

NORTHERN VIRGINIA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Introduction

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BUILDING YOUR BRAND

What do we mean by brand?

Sum of all the tangible (physical or digital) and intangible (emotional or conscious) touchpoints between a business and its audience







Brands do 2 things:

COMMUNICATE





DIFFERENTIATE



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4 Key Questions

Q. What do you do?

Q. Why do you do it?

Q. Who do you do it for?

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Q. How do you do it (*differently*)?



CREATIVITY

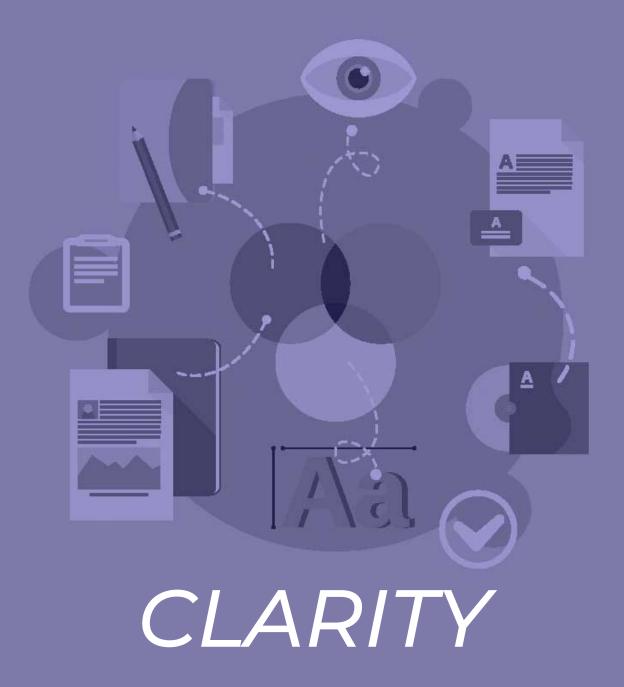
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The 4 C's Of Building Your Brand

CLARITY







CLARITY



• Clarity on WHO? Branding is all about relationships

• Who you are and

• Who you serve





WHO YOU ARE



• Mission, Vision, Values, Purpose

- From WHO to WHY?
- Why do you exist?
- what problem do you want to solve?





WHO YOU SERVE



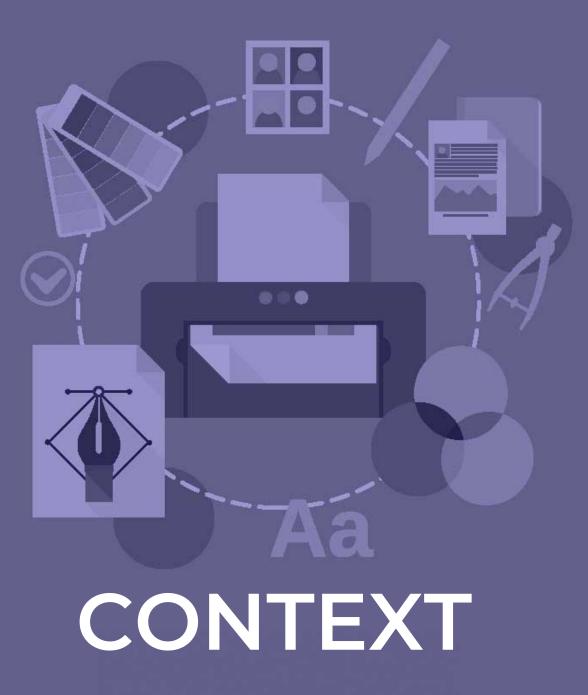
• Brand/Buyer Personas are helpful tools.

• Psychographic vs. <u>Demographic</u> data









CONTEXT (Internal)



What is the context that I'm doing business in?

- Location (big city or smaller town)
- Model/status (mom & pop v. big box or online-only)
- Demographics (affluent or middle class)
- Segment (luxury or economy-class)





CONTEXT (External)



What is the context that my customer is in?

Not everyone, but your ideal customer/client.

<u>Psychographic</u> vs. demographic



Personas and Customer Journeys



CONTEXT



Positioning – where are you situated in the market

Requires some knowledge of competition in the market.



The better you know your customer, the better you can serve them with your products, services and solutions.











CONTENT



The better you know yourself and your customer, the better you are able to design content that will speak to *their problems* and *your solutions*.

Rather than tell: What I already know or What you think I should know



Tell: What I didn't already know I knew or What I know I don't know



CONTENT



Right message, Right time, Right Audience

Content must be true to your brand and be consistent. Consistent content is valuable.*

Identify and Leverage Unique Value Proposition



From What? to How? Compelling Brand Stories





Content comes in many flavors.*

CONTENT

• Brochure

- White Paper
- EDDM Postcard
- Digital Sales Sheet
- Infographic
- Social Media Post
 - Office photo
 - Team Update
 - Online Review
 - Social Commentary
 - Statistics









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We are immersed in branding and marketing.

1000xs brand/marketing messages daily 5-7x of being seen to be remembered





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Be Positive: Communicate Features, Benefits, Successes in unique, but onbrand way

Don't be afraid to do what hasn't been done or is rarely done



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Create and Curate



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Craft a unique, memorable visual and verbal style that makes a positive impression and evokes positive associations

"If your brand were a person..."







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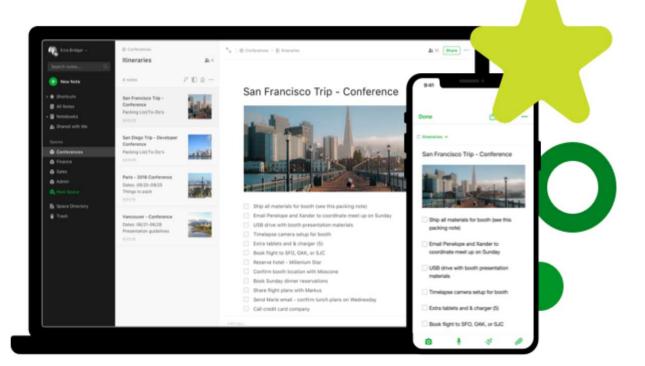
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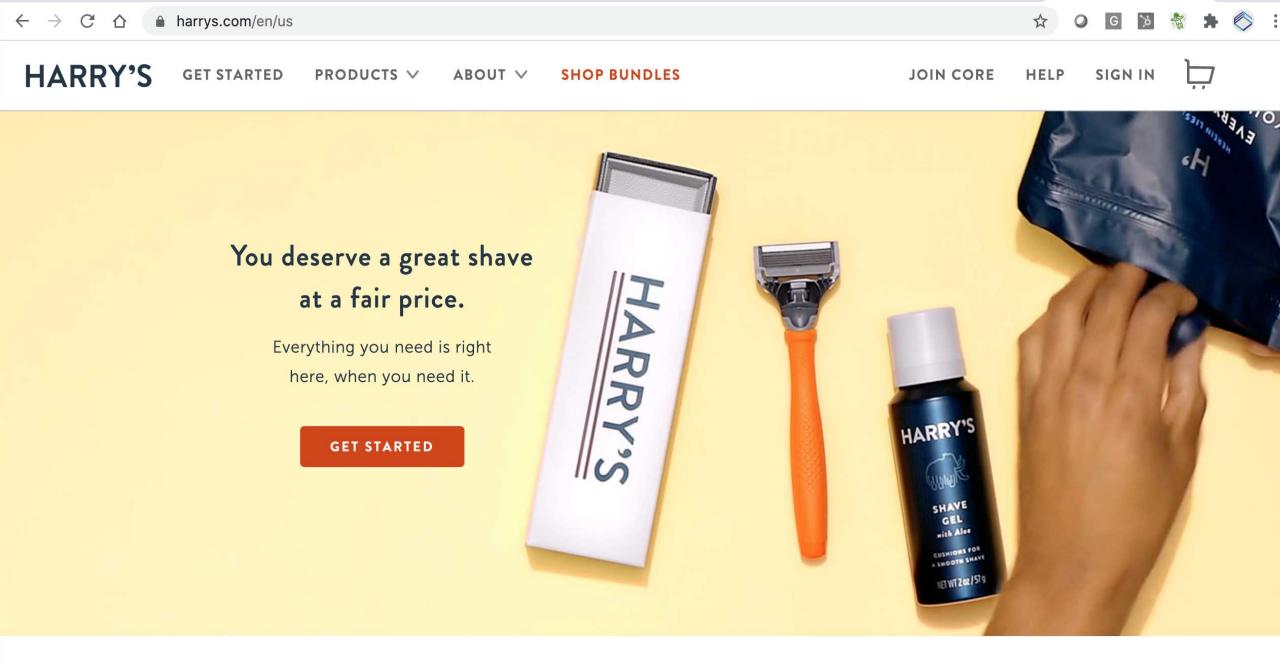
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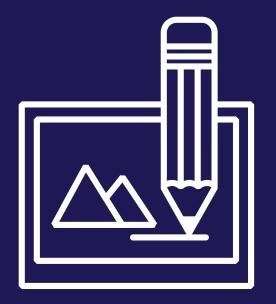


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