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MEET THE SOCIALDMENTOR

I'm your Creative DMentor – part strategist, part creative, and absolutely clueless when it comes to keeping real plants alive. Business? I'm all over it. Plants? Let's not even go there.

I fell in love with marketing before I even knew what it was. I've spent over a decade exploring this world from every angle: earning a Bachelor's in International Sales and Marketing, a diploma in Multimedia Design and Communication, completing a 6-month Digital Marketing Course, and now diving into a Master's in Strategic Marketing.

I created the Dgreenovation concept out of frustration with the common misconception that marketing is just manipulation. I've often heard, 'You work in marketing, so you convince people to buy things they don't need.' But the truth is, I spend countless hours researching, learning, and creating with the intention to inform, inspire, and provide real value.

My approach has always been guided by the philosophy in one of my favorite books, Storyscaping: Stop Creating Ads, Start Creating Worlds by Gaston Legorburu & Darren McColl. It's a must-read for anyone passionate about marketing—or just starting their journey—because it redefines what marketing can be: meaningful, immersive, and genuinely human.

People want to be part of worlds. Not ads. Build them - with research, intention, and value. Along the way, I've worked with over 30 brands across the globe, learning firsthand about real-world challenges and creative solutions.

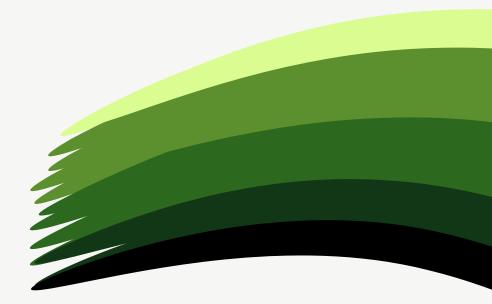
What I've discovered? Marketing is often made to seem overly complex, but it doesn't have to be — especially if you set things up right from the start.

In fact, with passion, creativity, and a little planning, many startup owners can handle digital marketing themselves. But let's be real: time is the ultimate luxury. And that's why finding the right person, agency, or DIY strategy before launching your business is so crucial. Here's what Benjamin Franklin said: "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

That's exactly why I created DGreenovation. I want you to save time and to be upfront with the latest marketing practices. It's time for transparency, real value, and marketing that makes your customers feel good about your brand. No more pushy, BBQ-party-salesperson vibes.

Marketing doesn't have to be manipulative to work. Think of your brand like a living thing — nurture it, give it space to grow, and build genuine, lasting connections with your audience. No quick fixes. No gimmicks. Just sustainable, value-driven growth.

Ready to dig in? Let's grow something amazing together.



1. WHAT IS MARKETING? THEN VS. NOW

One thing I've learned after working with so many brands? Most startup owners know they need digital marketing, but few understand what it is or how it helps their brand.

What is digital marketing?

Try Googling "What is marketing?" or "What is digital marketing?" – you'll tumble into a rabbit hole of endless definitions, strategies, and an overwhelming sea of agencies and experts all promising results. It's enough to make your head spin.

But let's simplify it. Here are two definitions I find most fitting:

"Marketing is the science and art of exploring, creating, and delivering value to satisfy the needs of a target audience with profitability." — Philip Kotler, American author and consultant

"Digital marketing is defined as marketing online using digital media such as the Internet and mobile channels to communicate with customers, reach users, and maintain relationships in the digital age." (Check <u>source</u>.)

If I had to give my own definition, I'd say:

Digital marketing is an ever evolving discipline that helps us shape a brand's online presence. It's about understanding people's needs, desires, and pain points — and crafting content, strategies, and experiences that add genuine value to their lives.

At its core, marketing isn't just about selling; it's about inviting people into your brand's world, nurturing relationships, and growing sustainably over time.

Where did marketing even come from?

Tracing the origins of marketing is like chasing a squirrel – tricky but interesting. Philosophers, leaders, and visionaries used early forms of marketing to attract followers and make their mark on history.

Here are some years that changed the marketing game:

<u>1970s:</u> Supercomputers shrink down to fit on a desk (gasp!). E-commerce, spam emails, and guerilla marketing become a thing.

The term digital marketing emerged in the <u>1990s</u> when the information and communication technologies developed rapidly.

In 1995, AltaVista, the first search engine, was launched. In 1998, Google launched its own search engine. In 2004, Facebook was launched, and in 2010, Instagram. (<u>Learn more</u>.)

Today: Marketing is smarter and more personal. It's less about interrupting people and more about crafting meaningful, interactive experiences.

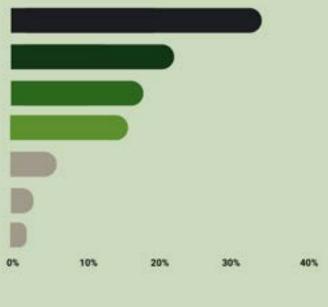
The evolution of marketing – power shift

Here's the plot twist: Back in the day, selling was easy. Brands held all the power. But now? The power is in the buyers' hands.

People don't like being "sold to." They can smell a hard sell from miles away. And with endless options online, they'll happily switch brands if they feel pressured or unheard.

WHY MOST STARTUPS FAIL?

Poor product - market fit Wrong marketing strategies Team/HR issues Cash flow problems Tech-related problems Suboptimal operations Legal problems



Source: Exploding topics

- 34% of startup failures are due to a poor product-market fit.
- 22% of failed businesses didn't implement the correct marketing strategies.
- 18% of startups fail due to team problems and other human-resourcerelated issues.

As you can see, marketing missteps are a huge culprit. Even the most innovative product can flop without a strategic marketing plan to connect it to the right audience. And here's the kicker — even with a brilliant strategy, if no market exists for what you're selling, it's game over. That's why market research is non-negotiable.

Interestingly, even successful startups face product-market fit issues. The difference? They research obsessively, refine their marketing strategies, and carefully manage their budgets.

Then there's cash flow – a startup killer. Launching with inadequate funding, unrealistic pricing, or overly optimistic sales projections often leads to disaster.

As you can see...marketing is essential for every business, but it's absolutely critical for startups. Still wondering why everything starts with research?

What does startup marketing entail?

Marketing for startups is a whole different game — you've got limited resources, whether it's time, money, or talent. Every step has to be intentional, carefully planned, and executed with laser focus. Remember Benjamin Franklin's wisdom? "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." Taking the time to build a solid foundation can save your startup from costly mistakes and endless do-overs.

Since startup marketing comes with its own set of quirks, here's a breakdown of the most common issues to watch out for before you make any big moves.

5 Common startup marketing pitfalls (eye-opening)

Working with startups worldwide has given me a front-row seat to common digital marketing pitfalls, and I'm here to share them with you. Let's dive in!

1. The rush to launch

I get it — you're buzzing with excitement to get your idea out into the world! (Been there. Done that.) But launching without a clear strategy is like planting a tree without roots. Sure, it might sprout, but it won't stand strong. Rushing can lead to messy marketing, wasted ad spend, and a cycle of fixing what should've been done right from the start. And those quick-fix paid ads? They might bring sales initially, but over time, the platforms will push you to pay more, while your organic reach fades away. Slow and steady wins the startup race!

2. The cheap choice

It's smart to be budget-conscious, but cutting corners in the wrong places can cost you way more in the long run. For example, hiring a designer solely because they charge \$5/hour might seem like a win — until you realize their design style doesn't match your brand, and you go through endless revisions. Meanwhile, someone charging \$35/hour who nails the brief on the first try saves you both money and time. Invest wisely, and your brand will thank you.

3. The "I know it all" attitude

You're passionate about your startup — that's amazing! But if you hire experts, trust them to do what they do best. A successful collaboration is a two-way street: the expert listens to your needs, and you stay open to their guidance. When both sides respect and learn from each other, the results can be pure magic.

4. The "ChatGPT can do it" mindset

We love ChatGPT (obviously), but relying on AI alone can backfire. It's a tool, not a replacement for human creativity and emotional intelligence. If you don't know how to guide it, you might end up with bland, sales-y captions or content that doesn't feel right. The secret? Use AI as a collaborator, not a crutch.

5. The "We've got no time for that" excuse

Yes, startups are a whirlwind. But if you don't make time to consistently share your brand story, build relationships, and engage your audience, you might make quick sales but struggle with long-term growth. People need time to trust your brand — and trust is built through consistent, thoughtful marketing. Think of it as nurturing a plant (even if you're bad at keeping them alive, like me). Give your brand care, attention, and patience, and it'll flourish.

Extracting the essence

After exploring the common struggles that startups face in digital marketing – from rushing to launch without a strategy to relying too heavily on quick-fix solutions – it's clear that a new approach is needed. One that prioritizes authenticity, sustainable growth, and meaningful connections over fleeting sales tactics.

Startup marketing is about playing the long game. Avoid these common pitfalls, stay focused on building genuine connections, and watch your brand grow organically and sustainably. Ready to dig into Dgreenovation concept?

Let's keep going!

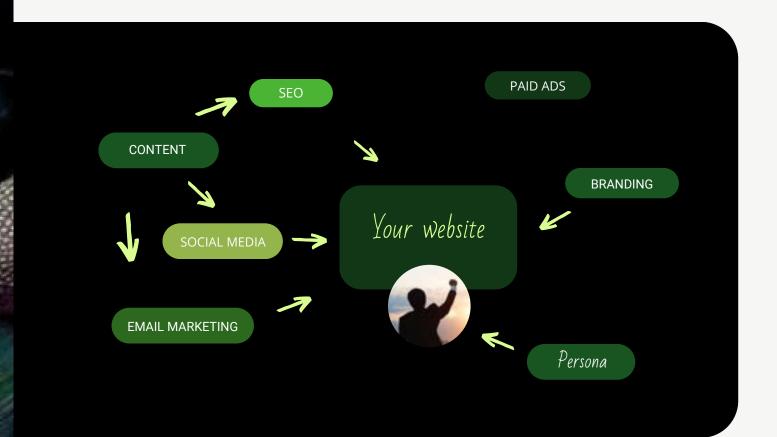
3. WHAT IS DGREENOVATION CONCEPT?

It's digital marketing but with a soul. It's simple and strategic, focused on delivering consistent results—a fresh approach to digital marketing that ditches manipulative tactics and focuses on sustainable, ethical growth.

Imagine your brand as a thriving garden — instead of chasing quick wins, you plant seeds of value, nurture relationships, and let your online presence bloom organically.

Why DGreenovation? Because the old-school marketing playbook is broken. People are tired of constant ads and pushy sales tactics. They want authenticity, trust, and brands that genuinely care about their needs. And with endless options at their fingertips, they can easily walk away from brands that don't align with their values. DGreenovation helps you build a lasting connection with your audience – naturally.

The secret sauce that will save you money and time in the long run, is building a solid foundation from day 1. That's where this simple concept comes in.



DGREENOVATION FRAMEWORK: HOW IT GROWS YOUR BUSINESS

1. Planting the seeds of strategy

We start with a deep dive into your brand, audience, and goals to create a custom strategy. No cookie-cutter plans — just thoughtful, intentional growth.

2. Nurturing organic growth

Forget expensive ad campaigns. We focus on standing out through branding, SEO, content marketing, and social media to attract your ideal audience without paying for every click.

3. Cultivating creativity

Your brand deserves to shine. We infuse originality into everything - from visuals to voice - so your audience remembers you for the right reasons.

4. Simplicity as a superpower

Marketing doesn't have to be complicated. We break complex concepts into simple, actionable steps, so you always know what's happening and why it matters.

5. Sustainable success

We're not here for quick spikes in traffic. We create strategies that grow and adapt over time, giving your brand a strong, lasting foundation.

What this means for you:

- Attract loyal customers who align with your values.
- Build an online presence that grows naturally over time.
- Save money by focusing on organic reach instead of endless ads.
- Feel confident knowing your marketing aligns with your brand's mission.

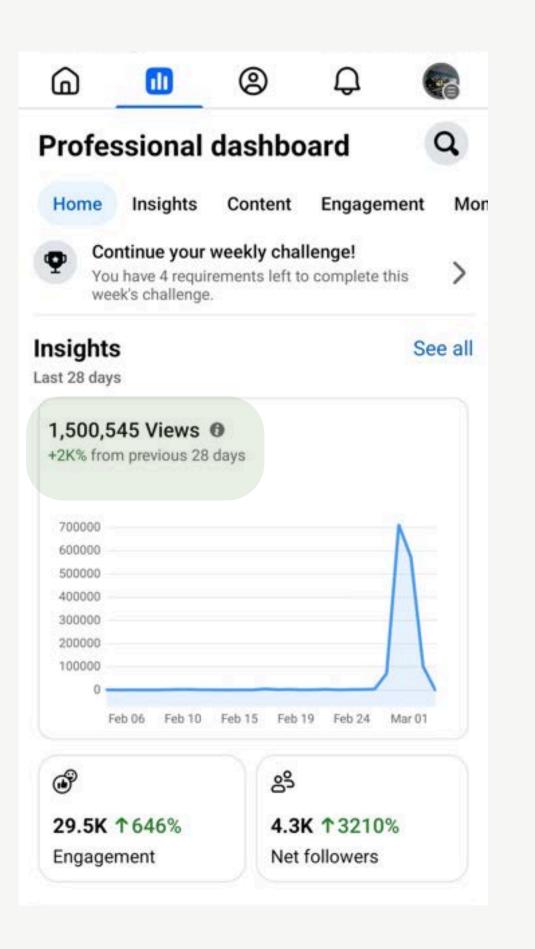
I always recommend honesty to my clients, and I believe in full transparency. The stats that I'm about to share with you belong to my parents' business.

Long story short: They own a 10-room guesthouse in the heart of the Romanian mountains. I've always been busy taking clients, and for them, I only posted randomly when I went over or had some time. That changed on August 29, 2024. With their situation becoming critical, I decided to make their business a priority. (The stats below are the results of my strategic approach and full commitment.)

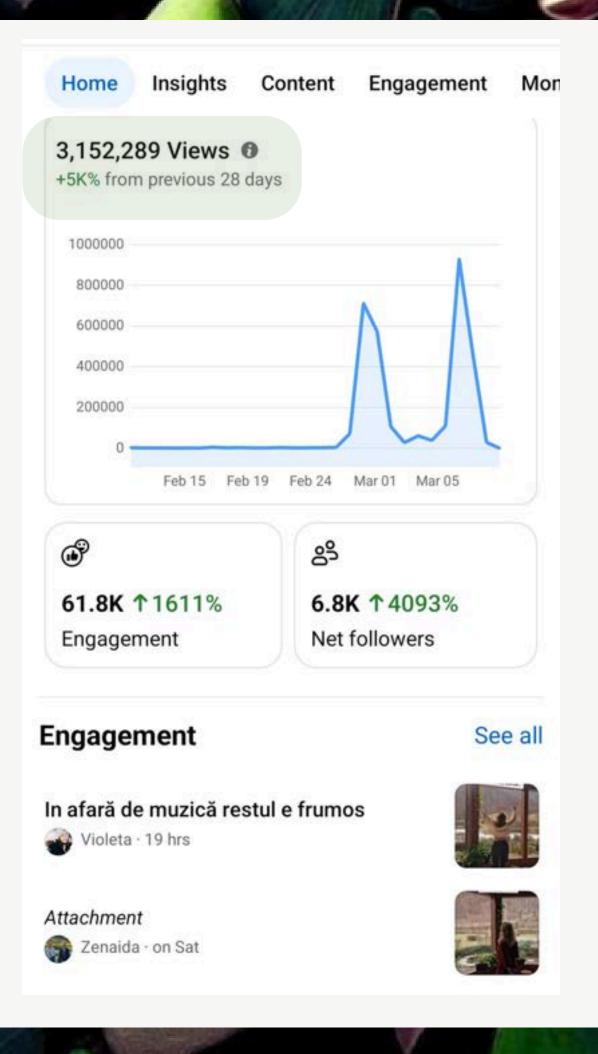
It didn't happen overnight, but with steady, strategic work, the turning point came, and success followed. Remember, if you don't put in the small, consistent efforts, the big results won't appear on their own.

Let me draw a parallel to help you understand how digital marketing works. Imagine you want to lose weight, so you hire a nutritionist. They create a personalized plan, but results don't come overnight — it takes consistency and patience. If you follow the plan, you'll reach your goal. If you don't, you might end up further from where you started.

In digital marketing, I'm the nutritionist – I design the strategy, but your success depends on trusting the process and staying committed to the work.



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HOW DGREENOVATION WORKS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Nurturing organic growth

Prioritizing organic reach over paid ads. Use SEO, content marketing, and social media to connect your brand with people who genuinely care. Why it matters: Real relationships built on trust outlast fleeting clicks.

Working with integrity

Forget pushy sales tactics. Create marketing that educates, inspires, and empowers. Why it matters: People don't like being sold to — they like discovering value.

Embracing simplicity

Break down complex ideas into clear, actionable steps. No jargon, no fluff. Why it matters: Simple doesn't mean basic; it means purposeful and powerful.

Cultivating creativity

Creativity is a superpower. From content to visuals, infuse originality into everything. Why it matters: People remember stories, not sales pitches.

Measuring growth

Track what truly matters: engagement, loyalty, and impact. No vanity metrics. Why it matters: Healthy growth is about more than just numbers.

Promoting healthy marketing practices:

Champion ethical, honest marketing with my "DGreenovation" approach. Why it matters: Marketing should benefit both businesses and audiences.

If you're not only chasing quick wins and want to build a brand that flourishes for years to come, DGreenovation concept is for you.

FINAL WORD

The truth is, marketing has evolved. Consumers are more conscious, discerning, and in control than ever before. Startups that thrive are the ones that understand this shift and adapt accordingly – focusing on real value, genuine connections, and sustainable practices.

DGreenovation isn't just a strategy; it's a mindset. It shows you how to build a solid online foundation of something meaningful, lasting, and impactful without relying on ads. It builds a world grounded in research, driven by intention, and fueled by real value.

Kind reminder:

People don't want to be sold to. They want to belong.



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Resources:

You can explore more on the statistics I covered by checking the following links:

Startup failure stats

<u>What is marketing - A brief overview</u>

The history of marketing in under 5 minutes

The history and evolution of Digital Marketing

25 Shocking Marketing Statistics for Startups