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The Big Picture – Start with One
How to Turn a Domain Name Into a Business

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Background: Brett Napoli

• Founder/CEO of **Ambition Insight**, a Fort Lauderdale Florida based WordPress Development, Consulting and Media Company Founded in 2007
• Developing Websites & Online Brands for **13 years**
• Built **600+** WP sites, worked on **1000+**
• Developed social media following of **120K+ people**
• First WP blog once reached **987,000 PV** in 24 hrs
• Served over **Half a Billion** Ad Impressions Since 2012
• Dance Music Publication, **thatDROP.com**
  – Avg. **500K** Uniques & **1.2 Million** Pageviews per month
  – Avg. Social Reach of **1.5M** people per month
“We must learn what customers really want, not what they say they want or what we think they should want.”

–Eric Ries, author of The Lean Startup
“Be undeniably good. No marketing effort or social media buzzword can be a substitute for that.”

– Anthony Volodkin, Founder of Hype Machine
The Problems

• Too Many Domains
• Domains Not Generating Revenue
• Can’t Sell or Don’t Want to Sell
• Want to Maximize Value
• Looking for additional/improved income stream(s)
The Solutions

• Drop the lowest value names
  – Wasting time/money
  – Reinvest into development

• Drop it even if it may be worth something, may not be worth time it takes to sell

• Difficult to create a passive income stream

• Develop
  – Be prepared to work
  – Be prepared to invest
  – Be prepared to wait
Step 1: Narrow Domain List

- Start with complete list of domains
- Eliminate all but .com’s and extremely valuable, category killing generics in legacy, short gTLD or Country Code Extensions (coffee.club, hotels.club, carinsurance.net, florida.law)
- Identify creative, simple, brandable names
  - SandysCandies.com, InsuranceFinder.com
- Pick a niche where you have an advantage
- Pick a workflow you can be passionate about
- Pick something in an area you love
Primary Web Business Types

- **Lead Generation** – Sell Leads
- **Publishing** – Sell Advertising
- **eCommerce** – Sell Your Products
- **Affiliate** – Help Other People Sell Their Products
- **White-Label/Dropship** – Sell Other People’s Products
- **Memberships/Clubs** – Sell Access to Products
- **Directory** – Sell Listings
- **Self-Promotion** – Benefit Existing Businesses or Creates a Business You Service Yourself
- **Create Technology**

*usually doesn’t start with turning a domain name into a business*
Step 2: Self Awareness

• Identify what you can produce
  – Products, Content, People to Buy Leads

• Identify what type of business you want to run
  – How do you want to spend your time?
  – Who will you sell to?

• Pick Broad Mass Appeal or Very Niche
  – Car Insurance vs. Miami Plastic Surgeons

• How Much Are You Willing to Invest?
  – Time / Money

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Step 3: Break Down the Domain

- **Identify Top 10 Domains Best Suited for that business**
  - Put yourself in the eyes of the consumer
  - What matters? What creates value?

- **Example: Local Business uses city/area in domain name**
  - MiamiAttorneys.com vs. FloridaGyms.com
  - Both Lead-Gen or Directory, Not Publishing, eCom, Self Promo

- **Type of Business in the name**
  - MiamiPhotographer.com, GoldWatches.com

- **Exact match phrases or generics**
- **Generic Words, Brandables**
- **Reduce Friction Points**
  - Pick what is easy, simple & memorable

- **Beware of Domain Limiting**
Step 4: Avoid “Domain Limiting”

- When a Domain Name Limits the Product/Services the Brand Can Sell (*in the eyes of the consumer*)
- Avoid developing “limiting” domains considering your business type:
  - WisconsinJetSkis.com
  - MiamiSnowTires.com
  - MensAthleticShoes.com
  - MiamiPatentAttorneys.com
  - Refrigerators.com, Coolers.com
- Build a brand with storytelling, marketing & creating value
  - Brand, Domain Name or Logo still won't do the work entirely.
- Domain names aren't meaningful until a story or demonstration of value is associated with it.
- **Best Product Wins.**
Step 5: Search for Gems

• Use Google AdWords: Keyword Planner
• Entire Your Entire Domain/Keyword List
• Looking for at least:
  – 1-10K search volume
  – $1-2+ CPC
• Consider adding high search volume and high CPC to Top 10
### Average monthly searches for all ideas.

**10M – 100M**

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Step 6: Research

• Google the phrase & related phrases
• Check plural, singular
• Add Words: Buy, Shop, New, Cheap, Best, Luxury, Free, Find, Reviews
• Identify Highest Value Strategies that Match Your Ideal Business Setup
Step 7: Check for Advertisers

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Ad www.amazon.co.uk/meyer+circulon+infinite
Wide Selection on Meyer Circulon Infinite Free UK Delivery on Eligible Orders
Deals & Offers
Kitchen Appliances
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Step 8: Identify Three Valuable Keywords & Key Phrases

- These will be the complete summary of your business’ primary revenue streams
- Consider Revenue Potential of Keywords
- Remember relevancy to business-type
- Use Google Keyword Planner
- Pick phrases of 2 or 3 keywords only
Step 9: Evaluate Business Model

• **The Idea** *(Solve Problems, Reduce Costs, Create Value)*
• **Primary Focus** → *Target Objectives/Revenue Centers*
• **Identify the Market** → *How/Why Are Others Making Money*
• **Differentiation from Competition**
• **Competitors** → *Where Successful / Where to Improve*
• **Future / Potential**
• **Timeline** → *Total Investment over 24 Months*
“Stop worrying about coming up with the perfect name. Yes, a good name carries some marketing power, but at the end of the day if the product sucks, the name means nothing. If you have a clever name, people might stop and notice. If you don’t, they really won’t care. They’re going to assign it meaning based on the experience they have with your brand. So please, stop worrying about your name and start worrying about your product.”

- Gary Vaynerchuk
Step 10: Pick One Name

1. Build Website
2. Optimize Website
3. Setup Revenue Stream
4. Establish Social Media Traffic Source
5. Create Content
6. Generate & Analyze Traffic
7. Optimize Revenue Stream(s)
Step 11: Build a Website

• Build Your Website in WordPress
• WordPress works for likely all Primary Online Business Types but eCommerce over 100 products
• Popular, Simple, Scalable, Flexible, Open Source, Supported
• Focus on reiterating your 3 primary keywords in sections/pages
Build a Non-WordPress Website

DIY Website Builders
• Squarespace.com
• Wix.com
• Weebly.com
• GoDaddy.com
• Web.com

Other Non-WordPress CMS
• Joomla
• Drupal

Storefronts
• Shopify.com
• Bigcommerce.com
• Magento

Tickets / Events
• Eventbrite.com
• Meetup.com

Sell Products
• PayPal.com
Step 12: Create a Brand

**Consistency**
Font, Colors, Look & Feel, Theme/Vibe, Ethos, Core Message
Across all Platforms / Always Targeting Your Market Sector

**Context**
Why should I care? What's in it for me? Easy to understand?
Quickly establish niche – Who are you selling to?

**Authenticity**
Be an expert. Storytelling establishes trust, appeals to the emotions & values
Heart → Brain → Wallet

**Perceived Value**
Does it appeal to the consumer’s motives? Best, Cheapest, Fastest
Know the Consumer, What They’re Looking For, What Provides Value

**Practical Value**
Business’ Core Purpose: Entertainment or Utility
Does it create Real, Immediate, Quantifiable Value

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Step 13: Create a Social Presence

- You don’t have to be everywhere
  - Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, Twitter
- Schedule Facebook Posts
- Post photos and memes, quotes, long-form text
- Your Original Videos
- Produce Raw/Authentic Original Content
- Repost Content
- Know Time of Day
- Hire Somebody
- Focus on **Quality** Attention
Step 14: Create Video Content

- Livestream (Facebook, Periscope, YouTube, Twitch)
- You Talking (vlog)
- Document What’s Happening
- Slideshows of Photos/Text/Voice/Music
- Turn Existing Content into Videos
- Guest Livestreams, Interviews
Video Guidelines

1. Show Yourself or People, Faces
2. Showcase the Product
3. Be Authentic
4. Have Integrity
5. Don’t Always Be Selling
6. Provide Value
7. Be Consistent
8. Quality of Context Most Important
Step 15: Market for the Year You’re In

• Marketing Today/Future Fueled by Content Marketing & Trust Building
• Focusing on Where Attention Is & Providing Value to Target Consumer
• **Traffic** Driven by Original Content & Social Media
• Search Traffic Driven By Optimizing/Distributing Original Content
• Traffic = Attention. Commerce happens where the attention is.
• Don’t Be Romantic About Yesterday’s Marketing
Will you adapt to what’s next?

Who has Facebook?
Step 16: Go Live

1. Open Facebook App
2. Click top of feed where it says “What’s on your mind”
3. Click “Go Live”
4. Type “This is crazy”
5. Click the Blue “Go Live” Button
10 Key Takeaways

• Market Where The Attention Is
• Pick One Domain and Build a **Real Business**
• Know Your Strengths, Develop Where You Can **Win**
• Forget the “Perfect Name” – **Execution is Everything**
• Avoid “Domain Limiting” – Opportunity to Pivot
• Make Social Media Work For You
• Focus on **Creating Value**
• Branding: Consistency, Context, Authenticity, Value
• Know Your Target Customer: Figure Out What They **Want**
• Do Something You **Love**.
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