

Forget SEO or websites - social media is the future

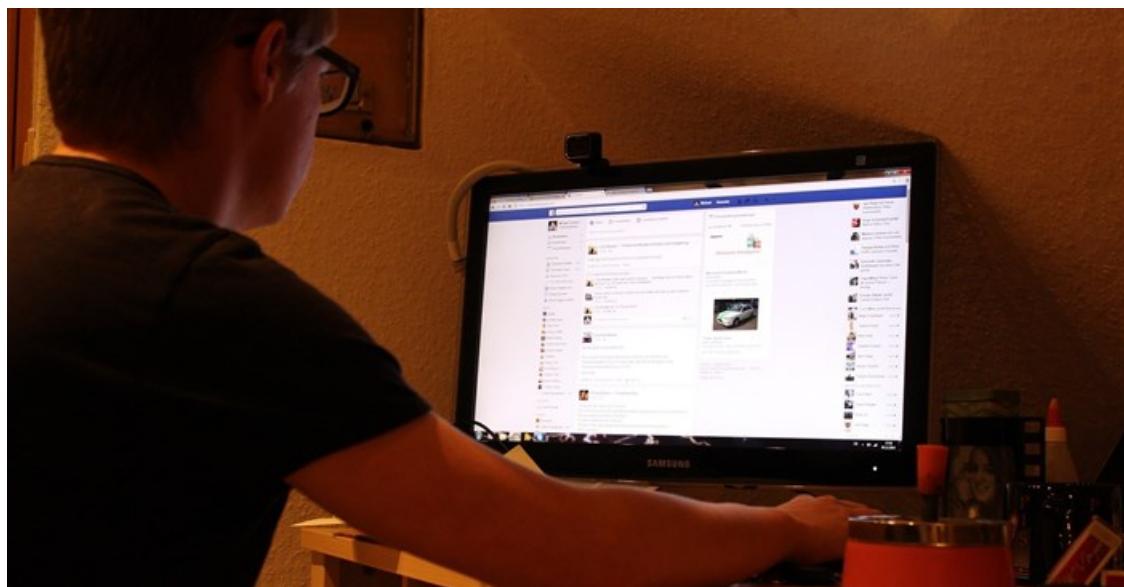
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I'm not sure if you've noticed but we are living in a new revolution - the digital revolution. And because of this, marketing has changed; it has become increasingly obvious that it is no longer about "sell sell sell" but "engage engage engage".

In this 140 character and 15 second video era, it is evident that consumers' attention spans are readily decreasing, so the most common question marketers are asking is, "how can we effectively engage our audiences without losing them?". The answer is social media.

As Gary Vaynerchuk usually states, we need to stop viewing social media as a distribution channel. It's not about what you post that makes the difference. Everyone is on this craze about content, but I'd like to argue that what makes great social media methods is rarely the content but the experiences.



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We need to continuously think of how we can take our businesses and make them "social". This brings me to the point of this post—gone are the days of SEO and websites. Google announced a decline in Adwords advertising, this signifies that the digital economy is moving from ads to social.

The future, I predict, for SME marketing is a future where all businesses are housed on a Facebook page—this will become a place where brands and consumers can engage. The page will act as a website, advertising platform, microblog

and so much more. Your audience wouldn't need to leave Facebook to read your blogs nor contact you.

We'd be able to make the interactions with consumers more socially, instantly and personally. Instead of email, audiences can simply "inbox" their favourite brands and engage in a two-way conversation.

This is the future I predict and I believe the businesses that will catch on faster, will ultimately win.

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