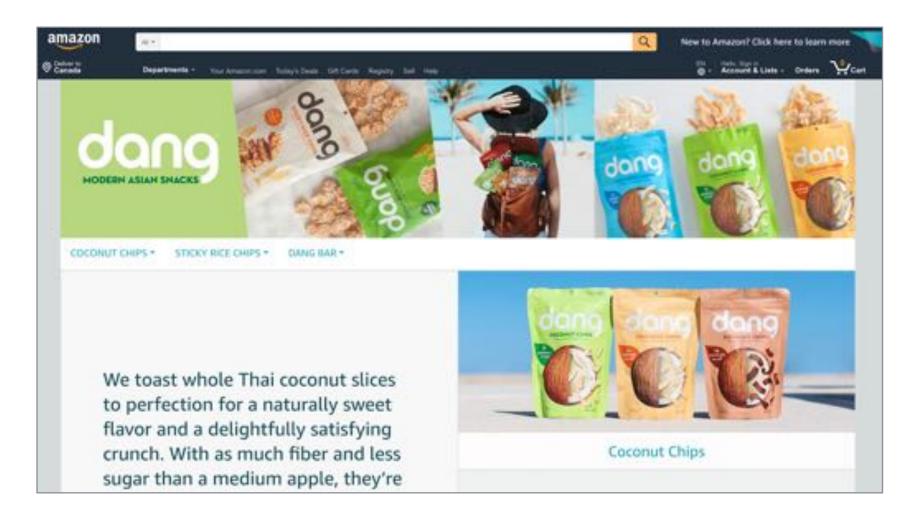




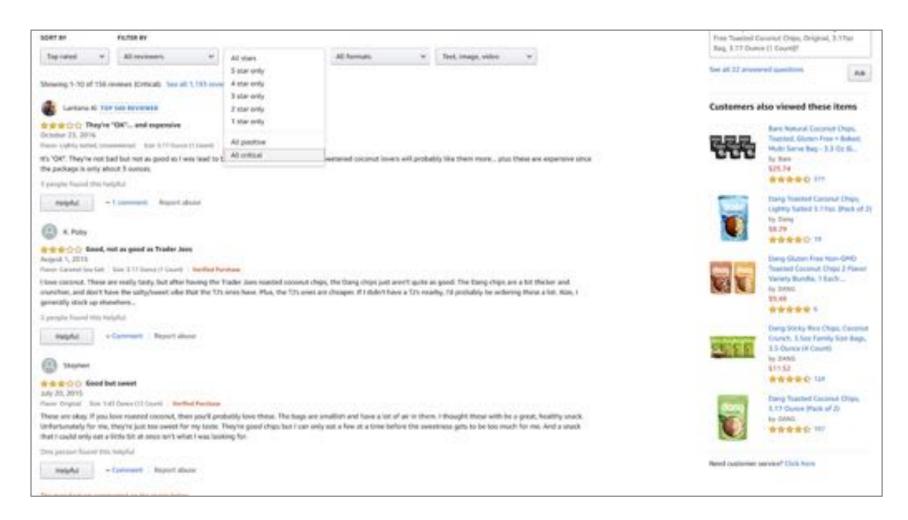




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Same Movie; Different Marketing Strategies



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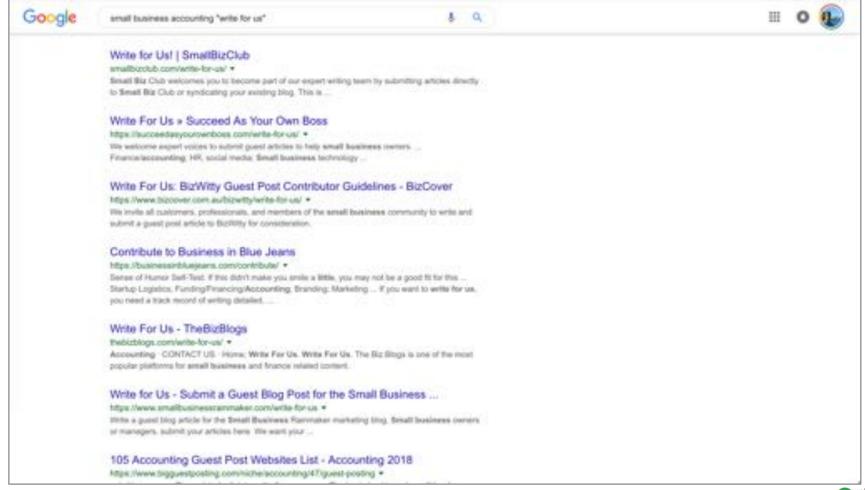




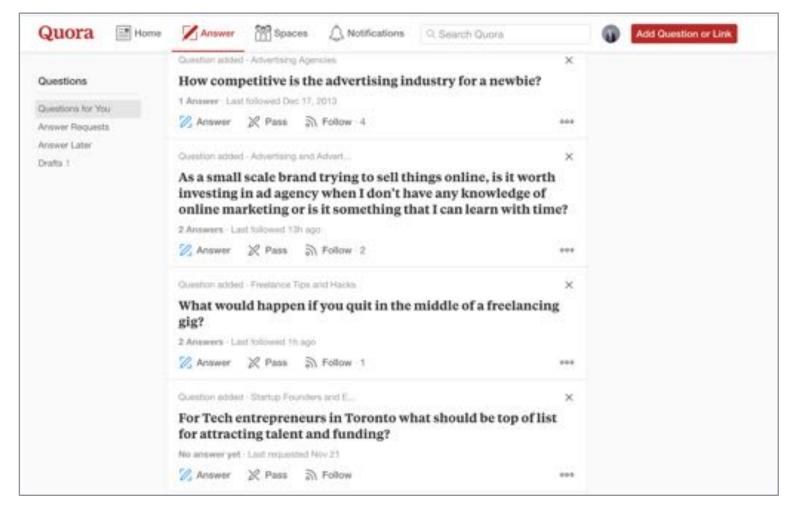


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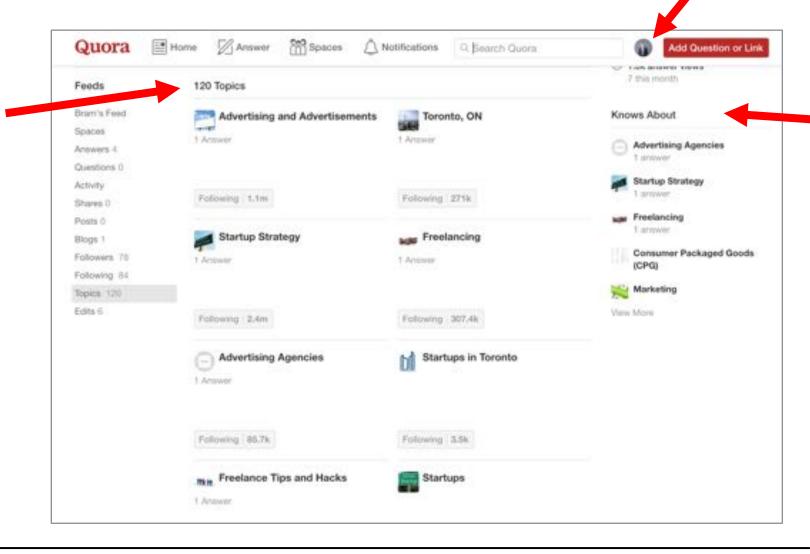




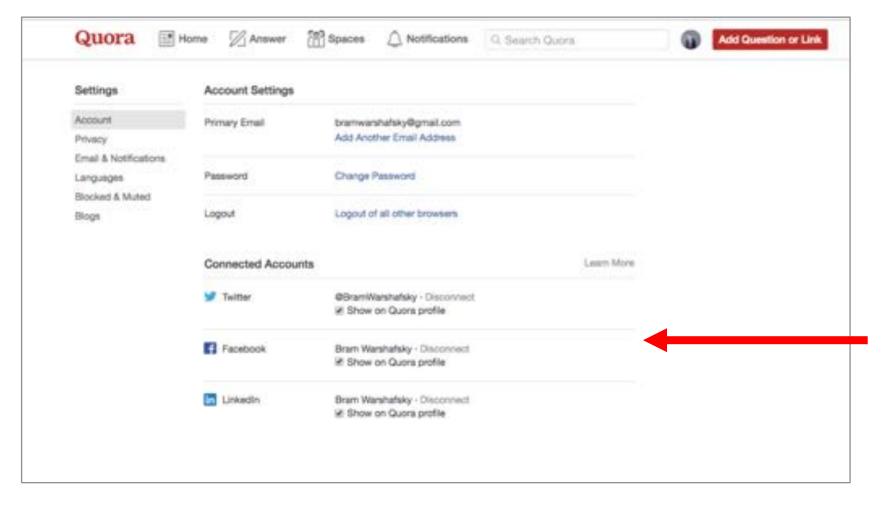




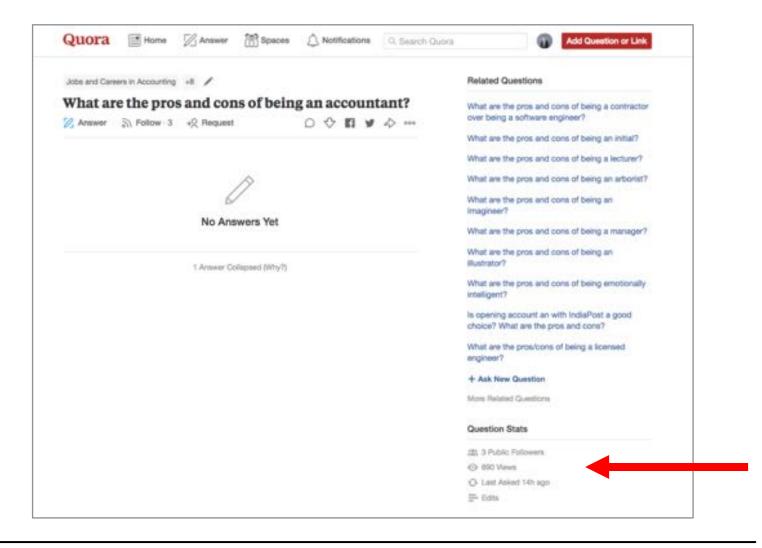




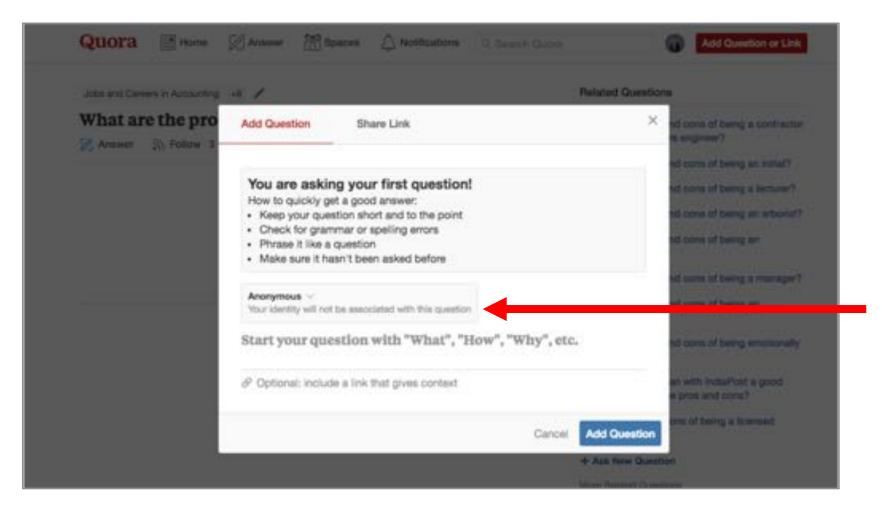




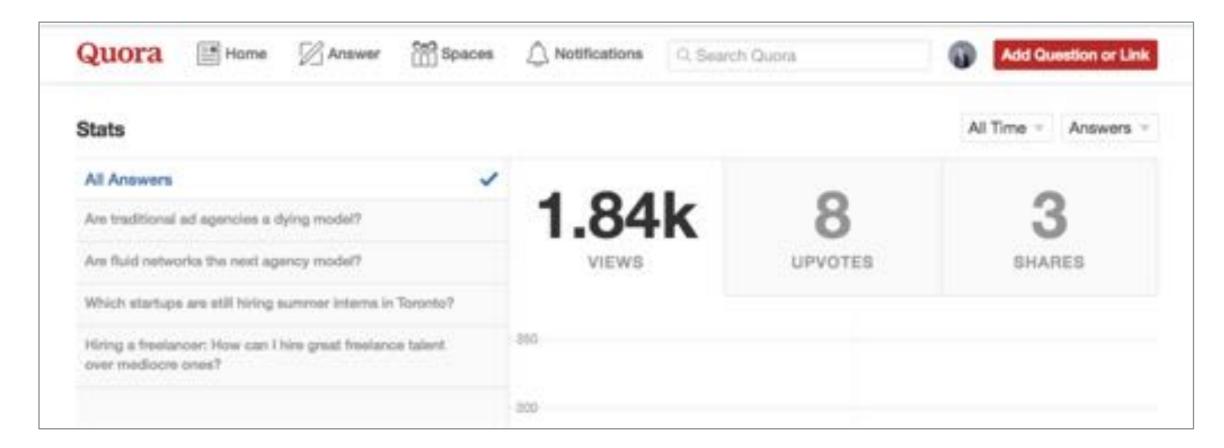




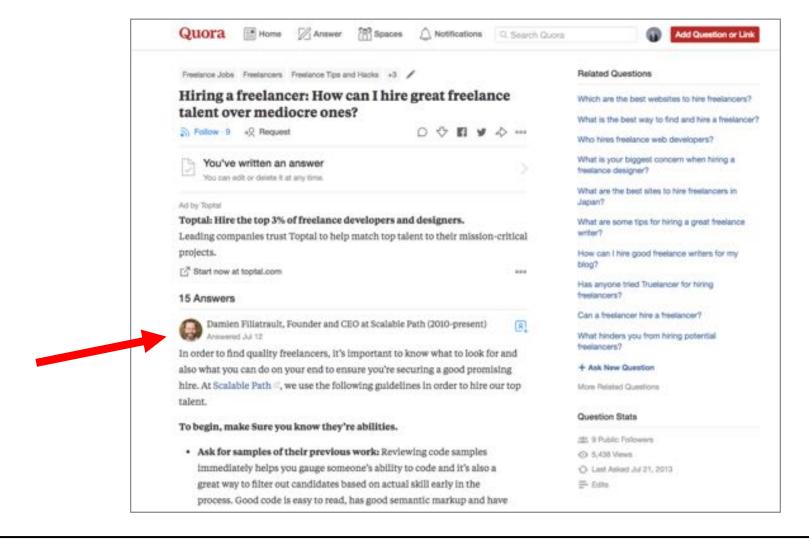








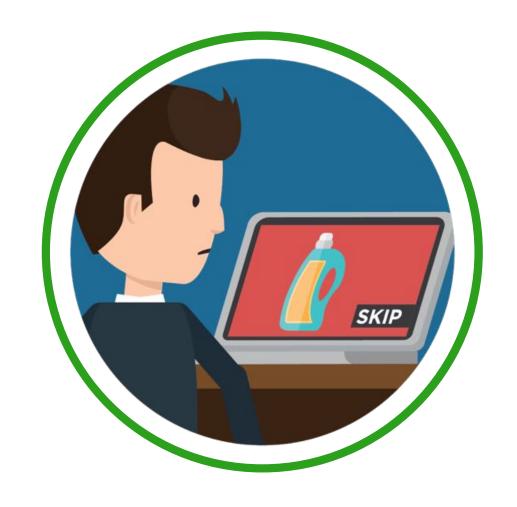






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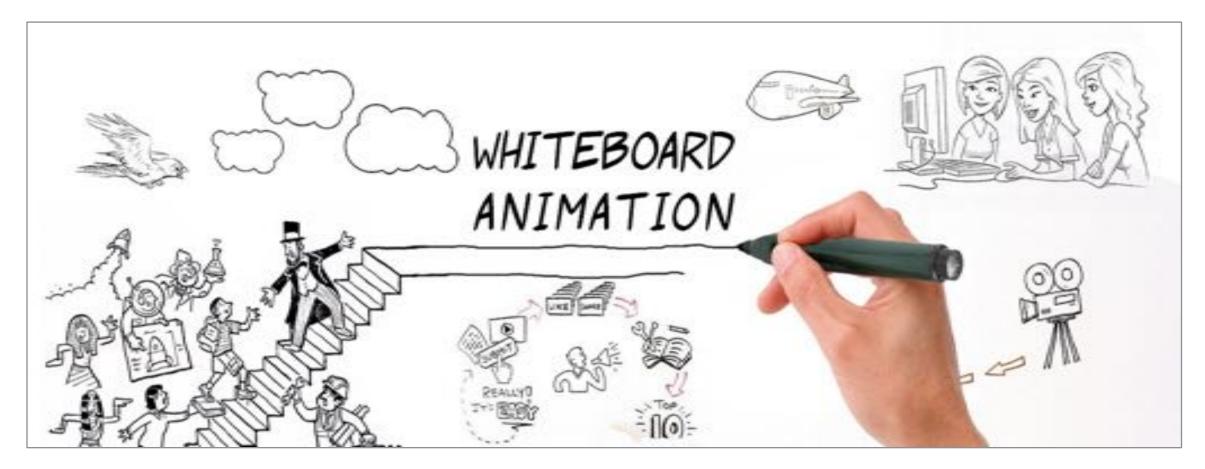










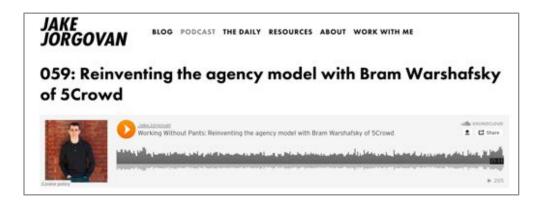


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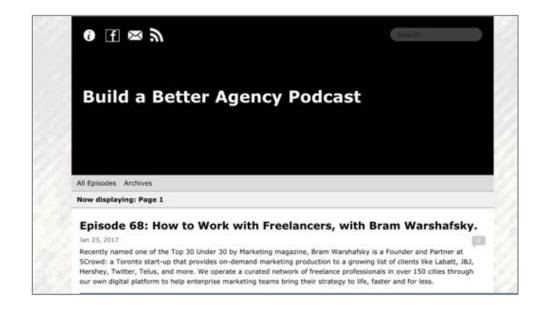












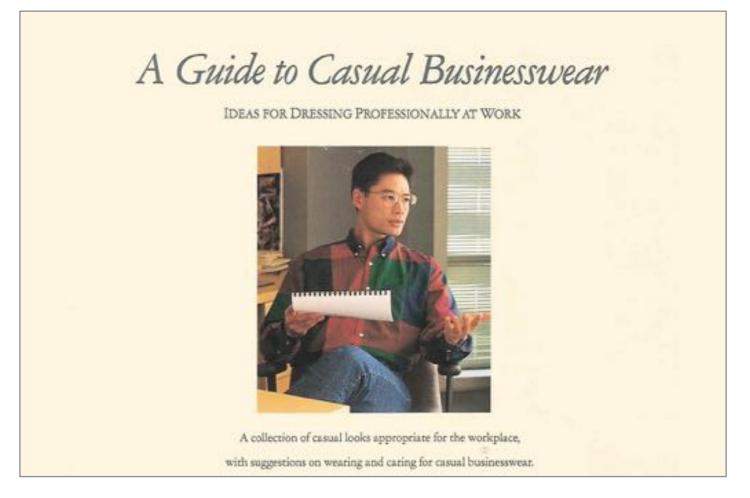




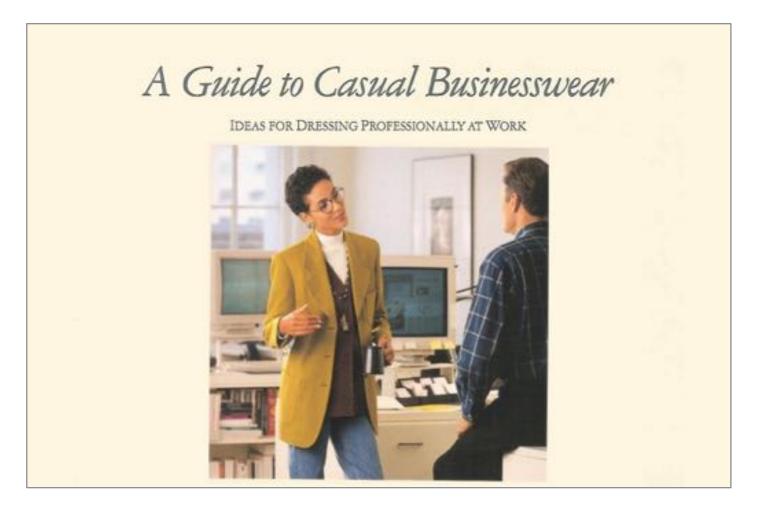




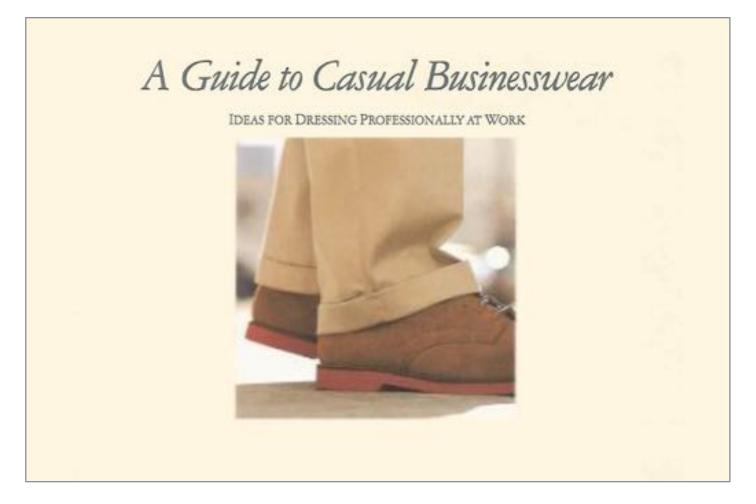




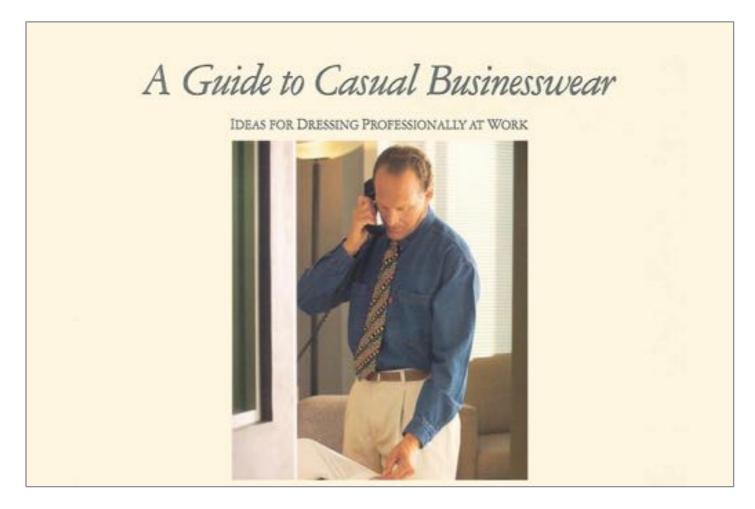














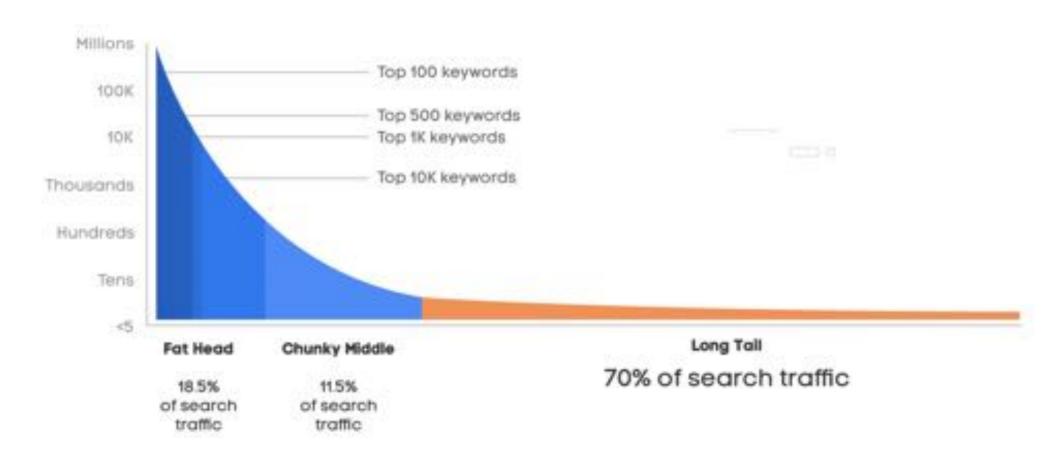
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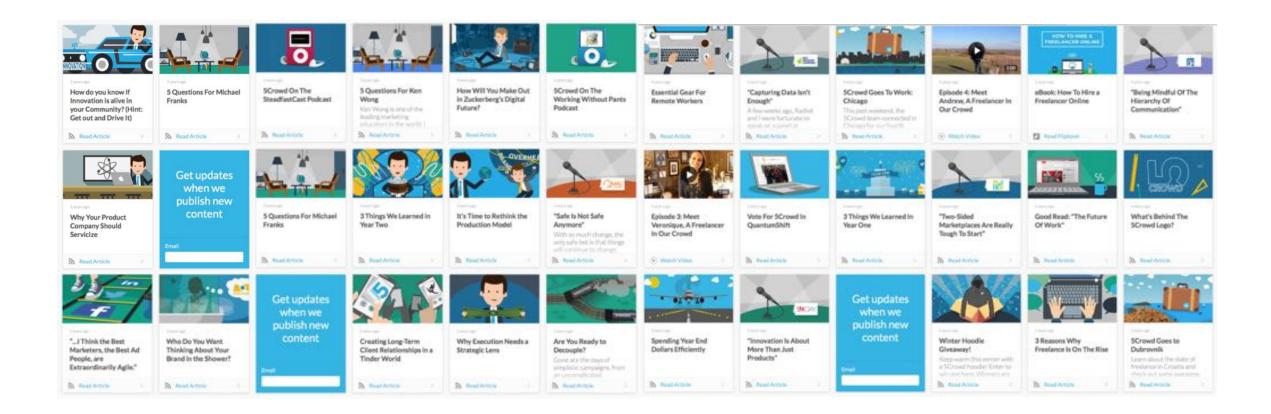






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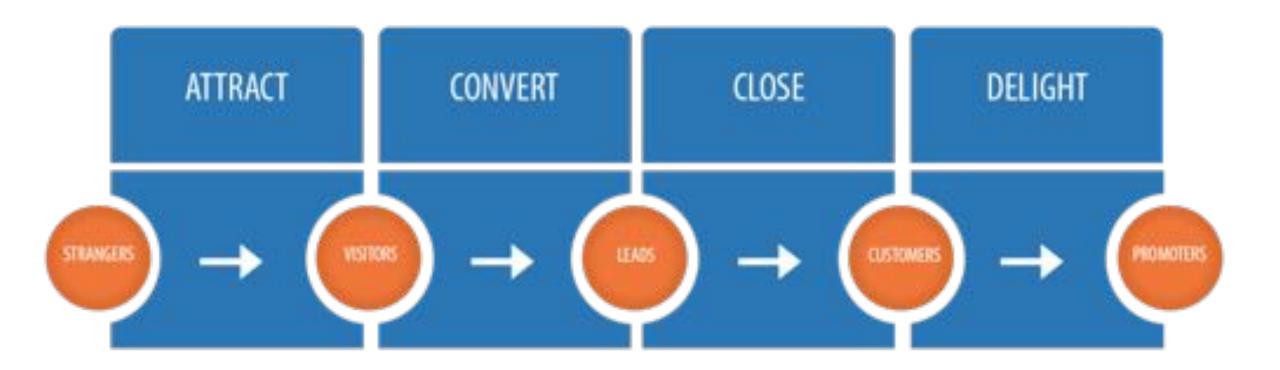
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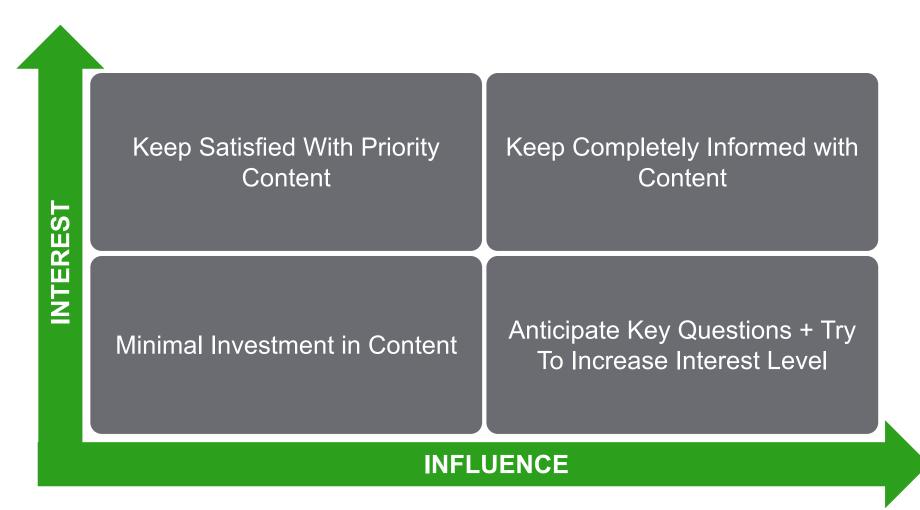


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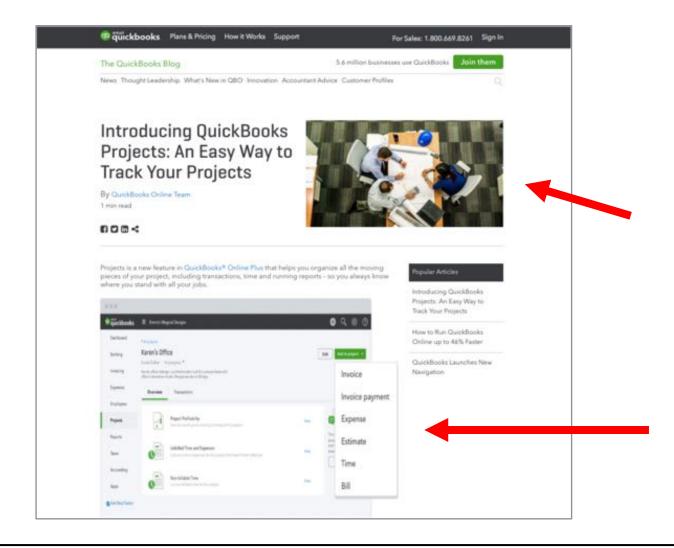






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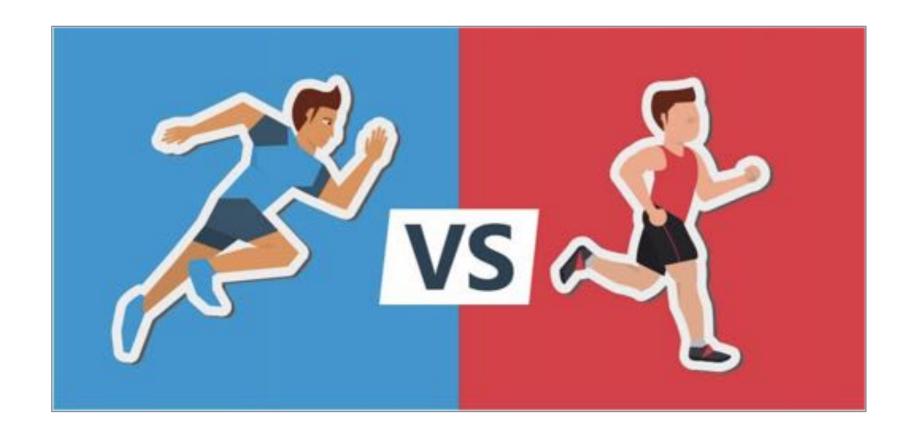
Bulleted lists are your friends

Watch your vocabulary

Define all acronyms

Keep sentences short







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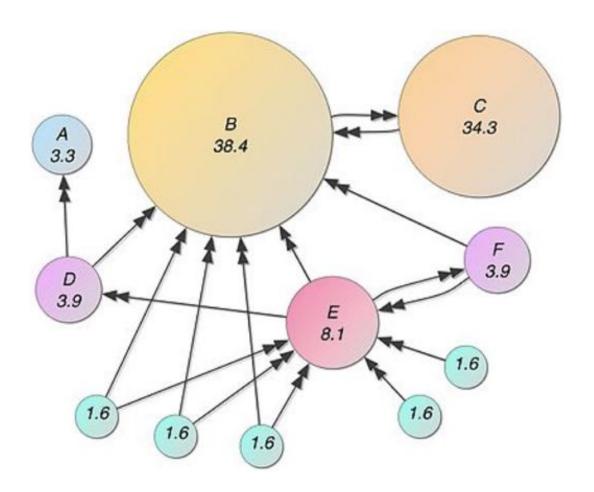
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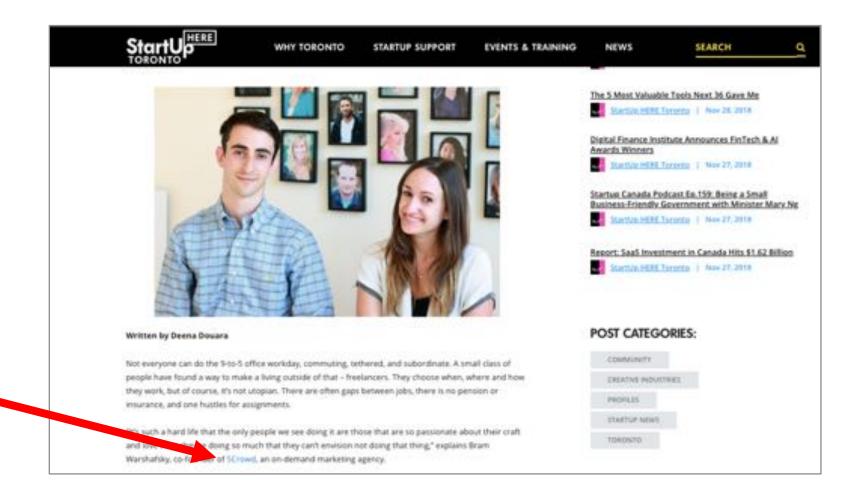




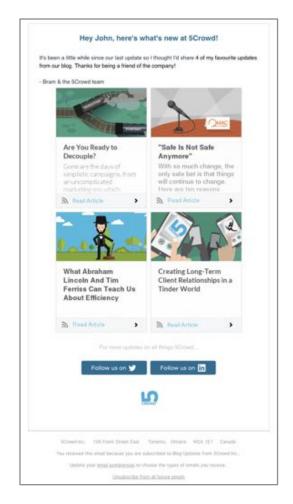


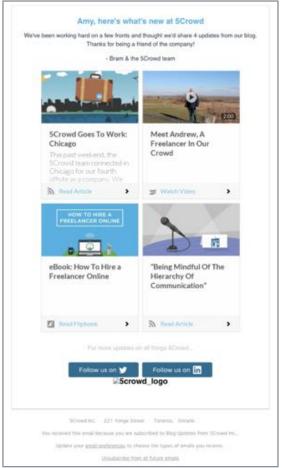












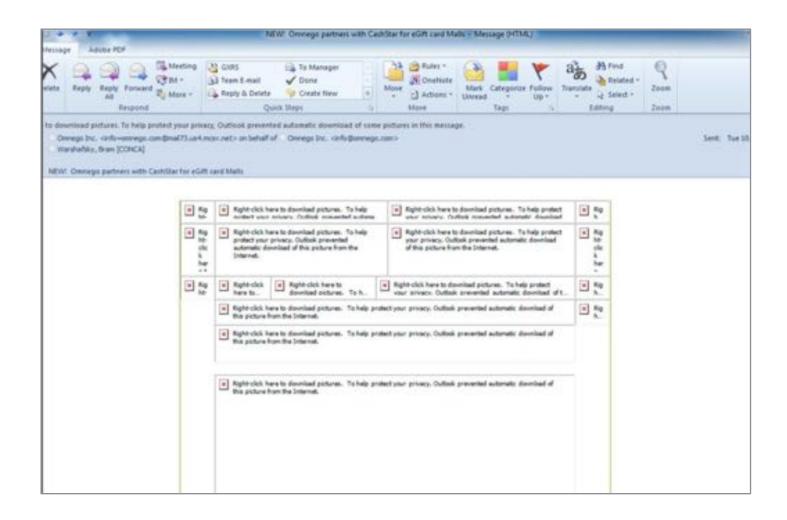


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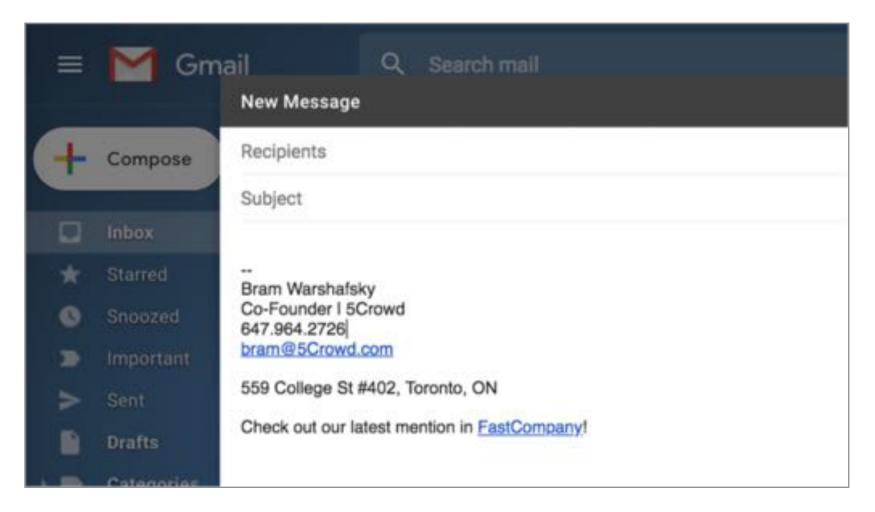
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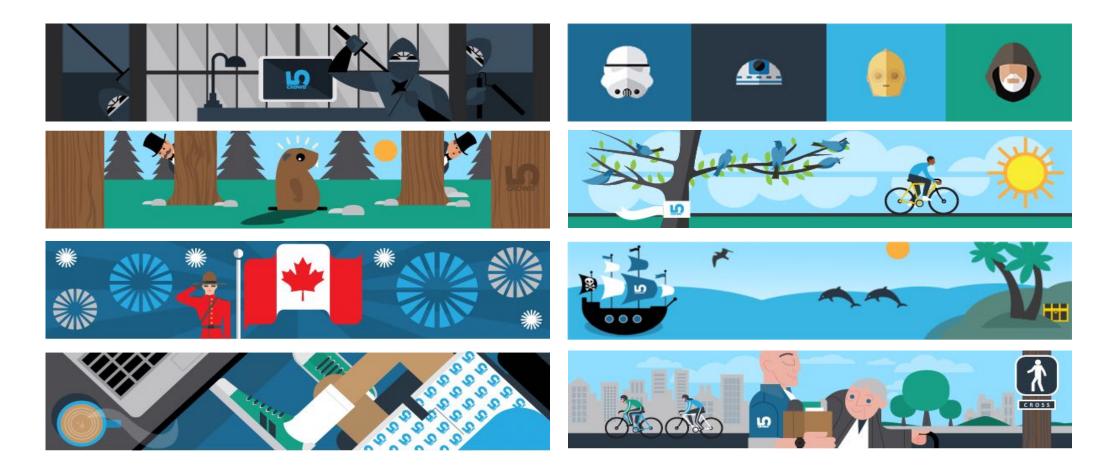


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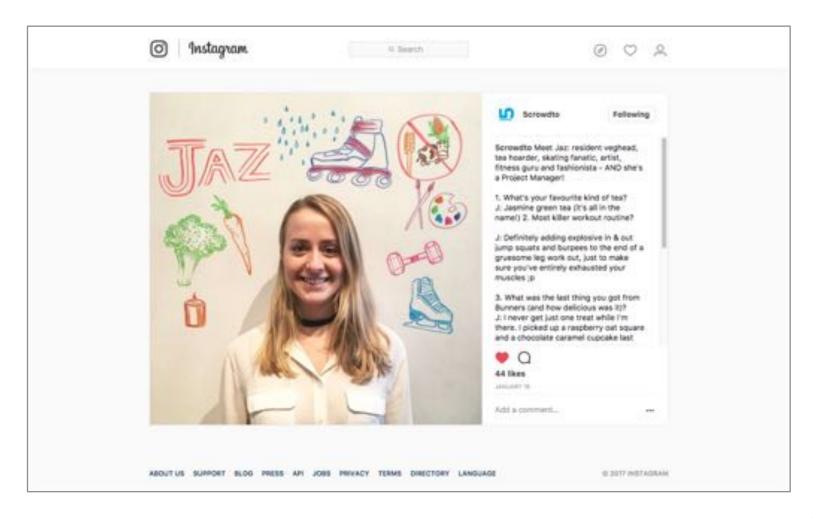






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Quick recap



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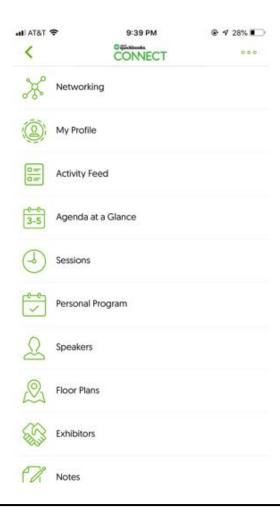


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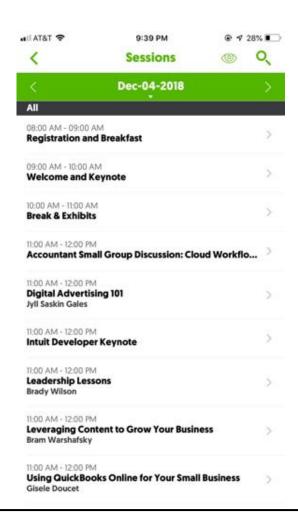


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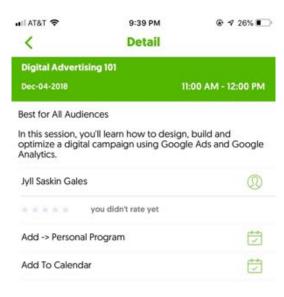
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