Supercharged News Formats Drive Supercharged Results
For Chatmeter and Hotwire Global Communications

The Problem

How do you create buzz for new technologies when everyone is fighting for audience attention?

That’s the question Hotwire Global Communications faced as they sought to raise awareness of voice engine optimization and help their client Chatmeter generate online traffic and sales.

Possessing the only integrated local visibility tracker that allows brands to measure ROI, Chatmeter helps enterprise brands with multiple locations identify areas in their online presence that impels customers to choose their stores over competitors.

The Hotwire team was engaged to drive downloads of Chatmeter’s new research report, while identifying core and secondary paths to conversion, including the report’s landing page and key social channels to further the conversation with Chatmeter. Hotwire would need to generate news release views, content adoption and traffic to designated web pages, all in a short time frame.

To that end, Hotwire Director Jennifer Sricharoenchaikit turned to Business Wire to increase the impact of their news content.
The first step in the process was to modernize their news release vehicle. To maximize engagement and education, Sricharoenchaikit’s team made several changes to the release format:

- A unique gif was created to demonstrate a real-world application of the technology described in the press release and to increase consumer open rates
- Hyperlinks were strategically placed throughout the release to drive inbound traffic to each landing page
- Images and video were bundled into a new, high consumer-engagement tool, Business Wire Interactive Media

Business Wire’s Interactive Media design team repackaged Chatmeter’s launch assets into a single interactive asset that used hotspots to attract and activate viewers.

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The Results

Business Wire’s interactive solution drove significantly higher amounts of traffic and engagement with Chatmeter’s conversational channels:

- **Higher Click Through Traffic**
  - **In One Month**
  - The same volume as normally received in 11 months

- **Increased Engagement**
  - 31% engaged with interactive content

- **Increased Engagement**
  - Viewers clicked on an average of 4 different research points

- **Generated More Inbound Traffic**
  - 115 readers clicked links supporting downloads

- **Elevated Secondary Results**
  - Every subsequent release has experienced more multimedia

Chatmeter’s interactive news assets garnered attention faster, keeping audiences interested and engaged, ultimately driving this newly educated audience back to key landing pages.

“This is a great product that directly impacts my client’s business goals. What I love about this product is that for the price point, and a low amount of human resource, you get the functionality and power of a micro landing page when the client is not yet ready to commit to a landing page.

Most clients want to build landing pages, but never seem to have the time or resources to get it done. This solves that problem.

And while it does require a process shift if you’re used to just issuing text releases, the results are worth it.”

Jennifer Sricharoenchaikit
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