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# Effective Marketing for OpenOffice.org CDROM Distributors



#### **Agenda**

- How is OpenOffice.org distributed?
- Loyalty ladder
- Do customers have to find you?
- How are you different?
- Knowing when you have reached your goals
- Obtaining and maintaining customers
- What does your message offer?
- Fulfilment and delivery
- OpenOffice.org: Contribute or Collaborate



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### How is OpenOffice.org Distributed?

- OEMs (hardware and software)
- Included in GNU/Linux distributions
- CDROM included with print publications
- Internet Downloads
- CDROM distributors



#### **CDROM Distributors**

- Have the opportunity to play an increasing role by reaching those individuals and organisations:
  - That do not have a reliable and fast connection to the Internet
  - Unaccustomed to downloading and installing software from the Internet
  - Whose procurement policy prefers a traditional purchase and delivery method
  - Local to their potential customers



### **Loyalty Ladder**

Advocate

Client

Customer

Prospect

**Potential** 

Who makes regular purchases and encourages others to buy from you

Who makes regular purchases

Who has made one purchase

With both the need and ability to buy

Might possibly buy OpenOffice.org



### **Other Customer Stages**

- Repeat customer
- At-risk customer
- Lost customer
- Regained customer



### Why is the loyalty ladder important to CDROM distributors?

- Effective use of marketing budget
- Provides a basis for a stable and growing market share
- Word of mouth is the most effective promotional tool



## Do customers find you or do you go looking for your customers?

- Market analysis
- Existing customer database
- Who your customer is
- Why your customer buys



### How are you different?

- Identity and branding that clearly demonstrates who you are and what is important
  - Brand image
  - Customer service
  - Personnel
- Check out what your competitors are doing
- Competing on price is not usually successful



## Setting goals and knowing when you have reached them

- Budget
- Resources and vendors
- Plan
- Matching expectations and evaluation



### Obtaining and maintaining customers

- Read and implement those aspects of the Marketing Project's Strategic Marketing Plan that suit your company
- Work on your customer database
- How do new and existing customers contact you?



## What is your message and what do you have to offer?

- Who is the company offering the product or service?
- Who or what is important to that company?



"I don't know who you are.
I don't know your company.
I don't know your company's products.
I don't know what your company stands for.
I don't know your company's customers.
I don't know your company's reputation.
Now - What was it you wanted to sell me?"

-- McGraw-Hill Magazine Ad



"I know who you are.
I know your organization.
I know your organization's services.
I know what your organization stands for.
I know your organization's customers/clients.
I know your organization's reputation.
Now – Here is what I want..."

-- Who Are You? Fred Dabney II d2 / Consulting Presented at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Carolina



### **Fulfilment and delivery**

- Responding to requests
  - Further information
  - Order
- Processes and methodology
  - Burning or copying of CDROMs
  - Labelling
  - Packaging
  - Anything else?



### **Fulfilment and delivery**

- Fulfilment process
  - Prompt and responsive
  - I have sent a CDROM, what now?
  - Tracking
  - Delivery



#### OpenOffice.org: Contribute or Collaborate

- Read and participate in OpenOffice.org projects and email discussion lists
- Read and contribute to the Marketing Project's Strategic Marketing Plan
- OpenOffice.org Conference (OooCon)
- Get to know the OpenOffice.org Marketing Contact (MarCon) near you and use them
- Leverage community events for your customers



#### **Some Links**

- OpenOffice.org Marketing Project http://marketing.openoffice.org/
- OpenOffice.org Strategic Marketing Plan http://marketing.openoffice.org/strategy/
- OpenOffice.org Marketing Contacts
   http://marketing.openoffice.org/contacts.html
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- OpenOffice.org Distribution Project http://distribution.openoffice.org/

