Start-up Marketing

Embracing the Art & Science of Marketing

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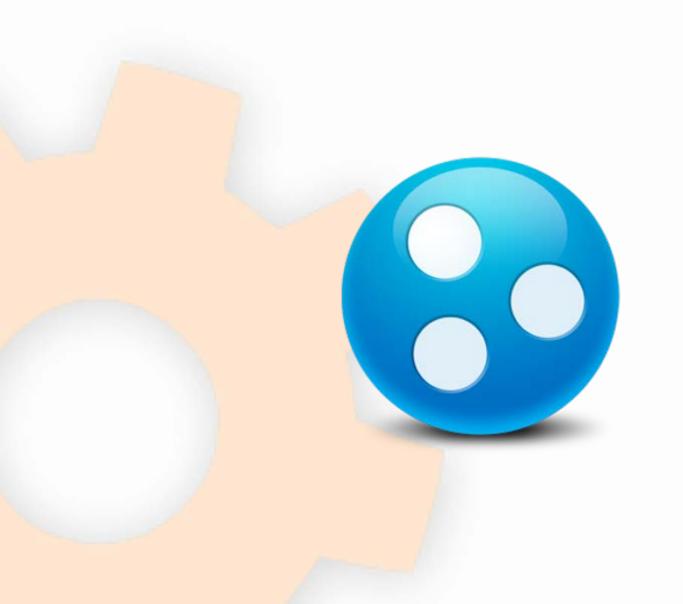
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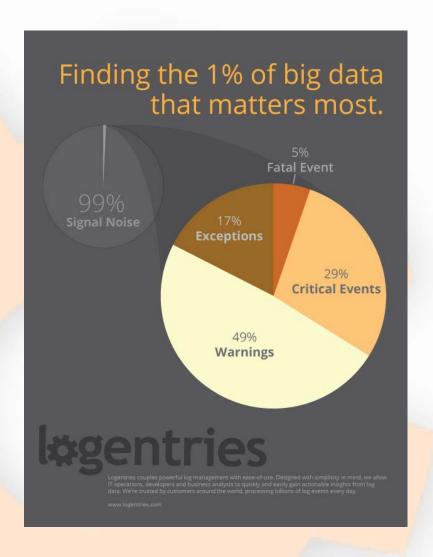
- SaaS vs. SW
- **B2B vs.** B2C
- Brand & POV
- Design Led



VPN Software



The .18%



The Context

- Analyzed 22B log events across 6,000 Heroku apps
- 99.82% were signal noise,
 with .18% very important

The Opportunity

- The needle in the haystack
- A clearly recognized pain
- Controversial point of view

Hat-tricks

Hat trick noun, orgin: 1875-80

- : the retiring of three batsmen with three consecutive balls by a bowler in cricket
- : the achievement of a positive feat three times or more during a game,
- : other achievements based on threes

Hat tricks in marketing (aka 'marketable moments')

- 1. Engaging existing customers or users
- 2. Converting prospects into customers
- 3. Improving awareness and acquiring customers

The Birds & the Bees



- Educational content
 - Where logs come from
 - How to collect them
- A bit of controversy
 - Agents vs. agentless
 - Domain expertise
- Leads to a top blog post
 - Retweeted
 - Follow-on discussion

Chocolate Bar Economics

Chocolate Bars Eaten	Marginal Chocolate Utility	Total Chocolate Utility
0	0	0
1	100	100
2	50	150
3	25	175
4	5	180

Log Management & Analytics Marketing Economics

- It's about them, not us
- Focus on providing utility
- Recognize more isn't always better
- Create interesting combinations to increase satisfaction

You Get What You Pay For

- Organic Growth vs. Paid Growth
 - Invest for the long term
 - Be careful quantifying your efforts
 - Marginal costs will catch-up with you

- Linking Culture, Brand & Go-to-Market
 - Value first
 - Authenticity
 - Credibility

In Summary

Start-up Marketing Is Both An Art & Science

- 1. Understanding your target helps provide value
- 2. Look for key insights
- 3. Marketable moments can be anywhere
- 4. Controversy can be a good thing
- 5. Organic marketing can be the most valuable

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