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## Site design appeals to diversifying markets ...increases lead capture 89%

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Jacob Baldwin is the Search Engine Marketing Manager for America's largest and fastest growing voice, text and email notification company, One Call Now. During his time there, Baldwin has spearheaded major projects such as the radical redesign of its marketing site, the construction and application of the digital marketing testing and strategy programs and the implementation of its persona-based content marketing program. He has been quoted in numerous business publications including Website Magazine, Inc. Online, Businessbolts.com, and The Network Journal.

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## The Company

- 10 years old
- B2B and B2C SaaS provider of automated notification solutions
- We facilitate one-to-many communication for Businesses, schools, various other not-forprofit groups

# One Call Now

## Gotta start somewhere

- In the beginning, I knew nothing about digital marketing, web design, lead capture, conversion actions, SEO, information architecture, personas - nothing.
- We didn't have any sophisticated testing software.
- All of the tests we did were sequential, not A/B.
- The new site we created was a great improvement, but it's not by any means perfect.



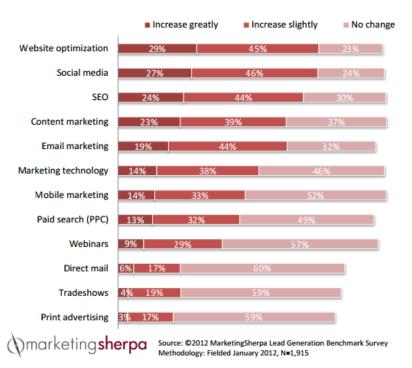
## Improving Lead Gen

#### KEY FINDING: LEAD GENERATION BUDGETS FAVOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

#### Chart: Trends in 2012 marketing budgets

Q. Please indicate the expected changes to your lead generation budget for the following channels for 2012.

More and more marketers are optimizing online activity to improve their lead generation efforts.





## Why Optimize?

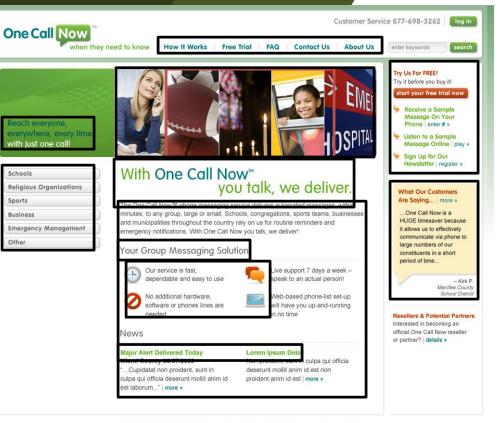
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# Lead Gen.



## The Challenge

- Thought sequence
- Page layout
- Imagery
- SEO
- Segmentation model
- Messaging/Value Prop



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## Back to the drawing board:

## Segmentation modeling

#### Original

- Religious Organizations
  - Mega & Corporate Churches
  - Congregational Churches
  - Synagogues & Chabads
- Business
  - Customer Notification
  - Business Continuity
  - Staffing Calls



- Religious Organizations
  - Small Churches
  - Medium Churches
  - Large Churches
  - Synagogues
  - Religious Organizations
  - Other
- Business
  - Consumer Services
  - Healthcare
  - Property Management
  - Manufacturing
  - Utilities Providers
  - Other

## Back to the drawing board:

#### Persona Characteristics



#### Humanistic

#### Characteristics

- Touchy-feely
- Enjoys reading about people & special interest stories
- Philanthropic



#### Methodical

#### Characteristics

- Very logical
- Will likely consume every piece of related content before making decision



Competitive

Characteristics

products

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Wants to be the best,

wants to use the best

Very results-oriented,

needs to prove success



#### Spontaneous

#### Characteristics

- Doesn't want or need to talk to sales person
- Ready to purchase at any moment
- Knows what they want

## Back to the drawing board:

#### Persona-specific content





#### Humanistic

#### Appealing content

- Testimonials
- Videos
- Social responsibility (marketing with a purpose)





#### Appealing content

- Case studies
- Product/tech spec sheets
- Long copy



#### Competitive

#### Appealing content

- Testimonials
- Value proposition
- Feature sets
- Side-by-side comparisons



#### Spontaneous

#### Appealing content

- 800 Number
- Option to "Buy Now"
- Pricing info

## VERY Long Story Short...

- New segmentation model drove basic navigation structure and information architecture
- Identification of persona characteristics informed content production and on-page content offerings and CTA's.



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## VERY Long Story Short... New segmer NICE STORY...

- drove basic r structure and architecture
- Identification
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## NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT LEAD GEN





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## **Experiment 1: Background**



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Experiment ID: One Call Now Multivariate Lead Capture Test Location: Homepage Test Protocol: TP0001

#### **Research Notes:**

Background: Radical redesign of website.

**Objective:** Increase conversion rate, increase traffic, reduce bounce rate, provide niched messaging via enhanced segmentation.

Primary Research Question: Which version of our homepage will produce a higher lead capture rate?

**Test Design:** Before-and-after optimization test to assess whether or not radical redesign will increase lead capture.

## **Experiment 1: Original Homepage**

#### Note:

- Navigation placement
- CTA Placement
- Color Palette
- Imagery
- Multiple value propositions
- General layout of homepage



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## **Experiment 1: Treatment**

#### Note:

- Restructured nav
- Consolidated CTA's
- Single value proposition
- Trust indicators
- Color palette
- New content



## Experiment 1: Side-by-side



Control



Treatment



## **Experiment 1: Results**



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## 19% increase in lead capture

Creating a more "professional-looking" website and clearly labeling CTA's worked to clarify what action we wanted people to take.

Experiment 1	Original	Treatment	%Δ
Homepage layout modification	2.40%	2.85%	+18.75%



Never stop improving: Website improvements are incremental and should be treated as such. Complacency is CRO's worst enemy. Test, tune, repeat.

## Experiment 2: One Call Now CRO Test



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Experiment ID: One Call Now Conversion Panel Test 1 Location: Homepage Test Protocol: TP0002

#### **Research Notes:**

Background: Consolidated CTA's into single area. Test optimal number and mix of CTA's displayed.

**Objective:** Increase lead capture rate.

**Primary Research Question:** Which version of our CTA panel will produce a higher lead capture rate?

**Test Design:** Before-and-after optimization test to assess whether or not reducing the number of CTA's will increase lead capture.

## **Experiment 2: CRO Test**

#### **Original:**

- 11 Conversion actions in this 3"x3" space
- Hypertext links on top of textured gradient background
- Equal CTA weighting



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## Experiment 2: CRO Test

#### **Treatment:**

- Reduced the number of CTA's
- Used actual buttons instead of hypertext links
- "Free Trial" carries heavier weight
- Put additional conversion actions such as "Request a Quote" in the Learn More pop up.



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## **Experiment 2: CRO Test**

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Treatment

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## **Experiment 2: Results**



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## 9.47% decrease in Lead Capture

Beware of blindly following "best practices"!

Experiment 2	Original	Treatment	%Δ
CTA Panel Modification	2.85%	2.58%	-9.47%



**Beware myopic logic:** Just because it makes sense to you doesn't mean it makes sense to your audiences.



# But Wait...

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## Where did "Request A Quote" go?

- Capturing ٠ sample calls and free trial signups from front page.
- Moved RFQ • inside popup dialog when you click "Learn More"
- What was the • result?



## What can we learn?

Quote Requested (Goal 7 Completions)





Hint: Experiment 3

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## What can we learn?

Quote Requested (Goal 7 Completions)





## **Experiment 3: Background**



**Experiment ID: One Call Now Conversion Panel Test 3 Location: Homepage** Test Protocol: TP0003

**Research Notes:** 

**Background:** Modified number of CTA's and layout of presentation. Looking for optimal performance.

**Objective:** Increase lead capture rate.

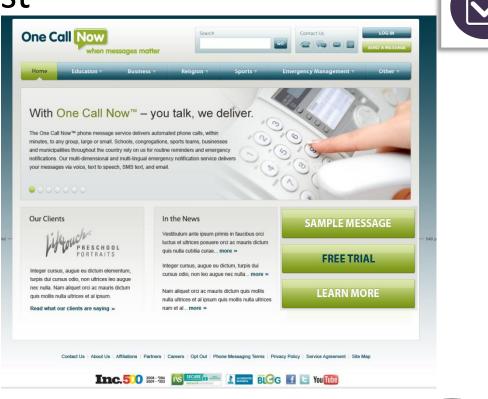
**Primary Research Question:** Which version of our CTA display will generate a higher lead capture rate?

**Test Design:** Before-and-after optimization test to assess if changing the number and layout of CTA's will increase lead capture. marketina**sherpa** #LeadGenSummit lead gen summit 2013

## Experiment 3: CRO Test

#### **Original:**

- Three main conversion buttons
- "Free Trial" carries heavier weight
- Put additional conversion actions such as "Request a Quote" in the Learn More pop up.



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## Experiment 3: CRO Test

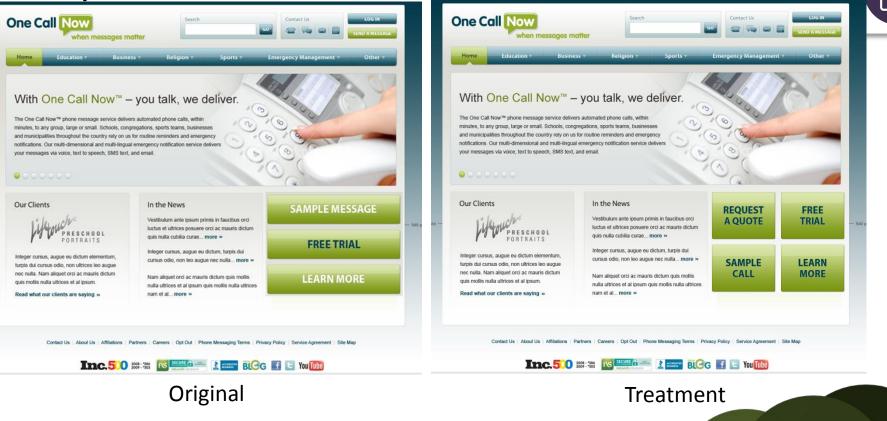
#### Treatment:

- Added Request a Quote back into the mix
- New button layout "quadrantstyle"
- Equal weighting for all four CTA's



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## Experiment 3: CRO Test



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## **Experiment 3: Results**



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#### **76.34% increase in lead capture** Quad-style CTA layout promotes higher engagement and drives lead capture rate.

Experiment 3	Original	Treatment	%Δ
CTA Panel Modification	2.58%	4.55%	+76.36%



**Proximity Matters**: The closer your conversion actions are to your front door, the more likely they'll get found and clicked.

## **Experiment 4: Background**



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Experiment ID: One Call Now Free Trial Signup Process Test Location: Homepage Test Protocol: TP0004

#### **Research Notes:**

Background: I think the pagination of Free Trial signup process creates too much friction.

**Objective:** Increase Free Trial lead capture rate.

**Primary Research Question:** Which version of our Free Trial signup process will produce higher lead capture rates?

**Test Design:** Before-and-after optimization test to assess whether or not a two-step signup process creates less friction/anxiety as the 4-step signup process.



Original:

- Four-step signup process
- Word "checkout" to • proceed with free trial?
- If we're not asking for any ٠ CC info, why are there dollar signs (\$) on this page?

## **Experiment 4: Free Trial Signups**

Treatment:

- Four-step signup process shortened to a single page
- "Checkout" language changed to "Start Free Trial"
- Removed \$ signs

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## **Experiment 4: Results**



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## 55.3% increase in Lead Capture

By shortening the signup process and changing the language in the CTA, we were able to see significant lead gen increases from our Free Trial form.

Experiment 4	Control	Treatment	%Δ
Free Trial Signup Process Optimization	15.65%	24.3%	+55.3%



**Reduce friction**: Don't make your visitors work unnecessarily hard to convert.



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## "With every new learning, also comes a higher level of understanding."



**Never stop improving**: Complacency is lead capture optimization worst enemy and perfection is impossible.

## Main Takeaways



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words of wisdom

*People don't want to buy a quarter-inch drill. They want a quarter-inch hole!* 

Theodore Levitt - Legendary marketer, Harvard Business School Marketing Professor Author of Marketing Myopia, originator of the term 'globalisation'



**Beware myopic logic:** Just because it makes sense to you doesn't mean it makes sense to your audiences.

## Main Takeaways





**Proximity matters**: Placing RFQ one click deeper resulted in a 73% decrease in number of leads captured via RFQ form.

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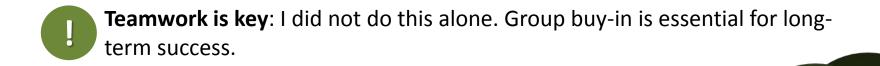
## Main Takeaways



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## It Takes a Village:



