## Direct Response:

# Contests

Research Assignment

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# Agenda

- Introduction
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# **Contest Success**

# Why Contests are Successful?

- Consumers have nothing to lose
  - Attracted to the thought of winning



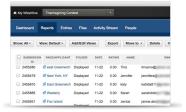
- Majority of contests have no cost
  - Unless contest given after purchase



- Win These Attractive Prizes!
- Consumers are attracted to the prizes
  - Exciting and good prizes



- Contests have a success rating
  - Measurable response rate with entries



# Contest Prizes

- Prizes must be suitable to target audience
  - L'Oreal Contest has a Spa Package Prize







- Unsuccessful prizes that do not suit the target audience
  - Disney Contest has a Golfing Package Prize







# Contests

- What brands are not suitable for contests? Why?
- What brands are more suitable for Contests?
- What prizes would they have?



# Digital & Social Media for Direct Response Contests

# Contests: Digital & Social Media

- Internet
  - Company Website
  - Associated Website



- Social Media
  - Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest & Instagram







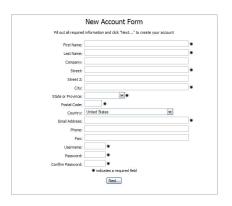


# Internet

- Companies will use their websites for contests.
- Use emails to lure onto website for contests.
- Must create an account or fill out information to enter.







# Facebook

- Largest and most successful social media
  - 400 Million Users
  - Over 500 Billion Minute per month on site
- 20% of Consumers interact with brands for promotions
- Click "Like" to connect with the brand







# Other Social Media Platforms

Twitter – Over 300 Million Users
 Tweets & Pictures



Pinterest – Over 250 Million Users
 Pins & Pictures



Instagram – Over 100 Million Users
 Posts Pictures/Videos



- Marketers are scrambling to get onboard.
  - Sales Promotions Contests

# Social Media Contests

- Some sort of writing relating to the brand
- Posting a picture/video
- Using #Hashtags
- Tagging the brand
- Sharing with friends
- Easy and usually simple











# Strategies for Direct Response Contests

# Enhancing Contest Success

- Media Strategies
  - Select an appropriate media venue
  - Which social media fits your campaign?









- Contestant Voting
  - Increase communication between contest audience
- Content Moderators
  - Control content submitted to social media sites

# Increasing Contest Entries

- Fill in the blank contest
  - Dove 'Real Beauty Should be Shared' Contest
- Time Restraints:
  - Creating a sense of urgency
  - 'London Drugs' contest



- Social Communication:
  - Contest entries linked to friends and family







# **Enhancing Contest Communication**

- Contest Integration:
  - Using multiple media platforms in conjunction
  - Pepsi's 'Live For Now' contest
- Frequent Updates:
  - Communicate to your audience instantly







# Direct Response Contests

# Direct Response Contests

- Key Drivers for Direct Marketing/Response
  - 1. Targeted at a 1-to-1 level
  - 2. Provides an offer
  - 3. Call to action
  - 4. Response Device Collects Data

# Direct Response Contests

- Tim Hortons "Roll Up the Rim to Win"
- McDonald's "Monopoly"
  - Both open to Canadian Market
  - Offer incentive to purchase
  - Supports post-purchase evaluation
  - Attract High Value Customers

- "Roll Up the Rim to Win"
  - Began in 1986
  - First Grand Prize: Timbit Snack Pack
  - Objective: Address increasing Coffee competition
  - Strategy: contest + incentive
  - 85%+ Redemption Rate



- Latest Campaign: February April 2014
- Additional chance to win on cup



- 47 million prizes to be won instantly
  - 43 winners for 2014 Toyota Corolla Sport
  - 80 winners for \$5,000 Visa Prepaid Cards
  - 17,548 winners for \$100 Tim Cards
  - Millions of food prizes: beverages, donuts, etc.



- Also chance to win online
  - "Roll Up Roulette"



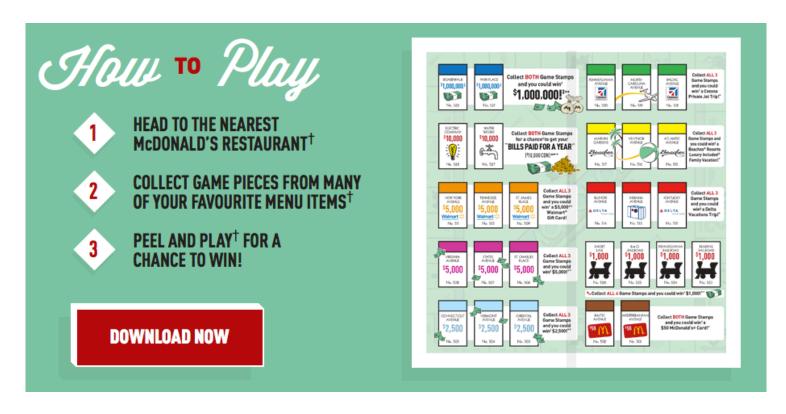
- Strengths of Contest
  - Instant Win/Easy to redeem
  - Convenient
  - Prizes sought
  - Encourage repeat purchase for more chances to win.



- o "Monopoly"
  - Began in 1987
    - \$40 million prizes in that year
  - Objective: address declining sales
  - Strategy: contest + incentive



Current campaign: September – November 2014



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# YOUR FAVES<sup>†</sup>

PEEL AND PLAY<sup>†</sup> GAME PIECES ARE FOUND ON MANY OF YOUR FAVOURITE MENU ITEMS:



BIG MAC



DOUBLE RIG WAC



QUARTER POUNDER WITH CHEESE®



QUARTER POUNDER® BLT

• 18 Million prizes to be won instantly



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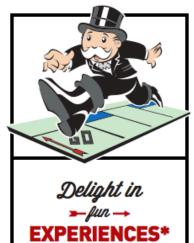
GIFT CARDS\*



Get techy → with → GADGETS\*



FOOD PRIZES\*



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# Conclusion

- Contest Success
  - Incorporating contests lead to campaign success
- Digital & Social Media for Direct Response Contests
  - Types of Social Media Used
- Strategies for Direct Response Contests
  - Utilize and Enhance the success of the contest
  - Improving Communication
  - Increase Number of Entries
- Direct Response Contests Strengths
  - Tim Hortons "Roll Up The Rim to Win"
  - McDonald's "Monopoly"

# Thank You



# Direct Response: Contests

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## Contest Success

## Why Consumers Like Contests

Contests usually do not cost anything to enter and consumers have nothing to lose if they enter.

### **Importance of Prizes**

Companies must have prizes that relate to the brand as well as suitable for the target audience.

### **Suitable Brands For Contests**

Some brands are not suitable for contests because their product is more private.

Example: Viagara, Trojan Condoms

## **Direct Response Marketing Campaign**

Contests have a success rating and are measurable by entries.

## **Enhancing Contest Promotion**

## Frequent Updates

Compared to traditional forms of contests, Social media allows the user to update information so the public can see it instantly. These updates keep your contest publically relevant and information up to date.

## **Contest Integration:**

Integrating your contest using multiple social media websites allow you to connect with a wider audience. By using sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Google+, you reach potential contestant who may only prefer using one specific social media.

## Direct Response Digital & Social Media

## **Types of Digital Used For Contests**

Companies use their websites as well as associated websites to promote contests.

### Types of Social Media

Companies use Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram to promote their contests.









## **Increasing Contest Entries**

## **Social Integration**

Social media's such as Facebook link submitted content to individuals on the contestants contact list and onto their official webpage. This content is introduced to new potential contestant who may share similar interest and may be enticed to participate.

## **Time Restrained Sweepstakes**

Contests create a sense of urgency to the consumer promotes a quick response from the contestant.

### **Contestant Brand Involvement**

Brands that allow contestants to become mascots for the company improve the brands connection with its consumers and entice contest entries. An example include the Dove 'Real Beauty should be Shared' where fans were asked to submit a photo & share two things that made them beautiful. The winner was voted by fans and became the new face of dove.

## Direct Response Contests - Strengths

## **Key Drivers**

- 1. Targeted at a 1-to-1 level
- 2. Provides an offer
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## **Contest Strengths**

- Instant Win
- Easy to redeem
- Convenient
- Prizes sought
- Encourages repeat purchase for more chances to win

## Example #1 – Tim Hortons Contest

- "Roll Up The Rim to Win"
- Objective: Address competition
- 47 million prizes to be won
- Additional chance to win on cup
- Instant Win
- Encourages repeat purchase
- 85% redemption rate
- "Roll Up Roulette", online version

## Example #2 – McDonald's Contest

- "Monopoly"
- Objective: Address declining sales
- 18 million prizes to be won
- Instant Win
- Collect To Win
- Encourages repeat purchase

## Strategies for Direct Response Contests

## Select an Appropriate Media Venue

Certain social media's have strengths and limitations. Contests, which require photos, should consider sites such as Facebook or Instagram.

## **Contestant Voting**

Having users vote for their favorite content invites contestants to become more involved with the brand and share with their message with others they know.

### **Content Monitors**

Moderators control the content that is allow to be seen by the public allowing the contest operator to hide any profane or unrelated content.

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