



Digital Marketing @ BDC

OACFDC 23rd Annual Conference

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Agenda

- 1. Who we are
- 2. Digital has changed Marketing
- 3. The big picture of Digital Marketing @ BDC
- 4. Digital outreach activities

- 5. Content Marketing & Nurturing
- 6. Conversion
- 7. Analytics

01. Who we are

Canada's development bank.





We help entrepreneurs succeed



Flexible financing

Get a business loan that works for you.

Advisory services

Run a better and more profitable business.

Smart capital

Access specialized financing and investment solutions.

We are where entrepreneurs need us to be



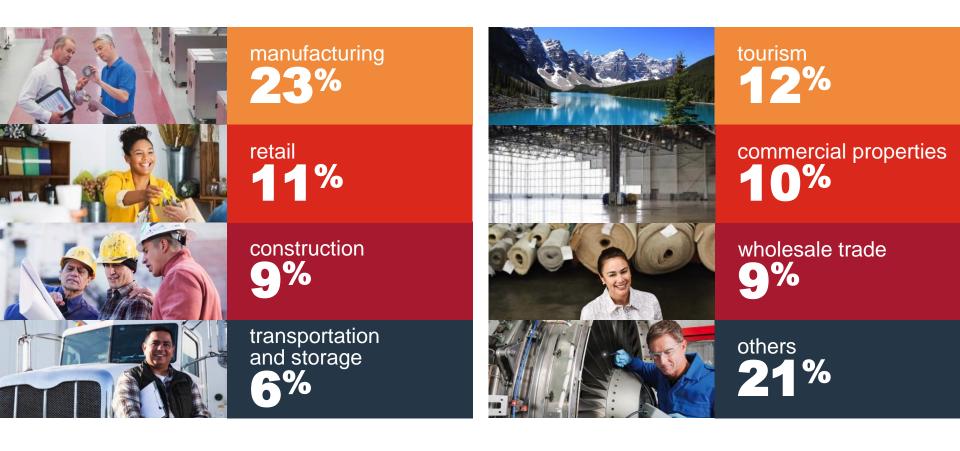
110+ BDC business centres

2,100 BDC employees

BDC Business Centres
BDC Clients

We work with entrepreneurs in all industries

→ A snapshot of our clients' industries (as at 31 March 2016)

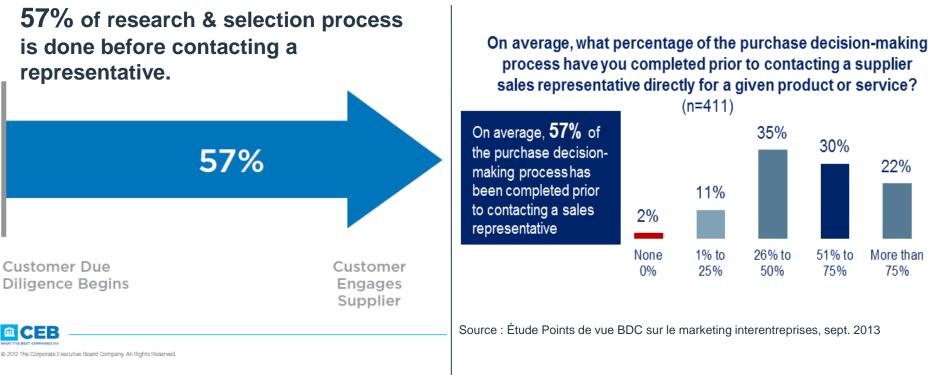


02. Digital has changed Marketing

The entrepreneur's journey starts earlier...



The client's decision process is now less dependent upon the first contact with the provider's representative.

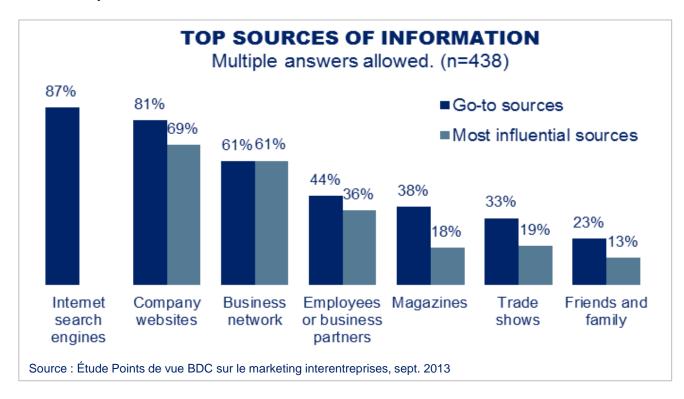


Source : Corporate Executive Board, 2013



Evolution of purchase process: Sources of information

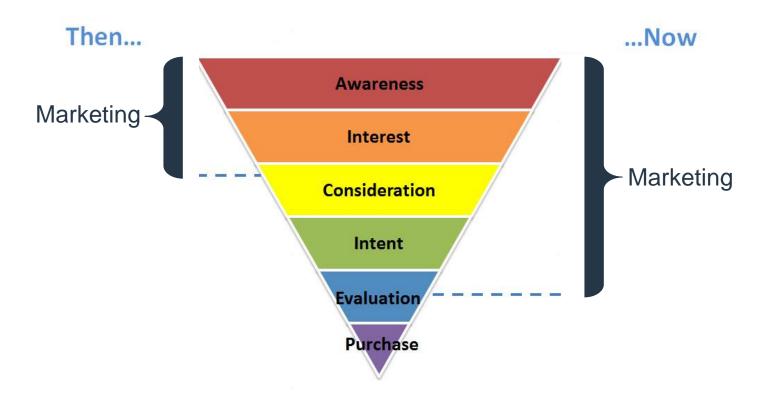
- Most resources used to select a service provider are indirect, without contact with the provider.
- > First impressions provided by website and word of mouth are of the utmost importance.





Marketing & Sales must work more closely

The New Marketing & Sales Funnel



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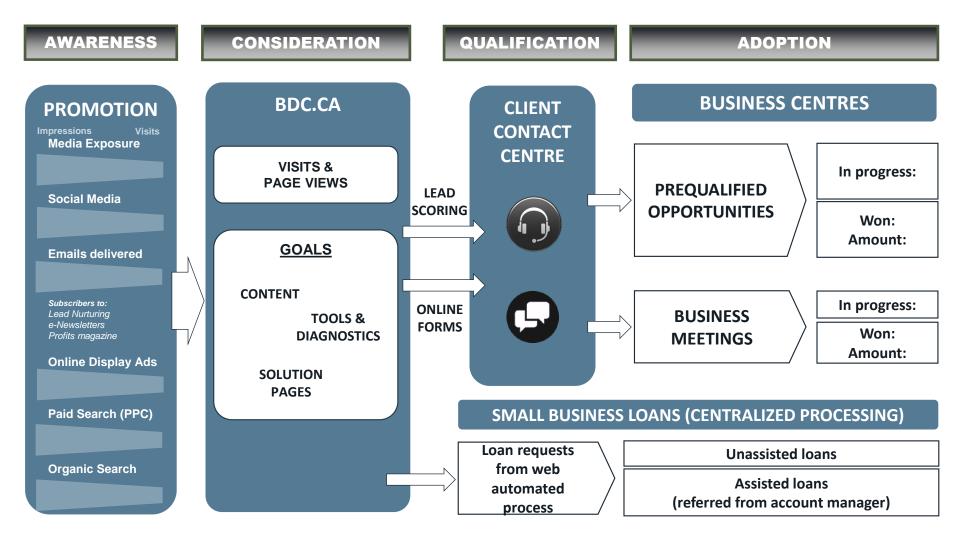
03. The big picture of Digital Marketing @ BDC

Digital channels in the marketing mix



Awareness/ Familiarity	 Public relations TV ads Radio ads Print ads Online videos Social media Web display & takeover ads Content syndication/3rd party websites
Consideration	 Sponsorships Print newsletters Experiential marketing Conferences & Events Search engine marketing eNewsletters/eMail marketing Content marketing Blog
Qualification	 Online self-assessments Webinars Behavioural remarketing Lead & client nurturing Web engagement scoring
Adoption	 Lead routing Online financing requests Small business loan online applications Online consulting requests
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Demand Generation & Lead ***** Management: BDC's digital framework



04. Digital outreach activities

Search engine marketing (SEM) Paid and non-paid search



- → This traffic is the most sought-after, because it comes with a specific intent at a specific time, when the online search is made
- → You need to optimize your web pages by using the terms used by your target market to find what you have to offer
- → If you are local, don't forget to mention your geography (city, town, village, county, etc.) in your pages as well

Local search engine optimization



- → Online local listings (such as the online Yellow Pages) can be updated in real-time through a location management platform used by BDC (subsription-based cloud service)
 - Covers over 30 online directories, including:



- → Optimized all 130+ business centre/office pages, including:

 BEFORE
 AFTER
 - Some local content
 - Online chat feature



St. John's	BDC Business Centre
Our business centre's mission is to f	help create and develop strong businesses in St. Johnis.
	line for a <u>small business loan</u> , or need additional <u>financing</u> for a larger project, ou protect cash flow and help grow your business.
You can also access our network of advice to help you accelerate your o	experienced <u>business consultants</u> in St. Johnis, who can provide you with practic ompany's growth.
	t our articles and tools section, where you can find anything from <u>business article</u> subtor to a free marketing plan or <u>business plan template</u> .
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Email marketing

→ Email publications

- Users subscribed to BDC monthly newsletters
- Open rate which is a metric to follow closely, as well as click-through rate (CTR)

→ Email nurturing

- Non-clients subscribing to our lead nurturing list
- Gather express consents on a continuous basis
- Proposed free content brings visitors back to BDC.ca for progressive profiling form completion



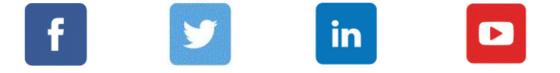






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→ Active daily across 4 platforms:



 Choose networks that are optimal for your B2B social marketing, where your clients and target market are present.

→ Other platforms where BDC is present:



Social media





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us to be

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Referral and display advertising

\rightarrow Referrals

Encourage partners to link to your website. It will increase your ranking in search engines results (Google)

- Accounting for **14%** of visits to BDC.ca

→ Display advertising

- Useful to improve awareness of your organization and understanding of your value proposition
- Less efficient for conversion since it is rarely timed with the intent of the targeted entrepreneur Sponsored 🔅
 - Accounting for **11%** of visits to BDC.ca





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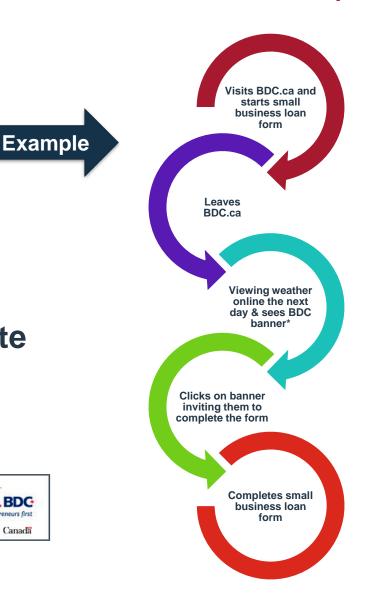
6 strategies for improving your networking skills Strong business relationships can lead to new customers, improved

Behavioral retargeting

- → A portion of BDC online advertising is targeted to entrepreneurs based on their previous visits.
- → In F2016 we got many online financing and consulting mandate requests from users that didn't convert on their first visit



Example of a banner ad





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BDC Blog

→ Blog posts:

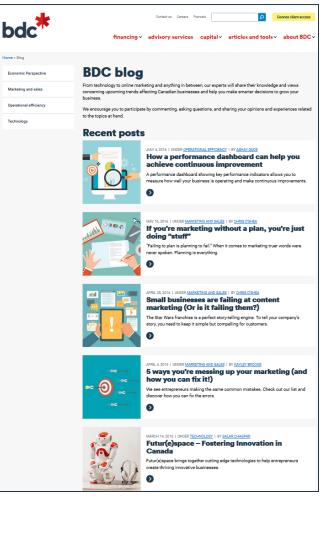
- From BDC bloggers showing their expertise and thought leadership
- Average post length of 600-800 words
- Covering 4 categories so far
 - Economic Perspective
 - Marketing & sales

- Operational Efficiency
- Technology

→ Visits up 51%, year over year (YoY)

- Promoted through:
 - Social media
 - Native ads
 - BDC.ca
 - InBusines\$

- BDC Zone
- BDC Weekly
- Bloggers' social media networks





05. Content Marketing & Nurturing

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BDC's free content for entrepreneurs

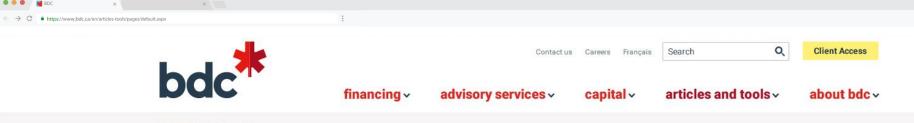
600+ article and tools

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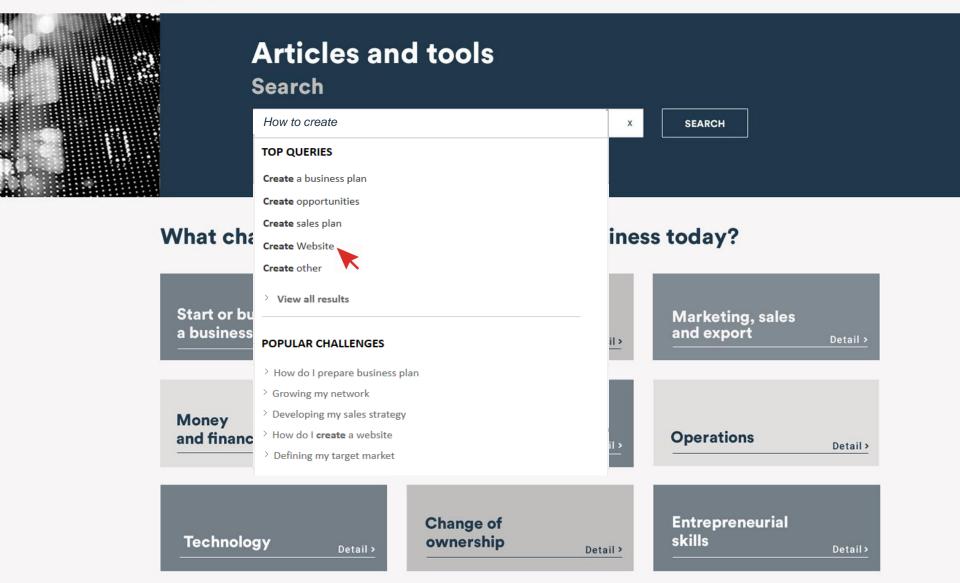
Upcoming improvements:

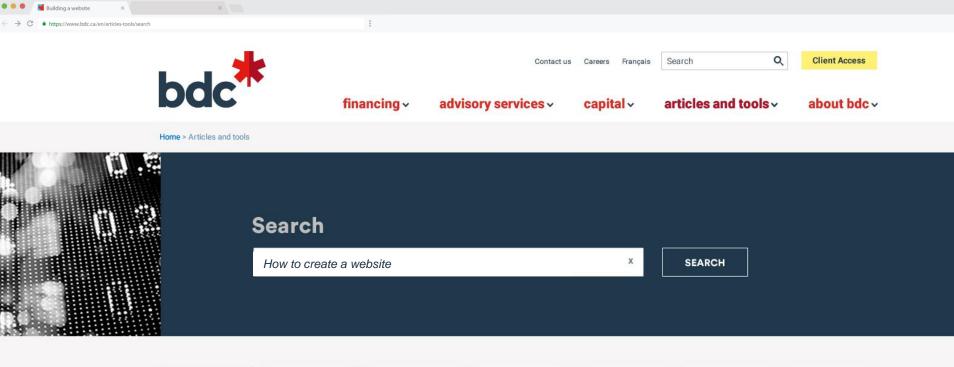
- Additional articles
- Key term definitions
- More rich media
 - Videos
 - Infographics
 - eLearning modules
- Additional tools
- Additional selfassessments
- Better search engine





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1. Building your website | ARTICLES



Should y a create your company's website or hire a web developer or agency to do the job for you? With the proliferation of inexpensive DIY platforms such as WordPress, Squarespace and Shopify creating your own website has never been easier, even for a company with no IT staff.

2. How to improve your business's website | ARTICLES



In today's business world, your **website** is like your storefront. It's one of the main ways customers are finding you and forming an impression about you.A properly designed site is especially important if your business is growing and you are trying to improve your profile.

3. Top 10 questions for a website developer | ARTICLES



Entrepreneurs often make the mistake of hiring a website developer before they've done their homework. That's the consensus of entrepreneur Stephen lause and enseultant legities Calley web

4. How to leverage the marketing power of the Internet | VIDEOS



In this special webinar, web marketing expert Ravi Dindayal will explain why it's better for small and medium-sized businesses to focus on financing v advisory services capital v articles and tools v about BDC v

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Entrepreneurial skills

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Search articles and tools



Building your website: Do it yourself or hire a pro?



Should you create your company's website or hire a web developer or agency to do the job for you?

With the proliferation of inexpensive DIY platforms such as WordPress, Squarespace and Shopify creating your own website has never been easier, even for a company with no IT staff.

On the other hand, a developer or agency can bring you a lot of added value. For example, professionals can make sure your site is easy for visitors to use and is optimized to rank higher in search engine results.

"Both approaches have pluses and minuses. The choice comes down to how much time and money you have," says BDC Business Consultant Martin Wiedenhoff, who advises entrepreneurs on **online marketing** (def.).

Wiedenhoff offered these pros and cons of each option.

DIY website

Pros – <u>DIY platforms</u> are much less costly than hiring a professional to create your site. Using them is also fairly simple thanks to user friendly software, how-to guides, discussion forums and tutorials. They can be upgraded as you expand. And you don't need to deal with a call for bids to find a professional to design your site.

Cons—Building a good-quality DIY site takes much more time than if a web developer does it for you. You have to research which platform to use and learn how it works. Then, you have to add content, update it regularly and optimize the site to rank higher in search results.

You also risk hurting your brand if your site doesn't end up looking professional or isn't easy to use. While you don't need programming skills, you should be comfortable with computers and the Internet.

A DIY site also won't work as well if you have many products or complex requirements, such as the need to integrate your site with other business systems such as accounting and inventory management.

Related topics

 How to find the best Internet address for your business



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Online marketing (also called Internet marketing or web marketing) is marketing and advertising on the Internet aimed at building awareness about a company's products, services or brand, drive traffic to its website and increase sales.

Companies use many different online marketing strategies, including the following:

- Pay-per-click (PPC) (def.)—Paying to have ads appear on search engines like Google when users search on keywords
 related to a company's products or services.
- · Banner advertising-Paying to place ads on other organizations' websites.
- Search engine optimization (SEO) (def.)—Making sure the company website uses keywords and other techniques to
 rank highly in search engine results.
- Content marketing (def.)—Publishing online content (e.g., blogs and social media posts) on topics of interest to customers.
- Email marketing-Emailing promotional business information or offers to prospective or existing customers.
- Social media marketing (def.)—Posting content and advertising on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter
 or LinkedIn to become better known and promote products or services.

More about online marketing

All online marketing has a cost, but some forms have a more direct cost than others—e.g., pay-per-click versus SEO. However, even SEO costs a company time and effort, which should be considered marketing expenses.

For more information on online marketing, read BDC's online marketing eBook.

Find more in our Glossary



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Glossary

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Accelerated payment

When the borrower requests to reduce his loan amortization period by increasing the amount or frequency of payments so the loan is paid off earlier. ()

Accounting Standards

A set of accounting standards applicable to Canadian private enterprises. ()

Accounts payable

Money owed by a company to its suppliers or other parties for services or goods. It is a current liability on the balance sheet. ③

Accounts receivable

Money owed to a company by its customers for services or goods that have been delivered. It is a current asset on the balance sheet. (2)

Amortization period

Total length of time that it takes to pay a debt in full. Under accounting principles, the amortization period usually refers to the useful economic life of an intangible asset.

See also depreciation and depreciation expense. (>)

Angel investor

A wealthy individual who invests in companies typically in the early stages of development. ()

Asset

Any tangible (e.g. inventory, machinery, building, etc.) or intangible (e.g. intellectual property, goodwill, etc.) resource that is owned by a person, group of persons or business and is perceived by others to have value. (2)

Webinars

iPhone application

Development of 25 content hubs on topics related to entrepreneurs' challenges



In today's global marketplace, exporting and other international trade opportunities are important success factors for a growing number of companies. But entrepreneurs are often intimidated by the prospect of doing international business. After all, exporting brings a whole new set of challences.

Ensuring that you carefully go through each step is the best way for your business to succeed on its journey to international expansion.

Am I ready to export?

There are plenty of opportunities for your business to grow beyond the borders of Canada; the rewards can be great, but exporting is not without risks.

- How to get ready to expand abroad
- Tapping international markets makes good business sense—but plan first
- Secrets for winning in international markets
 4 reasons to go international
- Here's how to improve your odds abroad
- No nonsense tips for exporting your services
 Global business: Why you need to look beyond Canada and exoand internationally
- Canada and expand internationally
- How to develop my export plan?
- How to identify a target market?
- How to do business with large companies?
- How to develop my marketing strategy?
- How to enter a target market?
- + How to deliver my goods?
- + How to finance my exports?

BDC's solutions to help you succeed in foreign markets

Financing

BDC Xpansion Loan Realize projects that are key to your growth and success, without putting your cash flow at risk. Learn more

- Looking for something different? Discover our other financing solutions
- Consulting
- Get an assessment of your company's international growth potential
- Discover your most promising markets for international expansion
- Obtain a market entry strategy to help you break into foreign markets successfully







- Infographic: International expansion 4 reasons to go international
- Template: Business plan
 - Free eBook: Boost your sales with online marketing

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Peak operational efficiency occurs when the right combination of people, processes and technology come together to optimize your business performance. Whether you're in manufacturing or a service business, your goal should be to eliminate waste and maximize value creation. The result will be a company that's more productive, competitive and profitable.

SUBMIT

Learn how to tackle your operational efficiency challenges by checking out our content under the subject headings below.

How do I assess my efficiency?

To implement a continuous improvement approach, your first step should be to assess your ourrent situation and that of your competitors'.

High-impact ways to boost efficiency in your business

- How a focus on operational efficiency helped Durabuilt grow from 12 employees to 450
- How to use lean manufacturing to improve your profits
- How do I reduce my costs?
- How do I plan production/processes?
- How do I increase my output?

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You can withdraw your consent at any time

BDC's solutions to help you improve your operational efficiency

Financing

- Purchase equipment over 12 months with Equipment line
- Protect your cash flow with a working capital loan
- Consulting
- Maximize your operational efficiency
- Obtain business coaching to grow your company
- Improve your financial planning to stay profitable
- Strengthen human resources practices to improve employee performance





Free eBook: Buying an ERP system

Also available:

- Free eBook: Profiting from technology
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- Video: Planning your growth
 5 ways to achieve sustained growth

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Ongoing addition of new tools for entrepreneurs

Total Interest:

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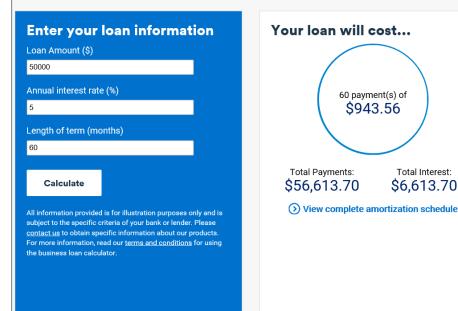
- → Business loan calculator
- → Marketing plan template

Business loan calculator

Calculate how much a business loan will cost your business

Using everyday cash for projects that aren't every day is a common mistake entrepreneurs make. This can put a lot of stress on your cash flow, especially if your business hits an unexpected bump. A better strategy is to use a business loan for your growth projects.

Our business loan calculator will help you to calculate your monthly payments and the interest cost for financing your project. Additionally, you will have the option to view and print a complete loan amortization schedule



MARKETING PLAN

A marketing plan is your road map for finding and keeping customers. By planning your marketing step by step, you give your company the best chance of success in today's competitive marketplace. From establishing a strong brand to understanding your ideal customer to creating a compelling buying experience, the time you put into planning now will pay off many times over in the months and years to come

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Nurture & support entrepreneurs through emails with useful content



General track (non-clients)

 Brings visitors back to BDC.CA every month for progressive profile completion

Export track (non-clients)

 Sends targeted content to exportinterested visitors

International growth







Hi Mario,

Growing your business in the U.S. or some other international market can be a great move, but it also entails higher financial risk.

It's important to take extra precautions to protect your investment and prevent issues such as payment problems or insufficient working capital from arising.

Here's a look at the various options and credit practices in export financing you should be aware of.

Read article

If you feel the need for additional financial support along the way, you may want to check out <u>BDC's Xpansion loan</u>, which is designed to help Canadian businesses realize growth projects.

To your success,

The BDC Team

Web profiling and engagement scoring



- → Forms on BDC.ca are designed to help complete a user's profile, with different questions appearing progressively at each download
- → Scoring engine continuously evaluates BDC.ca visitors on many data points, covering company info & digital behaviour:

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test@bdc.ca Do your foresee marketing and sales to be a challenge in the next 12 months? Please select Ŧ Do you have a plan to develop foreign markets in the next 12 months? Please select Ŧ Is employee training and development a challenge for your company? • Please select Terms of use Online privacy policy Get your free ebook

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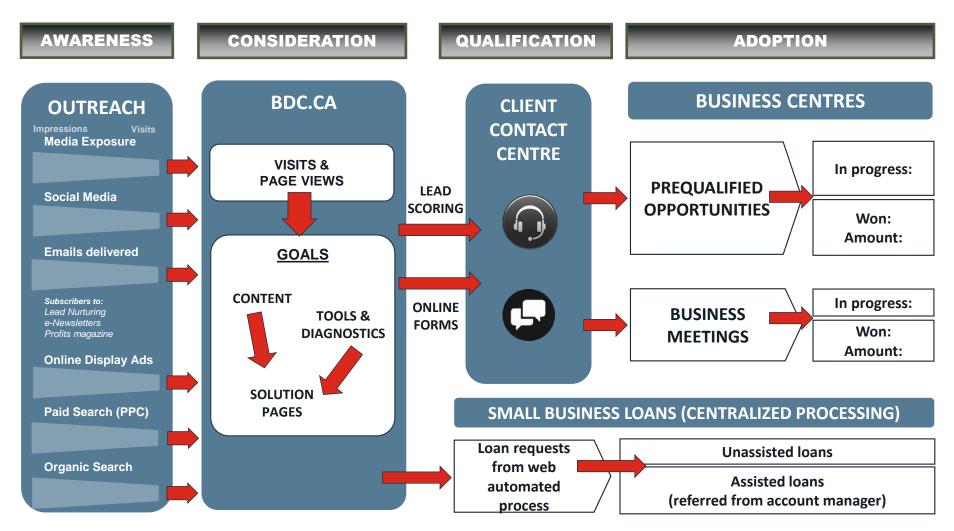
- Progressive Profiling
 Online Forms
- Sync with CRM

Digital Behaviour

- Articles & Tools
- Email activity
- Downloads

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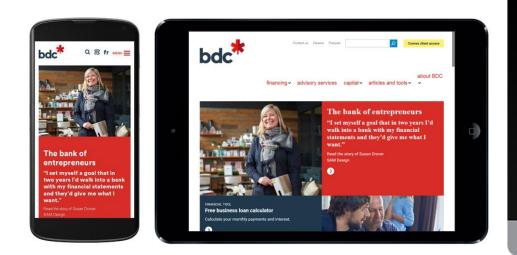
Converting from stage to stage in the journey

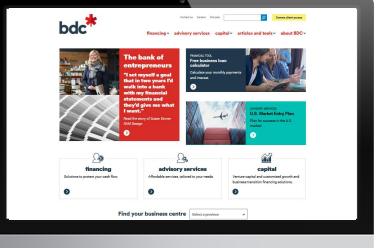


Mobile experience



→ BDC.ca is responsive no matter what device a user may be on; a smartphone or tablet; iOS or Android





→ During F2016, 28% of website traffic came from a mobile or tablet device

Continuous on-page optimization

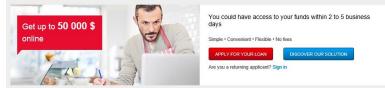
- → New article & solution page templates optimized to support the entrepreneur's journey
- → 70+ financing and consulting pages & forms optimized



Get your project underway with the right financing option

Whether you're looking to expand production, purchase new equipment or access financing for a special project, we can help you move forward with the right business loan.

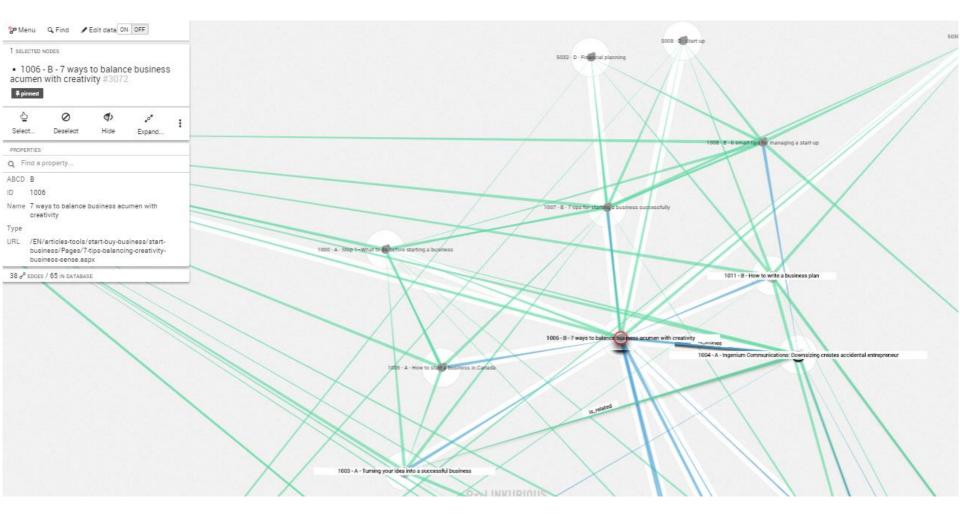
BDC Small Business Loan



Business loans



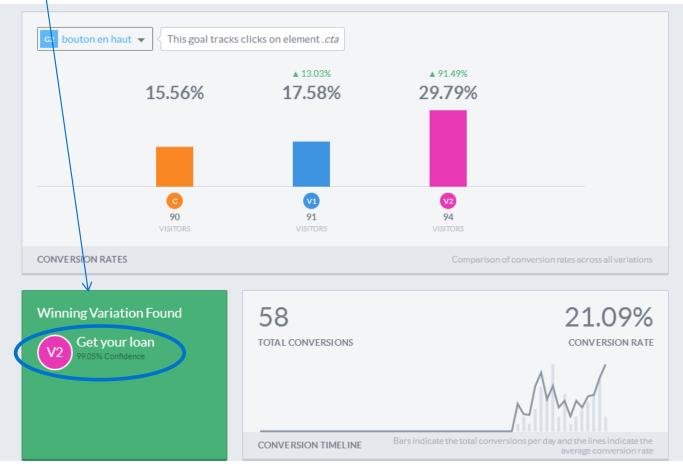
From designing a page to designing a visit: 10 000 links created between pages



Testing optimal designs: A/B testing campaigns



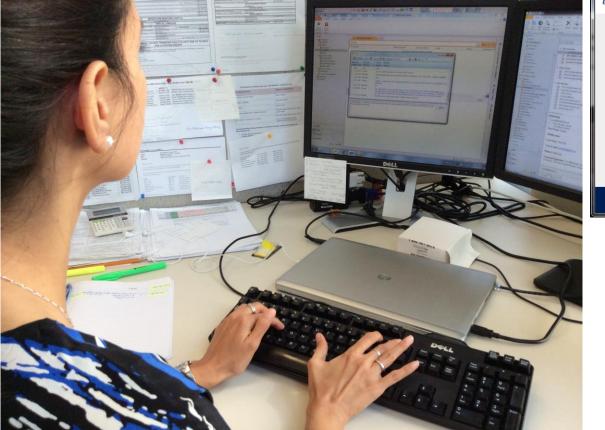
→ Example of a test result on 3 variations on call to action "Apply for a loan"

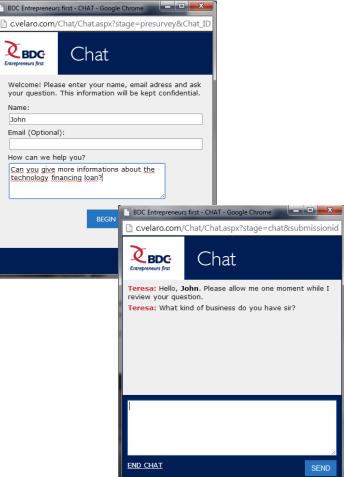




Live chat operated by Contact Client Center

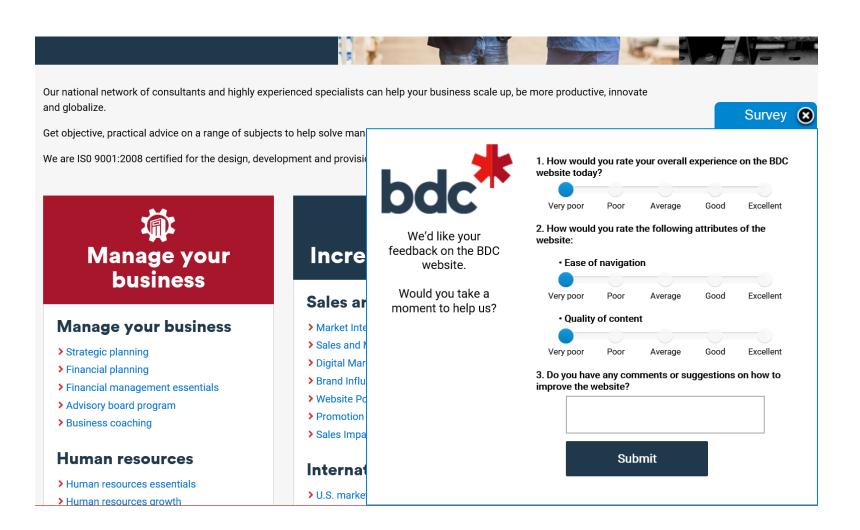








Survey to get qualitative data from entrepreneur experience



07. Analytics

Web analytics tracking



→ Why measuring?

- What is not measured cannot be improved
- Without measurement, you don't know if you got it right or if you are throwing money by the window

→ How do you measure?

- Start by using Google Analytics. It is free and easy to use for its basic features. And it can even get pretty sophisticated if you need it.
- If you can input data in your CRM coming from the web, can be useful as well.

→ How does BDC track all this info?

- Data from different sources (Analytics, Marketing Automation, CRM) is consolidated in a data repository
- Analytics dashboards covering channels, lines of business & products are generated and analyzed on a regular basis

Deployment of a cloud-based tag management solution



- → Enable better agility to deploy data tags on web pages
- → Improve ability to track analytics data
- → Facilitate orchestration of web components coming from many sources, into a coherent experience:
 - Online chat (3rd-party cloud-based tool)
 - Consulting request (Marketing Automation tool, cloud-based)
 - Videos (embedded cloud-based Youtube)
 - Online loan request (custom-build form, server-based)
 - Optional feedback survey (3rd-party cloud-based tool)
 - Newsletter subscription form (Marketing Automation tool, cloud-based)
 - Interactive benchmarking tools (custom-build form, server-based)
 - Etc.





Thank you



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