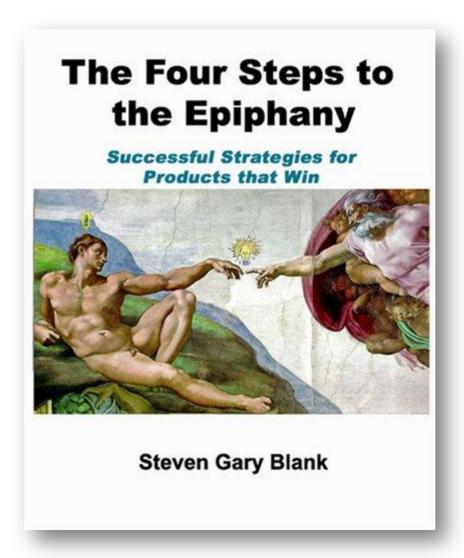


The Importance of Customer Discovery

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Customer Development



Get out of the building and talk to customers

Story 1 Who Really Matters

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Advice you MIGHT consider: Friends

Professors Advisors Investors

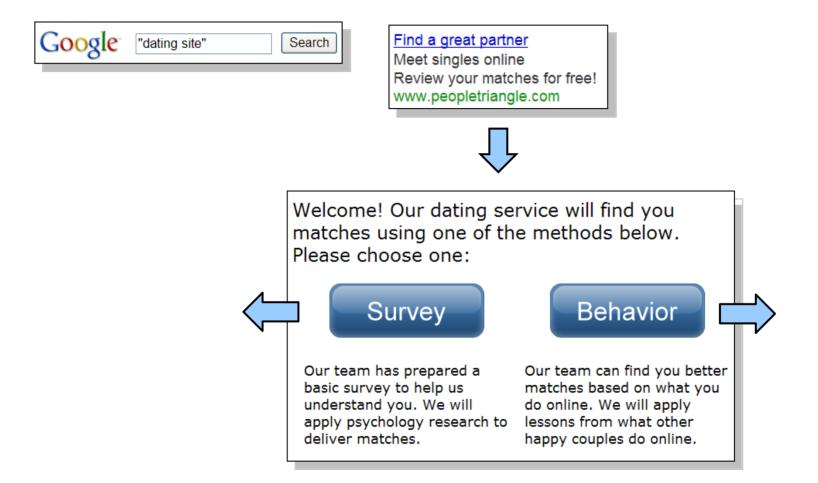
Advice you should FOCUS on:

Your Target Customers

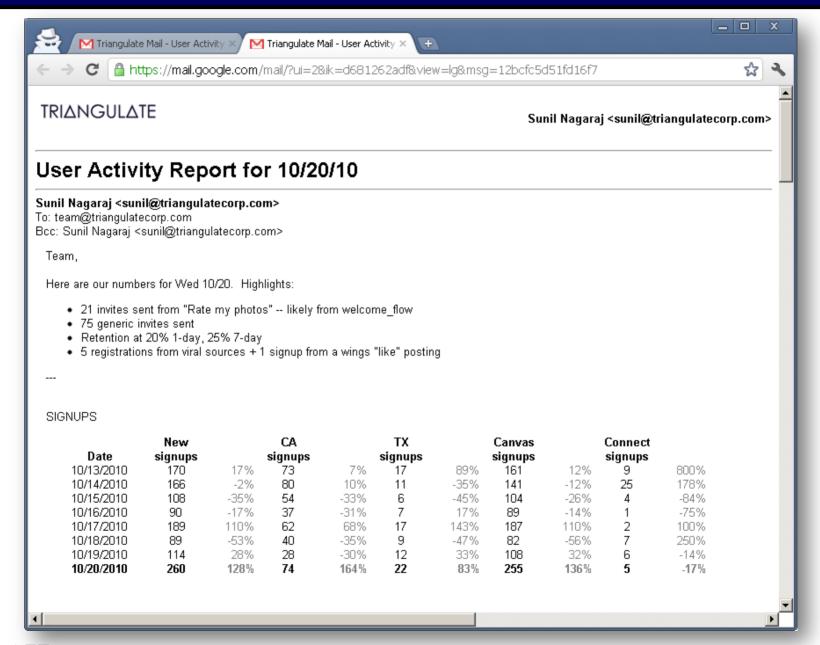
Story 2 The Scientific Method

"It sounds like you want data so if you give me \$2 million, I can get you data"

Users want behavior-based matching



Story 3 Metrics and Culture





DO THEY LIKE OUR MATCHES?

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	Matches		Said						1st				contact	
Date	viewed		yes		Said no		1st msg		reply		mag		info	
10/13/2010	2,720	-15%	591	-12%	967	-26%	539	-15%	57	36%	18Õ	5%	36	16%
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10/15/2010	2,489	1%	537	24%	856	-11%	507	27%	33	-8%	164	-6%	61	11%
10/16/2010	1,996	-20%	381	-29%	751	-12%	365	-28%	17	-48%	103	-37%	22	-64%
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MESSAGE EXTRAS

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Date	Gifts		choice		confirm				Conversation"	
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10/19/2010	204	-10%	36	6%	502	-8%	1	-67%	9	-79%
10/20/2010	185	-9%	41	14%	525	5%	0	-100%	12	33%

Closing thought

What's the biggest reason that calls aren't returned?

Because they are never made.

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