

How to Start Getting Leads on HubSpot in 30 Days

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00. Setting Your HubSpot Up for Lead Generation Success

Filling your sales pipeline with qualified leads is the foundation for the continued success of your business. Fortunately, as a HubSpot user, you're bringing together the best business software and the most effective approach to lead generation – inbound marketing.

Inbound marketing is built into the HubSpot platform, empowering you and your team to hit the ground running immediately. The inbound methodology, on a larger scale, is vital to all areas of your business, as represented by the flywheel model.

Attract Phase

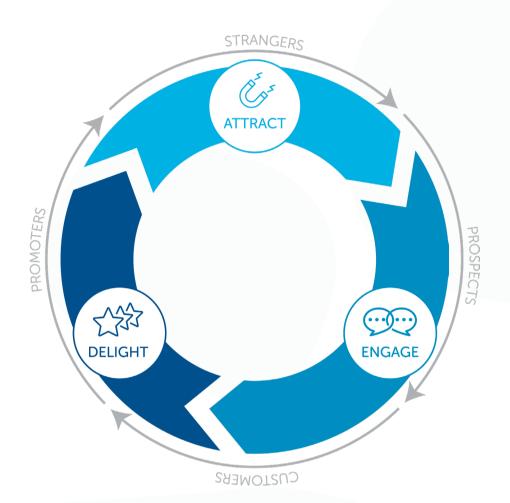
Earn your target audience's attention by delivering helpful content addressing their pain points while enticing them to learn more about your brand.

Engage Phase

Establish and maintain relationships with potential customers, customizing their experience to a timeline that suits them and takes place in the channels they prefer.

Delight Phase

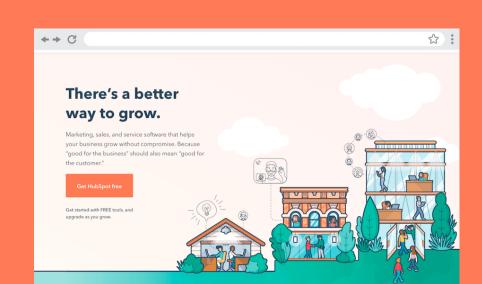
Emphasize supporting customers so they continue to succeed and feel valued throughout the entire customer journey.



As you can see, the attract and engage phase sets the stage for earning new customers. And that's where lead generation takes place. With HubSpot, you turn your company into a well oiled lead generating machine, which impacts the big picture goal – driving revenue.

Leads come through marketing and are handed off to sales. Sales nurtures and closes qualified leads as new customers. Customer service delights them, opening doors for cross-selling, upselling, and referrals to get more leads.

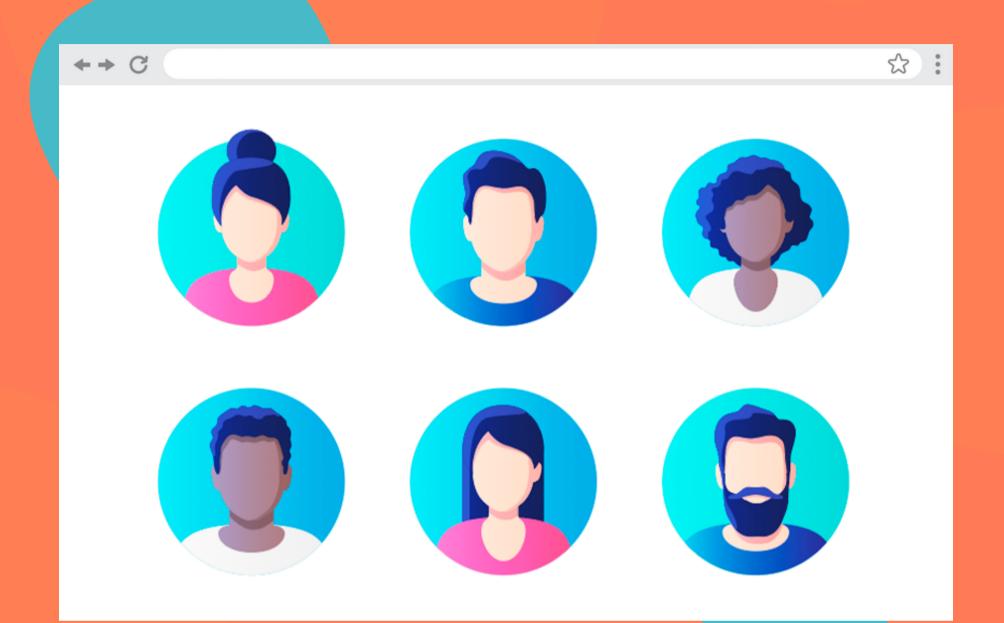
However, this doesn't just happen overnight. You need to do a lot of work upfront to lay the foundation for growing your contacts database.



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Drive More Leads



01. Develop Your Buyer Personas

Many businesses are strictly focused on the quantity of leads they bring in through their marketing efforts. This emphasis on the amount of leads overlooks another crucial component of lead generation: the quality of your leads.

How do you know who is a good fit as a lead for your business?

Meet buyer personas. They act as a semi-fictional representation of your ideal customer, based off of your market research and customer data. You can conduct research through many different methods, such as:

- » Conducting surveys with your leads and existing customer base.
- » Interviewing team members who regularly interact with leads and customers.
- » Asking questions in the right social media communities.
- » Reading through industry blogs and market research reports.
- » Reviewing the LinkedIn profiles of your customers and prospects.
- » Reading job descriptions for roles related to your personas.
- » Interviewing prospects and existing customers.

How you conduct your research largely depends on the amount of time and resources you have and the timeline you're using. Some research methods like conducting interviews and engaging with social media communities can require a lot of time, whereas collecting information through industry resources can be accomplished faster.

A good starting point for research is laying out all the information you need. Give yourself a set criteria of answers you need to fully build your buyer personas.

Questions you need to answer include:

- 01. What is their age, education level, marital status, and other relevant demographics?
- **02.** What is their job title at their company?
- **03.** What are their day-to-day responsibilities?
- 04. Who do they report to, and who reports to them?
- **05.** What industry do they work in, and how large is the company?
- 06. What are the biggest goals they're trying to achieve now and in the future?
- **07.** What are their biggest challenges?
- **08.** Where do they seek out information?
- 09. What are some reasons they would be against your products or services?
- **10.** How can you curate a solution to them in an actionable way that shows it will make their lives easier?

Your buyer personas are essential because they give you a target audience to create new content for. Without personas, you're going to be trying to appeal to a more general audience without much consideration of their specific needs and preferences.

Simply put, your personas should be at top of mind in everything you do and create, as they are the ideal customers you want to attract. Without personas, your marketing efforts might not bring in the right people.

Start by creating at least one to three personas. If your business targets multiple markets, you may have well over 10 personas. This depends largely on the products or services you offer in your industry.

Your buyer personas act as living documents that you can refine over time as you learn more about your customers. Keep them centralized so everyone in your company can share and access them. This aligns all teams and creates a mutual understanding of who your company wants as an ideal customer.

Read More: How to Create a Buyer Persona (w/ Questions, Examples + Free Templates)

Read the Article

Start creating your buyer personas by following these steps.

- 01. Look at your current contacts to see behaviors of your current audience. Make note of any specific trends and insights you find.
- 02. Dive more into your persona research by using the methods you prefer, such as one of the following:
 - » Conduct surveys and interviews of current customers and prospects to understand their perspective.
 - » Build feedback mechanisms into your sales process by hosting discovery calls and asking about how they found you, what their goals are, and why they're considering you
 - » Conduct a thought experiment to get in your ideal customer's shoes.
- **03.** Synthesize all this information and create a documented buyer persona that is shareable.

Tip: There are plenty of great tools that make creating visually appealing buyer personas very easy, such as:



Bluleadz Buyer Persona Templates HubSpot Make My Persona



Buyer Personas In Use

Bluleadz Buyer Personas

The Bluleadz team uses over 12 buyer personas to create helpful content for professionals at various levels in marketing, sales, customer service, and executive leadership.

These buyer personas influence many aspects of our marketing, including how we ideate content ideas, how we tailor our messaging, and how we nurture our leads. When we truly understand who we are talking to and what our audience's pain points are, we can deliver more value in an impactful way at the right time in their buyer's journey. Once you have buyer personas completed, you're ready to upload them into HubSpot. You can do this in just a few simple steps.

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Navigate to Settings > Properties (on the left sidebar menu).

Search for the persona properties using the search bar, then click into the persona property.

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3. Use the template (or what you wrote in your Make My Persona tool) to fill out the corresponding fields in HubSpot. You can always edit existing personas as you enhance them over time.

Persona X
Mastering Personas Download the research checklist [2] Gather details from surveys, historical data, and sales insights. Learn the basics from professors in the HubSpot Academy [2] We have many classes and certifications on how to develop and use personas in your marketing.
Basic information Upload a photo of your persona
Make it something memorable
Description *
This will be the external description
Internal notes Roles
What kinds of jobs does this persona have?
Goals
What is this persona trying to do?
Challenges
What are this persona's challenges when trying to do their job?
Demographics
Save Cancel Automatically create smart lists for this persona

Once you save your persona in HubSpot, you can start attributing it to your contacts in your CRM. By tagging your contacts with personas, you're well equipped to personalize their experience and be more strategic in your outreach.

There are many ways you attribute buyer personas to your contacts.

Manual Persona Attribution

Simply go to a contact's record, locate their persona property, click the dropdown menu, and select the one that matches them.

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Persona		
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VP of Marketing Mary Marketing professional with many hats		
CEO Chris C Level - It comes down to me in the end		

Bulk Persona Attribution

If you want to attribute personas to more than one contact, you can do it in one bulk update.

Simply navigate to your contacts in your CRM, then select the contacts you want to update.

Then, click Edit and use the dropdown menu to find the persona property. Finally, select the persona you're attributing to your group of selected contacts.

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Self-Select Forms

Let your contacts do the heavy lifting by adding a form field that allows them to select their own persona. Simply use the field's tab in the editor to select the persona property, then drag it over into the form editor.

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	Source: HubSpot

Hidden Form Field

Within the form building tool, you can select the box "make this form hidden" so the visitor doesn't see the persona field.

This is helpful if you have forms that are solely meant for a specific one of your personas. The visitor will add their contact information (e.g., first name and email address) and when their contact record is created in your CRM, their persona property will automatically be populated with the persona you attribute to that particular form.

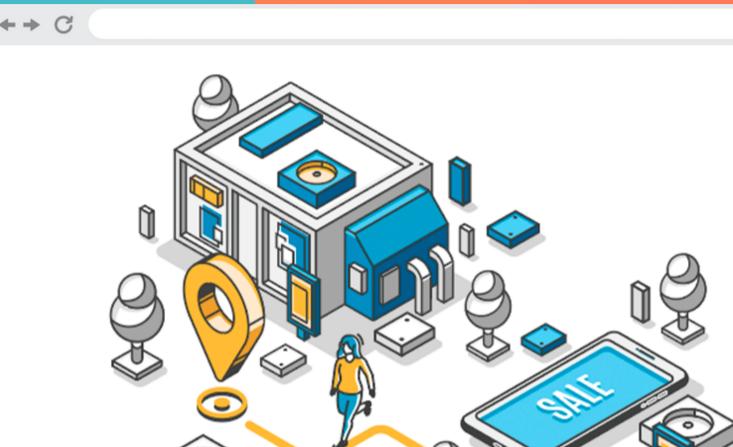
Workflow

Build workflows for each one of your personas. Within the workflow, you can set enrollment criteria. When a contact takes certain actions or checks off the specific criteria, their persona property will be automatically updated.

Simply add an action to your workflow after completing the enrollment criteria. Set that action to "Set contact property value," then pick the persona contact property and the specific persona you're assigning within the workflow.

Now that you have your personas in HubSpot and you're able to attribute them to your contacts, you're ready to dive deeper into understanding what their journey looks like and how you can best engage them at each touchpoint.

This is where customer journey maps come in.



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02. Create Customer Journey Maps

A customer journey map helps you visualize the whole process a customer goes through, from their initial touchpoint throughout their entire lifecycle as they strive to achieve a specific goal.

It paints a clear picture of where customers enter your marketing and sales cycle and how they find success with your products or services. And if they're not successful, this map shows you where to help them find success.

Customer journey maps benefit the entire company in numerous ways:

- » Marketing can use content mapping to deliver exactly what your audience needs the awareness, consideration, and decision stage of their buyer's journey.
- » Sales can find the best times to engage with prospects throughout their journey and use specific engagement tactics to help guide prospects toward the decision stage.
- » Customer service can see their touchpoints throughout the customer experience and determine better ways to support and educate new customers.

The impact of customer journey mapping is hard to overstate. In fact, <u>research</u> shows that the return on investment (ROI) is significant. Companies that use formal customer journey management programs reap many benefits. They experience:



greater return on marketing investment



faster average sales cycle

more cross- and up-sell revenue

56%

3.5X

greater revenue from customer referrals

To get started with your customer journey mapping, establish a clear goal you have for managing your customer journeys. In the context of this ebook, that goal should be tied to delivering the right content to the right people at the right stage of their buyer's journey to attract visitors and convert them to leads.

Read More: How to Develop a Customer Journey Map (With Examples & Templates)

Read the Article

There are plenty of tools you can use to visual the customer journey map, including IBM Journey Designer, Microsoft Visio, and Touchpoint Dashboard. However, you don't need to invest in flowchart and diagramming software. You can keep things simple by using basic templates.

Shameless plug alert: Use the free <u>Bluleadz Customer Journey Map Template</u> to get started now.

Customer Journey Map:	PERSONA NAME
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Customer Journey Maps In Use

Bluleadz Customer Journey Map

Bluleadz uses customer journey maps for their primary buyer personas to build strategies for marketing and sales at key touchpoints throughout the customer journey.

Customer journey mapping breaks down the emotions, thought processes, actions, touchpoints, and potential solutions for each stage of the customer journey.

The stages include: Research, Compare, Connect, Consider, and Decision.



03. Align Sales and Marketing

As noted before, quality is just as important to consider as quantity in the world of lead generation. Simply driving conversions for the sake of getting leads without any consideration of if the leads are actually valuable to your business ends up wasting time and resources.

After all, what good are leads you can't nurture and send to sales to guide them through the buyer's journey? If they're a really bad fit, don't waste time and energy trying to sell your products or services to them.

This is why both sales and marketing need to be on the same page. To properly align, both teams need to establish a lead qualification system and outline accountability in a service level agreement (SLA).

Read More:

How to Build a Perfect Lead Qualification Process (w/ Checklist) Read the Article How to Create the Best SLA for Marketing and Sales Read the Article

Lead qualification is the process of determining whether a lead matches your expectations for the ideal customer. It uses automation to apply a lead qualification scheme to your marketing-qualified leads (MQLs), prospects who've "raised their hand" and put themselves on your radar.

Sales teams use three common frameworks to qualify their leads.

BANT (Budget, Authority, Need, Timing)

This is a sales-forward approach to vetting out those in your pipeline who are not ready to make a purchase.

CGP TCI BA

(Challenges, Goals, Plans; Timeline, Consequences, Implications; Budget, and Authority)

This is a more consultative approach, where sales reps ask questions to better understand what a lead needs, as opposed to simply diving into their budget right away.

CHAMP

(CHallenges, Authority, Money, Prioritization)

As opposed to the other frameworks that simply look at timelines, this customercentric approach focuses more on how the lead would prioritize their problem. This helps immensely because it gives your teams the information they need to prioritize those leads who are ready to take action and make a purchase decision now, not in six months or two years.

Lead scoring is also immensely important when you align marketing and sales. This is the process of assigning point values to leads based on the information you can learn about them. Often, scoring covers both demographic information and documented behaviors.

You gather demographic information through lead capture forms or by using data enrichment tools. Data enrichment is the process of attributing publicly available data from a third party to a lead or customer.

You need to apply your lead scoring criteria to each lead in your customer relationship management (CRM) system. Typically, a contact in your database is assigned a lead score based on both the demographic and behavioral data you compiled.

In the HubSpot CRM, you can set up score properties for your contacts in a handful of steps.

- 01. Create both Positive Attributes and Negatives Attributes by going to Settings > Properties > HubSpot score.
- 02. In the property editing window, select "Add new set" and start assigned positive and negative attributes. These criteria will add or remove points from the score respectively.
- 03. Once you set your criterion for the attribute, click "Done." To add additional criteria in the existing set of attributes, click "AND." Leads need to meet all criteria

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for the attribute to apply. You can also click "Add new set" again to have another set of attributes that lead to a certain score.

Automating lead scoring saves you a ton of time. More importantly, the HubSpot score property you added helps you segment contacts into lists and enroll them into workflows. This helps sales and marketing teams nurture and engage leads to move them through the buyer's journey.

Whether you're using lead scoring or qualifying your leads, you can leverage this information by adding them as properties to your contacts in HubSpot. This tells marketing and sales who to prioritize and how to further engage them.

Lead Qualification In Use

Bluleadz Lead Qualification

The Bluleadz team uses two property fields to qualify and prioritize leads.

MQLs are rated in four tiers based on specific criteria related to their job role, their company size, and other pertinent information.

MQL Rating	Details
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Medium	
Low	
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All leads are assigned a lifecycle stage based on qualification criteria that both marketing and sales establish together.

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Lead	
Marketing qualified lead	
Sales qualified lead	
Opportunity	

Marketing and sales should share a clear understanding of how leads are qualified and which frameworks are used. They also need to align expectations and how each other accountable using a documented SLA.

To create your own SLA and ensure marketing-sales alignment, follow a few simple steps:

- 01. Set the right metrics based on your company's immediate and long-term needs (e.g., revenue goals, monthly leads from marketing, average lead-to-customer rate).
- 02. Set goals for each team and evolve your goals over time as it gets easier to accomplish those objectives outlined in your SLA.
- 03. Define the lead handoff process, including what specific steps are required for an MQL to transition into an SQL and what marketing can do to set sales up for success in closing those SQLs into new customers.
- 04. Clarify lead management by detailing processes on when and how leads should be contacted, how frequently leads need to be engaged with, and how and when sales can report leads as closed and rejected.
- **05.** Standardize the SLA from both your sales and marketing teams by getting team members to review and sign the document.
- **06.** Update your SLA as needed, usually quarterly or semi-annually, to maintain alignment and stay consistent in hitting your big picture business goals.

Now that all your teams understand who your ideal customers are, what their journeys look like, and how you prioritize and qualify leads in your sales pipeline, your marketing can ramp up their efforts and attract the right people. Service-Level Agreements In Use

Bluleadz SLA

The sales and marketing teams at Bluleadz collaborated on creating and signing this formalized SLA document, which outlines specific goals for both the sales team and the marketing team.

These goals are tracked using customized HubSpot reporting dashboards.









04. Build Conversion Paths

At this point, you have everything you need to strategically build conversion paths that generate qualified leads and fill your pipeline.

A conversion path is the process where an anonymous visitor on your website becomes a lead. Typically, a visitor will come to your site and find a content offer that appeals to them and addresses their primary pain points.

They click a call to action (CTA) button, go to a landing page, submit their information in a form, and download their offer. It's a win-win. Your visitor gets helpful content, and you gain some information about them.



Successful conversion paths consist of four key elements:

Contextual Messaging

Showcase the value of your awesome content offer with messaging that is tailored to your target personas and speaks to unique pain points at their particular stage in the buyer's journey.

Persona-Focused Landing Pages

When visitors click a CTA and come to a landing page, that content needs to address them directly and be tailored to where they are in their buyer's journey.

Enticing CTAs

Make your buttons stand out with visually appealing graphics and action-oriented messaging that make it clear to your visitors what they need to do to get the content offer (e.g., download, sign up, register).

Optimized Thank You Pages

Use your thank you page as an opportunity to move people further along the buyer's journey by offering additional content offers that are relevant to the one they just downloaded.



Conversion Paths In Use

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Bluleadz Conversion Paths

The Bluleadz marketing team uses conversion paths strategically throughout the website. For example, for the blog post "What Is Inbound Sales? A Complete Guide," the marketing team added a sticky sidebar CTA that follows the reader down the page, as well as an enticing CTA at the end of the post.

When a visitor is on the content offer's landing page, they're met with an exit intent pop up if they try to leave without downloading the offer. One of the best places to start with building your lead generation strategy is by first auditing your current efforts.

There are many aspects to focus on during your conversion audit, including:

- » Technical audit: This includes everything that impacts what visitors see on your site, such as on-page and off-page SEO.
- » Design audit: This consists of your overall style and brand consistency efforts (e.g., your use of color schemes, fonts, and buttons)
- » Copy audit: This is when you assess the wording of all the content on your conversion paths, such as CTA button content, sales copy, and landing page content.

You should also review your analytics to find what conversion paths are top performers. In HubSpot, the best way to find this is by using the Campaigns tool.

How to Use the HubSpot Campaigns Tool



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Review your campaign performance by looking at key metrics, like:

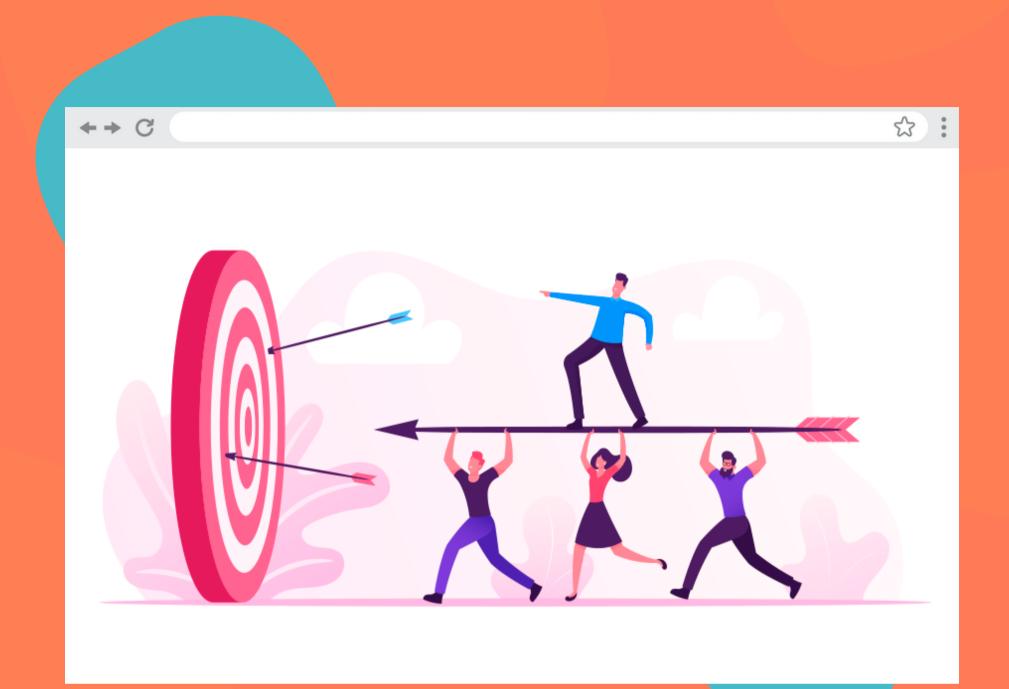
- » Number of sessions associated with the campaign
- » New contacts created upon first touch
- » Influenced contacts created
- » Closed deals attributed to the campaign
- » Attributed revenue

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An added tip: You can also dive deeper on performance for each asset included in the campaign.

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25 Common Sales Problems & How to Fix Them [2]		18,612	48	50
7 Steps to Develop Marketing Strategies That Will Increase Sales 🖉		16,148	39	40
6 Kickass 'Request a Demo' Page Examples 🗷		14,113	61	55
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As you can imagine, building conversion paths can take some time, depending on your resources. But there are ways to build lead generation campaigns fast.



055. Execute a Quick Win Strategy

When you're getting started with a business software like HubSpot, you're going to experience so many amazing learning opportunities that help you familiarize yourself with all the awesome tools at your disposal. But it takes a while to feel like a true expert in HubSpot.

Additionally, new HubSpot users want to see results fast. The good news is that you can give your lead generation a much needed boost in a short amount of time.

To see results faster, you need a quick win strategy in place. Quick wins are realistic, attainable goals that you can achieve in as little as a couple of weeks. They often align with bigger business goals.

Your quick win strategy should include tactics that are systematic, so your team can repeat them easily. These initiatives can capitalize on your existing assets to start getting you leads immediately.

For example, some quick win lead generation initiatives include:

- » Add slide-in pop ups to your blog posts with the highest traffic
- » Add inline CTAs on longer form content
- » Implement an exit intent strategy for high impact pages
- » Include sidebar CTAs with simplified forms
- » Add chatbots to high impact pages
- » Repurpose existing content into a lead magnet
- » Run paid advertising campaigns to drive visitors to content offers

These kinds of quick wins for lead generation are easy to implement, systematic, and goal oriented. You're bound to get new leads from these small updates and additions.

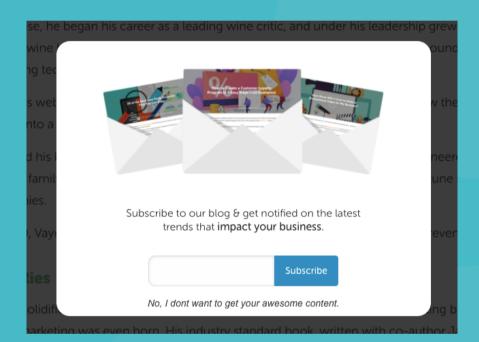
Quick wins can inspire how you carry out lead generation strategies for the long term. Your biggest component of long term lead generation success is your content marketing.



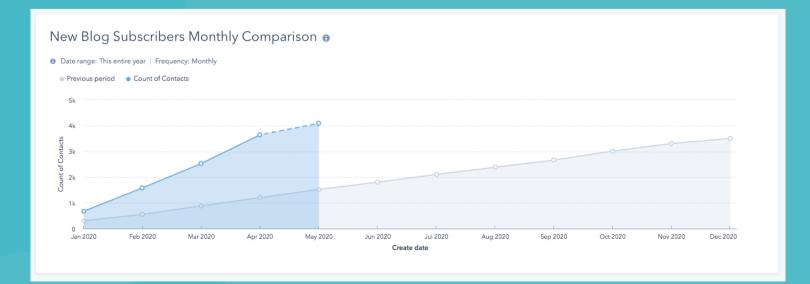
Bluleadz Exit Intent Quick Win

The Bluleadz team established a quick win focused on increasing the amount of blog newsletter subscribers.

At the end of 2019, there were a little over 6,000 subscribers. The team added exit intent pop-ups to every blog post with one small form that asks for an email address.



After just four months, subscribers jumped 61 percent, exceeded 10,000 total subscribers. This is the perfect example of a quick win strategy because it's repeatable, goal-oriented, and incredibly easy to execute.





06. Align Content Marketing With Lead Generation

Content marketing yields success in terms of traffic and lead generation when you're strategic about what content you're putting out, how you're delivering it to your audience, what lead magnets you offer, and how you develop your conversion paths.

There are a few steps you need to take to get your content marketing strategy in line with your lead generation efforts.

01.

Start with a content audit to establish priorities for your content strategy moving forward, to ensure your existing content is relevant to your audience, to find gaps to fill, and to identify opportunities for optimization.



02. Build an SEO strategy by conducting keyword research, analyzing your competitors, developing content ideas during brainstorming sessions, and outlining topic clusters for relevant parent topics and semantically related keywords. Document and plan your content marketing assets using an editorial calendar.

Additional Resources

- » <u>How to Use HubSpot's Content Strategy Tool to</u> <u>Crush SEO</u>
- » <u>The Content Marketer's Ultimate Guide to Search</u> <u>Engine Optimization</u>
- » <u>10 Simple Steps of an SEO Analysis (+ The Tools</u> <u>You'll Need)</u>
- » <u>How to Create an Incredible Editorial Calendar (w/</u> <u>Examples & Templates)</u>
- » Keyword Research Tipsheet
- » The Ultimate Content Ideation Workbook
- » The Blog Idea Generation Toolkit







04.

Start creating and publishing content consistently on your site, and add conversion paths to blog posts that are relevant to content offers.

Additional Resources• How to Blog: A Comprehensive Plan for Driving
Results With Content• The Ultimate Blogging Checklist

Distribute your content and connect with your audience in other relevant channels, like guest blogging on relevant industry websites and promoting your blog and content offers through digital ads and social media channels.

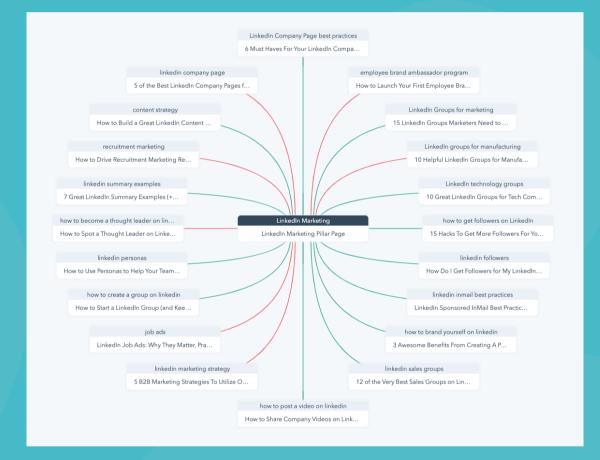


05. Follow a reporting schedule where you're analyzing results of your blogging and distribution strategies. Use data to evolve your strategy over time and optimize it to get more leads.

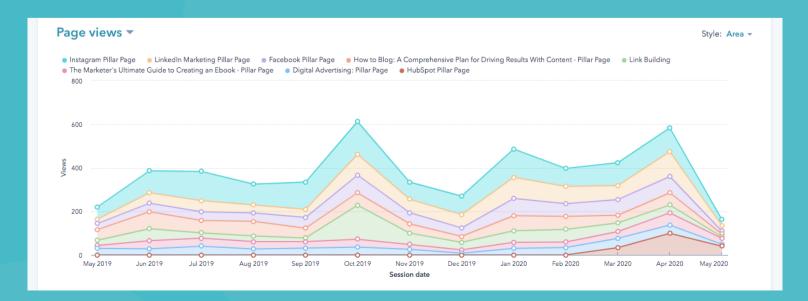
Content Marketing In Use

Bluleadz Topic Cluster Model

The Bluleadz team built topic clusters using the HubSpot SEO tool. These clusters focused on parent topics that address primary pain points for target audiences.



Not only did the topic cluster model influence content ideation and lead generation strategies, but it also yielded a steady stream of traffic over the course of a year for several topic clusters.



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07. Drive More Leads Using HubSpot Today

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As you can see, there are plenty of ways to leverage HubSpot tools and drive leads in as little as 30 days.

Take the time upfront to set your foundation by truly understanding your target audience, aligning sales and marketing, properly qualifying leads, and strategically planning conversion paths.

Through consistent content marketing, you can earn your position as a thought leader in your industry and foster trust with your target audience. This yields sustainable lead generation, in turn supporting sales with a healthy pipeline to close prospects into happy new customers.

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