

Digital Web Marketing Mastery

A complete 25-day professional training e-book
Covering Ads, Analytics, Automation, AI & Career



25 DAYS
of Expert
Training

About This E-Book

This e-book is part of the **SMARTPRO AI DIGITAL WEB** — a comprehensive, structured, 25-day curriculum designed to transform beginners and intermediate learners into confident, AI-powered digital marketing professionals.

Each lesson is carefully crafted to deliver practical, real-world marketing skills using the latest AI tools and platforms. From paid advertising and web analytics to marketing automation and career preparation, this program covers every critical skill a modern digital marketer needs.

Program Highlights

- ✓ 25 structured daily lessons (2 hours each)
- ✓ Hands-on AI tool integration in every module
- ✓ Real campaign planning and execution practice
- ✓ Analytics dashboards and performance tracking
- ✓ Career portfolio and resume building support
- ✓ Final project: Complete AI Marketing Plan

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Welcome to Digital Web

DIGITAL WEB

In today's hyper-connected digital economy, businesses live or die by how well they market themselves online. Whether you're launching a product, growing a brand, or building a career — mastering digital marketing is one of the highest-leverage skills you can develop.

This program was designed with one goal: to give you a complete, practical, and AI-enhanced foundation in digital web marketing — in just 25 focused days. You will not just learn theory. You will plan real campaigns, analyze real data, build real automation, and create a career-ready portfolio.

What You Will Achieve

Run Profitable Ad Campaigns

Set up, manage, and optimize Meta and Google ad campaigns that drive real results.

Understand Your Audience Deeply

Use analytics and AI to discover exactly who your customers are and what they want.

Automate Your Marketing

Build chatbots, automated follow-up sequences, and lead nurturing systems.

Make Data-Driven Decisions

Read dashboards and reports to optimize spending and maximize ROI.

Build a Professional Portfolio

Graduate with a complete marketing portfolio, updated resume, and interview readiness.

■ Pro Tip: How to Use This Book

Each day includes a topic overview, key concepts, step-by-step explanations, AI tool guidance, and a practical exercise. Spend at least 2 hours per day — read the material, then immediately apply it. The learning compounds every day!

Program Structure & Your Learning Path

The SMARTPRO AI DIGITAL WEB is organized into 9 focused modules, each building upon the previous. The learning path is designed so that foundational advertising skills lead naturally into analytics, which then feeds automation and strategy — culminating in a complete, professional marketing plan.

01	Online Advertising Days 1–5	Master paid traffic — the fastest way to reach targeted customers.
02	Web Analytics Days 6–9	Learn to track, measure, and understand your digital audience.
03	Marketing Reports Days 10–11	Visualize data and communicate performance with confidence.
04	Marketing Metrics Days 12–13	Calculate ROI, CAC, and optimize for profitability.
05	Marketing Automation Days 14–17	Build systems that follow up, nurture, and convert leads automatically.
06	AI Research Days 18–19	Use AI to research markets, trends, and competitors at scale.
07	Marketing Strategy Days 20–21	Combine all skills into a cohesive strategic marketing framework.
08	Branding & Career Days 22–24	Build your portfolio, polish your resume, and prepare for opportunities.
09	Final Project Day 25	Present your complete AI-powered marketing strategy.

Daily Lesson Format

Every day follows a consistent structure so you always know what to expect and can build a productive learning routine:

1	Topic Overview — What you will learn and why it matters
2	Core Concepts — Detailed explanation of key ideas and techniques
3	AI Tool Guidance — Step-by-step instructions with recommended tools
4	Key Points Summary — Quick-reference checklist for the day's lessons
5	Pro Tips — Expert advice and common mistakes to avoid
6	Practical Exercise — A hands-on task to apply what you learned

AI Tools Quick Reference Guide

Throughout this program, you will use a curated set of best-in-class AI tools. Each tool is selected for its specific strengths and is integrated into the daily exercises. Familiarize yourself with these platforms before starting Day 1.

ChatGPT OpenAI	Content writing, ad copy, strategy ideation, brainstorming, email sequences, market research summaries, and general marketing AI assistance.	chatgpt.com
Claude Anthropic	Long-form content, nuanced marketing strategy, competitor analysis reports, ethical AI usage, and complex campaign planning documents.	claude.ai
Meta Business Suite Meta	Facebook & Instagram ad campaign creation, audience targeting, ad performance monitoring, and social media scheduling.	business.facebook.com
Google Analytics 4 Google	Website traffic analysis, user behavior tracking, conversion measurement, audience insights, and e-commerce reporting.	analytics.google.com
Looker Studio Google	Custom marketing dashboards, data visualization, performance reporting, KPI tracking, and client-facing report creation.	lookerstudio.google.com
Canva Canva Pty.	Ad creatives, social media visuals, portfolio design, presentation slides, and brand asset creation — even for non-designers.	canva.com
Microsoft Designer Microsoft	AI-powered image generation for ad creatives, social media posts, and brand visuals using simple text prompts.	designer.microsoft.com
Tawk.to Tawk.to	Free live chat and chatbot platform for website integration, customer support automation, and lead capture workflows.	tawk.to
Botpress Botpress	Advanced AI chatbot builder for creating conversational flows, intent recognition, and automated customer interaction systems.	botpress.com
Gemini Google	AI research assistant for market analysis, trend discovery, content ideas, and integrating AI into Google Workspace tools.	gemini.google.com
DeepSeek DeepSeek AI	In-depth research, technical competitor analysis, complex data interpretation, and long-form AI-assisted market studies.	deepseek.com

MODULE 1

Days 1–5 | 10 Hours Total

Online Advertising

Master paid traffic and reach your ideal customers with precision.

Online advertising is the backbone of modern digital marketing. Through paid channels like Meta Ads and Google Ads, businesses can reach specific audiences at exactly the right moment. In this module, you will learn how the digital ad ecosystem works, how to craft compelling ads, and how to set up and manage campaigns from scratch.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ How ad auctions and paid traffic systems work	✓ Audience segmentation and targeting strategies
✓ Writing copy that stops the scroll and drives clicks	✓ Designing thumb-stopping ad creatives
✓ Campaign structure, budgets, and optimization basics	✓ Using AI tools to accelerate every step of the process

DAY 1

■ 2 hrs

How Online Ads Work

Online Advertising

Overview

Before you spend a single dollar on advertising, you need to understand the mechanics behind digital ads. Online advertising operates through auction-based systems where advertisers compete to show their ads to specific audiences. Understanding how this works gives you a crucial advantage in creating efficient, cost-effective campaigns.

Core Concepts

What Is Paid Traffic?

Paid traffic refers to visitors who come to your website or landing page as a result of paid advertising. Unlike organic traffic (from SEO or social media), paid traffic gives you immediate, predictable, and scalable reach. You pay platforms like Meta or Google to show your message to people most likely to take action — whether that's buying, signing up, or clicking.

How Ad Auctions Work

Every time a user loads a page or opens an app, an auction happens in milliseconds. Advertisers bid for the opportunity to show their ad. However, the winner is NOT always the highest bidder. Platforms like Meta and Google factor in your ad's relevance score (how likely users are to engage with it), your bid amount, and estimated action rates. This means a well-crafted, highly relevant ad can beat a higher-spending competitor.

Key Ad Pricing Models

CPC (Cost Per Click): You pay each time someone clicks your ad — ideal for driving website traffic. CPM (Cost Per 1,000 Impressions): You pay for visibility regardless of clicks — great for brand awareness. CPA (Cost Per Acquisition): You pay when a specific action occurs (purchase, lead). Understanding which model aligns with your campaign goal is fundamental.

Campaign Objectives

Most ad platforms organize campaigns around objectives: Awareness (reach as many people as possible), Consideration (drive traffic, engagement, or video views), and Conversion (generate leads, sales, or app installs). Always start your campaign by choosing the right objective — the platform will optimize delivery accordingly.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Paid traffic concept

■ Ad auction system

■ Ad formats overview	■ Targeting basics intro
■ Campaign objectives	■ Quality score & relevance
■ CPC, CPM, CPA models	■ Ad platform options

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Bidding on Relevance, Not Just Budget

New advertisers think they need a huge budget to compete. They don't. The ad platforms want to show users the most relevant ads possible — so a tightly targeted, highly relevant ad with a modest budget will consistently outperform a generic, expensive one. Focus on relevance from Day 1.

Today's Practical Exercise

Using ChatGPT, ask: "Explain how Meta Ads auction works in simple terms, and give me 3 tips to improve my ad relevance score." Then use Claude to draft a 200-word summary of what you learned and how you will apply it to a product or service of your choice.

Audience Targeting Strategies

Online Advertising

Overview

Even the most brilliant ad will fail if it reaches the wrong people. Audience targeting is arguably the most powerful capability of digital advertising — allowing you to show your message to people defined by their age, location, interests, past behavior, or even their relationship with your brand. In this lesson, you will master the art and science of building the right audience.

Core Concepts

Core Targeting Dimensions

Demographics: Age, gender, location, language, education, job title, and relationship status. This is the foundation of any targeting strategy and helps you eliminate wasted spend immediately. Geographic targeting can be as broad as a country or as narrow as a 1-mile radius around a physical store.

Interest and Behavioral Targeting

Platforms like Meta have deep behavioral data on users — the pages they like, the content they engage with, and the purchases they make. You can target people who are interested in fitness, technology, travel, business, and thousands of other categories. Layering multiple interest groups helps you find a precise, high-intent audience.

Custom Audiences — Your Most Valuable Asset

Custom audiences let you target people who have already interacted with your business: website visitors, email subscribers, video viewers, or social media engagers. These warm audiences convert at much higher rates than cold audiences because they already have some familiarity with your brand.

Lookalike Audiences

Once you have a custom audience, platforms can find new people who share similar characteristics. A 1% lookalike audience of your customers is often the most efficient cold-audience targeting strategy available. Always seed your lookalikes with your highest-quality customers for best results.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Demographics targeting	■ Interest-based targeting
■ Custom audiences	■ Lookalike audiences

■ Retargeting basics	■ Exclusion audiences
■ Audience overlap	■ B2B vs B2C targeting

AI Tools for Today

Meta Business Suite

■ Narrower Is Usually Better

When starting out, resist the temptation to target everyone. A focused audience of 500,000 highly relevant users will almost always outperform a broad audience of 5 million loosely-matched users. Start narrow, find what works, then scale.

Today's Practical Exercise

Open Meta Business Suite and explore the Audiences section. Create one custom audience based on website visitors (or a hypothetical audience definition). Then define a detailed targeting set for a product of your choice — specifying age range, location, 3 interests, and 1 behavioral category. Screenshot your setup and write a brief rationale for each targeting choice.

DAY 3

■ 2 hrs

Writing High-Converting Ad Copy

Online Advertising

Overview

Your ad copy is the voice of your campaign. In a world where users scroll through hundreds of messages per day, your words must immediately grab attention, create desire, and inspire action — all within seconds. In this lesson, you will learn proven copywriting frameworks and how to use AI tools to generate and refine high-converting ad copy efficiently.

Core Concepts

The Hook: Your Most Important Line

The first line of your ad is the hook — the moment a user decides whether to keep reading or scroll past. Effective hooks create a pattern interrupt: they say something unexpected, ask a provocative question, make a bold statement, or immediately address a pain point the reader feels deeply. Example: "Most marketers waste 60% of their ad budget. Here's why."

The AIDA Framework

AIDA is the classic copywriting structure: Attention (your hook), Interest (expand on the problem or opportunity), Desire (show the transformation or benefit your offer provides), Action (tell the reader exactly what to do next). This framework works across all ad formats — Facebook posts, Google text ads, YouTube scripts, and landing pages.

Emotional Triggers That Drive Action

People buy on emotion and justify with logic. Key emotional triggers in marketing copy include: Fear of missing out (FOMO), Aspiration (who they want to become), Social proof (others like them are doing it), Curiosity (incomplete information they want resolved), and Pain avoidance (stop suffering from this problem). Learn to identify which trigger resonates most with your specific audience.

Writing Compelling Calls-to-Action

Your CTA tells users exactly what to do next. Weak CTAs say "Click Here." Strong CTAs are specific and benefit-oriented: "Get Your Free Marketing Audit," "Start Saving Today," "Claim Your Discount." Always pair your CTA with a reason to act now — a deadline, a limited quantity, or an exclusive offer creates urgency that dramatically improves click-through rates.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Ad hooks and openers

■ Problem-solution structure

■ Emotional triggers	■ Call-to-action writing
■ AIDA framework	■ Social proof in copy
■ Scarcity and urgency	■ Headline formulas

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Test Headlines First, Then Body Copy

When split-testing your ads, always start by testing different headlines and hooks before changing body copy. The headline drives 80% of the performance difference between ad variations. Find your winner, then optimize the rest of the copy.

Today's Practical Exercise

Use ChatGPT with this prompt: "Write 5 different Facebook ad copies for a [your product/service] targeting [your audience]. Include one for each of these hooks: question, bold statement, pain point, social proof, and curiosity." Then use Claude to evaluate each version and recommend which one to test first and why.

Creating Winning Ad Creatives

Online Advertising

Overview

In digital advertising, visuals often communicate before words do. A strong creative stops the scroll, establishes your brand identity, and reinforces your message. You do not need to be a professional designer to create great ad creatives — with today's AI design tools, anyone can produce professional-quality visuals. This lesson teaches you the design principles and tools that make ads perform.

Core Concepts

Visual Hierarchy: Guide the Viewer's Eye

Visual hierarchy is the arrangement of elements so viewers naturally look at the most important parts first. In ads, this means: your hook or main benefit should be the largest, most prominent element. Supporting details come next. Your CTA button or brand logo should anchor the design. Use size, contrast, and color to establish clear visual priority.

Thumb-Stopping Design Principles

In a mobile-first world, your ad has approximately 0.8 seconds to stop a scroll. Design principles that help: Use high contrast — bright colors on dark backgrounds or vice versa. Feature a human face — humans are biologically wired to look at other faces. Use motion when possible — even subtle animation dramatically increases stop rate. Make text large and legible at small sizes — most users see ads on phone screens.

Choosing the Right Ad Format

Single image: Best for direct, simple messages. Carousel: Great for showing multiple products or steps in a process. Video (15-30 sec): Highest engagement for storytelling and demonstrations. Story/Reel: Full-screen, vertical, immersive — ideal for younger audiences. Collection: Showcases a catalog of products seamlessly. Match your format to your message and campaign objective.

Testing Creative Variations

Never run a single creative — always test at least 2-3 variations. Test one variable at a time: different images, different headline text overlays, or different color schemes. Most platforms have built-in A/B testing tools. Let the data decide which creative wins, then double down on the winner and iterate from there.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Visual hierarchy principles	■ Ad format selection
■ Thumb-stopping design	■ Color psychology in ads
■ Testing creative variations	■ Image vs video ads
■ Brand consistency	■ AI image generation

AI Tools for Today

Canva

■ Use Real Customer Language in Your Creatives

Read reviews, comments, and social media posts from your target audience. The exact words they use to describe their problems and desires — used verbatim in your ad creative — will resonate far more powerfully than marketing language you invent yourself.

Today's Practical Exercise

Open Canva and create 2 variations of a social media ad for a product or service of your choice. Use a different color scheme and image for each. Then use Microsoft Designer to generate an AI-created ad image using a text prompt. Compare all three designs and write 3 sentences explaining which performs best and why.

DAY 5

■ 2 hrs

Ad Campaign Setup & Structure

Online Advertising

Overview

Knowing how to write great ads is only half the battle. The other half is setting up your campaign correctly so the platform delivers your ads to the right people at the right cost. In this lesson, you will learn how to build a properly structured Meta campaign from the ground up — including budgets, placements, and optimization settings.

Core Concepts

The Three-Level Campaign Architecture

Meta Ads (and most ad platforms) use a three-tier structure: Campaign (your objective and total strategy), Ad Set (your targeting, budget, placement, and scheduling), Ad (your specific creative — image, video, copy). This structure lets you test multiple audiences in different ad sets while sharing the same campaign objective, and test multiple creatives within each ad set.

Budget Strategy: Daily vs Lifetime

Daily Budget: The platform spends approximately this amount per day — good for ongoing campaigns where you want consistent daily delivery. **Lifetime Budget:** The platform spends the total amount over your defined campaign period — allows the algorithm more flexibility to spend on high-opportunity days. For beginners, daily budgets with Advantage+ placements are the safest starting point.

Ad Placements Explained

Automatic/Advantage+ Placements: Let the algorithm decide where to show ads across Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, and the Audience Network — usually the most cost-efficient option for most campaigns. **Manual Placements:** You choose specific surfaces (e.g., Instagram Feed only, Stories only). Use manual placements when you have creative specifically designed for that format or have data showing one placement significantly outperforms others.

Optimization Events and Bidding

Your optimization event tells the platform what you want it to optimize for. Common events: Landing Page Views (traffic), Purchase (conversions), Lead (lead gen). Bidding strategies: Lowest Cost (default — most efficient for beginners), Cost Cap (set a target CPA), Bid Cap (maximum bid amount). Start with Lowest Cost and switch to Cost Cap once you have conversion data.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Campaign structure basics	■ Budget setting strategies
■ Ad placement options	■ Bidding strategies
■ Campaign vs ad set vs ad	■ Optimization events
■ Campaign naming conventions	■ Launch checklist

AI Tools for Today

Meta Business Suite

■ Name Your Campaigns Consistently From Day 1

Adopt a naming convention immediately: [Objective]_[Audience]_[Date]_[Creative]. For example: CONV_WomenAged25-35_Jan2025_VideoV1. When you're running 20+ campaigns, this discipline saves hours and prevents costly mistakes.

Today's Practical Exercise

In Meta Business Suite, set up a complete campaign structure for a hypothetical product. Create the campaign level (select an objective), one ad set (define targeting, budget, and placements), and one ad (upload a creative from Day 4). Screenshot each level and annotate what each setting does. You do not need to publish or spend money — this is a setup exercise.

MODULE 2

Days 6–9 | 8 Hours Total

Web Analytics

Understand your audience, track performance, and make data-driven decisions.

You cannot improve what you do not measure. Web analytics transforms raw visitor data into actionable insights — telling you who visits your site, where they come from, what they do, and whether they convert. In this module, you will become proficient in Google Analytics 4 (GA4), the industry standard for web analytics.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Navigate and use Google Analytics 4 confidently	✓ Understand sessions, users, and key engagement metrics
✓ Identify and analyze all major traffic sources	✓ Track user journeys and behavior patterns
✓ Set up and measure conversion goals	✓ Connect analytics insights to marketing decisions

Understanding Website Visitors

Web Analytics

Overview

Every website generates a constant stream of data about the people who visit it. Google Analytics 4 captures and organizes this data into meaningful reports. This lesson establishes your fundamental understanding of the GA4 interface and the core metrics that every digital marketer must know.

Core Concepts

Sessions and Users: The Foundation

A User is an individual who visits your site. A Session is a single visit — one user can have multiple sessions (e.g., they visit Tuesday and again Friday). GA4 uses "engaged sessions" — sessions lasting more than 10 seconds, with a conversion event, or with 2+ page views. This makes GA4's data more meaningful than previous metrics like basic bounce rate.

Traffic Channels Explained

GA4 automatically categorizes your traffic into channels: Organic Search (Google, Bing), Direct (typed URL or unknown), Referral (links from other sites), Social (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn), Email (email campaigns), Paid Search (Google Ads), and Paid Social (Meta Ads). Understanding your channel mix reveals which marketing efforts drive the most traffic.

Engagement Metrics That Matter

Engagement Rate: Percentage of sessions that are "engaged" — a healthier metric than bounce rate. Average Engagement Time: How long users actually interact with your content. Events Per Session: How many actions users take per visit. These three together tell you whether your content resonates with your audience or needs improvement.

Navigating the GA4 Interface

Key reports to bookmark: Reports > Acquisition > Traffic Acquisition (where visitors come from), Reports > Engagement > Pages and Screens (which pages are most visited), Reports > Retention (how many users return), and Realtime (current visitors on your site). Familiarize yourself with the Explorer section for custom analyses.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Sessions vs users	■ Traffic channels overview
■ Bounce rate explained	■ Engagement metrics

■ New vs returning users	■ GA4 interface navigation
■ Realtime reports	■ Audience overview

AI Tools for Today

Google Analytics 4

■ GA4 Looks Different — That's Intentional

Google Analytics 4 replaced Universal Analytics in 2023. If you find tutorials showing a different interface, they're outdated. GA4 uses an event-based model rather than session-based — this gives you far richer behavioral data, but requires understanding new terminology. Embrace the learning curve; it's worth it.

Today's Practical Exercise

Log in to Google Analytics 4 (or create a demo account at analytics.google.com). Navigate to the Traffic Acquisition report. Identify your top 3 traffic sources, engagement rate for each, and average engagement time. Write a 150-word summary of what the data tells you about your audience and which channel deserves more investment.

DAY 7

■ 2 hrs

Traffic Source Analysis

Web Analytics

Overview

Knowing how much traffic you receive is useful. Knowing exactly where each visitor comes from and how they behave is powerful. Traffic source analysis allows you to identify which marketing channels deliver your best customers, where to invest more, and where you may be wasting effort and money.

Core Concepts

Why Traffic Source Matters More Than Volume

Not all traffic is equal. 100 highly-engaged organic visitors who convert at 5% are more valuable than 1,000 paid visitors who immediately leave. Traffic source analysis helps you compare not just volume but quality: engagement rate, pages per session, conversion rate, and revenue by channel. This data drives smarter budget allocation decisions.

UTM Parameters: The Key to Accurate Attribution

UTM (Urchin Tracking Module) parameters are tags you add to your URLs to tell GA4 exactly where traffic comes from. A UTM-tagged link looks like: `yoursite.com/offer?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=paid-social&utm_campaign=jan2025-promo`. Without UTMs, much of your paid traffic shows up as "Direct" in GA4, making it impossible to measure campaign performance accurately.

Analyzing Paid vs Organic Traffic

Organic traffic (from search engines, without paying) reflects your SEO strength and brand reputation. Paid traffic reflects your advertising investment. Comparing their conversion rates reveals your true cost of acquisition. If organic traffic converts at 3% and paid converts at 1.5%, your SEO investment is generating twice the efficiency per visitor.

Referral and Social Traffic Insights

Referral traffic comes from other websites linking to yours — blogs, directories, press mentions, and partnerships. High-quality referral sources often send pre-qualified visitors. Social traffic reveals which platforms drive meaningful engagement versus vanity clicks. Segment your social traffic by platform to discover where your audience truly lives.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Organic traffic analysis

■ Paid traffic tracking

■ Referral traffic	■ Social traffic
■ Direct traffic insights	■ UTM parameters
■ Campaign tracking	■ Source/medium reports

AI Tools for Today

Google Analytics

■ Build UTM Tracking Into Every Campaign — Always

Make UTM parameters non-negotiable in your workflow. Before launching any campaign, create a UTM tracking spreadsheet. Every ad, every email, every social post gets a UTM tag. This discipline will make you an analytics hero when clients ask where their results are coming from.

Today's Practical Exercise

In GA4, go to Acquisition > Traffic Acquisition. For each channel (Organic, Paid, Social, Referral, Direct), record: Sessions, Engagement Rate, and Conversions (if applicable). Then build a UTM parameter set for a hypothetical email campaign using Google's Campaign URL Builder tool. Paste the URL and explain what each parameter tracks.

User Behavior Tracking

Web Analytics

Overview

Understanding what users do on your website is just as important as knowing how they arrive. User behavior tracking reveals the path visitors take, where they engage deeply, where they lose interest, and what drives them to convert — or leave.

Core Concepts

The User Journey and Path Analysis

GA4's "User Explorer" and "Funnel Exploration" reports let you trace individual or aggregate user paths through your site. A typical e-commerce journey might be: Homepage > Category Page > Product Page > Cart > Checkout > Thank You. Identifying where users drop off in this journey pinpoints your biggest conversion optimization opportunities.

Page Performance Metrics

For each page, analyze: Views (total page loads), Unique Users (how many distinct users saw it), Average Engagement Time (how long they stay), and Exits (how often users leave from this page). Pages with high views but low engagement time may have irrelevant content. Pages with high exit rates may need stronger CTAs or better content to keep users moving forward.

Scroll Depth and Engagement Patterns

Scroll depth tracking tells you how far down your pages users actually read. If 80% of users leave after reading only the top 30% of a long blog post, your most important CTA should be in that top section. GA4 tracks scroll events automatically when users reach 90% of a page — a useful indicator of deep content engagement.

Event Tracking for Deeper Insight

GA4 automatically tracks many events: clicks, scrolls, video plays, file downloads, and form interactions. Custom events let you track anything specific to your business: button clicks, product detail views, add-to-cart actions. Events are the building blocks of conversion tracking and funnel analysis.

Key Points at a Glance

■ User journey mapping	■ Pages visited tracking
■ Time on page analysis	■ Scroll depth tracking

■ Click event tracking	■ Funnel visualization
■ Exit pages	■ Heatmap concepts

AI Tools for Today

Google Analytics

■ Your Exit Pages Are Your Biggest Opportunity

Most marketers focus on driving more traffic. The bigger win is often fixing where current traffic drops off. Improving your exit page conversion rate by just 1-2% can double your results without spending an extra dollar on advertising.

Today's Practical Exercise

In GA4 Explore, create a Path Exploration report starting from your homepage. Identify the top 3 paths users take after the homepage. Find your highest-exit page and hypothesize two reasons why users leave from that page. Write a brief optimization recommendation for each high-exit page.

Conversion Tracking

Web Analytics

Overview

Traffic data without conversion data is incomplete. Conversion tracking connects your marketing activities directly to business outcomes — sign-ups, purchases, form completions, and revenue. This lesson teaches you to define, set up, and analyze conversions in GA4, giving you the data needed to make confident marketing decisions.

Core Concepts

Defining Conversions for Your Business

A conversion is any action that represents value to your business. Macro conversions are primary goals: a purchase, a lead form submission, a subscription. Micro conversions are smaller but meaningful steps: clicking a CTA button, watching a product video, adding an item to cart. Both types provide valuable data about user intent and campaign effectiveness.

Setting Up Conversion Events in GA4

In GA4, mark any event as a conversion by toggling it on in Admin > Events. Common conversions to configure: purchase, generate_lead, form_submit, sign_up, begin_checkout, and page_view for thank-you pages. For each conversion event, ensure you're capturing the event name, value (if applicable), and the page or trigger where it fires.

Attribution Models: Who Gets the Credit?

When a user sees your Facebook ad, then clicks a Google search ad, then converts — which channel gets credit? Attribution models answer this: Last Click (the final touch before conversion), First Click (the initial discovery channel), Linear (equal credit to all touchpoints), Data-Driven (GA4's AI-powered model, recommended for most businesses). Understanding attribution prevents you from over- or under-valuing channels.

Conversion Rate Optimization (CRO) Basics

Your conversion rate is: $(\text{Conversions} \div \text{Sessions}) \times 100$. Industry averages vary: e-commerce 1-3%, SaaS free trials 2-5%, lead gen forms 3-10%. If you're below benchmarks, investigate your landing page experience, form length, page load speed, and the match between your ad promise and the landing page content — known as "ad scent."

Key Points at a Glance

■ What is a conversion

■ Goal setup in GA4

■ Event-based tracking	■ Lead tracking setup
■ E-commerce tracking	■ Micro vs macro conversions
■ Attribution models	■ Conversion rate benchmarks

AI Tools for Today

Google Analytics

■ Conversion Rate Is More Valuable Than Traffic Volume

Doubling your traffic doubles your costs. Doubling your conversion rate doubles your revenue with zero extra ad spend. Always invest time in optimizing your conversion rate before scaling your ad budget. The math always works in your favor.

Today's Practical Exercise

In GA4, navigate to Admin > Events and identify which events are currently marked as conversions. If you have access, mark one relevant event as a conversion. Then calculate the conversion rate for your top traffic source and compare it to industry benchmarks for your business type. Write 3 specific recommendations to improve your conversion rate.

MODULE 3

Days 10–11 | 4 Hours Total

Marketing Reports & Dashboards

Visualize your data, communicate performance, and make confident decisions.

Great marketing without great reporting is like driving with your eyes closed. This module teaches you to read complex marketing reports, extract meaningful insights, and build professional dashboards that communicate performance clearly to clients, stakeholders, or your own team.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Interpret campaign reports from multiple platforms	✓ Identify key performance indicators (KPIs) for any business
✓ Build professional dashboards in Looker Studio	✓ Connect multiple data sources to one dashboard
✓ Present data stories that drive decisions	✓ Spot trends and anomalies in marketing data

DAY 10

■ 2 hrs

Reading Marketing Reports

Marketing Reports

Overview

A marketing report is only valuable if you can read and interpret it correctly. This lesson teaches you the structure of professional marketing reports, the key metrics to focus on, and how to extract actionable insights from complex data sets.

Core Concepts

Anatomy of a Professional Marketing Report

Every good marketing report includes: Executive Summary (top-line results), Goal vs. Actual Comparison (are you hitting targets?), Channel Performance Breakdown (how each channel is performing), Trend Analysis (is performance improving?), Key Insights (what the data means), and Recommendations (what to do next). Reports without recommendations are just data — reports with recommendations are intelligence.

The Most Important Marketing KPIs

Reach & Impressions: How many people saw your content. Click-Through Rate (CTR): What percentage clicked. Cost Per Click (CPC): Efficiency of paid campaigns. Conversion Rate (CVR): Percentage who took the desired action. Cost Per Acquisition (CPA): How much each conversion costs. Return on Ad Spend (ROAS): Revenue generated per dollar spent. Customer Lifetime Value (CLV): Long-term value of each acquired customer.

Comparing Performance: Period Over Period

Never look at metrics in isolation. Always compare: This week vs. last week, This month vs. last month, This quarter vs. same quarter last year. Period over period analysis reveals whether performance is trending up, declining, or plateauing. Look for the "why" behind significant changes — platform algorithm updates, seasonal effects, or budget changes.

Extracting Insights from Data

Raw numbers become insights when you ask the right questions: "Why did CTR drop 30% this week?" (Creative fatigue?), "Why did CPA spike on Wednesday?" (Competitor entered market?), "Why did organic traffic increase 25%?" (Content piece went viral?). Good marketers are always curious about the story behind the numbers.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Campaign report structure

■ KPI identification

■ Performance comparison	■ Trend analysis
■ Report frequency standards	■ Data visualization basics
■ Benchmark comparisons	■ Insight extraction

AI Tools for Today

Looker Studio

■ Always Lead With Insight, Not Data

When presenting reports, clients and executives don't want a spreadsheet — they want to know: "Are we winning? What should we do next?" Lead every report with a clear, jargon-free summary. Save the data tables for the appendix.

Today's Practical Exercise

Find or create a sample marketing report (you can use ChatGPT to generate hypothetical data). Identify 5 KPIs, calculate period-over-period changes for each, and write a 200-word executive summary with 3 specific recommendations based on the data. Present it as if you are reporting to a client.

Creating Data Dashboards

Marketing Reports

Overview

A great dashboard tells a story at a glance. Instead of manually compiling reports every week, a well-built Looker Studio dashboard updates automatically and gives you — and your clients — a real-time view of marketing performance. This lesson teaches you to build dashboards that are both beautiful and functional.

Core Concepts

Looker Studio Fundamentals

Looker Studio (formerly Google Data Studio) is Google's free data visualization tool. It connects to over 1,000 data sources — including Google Analytics, Google Ads, Meta Ads, Sheets, BigQuery, and more. You drag-and-drop charts, tables, and scorecards onto a canvas, configure your data, and share a live link that auto-refreshes. No code required.

Connecting Your Data Sources

In Looker Studio, start by clicking "Create > Data Source." Select your connector (Google Analytics, Google Ads, etc.) and authorize the connection. You can blend multiple data sources in one report — showing GA4 traffic data alongside Meta Ads cost data on the same page. This cross-platform view is incredibly powerful for full-funnel analysis.

Choosing the Right Chart for Your Data

Scorecard: Single important numbers (total revenue, total leads). Bar Chart: Comparing values across categories (channel performance). Line Chart: Trends over time (weekly traffic). Pie/Donut Chart: Proportions (traffic channel share — use sparingly). Table: Detailed breakdowns. Geo Map: Regional performance. Always choose the chart that makes the insight immediately obvious, not the most complex one.

Building a Client-Ready Dashboard

A professional client dashboard includes: Header with logo and date range selector, Executive Summary scorecard row (top 4-6 KPIs), Performance trend charts (line charts by week/month), Channel breakdown (bar or table), Top campaigns or content, and a Next Steps or Recommendations section. Design for someone who has 60 seconds to understand the full picture.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Dashboard component types	■ Looker Studio setup
■ Connecting data sources	■ Visual chart selection
■ KPI scorecards	■ Filters and date ranges
■ Dashboard sharing	■ Decision-making design

AI Tools for Today

Looker Studio

■ Build the Dashboard Your Client Actually Uses

The most common dashboard mistake is building for what you can show, not what your client needs to know. Before building, ask: "What decisions will this dashboard help you make?" Then build backward from the answer. A simple, decision-focused dashboard beats a complex, impressive-looking one every time.

Today's Practical Exercise

In Looker Studio, create a new blank report. Connect Google Analytics 4 (or sample data). Add: a date range control, 4 scorecard KPIs, 1 line trend chart (sessions over time), and 1 bar chart (traffic by source). Apply a consistent color scheme using your brand or SMARTPRO AI colors. Share the report link and write a one-paragraph interpretation of what the dashboard shows.

MODULE 4

Days 12–13 | 4 Hours Total

Marketing Metrics & ROI

Calculate profitability, measure return, and optimize for sustainable growth.

Marketing without metrics is guessing. This module teaches you to speak the language of business results — calculating costs, margins, and returns that prove the value of your marketing efforts and guide smarter spending decisions.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Calculate Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)	✓ Measure and improve marketing Return on Investment
✓ Understand profit margins and their impact on ad budgets	✓ Identify underperforming campaigns and fix them
✓ Use AI tools for rapid financial analysis	✓ Build optimization frameworks for continuous improvement

Profit, Cost & ROI Fundamentals

Marketing Metrics

Overview

The ability to calculate marketing profitability separates strategic marketers from tactical ones. In this lesson, you will master the core financial metrics that determine whether a campaign is worth running — and how to communicate value to clients and stakeholders in the language of profit.

Core Concepts

Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)

$CAC = \text{Total Marketing Spend} \div \text{Number of New Customers Acquired}$. Example: If you spend \$1,000 on ads and acquire 20 customers, your CAC is \$50. This number must always be compared to your Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) to determine sustainability. A healthy business maintains a CLV:CAC ratio of at least 3:1 — meaning each customer generates 3x what they cost to acquire.

Return on Ad Spend (ROAS)

$ROAS = \text{Revenue Generated from Ads} \div \text{Ad Spend}$. Example: \$5,000 revenue from \$1,000 ad spend = 5x ROAS. This is the primary metric for evaluating campaign efficiency. Note: ROAS measures revenue, not profit. A campaign with 5x ROAS might still be unprofitable if your product margins are thin. Always calculate ROAS alongside profit margin to get the true picture.

Marketing ROI: The Complete Formula

$\text{Marketing ROI} = (\text{Revenue Attributable to Marketing} - \text{Marketing Costs}) \div \text{Marketing Costs} \times 100$. This gives you a percentage return on your investment. A 200% marketing ROI means you made \$2 in profit for every \$1 spent. Use this for reporting to leadership and clients — it translates marketing performance into universal business language.

Break-Even Analysis for Campaign Planning

Before launching a campaign, calculate your break-even point: At what conversion rate and average order value does this campaign become profitable? Example: Product price \$100, margin 50% = \$50 profit per sale. Ad spend \$1,000. Break-even = 20 sales (20 × \$50 = \$1,000). This pre-launch analysis prevents wasted spend on fundamentally unprofitable campaigns.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Customer acquisition cost	■ Marketing ROI formula
■ Profit margin basics	■ ROAS calculation
■ LTV to CAC ratio	■ Break-even analysis
■ Budget allocation logic	■ AI financial analysis

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Know Your Numbers Before You Launch

Always run the break-even math before starting any campaign. Reverse-engineer your targets: "I need a \$30 CPA to be profitable. Given my historical conversion rate of 2%, my CPC must be below \$0.60." This kind of pre-planning is what separates data-driven marketers from those who guess and hope.

Today's Practical Exercise

Use ChatGPT or Claude with this scenario: "I sell a product for \$80 with a 40% profit margin. My ad spend last month was \$2,000 and I acquired 35 customers. Calculate my CAC, ROAS, marketing ROI, and LTV:CAC ratio assuming each customer buys twice per year for 2 years. Am I profitable?" Study the AI's analysis, then redo the calculation manually to verify.

DAY 13

■ 2 hrs

Campaign Optimization

Marketing Metrics

Overview

Launching a campaign is just the beginning. The real marketing skill lies in continuous optimization — systematically identifying what is working, doubling down on it, and eliminating what isn't. This lesson gives you a structured framework for ongoing campaign improvement.

Core Concepts

The Optimization Mindset

Optimization is not about fixing failures — it's about continuously improving successes. Approach every campaign with a hypothesis: "I believe changing X will improve Y by Z." Test the hypothesis. Measure the result. Implement the winner. This scientific, iterative process is what separates elite marketers from average ones.

The A/B Testing Framework

A/B testing (split testing) compares two versions of one element while keeping everything else constant. Test one variable at a time: Ad headline, Ad image, Target audience, Landing page headline, CTA button text. Statistical significance requires enough data — typically 100+ conversions per variation before drawing conclusions. Never kill a test too early.

Budget Reallocation: Feed the Winners

Review campaign performance weekly. Campaigns with below-target ROAS: pause, investigate, and fix before reactivating. Campaigns hitting targets: maintain budget. Campaigns significantly exceeding targets: increase budget gradually (10-20% increases to avoid disrupting the algorithm). Shift budget from underperformers to proven winners systematically.

Creative Fatigue and Refresh Cycles

Ad creative fatigue occurs when your audience has seen your ad too many times — performance drops, CPMs rise, and engagement falls. Monitor Frequency (average number of times each person has seen your ad). When Frequency exceeds 3-4 on Facebook/Instagram, refresh your creative. Plan a content calendar that introduces new creative variations every 2-4 weeks.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Identifying underperformers	■ Creative testing frameworks
■ Audience refinement	■ Budget reallocation

■ A/B testing methodology	■ Conversion rate improvement
■ Scaling winning campaigns	■ Optimization checklist

AI Tools for Today

Looker Studio

■ The 80/20 Rule Applies to Campaigns

80% of your results typically come from 20% of your campaigns and creatives. Spend the majority of your optimization time identifying and scaling that high-performing 20%, rather than trying to fix everything that's underperforming.

Today's Practical Exercise

Take your campaign data from a previous exercise (real or hypothetical) and create a simple optimization scorecard in Looker Studio or Google Sheets. Identify your 2 best-performing ad sets, your 2 worst-performing, and write a specific optimization action for each underperformer. Then write a scaling plan for your best performer.

MODULE 5

Days 14–17 | 8 Hours Total

Marketing Automation

Build systems that nurture, engage, and convert — while you sleep.

Marketing automation allows you to deliver the right message to the right person at the right time — automatically. In this module, you will build customer follow-up sequences, set up live chat systems, and create AI-powered chatbots that capture and nurture leads around the clock.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Design and implement lead nurturing sequences	✓ Set up automated email and follow-up workflows
✓ Install and configure live chat on a website	✓ Build intelligent chatbot conversation flows
✓ Automate customer responses and FAQ handling	✓ Use AI to enhance every automation touchpoint

Customer Follow-Up Systems

Marketing Automation

Overview

The fortune is in the follow-up. Research shows that 80% of sales require 5+ follow-up touchpoints, yet most businesses give up after 1-2 attempts. Marketing automation solves this by creating systematic, personalized follow-up sequences that nurture leads until they are ready to buy.

Core Concepts

What Is Lead Nurturing?

Lead nurturing is the process of building relationships with potential customers who are not yet ready to purchase. Through a series of valuable, relevant communications delivered at the right intervals, you educate, build trust, and move leads progressively closer to conversion. Nurtured leads make 47% larger purchases than non-nurtured leads (Annuitas Group).

Designing a Drip Campaign

A drip campaign is a pre-written sequence of messages sent on a schedule after a trigger event (opt-in, demo request, abandoned cart). Structure: Day 0 (Welcome + immediate value), Day 2 (Educational content), Day 5 (Social proof/case study), Day 8 (Objection handling), Day 12 (Soft offer), Day 16 (Strong CTA with urgency). Each email should have one clear purpose and one clear call-to-action.

Trigger-Based Automation

Trigger-based automation sends messages based on specific user actions rather than time intervals. Examples: Abandoned cart email 1 hour after a user leaves without purchasing. Welcome sequence triggered by a form submission. Re-engagement email to users inactive for 30 days. Birthday discount on a customer's birthday. Trigger-based emails significantly outperform broadcast emails in open rates and conversions.

The Nurture-to-Close Framework

Structure your automation in three phases: Nurture Phase (deliver value, build trust, educate — no hard selling). Engagement Phase (interactive content, surveys, webinars — deepen the relationship). Conversion Phase (present your offer clearly, handle objections, create urgency). Different leads may move through these phases at different speeds — good automation accounts for this with behavior-based branching.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Lead nurturing concept	■ Drip campaign structure
■ Automated email sequences	■ Segmentation for automation
■ Trigger-based messaging	■ Follow-up timing
■ Nurturing vs selling	■ Sequence design principles

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Value First, Offer Second — Always

The #1 mistake in marketing automation is leading with the sales pitch. Your first 3-5 touchpoints should deliver genuine value: tips, insights, resources, answers to common questions. By the time your offer appears, leads should already trust you — making the sale dramatically easier.

Today's Practical Exercise

Use ChatGPT to design a 5-email drip sequence for a product or service of your choice. The prompt: "Write a 5-email lead nurturing sequence for [product/service]. Include subject lines, email bodies (150 words each), and a CTA for each. The sequence should move from educational to soft sell to strong offer." Review and refine the output with Claude.

DAY 15

■ 2 hrs

Chatbots in Marketing

Marketing Automation

Overview

Modern customers expect immediate responses — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Marketing chatbots make this possible by handling common queries, qualifying leads, and capturing contact information automatically. This lesson explores how chatbots work in marketing contexts and how to use them effectively.

Core Concepts

Why Chatbots Are Essential for Modern Marketing

The average response time for a business to a website inquiry is 42 hours. Chatbots respond in seconds. This speed advantage alone dramatically increases lead capture rates. Beyond speed, chatbots can handle hundreds of simultaneous conversations, never forget a follow-up, and consistently deliver your sales message without variation.

Marketing Use Cases for Chatbots

Lead Qualification: Ask qualifying questions (budget, timeline, needs) and route hot leads to sales. FAQ Handling: Answer the 20 questions you receive most frequently automatically. Appointment Booking: Integrate with your calendar for seamless scheduling. Product Recommendations: Guide shoppers based on their preferences. Post-Purchase Support: Handle shipping questions and reduce customer service burden.

Designing Chatbot Conversations

A chatbot is only as good as its conversation design. Key principles: Set clear expectations upfront ("Hi, I'm an AI assistant — ask me anything!"). Keep responses short and scannable. Always provide an escape to a human agent for complex issues. Design for the most common user intents first. Test extensively with real users before going live.

Measuring Chatbot Performance

Key chatbot metrics to track: Engagement Rate (% of visitors who interact), Completion Rate (% who finish the conversation flow), Lead Capture Rate (% who provide contact info), Deflection Rate (% of queries handled without human intervention), and Customer Satisfaction Score (post-chat rating). Optimize conversation flows based on where users drop off.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Benefits of chatbots

■ Use cases overview

■ Lead capture via chatbot	■ FAQ automation
■ Chatbot personality design	■ When to use live vs bot
■ Response time advantages	■ Chatbot metrics

AI Tools for Today

Tawk.to

■ The Human Handoff Is the Most Important Chatbot Feature

Never build a chatbot that traps users in an endless loop with no human escape. Always include a "Talk to a real person" option, and ensure that when users request it, the handoff is seamless and fast. A failed handoff destroys trust and loses the lead permanently.

Today's Practical Exercise

Sign up for a free Tawk.to account. Explore the dashboard and review the pre-built chat widgets and canned responses. Design a chatbot greeting message and a 5-question qualification flow for a business of your choice. Write out the full conversation script including the bot's responses to common answers.

Website Chat Integration

Marketing Automation

Overview

Having a chatbot strategy is one thing — implementing it correctly on your website is another. This lesson walks you through the technical and operational setup of live chat and chatbot systems, ensuring a smooth experience for both your team and your visitors.

Core Concepts

Installing Tawk.to on Your Website

Tawk.to provides a small JavaScript snippet that you paste before the tag of your website. On WordPress, use the official Tawk.to plugin. On Shopify, Wix, or Squarespace, use the platform's integration options. After installation, your chat widget appears immediately. Customize the widget color, position, language, and greeting message to match your brand.

Setting Up Response Workflows

Define your chat operation: Business hours (when live agents are available), Offline message collection (form that collects name, email, and message when no agents are online), Routing rules (which agent or department receives which type of query), Canned responses for the 20 most common questions (dramatically improves response speed and consistency).

Proactive Chat Triggers

Proactive chat automatically initiates a conversation based on visitor behavior. Examples: Trigger a message when a visitor has been on the pricing page for 30 seconds ("Any questions about our pricing?"), when a visitor visits 3+ pages ("Looking for something specific? I can help!"), or when a visitor is about to exit the checkout page ("Wait — can I help you complete your order?"). Proactive chat can increase lead capture rates by 30-50%.

Chat Analytics and Continuous Improvement

Tawk.to provides detailed analytics: Total chats, Missed chats, Response time, Chat duration, and Agent performance ratings. Review missed chats weekly — each one is a lost lead opportunity. Look for patterns in the questions being asked and use them to improve your chatbot scripts, FAQ pages, and overall website content.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Installing chat widget	■ Live chat management
■ Response workflow design	■ Team notifications setup

■ Mobile chat management	■ Proactive chat triggers
■ Chat analytics	■ Offline messaging

AI Tools for Today

Tawk.to

■ Chat Window Appearance Affects Conversion Rate

The default blue chat bubble is not always the best choice. Match your chat widget color to your brand. Use a friendly agent photo (real or illustrated). Test different greeting messages. Small visual and copy changes to your chat widget can significantly impact how many visitors choose to engage.

Today's Practical Exercise

If you have access to a website, install the Tawk.to widget. If not, create a free test site on WordPress.com or similar. Set up a proactive trigger that fires after 20 seconds on the homepage. Create 5 canned responses for common questions in your industry. Test the full chat experience on both desktop and mobile.

AI Chatbot Setup

Marketing Automation

Overview

Basic chatbots follow rigid scripts. AI chatbots understand natural language, recognize intent, and respond intelligently to questions they haven't been explicitly programmed to answer. This lesson introduces you to Botpress — a powerful AI chatbot builder — and teaches you to create conversation flows that genuinely help and convert visitors.

Core Concepts

How AI Chatbots Differ from Rule-Based Bots

Rule-based chatbots follow decision trees — if the user says X, respond Y. AI chatbots use Natural Language Processing (NLP) to understand the intent behind a message, even if it's phrased differently than expected. This means a user can ask "How much does this cost?" or "What's the price?" or "Is this affordable?" and the AI chatbot understands all three as the same intent: pricing inquiry.

Conversation Flow Architecture in Botpress

In Botpress, your chatbot is built as a visual flow: Nodes (conversation states or steps), Transitions (conditions that move the user from one node to the next), Intents (what the user wants — detected by NLP), Entities (specific information extracted from user messages, like dates or names), and Actions (what the bot does — sends a message, calls an API, saves data). Build your flows visually in the Botpress Studio.

Designing Your First AI Flow

Start with your highest-value use case: lead qualification. Design a flow that: Greets the user and asks their name, Identifies their primary need (product interest, support, pricing), Asks 2-3 qualifying questions based on their need, Captures their email address, Delivers relevant information or schedules a call. Keep each node focused on a single question or response — complexity slows users down and reduces completion rates.

Testing and Deploying Your Bot

Botpress has a built-in emulator to test conversations before deployment. Test every possible user path: What happens when users give unexpected answers? What happens when they ask an off-topic question? Does the fallback message make sense? After testing, deploy to your website via the Botpress webchat integration. Monitor conversations daily in the first week to identify gaps in your flow.

Key Points at a Glance

■ AI chatbot logic	■ Conversation flow design
■ Intent recognition	■ Automation triggers
■ AI training basics	■ Botpress overview
■ Testing conversation flows	■ Deployment and monitoring

AI Tools for Today

Botpress

■ Start Simple — You Can Always Add Complexity Later

The biggest AI chatbot mistake is building a complex, branching flow before you know what your users actually need. Launch a simple 5-node bot first. Let real user conversations reveal the most common paths. Then build those paths out intentionally. Complexity earned through data beats complexity assumed from imagination every time.

Today's Practical Exercise

Create a free Botpress account and build your first simple chatbot with at least 5 nodes. Your bot should: greet the user, ask their name, identify their main need (choose 3 options), provide a relevant response for each need, and capture their email. Test all conversation paths in the emulator and screenshot your completed flow.

MODULE 6

Days 18–19 | 4 Hours Total

AI Marketing Research

Use artificial intelligence to research markets and outmaneuver competitors.

AI has transformed market research from a slow, expensive process into a rapid, accessible practice. With the right prompts and tools, you can now conduct competitor analysis, discover market trends, and gain audience insights that previously required entire research departments.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Conduct comprehensive industry research using AI	✓ Identify emerging market trends and opportunities
✓ Analyze competitor marketing strategies at scale	✓ Extract actionable insights from large datasets
✓ Build research frameworks that save hours per week	✓ Present research findings professionally

Market Research Using AI

AI Marketing Research

Overview

Market research used to take weeks. AI compresses it into hours. In this lesson, you will learn to use Gemini and DeepSeek to conduct professional-grade market research — identifying opportunities, understanding audience psychology, and uncovering trends that shape your marketing strategy.

Core Concepts

The AI Research Advantage

Traditional market research is slow and expensive. AI-powered research is fast, scalable, and continuously updatable. AI tools can synthesize thousands of data points, identify patterns in consumer behavior, summarize industry reports, and generate hypotheses for testing — in minutes. The marketer who masters AI research gains an enormous competitive advantage.

Prompt Engineering for Research

The quality of your AI research depends entirely on the quality of your prompts. Structure your research prompts with: Role ("Act as a senior market analyst"), Context (industry, geography, time frame), Specific question ("What are the top 5 emerging trends in e-commerce marketing in 2025?"), Output format ("Provide findings as a bulleted report with supporting data for each point"). Always ask for sources and then verify critical claims.

Using Gemini for Trend Discovery

Google Gemini is particularly powerful for real-time trend research, especially when integrated with Google Workspace. Use it to: Summarize long industry reports, Identify trending topics in your niche, Analyze consumer sentiment from reviews and social data, and Generate audience personas based on behavioral patterns. Combine Gemini's insights with Google Trends data for validated trend analysis.

Validating and Structuring AI Research

AI research outputs must be validated. Cross-reference key claims with primary sources: industry reports, government data, academic research. Structure your final research into a standard format: Market Overview, Audience Analysis, Key Trends (3-5), Opportunities (2-3), Threats, and Strategic Implications. This structure makes your research immediately actionable for strategy development.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Industry research methods	■ Trend discovery techniques
■ Audience insights via AI	■ Prompt engineering for research
■ Data synthesis	■ Research report structure
■ Validating AI outputs	■ Research to strategy connection

AI Tools for Today

DeepSeek

■ AI Research Is a Starting Point, Not an Endpoint

AI synthesizes existing information — it doesn't create new data. Always validate significant claims with primary sources. Use AI to accelerate your research 10x, but apply your own judgment, industry knowledge, and critical thinking to transform AI output into genuine strategic insight.

Today's Practical Exercise

Choose an industry you're interested in marketing. Use Gemini with a detailed prompt to research: market size and growth rate, top 3 customer segments, 5 emerging trends, and 3 marketing opportunities. Then use DeepSeek to add depth to one of the trends. Compile your findings into a 1-page Market Research Summary document.

Competitor Research with AI

AI Marketing Research

Overview

Understanding your competitors as well as (or better than) they understand themselves is a massive competitive advantage. AI tools allow you to rapidly analyze competitor marketing strategies, identify gaps in their approach, and position your own brand to win where they are weak.

Core Concepts

What to Analyze in a Competitor

Comprehensive competitor analysis covers: Messaging and Positioning (how do they describe themselves and their offer?), Content Strategy (what content do they produce, on which channels, at what frequency?), Ad Strategy (what ads are they running — use Meta Ad Library), SEO Performance (which keywords drive their organic traffic — use Semrush or Ahrefs), Social Media Presence (engagement rates, content types, audience interaction), and Customer Sentiment (reviews and feedback on Google, Trustpilot, Reddit).

Using Claude for Competitor Strategy Analysis

Claude excels at analyzing large amounts of text and identifying strategic patterns. Paste a competitor's homepage copy, About page, and pricing page into Claude and ask: "Analyze this company's marketing positioning strategy. What is their unique value proposition? Who is their target audience? What pain points do they address? What objections do they handle? Where might their messaging be weak?" The analysis will be immediately actionable.

Finding Marketing Gaps with AI

A marketing gap is a customer need, content topic, or positioning angle that competitors are not adequately addressing. Ask ChatGPT: "Based on what I've told you about my main competitors in [industry], what marketing angles are they all missing? What customer pain points go unaddressed? What content topics could differentiate a new entrant?" These gaps become your most powerful marketing opportunities.

Building a Competitive SWOT Analysis

Use AI to structure a SWOT analysis for your top 2-3 competitors: Strengths (what they do exceptionally well), Weaknesses (where their marketing or product falls short), Opportunities (market trends they're not capitalizing on), Threats (competitive pressures they're vulnerable to). Then flip it: build your own positioning strategy to exploit their weaknesses and avoid their strengths.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Competitor strategy analysis	■ Content gap identification
■ Ad strategy research	■ Marketing gap identification
■ SWOT analysis with AI	■ Benchmarking techniques
■ Opportunity mapping	■ Competitive positioning

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Spy on Their Ads Legally and Ethically

Meta's Ad Library (facebook.com/ads/library) is a free, publicly accessible database of all ads currently running on Facebook and Instagram. Search any competitor and see exactly what ads they're running, when they started, and on which placements. This is one of the most powerful (and underutilized) competitive intelligence tools available to marketers.

Today's Practical Exercise

Choose 2 competitors in your chosen industry. Use Claude to analyze their website messaging (paste their homepage text). Use ChatGPT to identify 3 marketing gaps across both competitors. Then write a 250-word "Competitive Positioning Statement" explaining how YOUR hypothetical brand would be positioned to win against both competitors.

MODULE 7

Days 20–21 | 4 Hours Total

Marketing Strategy

Synthesize your skills into a cohesive plan that drives sustainable growth.

Individual marketing skills become exponentially more powerful when unified by a coherent strategy. This module teaches you to think strategically — selecting the right channels, positioning your brand effectively, allocating budgets wisely, and building marketing plans that achieve long-term business objectives.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Define and articulate your target audience with precision	✓ Choose the right marketing channels for your business
✓ Develop a compelling brand positioning statement	✓ Allocate marketing budgets across channels strategically
✓ Build a complete marketing campaign calendar	✓ Measure and iterate on your strategy for growth

Creating a Marketing Strategy

Marketing Strategy

Overview

A marketing strategy is the master plan that guides all your marketing decisions. It defines who you serve, how you reach them, what you say to them, and how you measure success. This lesson teaches you to build a complete marketing strategy using AI tools and strategic frameworks.

Core Concepts

The Strategic Foundation: Know Your Audience

Every marketing strategy begins with a crystal-clear understanding of your ideal customer. Build a detailed Ideal Customer Profile (ICP): Demographics (age, location, income, job), Psychographics (values, aspirations, fears), Buying behavior (how they research, where they buy, what influences them), Pain points (specific problems they experience), and Goals (what outcomes they seek). The more specific your ICP, the more targeted and effective every marketing decision becomes.

Channel Selection: Where Your Audience Lives

Not all channels work for all businesses. Match your channel selection to your audience and business model: B2C products/services with visual appeal → Instagram, Facebook, TikTok. Professional services/B2B → LinkedIn, Google Search. Local businesses → Google My Business, Local SEO, Facebook. E-commerce → Google Shopping, Meta Ads, Email. Content-driven brands → SEO, YouTube, Email newsletter. Focus on 2-3 channels and master them before expanding.

Crafting Your Positioning Statement

Your positioning statement defines how you want to be perceived in the market: "For [target audience], [your brand] is the [category] that [unique benefit] because [reason to believe]." Example: "For busy entrepreneurs, SMARTPRO AI is the marketing education platform that delivers real-world AI marketing skills in 25 days because every lesson is built by working marketers with proven campaign experience." This statement guides every message, creative, and channel decision.

The Marketing Funnel Strategy

Map your marketing channels to your customer's journey: Awareness (broad reach — social ads, content, SEO), Consideration (engagement — retargeting, email, webinars), Conversion (direct response — specific offers, demos, consultations), Retention (loyalty — email,

community, exclusive content). Every channel and tactic should be intentionally placed at the right funnel stage.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Audience targeting strategy	■ Channel selection framework
■ Positioning strategy	■ Value proposition design
■ Competitive differentiation	■ Marketing funnel planning
■ Budget allocation framework	■ Strategy documentation

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Strategy Without Execution Is Just a Document

The most brilliant marketing strategy is worthless without disciplined execution. After building your strategy, immediately translate it into a 90-day action plan with weekly milestones. Accountability to a schedule is what separates marketers who produce results from those who produce impressive presentations.

Today's Practical Exercise

Using ChatGPT, create a complete marketing strategy brief for a business of your choice. Include: ICP definition, top 3 marketing channels with rationale, positioning statement, key messages for each funnel stage, and primary KPIs to measure success. Then use Claude to review the strategy and identify any gaps or inconsistencies.

Marketing Plan for Business

Marketing Strategy

Overview

A marketing strategy tells you what to do. A marketing plan tells you how, when, and with what resources to do it. In this lesson, you will transform your strategy into a concrete, executable marketing plan with timelines, budgets, and clear success metrics.

Core Concepts

Marketing Plan vs. Marketing Strategy

Strategy = the "what and why" (target audience, positioning, channels, competitive advantage). Plan = the "how, when, and who" (specific campaigns, timelines, budget allocation, team responsibilities, KPIs). Both are necessary: a strategy without a plan is just theory; a plan without a strategy is just activity. Together, they create aligned, purposeful marketing execution.

Campaign Planning Framework

For each campaign in your plan, define: Objective (what specific outcome does this achieve?), Target Audience (which segment of your ICP?), Channel(s), Creative Requirements (what content is needed?), Timeline (launch date, duration, key milestones), Budget (total spend, channel allocation), Success Metrics (specific, measurable KPIs), and Responsible Person/Team. Document this in a Campaign Brief for every initiative.

Budget Planning and Allocation

Start with your total marketing budget. Allocate by channel based on: Historical performance data (if available), Customer acquisition goals, Channel efficiency benchmarks. A typical digital-first allocation might be: 40% paid social, 25% search (SEO + PPC), 15% content creation, 10% email marketing tools and automation, 10% analytics and testing. Always reserve 10-15% for testing new channels and creative approaches.

Building a 90-Day Marketing Calendar

Plot your campaigns on a calendar with clear timelines. Include: Content publication schedule, Campaign launch and end dates, Review and optimization milestones, Reporting dates, Key events and seasonal peaks. A visible calendar creates accountability, prevents last-minute rushes, and ensures consistent market presence — one of the most underrated competitive advantages in marketing.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Campaign planning framework	■ Budget planning methodology
■ Growth strategy design	■ Marketing calendar creation
■ Stakeholder communication	■ Plan documentation
■ Risk assessment	■ Success metrics definition

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■ Plans Change — Build In Review Points

The market changes. Algorithms change. Competitors move. Build formal review points into your marketing plan: weekly check-ins on active campaigns, monthly strategy reviews, and quarterly plan revisions. A living document that evolves with new data will always outperform a rigid plan followed blindly.

Today's Practical Exercise

Build a 90-day marketing plan for the business from Day 20. Include: 3 specific campaigns (with objectives, channels, timelines, and budgets), a monthly budget breakdown, a content calendar skeleton for 4 weeks, and 5 KPIs you will track to measure overall plan success. Format it as a professional planning document using Claude.

MODULE 8

Days 22–24 | 6 Hours Total

Personal Branding & Career

Build your professional identity and launch your digital marketing career.

Your skills are only as valuable as your ability to demonstrate and communicate them. This module teaches you to build a professional portfolio that showcases your work, craft a compelling resume, and prepare confidently for marketing interviews and freelance client conversations.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Design a professional marketing portfolio	✓ Showcase real projects with measurable results
✓ Write a standout marketing resume with AI assistance	✓ Prepare for common marketing interview questions
✓ Position yourself for freelance or full-time opportunities	✓ Build credibility through personal branding

Building a Marketing Portfolio

Personal Branding

Overview

A marketing portfolio is the most powerful career tool you can build. It transforms your skills from claims into proof. Whether you're applying for a job, pitching a freelance client, or building your personal brand, a well-crafted portfolio accelerates every opportunity.

Core Concepts

What Belongs in a Marketing Portfolio

Your portfolio should contain evidence of your best work: Campaign Case Studies (objective → strategy → execution → results), Analytics Reports (screenshots of dashboards showing performance improvements), Ad Creatives (your best performing ad images and copy), Content Samples (blog posts, email sequences, social content), Strategy Documents (marketing plans, audience research, competitive analyses), and Certifications (Google Analytics, Meta Blueprint, HubSpot, etc.).

The Perfect Case Study Structure

Each portfolio case study should follow this structure: Background (what was the business challenge?), Objective (what were you trying to achieve, with measurable targets?), Strategy (what approach did you take and why?), Execution (what specific tactics did you implement?), Results (quantified outcomes: X% increase in leads, \$Y in revenue, Z% decrease in CAC). Lead with the results — they're what potential employers and clients care about most.

Quantifying Your Results

Marketing portfolio entries without numbers are weak. Always quantify: "Improved CTR from 0.8% to 2.3% (188% increase)" beats "Improved ad performance." "Generated 340 qualified leads at \$8.50 CAC" beats "Ran successful lead gen campaign." "Grew organic traffic 156% in 90 days" beats "Improved SEO." If you don't have real campaign data, document your exercises from this program as "training projects" with the methodology and hypothetical projections clearly labeled.

Designing Your Portfolio with Canva

Canva has excellent portfolio templates. Design principles for your portfolio: Consistent color scheme (2-3 colors), Professional typography (2 fonts maximum), Generous white space (avoid overcrowding), High-quality screenshots and visuals, Clear hierarchy (reader knows what to look at first). Create both a PDF version (for email submissions) and a shareable link version (for social sharing and website embeds).

Key Points at a Glance

■ Portfolio structure design	■ Project presentation format
■ Results quantification	■ Case study creation
■ Online portfolio platforms	■ Visual design for portfolios
■ Portfolio storytelling	■ Client-ready presentation

AI Tools for Today

Canva

■ Your Portfolio Should Be a Living Document

Start your portfolio today, even if you only have training projects to show. Every real project you complete adds a case study. Update it quarterly. The marketers with the strongest portfolios started building early and added to it consistently — not all at once.

Today's Practical Exercise

In Canva, create the first 3 pages of your marketing portfolio. Include: a cover page with your name and "Digital Marketing Professional," a bio page with your skills and tools, and your first case study using work from this program. Write the case study using the Background > Objective > Strategy > Execution > Results structure.

Resume Creation for Marketers

Career Preparation

Overview

Your resume is your first impression. In the digital marketing field, a generic resume won't get you far — but a well-crafted, results-focused, AI-assisted resume will open doors. This lesson teaches you to build a compelling marketing resume that stands out in applicant tracking systems and impresses human readers.

Core Concepts

Marketing Resume Structure

A strong marketing resume includes: Professional Summary (3-4 sentences highlighting your specialty, key achievements, and value proposition), Core Skills (technical: Google Analytics, Meta Ads, Email Marketing tools; and soft: campaign management, data analysis, copywriting), Work Experience (bullet points focused on ACHIEVEMENTS, not responsibilities), Education and Certifications, Portfolio Link (prominently placed), and Tools & Platforms list. Keep it to 1-2 pages maximum.

Writing Achievement-Focused Bullet Points

Weak: "Managed social media accounts." Strong: "Grew Instagram following 47% in 6 months through consistent posting strategy and engagement, increasing link clicks by 230%." Use the formula: Action Verb + Specific Task + Quantified Result. Strong action verbs for marketing resumes: Launched, Grew, Optimized, Generated, Increased, Reduced, Managed, Developed, Analyzed, Implemented, Scaled, Converted.

ATS Optimization: Getting Past the Bots

Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) scan resumes for keywords before a human ever sees them. To optimize: Mirror the exact language from the job description (if they say "paid social advertising," use that exact phrase, not "Facebook ads"). Include relevant tool names explicitly (Google Analytics 4, Meta Ads Manager, HubSpot). Avoid tables, columns, headers/footers, and graphics — ATS systems often can't parse them.

Using AI to Draft and Refine Your Resume

ChatGPT and Claude are powerful resume partners. Prompt: "I am a digital marketer with experience in [your skills]. Write a professional resume summary highlighting my expertise in [specialties]. Then create 5 achievement-focused bullet points for a role where I [describe your experience or training]." Use the AI draft as a starting point, then personalize heavily with your real experience and numbers.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Resume structure for marketing	■ Skills section optimization
■ Achievement quantification	■ AI resume drafting
■ ATS optimization	■ LinkedIn profile alignment
■ Cover letter basics	■ Tailoring for job descriptions

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Tailor Every Resume to Every Job Description

One generic resume will not get you far. Before applying to any role, copy the job description and paste it into Claude alongside your resume. Ask: "How would you modify this resume to better match this job description?" This 5-minute tailoring exercise dramatically increases your interview callback rate.

Today's Practical Exercise

Use ChatGPT to draft a complete marketing resume. Include a professional summary, 8-10 core skills, experience section (use your program projects as training experience), education, certifications, and tool list. Then paste the resume into Claude and ask: "Review this marketing resume. What are the 3 weakest areas and how would you improve them?" Implement the top 2 suggestions.

Interview Preparation

Career Preparation

Overview

Getting the interview is a victory. Winning the interview requires preparation, confidence, and the ability to clearly communicate your marketing value. This lesson prepares you for marketing interviews — from common questions to campaign walkthroughs to client pitches.

Core Concepts

The Most Common Marketing Interview Questions

"Tell me about a campaign you're proud of." (Use STAR: Situation, Task, Action, Result.) "How do you measure the success of a marketing campaign?" (Mention specific KPIs relevant to the role.) "What's your experience with [platform mentioned in the JD]?" (Be specific and honest.) "How do you stay current with marketing trends?" (Name specific newsletters, communities, and tools you follow.) "Walk me through how you would launch a campaign for our product." (Show your strategic thinking process.)

The STAR Method for Interview Answers

STAR is your framework for behavioral interview answers: Situation (set the context briefly), Task (what was your specific responsibility?), Action (what did YOU specifically do?), Result (what happened, quantified if possible?). Practice STAR answers for your top 5-7 portfolio case studies so you can tell them confidently and concisely in under 2 minutes per story. The best interviewees have stories that naturally flow without sounding rehearsed.

Portfolio Walkthrough Technique

When presenting your portfolio in an interview: Open with a brief statement: "I'd like to walk you through 2-3 projects that best demonstrate my abilities." Start with your strongest case study. Follow the structure: what the challenge was, what you did, what the results were. Pause and ask: "Does this relate to the type of work you're looking for?" This invites dialogue and shows you're listening, not just presenting.

Preparing Questions for the Interviewer

Always prepare 3-5 thoughtful questions to ask the interviewer. Strong questions show strategic thinking: "What marketing channels have been most effective for [company] so far, and where do you see the biggest growth opportunities?" "What would success look like in the first 90 days for this role?" "How does the marketing team collaborate with sales/product?" These questions demonstrate that you are evaluating the role as much as they're evaluating you — a mark of confidence.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Common marketing interview questions	■ Case study interviews
■ Portfolio presentation	■ Campaign walkthrough technique
■ Confidence-building strategies	■ Questions to ask
■ Salary negotiation basics	■ Freelance client pitching

AI Tools for Today

Claude

■ Confidence Comes From Preparation, Not Personality

Introverts can be exceptional interviewees — and extroverts can bomb. The difference is always preparation. Know your case studies cold. Practice answers out loud (not just in your head). Record yourself. Watch it back. Every hour of preparation multiplies your confidence tenfold in the room.

Today's Practical Exercise

Use ChatGPT to generate a list of 10 interview questions for a "Digital Marketing Specialist" role. Practice answering 5 of them using the STAR method — write out your answer in full for each. Then use Claude to roleplay a mock interview: paste your resume and ask Claude to conduct a 5-question marketing interview, then critique your answers.

MODULE 9

Day 25 | 2 Hours (+ independent project work)

Final Project

Bring it all together in a complete, professional AI marketing plan.

Your final project is the culmination of everything you have learned over 24 days of focused study and practice. You will create a complete, professional AI-powered marketing plan that demonstrates mastery of every module — from audience research and ad strategy to analytics, automation, and career positioning.

What You Will Learn in This Module

✓ Apply all program skills in one integrated project	✓ Create a professional, client-ready marketing plan
✓ Demonstrate AI tool proficiency across all modules	✓ Build a project worthy of your portfolio
✓ Present your plan with confidence and clarity	✓ Graduate with a complete digital marketing toolkit

Complete AI Marketing Plan

Final Project

Overview

Today you create your masterpiece. Your Complete AI Marketing Plan is a professional document that a real business could use to drive growth. It combines market research, audience definition, campaign strategy, analytics setup, automation planning, and budget allocation into one cohesive, beautifully presented plan.

Core Concepts

Section 1: Executive Summary

Write a 1-page executive summary of your entire marketing plan. Include: Business overview (2-3 sentences), Marketing objective and timeframe, Target audience summary, Chosen marketing channels, Total budget overview, Expected outcomes (projected KPIs). This section should be so clear that a non-marketer can read it and immediately understand the plan's purpose and expected impact.

Section 2: Market and Audience Research

Include findings from your Day 18-19 research: Market overview and key trends, Ideal Customer Profile (detailed persona), Competitive analysis with positioning gaps, and Your unique positioning statement. Supported by AI-generated research that you have validated with primary sources.

Section 3: Campaign Strategy

Present your full campaign plan: 3 specific campaigns with objectives, target segments, channel rationale, creative direction, and budget. Include ad copy samples (from Day 3), creative mockups (from Day 4), audience targeting specifications (from Day 2), and campaign structure (from Day 5). Make it visually compelling — use tables, headers, and visual hierarchy.

Sections 4-6: Analytics, Automation, and Timeline

Analytics Plan: Which metrics will you track? In which tools? What are your KPI targets? What does success look like at 30, 60, 90 days? Automation Plan: What follow-up sequences will you use? What chatbot flows will capture and nurture leads? What trigger events will fire automated messages? Marketing Timeline: A visual 90-day calendar showing campaign launches, content milestones, review dates, and optimization checkpoints.

Key Points at a Glance

■ Full marketing strategy	■ Analytics plan
■ Campaign proposal	■ Budget allocation
■ Tool integration plan	■ Timeline and milestones
■ KPI framework	■ Presentation design

AI Tools for Today

All Tools

■ This Project Is Your Proof of Mastery

Every employer or client you pitch will ask: "Can you show me an example of your work?" This final project IS that example. Spend extra time on the presentation quality — professional design, clear language, and compelling visuals. The quality of this document will directly determine the quality of the opportunities it opens.

Today's Practical Exercise

Using ALL the AI tools from this program, create your Complete AI Marketing Plan. Choose a real or hypothetical business. Build each section in sequence. Format it professionally using Canva or Claude for document design. The final plan should be 8-12 pages and include at least one example from each of the 9 modules. Add this project to your portfolio as your flagship case study.

Final Project Submission Checklist

- 1 Executive Summary (1 page) — clear, jargon-free, results-focused
- 2 Market Research Section — AI-assisted with validated claims
- 3 Audience Persona — detailed ICP with behavioral insights
- 4 Competitive Analysis — at least 2 competitors analyzed
- 5 Campaign Strategy — 3 campaigns with full briefs
- 6 Analytics Plan — KPIs, tools, and measurement framework
- 7 Automation Plan — at least one sequence and one chatbot flow
- 8 90-Day Marketing Calendar — visual, with key milestones
- 9 Budget Breakdown — realistic allocation with rationale