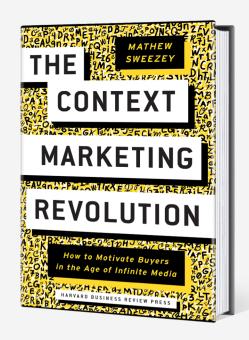
# The Age of Context

How to break through and build brand during uncertain times





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# THE NEW LANDSCAPE

#1 Key Trait of High Performing Marketing Organizations



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# Marketing is a game, and the rules change based on the environment.

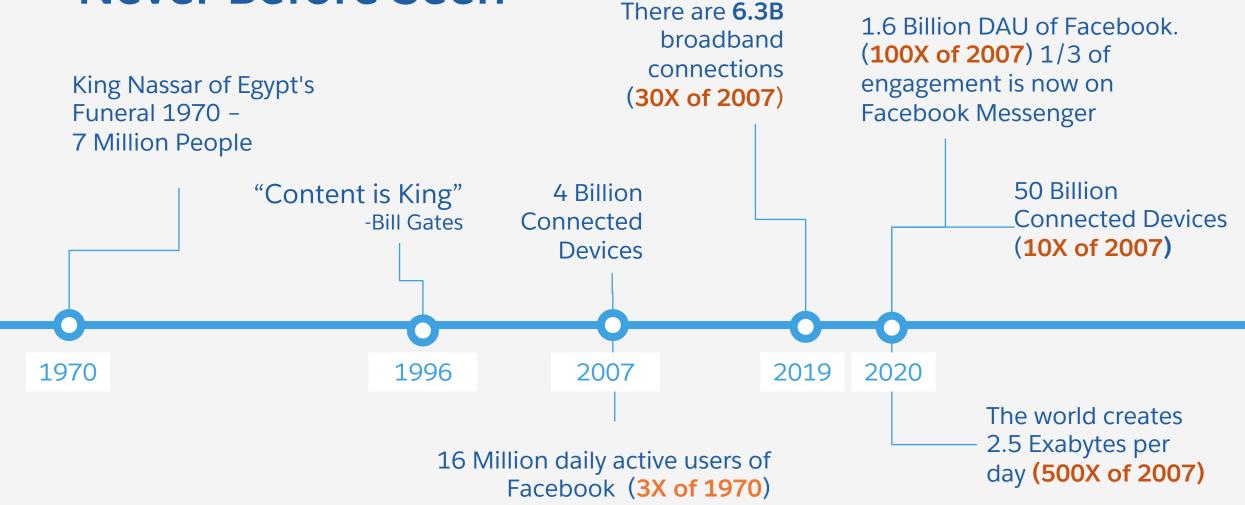
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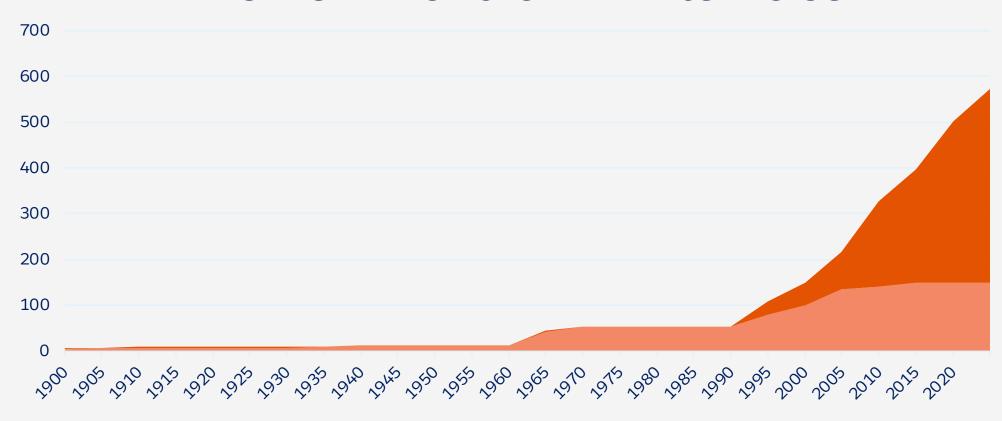








### The New World of Infinite Noise



# This isn't more, it's a New Era







	Analog Era (1970)	Digital Era (2007)	Infinite Era (Present)
Speed	Hours	Seconds	Real Time
Connected Devices	0	4B	50B (12x)
Mobile Connections	0	268M	6380M (30X)
Largest Human Gathering	5 Million	16 Million DAU Facebook	1.6 Billion DAU Facebook (100x)
Data Created Per day	Megabytes	.005 Exabytes per day	2.5 Exabytes per day (500x)
Largest Creator of Noise	Brands	Brands	Consumers/Devices
Media Foundation	Mass	Mass Customization	Personal Context



### **New Media New Rules**

This isn't about more media, it is about a totally new world of media. We are just now exploring what is possible in a world of infinite connection, content, and speed.











Fortnite is creating among Gen Z.

Social commerce the FOMO TV used to opens up the doors for media to become retailers.

TikTok has not time stamp on posts. This allows them to use them in a contextual order.

New subscription video service designed only for mobile, with all videos under 10 min in length.

A video messaging app which bills itself as the "video walkie-talkie"



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# The Post-AI Consumer

A new world has create a new consumer, complete with new demands

### We Are Now Marketing To The Post-Al Consumer



84% of consumers agree the experience is just as important as your product/service.



AI already powers the worlds biggest sites. Soon all sites will be headless.

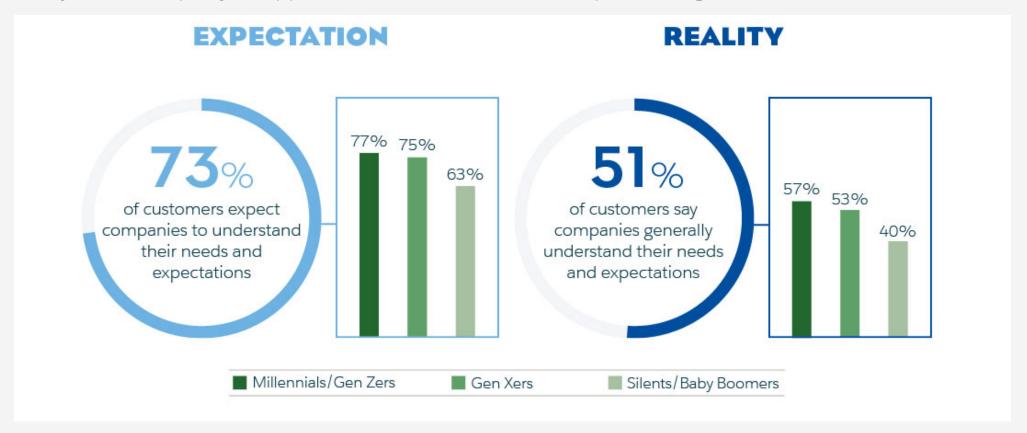
your network.



### **All Ages of Consumers Demand Experiences**

The difference between boomers and millennials expectation of experience is only 14%. When we expand that to include specific aspects across 100 questions the delta drops to 12%.

They are also equally disappointed in how businesses are performing.





# Business buyers are more affected

	B2B	B2C
The Experience is just as important as the product or service	89%	79%
Technology has made it easier than ever to take my business elsewhere	82%	70%
Technology is redefining my behavior as a consumer	76%	61%
Technology has significantly changed my expectations of how companies should interact with me	77%	58%
Expect the brands they purchase from to respond and interact with them in real time	80%	64%
Will pay more for a great experience	82%	59%





# Searches for: "Best Toothbrush" are up 100% YoY

- Google Think



## This is Only The Beginning

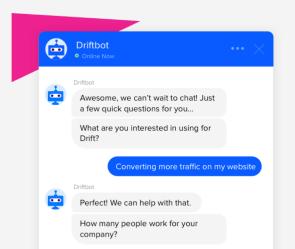
### **Ephemeral Content**

"The Stories format is on a path to surpass feeds as the primary way people share things with their friends sometime next year (2020)."



### Voice, Bots, & Messaging

20 billion monthly messages were sent between people and businesses as of 2019, which is 2.5 times more YoY (as compared to Q2 2018)



### **Mixed Reality**

32 % of consumers use augmented reality, and 73% of mobile AR users reported either high or very high satisfaction with mobile AR experiences



# The Post Al Buyers Journey

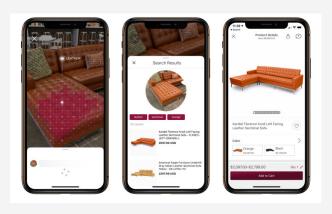
AI alters the buyers journey by providing new ways of discovery, searching, and purchasing. Compressing journey and helping consumers make more informed decisions faster. **Brand marketing and buyers journey merge into one.** 

- •All things are considered purchases
- •1 in 10 purchases now happen on the edge
- •30% of retail will be ecommerce by 2025
- •50% of app development will shift to bot development by 2025

### **Discovery**



### **Comparison**



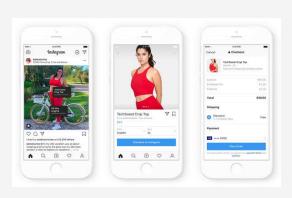
#### **Evaluation**







### **Purchasing**





## A New Baseline of Experience Has Been Set For All Consumers

This change has accelerated the adoption of the latest technology by the entire society over night. Moving forward consumers will have a greater education on the possibilities, and greater experiences to be had from connecting in new ways. **More over, people are habitual, this will shock us into new habits.** 

### **WHF Revolution**

Slack sees
12.5M new
customers due
to work from
home surge

### Zoom's for Everything



### **Fortnite Weddings**





# A NEW IDEA OF MARKETING

High Performing Marketing Organizations are Following A New Idea of Marketing To Break Through



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# 10X

High performers are ten times more likely to be significantly beating their direct competition.

# **#1 Key trait of High Performing**Marketing Organizations:

### A New Idea of Marketing

- Marketing creates experiences not messages
- Experiences are connected across the entire customer life cycle
- Growth is driven by more than just net new business
- Holds true for both both B2B and B2C brands
- Only 16% of all brands are High Performers.

# High Performers Operate from A Transcended Idea of Marketing









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## Tesla's Transcended Marketing Model

A transcended idea of marketing means a new role, scope, and function not just new ways of doing the same old thing.





Age	94	17	
Market Cap	\$49.9B	\$144.20B	
Ad Cost Per Car	\$926	\$6	
Total Cars Sold	86,000	276,000	
Business Model	Build > <b>Market</b> > Sell	Market > Sell > Build > Market	

\*\*Tesla spent 1/150<sup>th</sup> on advertising as Merced's, sold **3X** as many cars, had never made an economy car before, and **the car didn't' even exist when it was sold!** Tesla is now the number one luxury car manufacturer.



## **Context Marketing**

Context marketing, is a new method of marketing where brands break through by crafting experiences to meet a person in that specific moment of need, and help them accomplish the task at hand. The trust built from that interaction guides the individual to the next stop on their journey, creating motivation and driving demand.



### **Context Becomes The Creative Lens of Experiences**

When brands are able to understand the goal of the moment, and execute in real time they can then meet the individual in context. Not only breaking through but motivating action. **Give up attention, embrace context.** 

#### **Awareness**

99.5% of the posts featuring DW Watches are created by their market.



#### Consideration

Ralph helped shoppers find the best gift.

Average order size 2X of website.



#### **Purchase**

IKEA buys Task Rabbit to ease set-up and delivery. Created Place to make it easier to see what fits.



### **Advocacy**

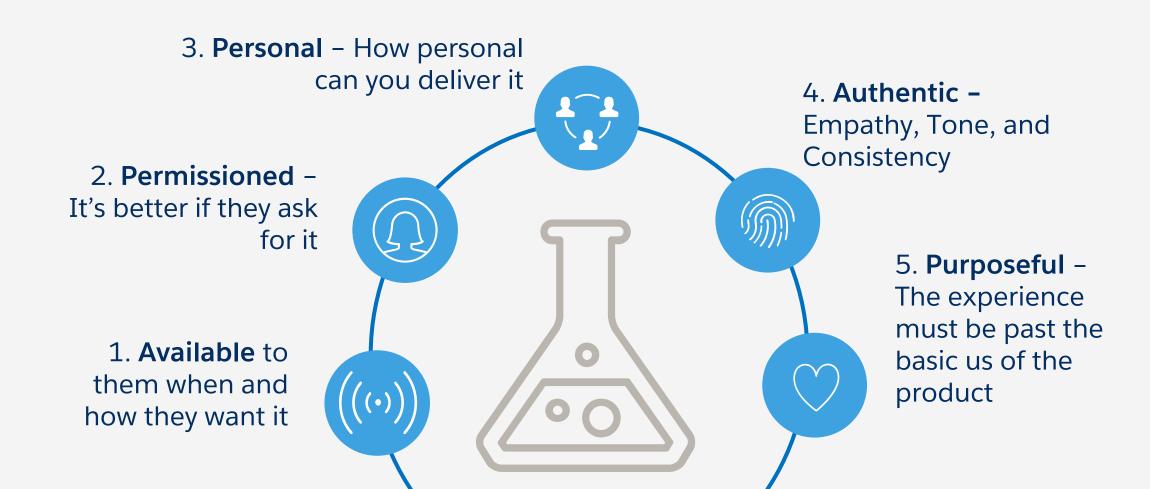
A community of 1.8 Million learners, 1/4 of those using Trailhead have found a new job





# The Five Elements of Context

By embracing the elements of context you can ensure your focused on their needs at the moment.





# Communicating In Context

Look to find ways to work with our audience not on them



### Listen Before You Speak

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### **Partners/Vendors**

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## 3 Strategies for Stakeholder Continuity

This is a large effort of both internal information, external information and a detailed processes of sharing it with relevant stakeholders.

### **Daily Stand Ups**

Stand-ups create a daily flow of real time issues from the ground up. Stand-ups must answer three things

- 1. What did you do yesterday
- 2. What are you doing today
- 3. Any roadblocks in your way

Each stand up manager attends 2 stand ups. Gathering info from their reports, and passing it to their managers.

### Daily/Weekly Calls

Identify key information sources and ensure you have daily calls with the. This could be analysts, key customers, government officials, key groups of customers, etc.

Weekly call with your full team and have each team report on progress. Fast paced, full call should take 30 min.

### **Internal Data Feed(s)**

There should be real time data feeds of information for various teams, projects, and information. Real time and collaborative are key.

#### **Ex Format:**

Slack Channels, Chatter Group, Google Doc, MS Team, Quip

#### **Ex Content:**

Daily analyst reports, customer stories, project collaboration, success stories

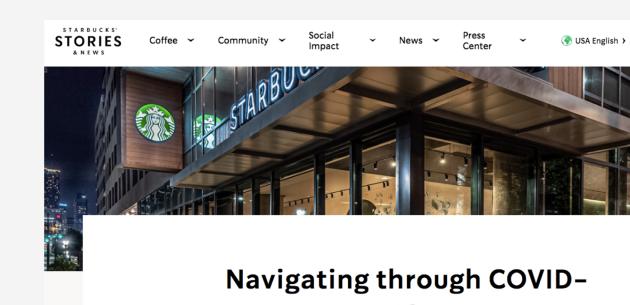


### Create a Public Central Source of Information

You should make it easy for people to find out how the situation is going to affect your operations, and the delivery of your products. This could be a blog post, a banner on your website, or a micosite. However it needs to be shared, constantly updated and address the following items.

- The impact on customers, and partners
- How employees are being protected through social distancing
- How customer service will be affected
- The location of changes to service
- A minimum time the action will be taken for
- When the information was last updated
- Chatbot or Live 24/7 chat

**Starbucks** does a great job at this and has set up running timeline of changes with separate pages of information for customers, and partners.







# New Efforts Must Be Grounded In Empathy



The majority (63%) of advertisers have already changed the messages they are touting in-market, increasing:

Mission-based marketing (+42%) Cause-related marketing (+41%)

We are leaders in more than business software, our customers look to us for guidance. So we created a new content series called "Leading Through Change" where we teach businesses leaders what we are doing and what steps we are taking.

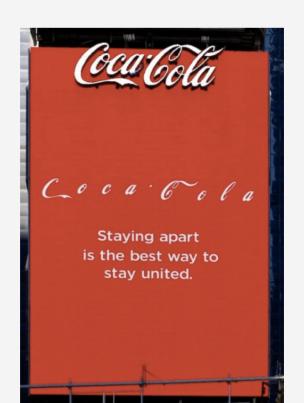


# Global Brand Unity Executed Through Localized Efforts

Not all of your marketing should be the same. The context of the market matters. Which is why Coke has different efforts running in different parts of the world. Test ideas in new markets and sharing learnings in an agile format.

# Coke Singapore Ad





Coke NYC Ad



# A New Way To Think About Empathy Moving Forward

Consumers see more content then ever before, and expect brands to keep pace. We must move to a world of fast content/fast advertising.

Delta releases a new safety video each month so their passengers feel valued.







# Engaging In Context

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- Connect Can my business bring people together? Does it help connect family, friends
   & social communities?
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## Divert Advertising Budget To Take Care of Stakeholders

70% of buyers have already adjusted or paused their planned ad spend, while 16% is still determining what actions to take. In the near term, digital ad spend is down 33% and traditional media is down 39%

Molson Coors did a 50/50buy back of all un tapped kegs in the market. The total cost is estimated at \$40M. That is 1/8th of their 2019 ad spend. Coke diverted \$4.2M of ad spend in COVID response.



## Find Ways Your Product/Service Can Be Put To Beneficial Use



We created a publicly-available Trailmix on Trailhead with tips on how to work from home and maintain personal well-being during this time. This effort is focused on our customers, and our employees to provide training for those who need some soft-skills on how to cope with the current situation.

Our Health Cloud is offering free access for qualified emergency response teams, call centers and care management teams for health systems affected by coronavirus. We are getting our tools into the hands of people who can use them to combat the situation free of charge.



## Now Is The Time To Focus On Human to Human Efforts



Human to human is the highest form of direct marketing. It's about people.

- 1. Leverage your network of advocates, employees, and influencers to help spread your message for you.
- 2. Have your employees reach out to their accounts and check in with them. Empower them with a budget so they can send something personal to them. Go past swag to get creative.



### Bring Experiences To Them:

We created viewing parties. Gave our sales reps budget to cater parties at our customers offices to watch the world tour.



#### **Direct Mail:**

Lessonly created "Survival" kits for their prospects and customers. These are sent to their homes.



# New Efforts Need To Be Authentic & Purpose Driven

#### **NUUM** creates care packages for medical workers

When your stakeholders are in need, take care of them. They create a product which hydrates people and are now sending care packages to those who need hydration.



### Lessonly creates a coloring book for parents with kids at home

"We hope it brightens your day and helps you Do Better Work and, more importantly, live a better life!"



HOME

SHOP

**BLOG** 

#### **THANK YOU**

To the doctors, nurses, and paramedics working hard each day to keep us healthy, thank you.

You're working long, hectic shifts taking care of us, and we want to help you take care of you. We can't offer you a magical cure-all, but we can offer you a care package to help you stay on top of your hydration and relax at the end of a long day.



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#### **New Focus: With not On**

Look for ways you can connect your market together to solve common goals. This is how brands can work with their market to build brand equity in new ways.

#### **Communities Have:**

Parents trying to keep their kids entertained.



Hospitals Have: Sick Patients, and Over Worked Staff who need support.

#### **Context Marketing Connects These two together:**

- The hospital can sponsor a daily activity for kids to do. This could be to teach them about health, or more contextual to today have them make get well cards, or thank you cards. They can take pictures and send via social. Hospital can print and post up, reply with picture and patient smile.
- Allow Kids to Zoom into patients to talk with them and tell a joke.
- Get a local choir to put on a show via Zoom to air to patients.







# Double Down On Experience

Chipotle doubled down on delivery features and added more.

- Increased their delivery tracking capability and highlight that with messaging
- Created tamper proof packaging
- They even provided ways for their social audience to engage while social distancing.

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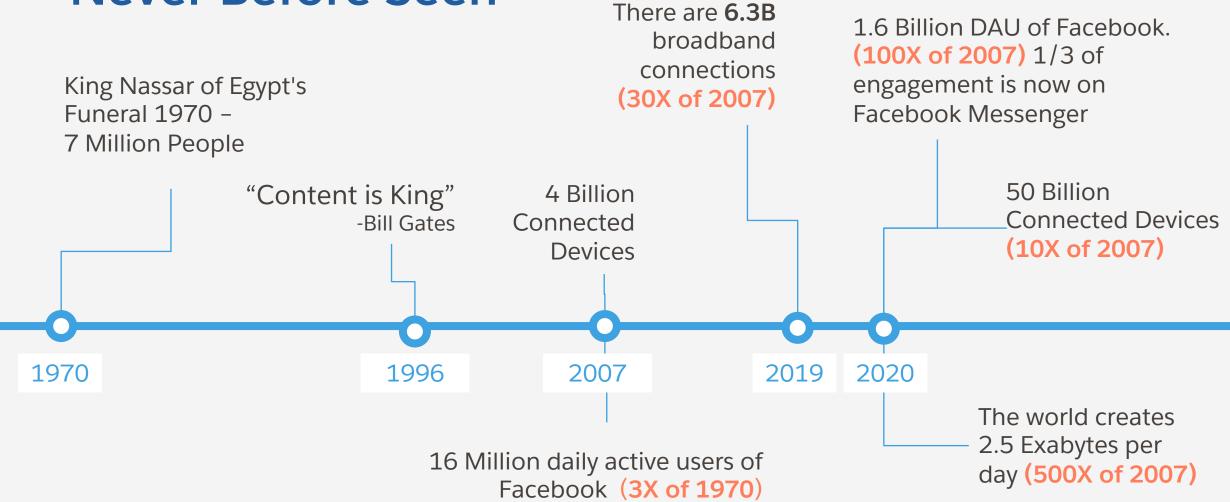
Audience targeting (+38%)
OTT / CTV device targeting (+35%)



The Revolution Has Changed Everything







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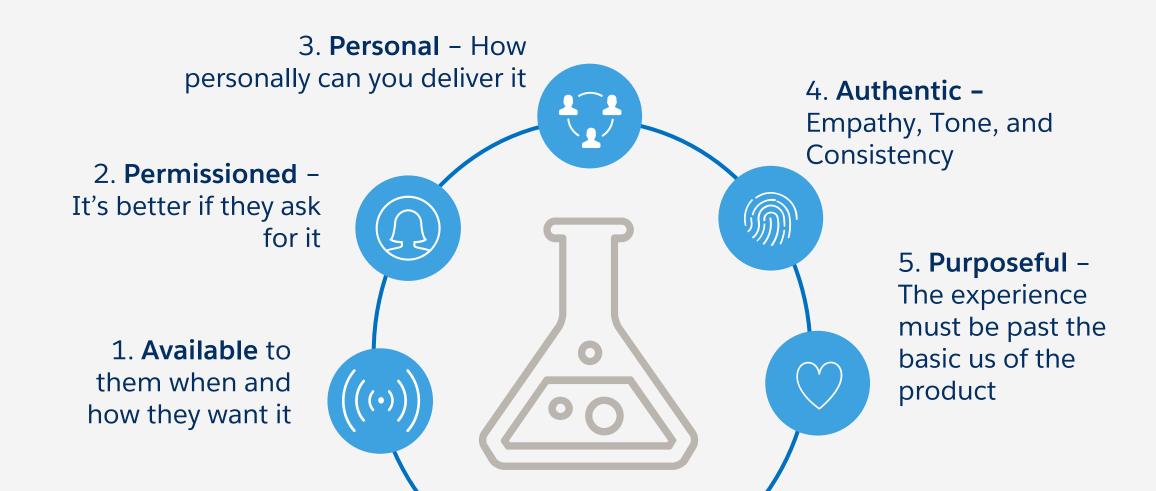
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