Wyndham Al Business

Al for Business

Practical Tools for Marketing

Dr Jason Pallant





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Before we start...

Welcome!

Business Associations: Wyndham Biznet, Point Cook Business Association, Werribee Business & Tourism Association (WBTA)

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Our Speaker



Dr Jason Pallant
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Goals for this session



Define your unique brand position



Train an Al assistant on your brand



Use AI to create branded content!

Using low-cost (or free) tools appropriate for small business





How we'll get there

- Introduction and Core Principles:
 - Value-Based Marketing
- Topic 1: Segmenting and Targeting Customers
 - Al Activity: Researching customers and competitors
- Topic 2: Developing a Value Proposition
 - Al Activity: Guiding and refining your proposition and brand
- Topic 3: Creating on-brand content!
 - Al Activity: Learning your brand and applying it!
- Networking





Follow along

Interactive worksheet

Activities throughout the sessions

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WHAT I DO

My unique value centers on the three integrated ways I enable MarTech knowledge from generating new knowledge through rigorous research, to running education programs based on that research, to translating the insights for public audiences.

No academic jargon here - just real insights shared as widely as possible!

GENERATING KNOWLEDGE

ENABLING KNOWLEDGE

TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE

Dear MarTech We Need To Talk!

Join us for an exclusive first-look at our MarTech industry research







Today's Helpers



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ChatGPT!



Introductions

- 1. Introduce yourself and your business
- 2. Now introduce yourself with a story of a time you or your business really helped someone
- 3. Notice a difference?





Why not jump straight into Al?





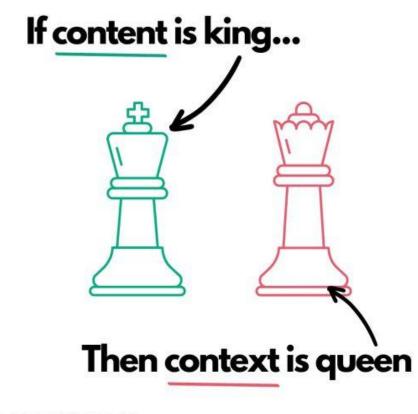
Context is critical!

Anyone can use ChatGPT

That means your competitors too

If they ask the same question, they'll get the same answer

Content needs to be **tailored to your context** to work









Marketing as Value





Marketing as value exchange



"Marketing is the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large."



Products v Value



Product

What you sell (goods and/or services)





The needs or wants your product satisfies, relative to the cost



Some examples



Product: Running Shoes

Value: Athletic feeling, Status, Community



Product: Coffee/ Food

Value: Energy, Meeting Space, 'Third Place'



Product: Talks, Workshops, and Articles

Value: Trusted knowledge to put into action



Worksheet Activity: Defining Value



1. Describe the products/ services you offer

2. Now define the **value** they provide

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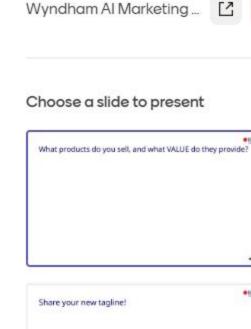


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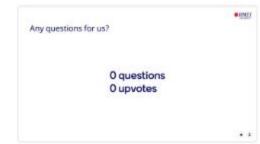
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Key Questions for any business

What Value do you provide...

- NOT just products or services
- The needs or wants you satisfy

...to whom...

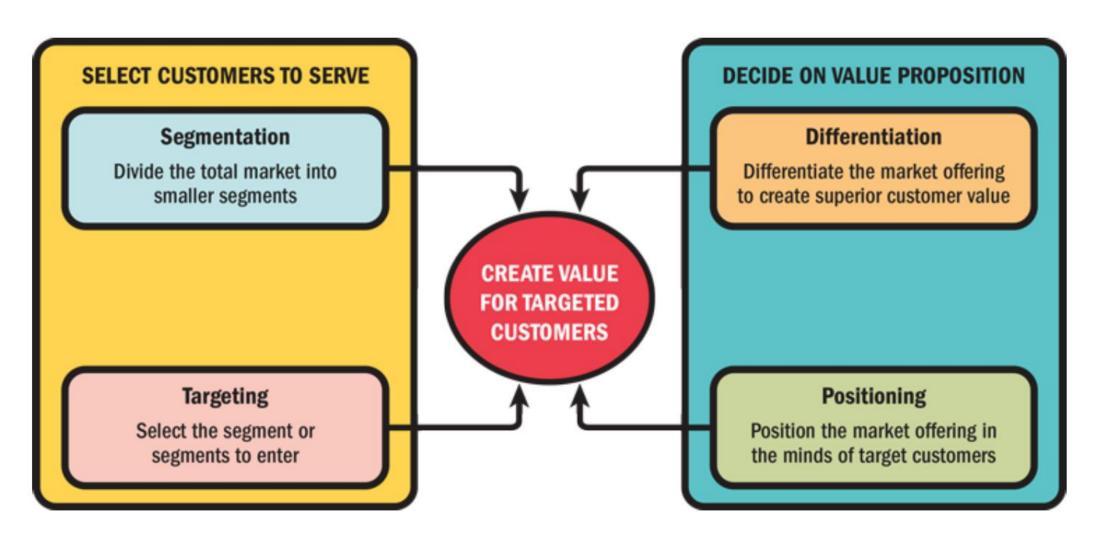
- Which customers need/want this value the most?
- HINT: it's not 'everyone'

...and how will you communicate that?

• i.e. how can you show potential customers you are the best place to get the value they need?



The Value-Driven Marketing Process





1. Segmentation





Why segment?

"When brands want to **connect more strongly** with their customers to create tailored marketing strategies, one of the first things to do is segment the market. When done right, segmentation can provide a company a **cornerstone on which to build and grow**—that true understanding of who makes up a customer base; a critical step in marketing's golden rule of "**know thy customer**.""





Pragmatic reasons for segmenting

Mass marketing is HARD...

Talking to everyone, about everything, all the time is a LOT It's hard to cut through the noise

...and expensive...

The broader your customer base, the more products you need to offer

AND the more ways you need to communicate

...and more competitive

More on this later



Al Activity: Segmenting Customers

1. (If Pro user), start a Project:

Projects

New project

- 2. Start a chat, and select **Deep Research** (Pro) or Web Search
- 3. Enter a prompt like this (fill in the gaps):



"I run a [BUSINESS] in the Wyndham local area focused on [PRODUCTS/ VALUE]. You will help me with a segmentation-targeting-positioning process. Start by researching customer needs and demographics in the area, analysing possible customer segments I could target. Make sure segments are value-based not just demographics"

- 4. Answer any clarifying questions it asks
- 5. Wait....We'll check on this later



Ways to segment



Geographic Segmentation

Focuses on regional preferences, allowing tailored strategies based on location.



Demographic Segmentation

Provides insights into consumer needs based on age, gender, income, and education.



Psychographic Segmentation

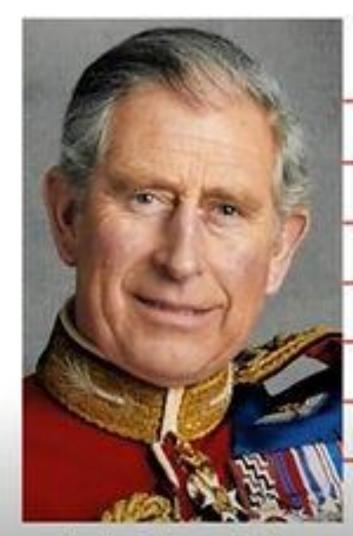
Connects with consumers on an emotional level by understanding lifestyles and values.



Behavioural Segmentation

Targets offerings based on usage rates, brand loyalty, and purchasing habits.





Charles, Prince of Wales

Male

Born in 1948

Raised in the UK

Lives in a castle

Married twice

Wealthy

Famous



Ozzy, "Prince of Darkness"

My Segments







Business Schools/ Academics

Need: Quality research, advice/ content for new MarTech courses

My Value: Research collaborations, content through talks/ online resources



Small-Medium Businesses

Need: Foundational concepts, Practical frameworks, Bespoke support

My Value: Practical education, simplification, connection to experts



Large Enterprises

Need: New research/ trends, upskilling at scale, consulting advice

My Value: Research-backed insights, Education, Unbiased opinions



General Public/ Consumers

Need: Understanding of MarTech's impact and their rights

My Value: 'Inside' understanding, Demystifying tech



Time to check yours!



1. Review the segments AI has researched

Does anything stand out or surprise you?

2. Try asking follow up questions, e.g.

- What are the biggest pain points for [segment name] that they complain about most?
- Compare [segment A] and [segment B] which would be easier for a small business to reach?
- Which segment might find most value from my business?

3. (If Pro) Save the research to the project knowledge



Worksheet Activity: Customer Segments

1. Note the relevant segments and the **value** they seek



- 2. Consider how you might provide that value (now or in the future)
- 3. Highlight the 2-3 most appealing segments
 - We'll explore them further next...

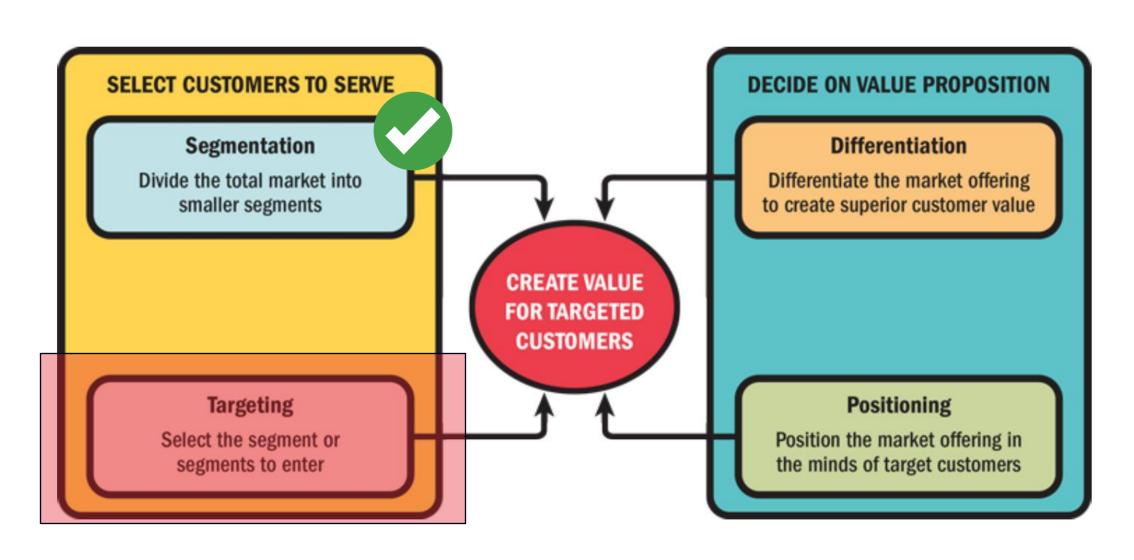


2. Targeting



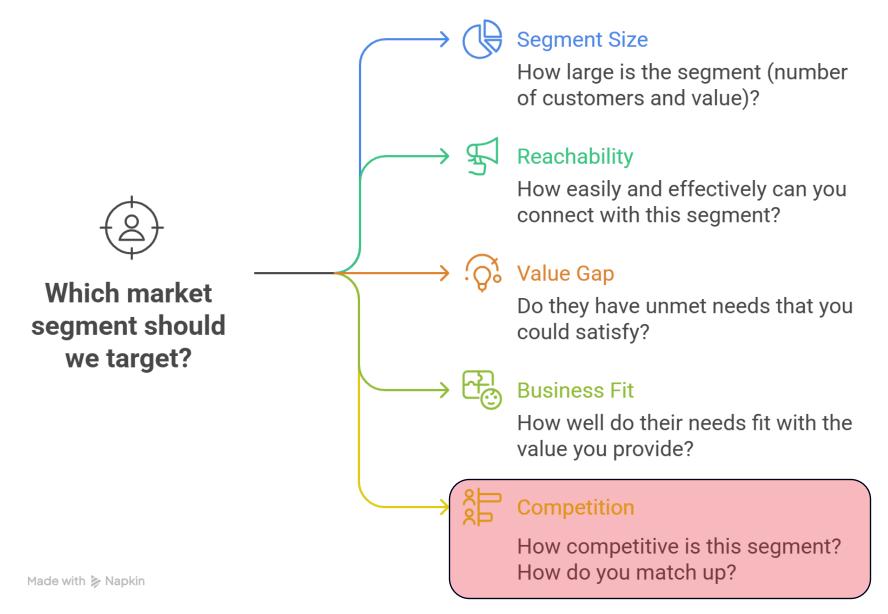


From segments to targets





Choosing a target segment/s





Al Activity 2: Researching Competitors

- 1. Use the same chat/ project as before
 - Keep Deep Research selected if available
- 2. Enter a prompt like this:



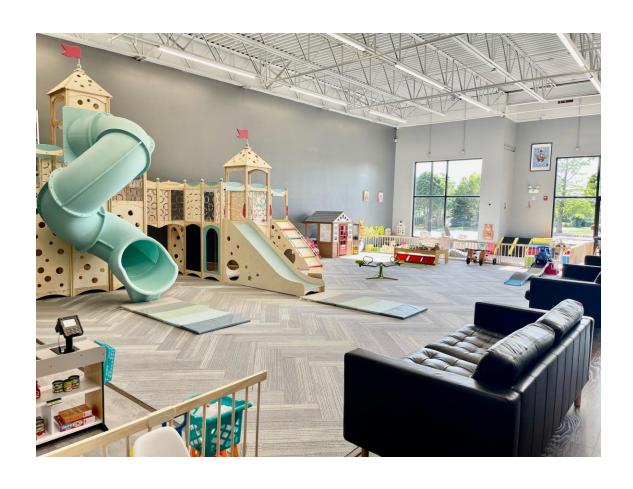
"Now research the major competitors for each segment, including their major strengths and weaknesses. Use this analysis to rate each segment on the level of competition, and gaps that could present opportunities for my business"

- 4. Answer any clarifying questions it asks
- 5. Wait again....



Why Target?

It is VERY hard (if not impossible) to satisfy everyone!





Benefits of Targeting



Clearer Marketing

Don't waste money on broad, ineffective ads



Better Retention

When you nail someone's specific needs, they come bank



Lower Acquisition Costs

Generate word-of-mouth within target segment



Efficient Operations

Optimize for one group well vs. many poorly

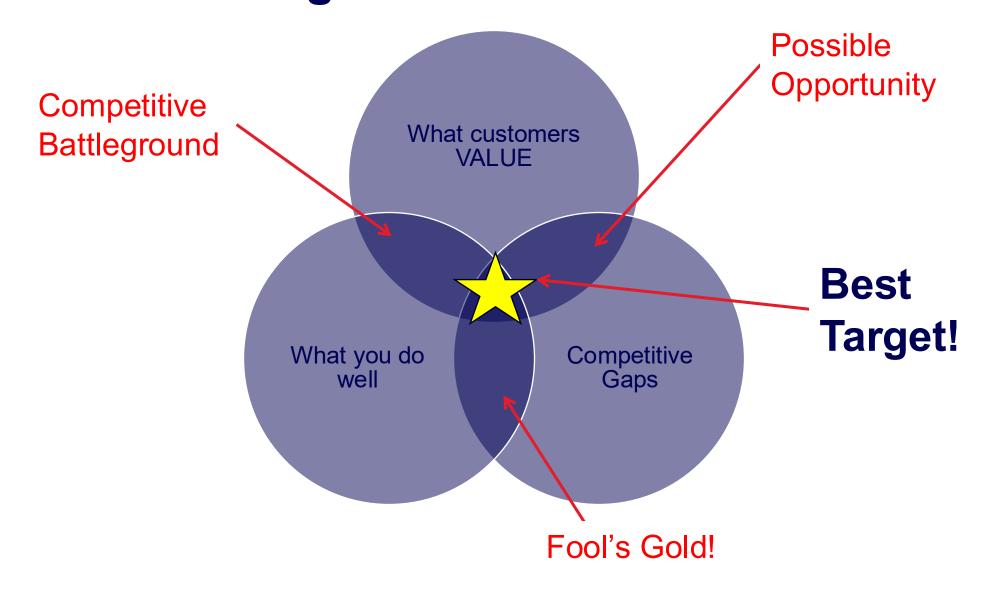


Price Premium

If you're the best at something, people will pay more



What we're looking for





Time to check our Al!



1. Review the competitor analysis

Did it miss any you know of? Add them if so

2. Ask for clarifications, e.g.

- "What do the most successful competitors in this list have in common?"
- "What would make a customer choose ME over [strongest competitor]?"

3. Consider the identified gaps

Which fit best with your business strengths?



Picking a target/s





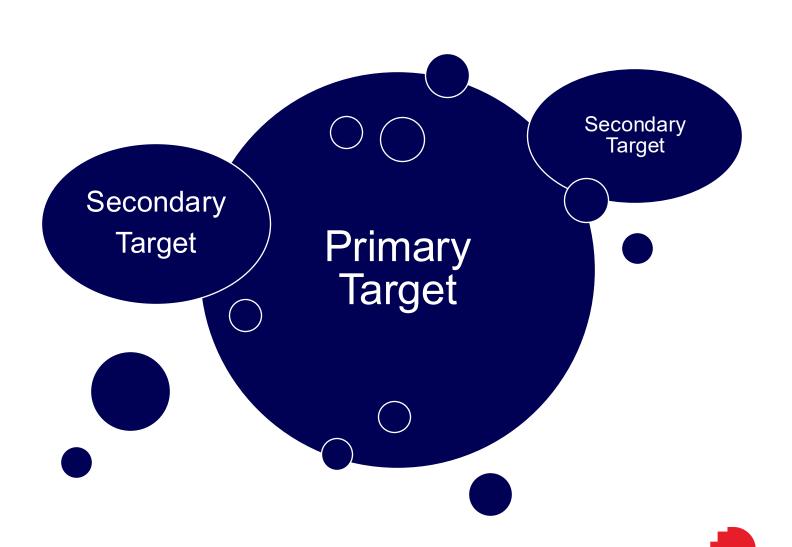
Targeting is about FOCUS, not exclusion

1. Primary Target

- Main segment of interest
- Best fit with value
- 60-80% of focus (products, content, etc.)

2. Secondary Targets

- Other segments you can satisfy without significant effort
- 20-40% of focus



Finding balance

Broad enough to be valuable **BUT** Narrow enough to be targeted

Clear needs to target **BUT** Not too niche

Easy to reach **BUT** Not already crowded

Enough segments to sustain **BUT** Not too many to lose focus

My Targets

The MarTech Doctor



	Segment	Why?
Primary	Academics/ Business Schools	 Aligns strongest with my experience Proven track record of value Little to no current competition Existing contacts and connections Opportunity for passive value (books)
Secondary	Small- Medium Businesses	 Large, important segment Common servable needs (foundations) Less served than enterprise businesses



Worksheet Activity: Selecting your target

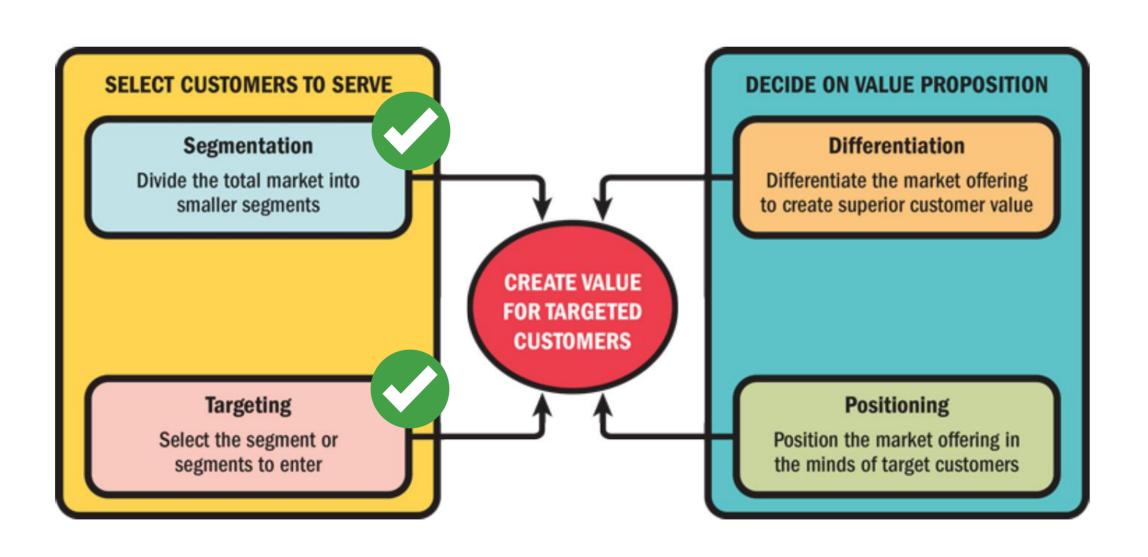
- 1. Consider the analysis AND your own knowledge
- 2. Rate each segment /5 on:



- Size
- Reachability
- Value Gap
- Business Fit
- Competition

Do this yourself first, then have Al do it to compare results

- 3. Choose 1 primary target
 - (Optional) and 1-2 secondary targets





Al Activity: Training your assistant

Before moving on we need to tell our AI assistant which segment we're targeting while collating the relevant insights so far:

1. Ask for a summary, using a prompt like:



- "I have chosen to target the [Segment/s]. Given that, create a 2-page summary of [this segment/ these segments] alongside relevant research insights and justifications. Include relevant details you would need to help me position my brand and create content to target [this segment/ these segments].
- 2. Save the output or ask for a PDF
- 3. (If Pro) save the file to the project knowledge base
 - Now it can be referenced in any future chat!



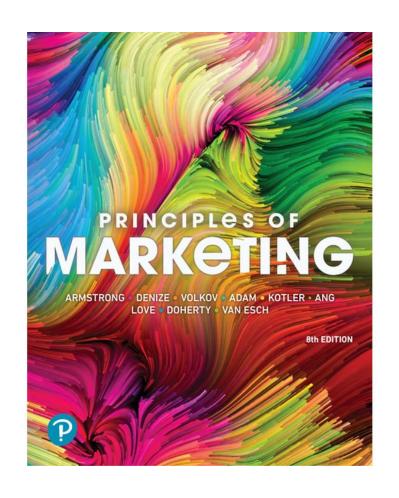
3. Value Proposition

Differentiation and Positioning





What is a value proposition?



The full positioning of a brand is called the brand's value proposition – the full mix of benefits upon which the brand is differentiated and positioned. It is the answer to the customer's question, 'Why should I buy your brand?'.



Framing a positioning statement

A general format:

For [target customer] who [value/need], we are the [category] that [unique benefit] because [reasons to believe]

- For: Your target segment (from targeting)
- Who: What they value most (from segmentation)
- We are the: Your category
- That: The VALUE/OUTCOME you deliver (not products!)
- Because: Why they should believe you (proof points)



My Example



For Academics/ Business Schools:

 For academics who need comprehensive and industryrelevant MarTech curriculum their programs currently lack, I provide proven, current teaching materials because I've already built and validated highly successful courses

For Small-Medium Businesses:

For small-medium business owners who are overwhelmed by MarTech stack and/or wasting money on underutilised tools, I provide vendor-neutral MarTech knowledge because I have rigorous and objective research to share with proven education ability



Al Activity: Your positioning statement

Al can help write your statement in multiple ways:

1. Generating alternatives, e.g.

"Help me create a positioning statement for my business and target segment. Create 5 alternatives and evaluate how well they fit my business. Use the format: "for [target] who [value], we are the [category] that [unique benefit] because [proof]."



2. Evaluate your own

- Try writing your own statement and ask for feedback, e.g.
- "Evaluate the following positioning statement and suggest improvements to better position my business to my target segment: [PASTE YOUR STATEMENT]

Al is your helper, not a replacement for your business knowledge!







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Share your positioning statement

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Wyndham Al Marketing...







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Save your positioning statement!







Check in on the Key Questions

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From positioning to personality





Positioning is WHAT to say



Brand **personality** is HOW to say it

e.g. "If your brand was a person, how would they talk?"



Brand Personality Traits

Professionalism

Represents the Sophistication expert image.

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Approachability

Highlights the brand's friendly and welcoming nature.

Practicality

Represents the brand's

premium and refined image.

Emphasizes the brand's down-to-earth and useful nature.

Confidence

Showcases the brand's bold and assured presence.

> Highlights the brand's reliability and integrity.

Trustworthiness

Expertise

Showcases the brand's authoritative knowledge and skills.

Warmth

Emphasizes the brand's caring and empathetic qualities.

Playfulness

Captures the brand's fun and engaging spirit.

Innovation

Represents the brand's forward-thinking and creative approach.

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From traits to brand elements

Professionalism Represents the Sophistication brand's polished and **Approachability** expert image. Highlights the brand's friendly Represents the brand's premium and refined image. and welcoming nature. 舟 Practicality Expertise Emphasizes the Showcases the brand's down-to-earth brand's authoritative and useful nature. knowledge and skills. Warmth Confidence Showcases the Emphasizes the brand's bold and brand's caring and assured presence. empathetic qualities. -`@`-Playfulness **Trustworthiness** Captures the brand's fun Highlights the brand's Innovation and engaging spirit. reliability and integrity. Represents the brand's forward-thinking and creative approach.



Tone of voice

Types of content

Words to use or avoid

Key messages to convey

Content styles

Tagline

Made with 🍃 Napkin



My Example

Personality Traits: Professionalism, Innovativeness, Expertise



Brand Guidelines:

- Present balanced and unbiased perspectives
- Use clear and accessible language
- Provide research and evidence
- Teach rather than tell

Tagline: "I enable MarTech knowledge for everyone involved"



Al Activity: Brand Personality

1. Choose 2-3 brand traits that represent your value proposition

- Make sure they match your target segment and your unique value
- Al can evaluate this for you!



2. Apply them!

- Tell your AI assistant your brand traits
- Ask for related brand elements such as a tagline or keywords, e.g.
- "Generate brand tone guidelines, tagline and keywords given my positioning statement and target segment. The brand should have traits of [Chosen traits]"

3. Share your tagline!



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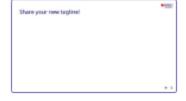
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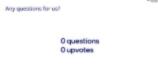


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(Finally) Content Creation time!





Now you have...

- A target segment and understanding of their needs
- 2. A clear positioning statement for that target segment
- 3. A brand personality to communicate your unique positioning...

You have everything you need to create on-brand content!



Al Activity: Creating Content!

1. Make sure Al knows your brand elements

(If Pro) extract a PDF and save to the project knowledge



2. Experiment with creating different content types!

- E.g. An 'about us' website page, a social post about an event, a newsletter article, a blog post....
- Make sure you provide details like:
- The channel (e.g. email/ social channel/ blog)
- The goal
- Length requirements

3. Not quite right? Teach your Al!



Recap and Next Steps





In just two hours you have...

Researched your customer segments and what they value

Analysed your competitive landscape

Strategically chosen your target segment

Created a positioning statement

Defined your brand personality

Generated on-brand content



Key Take-aways



Don't try to target everyone



Position your brand to fill gaps in relevant segments



Tailor your brand and content to your target segment



Use AI to help research and generate content



BUT make sure you train it first



Remember YOU know the business best!



What now?

Keep experimenting with your content and brand
It might not be perfect right away, that's OK!
Keep training your Al helper, go back and change things

Test your positioning with real customers

Does it resonate? Does it attract your target segment? (If possible) measure actual stats (engagements, open rates, conversion)

Look out for more!



Thank you!

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We'd love your feedback!





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Wiyncham City and RMIT University have joined forces to launch WynchamAl for Business, a bespoke Al and analytics capability development program for businesses operating in Wyncham.

Through a structured 10-day sprint, local businesses will collaborate with RMIT University expert using cutting-edge AI and analyses, to create a solution tailoned for their business. This sprint will take place at the RMIT Business & Technology Studio at Wyndham City's SPARK Business & Innovation Hub.



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