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TODAY

1 We will see what a brand is (and what isn't)

We will hear about the origin of the practice of branding

I will share with you my recipe to create and build a brand

4 And some tools, tips & best practices to tend to your brand

We will put all this in practice and create a branding strategy for 6 "pretend" clients

Sounds good? Let's go!



ceci n'est pas une brand



BRAND ≠ LOGO

Just do it

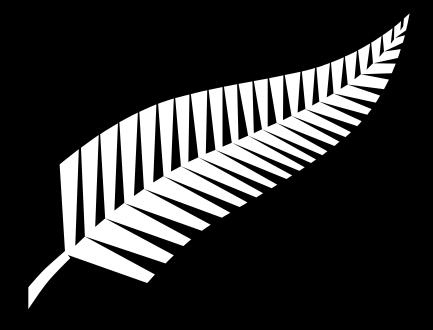








Another example







A logo is the REPRESENTATION of a set of intangible values that set a company/product/entity apart from the rest.



To borrow from Ann Handley and Ze Frank "The brand is the 'emotional aftertaste' that comes after an experience with a product, service, company, person or entity"

Think of a logo as the 2-dimentional icon of a multidimensional experience (the brand)













































































Cheerios



























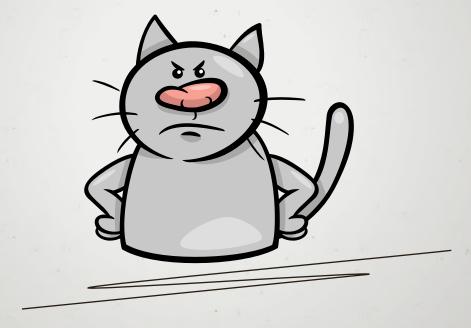


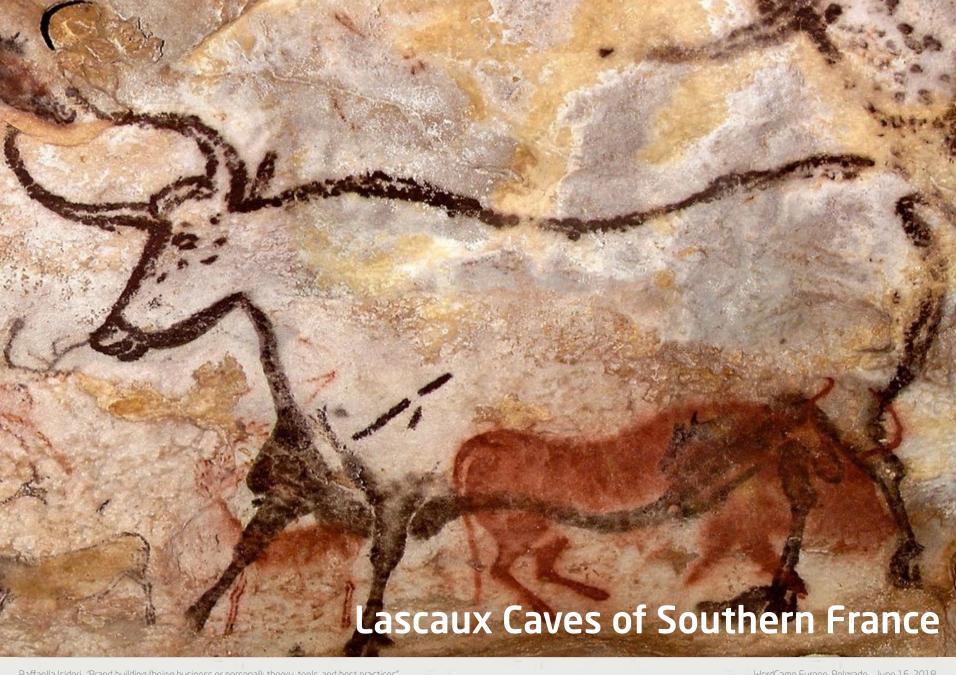


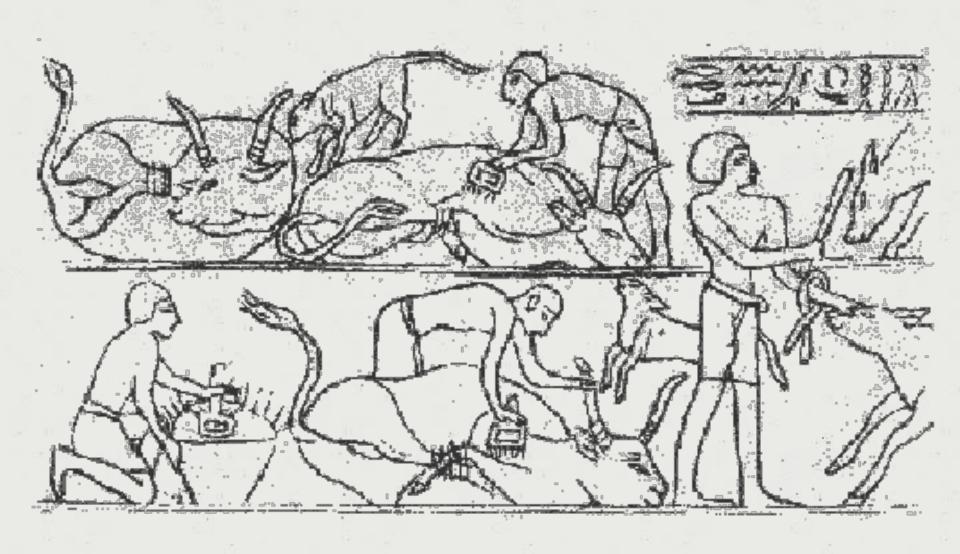
A BRANDING HISTORY PRIMER

1-OWNERSHIP Since 50.000 B.C. (±)

Yo! That's mine!







Ancient Egypt - 2700 BC ±

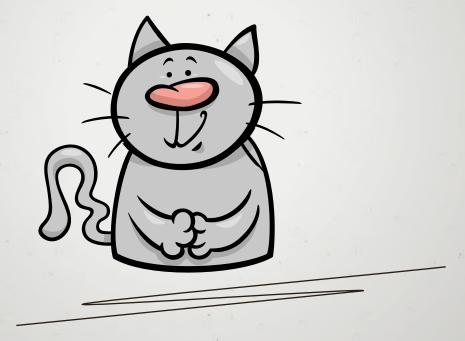


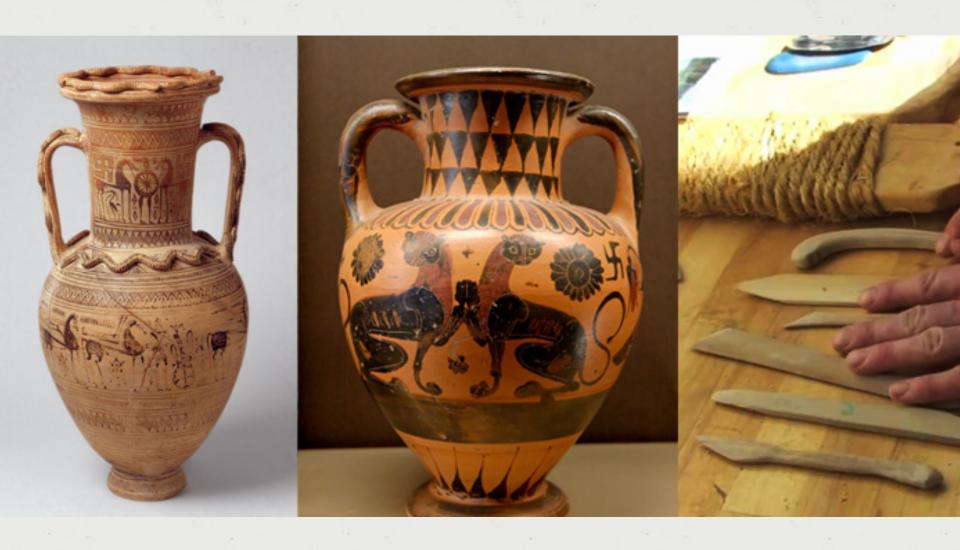


"brandr" Old Norse for "to burn"

2-ORIGIN & QUALITY Since 2/3.000 B.C. (±)

I made that!

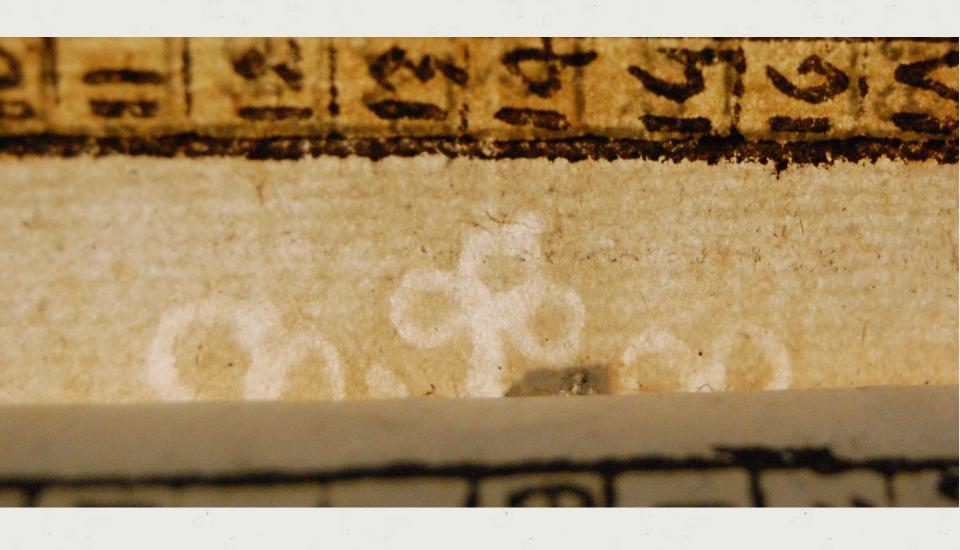


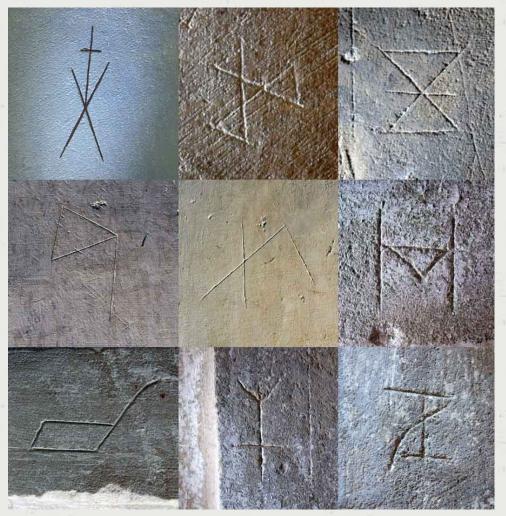


Mesopotamia, Greece, India, etc. 2/3000 BC



Roman Empire 100 BC/200 AD







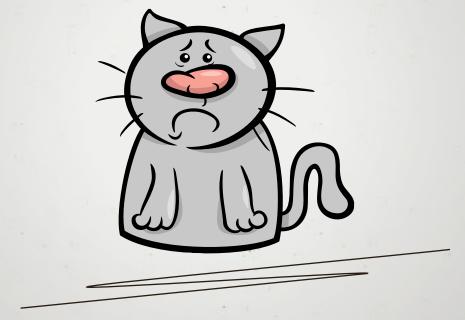




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3-IDENTIFICATION Since Mid 1800s (±)

Which is mine, now?





Campbell's 1897

Coca Cola 1899

Nivea 1925







1875: Trade Marks Registration Act

This changed everything: a brand could now be owned, becoming a company asset

4-DIFFERENTIATION Since Late 1800s (±)

Mine's better!



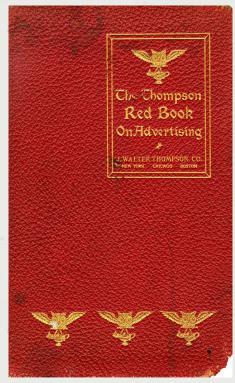
The rising of Advertising

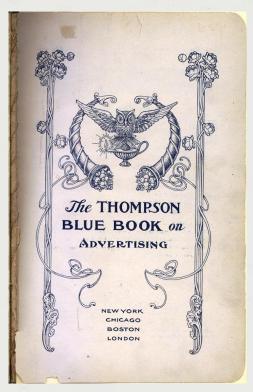


James Walter Thompson

J. Walter Thompson's was the first Advertising Agency to establish a creative department to design content for clients







1920s-1940s: Print & Radio Advertising



to 64, Mary, and we'll have 'em right away."

You never imagined that radio oided be so sure—so simple to use, but think! Once you've tuned in a station with WorkRife Super Neutrodyne Receivers, you can turn to it instantly, at any time, simply by referring to your "log." Select what you want to hear from the daily programs—and know in advance that WorkRife will get it for you—clear as I bell, with no tone the WorkRife will get it for you will be to the work of the wo

Already Tremendously Successful

THE WORKRITE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Please send me FREE a copy of the Rocogravure booklet which describes WorkRite.



PHOTOPLAY MAGAZINE-ADVERTISING SECTION

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BREENTLY overheard one of my friends say to another: "You, for one, meed no rouge, my dear. What lovely meed no rouge, my dear. What lovely he had not been a sound of the same and the sam Pink Skint: This is the youthful skin, most often found in blondes or set-haired women, and should use the Oriental tint. White Skin: If you have this rare type of skin, use the Light tone of Bloom. Special Note: An unusual coloring of hair and eyes sometimes demands a different selection of Bloom-tone from those above. If in doubt, write a description of your skin, hair and eyes to me for special

SHADE CHART for selecting your correct tone of Pompeian Bloom

Pompeian Bloom, 60c (slightly higher Medium Skin: The average American woman has the medium skin-tone—pleasantly warm in tone, with a faint sugges-

30 applications of Bloom

for only 10c JSNT Mme. Jeannette right in stressing the importance of matching your skin-tone? We urge you to act on her advice—let your own eyes convince you how charming and naturalia napearance Fompeian Bloom will nake your checks. To make this trial easy and convenient for you, we make this unusual offer:

Send us 10c and the coupon. We will send you trial cake of Pompeian Bloom containing enough

rouge for 30 applications in a dainty little con tainer, not too big to be carried in your purse and in addition a liberal sample of Pompeias

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

Kodak Anastigmat f.7.7



No. 29 Autographic KODAK, Jr.

> A superior camera equipped with a superior lens.

> > \$25.00

We make the Kodak Anastigmats in our own lens factory from our own formulae. The near who deeps the camera and the near who design the lens work hand in hand. Obviously, then, the lens expert does not have the generality "camera" in mind but rather a specific model, of known capabilities, in a specific size and with a specific thutter. The camera maker and the lens maker are aiming-not at a common target-bot at a common bull's-eye.

The Kodak Anastigmats are at least the equal of the best anastigmats made anywhere in the whole world. They lack nothing in speed, the negatives they produce have that crisp, clean sharpness to the very contrest that is characteristic of the true anastigmat.

The particular lens used on the 25 Autographic Kodak Junior is made specifically for that camera. It has a little more speed than the best of Rectilinear lenses; in the other anastigmat characteristics-sharpness and covering power-it has no superior.

The No. 25 Kodak is for pictures 25 x 45 inches, nearly post-card size. It has the Kodak Ball Bearing shutter, and, like all Kodaks, it has the autographic feature for dating and titling the film at the time of exposure.

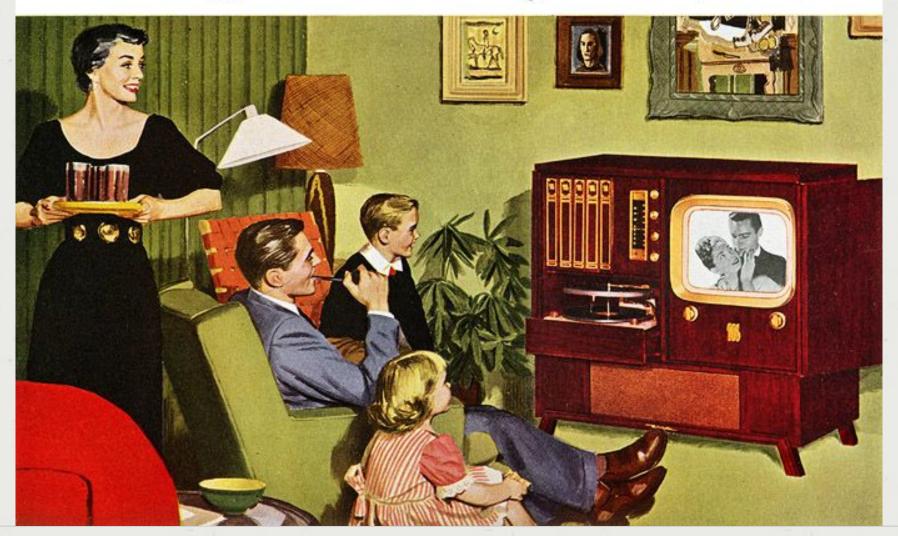
An efficient camera of quality.

At all Kodak dealers'

Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y., The Kodak City

1940s-1950s: Television: the game changer

IV happiness shared by all the family!





1950s-1960s: From USP to ESP



UNIQUE SELLING PROPOSITION







EMOTIONAL SELLING PROPOSITION

1970s-1980s: The rise of mass-media product branding





Even under the lights.





Admiral introduces an all-new 12" (diag.) color portable that features the exclusive Admiral precision-crafted K-10 chassis, which combines solid state components with proven vacuum tube technology. You get a clearer, brighter color picture, less heat build-up, unpuralleled reliability

and lighter weight.

And only Admiral gives you the exclusive 3-year color picture tube warranty on every color set. That's one year

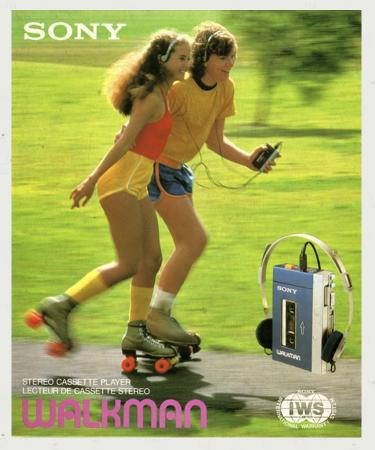
longer than any other.

Admiral builds in more big set performance in all its color Admiral builds in more big set performance in an account of the portables, each with a power transformer, plus a solid state 3-stage I.F. amplifier that insures studio sharp pictures even in weak signal areas. Get the newest and most dependable portable TV ever. Admiral, unquestionably your best buy in color TV at only \$249.95.



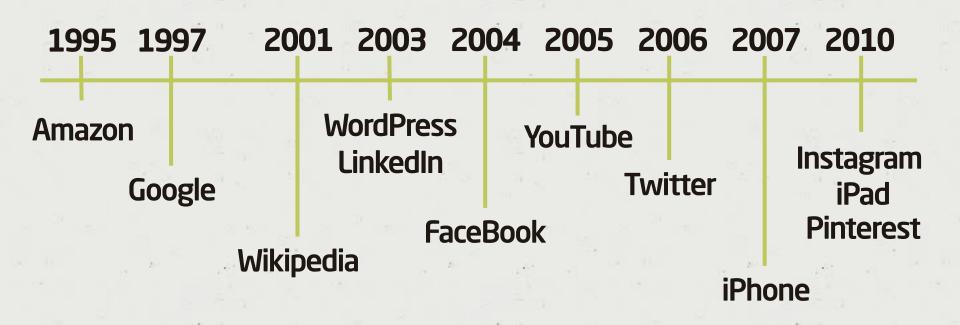
1980s-1990s: Communication shifts from product to producer





1990s-2010: if television was a game changer, Internet is a true revolution

The game changers

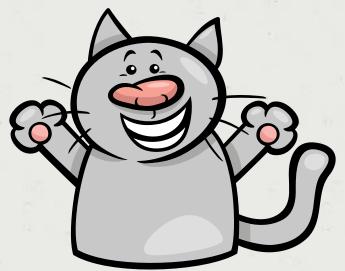


In terms of branding, this has two major implications:

there's nowhere to hide

we are all brands now

through social media we all have access to a potential, instantaneous limelight



and to unruly scrutiny and judgement



Which means that we need to be aware of our "status" as brands.

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branding has evolved: ownership

ownership origin & quality

ownership origin & quality identification

ownership origin & quality identification differentiation

ownership origin & quality identification differentiation company asset

ownership origin & quality identification differentiation company asset status symbol

ownership origin & quality identification differentiation company asset status symbol reputation

today your brand is your (kept) promise to your customer

"Your brand is what other people say about you when you're not in the room." Jeff Bezos

MY RECIPE

know thyself (and your product/service)



know your customer (and how you can make his life better)

know your market (and find your niche)



know the others (and what makes you different/special/better)

Have (or get) a clear vision (that's where you're heading to)

values: have them, and stand by them (be genuine, be honest)

be strategic, have a plan (know what you're doing and where you're going at all times)



give your brand an (appropriate) personality

You can create/convey your brand's personality through:

1 - graphic design (now we talk logo/symbol/color) the key here is CONSISTENCY

2 - tone of voice and type of language the key here is COHERENCE

3 - dialogue and attitude with and towards your customer the key here is SERVICE

4 - communication how, where, in which way you communicate the key here is COMPETENCE

COMMUNICATION IN THE 21° CENTURY

PAID, OWNED AND EARNED

PAID MEDIA = ADVERTISING TRADITIONAL, DIGITAL, ETC.

OWNED MEDIA = COMMUNICATION CHANNELS WE CONTROL WEBSITES, BLOGS, EMAIL, CONTENT

CANNOT BE BOUGHT, IS ORGANIC AND RESULTING FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES



don't skimp (it's your face)

work hard, stay consistent, check often

be mindful

Now, if your brand is a PERSONAL BRAND

steps 1-7 apply just the same

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you ARE your brand, it should have YOUR personality



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opportunely curbed, but true to your true self



TOOLS, TIPS & BEST PRACTICES

COMMUNICATION

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS PAID MEDIA - OFFLINE

ADVERTISING SPONSORSHIPS DIRECT MARKETING (PRINT)

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS PAID MEDIA - ONLINE

DISPLAY/BANNER ADVERTISING
SEARCH ADVERTISING
SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING
DIRECT MARKETING (DIGITAL)
INFLUENCERS MARKETING

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS OWNED MEDIA - OFFLINE

RETAIL/IN-STORE DISPLAY
VISUAL MERCHANDISING
BROCHURES/FLYERS
PRINT INSTITUTIONAL MATERIAL
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS OWNED MEDIA - ONLINE

OFFICIAL WEBSITE OFFICIAL BLOG OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS WEB PRESENCE

You gotta have a website.
You gotta have it as nice,
curated, and coherent with you
as possible. It will often be the first
thing people see of you.

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS DIGITAL PRESENCE

Does your brand need an app? Yes: get one. Make it awesome. No: don't.

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS CONTENT & BLOG

You gotta provide **VALUE**You gotta care for **SEO**.
You gotta be **coherent**: visually and with tone of voice

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Your social media presence should be complete, mindful, appropriate, and curated.



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BRAND BUILDING TOOLS EARNED MEDIA - OFFLINE

MENTIONS IN TRADE PRESS RATINGS/REVIEWS BY TRADE WORD OF MOUTH/REFERRALS

BRAND BUILDING TOOLS EARNED MEDIA - ONLINE

MENTIONS IN BLOGS
ONLINE W.O.M./REFERRALS
MENTIONS IN SOCIAL MEDIA
ONLINE RATINGS/REVIEWS

ONLINE EARNED MEDIA
NEEDS TO BE MONITORED:
WHILE IT BUILDS YOUR BRAND,
IT COULD EASILY GO SOUR:
ONLINE REPUTATION IS VOLATILE



BRAND BUILDING ACTIONS: PHYSICAL PRESENCE

TRADE SHOWS/CONFERENCES LOCAL MEETUPS/EVENTS VOLUNTEERING/MENTORING WORKSHOPS

BRAND BUILDING ACTIONS: ONLINE INTERACTION

QUORA, STACK OVERFLOW, FORA TWITTER/FACEBOOK BE A MENTOR/MENTEE

BRAND BUILDING ACTIONS: CONTENT PRODUCTION

TECHNICAL ARTICLES TUTORIALS SHARABLE VALUABLE CONTENT



BRAND BUILDING BEST PRACTCES:

GET YOUR STRATEGY
STAY CONSISTENT
BE AS PRESENT AS POSSIBLE
MONITOR
DARE

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IN A NUTSHELL

a brand is an organic, living, breathing being that needs care and nurturing to grow and prosper

give it your best, love it, foster it, care for it

and if (when) you step on a poo



own it,
apologize,
fix it (as best as you can)
and
learn from it

PUTTING IT IN PRACTICE

First, lets create 6 groups

Welcome consulting agencies!

Your clients

Halona O'Sullivan, 26 Junior Interaction designer

Rishabh Srivastava, 33 Freelance Senior Developer

Lorenzo Rossini, 43 At-home Chef

StellarThemes Theme's development

sHeroesSisters NoProfit Association

The Brick Oven Café Organic Homemade Bakery



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