

Becoming customer obsessed: a business owner's guide

Today, customer-centricity is more than just 'nice to have'. It's vital to sales and marketing success. So, how do we get it right?



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Introduction

Customer-first businesses have been leading the way in 2021. According to Econsultancy, almost **20%** of businesses believe customer experience (CX) to be the most exciting opportunity for them — ahead of data driven marketing **(16%)** and content marketing **(14%)**. With continued remote working, increased customer personalization, and more uptake in automation and technology, the demand for unbeatable CX will continue to grow.

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What is customer obsession?

"If we can keep our competitors focused on us while we stay focused on the customer, ultimately we'll turn out all right. That's customer obsession."

– Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon

"For business owners, customer obsession needs to be deeply rooted in the culture of your company — and more importantly, present in each and every member of your team. From customer-facing departments like sales and customer service, to the behind the scenes teams that don't always deal with clients directly. Every team member needs a clear understanding of the wants, needs and expectations of your customers — and should apply that information to every decision they make. To put it simply, customer obsession doesn't start and end with customer-facing teams. It's for owners and founders; senior management; brand new employees, and everyone in between."



The demand for data-driven CX



32%

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of CX professionals feel they have access to the information they need to understand customers' needs and previous interactions, and can apply it to improve their experience.

For business owners, this is a clear indication that investing in data, insight and analytics is pivotal to executing customer obsession and staying ahead. From gaining insight into customer preferences and making future behavior predictions, to collecting feedback and personalizing experiences — enriched, accurate data needs to be at the core of your business. When paired with innovative technology, this data will transform your business.



Real-time response culture and retention



49%

25 x

According to Invesp, investing in new customers can be up to **25 times** more expensive than retaining your existing ones.

....and what's worse — a massive **49%** of American buyers switched brands last year due to poor customer experience. Source: New Media Voice

Let's face it — the stakes are higher than ever before, and developing strong relationships with loyal customers has never been more important. You need to be catering to your customers' needs instantly — and in some cases, before they even know what they need themselves.

Develop a real-time response culture throughout your business — remember, there is no longer any excuse to keep your customers waiting. Technology is key here — consider artificial intelligence to automate responses, website automation to provide you with onsite behavior, or live chat on your website to help customers to buy from you.



Upselling and cross-selling to existing customers

Retaining customers is important — to ensure a steady flow of revenue; to stay afloat; and to maintain a great reputation. But, to enable growth — especially in times of financial uncertainty, when acquiring new customers is a little tougher than before, maximizing your existing customer relationships is critical.





Re-engaging with lapsed customers

Not every customer will stick around forever. But, that doesn't mean they won't come back after reviewing their budget or having a less than successful experience with a competitor.

Knowing when a previous customer is back in the market puts you in a powerful position to strike while the iron is hot. And what's more — they'll already have a clear understanding of your business or product, and it will simply be a case of providing the best deal, service or experience.

Discover website visitor automation: the key to transforming your customer experience and identifying when lapsed customers are back in the market.

Web Insights is a highly advanced website visitor automation solution that empowers technology and SaaS marketers to harness the power and potential of their website data. Using intelligent automation algorithms, the solution seamlessly routes website visitor intelligence across the business into your technology stack for nurture, while simultaneously identifying whether they are a lead, existing customer or lapsed customer.

This powerful solution integrates with all martech automation and CRM platforms, enabling B2B marketers to shorten sales cycles, create outstanding customer journeys, manage data, set up stakeholder alerts; and capitalize on every lead, every opportunity, and prospect — in real-time.



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