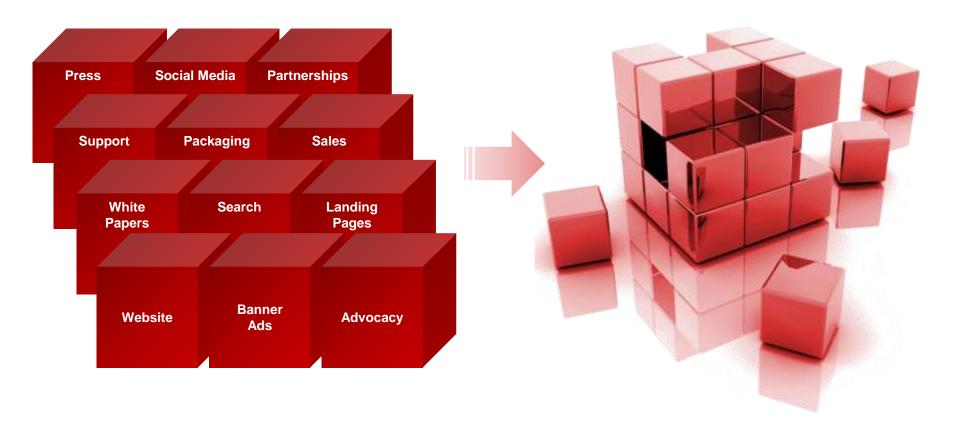


## Marketing Master Class

Eugenio Ferrante – Director of Customer Satisfaction & Knowledge Kim Johnston – VP Marketing Michael Zung – SVP MD, Digital Asia Pacific – Bite Communications



## Building Reputation Through Demand

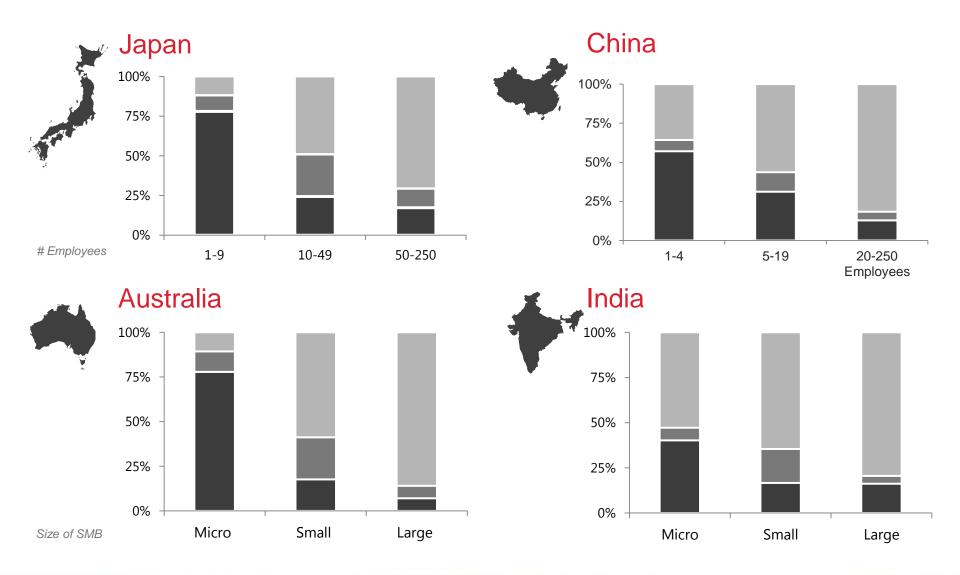


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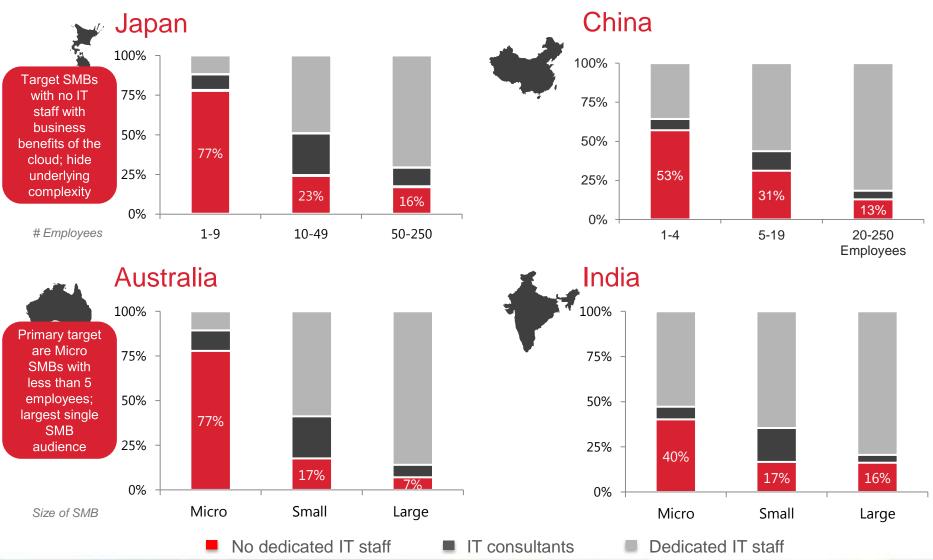
- Some practical applications from the Parallels SMB Cloud Insights™
- Marketing techniques to leverage these practical applications to:
  - Build customer knowledge and relationships
  - 2. Retain customers and extending lifetime value

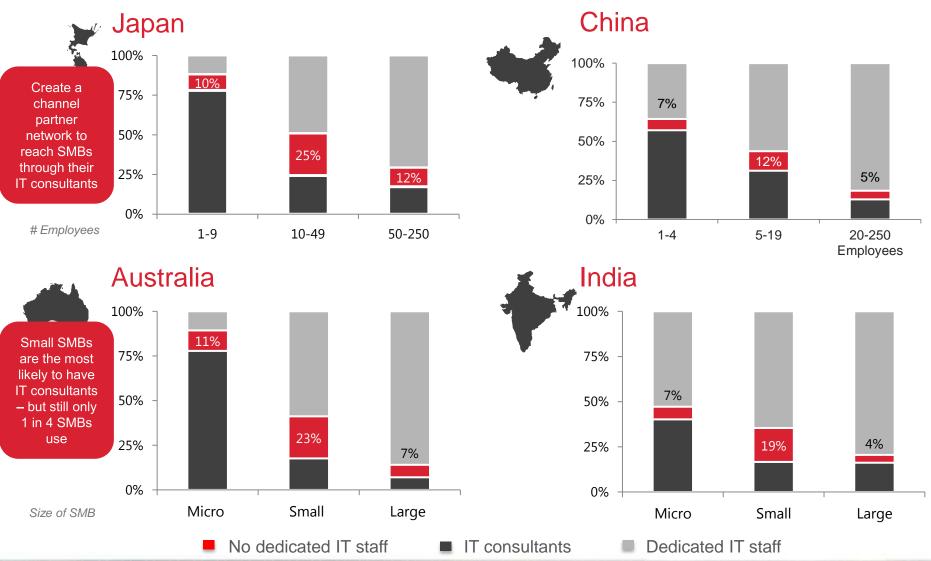
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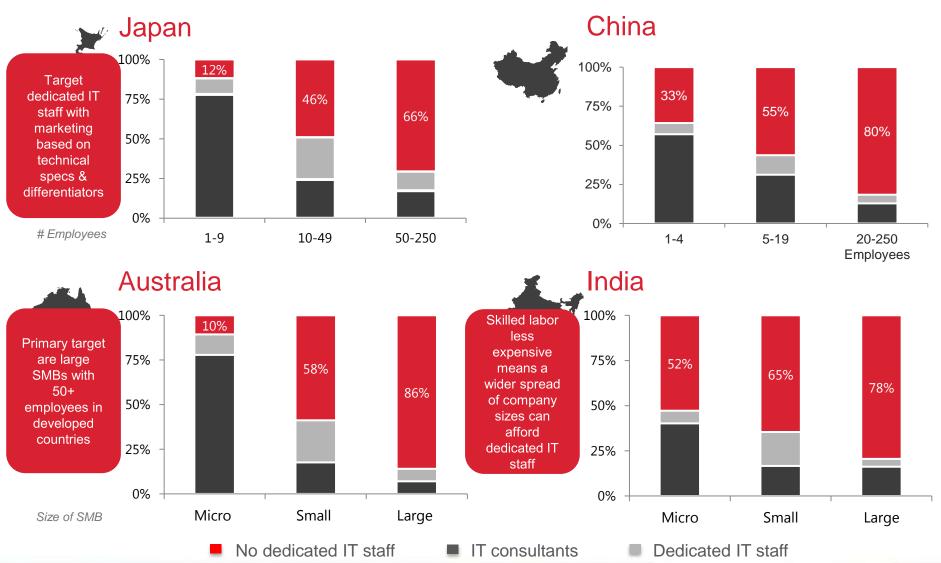
**Know Your Customers** 



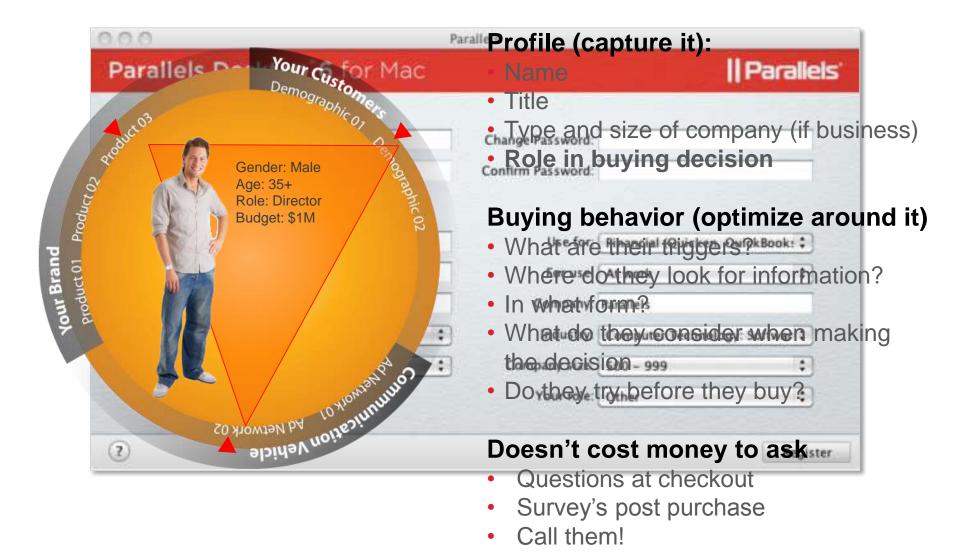








### **Know Your Customer**







derstanding the Customer at iinet

ly-wide customer data acquisition project wapped out the customer buying process – "You do not go to the supermarket and say I am going to buy milk and eggs from the door" Created bundles and recommendations based on customer profiles

Integrated customer data collection as part of the experience (customer and prospects)

Now working on serving the right ads to the right customer – based on product cross-sell

stomer segmentation based on crossing customer data against 3rd party database

- Improved decision making ability
- Provided ability to measure market share by segments – "% of the small business in Perth"
- Retargeting campaigns, once decided on the areas of investments
  - Launched a banner ad campaign
  - Selected a list of 50 websites that are consistent with the linet brand

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## Questions?

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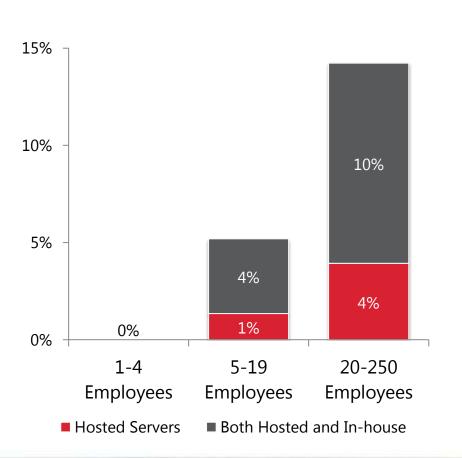
## **Building Relationships**

**Educate Your Prospects** 

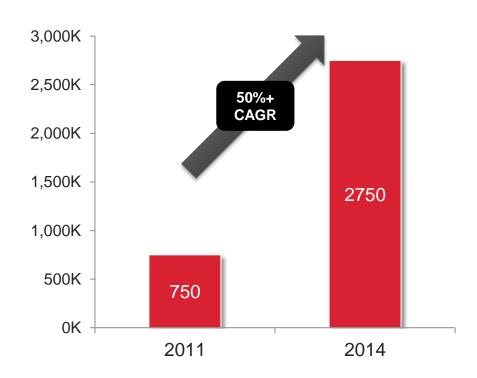
## China Has a Massive Hosted Infrastructure Opportunity (50%+ Server Count Growth)



#### **Server Penetration (China, 2011)**



#### **Hosted Servers (China)**

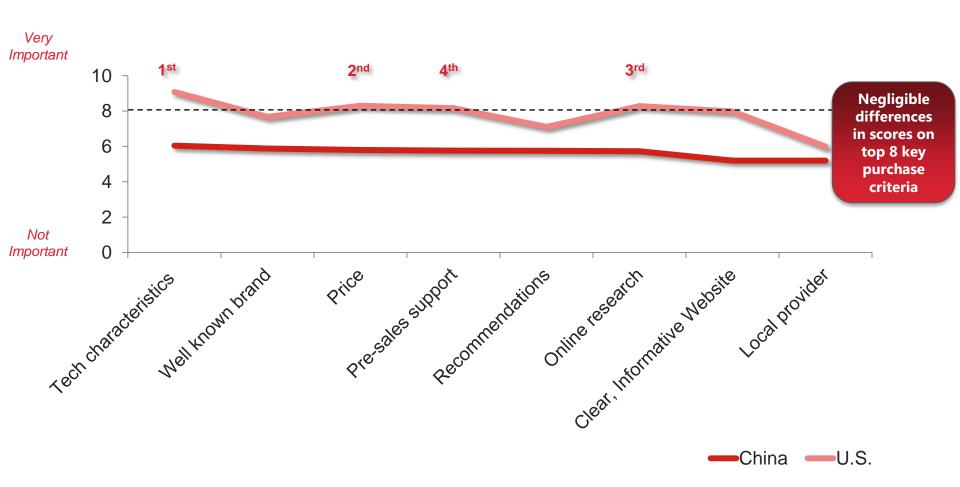


Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (China, 2011)



## Purchase Criteria: Educate SMBs About What Is Important When Purchasing Hosted Infrastructure

#### **Hosted Infrastructure Key Purchase Criteria**



Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (China 2011, U.S. 2010)

## Serve and Frame the Right Content





## Build an Animation or a Video With Key Features...



### ...or Get a Customer Video Testimonial



## The Readyspace Experience



## The Readyspace Experience

#### **Company Overview**

- Singaporean Service Provider Established in 2003
- Providing wide range of Cloud Services to Enterprise Managed Hosting Services
- Approx. 100,000 users today across all segments (individuals, Small, Medium, Large Enterprise)



## **Educating Customers and Prospects with Videos in Singapore**

- Started experimenting with videos about 1 yr ago.
   Now at 400 playbacks per week and growing 2-3pp faster (approx. 10% in the last year)
  - Faster sales process
  - · Better expectation setting during pre-sales
- Experimented both with short and long videos.
  - Short: good for product introduction and new customer acquisition
  - Long: good for technical education or solutions
- Content is crucial. Leverage partners for relevant expertise (for example expert community if you have one or partners – like online marketing companies).
- The tool used to create the video matters; ease of use and of sharing critical. The streaming tool/service needs to be engaging.

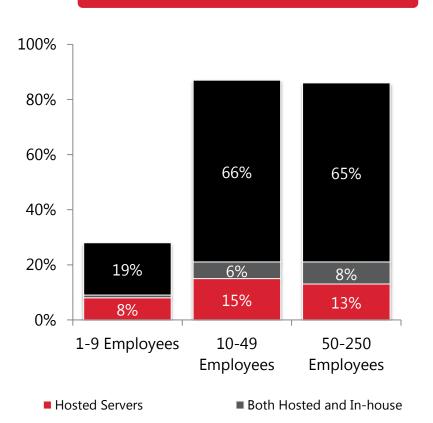
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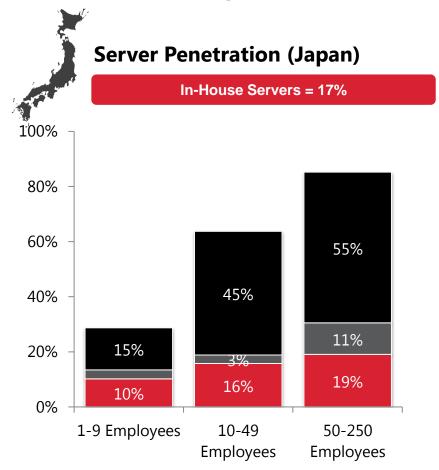
## **Building Relationships**

Tailor Your Offering to Overcame an Obstacle

## Australia And Japan Have a Large Installed Base of In-House Servers That Can Be Replaced







Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (Australia 2011, Japan 2011)

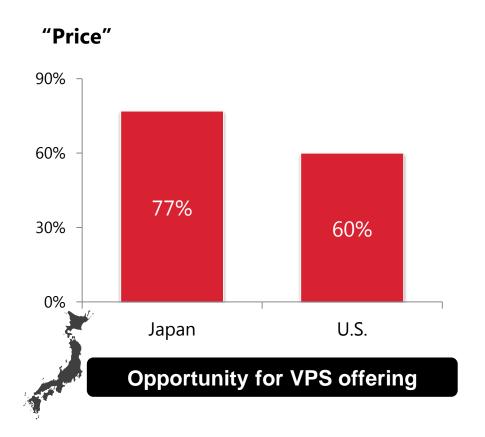


■ In-house Servers

## Australian SPs Need Promote Their Local Presence; Japanese SPs To Launch VPS Offering

Why did you decide to keep these servers in-house instead of moving them to a hosting service provider?

### "Bandwidth/connectivity issues" 30% 20% 24% 10% 9% 0% Australia Germany Opportunity for local providers



Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (Australia 2011, Germany 2011, Japan 2011, U.S. 2010)



## Using Content to Tailor Your Offering

#### **Create an Unbranded Site**



- Clear audience target
- Interesting content
- Keep the conversation alive
- Add value

#### **Create New Enterprise Offering**



- Business page survey triggered from visit
- Data gathered passed to Sales
- Call down campaign



## The Net Logistics Experience

#### **Company Overview**

- Australian Service Provider focused on hosted infrastructure
- 5,000+ customers



### Overcoming the Bandwidth Obstacle in Australia

- Situation:
  - Cost of bandwidth in Australia 2X U.S., impossible to compete with U.S. offerings on price alone
  - However, connectivity from U.S. service providers usually not up to local standards
- Net Logistics created a premium offering:
  - · Local, "generous" bandwidth
  - Premium infrastructure
  - Highly responsive customer support (ongoing)
- Offering launched in 2005; exponential growth from small startup business with 0 paying customers to current 5,000 happy customers

## The Tsukaeru Experience

#### **Company Overview**

- Japanese Service Provider focused on hosted infrastructure
- Approx. \$6M in revenues, from 20,000 subscribers; growing at 30% year over year



## Overcoming the Price Obstacle in Japan: Marketing VPS

- Started selling VPS in 2004; entered at ¥2,980/month (vs. ¥9,800/month dedicated)
- Faced VPS resistance to adoption
  - 1. Educating SMBs
  - 2. Shifting the conversation from technology to business solutions
  - 3. Focusing on value proposition
- Starter offering solutions for FX traders
  - 1. Expert community influence
  - 2. Partner enriched offering with brand recognition
- Now looking at other solutions for SMBs

## Questions?

## **Building Relationships**

**Create Magic Moments** 

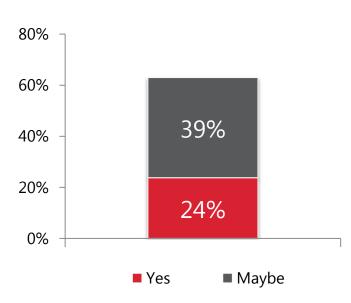


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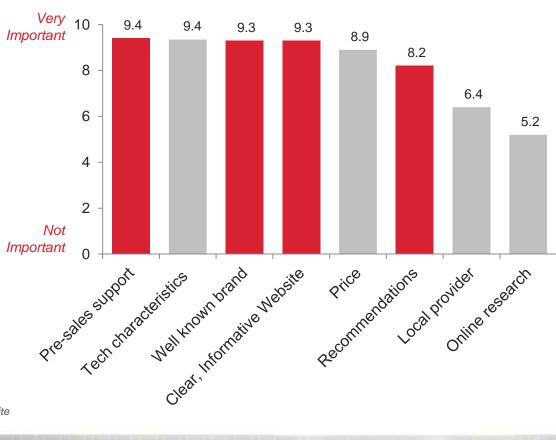
Manage Your Online Image

## SPs Need To Focus on their Online Perception to Win Some of the 24% SMBs Likely to Purchase Web Presence in China in the Next 3 Years

#### SMB Plans to Purchase Web Presence (China, 2011)



#### Web Hosting Key Purchase Criteria (China, 2011)



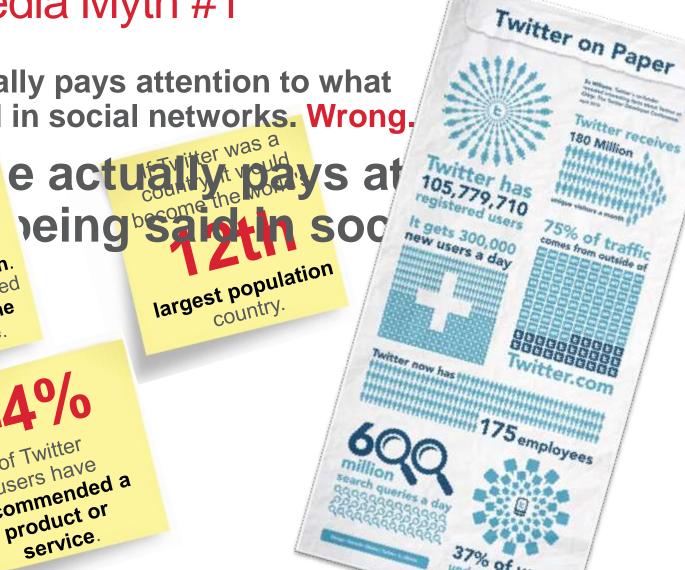
Note: Likelihood to purchase among SMBs without a third party hosted website Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (China, 2011)

## Social Media Myth #1

No one actually pays attention to what is being said in social networks. Wrong.

= the # of search queries Twitter handles in a month. Twitter is the ranked #2 search engine behind Google.

of Twitter users have recommended a product or service.

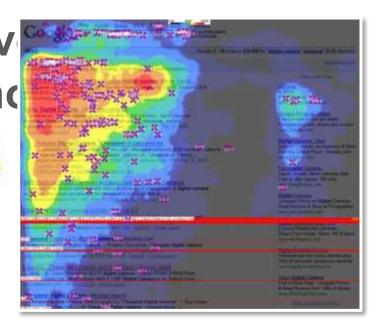


## Social Media Myth #2

What people say positive or negative doesn't really matter or show up anywhere. Wrong.

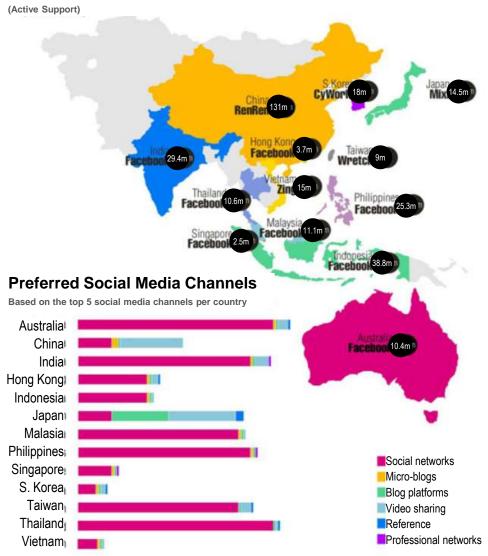
search engines index social and media content an

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of respondents said
they'd received
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advice from friends
and followers
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relating to a product
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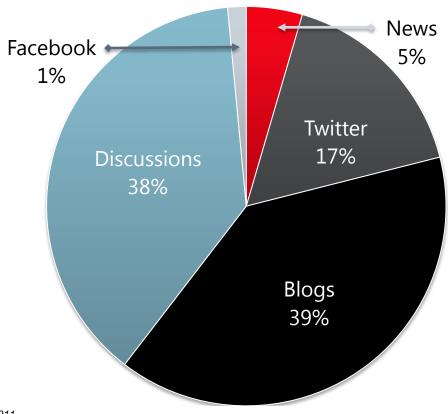
## In APAC, Each Country is a Bit Different...





## Australian Example: Platforms

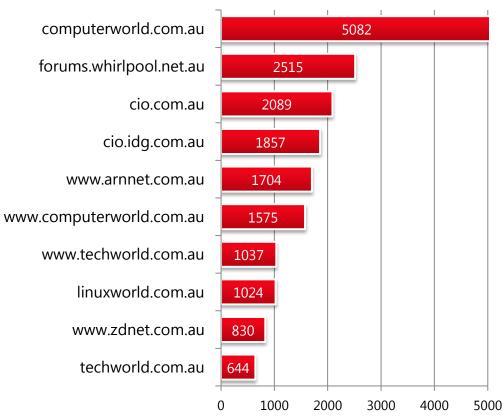




18th February 2011 to 18th March 2011

### Australian Example: Online Influencers





- Social Media Intelligence: Virtualisation & automation software – AU
- Media Type Other is the top the source of conversation. It follows that the list of top domains is dominated by online news sources and industry magazine sites.
- Message Board/Forum is the second most popular channel. The list is topped by Australia's forums.whirlpool.net.au.

Identify where relevant conversations happen and be present where it matters to boost brand's visibility.

1 August 2010 – 15 March 2011

## Improve Organic Search Results with a Simple Site Audit

# 1. Examine Files Indexed in Search Engines 2. Compare Number of Pages Indexed A Site Search Listing in Google (or Bing) "Repeat search with omitted results" link adds search results that often point to issues. HTML Page Titles & Meta Description Tag handling Entrance Keywords for Landing Pages Reported in Google Analytics Search Queries: Top Landing Pages in Google's Webmaster Tools

#### Examine files indexed in search engines



#### A site search listing in Google or Bing

In order to show you the most relevant results, we have omitted some entries very similar to the 267 already displayed.

If you like, you can repeat the search with the omitted results included.



#### Too many files indexed



## Improve Organic Search: Basic Rules for Baidu in China



#### **Get Your License**

A legal ICP license is crucial. Without a certificate, site may be omitted from search results.

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#### **Host Your Site in China**

Baidu's crawler is "impatient" and will skip sites experiencing even minor latency issues eliminating the chance to appear in organic search results.

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#### Buy a Baidu Brandzone

Brandzones drive results. Brands report up to 30% of their traffic originating from a Brandzone and have seen click through rates up to 75%.



#### Reap What You Sow

Baidu content is prioritized in the search results. Curating brand content platforms Tieba (a la forums), Bake (a la Wikipedia), and Zhidao (a la Yahoo Questions) is "free" and can improve search results 10-20% if done right.

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#### Cut the Code

Baidu's crawler is not very sophisticated and requires aggressive spoon-feeding. Streamlining code and adding alternative text improves visibility. As with Google, flash- heavy sites encumber the crawler.



#### **Backlinks Boost**

Targeted efforts to acquire backlinks can significantly improve ROI and search visibility.

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## Improve Organic Search Results with a Simple Site Audit

2. Compare Number of Pages Indexed	3. Ensure Site Navigation Links Can Be Followed	4. Check a Sample of Important Pages on the Site	5. View the Text Only Version of Google's Cache for a Web Page	6. Check Google's Webmaster Tools
<ul> <li>Entrance Keywords for Landing Pages Reported in Google Analytics</li> <li>Search Queries: Top Landing Pages in Google's Webmaster Tools</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Many pages not indexed?</li> <li>Check Google's cache of pages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check for duplicate paths</li> <li>Check for duplicate content</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Duplicate Page Titles &amp; Description Tags</li> <li>Check the Robots.txt file</li> <li>Check internal linking</li> </ul>

#### Entrance Keywords for Landing Pages Reported in Google Analytics



#### Too few files indexed



#### Check Google's cache of pages

This is Google's cache of <a href="http://www.zincbistroaz.com/">http://www.zincbistroaz.com/</a>. It is a snapshot of the page as it appeared on Dec 8, 2010 00:02:32 GMT. The <a href="current page">current page</a> could have changed in the meantime. <a href="Learn more">Learn more</a>

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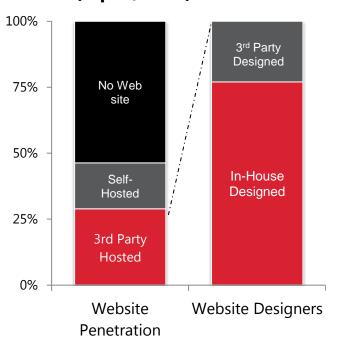
## What are YOU doing?

## **Building Relationships**

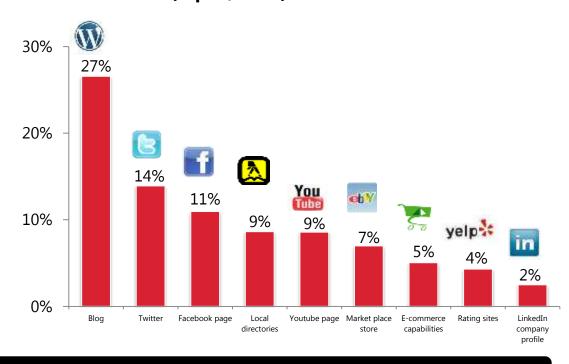
**Build Your Own Community** 

# More Than ¾ of Japanese SMBs that Host a Site Design It In-House; A Large Number of SMBs Has More Online Properties than Just a Web Site

#### **SMB % (Japan, 2011)**



#### **Online Presence (Japan, 2011)**



**Opportunity for Web Presence Builder Offering** 

Source: Parallels SMB Cloud Insights (Japan, 2011)

### **Build Your Own Community**

#### Start with your supporters

They actual want to engage with you

#### Talk with them!

 They will share insight about how to grow your business

#### Provide them benefits

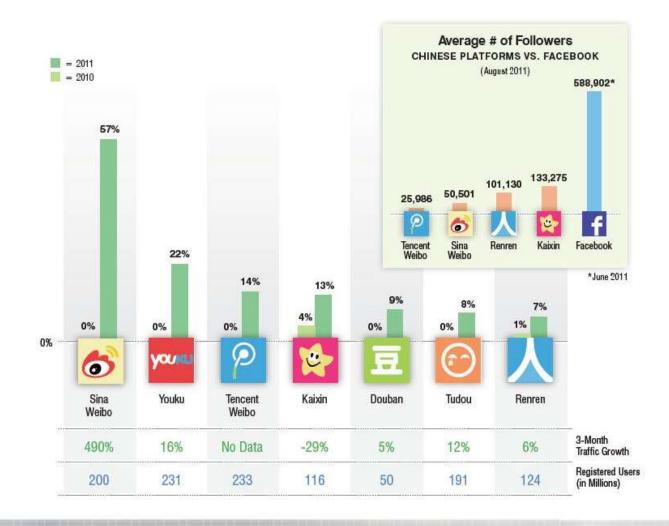
They will talk on your behalf

#### It's not that hard

Doesn't cost any money!



### For example, in China there are multiple platforms where you can build communities...



## ...and Parallels has build a community of 112K using Weibo





### The Uber Experience

#### Company Overview

- Third largest Australian Service Provider
- Domains, Hosting, and Cloud Services
- BRW Fast100 2009, 10, and 11



#### **Jumba Customer Community**

- Focused on technical aspects of Webhosting
  - 1. Visible customer service delivery "Show them what it is like to host with us"
  - Content development look for reactions to content and use reactions as new content
- Brand equity building rather than ROI
  - But also Empire Avenue stock price
- Advices for someone starting a community today
  - 1. Creating a narrative
  - You are the host "if you spend most of the time in the kitchen most of the conversations are going to be about the cooking"
  - 3. Be authentic and direct the conversation at the same time
  - 4. Schedule tweets, but make sure they go out when you are awake



## Questions?

## **Retaining Customers**

Fuel Advocacy

### Do You Remember This?





### Brand Advocates Are Active Recommenders

**Advocates #1 Motivation? Help Others.** 

25% of customers are advocates

50%
more likely to influence purchases than other customers

**5**X more trusted than ads

more likely to share great product experiences than other customers

2x more active content creators









**Engaged Customers** 



**Fans** 



**Followers** 

The Advocate Influence

Provided by Zuberance

## Social Media Amplifies Advocates

## **Brand Advocates' Reach Now Rivals Ads**

Thanks, Jen. Bought it!

Try this!

60 Million
Trusted WOM Impressions

100,000 Energized Advocates

X600 Prospects (150 people x 4 recommendations)

Source for Social Media Reach: Forrester; Provided by Zuberance

## Intuit Turns Advocates into Marketing Force

"Energizing our Advocates is game-changing for Intuit sales & marketing."

- Laura Messerschmitt, Marketing



Intuit building "Advocate Army"

Advocates creating & publishing online reviews

50% Advocates sharing offers w/ social networks

500 Brand Advocates

Ave. rating = 4.8 of 5 stars

230% in-bound click rate from offers from Advocates Source for Social Media Reach: Forrester; Provided by Zuberance

### VoIP Provider Ooma Cuts Acquisition Costs 49%



"By energizing our Advocates, we're amplifying positive WOM and cutting customer acquisition costs.

- Jim Gustke, VP Marketing

Cut customer acquisition cost

Down from \$154 to \$78

Generated 4000+ online reviews

4.7 star rating

Energizing Advocates to share offers w/ social networks

Generating sales for enhanced calling features

Provided by Zuberance

### **Email Reaches Advocates**

- Compelling Subject Line
- Establish Authority & Credibility
- **Provide Assurances**
- Clear Call to Action
- Respect Social Norms

we're pulling back ... and giving the curtain .... you an allaccess pass

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