

10 Ways to Grow
Your Business with
Social Media

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What you'll learn

- 10 tips to help you grow your business via
 - Google+
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - LinkedIn
 - Twitter
 - Blogging
- Event hashtag: #10ways
- BIG surprise at the end from Social Media Examiner
 - Something that will be free forever

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 - Launch: How to Quickly Propel Your Business Beyond the Competition
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 - Marketing and blogging tips for bloggers
- Prolific guest blogger and freelance writer
 - Social Media Examiner,
 KISSmetrics, Sprout Social, Search
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1. Google+ business page

- Create your Google+ page
 - https://plus.google.com/ pages/create
- Limitations
 - Only one admin
 - Can only follow fans back

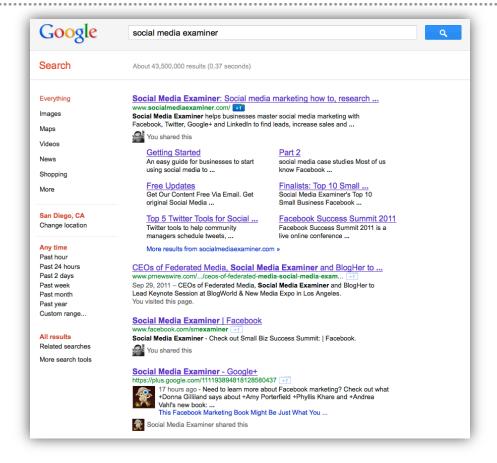


Add badge to your site

- https://
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 plugins/badge/config
- Why?
 - Get more recommendations for your site in Google search and grow your audience on Google+
- Many different badge sizes



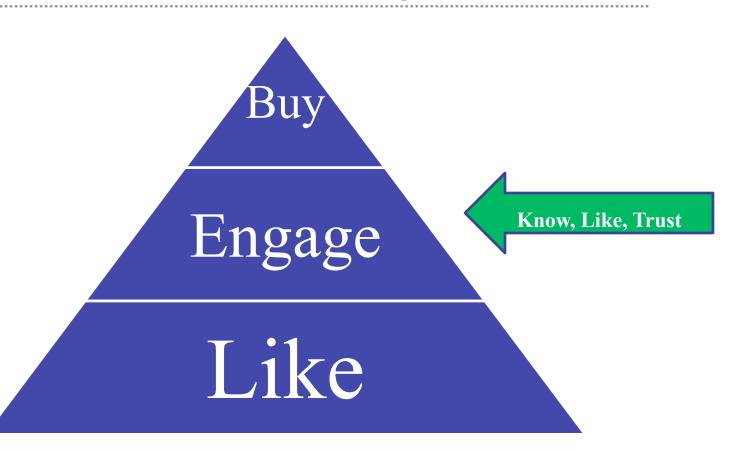
Search impact



#2 Getting leads via Facebook

- What is a lead?
 - Not just any Like
 - Interest
 - Authority to Purchase
 - Move along the sales cycle
 - Has a Need for your Product or service

The Facebook Sales Pyramid



Add Facebook email capture

- Offer a freebie valuable report, discount, coupon
- Requires an iFrame Application for a Custom Tab
- Can be set as Default Landing Tab (first place people land when they come to your page)
- Design your own or hire someone





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#3 Facebook and webinars

- Promote your webinar to your audience
- Use webinar service to capture e-mails
- Promote a product or service at the end
 - Offer valuable content
 - Continue to connect with audience through e-mail

Valuable content



Webinar Providers

- GotoWebinar
- Adobe
- WebEx
- Live Meeting
- GatherPlace
- Prices range from \$39/month and up

#4 Run a Facebook contest

- Showcase your product or service
- Gather e-mails of leads
- Fun for community
- Shared
- People like to win

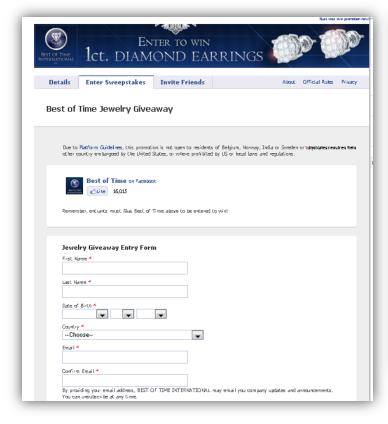




Contest Applications

- ₩ Wildfire easy setup
- North Social easy but need graphics
- Woobox easy setup
- ShortStack − drag and drop, configurable
- Strutta starts at \$299, photo or video
- Booshaka (Rewards)

Entry form on Facebook Page

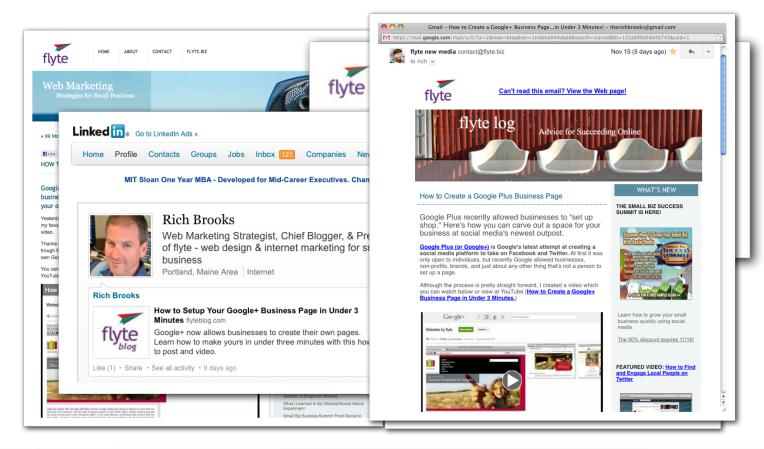




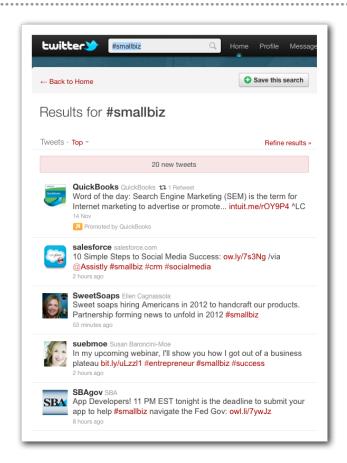
#5 Leverage YouTube's power

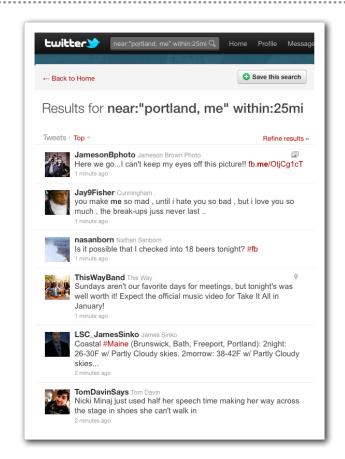


Spread the word

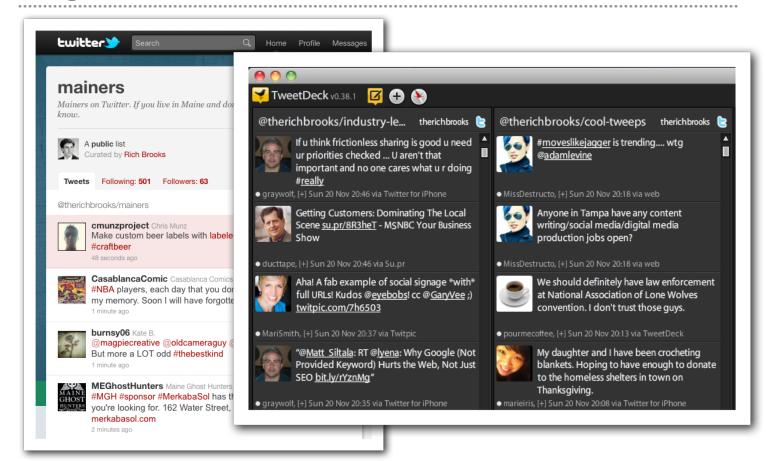


#6 Find your audience on Twitter

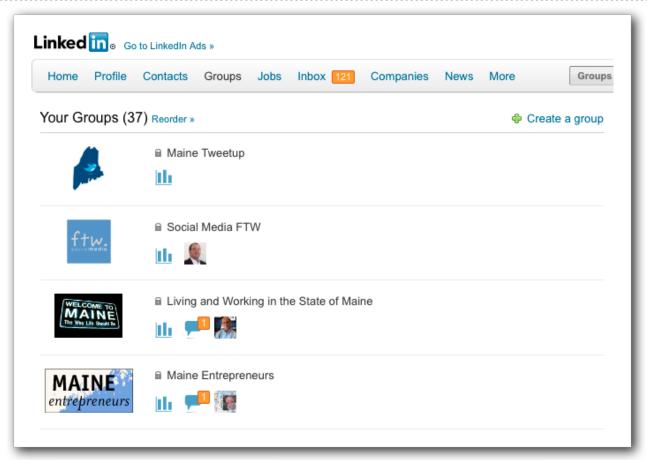




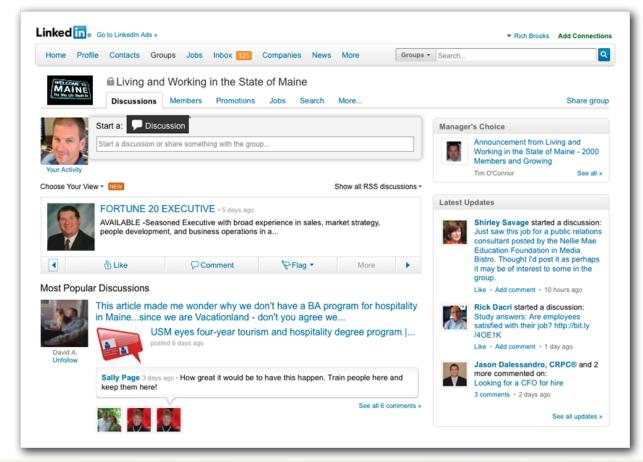
Signal to Noise



#7 How to use LinkedIn Groups

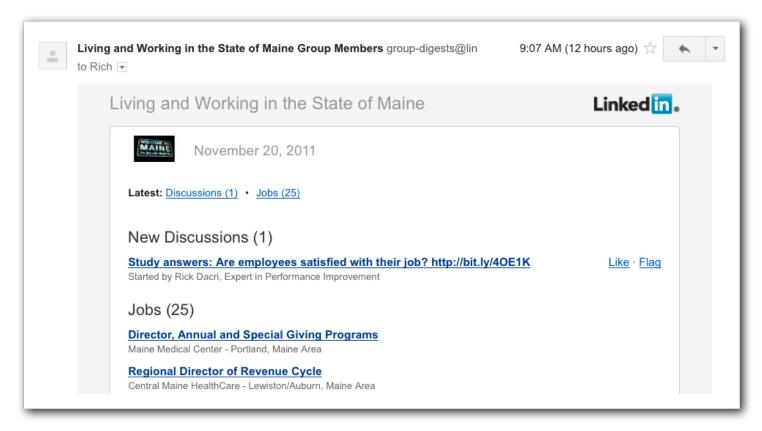


Find your groups



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Email digest

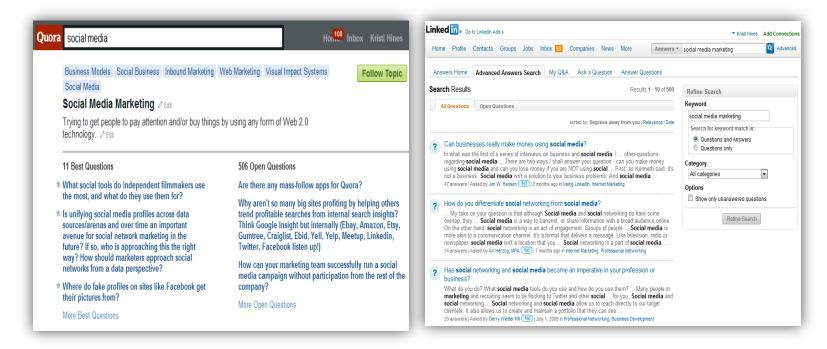


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#8 Finding blog topic ideas

- If there are people talking about your industry online, you can find topic ideas for your blog.
- Look for people asking questions on...
 - Question & Answer Networks
 - Social Media Networks
 - Blog Comments

Ideas from Q&A networks



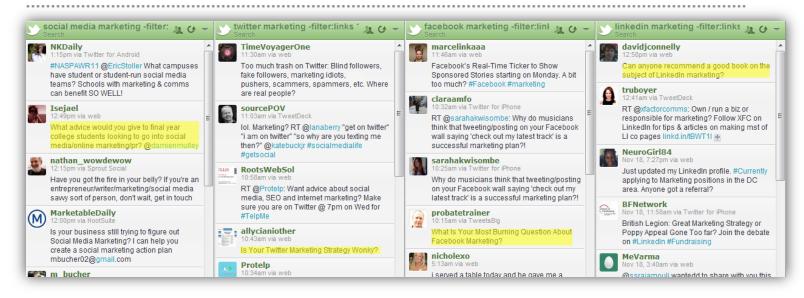
Quora.com

LinkedIn.com/Answers

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Ideas from social media



- Advice for people going into social media
- Is your Twitter marketing strategy working
- Ask your audience their top Facebook question
- Great books on LinkedIn marketing

Ideas from blog comments

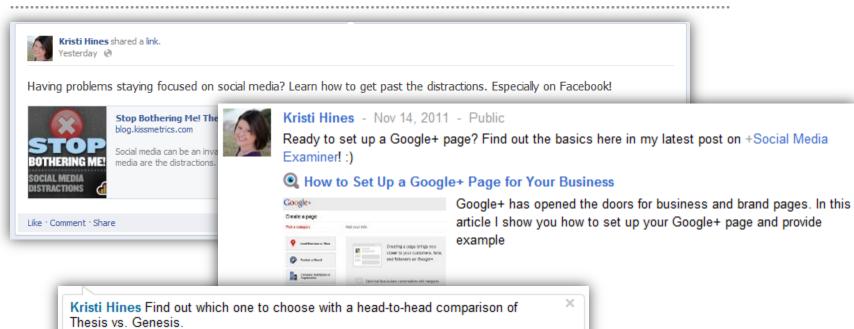
- Browse through the comments of your blog or your favorite blogs!
- Off of my latest SME post, I could do "Commonly Asked Questions about Google +"



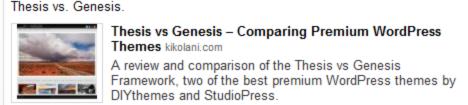
#9 How to promote your posts

- Unless you already have a huge audience, blog posts won't announce themselves to the world.
- If you are writing valuable content, you are doing your audience a disservice by not telling them about your latest post!

Via Social Media



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Like * Comment * Share * See all activity * Post an update * 1 second ago

Via commenting

Kristi from Blog Marketing | Tweet me @kikolani

February 22, 2011 at 11:51 PM



Great video, and thanks for including my archives in your examples of well done archives. I'm glad you noticed the fact that I include posts from elsewhere - that's actually done using a plugin (del.icio.us for WordPress) that pulls in my Delicious bookmarks. That way I can simultaneously update my archives page and my writing portfolio simply by bookmarking my new posts.

Now that you read my comment, care to visit my blog? Great Reminders for Writing Your First eBook

REPLY



Kristi Hines

That is so true. I notice it most often in posts I'm writing. Sometimes I feel like they are very basic, obvious things but at the same time, no one has written about them. So when I write about them, those posts do really, really well. Sometimes being able to simply and clearly express the basics in whatever format or media you like the best is all you need to be successful.

My latest conversation: Guide To Keyword Research - Part I: Keyword Discovery

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#10 Leverage your analytics

It's more than just page views!

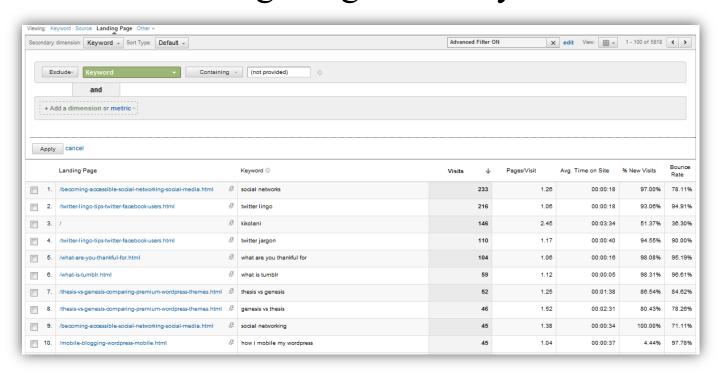


Keywords & landing pages



Are visitors getting what they want?

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Site search

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2.	twitter	3	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:00:43	2.0
3.	wordpress	3	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:20:37	7.0
4.	10 dreadful mistakes	2	1.50	0.00%	0.00%	00:01:46	2.0
5.	blog world	2	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:03:15	2.5
6.	blogworld	2	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:03:02	2.0
7.	commentluv	2	1.00	0.00%	50.00%	00:00:34	0.5
8.	keyword research	2	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:31:55	41.0
9.	seo	2	1.00	0.00%	50.00%	00:07:11	1.8
10.	social sharing buttons	2	1.00	0.00%	0.00%	00:00:10	1.0

Goals & conversions



Is your content converting?

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And now for some exciting news











Networking





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Initial clubs



Leader: Andrea Vahl

Small Business

Leader: Rich Brooks

Blogging

Leader: Kristi Hines





Clubs forums





Networking Clubs benefits

- Get your questions answered for free
 - Dedicated and staffed forums on Facebook, blogging and small business social media
- A place to network and make connections
- Tou can be rewarded by helping others
 - Top users get exposure on all pages of Social Media Examiner
- Forever FREE!

How to get on the interest list

- Signup here:
 - <u>socialmediaexaminer.com</u>
 /networkingclubs/
 - First 200 people to sign up will get in TODAY
 - Rest will be invited in phases
- Public opening of clubs expected in early 2012



Your social media questions?

- Let's take your questions
- Also, get on the Networking Clubs interest list here:
 - socialmediaexaminer.com/networkingclubs/