

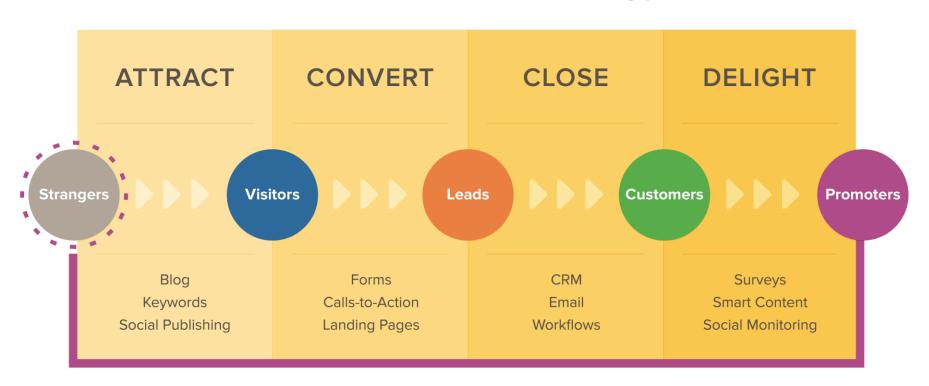
CLASS 11

#### Taking Your Sales Process Inbound

Professor: David Shepherd

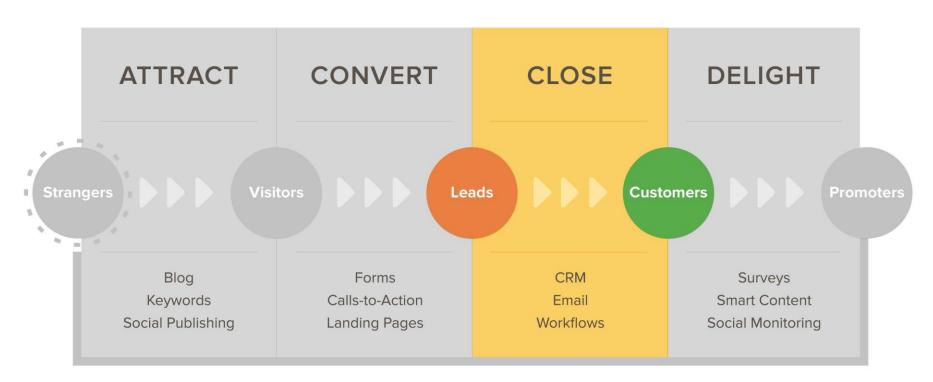
# WHAT IS INBOUND SALES?

#### **Inbound Methodology**





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#### **TRADITIONAL**

#### **INBOUND**







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Cold Calling
Information gatekeepers
Static pitch
Seller - Centric

#### **INBOUND**



Attract with content

Be an open book

Leverage the buyer's context **Buyer - Centric** 

## What defines inbound sales?



"Buyers have more information available to them, and higher expectations for a relevant, personal experience when making a purchase.

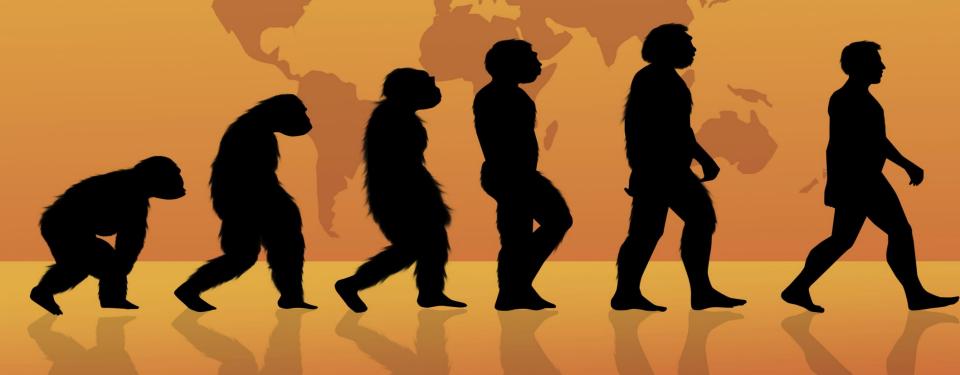
Giving them that relevant, personal, "delightful" experience that is driven by their needs and happens on their timeline is what an inbound approach to sales is all about."

-Brian Halligan

## 60%

of a buyer's purchase decision has already been made before even talking to a sales rep.

**Evolve** our selling in order to keep up with your customer's buying habits.



# HOW CAN YOU TRANSFORM THE WAY YOU SELL?

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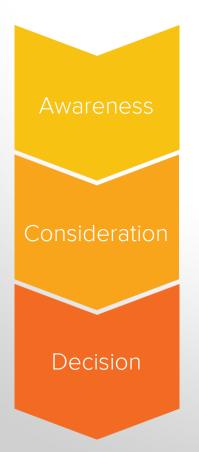
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# Make sure you are targeting the right people.

### The Buyer's Journey

From the buyer's perspective



### **Lifecycle** stages From the marketer's perspective



### ALL LEADS THAT YOU CONVERT SHOULD BE PASSED ONTO SALES

True or false?

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**Answer:** False!

Not all leads are a good fit and not all leads will be ready to buy. Ideally, leads will be filtered before they get passed on to sales. That's why it's extremely important to understand your prospect's lifecycle stage, and where they fall in the buyer's journey.

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#### RESEARCH YOUR LEAD THOROUGHLY

- 1. Company information
- 2. Read about their industry
- 3. Check social media
- 4. Lead intelligence



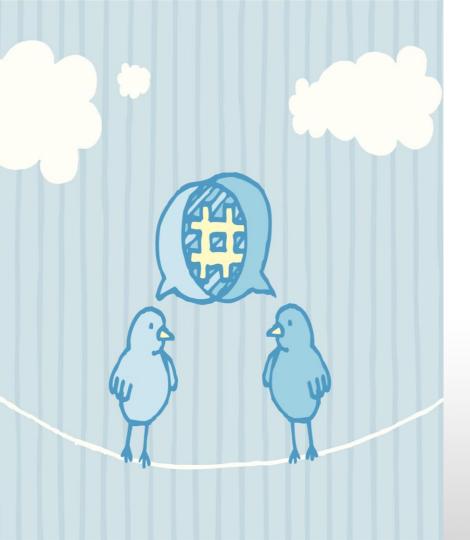
### COMPANY INFORMATION

- Company size
- Annual revenue
- What they sell
- Who they sell to
- Role of lead within the company
- Are there any other key players that may be involved?



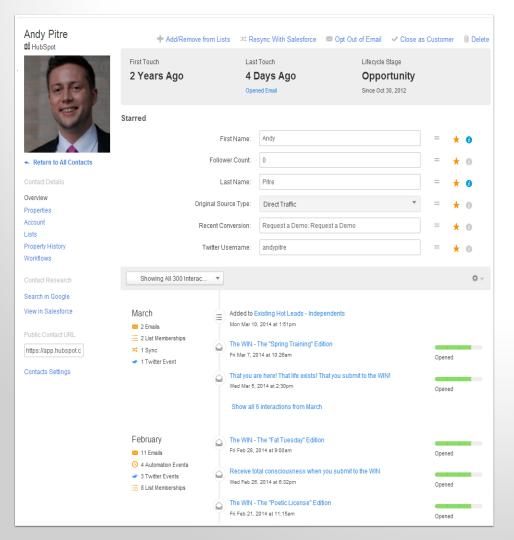
### UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS

- Company news
- New funding
- Are they hiring?
- Territory expansion
- Upcoming events
- LinkedIn profiles
- Shared contacts
- Shared groups



#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 73% of salespeople using social media actually outperformed their colleagues who weren't using it.
- Is your lead actively talking with other companies?
- Is your lead researching other needs?



#### LEAD INTELLIGENCE

Monitor the lead's engagement with your company.

- What did they download?
- What pages did they look at?
- What emails are they reading?
- What is resonating with them?

Determine the goal of the call before getting on the phone.

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### Make your sales organization human again.

People buy from people. You need to break down the walls of humanity and not come off as a sales robot that is static no matter who you are talking to.



#### Become trusted advisors.

Focus on building your personal brand as a thought leader in your space.

Remember, people buy from people that they like and trust.

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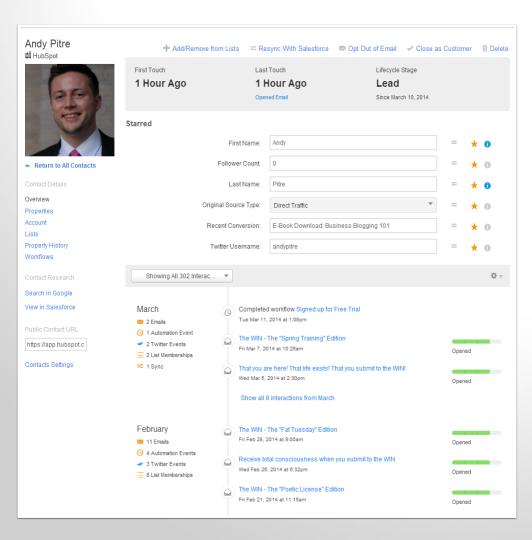
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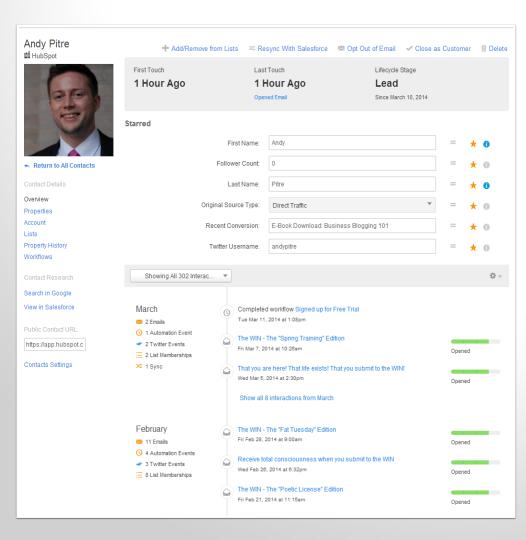
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# WHAT DOES A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN INBOUND SALES REP LOOK LIKE?



Imagine you work for a software development company and this inbound lead appears in your inbox.



### First, you need to do research.



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#### Proven success with over 10,000 companies across a variety of industries.

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#### ShoreTel Moves From Marketing Automation to Inbound Marketing with HubSpot

The Demand Generation team at ShoreTel believed in inbound marketing, but didn't have the right toolset to implement it. The main system they used was Eloqua, which they found to be inflexible, slow and not user friendly. When the opportunity came up to evaluate other marketing software options, they jumped on it and soon chose HubSpot.



- 60% year-over-year organic search traffic increase
- √ 110% year-over-year increase in qualified leads



#### Browse Our Case Studies

BY COMPANY SIZE

Small Business

Mid-Market

Enterprise

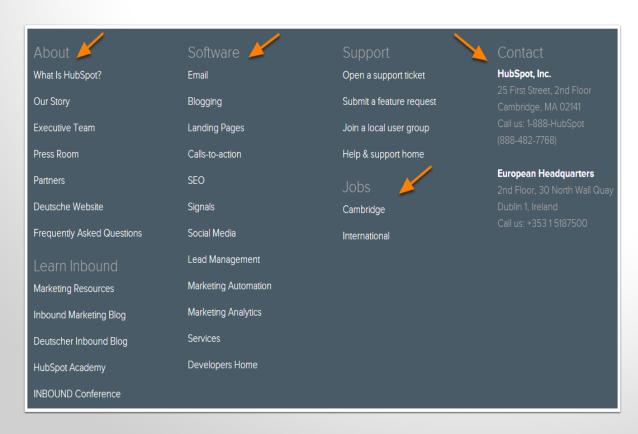
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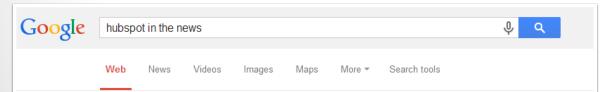
#### **CASE STUDIES**

- HubSpot case studies
- Who are they working with?
- Who do they typically sell to?



### HOME PAGE FOOTER

- Locations
- Contact information
- Are they hiring?
- What do they sell?



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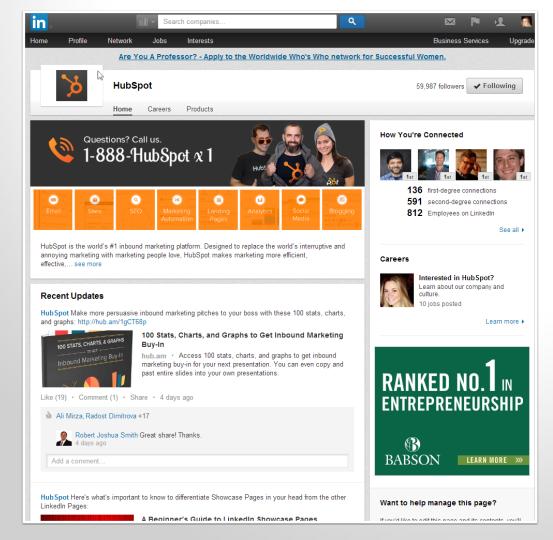
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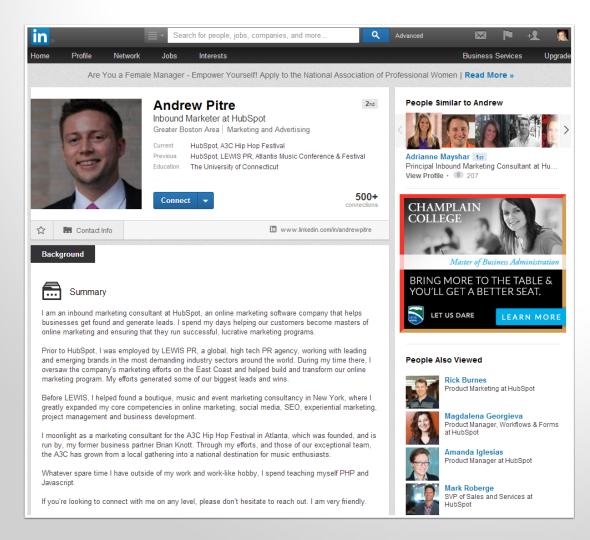
#### **NEWS**

- Stay up to date
- Company news
- Industry terminology
- Recent press releases



#### **COMPANY LINKEDIN**

- Company size
- Company employees
- Recent updates
- Careers
- Products



#### INDIVIDUAL LINKEDIN

- His exact title
- Where he used to work
- Shared connections
- Shared groups
- Relevant "specialties"
- Andy says he's friendly
- His hobbies
- Recommendations

#### Always look at company/individual Twitter pages.







#### An example of how to start:

"Hi Andy, it's Dave from Inbound Corporation. I saw that you recently downloaded our eBook on how to generate more business on Facebook. I had a chance to take a look at your Facebook page and website and have a few suggestions for how you can get more business. Was there anything in particular you were looking for help with?"



#### Then you can take one of the two paths:

- A. "What are you looking for help with?"
- B. "Well, I've been talking to a number of marketing agencies recently, and I keep running across two issues that they're facing right now. First off, they're trying to figure out what is the best messaging to use on social media. Secondly, they're struggling to prove an ROI with social media to their clients. Have you or your team ever dealt with these issues?

## DEFINITION OF A POSITIONING STATEMENT:

An expression of how a given product, service, or brand fills a particular consumer need in a way that its competitors don't.

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- Ask a question that gets them to elaborate on their experience with the two positioning statements.

# What happens if they don't pick up the phone?





Hi Andy,

You recently downloaded information on how to grow your business with Facebook.

I researched your company, and have a few suggestions on how Facebook can actually help you drive more traffic to your website.

Please let me know when you have a few moments to speak. My name is Dave, and I'm calling from Inbound Corporation, My phone number is 857.555.555.

#### Subject Line:

Using Facebook to Grow your Business

Hi Andy, per my message today –

You recently downloaded information on how to grow your business with Facebook.

I've researched your company and have suggestions on how Facebook can actually help you drive more visitors to your website.

When do you have a few moments to connect?

Best, Dave





Hi Andy,

You've been to our website and utilized our resources. I've researched your company and have a couple of suggestions on how Facebook can drive more traffic to your website. For example, by posting more educational content to your Facebook page, you can drive a lot more visitors.

I thought you might enjoy a 20 minute free assessment of your website where we can review more tips and suggestions that can help you drive more traffic.

Please let me know when you have a few minutes to speak. My name is Dave, and I'm calling from Inbound Corporation. My phone number is 857-555-5555. Let me know when you have a chance to speak.

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Inbound Corporation Free Assessment

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When is the best time to connect?

Best, Dave



#### Break-up Voicemail



Hi Andy,

I wanted to reach out to you one last time as I have suggestions on how your site can work harder for you. If I do not hear back from you, I'll assume the timing isn't right.

Give me a call if you would like to speak further. This is Dave, and I'm calling from Inbound Corporation. My phone number is 857.555.5555.

**Subject Line:** Best Regards from Inbound Corp

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My information is below should you have any questions.

Best, Dave Provide a **relevant**, **personal**, and **delightful** experience for each of your prospects from start to finish.

### THANK YOU.

