

## Marketing Automation Preparation Checklist

Marketing automation is a very powerful solution for many sales, marketing, and executive teams. The value of marketing automation is amplified when used properly along with planning and a process. Studies have shown only 25% of respondents get full value from their investment in marketing automation, which parallel the early days of CRM implementations. To help maximize your return on invest we compiled a checklist to help you start preparing for marketing automation.

### Checklist

- Gather your list
  - i. Gather you list of leads from media inquiries
  - ii. Gather your list of leads from website inquiries
  - iii. Gather your list of leads from tradeshow
  - iv. Gather your list of leads from your sales team
- Make sure your lists are organized with the data separated. For example, first name, last name, company, email, phone, and address in different fields/columns
- Assess how you interact with prospects and customers
  - i. Document the B2B buying process for your company. Understanding how your buyers buy and what phases they go through is very important to the lead nurturing process
  - ii. Build a flowchart to document how a lead moves into and out of your funnel and into a customer. Document how marketing creates a lead, qualifies them, and nurtures them until they are ready to buy.
- Group your customers into a list
  - i. Identify important information about your customers in the list such as revenue, duration of the sales cycle, products purchases, and services purchased
- Identify your digital presence.
  - i. Make a list of your web page links that need to be tracked
  - ii. Make a list of your landing pages
  - iii. Make a list of your web forms
  - iv. Make a list of the social media outlets you participate in
- Do an audit of your marketing content
  - i. Gather all of your email templates used for prospecting or communicating with customers.
  - ii. Gather all of your whitepapers and data sheets
  - iii. Gather your videos





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- iv. Gather your presentations
- Adopt a revenue generation framework. A revenue generation framework provides the necessary technology to deliver improved sales and marketing results. Identify a revenue generation framework that includes the following solutions:
  - i. Sales prospecting
  - ii. Database segmentation
  - iii. Lead tracking
  - iv. Lead qualification
  - v. Lead routing
  - vi. Lead nurturing
  - vii. Inbound marketing
  - viii. Metrics for analysis
- Define your new process in a Service Level Agreement (SLA). A SLA is a contract between sales, marketing, and executive teams which documents your entire lead management process. You can download a SLA template from Lead Liaison at <http://www.leadliaison.com/best-practices/lead-generation/service-level-agreement/>