Selling Lead Gen Internally

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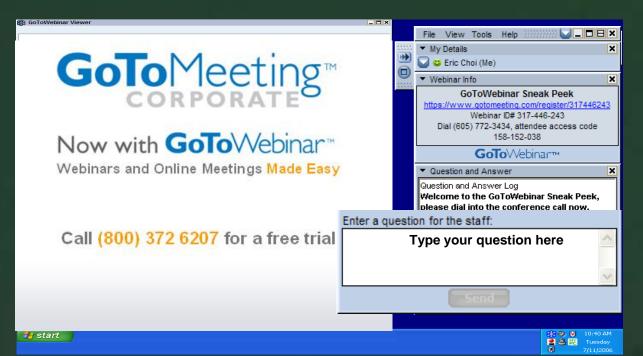


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- Newsletter has grown to more than **25,000 readers**
- We also offer a menu of research and best practices reports
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Fast Facts: Keeping Pace

 Buying behavior is changing, more than 80% of buyers said they contacted the solution provider; less than 10% were contacted via cold call

 75% of leads expected to come via web by 2015





Fast Facts: Common Problems

 Generating more leads ranked as top priority among B2B marketers

 Less than 25% of marketers say they are generating enough leads

10%+ increases





Fast Facts: Lead Gen = ROI

- 10%+ revenue increases within 6-9 months for companies that automate their processes
- Return on Marketing Investment
 67% higher for companies with "best in class" lead management vs. average





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How to build credibility for the marketing department and yourself

Mike Gospe KickStart Alliance

3 root causes that kill lead gen success

- 1. Terminology confusion: What do marketers really mean?
- 2. Lack of sales & marketing alignment: Alignment requires common goals
- 3. Yelling at prospects:

 Nurturing a dialog begins by becoming relevant

Terminology confusion: "Inquiries" vs. "Leads"

Inquiries Marketing Qualified Leads (MQL) Sales Accepted <u> Leads (SAL)</u> Sales Qualified Leads (SQL) Closed/Deals

Suspects

Sales-ready lead

Inquiry

Names

Qualified inquiry

Visitor

Prospects

Lists

Lead

Raw inquiry

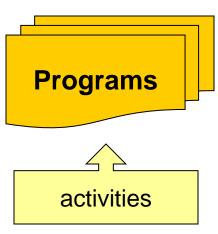
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Opportunity

Terminology Confusion: "Google Adwords" is not a "Campaign"



The combination of programs that support an overarching campaign objective (e.g. market-share growth, market introduction).



A collection of activities and offers grouped together to achieve a specific marketing objective (e.g. awareness, competitive replacement, or nurturing programs).



The specific mechanism used to deliver the offer (e.g. webcast).

The deliverable the target audience receives (e.g. white paper).

Sales & Marketing Alignment starts with ...

- A common definition of a "qualified" or "sales ready" lead
- Shared goals and expectations about objectives, conversion rates, & touch points
- Cross-functional collaboration and partnership



There are no bozos across the aisle!

Brian Gentile, CEO of Jaspersoft

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Control is an illusion!

From "Caveat Emptor"



to "Cave emptorum"

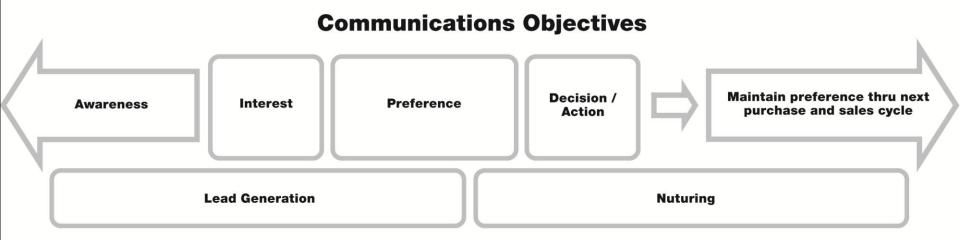


- The Marketing Department is **no longer in** control of driving the lead funnel; buyers are
- People are finding out about your company before they are even on your radar

Upshot: we must become "findable" in a marketing landscape we no longer control.

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Map relevant content to the buying process Captured – Stored – Forwarded – Repurposed



B2B Technology Customer Buying Process





Content = information and experiences that provides value for an end-user/audience in specific contexts

3 Critical Success Factors will drive lead gen success

- 1. Terminology clarity:

 Clear and precise language, used consistently
- 2. True sales & marketing alignment:

 Joint marketing / sales plans, socialized and broadly communicated before lead gen campaigns begin
- 3. Become a "customer advocate":

 Only by empathizing with customers can we hope to become relevant to them during their buying process

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