Using Membership for Professional Visibility
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Our Team

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Tools to Increase Your Visibility

1. Publishing: Articles & Expert Panels
2. Public Profiles
3. Member Forum
4. Other Visibility Tools
Visibility - Why It Matters

SHOWCASE YOUR EXPERIENCE
through publishing articles, contributing expertise and managing public profile pages

MANAGE THE SEARCH RESULTS
Ensure that online search results reflect your industry leadership
Publishing: Articles and Expert Panels
Using the Website

Log in and click on **GET PUBLISHED**.

Here, you can...

- Submit new articles
- Respond to editor feedback/ask Qs
- See current article status
- See your published content (coming soon!)
- Review guidelines
- Answer Expert Panels!
Using the Website
To build better tech, some companies are increasingly turning to behavior-driven development to ensure that the final product truly meets the needs of all stakeholders. Has your company explored behavior-driven development, and if so, what's one benefit or strategy you'd share with a company that's considering it?

There's been a lot of press about the benefits of cloud computing for businesses, but it's not the only option to explore -- some businesses tasks and functions might see some benefit from edge computing. What's one business use case that could benefit from edge computing, and why?

5G is coming -- but are we ready? What's one area in which business and industry is seriously lagging in preparation for 5G, and how can it be addressed?
12 Tips For Marketing Your Business's Culture To Both Consumers And Future Employees

POST WRITTEN BY
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Successful PR, media strategy, creative and advertising executives from Forbes Agency Council share trends and tips.

Creating and showcasing a positive and welcoming company culture is imperative these days. Not only does this tactic attract new employees, but with how focused Millennials and Gen-Z consumers are on brand identity, it's also beneficial in attracting these customers as well.

If you create an inviting culture and find an effective way to showcase it, then you can secure lifelong customers and truly invested employees. We know all of this can seem like a daunting task, so we've asked 12 experts from Forbes Agency Council to share their top tips and help you figure out the best strategy for your company.
Articles

Create and publish first-person expert articles on Forbes.com that showcase YOUR unique expertise as a leader; plus, you get a dedicated author page!
Choosing Your Topic

The best articles educate readers and help them solve a problem. They offer a fresh take based on your firsthand experience.

Ask yourself, “What can I teach or share with my readers that no one else can?”

This isn’t an opportunity to sell. It’s your chance to build trust and showcase your knowledge.

**PRO TIP**

Stick to your areas of industry expertise to attract the readers who are most important to you.
Editorial Guidelines

THE BASICS:

● 700-800 words (1k max) business advice/insights based on your expertise and field
● Must be previously unpublished (including LinkedIn posts)
● Do NOT sell or promote - it undermines your credibility
● Check guidelines regularly for updates.
● Include a takeaway (or 2, or 3) to stay top of mind
● No politics, religion, etc.

PRO TIP
Evergreen advice → more marketing opportunities for you
Efficiency Secrets

● Read guidelines BEFORE writing

● Watch your inbox for updates from your editor

● Carve out time in the 2-4 weeks after submission to respond to editorial feedback quickly

● Hyperlink all research and data and disclose relationships so we can fact-check faster

Finally, **PLAN AHEAD**. Articles take an average of 3 to 5 weeks minimum because of the attention we give each one.
Collaborating With Your Editor

- Trust your editor – they’re here to expedite the process AND make you look great. You share the same goals!
- Respond quickly w/ questions or feedback
- If you have a member of your team helping you, set up an email filter or give them your credentials!
- Ask your editor for thoughts on your next topic(s)
You’re Published!

Now it’s time to make sure you get your content into the right hands!

Some quick ideas:

- Add title & link to your email signature
- Include link in your next company newsletter
- Email it to your staff and stakeholders
- Draft plan to share on all social channels – not just today, but over several weeks/months
- Sit down with your team to get started on your next article topic! (And feel free to email ideas to concierge@forbescouncils.com before you get started.)
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Every article gets shared on our community's Facebook page.

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- **Expedited process:** Eliminate back-and-forth and take advantage of your membership faster
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Share details on your professional background, experiences, business, publications, etc.

AUTHOR PROFILE
Appears as your by-line in published articles. Author page contains links to all your publications. Activated once you publish.
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How To Design Brand Experiences Around Your Consumers' 'Valley Moments'

It's in the small, seemingly less memorable "valley moments" that we also find opportunities to elevate our brand experience.

Selling To Mindstates: How To Use Mindstates To Increase Sales

If you're a salesperson, you can likely attest to the fact that selling is more difficult today than it's ever been.
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- Closed discussion group of Forbes Councils members worldwide
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- Transitioning out of Facebook to private system
Reasons to Post Regularly

- Share your expertise with a global community of entrepreneurs
- Build name recognition & trust for yourself and your business
- Find solutions for your own challenges
- Closed and private - safe place for questions
- Build relationships and credibility
Happy Monday everybody! I'm looking for benchmark data for IT spend compared to revenue (non software companies). I'm also looking for benchmark data around percentage CAPEX vs. OPEX. I'd appreciate any recommendations!

Rie Coller, Patrick O'Keefe and 4 others

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Mukesh Kapadia Benchmarking is a necessary instrument however as Amie and Joseph mentioned, it should be used as a guidance and not absolute gospel because every organisation is different. Typically IT Spend % of revenue for most (non tech organisation is between 1-3... See More

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Alisa Marie Beyer has been named CEO of Spa Girls Cocktails. Spa Girls will draw Beyer’s proven entrepreneurial skills; she will work with the founder to grow the Spa Girl Cocktails brand offerings globally and lead efforts to secure a Series A round of financing, which is slated to close in August 2020.
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