

Digital Foundation (Part 1)

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Webinar Series

- Webinar One
 - Foundational concepts
 - Logo Design
 - Foundation #1 Websites



- Webinar Two
 - Foundation #2 Google My Business
 - Foundation #3 Social Media
 - Beyond the Foundation



Remove the <u>Mystery</u>

Lessen the Intimidation

Give you a <u>Place to Start</u>

Pro Tip: If you are working with someone and then can't explain what they are doing in simple terms – run!

A true mark of a expert is their ability to take complex terms and make them simple

Today's Agenda

- Digital Foundation
 - Why is digital important?
 - What is a digital foundation?
- Logo Design
 - The best investment you can make
 - The many uses of a good logo
- Websites (Foundation #1)
 - Domain names
 - Hosting and Platforms
 - Best practices



- Why It Might Pay to Hire Someone
 - Focus and expertise
- Q&A









Small Business

landwritten contracts No website Facebook Checks Contacts in Phone

Branding What?



The Digital Divide Has Never Been Smaller



Quote



Contract

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Invoice



Payment



Project Plan



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Create a Website You're Proud Of

Discover the platform that gives you the freedom to create, design, manage and develop your web presence exactly the way you want.







Do you Want to Survive or Thrive?



Digital Foundation

Old Methods for Creating <u>Awareness</u>

















https://www.scoutcollectivedigital.com/blog/small-changes



Social Media Google My Website * **Business**







The Best \$500 You Can Ever Spend...











CHECK OUT PART









What to look for in a Logo Designer?

- They work with small businesses
- They have a process
- They will provide multiple concepts and revisions
- They will provide multiple orientations
 - Landscape, Portrait, Badge etc.
- They are digital first/native





The Most Overlooked Digital Asset...



Your Most Important Digital Asset is You!

- Don't chase an algorithm
- Don't build your digital foundation based on what experts tell you "must be" part of a website or social media
- Remember you are reaching other humans (not bots)
- You are your business
- Start with your unique story
- Let people get to know you and connect with you!



Pro Tip:

- Use pictures of your employees and yourself
- Tell folks why you got into business in the first place
- Show off your expertise and passions in a Blog





Website 101

whorepresents.com

powergenitalia.com

speedofart.com

itscrap.com

Domain Names



	Buy multiple variations of your domain
	\$20 a year is a small investment
Y	.com and .org are still king
	Use your domain name in your email

Pro Tip:

- Company you register
 your domain with is not
 who you have to host with
- You can also transfer registration to a new provider





- Register a good name
- Make it secure
- Think mobile first
- Tell your unique story
- Clarify your message



- Include analytics
- Think like your customers
- Keep it fresh!
- Make it visually appealing

10 Key Web Design Principles



Updated and ongoing blog posting Opportunity for "special pages" Social media links on ever page Clear call to action



Social media links on every page (footer) Hours of operation and address/map on Home About us could include history, employee spotlight and unique culinary perspective Call to action might be a newsletter signup – for weekly specials


Contact form Unique business story List of services

Keep it Fresh!

- Blogs but be realistic?
- Use social media integrations (2 for 1)
- Popup specials?
- Events section?
- Gallery/images
- Seasonal changes/specials
- If nothing else, review it for accuracy yearly



Pro Tip:

 Don't make your website your full-time job – so find ways to keep it fresh without taking a ton of time



TEAM PACKAGES CONTACT BLOG

Think Mobile First

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Pro Tip: You don't need a separate mobile site – just a responsive one



Drive Visitors to Action

- Visit physical store?
- Join you at your event?
- Call (or better yet email/contact form) to make an appointment or schedule a quote?
- Eat at your restaurant
- Buy your goods online
- Sign up for our newsletter
- Learn more



Pro Tip:

- Design the site with your end goal in mind
- What do you want people to do? Might be different than what they want to do!





Think Like Your Customer/Prospect



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ECommerce



Hosting



Domain Registration



Mobile



Security



Analytics

Recommended DIY Website Providers







- They get you and your unique story
- They work with small businesses
- They have a process
- They are can train you how to update your site ongoing (if you have time!)
- They are not creating a custom site
- They have multiple pricing models (one time or ongoing)
- They can flex based on your needs
- Can measure their impact

https://www.scoutcollectivedigital.com/blog/why-invest-in-webdesign

What to look for when want to pay someone for a website?



Key Takeaways

- Focus on the foundation first
- Define your unique story
- Invest in great and versatile logo
- Get the 1st foundation in place (your website)
- Make sure your website is following the 10 principles
- Choose a "all in one" solution or ask for help!





- A recording of this session will be posted
 - https://www.azcommerce.com/s mall-business-boot-camp/
- Join us for Session Two on Thursday
- Checkout our blog for more content/ideas at scoutcollective.digital/blog
- Reach out if you need help (info@scoutcollective.digital)





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