

Who Are Your Most Important Customers and What Do They Need From You?

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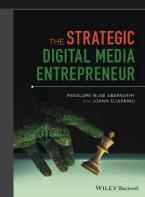
Epiphany #1: It is critical that community newspapers survive.

Epiphany #2:

Good journalism alone won't sustain you if your business model is broken.

Epiphany #3: **Editors and publishers** need to adopt a new way of thinking about and nurturing community.

The Experience in Other Industries



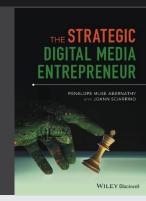
Cost structure

Customer base

Revenues



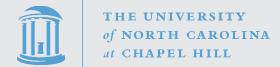
What You Need To Do



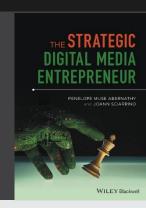
Follow the technology

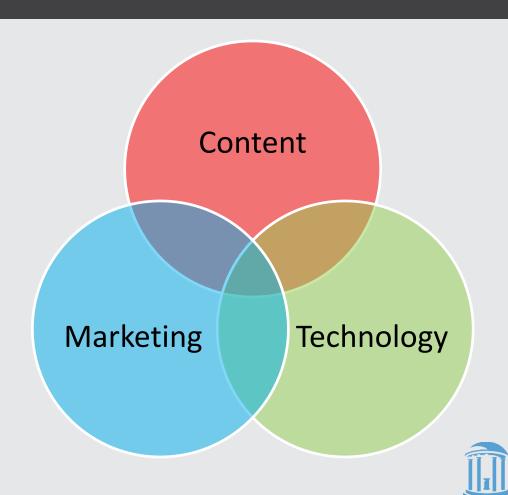
Follow the customer

Follow the money



A Digital Strategy Addresses Three Areas:



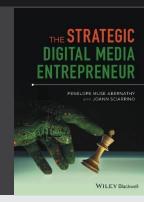


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"Your strategy is your promise to deliver value: the things you do for customers, now and in the future, that no other company can do well."

Credit: Strategy & consulting group

Four Digital Trends



Time spent with digital increasing

More user-generated content

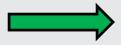
Pace of change accelerating

A dramatic shift to mobile



Three Key Strategy Questions





Who is your primary customer?



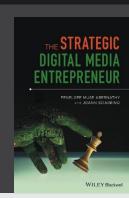
How do you currently prioritize customers, employees and shareholders?



What performance variables are you tracking?

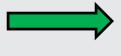


Identifying Your Target Customer Segments





What does a target customer segment want and need from your newspaper?



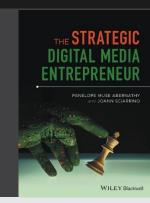
Does the target customer feel you are solving a problem, or potentially creating one?



Why is this target customer acting in a certain way?



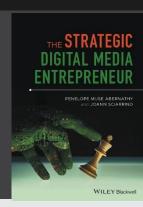
The Customer Pyramid







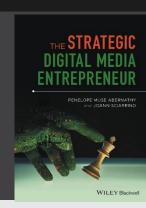
The Various Uses of Advertising

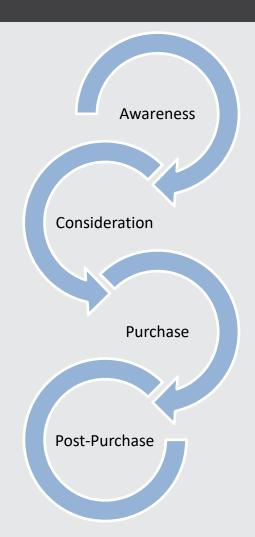


- Create awareness of the need
- Create demand for a product
- Introduce a product
- Encourage purchase
- Put consumer and seller together
- Encourage re-purchase
- Differentiate an existing product
- Attribute more value to a product
- Reinforce loyalty with existing clients



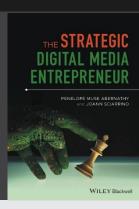
Mapping the Journey of Your Readers and Advertisers







For Discussion:



1 – Identify three high-potential segments of readers in your market, based on their special interests, attractiveness to advertisers and the size of this segment.

2 — What are their specific wants and needs? How well are you serving these customers now? What could you do to serve them better?

