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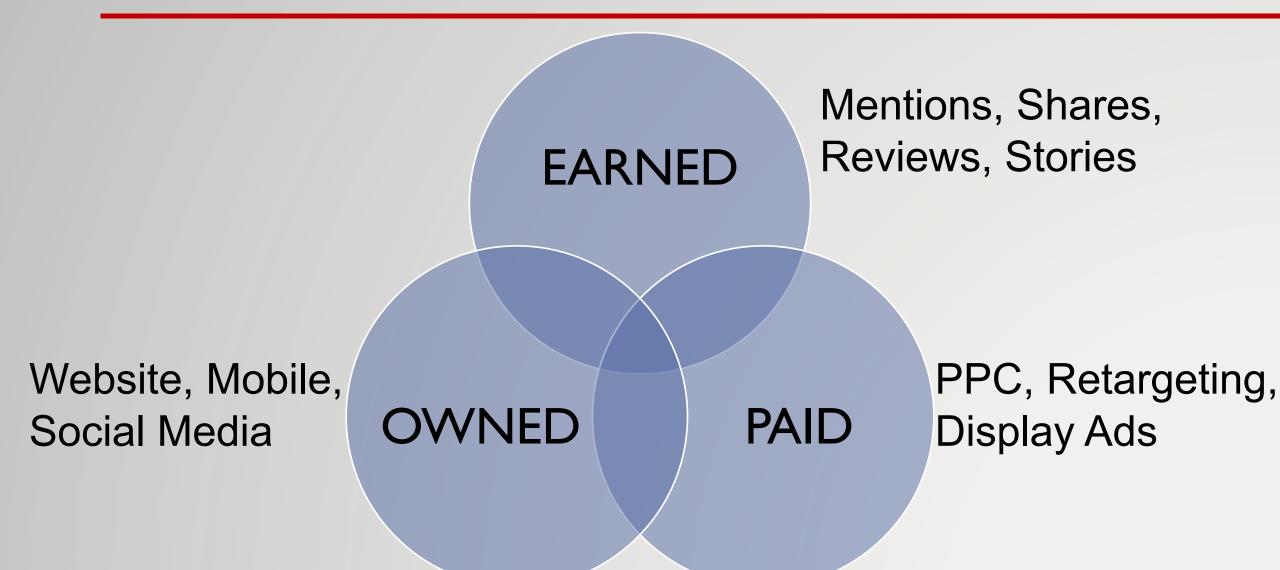


TODAY

Goal: Get in Front of our Audience
Types of "press releases"
Targeting distribution
Measuring effectiveness
Getting actual "press"
Sum it up

Before we begin. . .

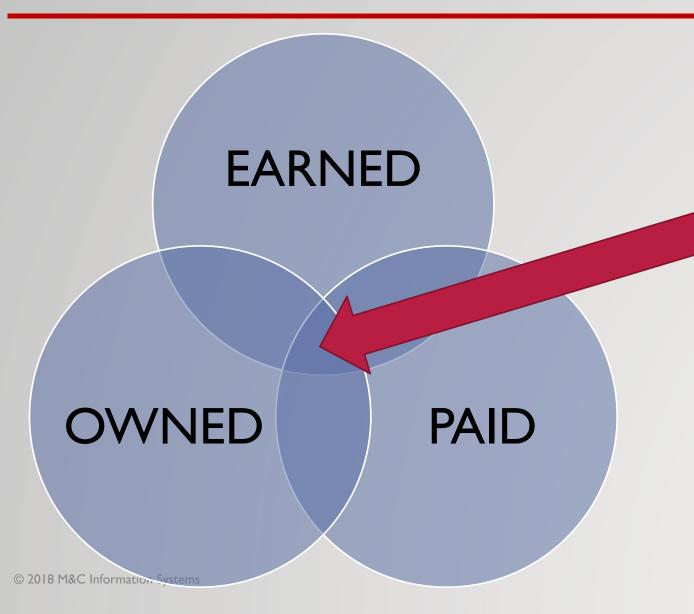
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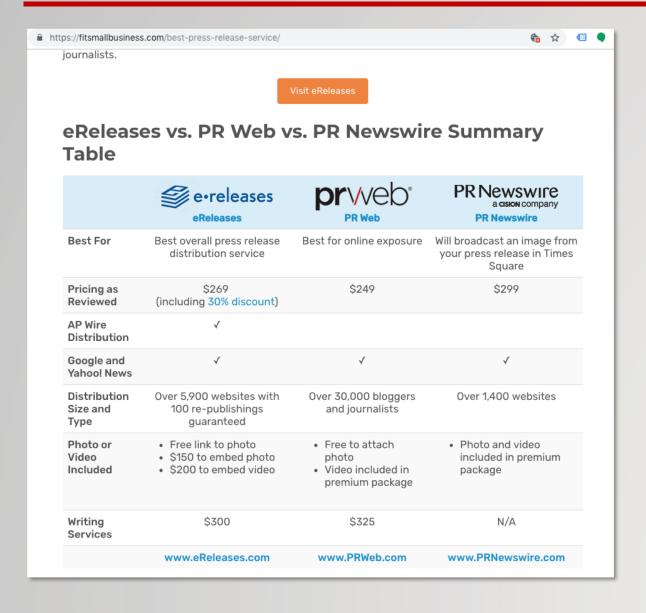
WHERE ARE WE?



Leveraging all 3 areas to increase awareness in your target market

Rule of 30

WHY DO THIS AT ALL?



"I did a few press releases and nothing happened."

\$200+ per release can add up fast.

3 TYPES OF RELEASES

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Very company focused

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WHAT YOU THINK

Opinion

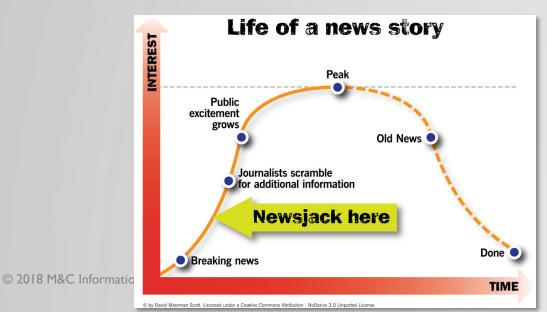


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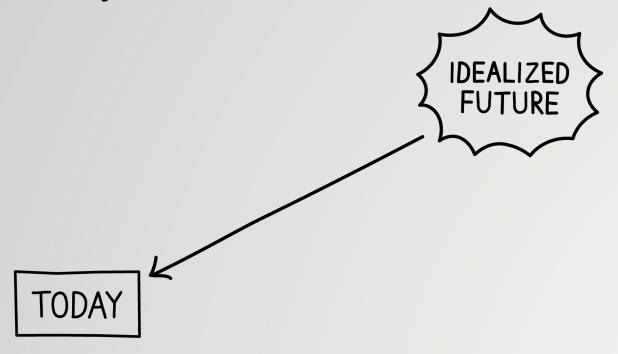


What's your take?

Newsjacking is how David Meerman Scott describes it.

GOOD GOALS

Start with January 2020



Work back to January 2019

GOOD TRACKING

What measures work best?

Evidence: Hard, Anecdotal, 3rd Party

Impressions
Target Audience Impressions

Company Name searches In Google Adwords

Mentions, Articles, Interviews, Podcasts etc.

GOOD BUDGETING

3 scenarios - Good, Bad, Ugly

Solo Consultant. Budgeted \$2,100 for the project.

Best Case: New client at her average rate, \$7,500. Can live with: 4 articles accepted, 6 mentions, all leveraged for impressions and an inquiry Need to go another way: no articles, no mentions

THE JUICE: YOUR DISTRIBUTION

Where are your people?

LinkedIn?

Facebook?

Newsletter lists?

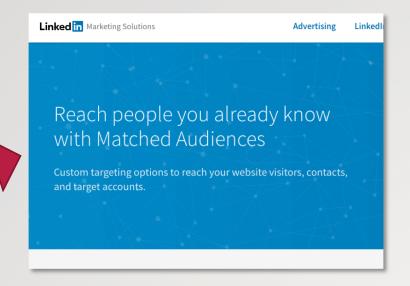
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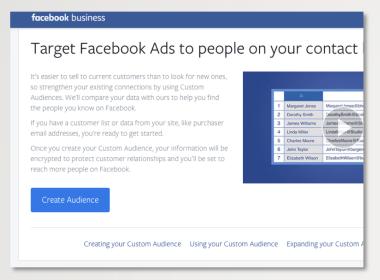
Build distribution lists

- Customers
- Target customers
- Press

YOUR PEOPLE

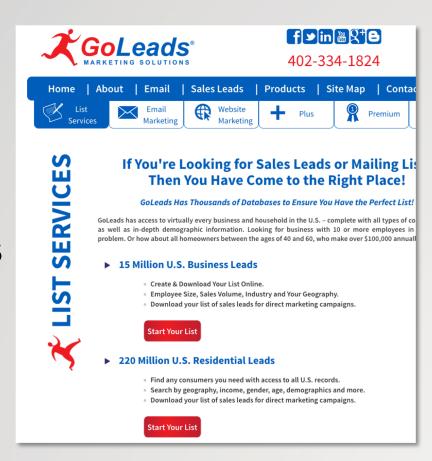






THE PEOPLE YOU WANT TO KNOW YOU

Define that market
Harvest internal lists
Look for 3rd party lists
Don't discard so fast



THE PRESS



GROWTH THROUGH ACQUISITION

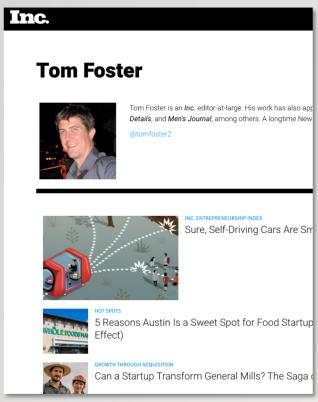
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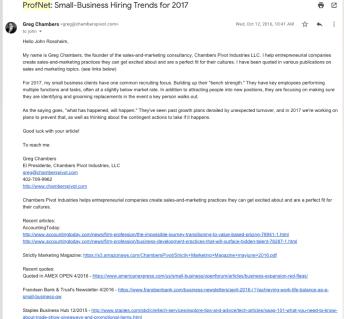
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GETTING PRESS MENTIONS

Subscribe to HARO – Help A Reporter Out (free, so it's a lot of work)
Subscribe to PR Leads

(\$100 a month, but the publications are better)

Quick bullet point or two is all it takes.



- Who you are
- Your 1-2 points
- Your contact info
- Examples

WRITING YOUR OWN ARTICLES

Similar for pitching articles you write:

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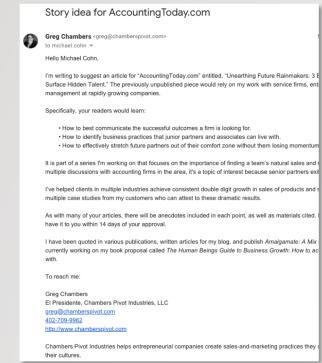
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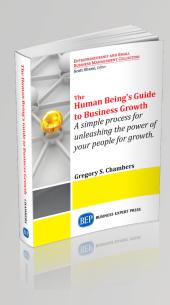


- Idea
- What readers get
- When it can go
 - Evidence if they say yes, you'll do it

WRAPPING IT UP

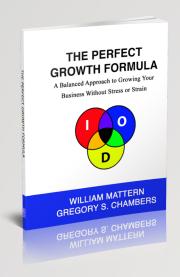
- Begin with the end in mind
- Segment your audiences
- Have a point of view
- Focus on the end consumer
- Don't keep yourself a secret
- It's a process, not an event

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