

Get to the point. And other rules of web writing. By Dan Petrovic

TL;DR



- Start with a conclusion, then elaborate
- Minimise Interruptions
- Enable "scanability"
- Be appealing
- Offer value
- Build trust
- Engage



What is the purpose of content?







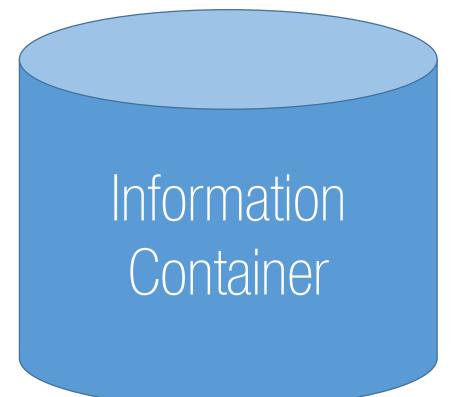


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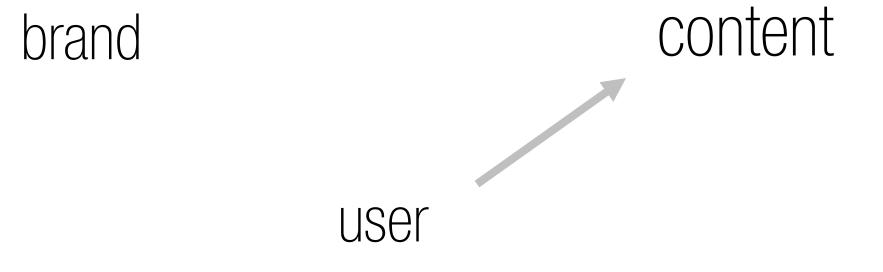






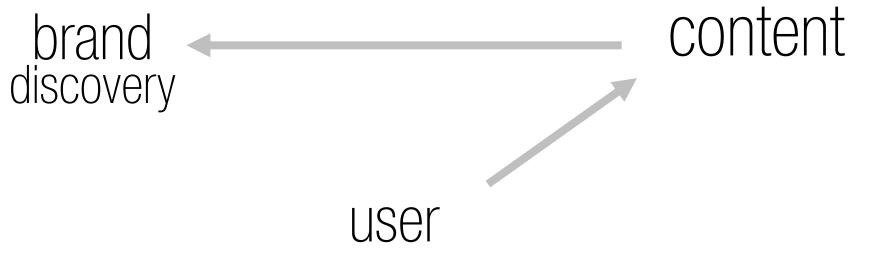


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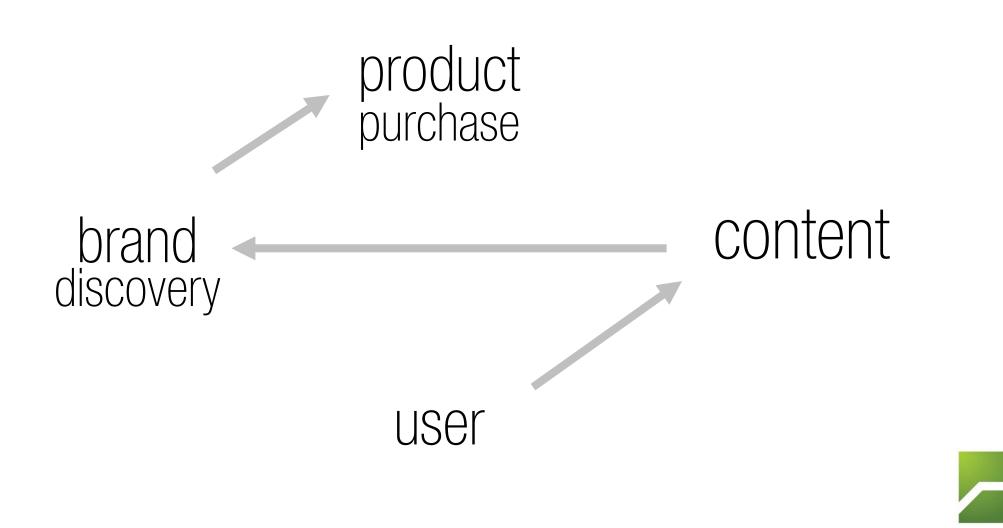




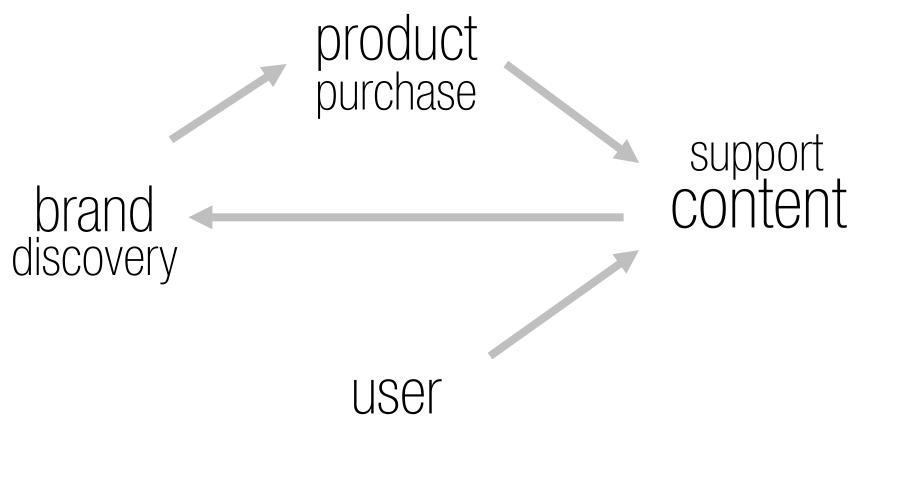
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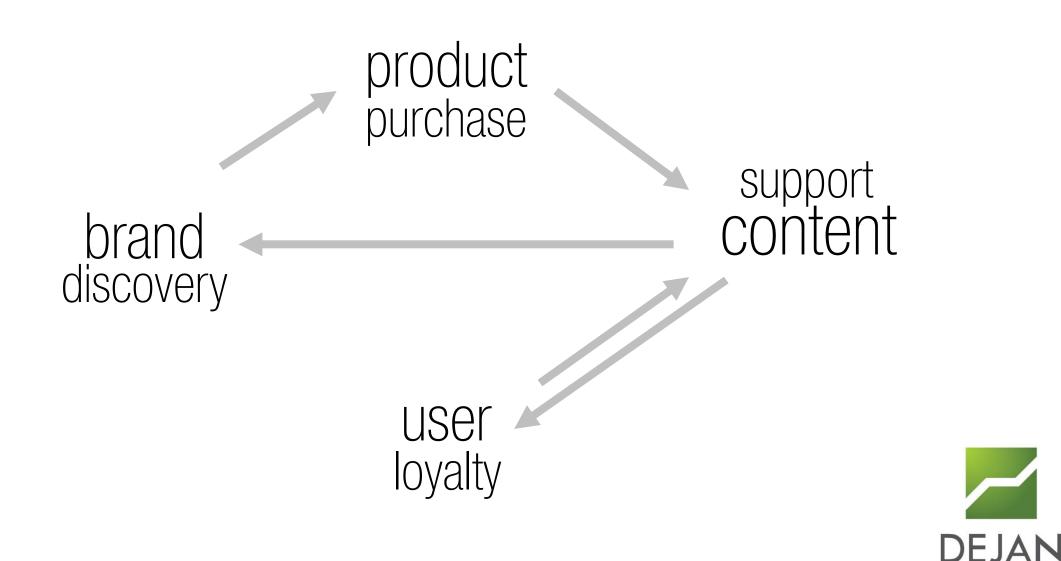


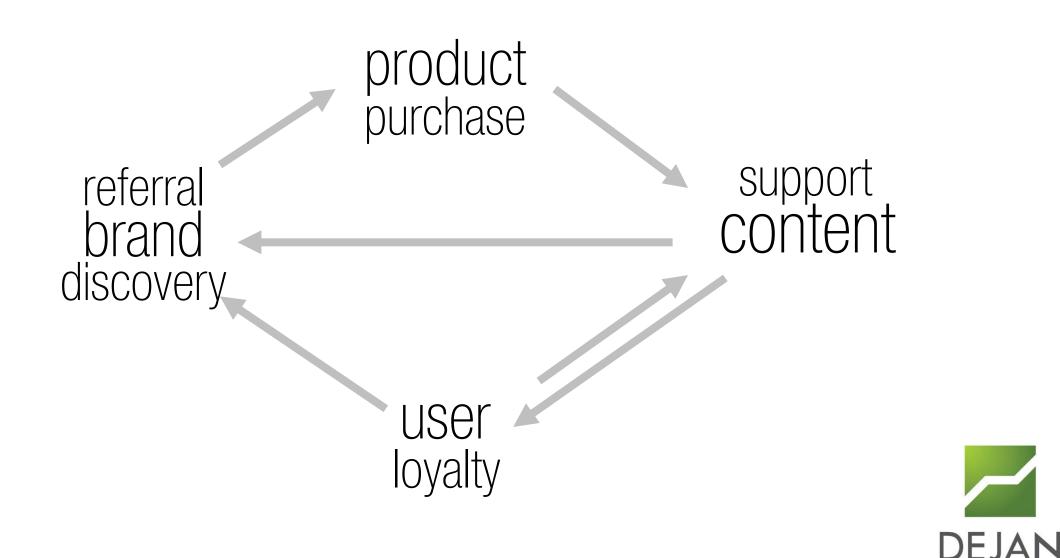


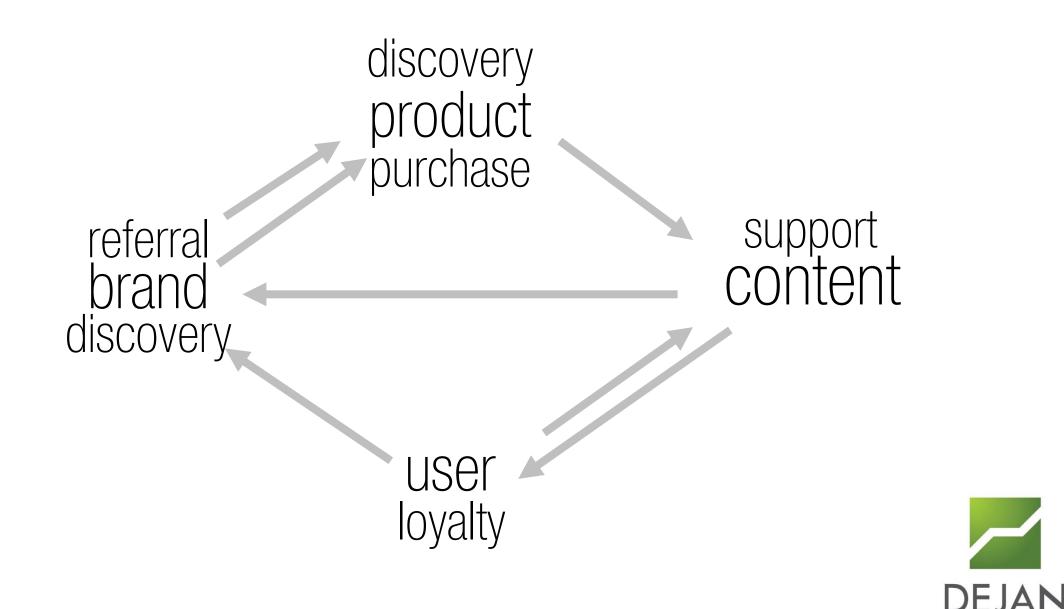
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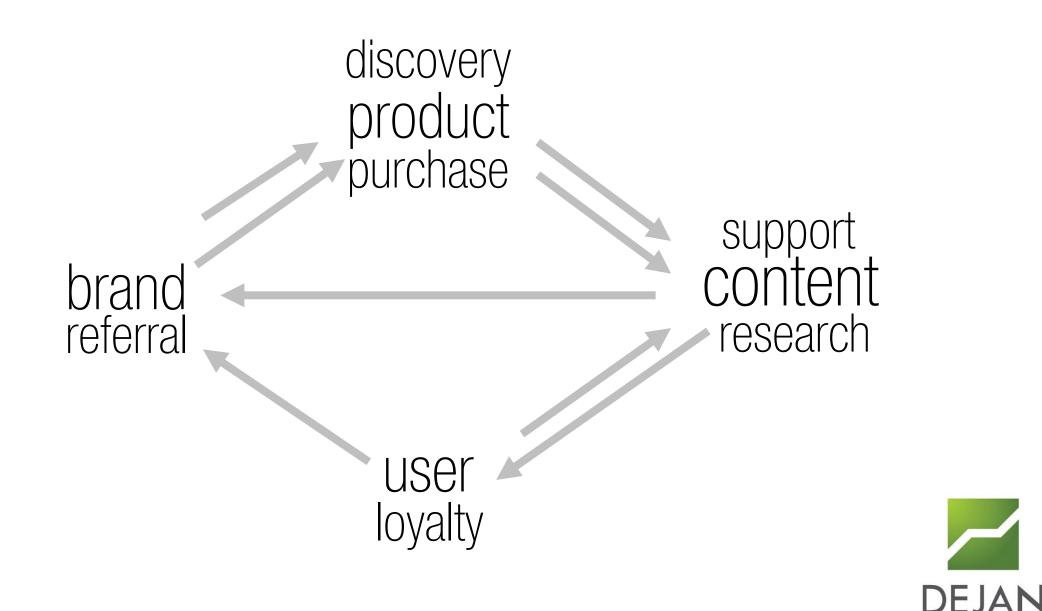












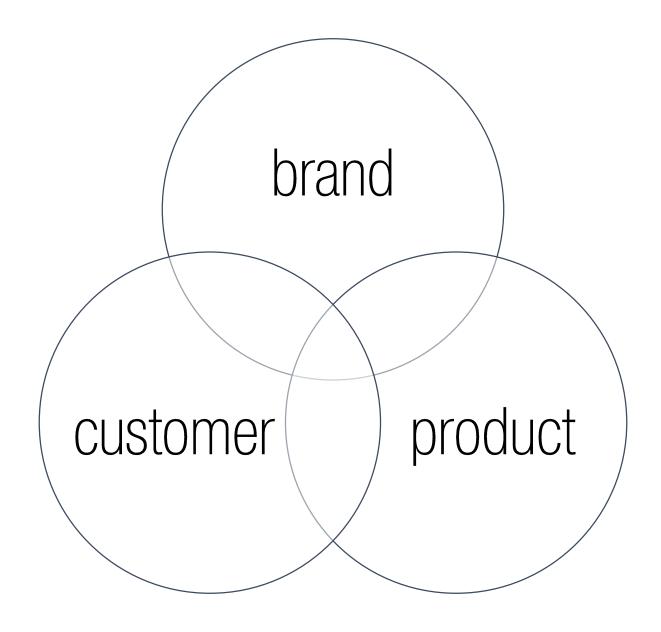
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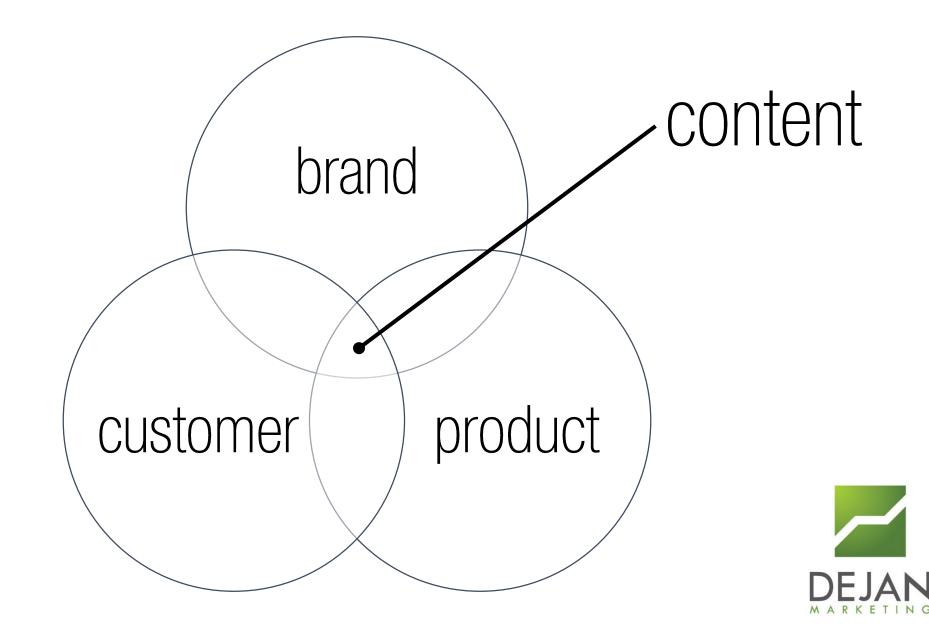


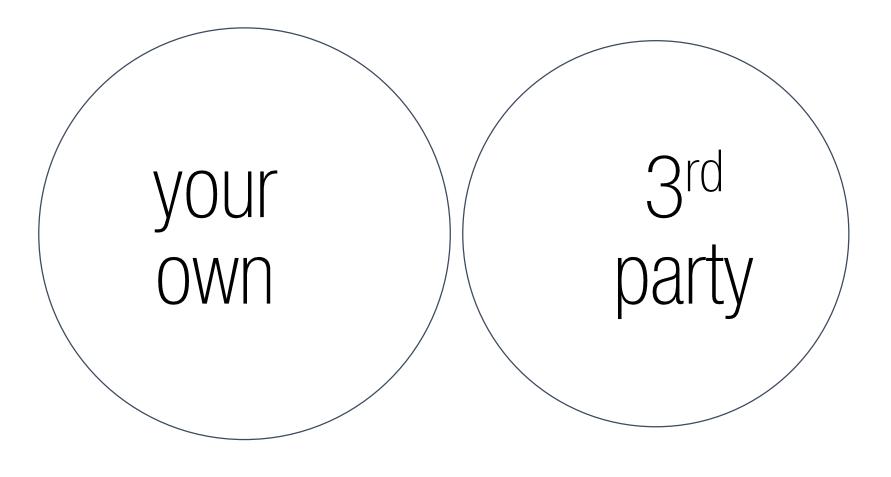
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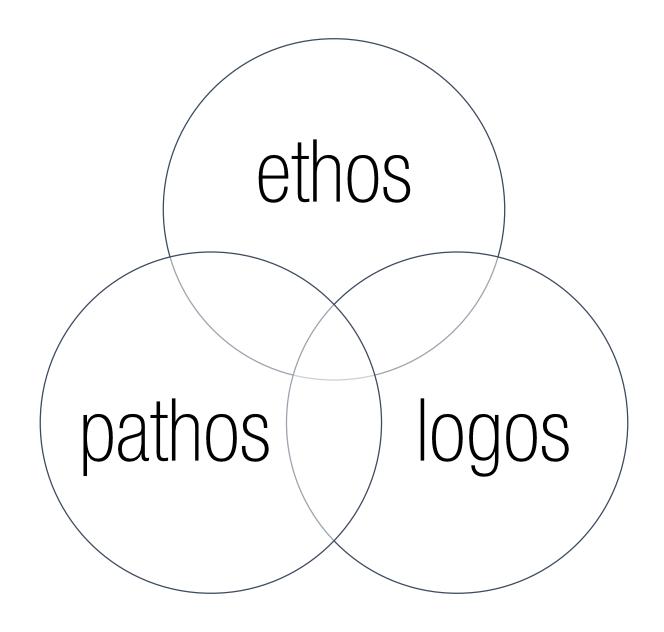




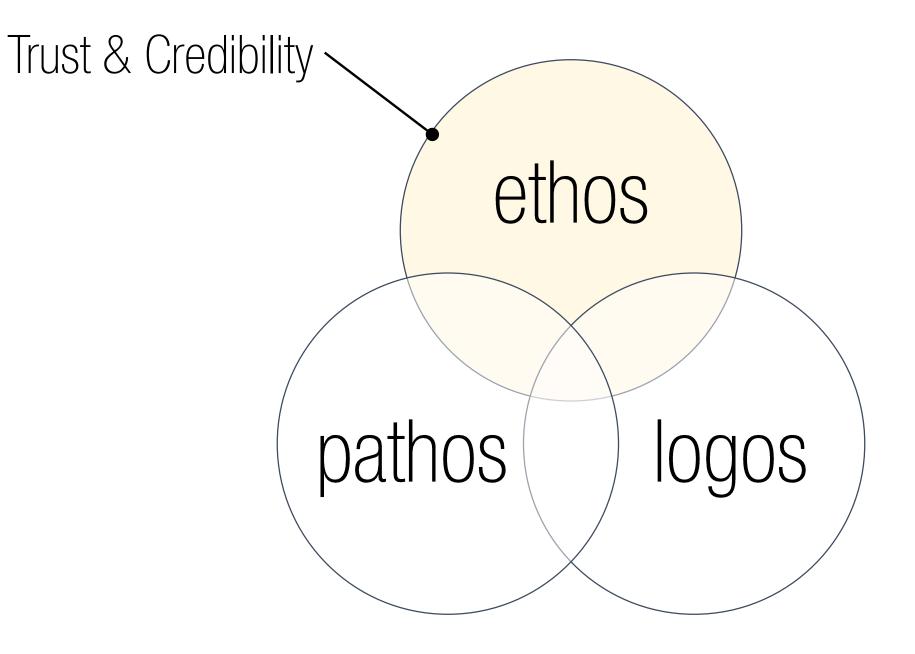


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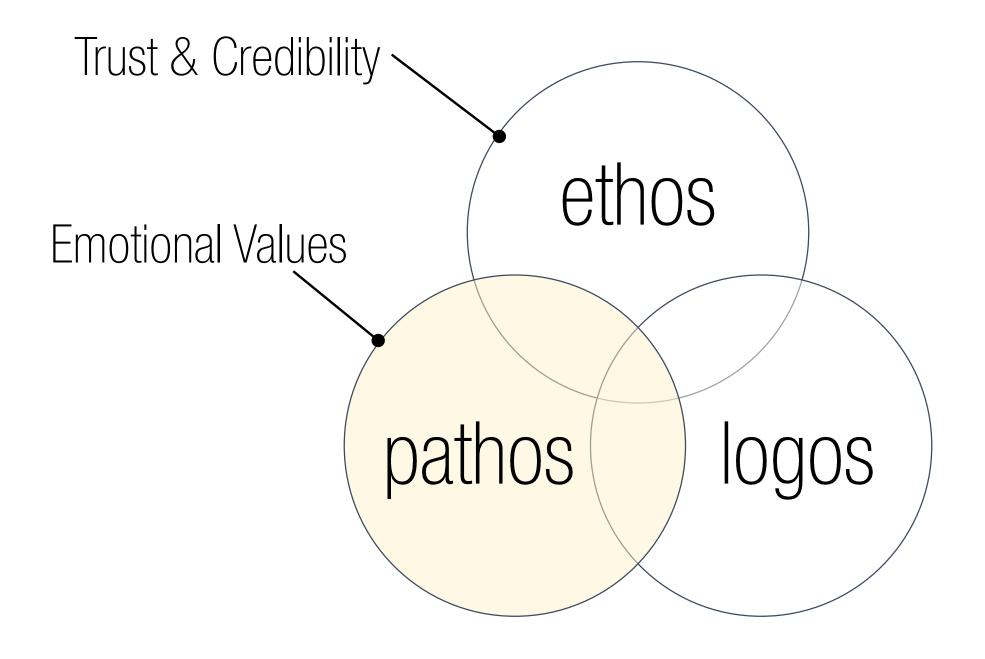




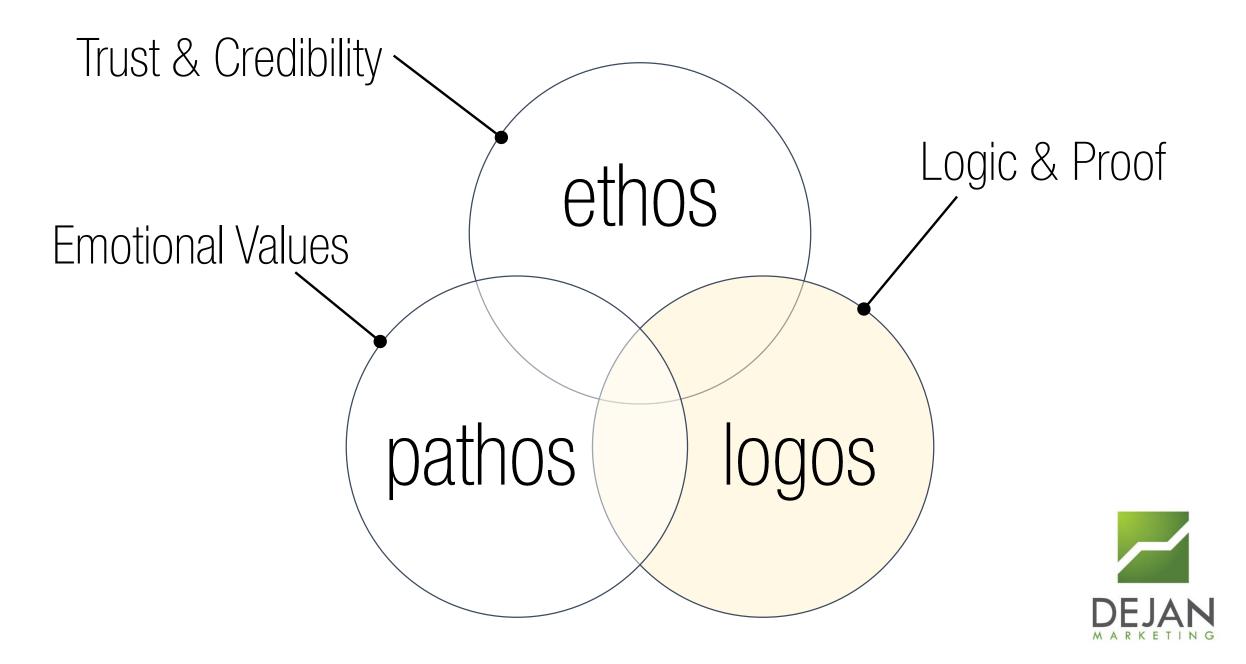


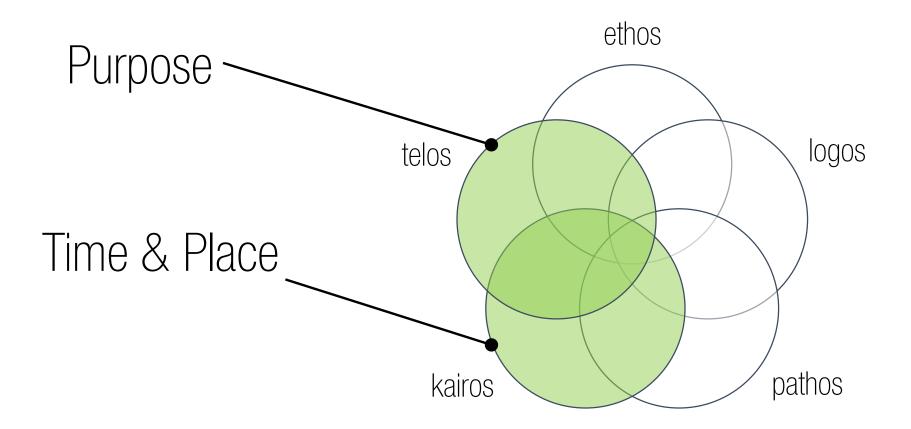




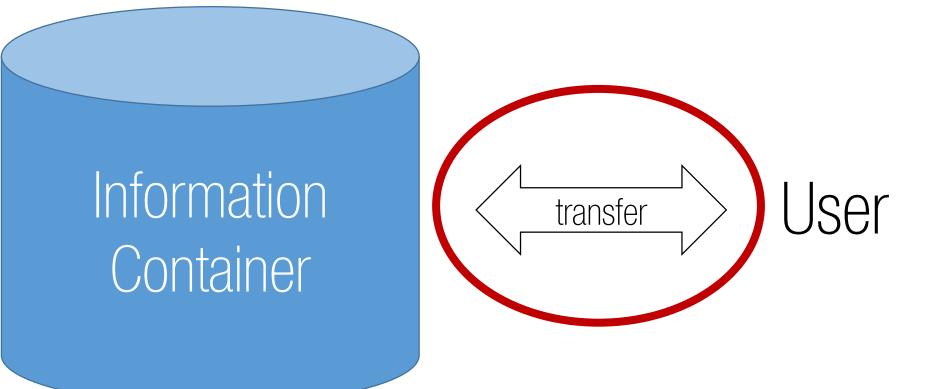




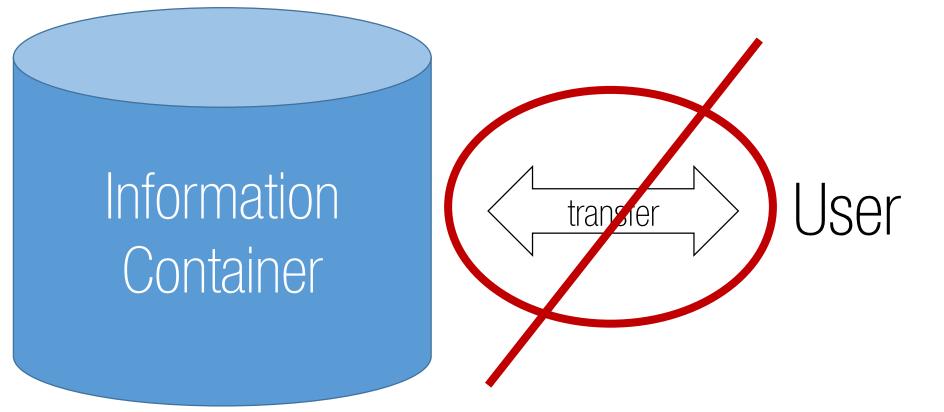














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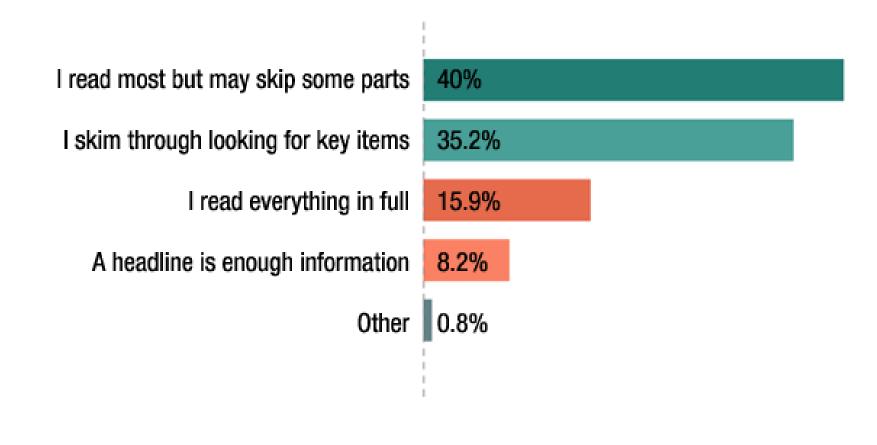
Types of Content



Content Qualities

Only one in five people read web content word for word. Others scan, skip and only read key items of interest.







I'm impatient to find quick answers	56%
Find text to be too long to bother	47%
Lose interest in what I'm reading	43%
Poor layout and text formatting	38%
A difficult or confusing read	18%
Don't trust the website	18%
Other	7%
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Our results were identical to those published by Jacob Nielsen in 1997:

In research on how people read websites we found that 79 percent of our test users always scanned any new page they came across; only 16 percent read word-by-word.

Source: http://www.nngroup.com/articles/how-users-read-on-the-web/



USER QUERY: How to close all running apps on an iPhone?



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How to Close Running Apps All at Once on iOS

This process is going to suspend all of your apps, freeing up memory and processor time. The first thing you need to do is press the Sleep/Wake button until you see the slider to shut down your iPhone.

Next, press and hold the Home Button for approximately five seconds, or until you are returned to either your Lock or Home Screen. That's it, your apps have all been suspended. If you double-press the Home Button, you'll still see each of them listed. However, you will probably notice these apps refresh or relaunch when you tap on them. That's because they've actually been shut down.

Proof of the Method In Action

Since your apps will still show up if you double-press the Home Button, let's show that this process actually works. The first screenshot below shows the memory usage on my iPhone 7 Plus just before I close running apps all at once.

A Helpful Shortcut to Close All Your Apps

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Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

Important Details

Other General Info Background Info



Good Example



Trump is pulling U.S. out of Paris climate deal

President Trump has made his decision to withdraw from the <u>Paris climate accord</u>, according to two sources with direct knowledge of the decision. Details on how the withdrawal will be executed are being worked out by a small team including EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. They're deciding on whether to initiate a full, formal withdrawal — which could take 3 years — or exit the underlying United Nations climate change treaty, which would be faster but more extreme.

Why this matters: Pulling out of Paris is the biggest thing Trump could do to unravel Obama's climate legacy. It sends a combative signal to the rest of the world that America doesn't prioritize climate change and threatens to unravel the ambition of the entire deal.

The other outliers: The only other two countries that aren't supporting the deal are Nicaragua and Syria.

How it happened: <u>A letter from 22 Republican Senators</u> (including Mitch McConnell) that called for a clean exit had reinforced Trump's instincts to withdraw, and the president <u>had been telling confidants</u> over the past week that he was going to pull out.

Trump's last comment on the issue, sent this morning on Twitter: "I will be announcing my decision on the Paris Accord over the next few days. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

Read next: Why Trump is pulling out of the Paris deal.



https://www.axios.com/scoop-trump-is-pulling-u-s-out-of-paris-climate-deal-2427773025.html

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TL;DR ATTRITION → 50%

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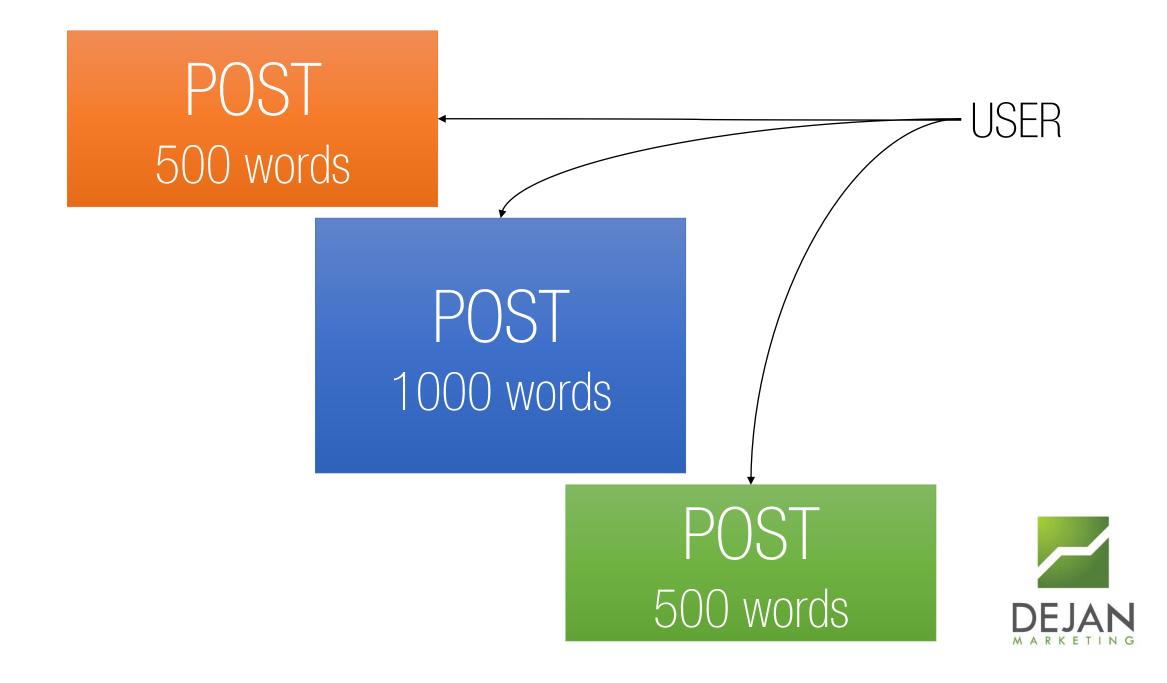


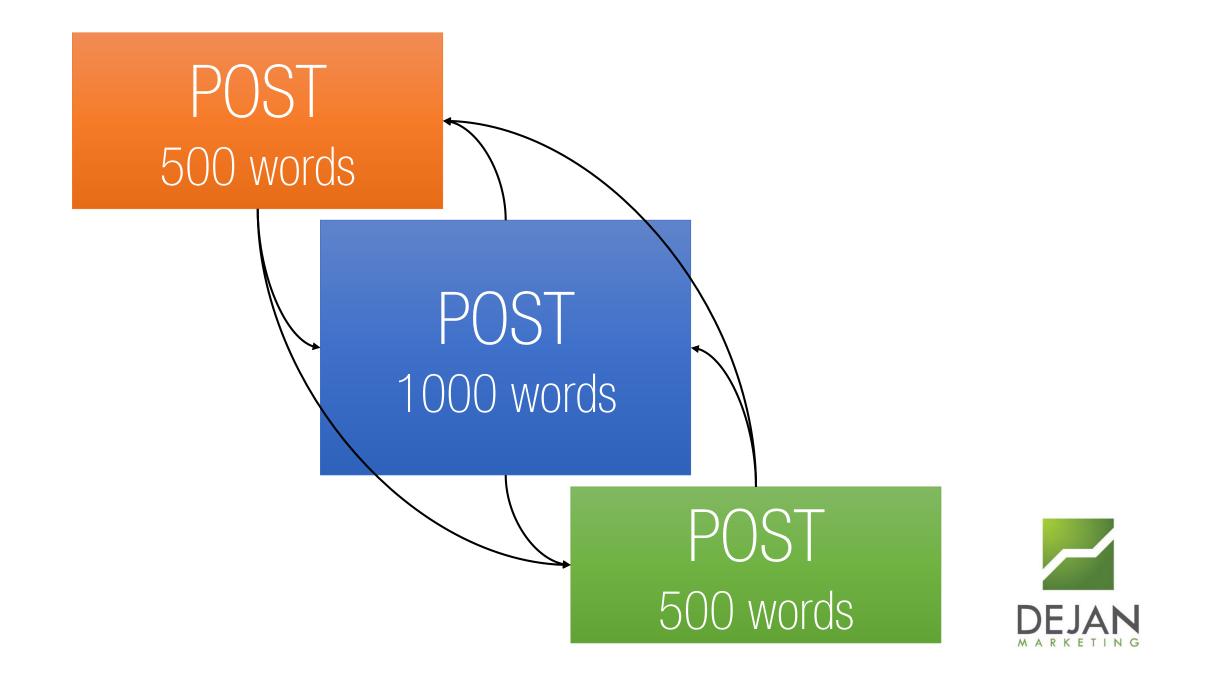
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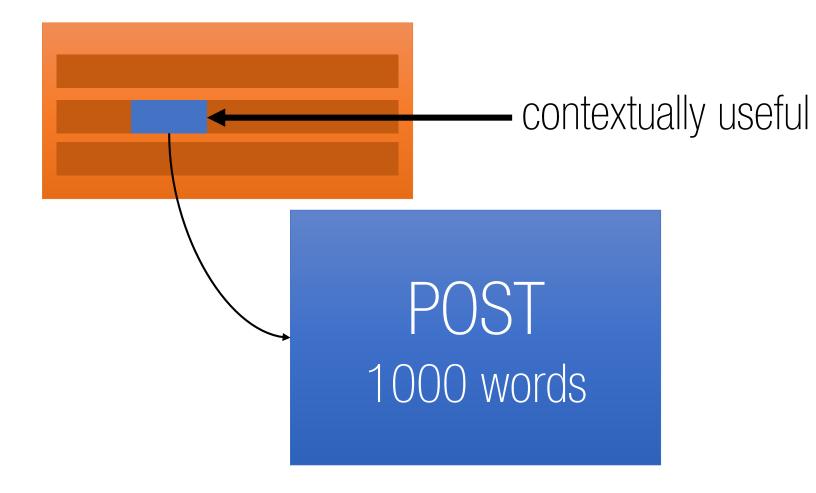
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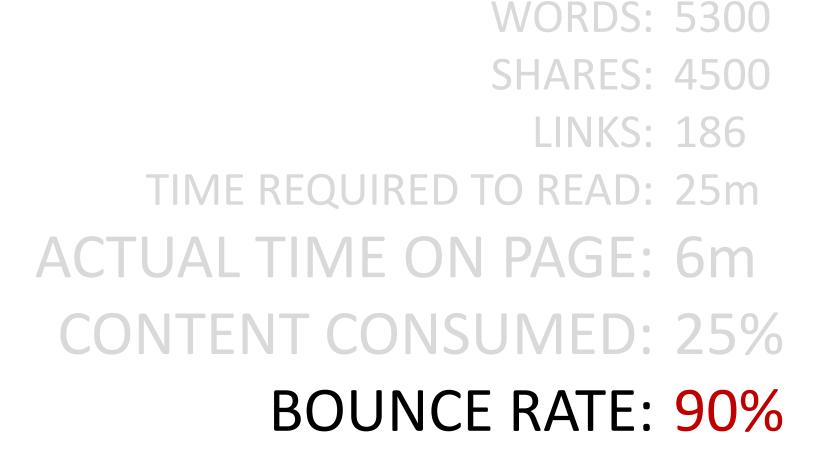
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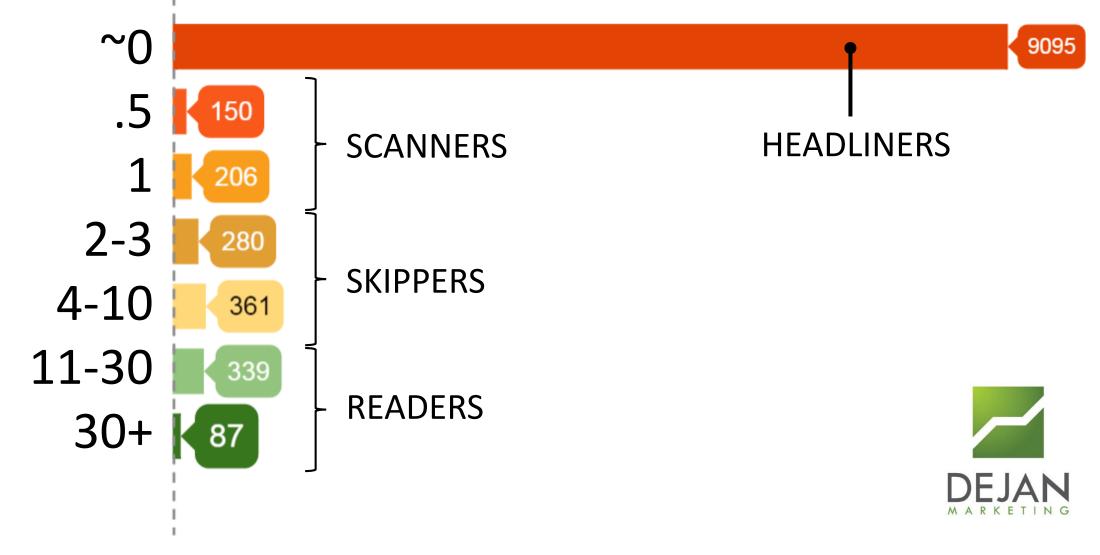




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- 1. Unable to find quick answers.
- 2. Intimidated by word count.
- Losing interest while reading.
- 4. Poor layout and formatting.
- 5. Difficult to scan.
- 6. Lack of trust.

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"This sentence has five words. Here are five more words. Five-word sentences are fine. But several together become monotonous. Listen to what is happening. The writing is getting boring. The sound of it drones. It's like a stuck record. The ear demands some variety. Now listen. I vary the sentence length, and I create music. Music. The writing sings. It has a pleasant rhythm, a lilt, a harmony. I use short sentences. And I use sentences of medium length. And sometimes, when I am certain the reader is rested, I will engage him with a sentence of considerable length, a sentence that burns with energy and builds with all the impetus of a crescendo, the roll of the drums, the crash of the cymbals–sounds that say listen to this, it is important."

Gary Provost

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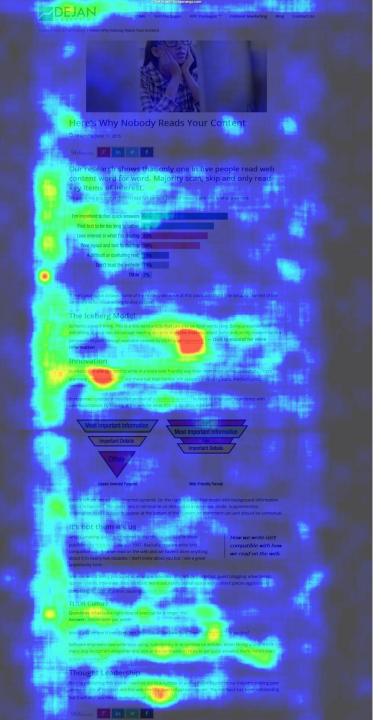
TL;DR Culture Question: What is the right dose of exercise for a longer life? Answer: 450 minutes per week

Would you believe it took Gretchen Reynolds of The New York Times and the say this?

Software engineers now write bots, using rudimentary AI to summarise articles. When facing a long article many skip its content altogether and look at the comments in hope to get quick answers there. Here's one I refer and a science in [1].

Thought Leadership

Prior to publishing this article I reached out to a number of authoritative figures in our industry seeking peer review on use of hypotext and the web-friendly inverted pyramid model. The feedback has been outstanding but it will cost you nine minutes to read, <u>processes</u> [1].



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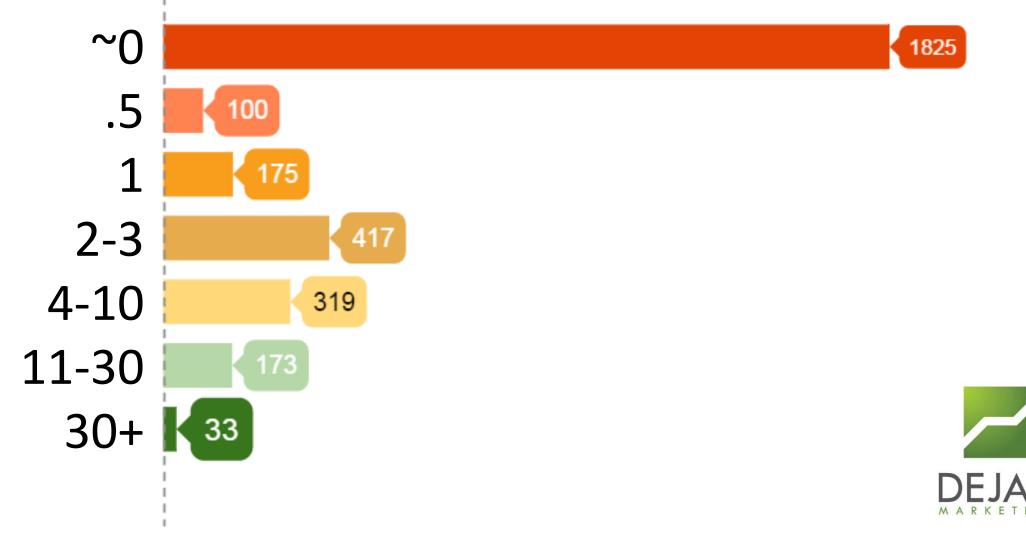
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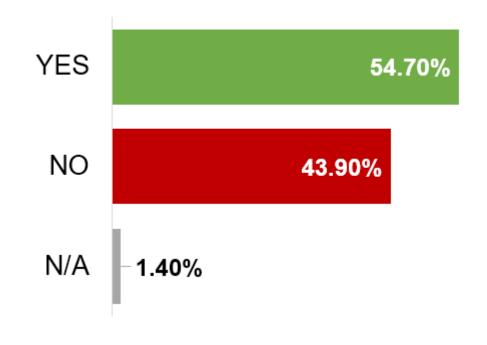
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Mobile users are even more impatient.



Have you ever bought something online using your phone?





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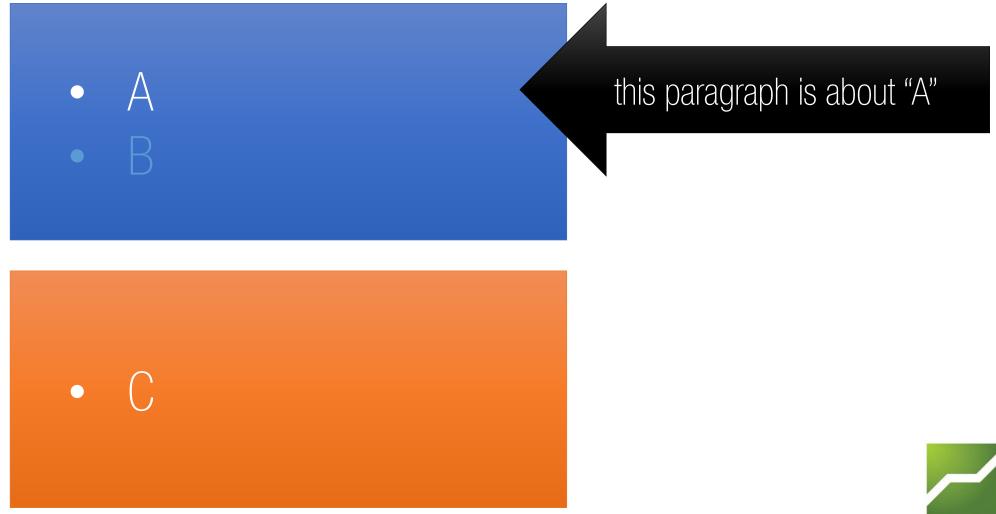
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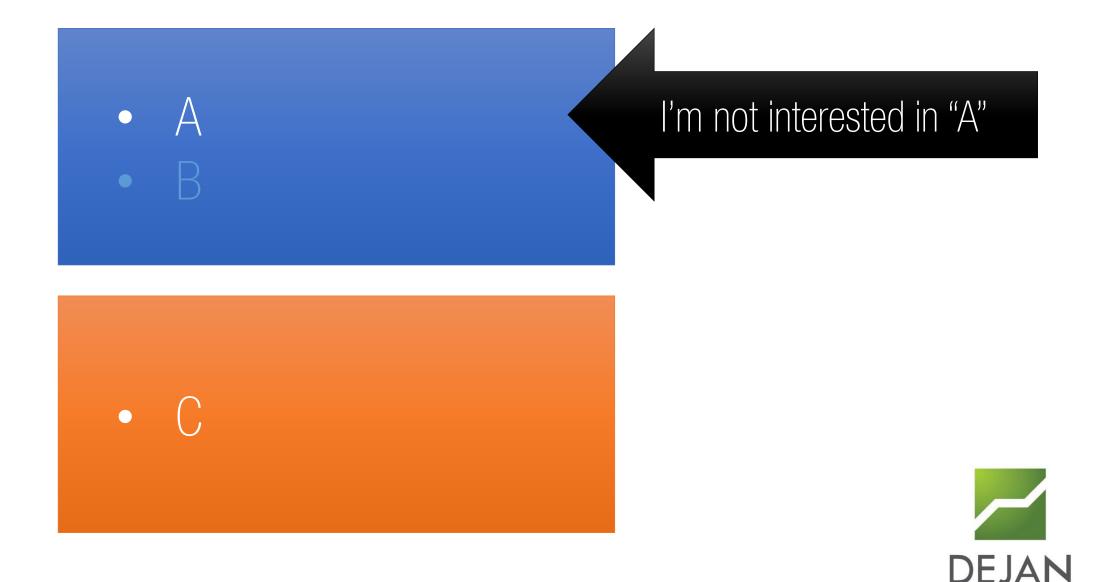










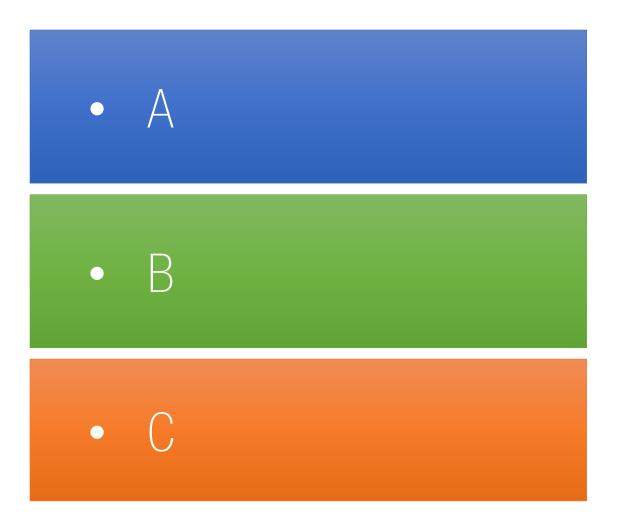


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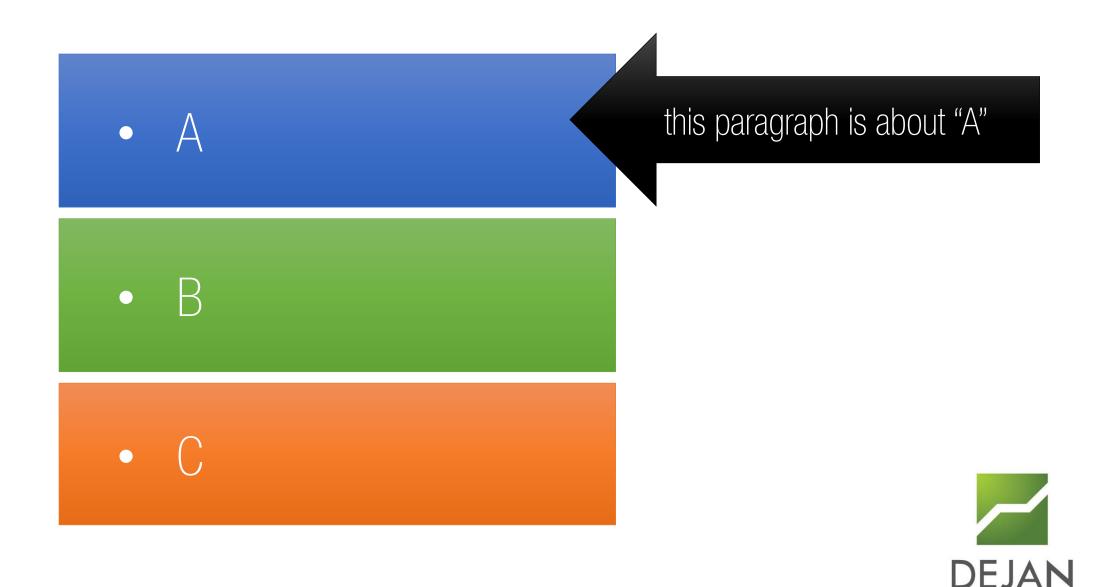
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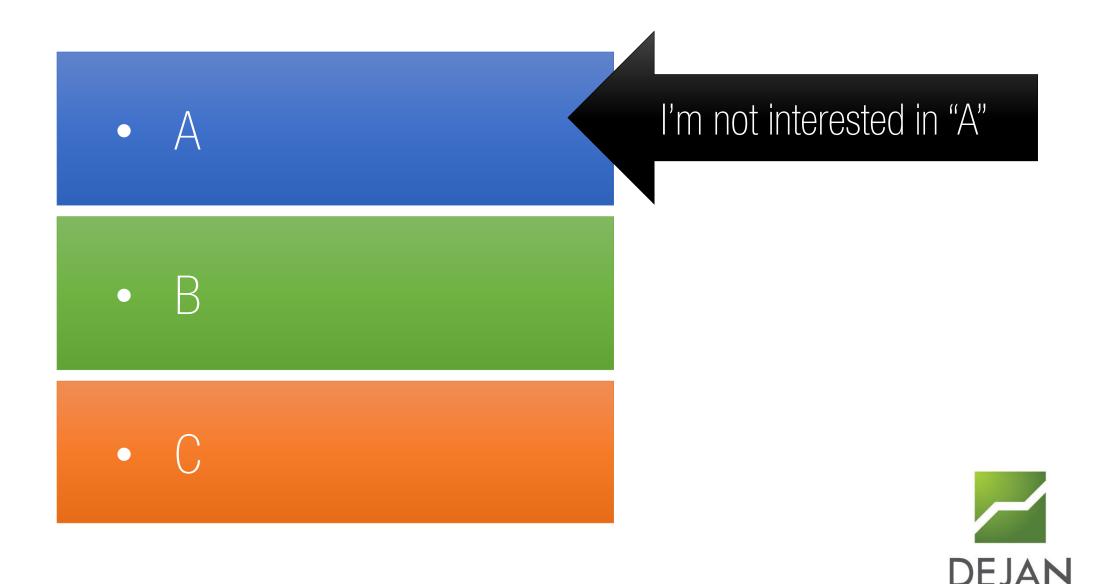




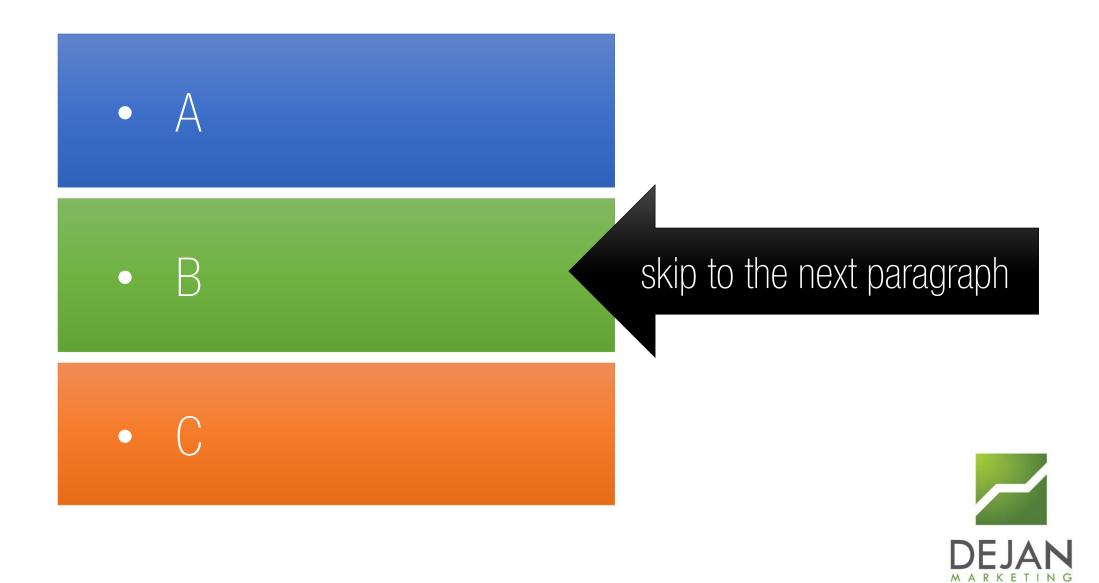


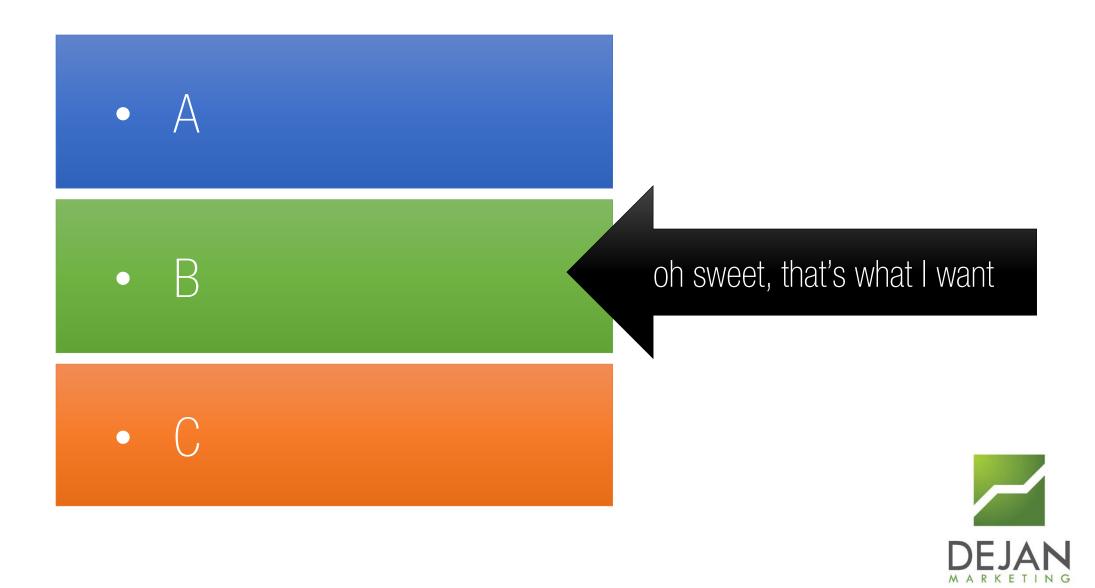


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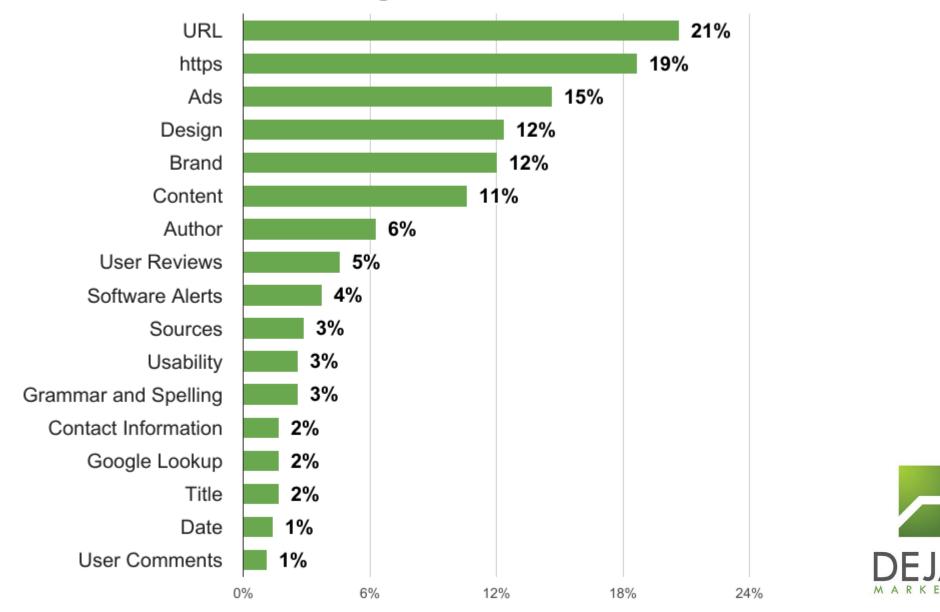




Dealing with scepticism and building trust.



Trust signals online.



Source: https://dejanseo.com.au/trust/

Here's how web users decide if online content is trustworthy.



- Content Properties
- Proof
- Publisher Reputation
- Author Reputation
- Social Proof
- Cross-Checking
- Advertising
- Intuition
- Security
- Bias
- Date
- Visual
- Pictures



- Content Properties. Title, spelling, grammar, style, language and presence of quick answers.
- Proof. Quotes, links, references and citations.
- Publisher Reputation. Brand, website or publisher reputation.
- Author Reputation. Familiarity with the author and their previous work.
- Social Proof. Peer review, communities, comments and social media.
- Cross-Checking. Facts are often seen as true if found on other web properties.
- Advertising. Presence, quantity and quality of ads.
- Intuition. Some web users use their "gut feeling" when judging trust online.
- Security. Encryption, information safety, authenticity and virus-free environment.
- Bias. Evidence of objective, bias-free information.
- Date. Presence of publishing date. Content age.
- Visual. Aesthetics, design, function, formatting and structure.
- Pictures. Presence of visual media including photos and graphics.



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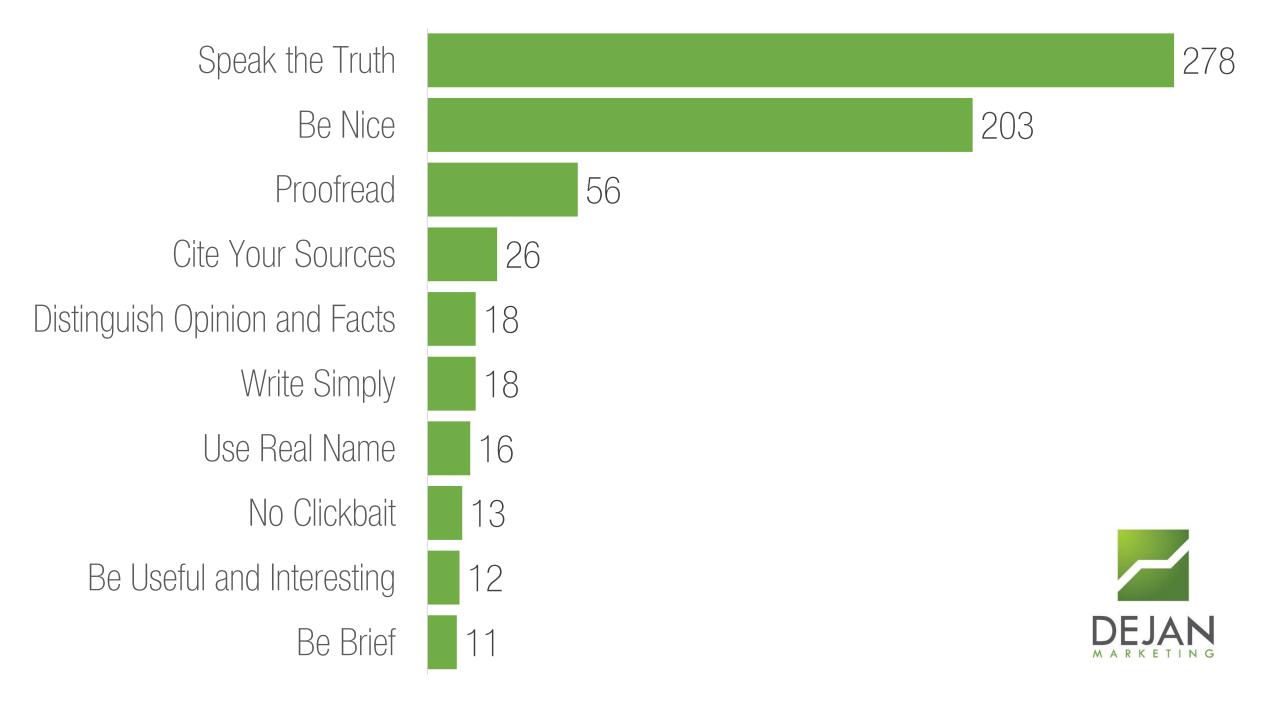


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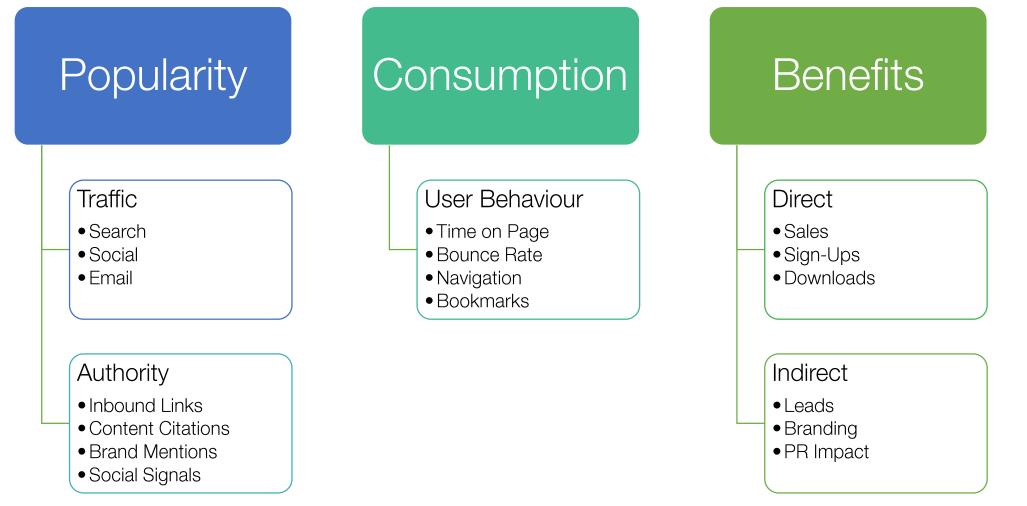
If you could make one rule that everyone who writes for the web has to follow, what would it be?



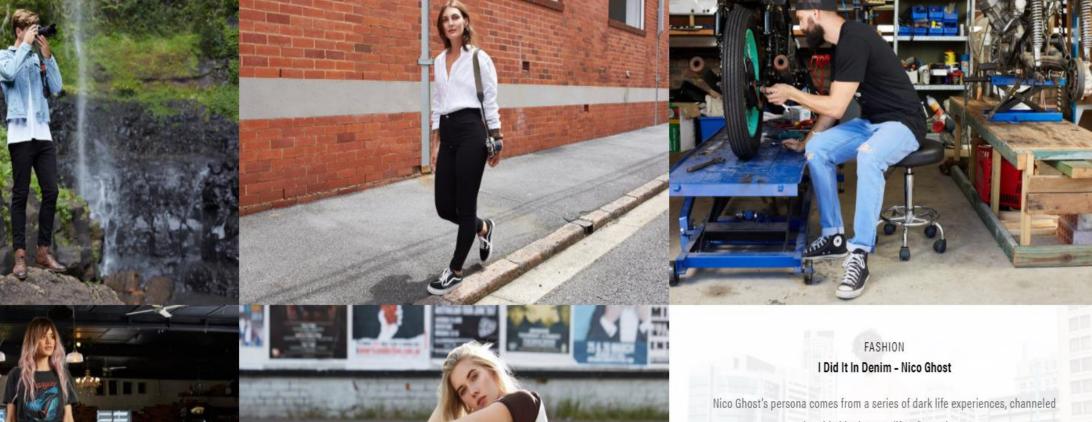


Content Performance Metrics









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Verdict

- Useful as an alternative to blogging platforms.
- No design fuss.
- Free.
- Low customisation options.
- Not an AI.

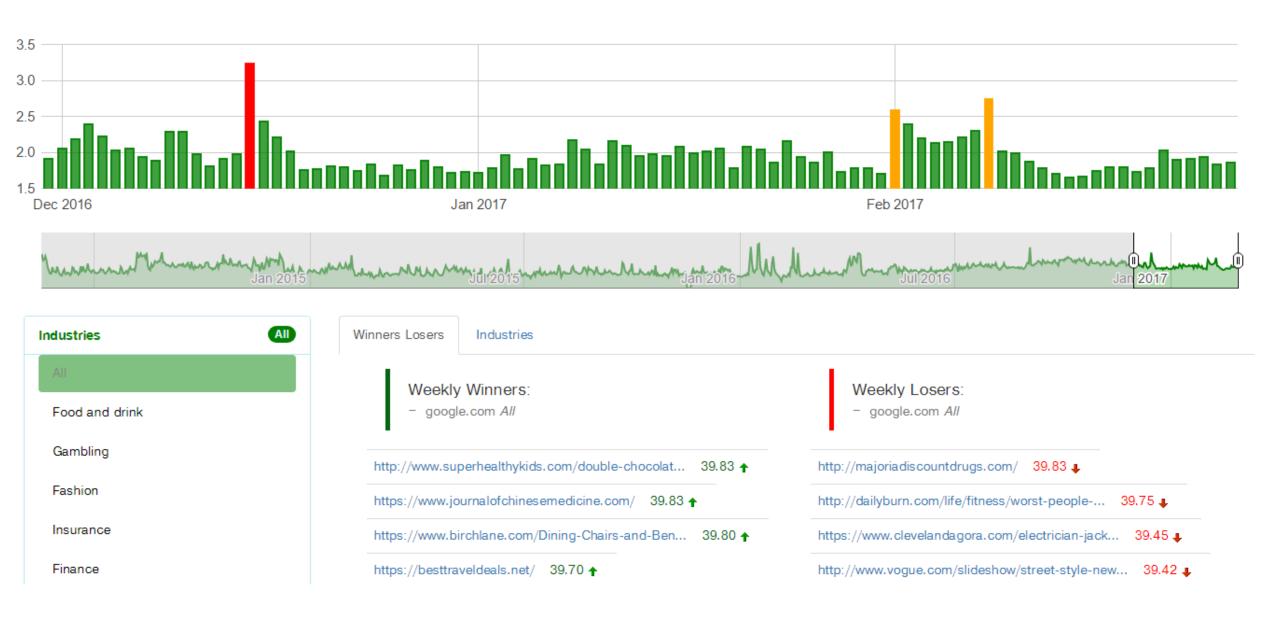


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- Process can be replicated manually.
- You have to make your own templates.
- Fancy article spinning.
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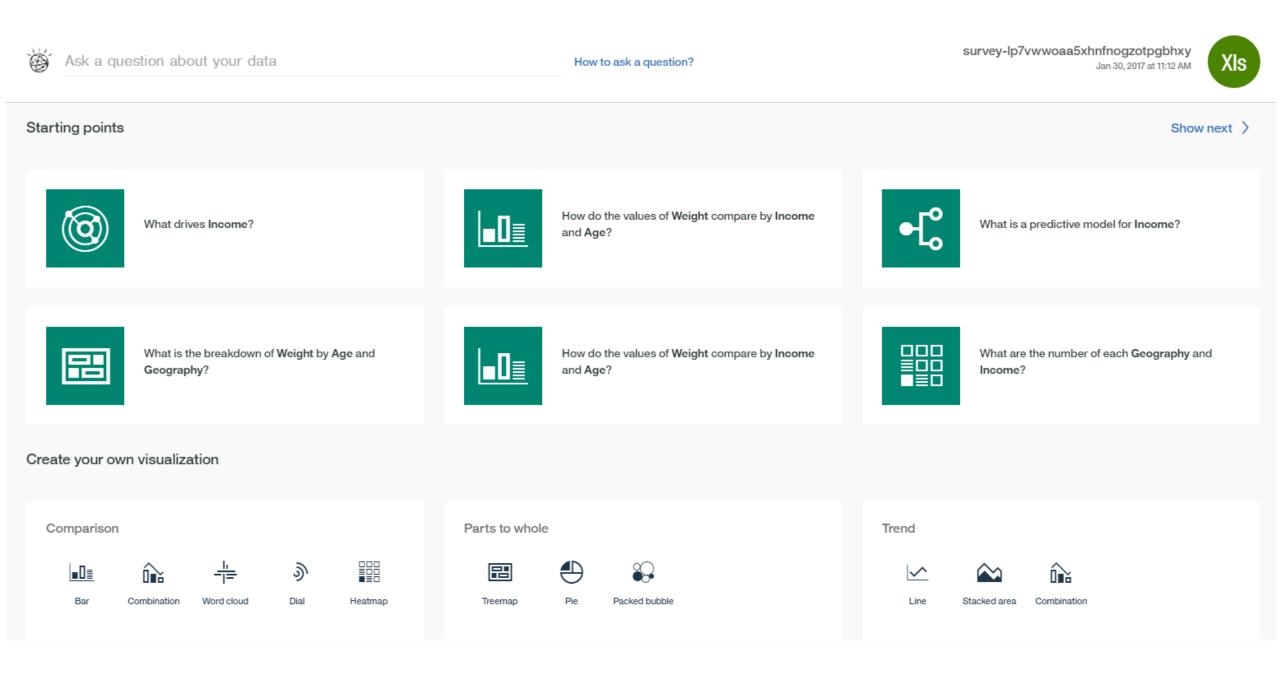
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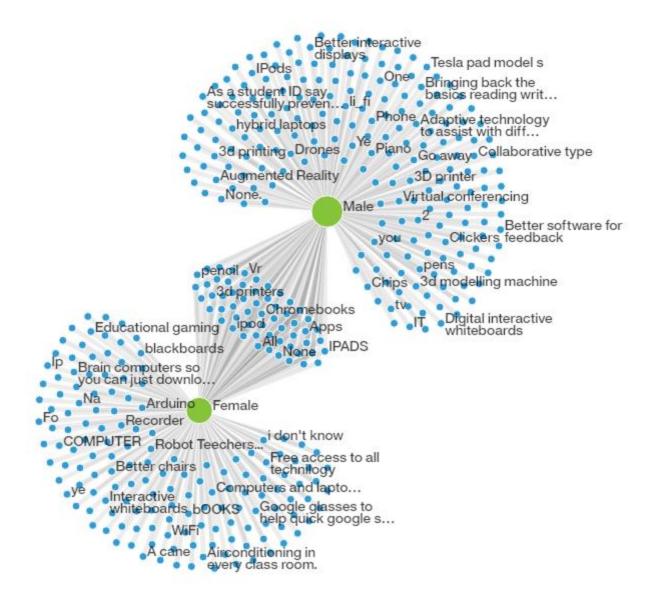
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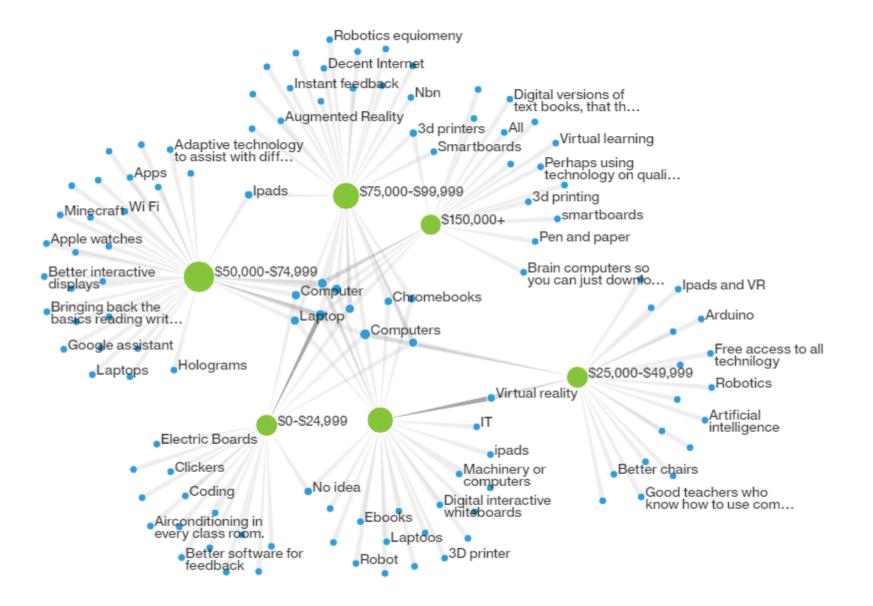
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			35-44	US-NORTHEA	\$150,000+	В	Rural	Female	1.322
			35-44	US-WEST-NV	\$75,000-\$99,9	В	Suburban	Female	1.018
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- Robust analysis.
- Solid output.
- Steep learning curve.
- Slow and memory-hungry interface.
- Not an AI.













ANALYZE

Identify facts and determine what is important and interesting

GENERATE

Automatically generate data-driven narratives to desired specifications

INFORM

Easily share information in a readable format at scale



Algoroo

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

Avg Time On Site

~ 2.5 min

+539% from last month

Pageviews

26K

+111% from last month

Sessions

17K

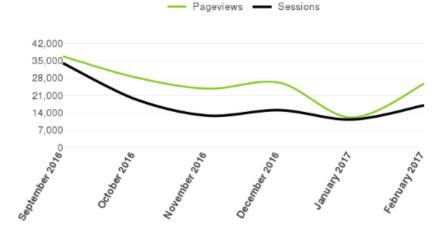
+50% from last month

Sessions Rise From Record Low Number The Month Prior

After hitting a record-low number of <u>sessions</u> for the last 12 months the month of January, sessions rose 50% to 17,193 last month. <u>Referrals</u> and <u>direct traffic</u> both drove the increase in traffic, rising 130% and 22%, respectively.

- Your site seemed to be stickier last month, with users spending slightly more than 2 more minutes than the month prior.
- Last month, your site's total pageviews increased 111% to 25,916. Similarly, your pages per session rose 41% to 1.5, which is close to your average over the last year.
- Out of your most frequently visited pages, the one with the highest bounce rate (93%) and most pageviews (25,347) last month was <u>Algoroo</u>.

Sessions Increase From Prior Month





Traffic Sources

Direct sessions were up to 8,717 from 7,163 last month and accounted for 51% of your site's total traffic. A month ago, direct traffic made up 62% of total sessions. Organic search traffic was up to 3,645 sessions from 2,200 a month before, and accounted for 21% of site traffic overall.

New Referrals

These are the top referrers that started sending you traffic last month for the first time in the most recent 12-month period.

<u>searchengineland.com...</u> and <u>seroundtable.com...</u> were the new referrers that drove the most traffic last month with 680 sessions and 330 sessions, respectively.

Referral	Sessions	Avg Time On Site		
searchengineland.com	680	29 seconds		
seroundtable.com	330	19 seconds		
<u>r10.net</u>	329	21 seconds		
motherboard.vice.com	243	46 seconds		
seroundtable.com	182	28 seconds		

New vs. Returning Users

New sessions rose to 7,282 and were responsible for a larger proportion of total sessions (42%) than the previous month. New users spent about 3.6 fewer minutes on your site than returning users did last month. This could indicate that your new users didn't find the information they needed or came to the site expecting something else.

Traffic By Device

Sessions from mobile, desktop, and tablet users were all up this month. Similar to the month before, the device driving the most traffic was desktop. Desktop traffic declined 32% from last year, though month-over-month your site's desktop sessions were up 46% to 15,090 sessions. At 1,928 sessions, mobile traffic saw a 99% boost month-over-month, though traffic slipped 20% from the year prior. Your site's tablet traffic increased 27% to 175 sessions month-over-month, but compared to a year ago, sessions were down 55%.

Locations

Turkey was the country with the largest number of sessions last month (2,154), rising 84% and knocking the United States out from the top spot. Istanbul was the region that helped drive traffic with a 156% increase to 289 sessions. New York and Greater Poland Voivodeship dropped out of the top ten regions by sessions last month. Each slipped from tenth to 19th and ninth to 16th, respectively.

The website with the gender wage article is an example of a story that is **not ripe for machine automation**. Maybe 20% of that article is actual data-driven content, but the majority is qualitative information not based in data that an analyst has written using outside knowledge things happening in the world

Quill is an enterprise software technology that solves issues of massive scale. A handful of survey results or a couple hundred survey results would not work.

We operate as a managed service and **we would need to work with domain experts and technical resources on your end over the course of 12 weeks in order to configure Quill** for your custom use case. This is time intensive and resource intensive.

"outside, out side, outdoors, out, not in the house, on the street = outside" -Quill is a rule-based technology meaning it would not know to make these associations unless you mapped map every single derivation in the rules.

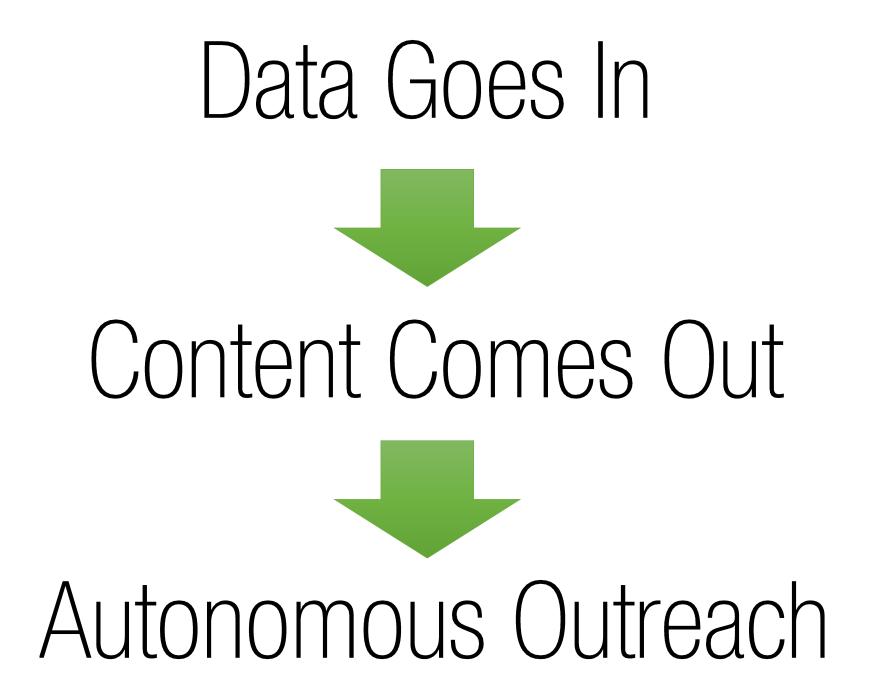
- Amazing.
- True natural language generation.
- Usable output.
- Insight detection.
- Expensive.
- Difficult to set up.
- Only for very large datasets.
- Still not an Al.

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- Email subject and content A/B testing*
- Appointment setting and scheduling.
- Basic correspondence.
- Relatively cheap.
- Useless for outreach.
- Occasionally makes weird mistakes.
- Not an AI.

*phrasee only



Expectation vs Reality

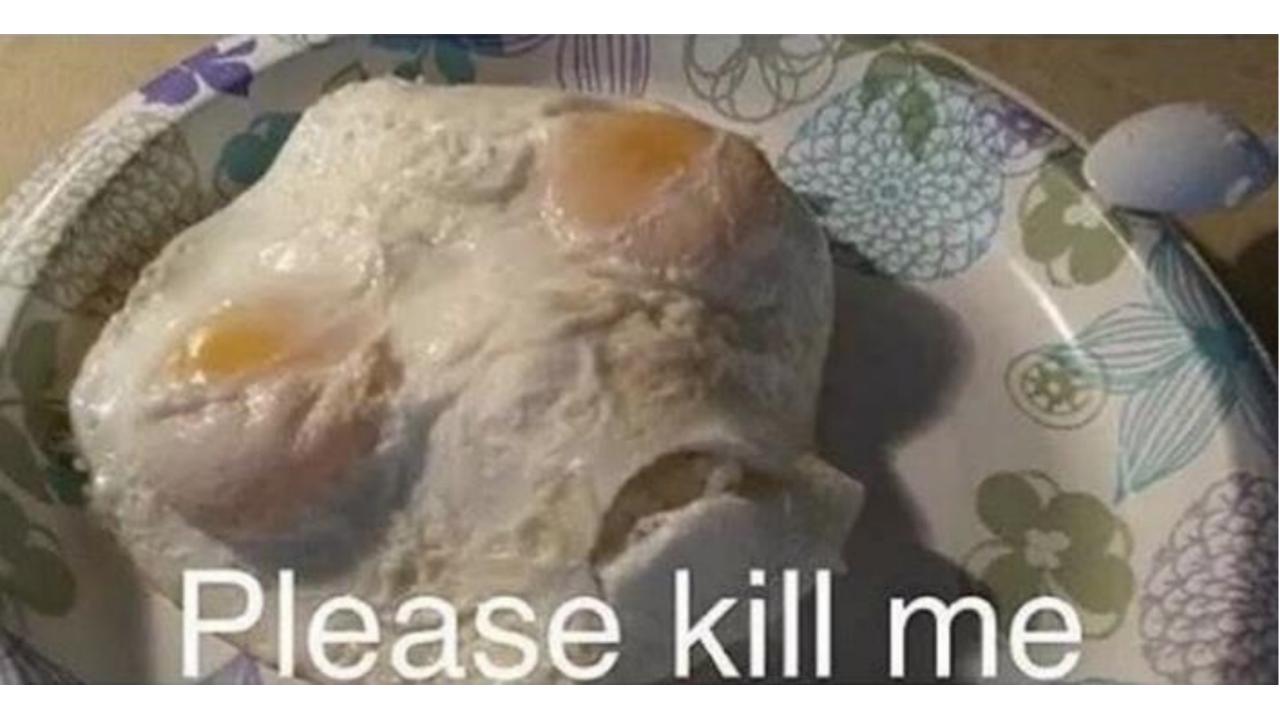


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