



twitter success



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Introduction

If you're looking for a fairly automated way to build a brand online, you don't have to look further than Twitter. In fact, for the longest time, a lot of marketers and marketing companies have long



considered Twitter as a great place for brand formation. If you're looking for an online brand, Twitter is a great place to start. It's easy to see why.

Twitter is so easy to use. You just need to post a tweet that is one hundred forty characters. You need to do it long enough. You have to pick the right hashtags. You have to pick the right content and, given enough focus and attention to detail, you will get it right. It's just a matter of time.

Of course, this does not mean automatic success but, with everything else being equal, Twitter compared to other social media platforms, is definitely easier to master. Why?

First of all, it is very friendly to automation. That's right. You can automate pretty much everything you do on Twitter. This is why a lot of people use it to make money from the Internet on autopilot.

They don't have to babysit each tweet. They don't have to sit around to figure out what's going on. They can pretty much set a strategy, let software do it, let the process run for some time, double-check their work, make some adjustments here and there and then let it run.

Basically, they keep repeating this process until they get it right. Again, you can run things on autopilot. With that said, you shouldn't expect much traffic if you just started on this platform. I hate to break it to you but, just like with anything else in life, you can't start out at the top.

You can't expect massive success without having put in the time. While the actual work involved in Twitter can be so well-managed that it almost feels like everything is automated, it still requires work.

I know this is going to discourage a lot of people because a lot of people are looking for get-rich-quick schemes. A lot of people are looking for some sort of one-size-fits-all, cookie-cutter instant-success formula.

Unfortunately, Twitter doesn't work that way. It can deliver success pretty much on an automated basis, but you have to pay your dues to get there.

Everybody is different. Everybody's situation is different. Everybody's goals are different. This is why you need to put in the time.

The good news is if you are able to do that, you will be greatly rewarded by this platform because of certain key features of this system.

What is so great about this platform is that it has fairly easy mechanics. It really does. When people use Twitter for the first time, they just tweet away. They just think of things to say and in one hundred forty characters, they tweet away.

Sooner or later, they realize that they would reach a wider range of people if they use hashtags. Even later, they figure out that people who tweet about certain

topics all the time are more likely to send them more visitors or more interested followers if they engage with them.

In other words, Twitter is one of those platforms that you just have to figure out in broad terms to lay out an initial strategy. Implement that strategy and then learn from your results.

Chapter 01 - Things to Do before Starting Marketing on Twitter

Before you even seriously think of starting on Twitter, do these first. If you set up a website, you should have been doing these already. Just in case you're unclear on the concept or just in case you did things out of order, here are the things that you should do before you even think of marketing on Twitter.

Pick Your Niche

It's really important to understand that if you want to be successful on the Internet, you must have a laser focus on how you're going to make money. A lot of people are clueless regarding this.



In fact, a lot of them think that they just need to buy a system that somebody else has built and they will make money. What they're really saying to themselves is that they're too lazy to think through their online business.

That's always a dangerous proposition because when you let another person do your thinking for you, you're going to have to deal with the consequences. You have to understand that when people build systems for others, they're usually trying to cut corners.

They're trying to make the most amount of money with the least amount of effort. Do you think they have your best interest in mind with that attitude? Of course not.

This is why it's a bad idea to let somebody else pick your business for you. You have to do it yourself. You have to know what you're doing. You have to know who you're going to be marketing to, what exactly you're going to be pushing and how you're actually going to be making money on the Internet.

You can't just buy some sort of "business in a box" and expect everything to work out smoothly. That happy ending that you may have been dreaming of may be a very distant and even impossible dream. Why? You just didn't step up. You have to do all of this yourself.

The most important is to pick a niche. A niche is a subject matter category or some sort of category for whatever collection of needs you are trying to address.

What kind of problems do the products you are promoting or the website you are building address? Pick that niche. Understand how that niche compares with other niches. Understand whether it fits your amount of resources and your expectations.



Build a Site

You can outsource this. You can create a site that addresses your niche. When you're building a website, you're not just putting up a nice-looking online destination.

It must do

something. It must convert the traffic that you drive to that site into cold, hard cash.

Create a Mailing List

Next, you have to create a mailing list. This is crucial. Your mailing list is actually the payload of your website. Sure, you may be putting up affiliate ads on your website.



When people click these and they land on the sales or landing page, they may buy something. When they do that, you get a commission.

That's nice and everything but if you really want to make money over the long term, create a mailing list. Why? Whatever credibility, respect or trust you create with your website, you maintain with your mailing list. When you have an update on your website, you just publish the link on your mailing list and invite people to click through, and you have yourself a nice burst of traffic.

I've got some bad news to share with you. The vast majority of people who visit your website will never come back again. That's the harsh reality.

When you have a mailing list, you get to retain some of that traffic. You only need to set an update, and you get a nice little surge of traffic because people saw your e-mail and clicked on your link.

This enables you to retain some of the value of the hard work and time you put into branding and promoting your website.

To create a mailing list, you have to offer a premium. It's some sort of freebie. It's some sort of incentive for people to join your mailing list. Of course, you make this case on your squeeze page. You advertise the value of the freebie you're giving on a page called a squeeze page. This is where people enter their e-mail addresses to subscribe to your mailing list.

Please understand that there is a big danger here. This is a warning. Don't go overboard in promoting the freebie because if you do that, people will sign up for the free booklet, the free course or the free book.

They couldn't care less about the updates your mailing list will send them. In fact, if you push the freebie too hard, they might even think that the updates you send are some form of spam because you caught them by surprise. Do you see how this works?

There has to be a healthy balance between getting people pumped up to join your mailing list because they're getting something for doing it, but also letting them know that they are getting a better value by being on your list just because you will be sending them information that would enable them to solve all sorts of problems in their lives that are related to your niche. Do you see how this works? Do you see the balance?



**Create an e-Book or
Report or Some Sort
of High-Value
Giveaway**

When you create a mailing list, there has to be some sort of incentive for people to sign up to your list. I wish it were as easy as saying that your website is so awesome that your visitors owe it to themselves to sign up to your list.

I'm telling you if that is your strategy, you're probably going to get very few list members. Why? People need a push. They may be impressed by your website, they may like what you're doing but this may not be enough to get them off the fence.

To many people, entering an e-mail address into a field is a lot of effort. You have to give them some sort of valuable incentive for them to sign up for your list.

Generally, I would use some of my most popular blog posts, or I would come up with a distilled version or a cheat sheet version. Usually, this works. Other times I would use some sort of massive compilation of resources that are an answer to people's problems.

Whatever the case may be the value of the incentive must be obvious. They don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to figure out the value of what you're giving away.

Again, to reiterate the value must not be so big and steal so much of the spotlight that people forget that they're signing up for mailing list. It must share equal billing with the list. You have to promote the freebie in such a way that it

is still clear to the person registering to your mailing list that they are signing up for a mailing list.

Find Top-Notch Content in Your Niche

Once you've set up a website and a mailing list, the next step on your journey to marketing your website and mailing list on



Twitter is content. It's easy to get tempted and think that you're some sort of niche genius. You get all excited about a hot idea or a hot blog post topic, so you write a blog article. You put in the time, effort and energy to do that, but what happens?

Nine times out of ten, that content doesn't work. For whatever reason, people do not seek it out. You don't get traffic with it. You are not alone when this happens. The idea of "build it and they will come" is a dead end.

Thankfully, there's a shortcut. Focus on content in your niche that already works. Look at the social media accounts of influential people or companies in your niche. Look at the content they're sharing. Pay attention to how many social signals they get. Do they get a lot of retweets, likes, favorites? Do they get shared a lot on Facebook? Using this objective social signal information, select their best content and reverse-engineer it.



Reverse Engineering

Top-Shelf Niche

Content

Now that you have a clear understanding of what's hot and what's not in your niche, the next step is to reverse engineer your competitor's best content.

How do you do this? First of all, you just focus on their topic. If they're talking about a certain personality in your niche, then talk about that person because obviously the fact that they're getting all this attention from your niche audience means people are truly interested in that personality.

However, don't stop there. Come up with something new. Maybe interview that person directly or maybe take some sort of controversial angle. Maybe you can give more complete information. Whatever the case may be come up with content that is obviously superior. This is what's going to make your tweets more popular. This is what will speed your branding efforts up.

I'm sorry but if you're just going to offer the same content that everybody in your niche is already offering, there's really no reason the people you're reaching out to should follow you. Think about it, if they think that you're giving them the same stuff as other sites, why go to you? They can easily have gone to those other sites.

Draw their attention based on familiar themes. Keep their attention by doing something a bit different. It doesn't have to be much. You don't have to be a hero. You don't have to go overboard, but it has to be different enough.

Unfortunately, this is one of those things that you will have to figure out firsthand. You would have to do it through trial and error. You have to learn through trial and error.

Set Up Consistent

Social Media Accounts

Now that you have followed the steps above, you can now start setting up your social media accounts. For starters, you should focus on YouTube, Google



Plus, Facebook Groups, Facebook Pages, Twitter and maybe Pinterest. Start with these. Later on, you can branch out to other social media platforms like Quora, Instagram and others.

Your social media accounts must be consistent with each other. Your headers must have the same design. Your biography and other text must have similar elements. The key here is to project consistency. Consistency indicates professionalism. You're not just some random person working out of your mom's garage putting up one random website after the other.

It can also help you solidify your brand. If you make a good impression on Facebook Groups and people click through to your Twitter account and they see similar messaging, they can see that you are consistent, constant and offer different types of content. This would help them become more comfortable with your brand. This would help them view your brand as more credible.



Commit to Specialized Content on Your Social Media Account

Here's the big danger with having many social media accounts. It's very easy to see that a lot of

companies put up a presence on many different platforms. That's great and everything because you have many ways of getting new traffic. The problem is they post the same content across the board.

This is a problem. When people approach your brand on Twitter, they're looking for content that is slightly different from the content they would expect on Facebook Groups, your Facebook Fan Page and definitely your YouTube Channel.

You have to be aware of these different expectations and give them what they're looking for. Oftentimes, this is as simple as the form of content you offer. Obviously, when you're on YouTube, it would suck if you just offer blank videos of somebody reading your articles.

That's not going to work. At least bother to use slide shows with the article. Preferably, you should have some sort of video spokesperson who speaks directly to the people during the video.

Each platform's content must maximize the format requirements of that specific platform.

Chapter 02 - Get Ready to Go Manual or Full Auto

At this stage, you have set up your Twitter account. It is brand consistent. You already have lined up the best content you have researched from your competitors. This content has a lot of likes, shares, comments and other



signs of engagement. This is third party content produced by others. When people click the link, they go to somebody else's website. They do not go to your site.

Why in the world would you share this stuff? What's the point of driving traffic to somebody else's website? Well, it really boils down to credibility. If you make it your job to get all the very best content involving your niche and sharing it from one central place, you become credible and authoritative so much faster than if you just publish your own content.

First of all, it's going to take a lot of time to reverse-engineer the very best content and come up with your own version. It can also become very expensive. Time, after all, is money. Even if you're not paying a professional writer from places like ozki.org who charge very reasonable rates, coming up with original content can still be a very expensive proposition for you.

Why? It will take a lot of your own time to come up with that content. You probably have better things to do. You probably have other things you could be doing that would currently pay you more money.

Third party content is a lifesaver. This is called curation. You take the best content that everybody else has to offer and then you share it through your social media accounts. Here's the secret though. You share that content to draw people based on their interests.

For example, if I find top-notch content on content marketing and I have a Twitter account that sells content marketing services, it would make a lot of sense for me to put all that high-quality and highly popular material in my Twitter feed but, from time to time, I would share my own original content.

My original content would build credibility for me based on what I raise in the content. I control the conversation using those posts. After I get enough of a natural following, I would then share more and more of my own content and then share posts that only feature my squeeze page sign-up link.

By doing this, I kill two birds with one stone. I share curated content to build credibility among a niche audience. These are people searching for certain specific content using very targeted hashtags.

I pair very targeted niche hashtags with all my content. I rotate them. Then, I send out this content slowly but surely I get people who are truly interested in my niche.

Once I've established quite a bit of a following, I then share my own reverse-engineered content. This builds even more credibility, and this can also lead to my website getting backlinks from bloggers who are monitoring my niche.

Finally, once I've got enough flow going, I would then start rotating my squeeze page link through my tweets more often. Instead of showing my squeeze page tweets once every two days or once a week, I can start showing it every few hours.

However, it only makes sense to do this once you have established a decent number of followers and there's a high-enough overall engagement level with your tweets.

This is the general strategy. You can do this either manually or on full-auto.



What is Fully Automated Tweeting?

Fully automated tweeting is exactly what it sounds like.

The content that you are going to be tweeting is fed through a social media

content publishing tool like Hootsuite or SocialOomph.

You just set up a schedule and the links and the tweet text that you put are going to be published to your account. You don't have to babysit your Twitter account as it publishes tweet after tweet. You also automatically plug in the hashtag that you want to target for each tweet.

Fully automated tweeting can also mean using certain tools like FollowLiker that actually mimics liking other people's accounts. Usually, when people have their posts liked, they feel good. It feels good to feel like you matter. It feels good to be appreciated. A certain percentage of these would actually click the

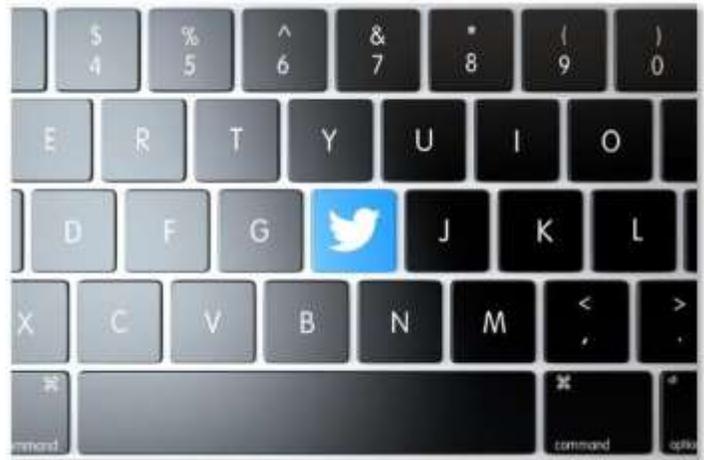
account of the person liking and see what their page is like. If they like what they see, they end up following.

Fully automated tweeting also includes this. You basically automate publishing, but you also automate engagement. There are many tools currently available on the market but here's a bit of a warning. Twitter is cracking down on bot-like behavior.

While few people will have problems with automating publishing, most people would view automated liking or automated favoriting or listing with more suspicion. I'm just giving you a heads up because these bots may sooner or later be banned by Twitter.

What is Purely Manual Tweeting?

You can go the other extreme. The other extreme, of course, is to do everything purely by hand. Not only do you find the very best content by hand, you filter them manually, you post everything manually, you also engage manually.



The great thing about this is that you have maximum control.

The bad thing about this is you need to have iron discipline to pull this off. What if the vast majority of your actual link clickers live in a different time zone? This is going to be a problem. You're going to have to get up early or stay up late to

tweet within the hours your actual followers are most active. This can get downright inconvenient.

Also, engaging tons of niche accounts on Twitter can burn up a lot of time. You also have to process a lot of information in a short period of time. Unless you have an IQ of over 150, it's just going to be a little heavy because that's a lot of content to read through and analyze.



Go for a Hybrid Solution

There's a lot to recommend a purely manual tweeting approach. You get a lot of control. You get a laser-like focus on account selection. You get to truly fine-tune your message.

However, it takes too much time and effort.

Thankfully, there is a halfway solution. This hybrid solution is pretty straightforward. You can use tools to post on your Twitter feed, but engagement is done manually. That's pretty much how it boils down.

You still have to find niche-related content that's already gone viral. There's no getting around this. You still have to do this.

Thankfully, there is a cheaper way to do this. You can, of course, do this yourself. Like I said, time is money. You might also feel like you're going nuts because you have to read so much material.

The shortcut is to use a service like cognoplus.com. They have virtual assistants from places like India and the Philippines that you only need to pay

\$18 per day. These bright, ambitious, educated people would then find the viral content that you're looking for that meets your criteria.

They then send you an XLS file, you verify then you pay them. It's only \$18 for eight hours' worth of work. You can't beat that with a baseball bat. You really can't.

However way you choose to do it, you need to get this content. You then look for influence leaders on Twitter that cater to your niche. Again, you can do this yourself or you can hire a virtual assistant to do it for you.

The secret is to make sure that they're almost always talking about your niche. Once you are sure about that, you can then look at their content and pay attention to their hashtags. Copy these. You're going to pair these with your tweets.

Use an Automated Tool to Publish

Whether you're doing things manually or automatically, use an automated tool to publish.

The good news here is that you're not taking blind shots in the dark. When you publish, pair this content, whether it's original or third party, with hashtags related to your niche.

The Difference

The big difference is what happens next. When you're using an automated system, you wait for an organic following and then you mix in your squeeze



page links and your content links. You then use some sort of tool to mimic engagement.



For a manual approach, you do the same. You wait for an organic following to increase and then you mix in your own stuff. The big difference is you invest one hour per day doing manual outreach to influencers in your niche. You should already be doing this

because these are the people you got your hashtags from, remember?

The extra step that you need to take is to just engage with them. Tell them that you like their content, manually like their stuff, click the heart icon or retweet. Do whatever you can to get on their radar.

One-to-one or person-to-person engagement is crucial. You have to get on their radar. Again, you can try to automate but it can be ham-fisted. Also, it may be so obvious or clunky. Worse yet, Twitter might be cracking down on engagement automation, so this option may not remain open for long.

Chapter 03 - Twitter Marketing – Doing It Manually

Assuming that you have decided to go the manual route, here's what you need to do. You have to budget your time. If you think you only have one hour to spare, make sure you give it at least one hour. This means stick to one hour exactly or go a bit over, but you need to make sure you put in the time.

Find Niche Leaders

First, you need to find people's Twitter accounts who talk about your niche. Enter the keywords related to your niche into Twitter to find those accounts. How do you know these keywords?



Where do you find these keywords? Here are the steps.

Create a Google AdWords account. Don't get scared. This is free. Create a free account.

Use the Google AdWords Keyword Planner tool. Enter websites that you know are competitors of yours, and alternatively enter well-known websites that you know are in your niche. You should get a nice listing of keywords using this technique.

Once you find these keywords, look up those keywords to find even more related keywords. Make sure that these keywords get a decent amount of traffic. Read these keywords and be convinced that they are actually related to your niche.

Once you have a nice clean list of keywords, plug this into Twitter to find accounts. There's a shortcut to this.

You can use CognoPlus' \$18 per day Virtual Assistants to do this for you. For only \$18, you get a person's full eight-hour day of labor. This person can use Google AdWords for you, find the right keywords, filter the keywords, go through Twitter, find the accounts, get the hashtags and follow those accounts.



Follow Real Niche-Specific Accounts

Once you've done the above steps, you should be able to identify the accounts of people in your niche on Twitter. This is where you need to make a judgment call.

You need to look at enough of their tweets to see if this person truly cares about your niche. Is this person really a niche expert or does this person tweet about your niche from time to time? These are two totally different things.

Follow real niche leaders.

What are the Benefits of Manual Twitter Marketing?



When you identify and engage with niche leaders on Twitter, you get the following benefit. First of all, you get niche-specific

hashtags. Second, you get a chance to get on the radar with people who are really experts or authorities in your niche.

These people can open a lot of digital doors for your business. They can retweet your actual content. This can lead to niche-specific audience members visiting your website. They can interview you and possibly link to your website. You can interview them and establish some sort of professional friendship.

You can get invited to conventions or symposiums or workshops. These can be tremendous networking opportunities. There are just so many ways you can benefit when you reach out to people who are already established authorities in your niche.

Don't be antisocial. Don't think that you can be successful just with your own efforts. It doesn't work that way because there is a network of really credible people on Twitter already who have the influence that you're looking for. Why not just piggyback on their influence? Why reinvent the wheel?

Chapter 04 - Manual Tweeting: Pros and Cons

Manual tweeting, as we have defined, involves automated publishing of content that you have manually selected. This is content that you have curated. The publication is automated, but your engagement is manual. You're going to find niche-related accounts. You're going to engage with them manually. You're going to tweet, leave comments, so on and so forth.

Here is how the advantages and disadvantages break down.

Pros



The first advantage is to get a higher level of engagement. You actually get to say to these people what you think. You get to interact with what they have to say. Maybe they're critical about your idea so you explain

your position to them. You give them a counter-argument. You ask for examples or you rebut what they have to say.

When you do this, you're not engaging in a pissing contest. Let me be clear. This is nothing to be emotional about. Instead, you use this as an opportunity to prove to them that you know what you're doing.

True experts will accept the fact that not everybody will agree with them.

When these experts are satisfied that you argued your position well even

though you don't agree with them, they respect you. They also respect you when you give them information that they may not know.

This can lead to instant expert status. You only need to do this a couple of times with the right people and, believe me, they become your cheerleader.

Another advantage is you get access to a prequalified niche audience. When an authority leader interacts with you on Twitter, they're actually publishing their conversation with you on their feed. This is a big opportunity. Don't blow it.

When they respect you enough to keep responding and you give them one top-notch answer after another, they might even retweet a tweet of yours. This is a bonanza. Why?

These people are already experts on Twitter in a specific niche field. This means that they have attracted people who consider them authorities. When they engage with your content to the point that their followers see your brand and your content, you get access to that audience.

Psychologically, people would see if the person that I respect and admire so much respects this other person who I don't know enough to engage with them respectfully, I should pay attention. If this keeps up and the person who they follow keeps repeating your stuff or keeps engaging with you, it's only a matter of time until some of their audience members would jump over and follow you as well.

Please understand that this is not a zero-sum game. It's not like they would unfollow the one expert to follow another expert. Instead, they're already following one expert and they would just follow another expert. They would be following an additional expert. You're increasing the social influence pie instead of fighting over somebody else's influence. They're not losing out.

Another advantage to manual tweeting is the speed at which you get backlinks.

I cannot emphasize this enough. If you want to boost your website's SEO and you want to get more search engine traffic, you will need backlinks.

You can get this much faster when you do manual engagement. The people you're engaging with are in a better position to see that you know what you're talking about. You get to earn their trust and their respect faster.

Once this happens, they are more likely to interview you or share content that you posted on your website. Whatever the case may be this produces a backlink.

This backlink really is a measurement of respect for your authority or an acknowledgement of your credibility. It acts as a vote of confidence. The more you reach out to a lot of authorities, the more high-quality backlinks you get.

This can boost the overall ranking of your website.

Finally, you may be invited to speak at conventions, workshops or seminars.

People might ask you to submit an original article that they would be publishing somewhere else.

Best of all, you may get introduced to a big player in your industry. You might get a job offer. You might get some sort of consulting opportunity. Honestly, the range of opportunities available to you is endless.

You just need to get out there. The best way to do this online is manual tweeting because you are in full control of your engagement, you craft the public persona you project and this enables you to be more aware of opportunities as they flash into existence.

Disadvantages

The big cons against manual tweeting should be obvious. It takes a lot of time. That's all I need to say. It should be self-explanatory.

Second, it's content intensive.

While content curation can help you tremendously, it can only go so far. You cannot become a global expert on a particular niche on Twitter and be respected by all other



subject matter experts if all you do is share their stuff. That's just not going to happen.

Ultimately, they're going to ask you, “What about your stuff? What do you have to say? What does your original research indicate?” You don't want to come up with a zero when asked those hard questions.

Finally, there is no assurance that you will get some sort of alliance. I hate to say it, but certain niches really don't get much coverage on Tweeter. You might be able to interact with a high level of niche authorities on Twitter, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they operate blogs that can then link to you.

Still, on balance, manual tweeting on Twitter delivers more benefits than its costs.



Manual Twitter

Follower Generation

How do you generate followers organically on Twitter using a manual technique? It's as basic as finding niche-specific accounts and finding their

followers. Follow these niche-specific accounts but pay attention to their followers. Follow followers who you know are truly interested in your niche.

This requires research. You actually have to look at their tweets or look at the stuff that they're retweeting. Once you see a pattern and it is niche-related, follow these follower accounts. I know this is simple, but it's also effective.

Chapter 05 - Finding the Right Niche Influence Leaders on Twitter

At this point, it should be fairly clear that you need to follow the right people on Twitter. Otherwise, the tips I've shared with you will not work. If you're just going to follow random people on Twitter you don't know who you're influencing. In fact, you don't even know if you're influencing them at all.



You have to understand that on Twitter some people generally follow a general rule: if you follow me I follow you. Nowhere in this does it say they're actually interested in what you have to say. That's a big problem. If you attract the wrong following you're not going to get many results from Twitter marketing. In fact, the results you get would be the same as if you did not do Twitter marketing at all. That's a waste of time.

You need to find real people. You also need to find real influential people. This isn't bad enough, you need to find real influential people in your niche. How do you do this? Here's my step by step guide.



Pay Attention to Their Biography

Look at their bio. Is it on point? Does it indicate the persona of a person who is truly interested in your niche? This is crucial. If there are no niche related keywords

there or it's not obvious that this person is part of your target demographic and it's not some sort of passionate or credible enough authority in your niche. Then this is probably the wrong person. You may be barking up the wrong tree.

Look at Their Follower-to- Following Ratio

This ratio is simple. Look at the number of people this person follows and look at the number of people following this person. If this person's followers greatly outnumber the accounts this person is following. Chances are this is a real account.



It is not some bot that is fully automated. Instead, this person actually has influence because for how many people he or she is following, he is followed by hundreds if not thousands of more people.

This is very important. If it turns out that the number of people following this person is pretty much the same as the number of persons he is following is

probably not a good idea to follow that person. This person is probably just using some sort of software to take advantage of the fact that when you follow people they follow you back. Some of them follow you back.



Pay Attention to Their Level of Engagement

Look at the stuff that they talk about. Pay attention to their tweets. What do they constantly retweet? What do they tweet about? Are they talking about the same stuff most of the time?

Does their account get a lot of retweets and posts, retweets, and engagements? Do they get a lot of favorites? Is there a lot of engagement with the content they share?

Even if this person is totally focused on your niche but it turns out that their tweets don't get much engagement. They may not be all that influential.

Becoming credible with them and getting access to their market may not work out for you. Their audience may not work out for you because they're not really authorities.

Pay Attention to the Specificity of Their Posts

Look at their posts. Here's a rule of thumb if 80% or more of their posts have something to do with



your niche follow them. Follow them if all the other points I raised above apply.

But if it turns out that this person's bio is on point. It has more followers than the accounts that he or she is following. It has a high engagement level. But this person focuses on generalized content. This person may be a dud. In other words, this person is some sort of Twitter celebrity. This person is only an authority because of their personality and not much else. They're not an authority because they focus on a niche.

They're not an authority because they are truly passionate about a niche. People only follow them because they think their personality is interesting. So, what you get is some sort of individual celebrity market. That's not what you're looking for. You're looking for a niche audience.

Chapter 06 - Follow and Engage

So, what do you do when you find a niche specific and truly authoritative account on Twitter? First of all, they have to meet all the criteria listed in Chapter 5.

Assuming they pass with flying colors, you follow them. Don't stop there. This is just the beginning.

Once you follow them, you engage. Now a lot of people have all sorts of misconceptions regarding what engagement means. Some people think that if they just click the heart button that they are engaging. They think that if they retweet that they are engaging. No. It goes beyond that.

You actually have to engage in a one to one conversation with the person tweeting. You click the reply button. I'm not talking about the direct message button. I'm talking about the reply button. Here's where it gets a little tricky. You can't just use a stock answer like hey good post or you're a genius. I admire you. I love you.

No. That doesn't work. Those are worthless. Why? True authorities get those all the time. They're credible. They know what they're talking about. So, they get a lot of 'Hey, good post.' 'You're a smart guy.' 'You're a genius.' So what!

They get those all the time. You're not going to stand out. Remember the whole point of engagement is to get on their radar. You want them to notice you.

This is all but impossible if you're doing the exact same thing everybody else is doing. Everybody thinks that they're a genius already. Yet another guy piping up and saying the same thing is not going to register.



How Do You Truly Engage?

Here's what I do. I ask questions. I know that sounds basic right. But you have to ask the right question. You have to ask a question that indicates to

the person loud and clear that you've read their post. Maybe you click through the link that they shared. Maybe you analyzed their tweet. Whatever the case may be, your question must communicate this.

Your question must get them to think or analyze or look at things with a new perspective. When you do that you get respect. Why? You're pushing them. You're challenging them. You're not just asking a throwaway question that they already know the answer to. You're not asking something that they have answered 100 times before.

You're basically letting them earn a chance to prove why people think they're experts. Most mature adults respect this. They're not scared by this. They're not threatened by this in any way. Even if you do come across somebody who has a thin skin or views this as an attack you still gain authority and credibility because other experts are following that person. When they see that engagement, they quickly see that you actually have a working brain.

Imagine that. You're not just a blind follower. You're not just another face in the crowd. This makes you stand out. Even if the expert that you are asking questions to reacts in a negative way. It's on them. It's not on you because you're just asking a question.

Of course, you have to ask in a respectful way. You cannot use loaded questions like when did you stop beating your wife or how was it the first time you got hooked on drugs. You see where I'm coming from. Don't ask those types of questions.

Discuss

Controversial Points

Another way to get on people's radars is to focus on controversy. Now please don't mistake this for being a troll.

I'm not saying that you're going to create artificial controversies. I'm not talking about stoking divisive issues. I'm not talking about any of that. You see in any kind of subject, there will always be two sides.

This applies to niche subjects as well. There's always the conventional wisdom and then there is everything else. What if there are techniques or approaches or strategies that would get better results. For some reason or other, these are just not talked about. For some reason or other, these are kept under the rug.

When you discuss these or raise these with experts this highlights that you, yourself are an expert. After all, if you've fully explained these or fully describe these accurately, you are basically lecturing in an underhanded way people who are reading your tweets.



You're letting them know of something they may not have heard about. You are hinting at a body of knowledge that either they're trying to run away from or they may have an unclear understanding of.

The fact that you tease this information communicates to them in a clear way that you are some sort of expert. Let's put it this way, you stand out from the crowd and you're not just this random person saying hey good post or you're a genius or what do you think about this topic which has been raised millions of times before.



Whatever You Do Focus on Real Engagement

This is the bottom line. Real engagement means real person-to-person contact. This means picking somebodies brain. This

means sharing information on a real profound personal level. This may not be always comfortable. It definitely is not always convenient but it's absolutely necessary. You have to reach out. You have to engage.

You have to communicate. You have to get the point across. This doesn't mean that you have to always be 100% in agreement. However, it means that you have to always be 100% respectful.

I know this is hard to do if the person that you are engaging would feel threatened or get soft on you in the worst way. It's very tempting to fight back. It's very tempting to push back. Fight fire with fire right?

Well here's the thing. If they act in a very unprofessional way and you keep your cool. Who wins? Your brand wins. People start seeing you as an

authority. People start seeing you as an alternative. This is how you get on the radar. Either things work smoothly and they agree with you and would love to help you or things don't work out.

When things don't work out, you can still win. How? Through your professionalism. You just have to control your emotions. Twitter is notorious for flame wars, troll attacks, and all sorts of hassles. But if you're able to keep your head together and focus on what you're trying to accomplish things will work out for the best.

Chapter 07 - What Happens When You Reach High Engagement Levels?

A lot of people who are getting on Twitter measure their success based on three things one according to one school, you measure your success based on how much raw traffic you can pull from Twitter.

Ultimately this is the right answer because, at the end of the day, you need traffic to get conversions. There's no way around this fact.

You can talk a big game about branding. You can talk a good game about becoming an authority. This is all well and good but until and unless they translate to real traffic, you're not going to make money. You have to get real visitors to make money on the Internet. But using this metric as your sole metric is going to be a problem.

Why? Normally you have to build a very high level of engagement and high level of authority for you to get a sizable volume of direct traffic from Twitter. The good news is that the traffic that you do tend to get would be qualified traffic. These are people who are not curiosity seekers. These are people who have nothing else better to do than to click random links.

These are usually people who are interested in whatever it is you are saying and by extension whatever it is you are promoting. Another way to measure success on Twitter is the number of retweets you get. Again, this is good because it ultimately leads to traffic. However, in itself, it doesn't really lead to much.

The same applies to people clicking the heart button that they like your stuff.

They favorite your stuff. This is all good. It definitely is a great boost to the ego.

But until it translates to traffic, it's really not worth much. Here's my answer. The obvious answer, of course, is traffic.

But before we get to traffic focus on engagement level. Try to get your engagement levels up. This means people are paying attention. This means people view you as an actual credible and authoritative expert. This means influence. If you have high engagement levels, a lot of things open up for you. These are tremendous opportunities that can take your business to the next level. First, you can pitch influential Twitter accounts for guest posts.

If you get a lot of engagement from their accounts and then they're constantly retweeting you and constantly clicking the heart icon. And it means that they become your fans. This is an indication that there is an actual organic community that grew up around your content. This is a good thing, but just by itself, it doesn't really mean much.

You have to convert it. You have to transform it into a usable form in one of the most useful forms of this. Usual payouts of this level of influence with influencers are to pitch them for guest posts. Now, of course, this means that they have to have a blog that's credible and has great SEO value in their niche. But assuming that's true, pitch them for guest posts.

Don't be shy. It doesn't hurt to ask if they say no the first time. Continue to engage with them. Be a buddy. Challenge them, test them, earn their respect some more, and then pitch them again. Keep pitching until you get that guest post. Because sometimes you have to knock many times before the door opens. That's just the way things are.

Keep pitching because for every single guest post you get, you may get a nice boost in Google's search results. You probably don't need me to explain to you why that's a good thing.



Ask for Interviews

There are many influential people on Twitter that are either top dogs in organizations in your niche or they know people. Either way when you get interviewed for a variety of

reasons you have arrived in your niche. Let's put it this way. They're not going to interview worthless people. They're not going to interview people who have no credibility.

Why? Well, they respect their own credibility. They want to protect whatever status they have. One of the worst ways to do that is to interview people with no credibility. They want to build up.

So the fact that they're interviewing you signals to whoever respects them that you are worthy of respect. It signals to people that you are credible, that you are worth following.

It tells people in so many ways what you have to say counts for something. This is a big deal. How come? You can leverage this interview that you've got as proof of your expert status. You can then contact influential publications in your niche to get backlinks. You can contact the networking groups, symposiums, and conventions to get speaking opportunities.

You can always point to the fact that you got interviewed by these highly credible places. Another advantage you can get when you put in the time to manually engage with truly influential people involves blogging roundtables. Blogging roundtables are basically group interviews.

The person holding the roundtable would come up with a general topic. For example, they're talking about general SEO trends of today and then hit up a large number of people for their interviews knowing full well only a small fraction would respond.

If you get invited to turn in your feedback, you get a nice link. Imagine if the blogger roundtable was being held on the premier Website in your niche. Again, it doesn't take a genius to figure out the dynamite SEO potential of this opportunity.

Build a High Influence Retweet Circle

This final benefit escapes a lot of marketers. In fact, even Twitter marketers may be completely blind to this. This is one of the biggest benefits of manual engagement with influential people on Twitter can ever deliver. When you get these people to think that you are credible and that you are an expert in your own right.

Eventually, you can count on some of them to automatically retweet your stuff. This is a big deal. Well when you share your own content or better yet when



you share your squeeze page direct link, you want truly interested people to click through.

You want people who understand what your content is about to click through and possibly convert. In other words, you want highly-qualified traffic. If your brand becomes so trusted and so credible in your niche among other Twitter users, you cultivate such a following.

You only need to produce content and automatically you know they would retweet you. You can almost bet that a certain percentage of your followers would retweet. This can then lead to your content being seen by more of their followers which can lead to highly-qualified direct traffic. Don't neglect this benefit.

Unfortunately, a lot of people do because this benefit grows very slowly. It also starts at a very low level. But of all the benefits, this is probably the most potent. Unfortunately, it also takes the most time, effort, and attention to detail.

However, if you properly cultivate this, the direct traffic benefits and conversions you would get from being a part of a retweet circle will outweigh and will pay for all your costs. You can take this to the bank.

Chapter 08 - Optimizing Your Content

It's really important to make sure that you identify your best performing content. This is not easy to do with Twitter. You basically have to pay attention to your website statistics and figure out which content update gets the most love from your followers. Once you have identified your best performing content, don't stop there.

Don't just think that you're just going to have to come up with the exact same content. That's not going to cut it. Also, don't think that you only need to give your system a few days for you to identify your winning content.

Here's the system that I use. Regardless of whether you are completely automating your system or you're manually doing engagements you need to do the following as far as content optimization goes on Twitter.

Step 1: Start with randomly-selected content. Now please understand that this content must be top content. Look at the reverse engineering section that I mentioned earlier in this training. You should know how to spot objectively good content.

Once you're able to do that create a massive list of all that type of content and then randomly select this content and publish it on your Twitter feed. Again, you can use Hootsuite or SocialOomph or some other content scheduling software. Let this piece of content run until a few weeks pass.

Step 2: Review your results. If you give the system enough time to tweet and keep republishing stuff that you have tweeted before certain patterns should emerge. With enough time you will get rid of false positives.

These are content types or themes that you think are winners. It turns out that their statistical flukes. Their success statistically speaking is just coincidental. With a few weeks however of running time, you should get a clear understanding of which of your content are real winners.

Step 3: Focus on what works. At this stage, you should have a clear understanding of what truly works. These tweets are no joke. If you tweet this type of content you can rest assured you will get quite a bit of engagement and clickthrough from your Twitter feed. You need to create more of this type of content.

If you don't have the time or resources to do that, you should find other third-party content that is just like your winning content. Focus on what works. Scale it up. Pair it with your squeeze page tweets. Pair it with your content that leads to ads or other conversion devices on your website.

Whatever the case may be, you need to focus on what works and scale up once you've identified reliably productive content.

Again, this takes time. This is not something that you identify overnight. You have to let the patterns play out. You need to let the statistical flow of your traffic even out over a long enough period of time. If you do this right, you will be able to shift your Twitter feed towards content that has a predictable level of engagement. This paves the way for the success of your Twitter campaign.



Cross-feed Your Content among

If you notice that you have winning content on Twitter, don't

just leave it at Twitter. There is a good chance that people on other platforms would appreciate that same content. Take that content and share it on Pinterest or Instagram. If you are sharing third-party videos and they do really well on Twitter, share them on your YouTube channel.

Whatever the case may be, cross feed or cross-pollinate your content among different social media platforms. There's a lot to choose from. There's Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Reddit and Quora among many others. Mix and match.

Pick your very best content. Try along different platforms and identify what works. Once you identify that a particular type of content that you tweet also does well on another platform, publish more of that stuff. Scale it up.

Chapter 09 - Leverage the Power of Questions

One of the best ways to publish content on Twitter is to ask questions. It's really that simple. You ask a question and then you post a link and then some hashtags. The great thing about this question-based tweeting is you get to engage the reader.

You focus on a specific point that they may be interested in.

If they are, you're more likely to get the click. This is definitely more engaging because you start with a specific need that they have. You're not just wasting people's time by saying hey this might be interesting. Who cares? There's tons of interesting stuff on Twitter. People simply do not have the time to consume all that information.

One of the best descriptions I have read about Twitter is that it's like drinking from a fire hydrant. There's just so much information to process in a very short period of time. This is why most people who consume a lot of social media content don't bother to read. They really don't. They don't have that luxury. Instead, they scan by tweeting in the form of questions followed up by a link and some hashtags.

You take advantage of this fact people only need to see the right question and then you have yourself a click. It fits how people think about and process information on Twitter. Interestingly enough, a lot of marketing professionals are saying that this also creates some sort of SEO signal. This is a big deal

because it can give you a search engine optimization benefit. Now please understand that this benefit is very marginal.

In fact, spokespeople for Google have spoken up on this issue. For the most part, they said this type of social signal isn't really factored in by Google. However, a lot of professional search engine optimization consultants say that there is an indirect or circumstantial benefit.

Whatever the truth may be, we could all agree that if there is a signal that is being factored in by Google, it's going to be a very weak factor. Still, it is a factor. So you raise the question-based format.

Use Your Questions for Quora



Not only do you get to engage your Twitter followers more directly by using questions. You can recycle this resource by posting it on Quora. You're killing two birds with one stone. You are posing a question on Twitter.

And then it's copying and pasting that question and posting it on Quora and then posting an answer or you can look for a similar question that already exists on Quora and answer with basically the link that you are promoting through Twitter. You save on time. You definitely save on effort.

Chapter 10: Twitter Marketing - Best Practices to Follow

The first nine chapters of this training step you through the process of Twitter marketing. Whether you're going the fully automated route or you're doing things by hand, you have to use certain best practices.

Otherwise, it's too easy for your Twitter marketing campaign to simply fall apart. The vast majority of people who try their hand at Twitter marketing simply do not succeed.

It's not because these people are dumb. It's not because these people are hopeless in terms of execution. They just did not have a plan. They also did not follow certain best practices that would have increased their chances of success. Here are just some best practices that I've learned marketing successfully on Twitter for several years.



Element by Element Optimization

When you're optimizing content on Twitter, it's a good idea to focus on one element at a time. What is an element? Well, it's just

a part of a tweet. It could be the question. It could be the link. It could be the hashtag. When you're optimizing for the highest amount of engagement and clickthrough, you have to change your tweet section by section.

You can't just change them dramatically overnight because even if you do get some sort of improvement, you don't know which part accounts for that improvement. You're completely in the dark. On the other hand, if you optimize element by element, you can clearly identify which part you changed and reasonably conclude that this accounts for the improvement.

Once you're no longer getting a nice improvement or you peaked with the particular element then you switch to the next element. With Twitter, this is pretty straightforward. You play around with many different question variations until you get one that gets clicked a lot.

Next, you swap out the different hashtags until you get something that gets clicked a lot. It seems pretty simple but it's something that takes place over an extended period of time. It's not something that happens overnight. You just have to pay attention to the trend - that's traffic statistics so you can make the necessary adjustments.

Tweet Timing Optimization

Depending on your time zone, it may well turn out that a lot of your most active followers prefer early morning or late at night.

Pay attention to your statistics. Maybe you're using Google Analytics maybe you're using StatCounter. It really doesn't matter.



Pay attention to the timing of the clicks coming in. You see a pattern. If you do, use your tweet scheduling software to mirror the most active times or the most popular timeframe for your content. This is the time range where most people click on your links on Twitter.



Make Your Decisions Based on Statistics

A lot of brilliant online marketers fail in the Twitter marketing game because they go with their gut. They tell me

I just know it feels right. Alternatively, they tell me that their gut is telling them something. Nine times out of ten these people fail. Again, they're not dumb. They're not stupid. Instead, they base their decision on feelings.

Unfortunately, in this game, feelings can only take you so far. In fact, hunches often lead to dead ends. If you're going to be making a decision involving your content, your conversion pages, your mailing list or whatnot, pay attention to statistics. Make sure you can justify whatever changes you make with hard numbers.

Conclusion

Twitter marketing success is not as hard as you think. Seriously, there are lots of people who are in their teens who make millions of dollars every year on Twitter. There are lots of companies located all over the world that find clients from Twitter.

There are many home-based entrepreneurs such as yourself or digital marketers who make quite a comfortable living promoting online stores on Twitter. What accounts for these individual's success? It is actually quite simple: they chose to be systematic and methodical. You have to have a system. You can't just do things by the seat of your pants.

You can't just choose to do things based on gut feeling. You have to have a way of proceeding because such systems teach you what to look for how to respond when you find certain facts and how to optimize your system.

You have to be methodical. This means that you cannot put the cart before the horse. You have to follow the proper sequence. You have to look at the right signals. These two factors, system and meticulousness flow together. It takes quite a bit of time to master this but eventually you will get it if you put in the time. You have to pay your dues. Nobody will do it for you. I wish you nothing but the greatest Twitter marketing success.