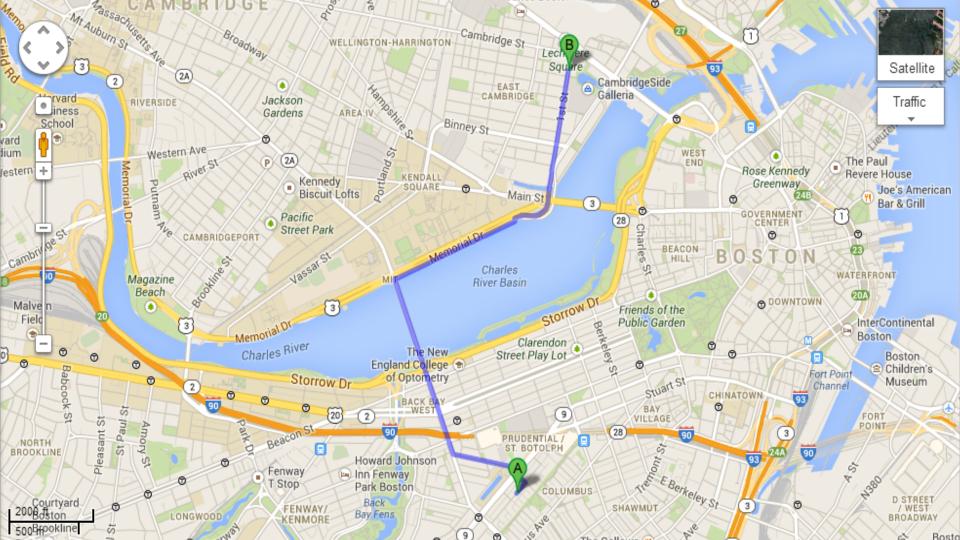
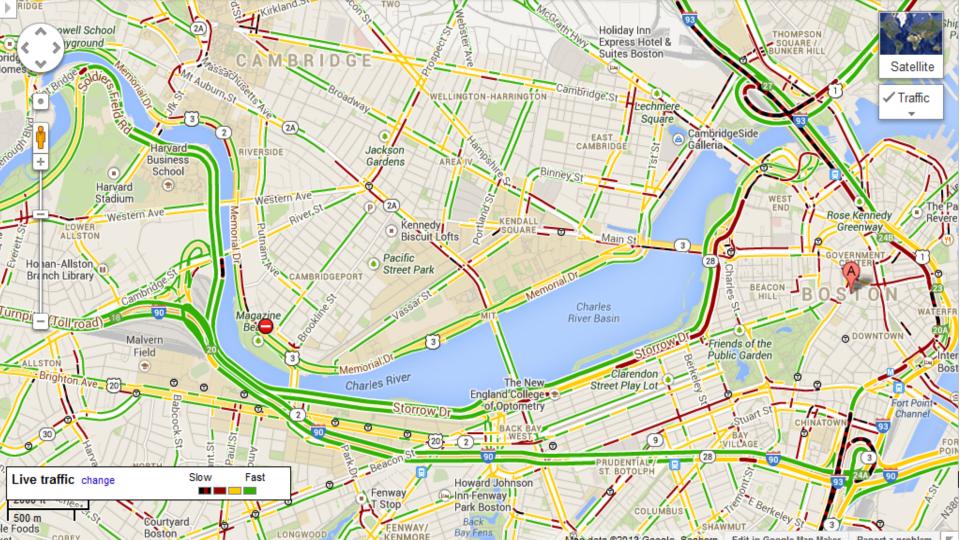


The Marketer's 3 Step Content Roadmap: Aligning Content to Your Buyers Journey

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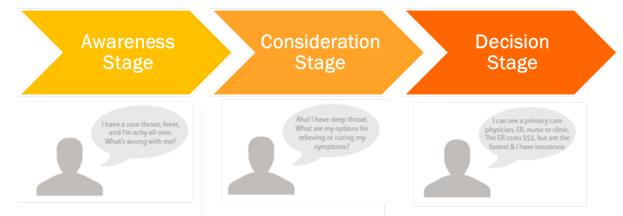
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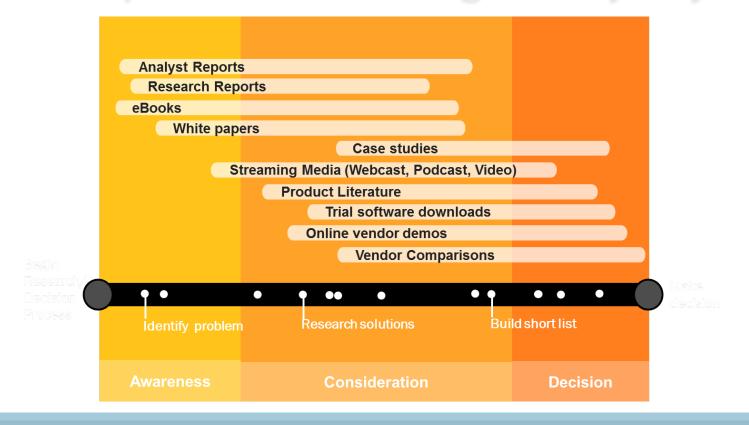
Buyer's Journey

The Buyer's Journey



The Buyer's Journey is the active research process a potential buyer goes through leading up to a purchase

Specific content assets are more relevant to buyers at specific times during the buyers journey



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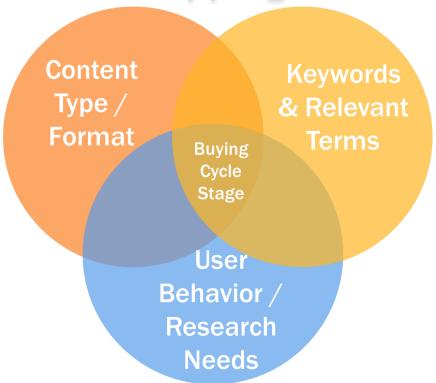
Content Offers



But how do you as the marketer know which one of your content offers to choose?

Content Mapping Methodology

Content Mapping Methodology: 3 Key Content Mapping Fundamentals



User Behavior and Research Needs differ throughout the stages of the Buyers Journey

Awareness Stage

Consideration Stage

Decision Stage

Mission:

Users are seeking educational, third party, vendor neutral content

- "Symptoms" research to decide if a problem exists, to more clearly define and name that problem
- •Establish Requirements
- •Identify business or personal problem

Mission:

Users are committing to solving their clearly defined problem, more focused on solutions & comparisons

- •Explore all avenues and types of options across industries
- Research Solutions
- •Determine Solution Strategy

Mission:

Users are seeking validation in determining their short list and selecting a vendor

- •Research products / vendors
- Build short list
- •Assess ROI

User
Behavior /
Research
Needs

Specific Content Types are most relevant at specific stages of the Buyers Journey

Awareness Stage Consideration Stage Decision Stage

eGuides

eBooks

White Papers

Editorial Content

Analyst Reports

Webcasts

Solution Comparison White Papers

Expert/Editorial eGuides

Podcast

Video

Vendor/Product Comparisons

Case Studies

Trial/Software Downloads

Virtual Tradeshows

Product Literature Content Type / Format

Leverage relevant terms in each Buyers Journey Stage in: Offer Title & Abstract, Landing Page, CTA Buttons, Email Copy & Subject Line

Awareness Stage Issue / Opportunity tvpe terms Troubleshoot Issue Resolve Risks Upgrade **Improve** Optimize Prevent

Consideration Stage

Solution type terms
Solution
Provider
Service
Supplier
Tool
Device
Software
Appliance

Decision Stage

Comparison / Review type terms
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versus
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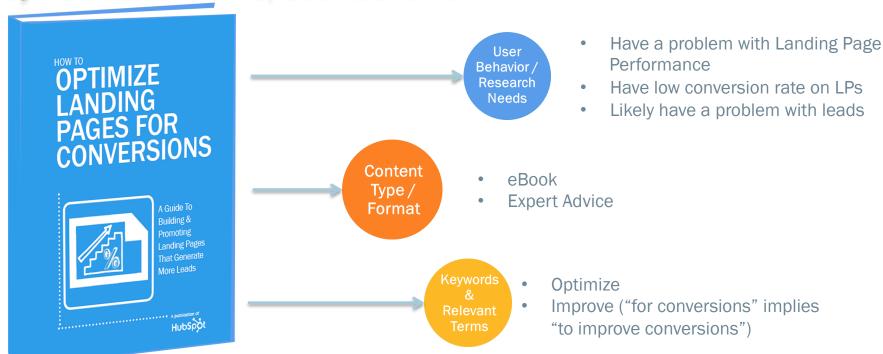
Keywords & Relevant Terms

Map an Individual Content Offer

Map Individual Content Offers

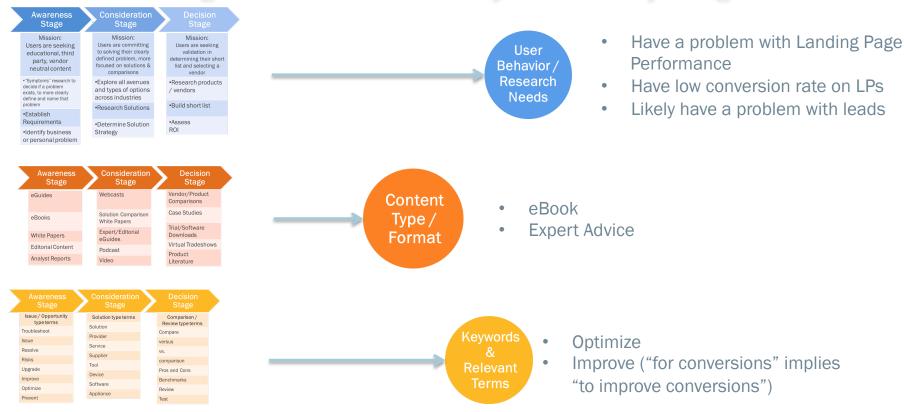
Map each Content Offer:

1. Identify 3 Key Content Mapping Fundamentals: Content Type, Keywords and Terms, User Behavior



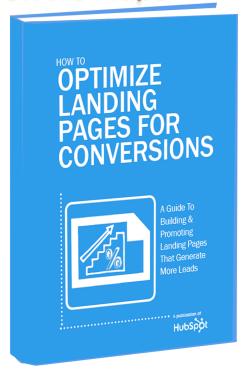
Map each Content Offer:

2. Evaluate alignment of each to Buyers Journey Stages



Map each Content Offer:

3. Decide on 1 Buyers Journey Stage to which this Content Offers Maps





Did you Map the Content Offer correctly?

Quick Reference Guide

Buyer's Journey



	BUYER STAGES	IDENTIFY		CONSIDER		DECIDE		
	User Behavior	Have realized and expressed symptoms of a potential prob- lem or opportunity		Have clearly defined and given a name to their problem or oppor- tunity		Have defined their solution strategy, method, or approach		
Research & Info Needs		Research focused on vendor neutral 3rd party information around identifying problems or symptoms		Committed to researching and understanding all of the available approaches/methods to solving their defined problem or oppor- tunity		Researching supporting docu- mentation, data, benchmarks or endorsements to make or recom- mend a final decision		
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Buyers Journey Quick Reference Guide Hang it up at your desk

Part II Apply & Create

Map Entire Content Library – Content Offer Inventory

Map Entire Content Library

Map entire Content Library

Content Audit Worksheet (in Excel)

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Content Matrix

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Analyze Entire Content Library

Map & Analyze Overall Content Mix, holes opportunities, overall content alignment with market maturity

Map & Analyze entire Content Library

Map & Analyze Overall Content Mix, holes, opportunities, overall content alignment with market maturity

Awareness	Consideration	Decision
Stage	Stage	Stage
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Title A	Title 1	Offer X
Title B	Title 2	Offer Y
Title C	Title 3	Offer Z

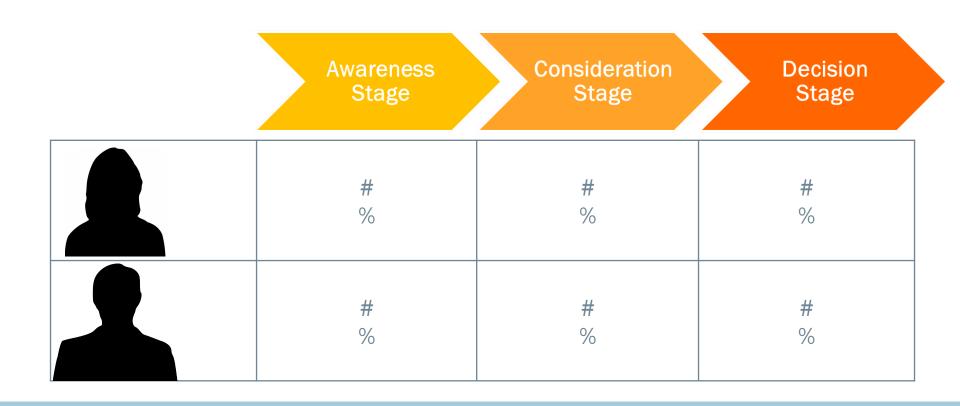
Content Matrix Analysis Produces Observations with Logical Correlating Recommendations

Content Matrix Analysis Observations	Recommended Action:
Content Offer has Unclear Buyers Journey Stage alignment	Revise Content Offer Title
Content Offer contains information aligning with multiple stages	Split Content offer into 2 Offers, each distinctly aligned with 1 stage only
Not enough Content Offers	Put a Bow on it: Create a downloadable PDF Content Offer from information available only on website page
Not enough Awareness Stage Content	Create awareness stage thought leadership white paper
Not enough Consideration Stage Content	Identify and create more Consideration Stage Content Offers
Not enough Decision Stage Content Offers	Put a Bow on it: Create a downloadable PDF Content Offer from information currently available only on website page (Common Examples: Product info., Case Study/ Testimonial, Free Trial, Demo, Contact Us)

Analyze Content Matrix

Analyze It

Persona



Content Matrix Analysis Produces Observations with Logical Correlating Recommendations

Content Matrix Analysis Observations	Recommended Action:
Missing Content in Awareness Stage for Persona A	Create Awareness Stage White Paper for Persona A
Only have content for one Persona	Repurpose Content Offers in each Buyers Journey Stage to message to Persona C where content is lacking
Content is generic and not aligned by Persona "Any of our Buyer Personas would find this helpful"	Strengthen Content Offers to align more closely with the needs of a specific persona

Topic

	Awareness Stage	Consideration Stage	Decision Stage
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Content Matrix Analysis Produces Observations with Logical Correlating Recommendations

Content Matrix Analysis Observations	Recommended Action:
We have a favorite Topic and have never explored any other topics	Do industry research to identify new topics of interest to your prospective buyer: technology developments, changes in law or regulations, social trends changing how people live their lives, economic factors affecting the status quo, generational or social factors causing shifting priorities
We have a favorite Topic which all of our Content Offers cover exclusively	Build up library of Content Offers in all 3 Buyers Journey Stages for Topic #2

Content Type / Format

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Content Matrix Analysis Produces Observations with Logical Correlating Recommendations

Content Matrix Analysis Observations	Recommended Action:
Content Format Type Lacking Variety	Repurpose a Webcast into a 2 nd and 3 rd offer in different Formats such as a Podcast and a downloadable Slide Presentation

Content Roadmap

What Observations did your Content Matrix Analysis Produce?

Compile a list of the Logical Correlating Recommendation for each Observation

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Create What You Need... Outline Content Roadmap

Content Roadmap

Itemize Next Steps - Separate Short & Long Term Action Items

Short Term Action Items

- 1. Revise Titles
- Create Landing Pages for new content found on your website
- Split Content Offer XYZ that tries to cover multiples stages into 2 Content Offers: i.e 1 Awareness Stage PDF and 1 Consideration Stage Webcast

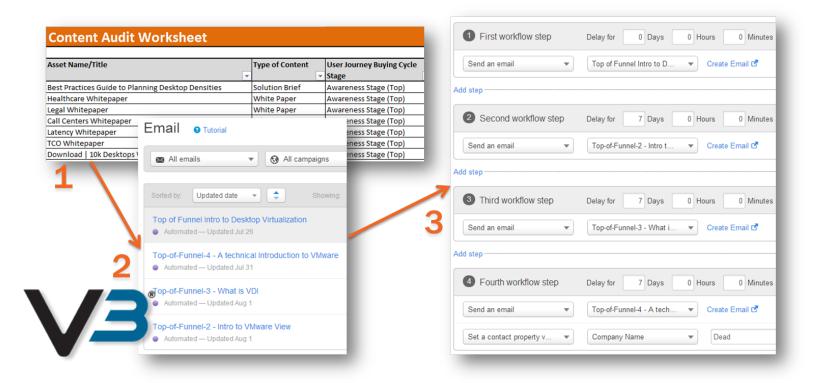
Long Term Action Items

- Create Awareness stage White Paper for Persona A
- Identify and create more DecisionStage Content Offers
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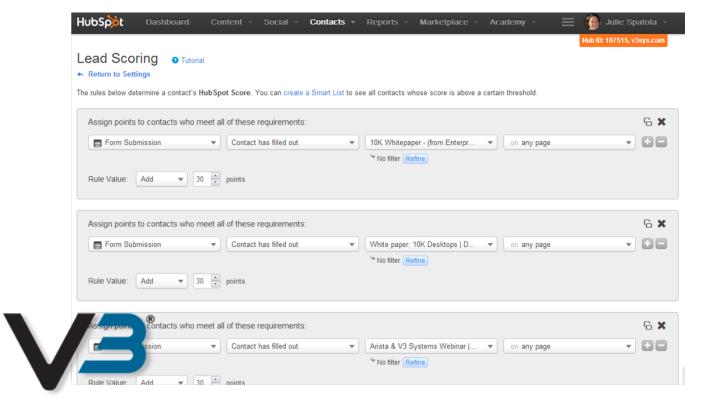
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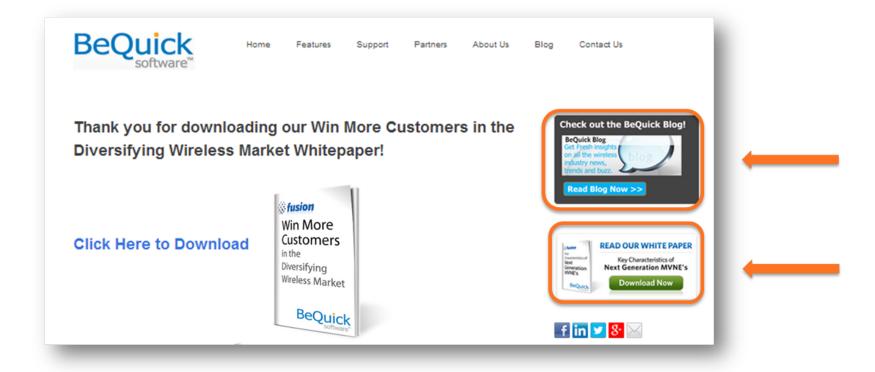
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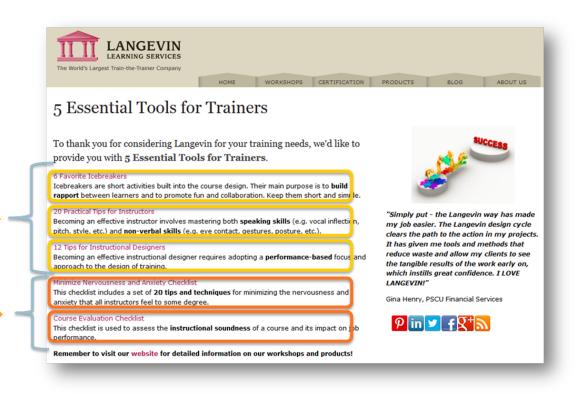
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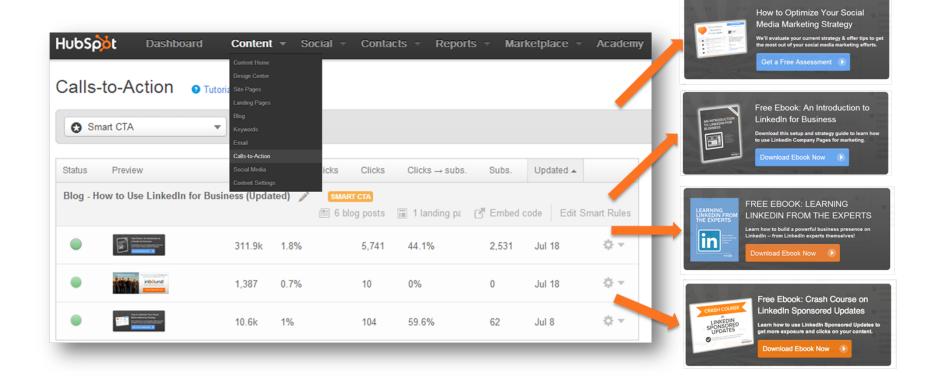
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Awareness Stage

Consideration Stage



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