Navigating the Complex (and Weird) Landscape of Snapchat: An inside look at HP's Snapchat journey

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About HP

- Fortune 100 company
- **\$48.2B revenue** in FY 2016
- **250,000+** channel partners
- 18,000+ patents
- Operations in 170 countries
- **50,000** employees
- Fortune Most Admired #7 in technology



HP: The target customer

- Generation Z
- Millennial students
- Technologically savvy
- Know what they want from brands



Why Snapchat for HP?

- Rapidly growing
- Tightly aligned with target demographic
- Ability to stand out from the pack
- To add value in users' everyday lives
- Find topics that HP can own





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About Softway

Softway is an independent agency that creates transformative experiences for brands through strategy, design, development and social influence.





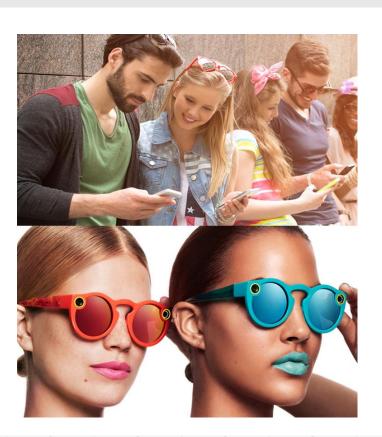






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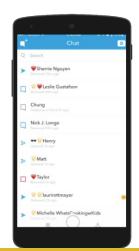
- Mobile messaging tool used to share photos, videos, text and drawings with friends
- Photos and videos shared only last for a brief amount of time before they disappear forever
- Snapchat is growing recently passed Twitter in daily active users
- Extremely popular with millennials 60% of 13 to 34-year-olds are Snapchatters



Snapchat: How it works













Capture

Add Effects

Chat

Stories

Discover

Add Friends

Snapchat: How it works



Snapchat vs. Everyone Else

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and podcasts are passive Snapchat requires your undivided attention
- Snapchat is 100% active







Snapchat: How should brands use it?



"Looks like another case of someone over forty trying to understand Snapchat."

Step 1:

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- Influencers: users of a social platform with a very large following
- Partnering with influencers to back products or services exposes your brand to a new audience usually results in their followers having a higher affinity towards your brand
- Influencer reach is typically very expensive
- Difficult to maintain followers



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Robby Ayala, Marcus Johns & Cody Johns



Chachi Gonzales







Step 2:

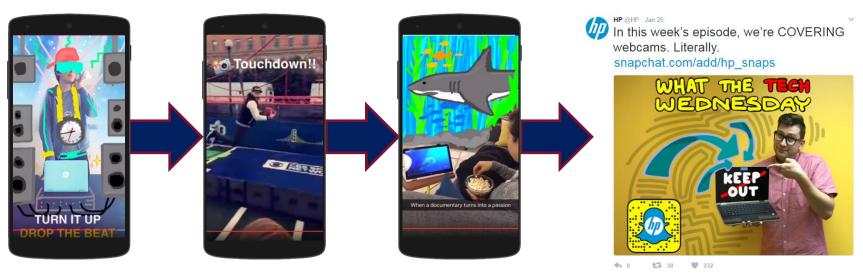
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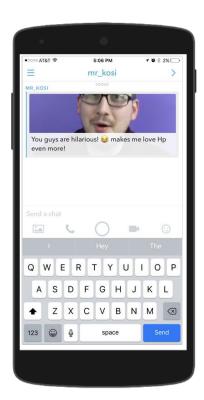


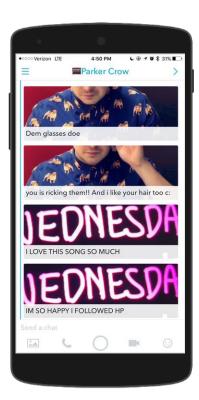
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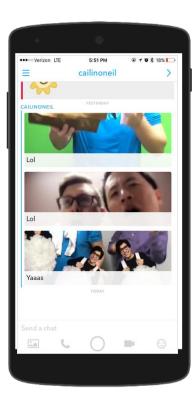
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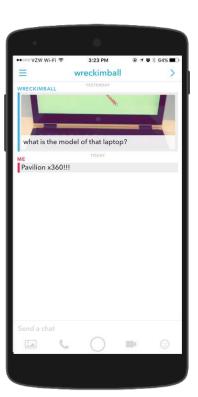


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- Test snaps reviewed each Tuesday
- Finals snaps sent out each Wednesday
- Extremely efficient, with more views at a lower cost





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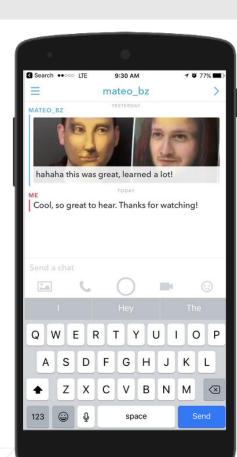


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HP's Snapchat Discoveries

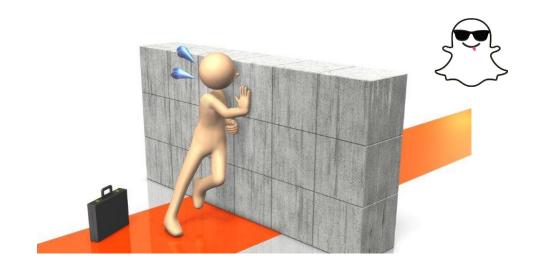
 Snapchat is a great platform for fostering
 1:1 fan dialogue



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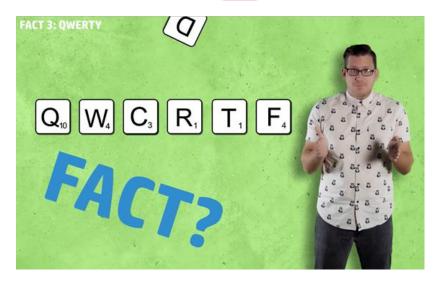
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Growing an audience is an uphill battle



HP: The results

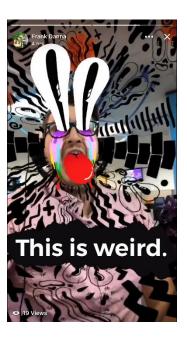












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Snapchat Do's



Be casual.

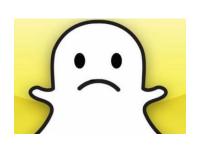


- Talk to the audience as much as you can. Snapchat is primarily a first-person platform.
- Embrace, don't be scared of, the limitations of the platform. Snapchat is raw and uncut.
- Don't try to overthink it or overproduce it.
- Use Snapchat when you have something amazing to share.

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Snapchat Dont's

- Don't be too salesy or too pushy.
- Don't neglect to **bring users value**.
- Don't post too inconsistently or sporadically.
- Don't try to overthink it or overproduce it.



Key Takeaways

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- Be too salesy or too pushy.
- Neglect to bring us Be authentic!
- Use Snapchat like a real user!
- Don't try to overthink it or overproduce it.

Roundtable Discussion:

Lessons Learned in Social This Year

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