Fully Aligned: A how-to session with Reader's Choice winner SAP on navigating relevancy, and gaining the buy-in you need from stakeholders at every step

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# The Digital Chop Shop

### Whitepapers



Digital Industries: Changing the Game



Social Media



Radio









### Landing Page and Email



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#### Video Whitepaper



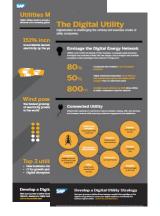
#### TED Talk-Style Video



#### Tele Guide



## Infographics



## Executive Briefing Deck





## Results as of December 2016

- 96,000+ blog views across 25 industries and 2 lines of business
- More than 21 million social media impressions
- 3,500+ blog referrals
- Nearly 3,000 white paper downloads
- 21,700+ video views
- So how did we do it?
- 16,000 radio listeners
- 3,000+ inquiries
- 125 qualifies leads
- \$23,488,300 pipeline from 107 marketing generated opportunities





# Setting up expectations and gaining buy-in

# **Budget Focus and Campaign Objectives**

- Define your budget and campaign objectives up front- STICK TO IT!
- Decide what to produce in-house and what to outsource



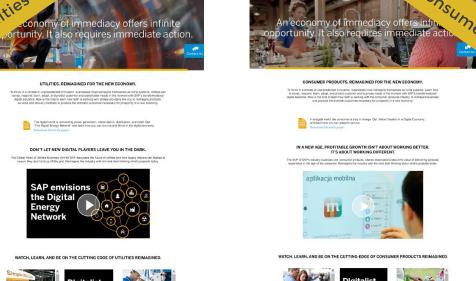
## **Creating a Unified Theme**

- Create an integrated message for the entire value chain
- Developed a single templated approach—allowed for scale without breaking the bank

• Communicated this approach with all teams involved so everyone's

expectations were aligned

Rigidity is the enemy

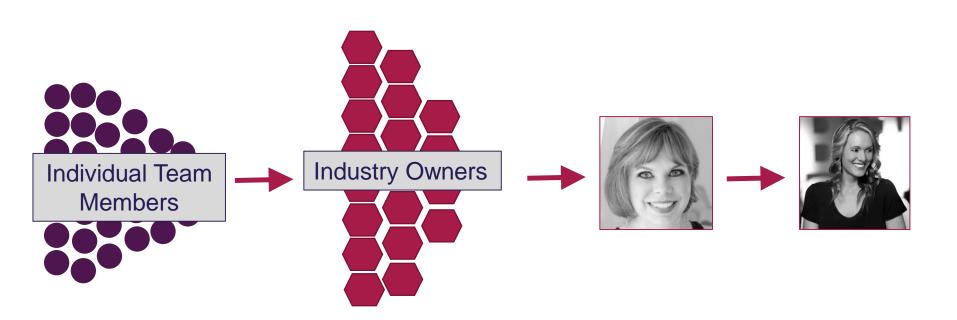


# **Execution and Time Management**

## Role assignment, Ownership and Autonomy

- Each industry had an owner
- Industry owner responsible for all relationships with SMEs and other team members
- Holistic industry owners vs. Owners of content types
- All documents kept on collaborative site for version control
- Consistent reviews to avoid hold-ups

# **Communication is key**



# Customer-facing best practices

(how to optimize what they will see, and make it look easy)

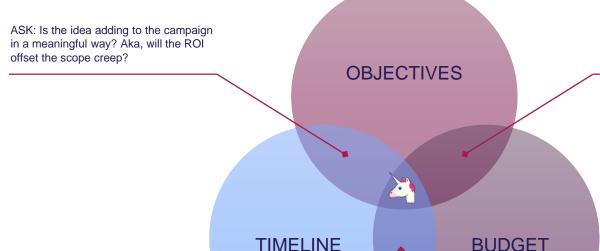
# Find a balance between creativity and managing time

## Timeline be damned!

- Video whitepapers
  - Wanted to appeal to busy executives
  - Turned 30-page whitepapers into 4-minute videos
- Virtual forum
  - Envisioned a full-day forum with industry tracks, demo lobby and third-party keynotes



# Not every idea is a good idea

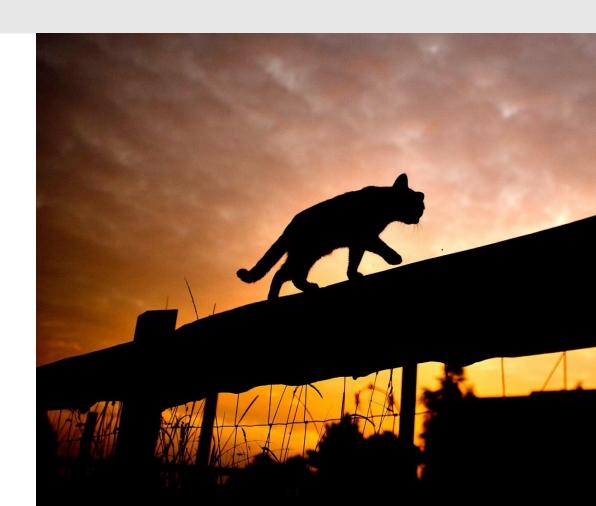


ASK: Are there creative ways to gain efficiencies? Is this new idea strong enough to replace a different element of the campaign? (thus a reallocation of time vs. an addition)

ASK: Does the idea lend better to a phase II campaign? Is it worth exploring as a complementary project? Outline KPIs

# **Evolve or perish**

- Stay nimble
- Don't rely on the blueprint of what has already been done
- Provide value for customers while still meeting deadlines and benchmarks



## Global focus with a local flair

- Use the template but avoid creating cookie cutter pages
- · Make sure your brand has integrity, avoid looking vanilla



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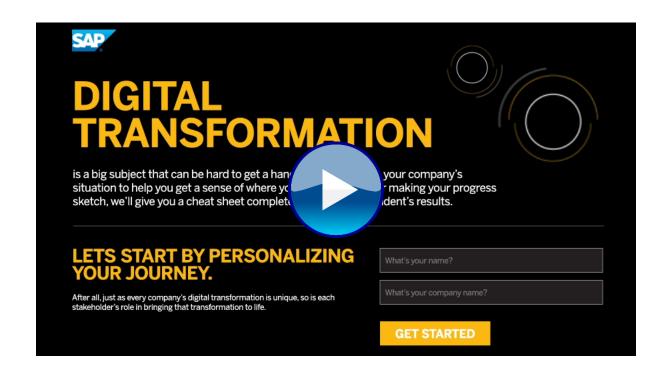
# **Top Takeaways**

- Reiterate hard work but keep it in perspective
- At the same time, remember you have stakeholders to answer to
- Find different ways to get this great campaign in people's hands
- Treat everyone like they're human, it results in a more transparent and fun partnership
- Give people the authority to do their jobs and get out of their way!



## What's next?







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