

The Next Stage of Moz:

How a tiny Mom + Son consultancy became the world leader in SEO Software, and our roadmap to being Seattle's next \$1 Billion company



Rand Fishkin, CEO & Co-founder, SEOmoz

July 2011



A Little Moz History (now in color!)

Rand starts working w/ Gillian building websites for small, local businesses

Deeply in debt, and failing to get traffic to clients' sites, Rand starts the SEOmoz Blog as part of learning the SEO process.

SEOmoz takes an investment of \$1.1M from Ignition Partners & Curious Office

Moz's collection of tools becomes a singular, campaign-based web app. Prices rise to \$99 / \$499 / \$1999 per month.

1997

2004

Nov. 2007

Sept. 2010

1981

2001

Feb. 2007

Oct. 2008

July 2011

Gillian (Rand's Mom) founds the company that will become SEOmoz Rand drops out of UW, 2 classes from graduation to work full time w/ Gillian

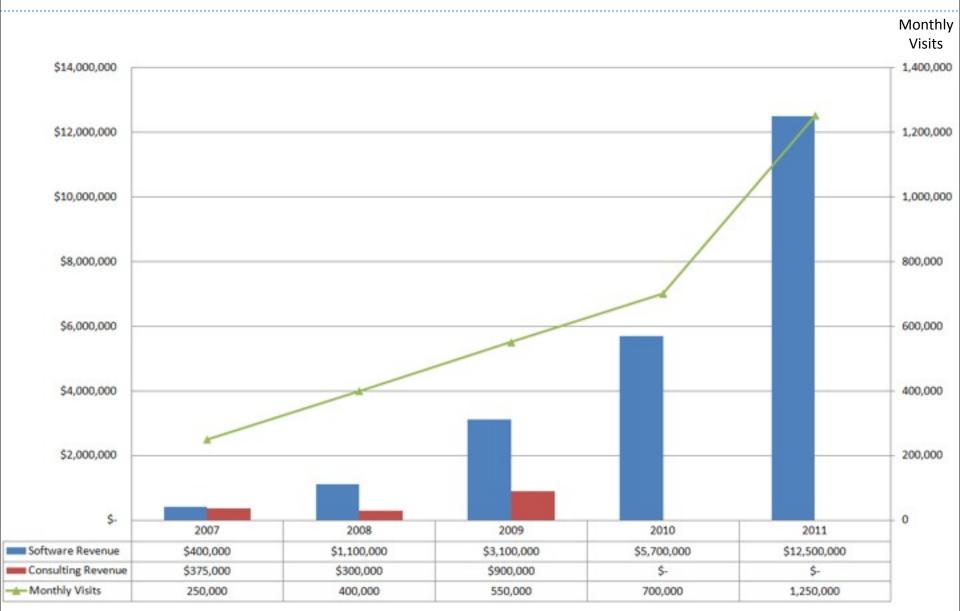
SEOmoz launches its first subscription software product, "PRO" for \$39/month Linkscape, SEOmoz's web index and link graph, launches. By December, moz is profitable.

"SEOmoz is moving from just "SEO" to social media, content marketing, analytics, local and video. To this end, we've acquired "Moz.com."



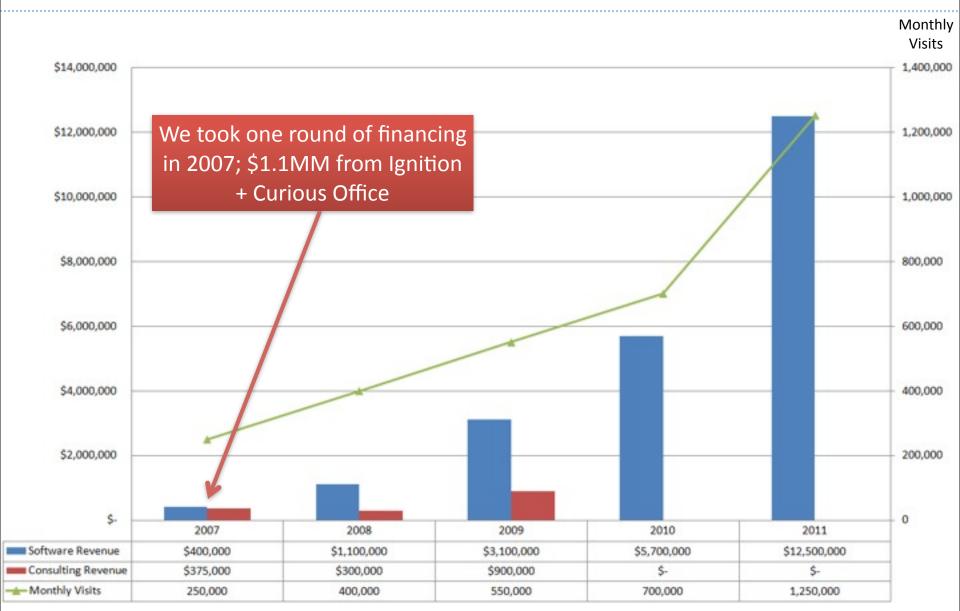
Did you know? At one point, Rand + Gillian had just under \$500K in personal debt. By 2007, it was all paid off, thanks to the magical super-awesomeness of SEO!





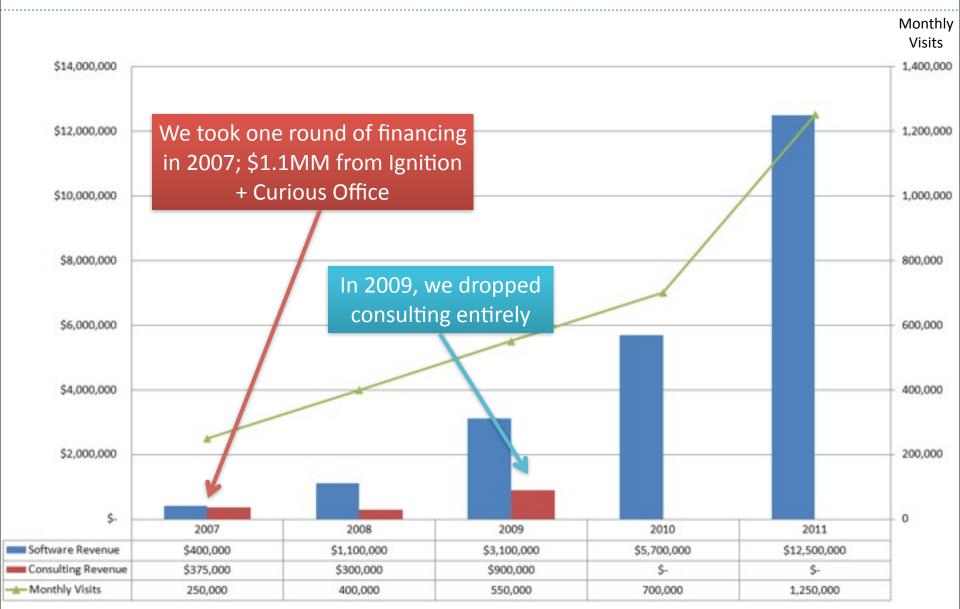






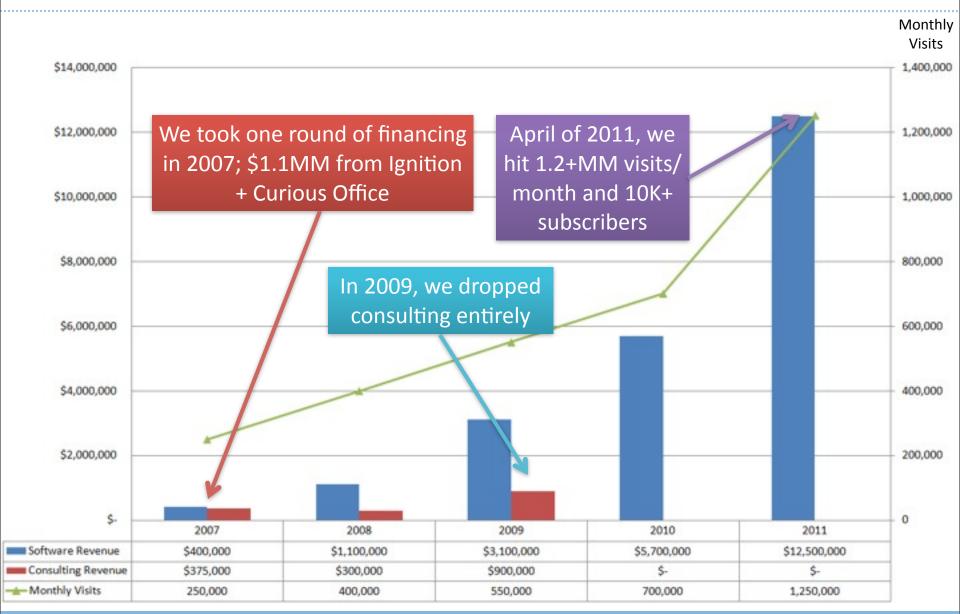




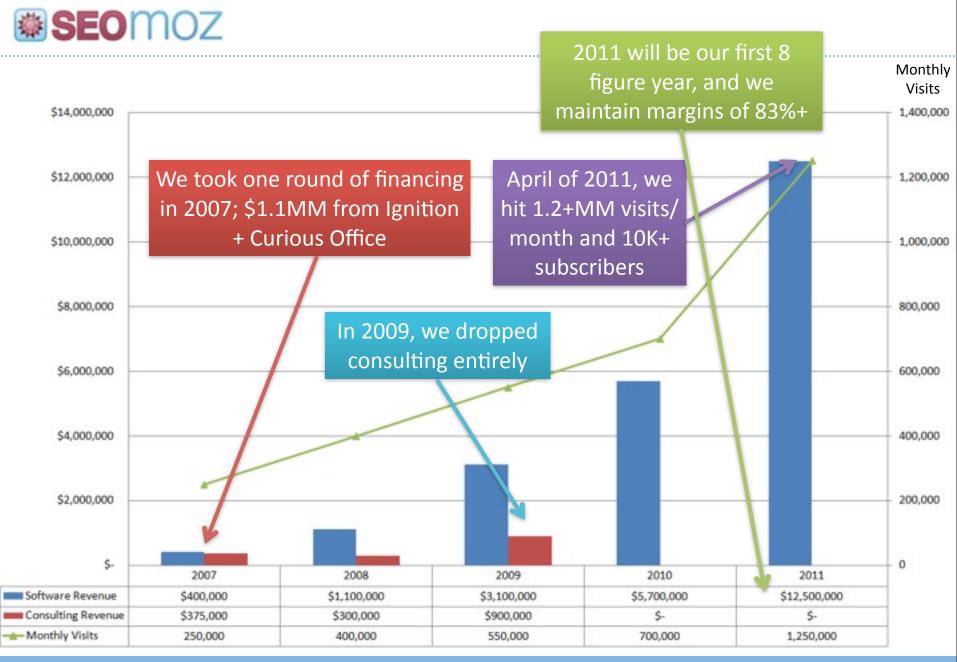






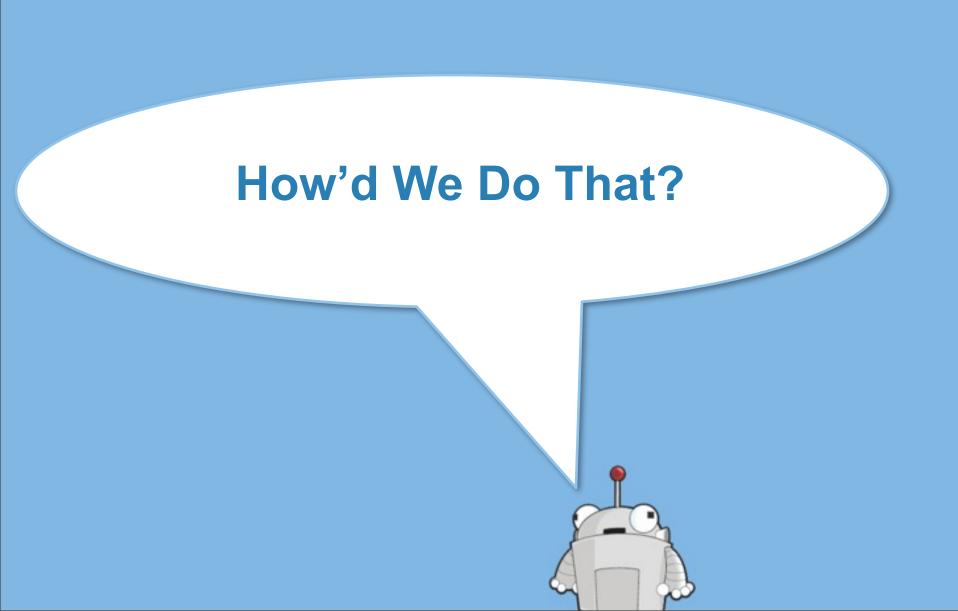




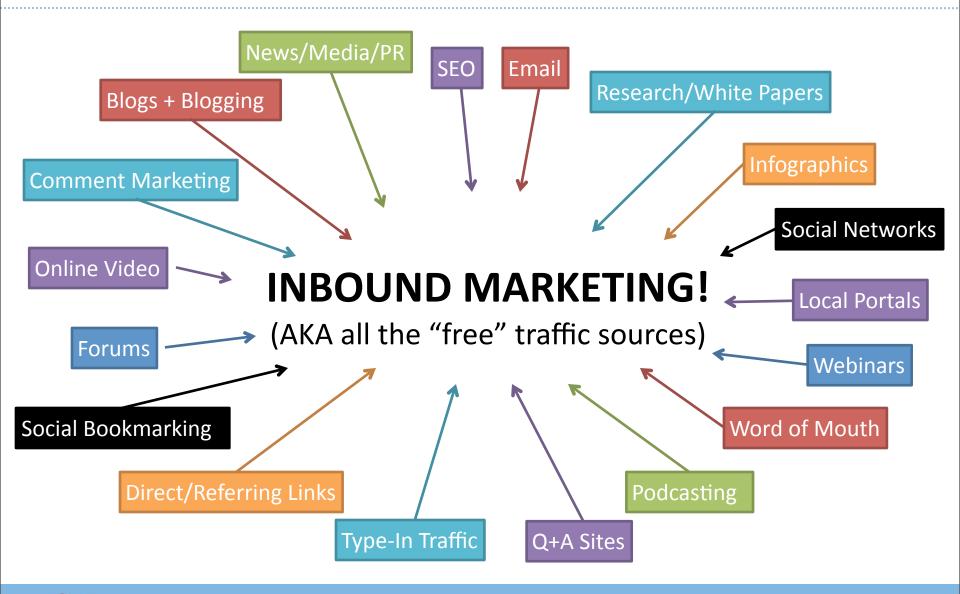










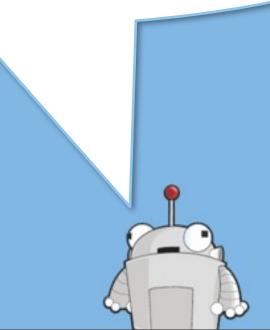




Up until 2010, SEOmoz had never spent money directly to acquire customers! (No PPC, no ads, just conferences and content production, aka "sweat marketing") ©



That's what we want to help other companies measure + improve through our cloud-based software.



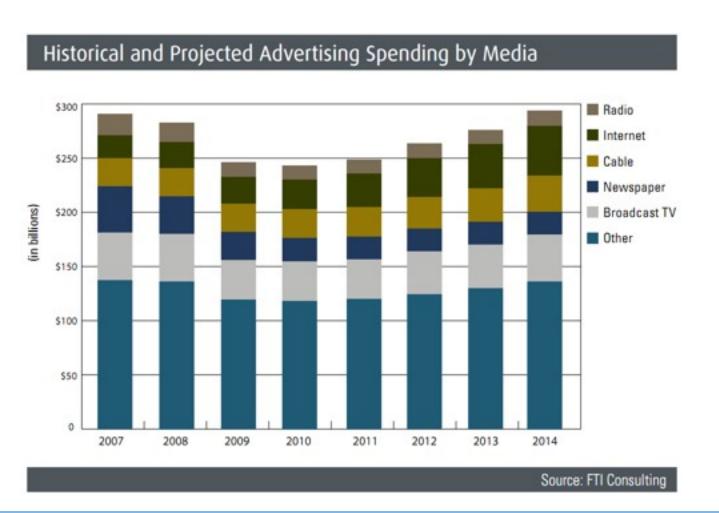


Macroeconomic Trends that Benefit Moz





Marketing Spend is Still Unbalanced vs. Behavior

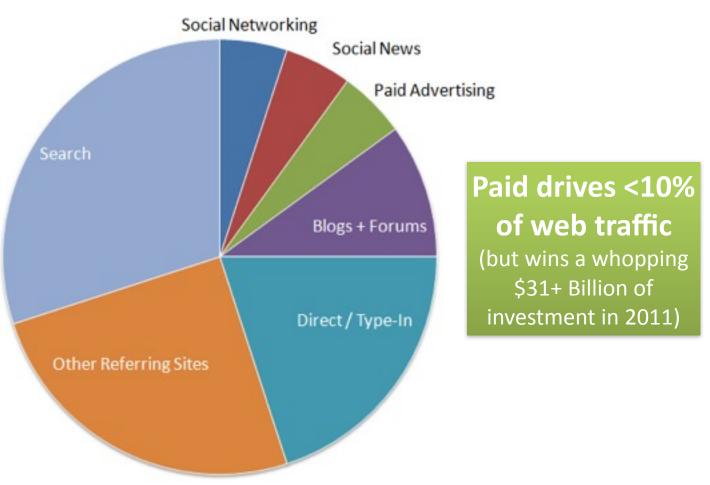






Organic Marketing is Under-Invested

Organic drives
90%+ of traffic
(but garners only ~\$5
billion of investment
in 2011)



Percent of Web Traffic from Various Sources to the Average Website



Web Traffic is driven almost entirely by organic/earned media, yet nearly all of the investment in driving traffic to websites is through paid channels... This is an unsustainable dichotomy.



It's a Data-Driven World and Efficiency is King





These challenges require scalable, high quality software to solve. Very few companies are investing in this space in a serious way, and almost none target the SMB market.

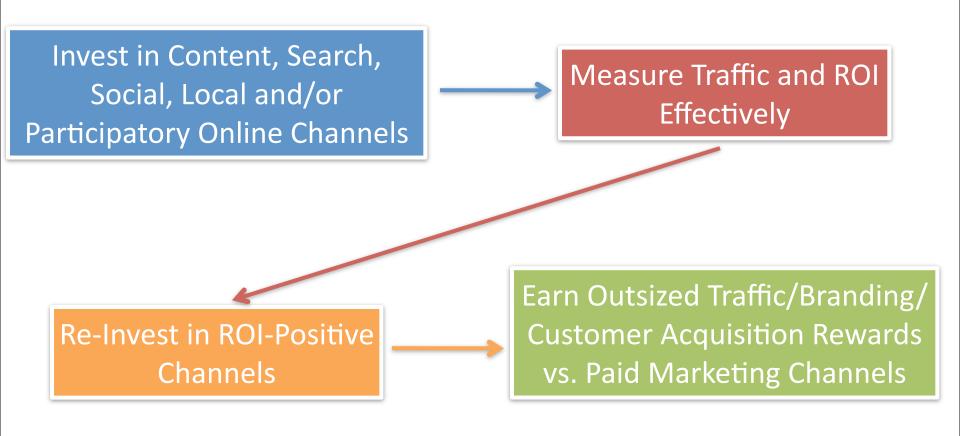


Problem(s) We're Here to Solve





Organic Web Marketing is Poorly Understood





Even those marketers who have an understanding of the process often get lost in the details or mired in the complexity of tying creative to metrics.



The Web Marketer's Weekly Analytics Challenge

Every week (sometimes daily), web marketers need to log in to each of these services (or a suitable substitute) to collect their KPIs:

Many (75%+):

Google Analytics

Facebook Insights

Twitter (Topsy/Hootsuite)

Google Webmaster Tools

Most (~50%):

Bing Webmaster Tools

Google Alerts

Feedburner

Bit.ly

Yahoo! Site Explorer

Some (~10%):

SEOmoz

PostRank

FourSquare

Google Local

Yelp





Specific, Painful Web Marketing Tasks

Each of these requires special tools, large amounts of manual labor or custom-built, in-house/agency solutions:

Researching New Opportunities

Identifying High-ROI Channels Prioritizing +
Managing Tasks

Finding Errors + Problems

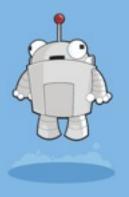
Optimizing Existing Channels

Training New Marketers

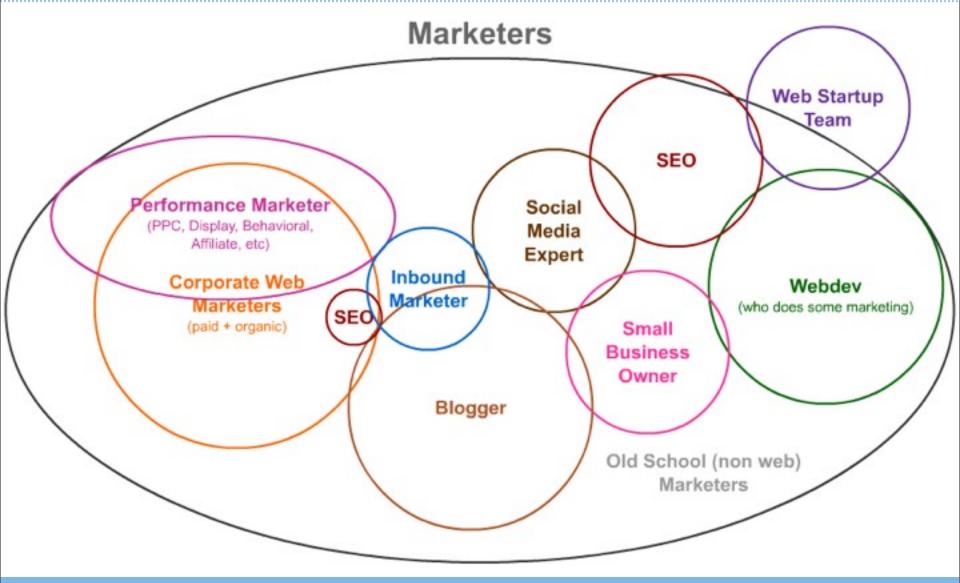




Our Target Market



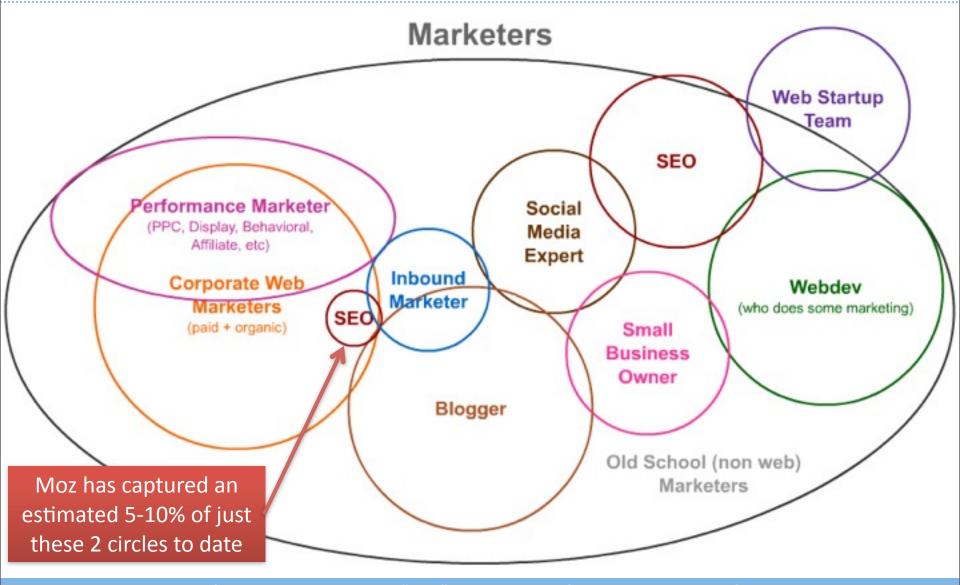






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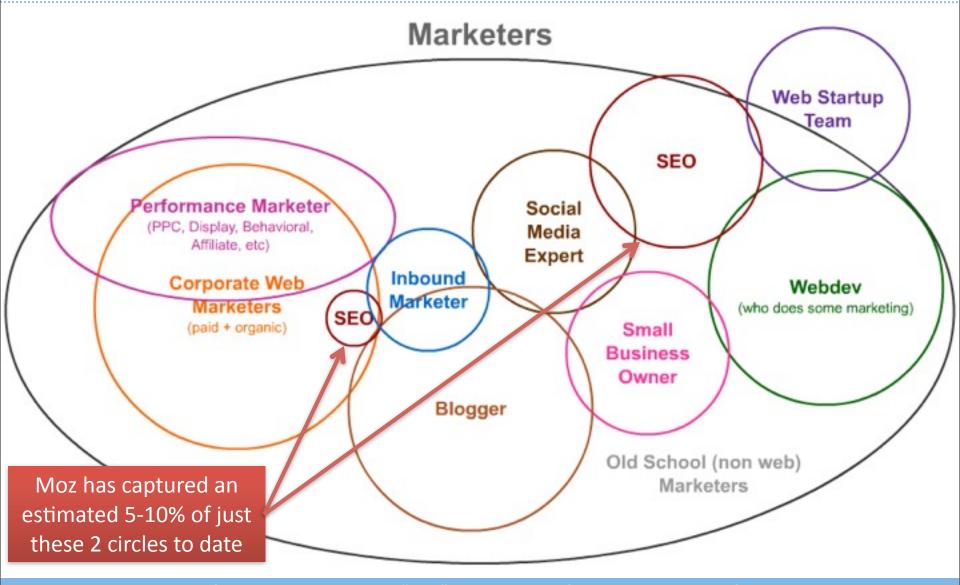






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We Help Marketers Who Focus on Organic



Level of Experience





Immediate Customer Targets:

These titles/job functions represent our current (2011-13) targets:

In-House

(~55% of current members)

Director of Marketing

SEO Specialist

Search Marketer

Online Marketing Manager

Director of Growth

Inbound Marketer

Consultant/Agency

(~35% of current members)

SEO Consultant

Organic Marketing Consultant

Search + Social Consultant

Web Marketing Consultant

Independent

(~10% of current members)

Blogger

Social Media Expert

Site Owner

Webmaster

Domainer





Where are We Today?





2011 Estimated Revenue

\$12 - \$13 million

Current Revenue Run Rate (June)

~\$10.8 million

Number of PRO Subscribers

~13,500

of New Free Trials / Day

~100

Avg. Customer Lifetime Value

~\$900

Implied Customer Life

~9 Months

Avg. Cost of Paid Acquisition

~\$100

Avg. Monthly Revenue / Subscriber

~\$93



% of Free Trials Converting to Paid

~57%

Churn Rate in 1st 2 Paid Months

~25%

Monthly Visits to Moz + OSE

~1.25 million

Email Subscribers

~300K

Gross Margins

~82%

Estimated Net Profit in 2011

~\$1 million

Staffing Costs

~\$650K / Month

Crawling, Serving, Hosting + Processing

~\$180K / Month



Planned Investment Round





Raising:

\$20-\$25 Million

Founder Equity:

\$6-7 Million

Onto Balance Sheet:

\$13-19 Million

New Board:

2 Investors (Michelle +1)

2 Insiders (Rand +1)

1 Independent (TBD)

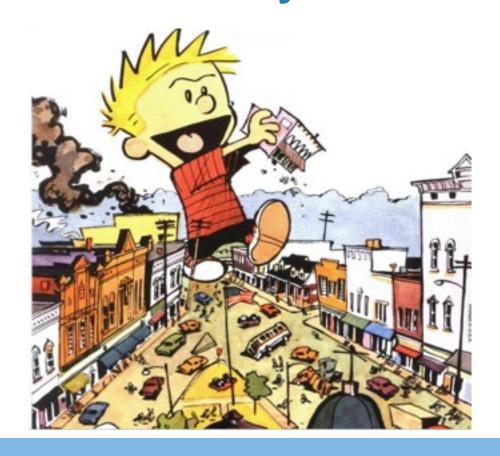


Business Risks





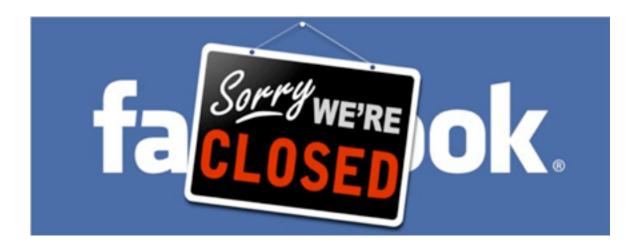
Google Integrates Much More SEO & Social Analytics Functionality in the Short Term







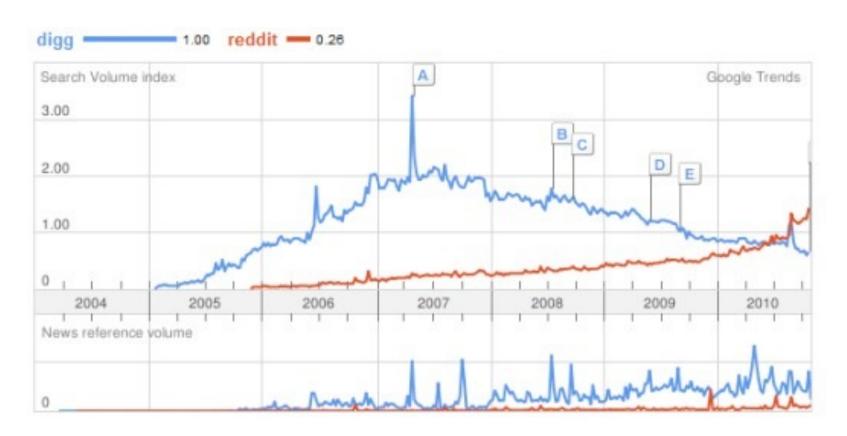
The Web Becomes Less Open







We Fail to Adapt/Grow Fast Enough to Keep Up w/ Organic Marketing Shifts







Our Reputation Suffers Due to Missteps in Culture, Data Quality or Reliability







Use of Funds / Growth Opportunities 2011-2012





Serve a Wider Audience w/ Expanded Product

2011

2012

2013+

Organic Search/SEO (Google, Bing, Yahoo!) Local Search + Portals (Google + Bing Maps, Yelp, FourSquare) Forums / Q+A (StackExchange, Quora, Y! Answers)

Social Networks (FB, LinkedIn, Twitter, Google+) Brand + Link Monitoring
(Blogs, Press Releases, Mainstream Media)

Video (YouTube, Vimeo, Self-Hosted)

Q+A / Social Content Sharing (Quora, StackExchange, Reddit, SU, Tumblr)

The Next Big Thing
(Diretories 2.0? Mobile Photo-Sharing?)

Become the Default Productivity + Research
Suite for Organic Web Marketers





Whatever organic marketers are using to drive traffic and derive value, we'll help them measure, monitor and improve it with a suite that's simple enough for anyone but powerful enough to support advanced-expert level practitioners.



2 Year Team Roadmap from 40-100 Mozzers

Product

(Design the Right Software)

User Experience

Design + UI

Subject Matter Experts

Wireframing + Specs

Testing / QA

Operations

(Make Moz Run Smoothly)

Financial + Accounting

Facilities

HR/Mozzer Happiness

Engineering

(Build Amazing \$#*!)

Broad Web Crawl

Rankings Data

Local Data

Social Data

Front End / Web App

Fresh Web Data

Customer Success

(Delight Moz Members)

API & Higher-Tier Sales

Customer Service

Customer Outreach

Marketing

(Bring in Customers)

Content/Media/Research

Community Management

PR / Press / Outreach

Events

Paid Acquisition

Retention

(Keep PRO Members PRO)

Quant + Cohort Analysis

Email + On-Site Messaging

Q&A Assistance



Sales/Marketing Investments

Organic (Grow Free Traffic)

Paid Acquisition (PPC, Behavioral, Social, etc.)

Branding
(Make Moz Known + Trusted)

Technology Investments

Web Crawl
(Grow Breadth + Freshness)

Fresh Web
(Compete w/ Google Alerts)

Social Graph (Map the Major Networks)

Product Investments

Low Price Model (\$25/month for lighter use)

Moz Alerts
(\$10/mth competitor to G Alerts)

Classifying the Web (Employing Human Raters)





Potential Acquisitions







TweetStats
In ur Tweets, Graphin' Your Stats!

















Why Moz is Uniquely Positioned to Win the Organic Market





#1:

Passionate community of 300K+ marketers

#2:

Our technology lead is very hard to catch

#3:

Proven record of 2X+ growth for 4 years

#4:

Unique, world-changing culture & attitude



We have a rare opportunity to become Seattle's next \$1 billion+ company, and we'd love to have you join us for the ride.

