

## WEBSITE CONTENT

**PROMPT WORKBOOK + WORKSHEETS** 



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#### CONGRATULATIONS!

## You are reading this because you are in the market for a new or refreshed website!

Firstly, this is a very exciting place to be in, but can also be a bit overwhelming and scary at the same time. Chances are you are not a copywriter, and while you know your business/ product/service inside out, writing may not be your strong suit OR you just don't have the time to be writing out your website content line by line.

That's where the **Website Content Prompt Workbook** will come in handy! It is a comprehensive guide to planning your website content and can either be used as the foundations of writing your own website content, or is a great starting point to send to a copywriter if you do not have the time/skillset to write your own.

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### How to use the workbook



## This isn't a one-size-fits-all workbook

The best way to describe the **Website Content Prompt Workbook** is that it is a workbook full of prompts for what content your site CAN have, rather than a best practice guide for HOW to write content. It is focused on educating you as a web design client on what content you can prepare, and all the different ways in which you can add your brand tone of voice and messaging.

It is not to take place of actual copywriting or to help you write content better. It has been designed to offer you a more thorough look at what can be included and some reasoning and examples of what you can write.

The **Website Content Prompt Workbook isn't a one-size-fits-all workbook**, it's more a general springboard for content ideation and creation, and not all pages are covered or all points. Just an overarching view on the website content that may work well for most standard websites, but is in no means an exhausted workbook for every business niché out there.

With all that being said, let's get started!



lets go!...

## THE RESEARCH

01.



### Website Purpose & Goals

This will help inform how we structure the website. It should also help inform how you should be writing your content (tone, message, purpose), and what sort of imagery you might need.

#### WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF YOUR WEBSITE?

You can choose multiple, but a maximum of 3 should be enough to keep a strong focus on reaching these purposes.

**Promotional -** more text heavy, aimed at helping customers learn more about you and your products and history.

**Educational** - teach your audience something, more resource/blog post heavy, instructional language.

**To sell products and/or services -** Feature products and items, use language to market and sell, image-heavy.

**Motivational** - Inspire customers to do something, language use is more uplifting/guiding, resource and blog heavy.

**Functional -** Provide access to business services, investment options, submit application/ contact.

**Engagement -** Provide a place for customers to interact with your business, blog-like, submit questions via email, etc.

**Informational** - Provide information to current and potential customers, an overall look at your business and where to find you.

**Entertainment -** E.g. online magazines, movies, the arts. Easy to navigate, frequently updated, engaging by using dynamic content, such as videos, Podcasts, slideshows, etc.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR WEBSITE GOALS?

You can choose multiple, but a maximum of 3 should be enough to keep a strong focus on reaching these goals.

**Increase sales** - Search engine optimization, well-organised content, user-friendly site, effective calls-to-action (buttons), increase conversion rate.

**Becoming an authoritative resource (an expert in your field where people go for help/information) -** Providing quality content on your website, regularly adding new information, establishing trust, marketing your site on other websites and social media.

**Improve interaction with existing and potential customers -** Email marketing lists, online support (live chat), webinars, and content designed to give your visitor a reason to come back.

Build your brand - Active social media programme, promotions, reputation management.

**Increase your leads (traffic/engagement/email capture) -** Clearly communicated content, consistently updated, search engine optimization, user-friendly site, effective calls to action, consistent sections for users to get in touch/contact/sign up.

Other:

Notes:

Other:

## Target Audience

This can differ from your main audience if your website serves a different purpose, such as selling, or being more informational. What sort of people do you want to be looking at your site and engaging with it?

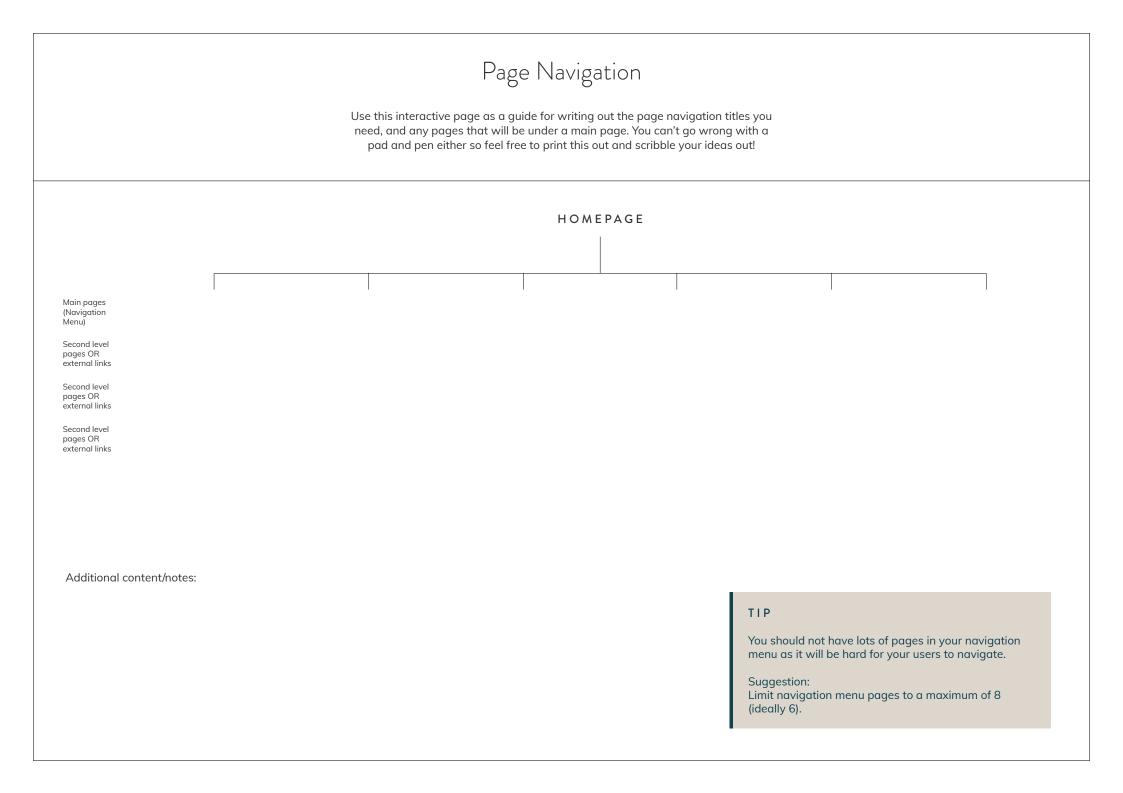
THINK ABOUT YOUR IDEAL CUSTOMER*	WHAT ARE THEIR PAIN POINTS?*
*Specifically the relevant details that relate to your business.	*Specifically the ones you will be addressing/providing a solution to.
What are their interests:	What scares them:
What are they most passionate about:	What keeps them up at night:
Their biggest personal/professional goal:	What are their frustrations:
What do they believe strongly in:	What challenges are they facing:
Their top priorities are:	What do they need/want that currently they can't get or find hard to access/buy/try:
What motivates them:	Other:
What are characteristics of their personality:	Notes:
Other:	

### Website Inspiration

This is an exercise that will help you really visualise your ideas for your site. Start by finding whole website or snippets of website sections that just speak to you visually OR you like the way they work. Another great idea is to find examples of websites or designs you DON'T like and make a note of them, just for a well-balanced visual idea.

INSPIRATION EXAMPLE #1	INSPIRATION EXAMPLE #2	INSPIRATION EXAMPLE #3	ANTI-INSPIRATION EXAMPLE #1
Add link below:	Add link below:	Add link below:	Add link below:
What phrasing do you like on this website?	What phrasing do you like on this website?	What phrasing do you like on this website?	What phrasing do you like on this website?

What do you like about this example: i.e. colour, layouts, sizing, notable features, things that it does, layering, image use, plugins, typography use, style of an element What do you like about this example: i.e. colour, layouts, sizing, notable features, things that it does, layering, image use, plugins, typography use, style of an element What do you like about this example: i.e. colour, layouts, sizing, notable features, things that it does, layering, image use, plugins, typography use, style of an element Why do you dislike this example: i.e. colour, layouts, sizing, annoying features, things that it does, layering, image use, plugins, typography use, style of an element

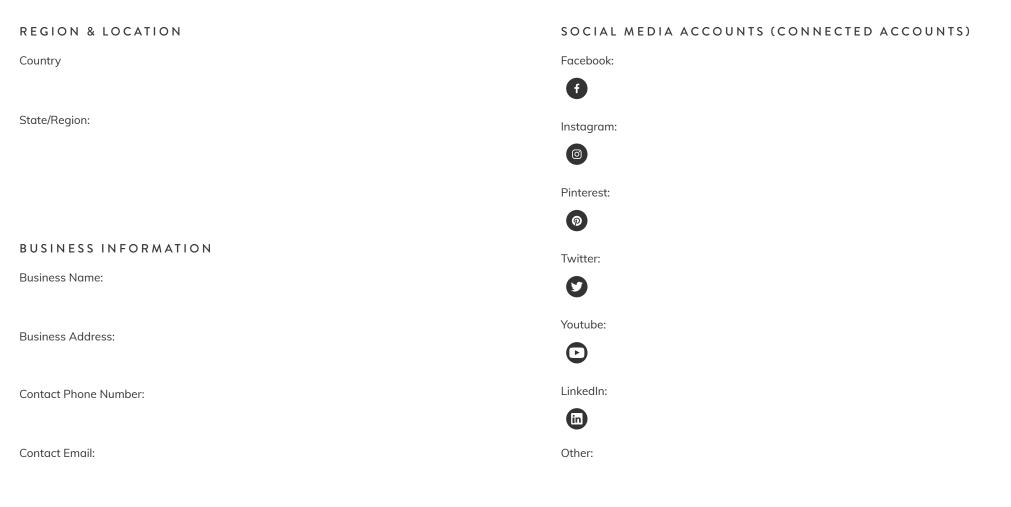


# 02. THE DETAILS



### Backend Information

These are the details that build up the behind-the-scenes foundation of your site, and may differ from what the public will see.



#### **Business Hours:**

## SEO Description

All websites should be built for clean indexing by search engines (Rocketspark templates definitely are!), but the content you add to your site and how you present it plays a big role in how easily people are able to find you. Ensure your site is optimized for search engines and visitors alike.

#### WHAT IS AN SEO DESCRIPTION?

#### SEO DESCRIPTION/ META DESCRIPTION

A short (50-200 characters), relevant, readable description of your site to your site meta description. This description will appear below your link in Google. By writing an engaging meta description that includes relevant keywords, this will lead to a boost in your click-through rate (people visiting your site!).

#### Google

www.google.co.nz

Offers the choice of searching the whole web or web pages from Australia. Also advanced search, image and groups search, news and directory from the Open Directory.

Think of it like an elevator pitch but in a short statement that you have 5 seconds to tell someone. A good thing to think about is what that people you want to work with are searching for and typing in.

#### GREAT REAL WORLD EXAMPLES:

- **Taco Bell:** Taco Bell brings people together with Mexican-inspired food. We're one of a kind like you. Customize your faves. Sign up for exclusive offers. Order now!
- **Lonely Planet:** Love travel? Discover, plan and book your perfect trip with expert advice, travel guides, destination information and inspiration from Lonely Planet.
- **Lululemon:** Lululemon makes technical athletic clothes for yoga, running, working out, and most other sweaty pursuits. As always, shipping is free.
- **Jenna Kutcher:** I'm an expert at online marketing, a nerd when it comes to the numbers, and my obsession is teaching others how to make a living doing what they love.
- **Dharma Bums:** Dharma Bums is an ethical yoga and activewear brand providing beautiful, high performance activewear that performs flawlessly.

03.

## PAGE PROMPTS



## Home Page

Your homepage is sometimes the first touch point your audience has with your brand - so you want to make a great first impression! Your home page can usually be broken into sections (again, this will differ between every business). Start by thinking of what your TOP main points/messages/offering you want to showcase on this first critical page.

#### WHO ARE YOU

In 1-2 short sentences, explain who you are/what you do/your mission statement/purpose: Depending on your site design, this may be used to introduce who you are at the top/on top of a banner image on your home page.

Example: "Intentionally working with those who are passionate, committed, driven, dreamers and visionaries who are ready to tell

#### CALLS TO ACTION PATHWAYS

List some paths you want your visitors to take:

	Pathway #2	Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action
	Pathway #3	Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action
their	Pathway #4	Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action
	Pathway #5	Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action
	Pathway #6	Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action
	Example: 'Read the Blog' or 'Learn M actions you want them to take.	lore' or 'View Recent Work' . Think about how you want people to engage with your site and what

#### WHAT ARE YOU SELLING/OFFERING

Add a Dropbox/Google Drive link to the images you want to use below:

List and/or describe your top services:

business story through fresh and creative design."

IMAGES

#### **\*OPTIONAL\* PRE-FOOTER CALL TO ACTION**

Use the last content area before the footer for a strong call to action/freebie/content upgrade:

Additional content/notes:

### About Page

Your About page can often become one of your most visited pages on your whole site, so now is the time to wow your audience (no pressure!). A good way to start is to envision your target audience and what THEY want to hear. If they are coming to you for your professional services, they may want to hear about your background/ credentials/your story. If they are coming to buy actual products, they may want to know your Why, how you got started, the story behind the products. First person or third person, it comes down to writing something engaging for your personal audience, leaving them inspired to buy/try your offerings or contact you for more.

#### NAVIGATION TITLE:

#### PAGE TITLE:

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#### CALLS TO ACTION PATHWAYS

Short and sweet, usually 1-2 words as this will be what shows in your main navigation. Example: 'About' or 'About Us'.

The page title is what appears in the top of the browser window. Example: 'Meet The Founder' or 'About the Artist'.

Talk about your background/credentials

Share details about what you do on your

Share some relatable facts about yourself

Share a personal experience

What is your business 'Why'

time off/not at work/hobbies

Where are you based currently

Add links, to social media or articles

Where are you from

you've been in.

#### PROMPTS

- Name & title (most people will be looking for this/want to know you are real!)
- Describe what you do
- What services do you provide
- Who you ideally want to work with
- Tell a story!
- Explain why someone should work with you
- Explain why someone should buy your products.

#### ABOUT

Draft your About page content here:

List some paths you want your visitors to take from your About page:

 Pathway #1
 Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

 Pathway #2
 Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

 Pathway #3
 Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

 Example: 'Read the Blog' or 'Learn More' or 'View Recent Work'. Think about how you want people to engage with your site and what actions you want them to take.

 SEO

Unique description:

Search results typically show your SEO title and description. Depending on the search engine, descriptions displayed can be 50 to 300 characters long. If you don't add a title or description, search engines will default to use your page title and content.

#### IMAGES

Add a Dropbox/Google Drive link to the images you want to use below:

Additional content/notes:

### Services

Depending on your business, this page could be the BIG SELLER of you website, so this is where you want to be adding key information, pricing (or not), links, and as many details as you can so that your audience has a very good idea of what you are offering and how it will benefit them. And where to get in touch so they can take advantage of these services!

P R O M P T S Consider the below points, and detail them on the following page.

Notes:

#### Challenges/Problems

Write/begin with an introduction of a few of the challenges or problems your audience is facing (that you are solving). Example: 'Are you struggling with ...' or 'this service is for you if...'

#### List your services

This will be dependent on your business, but you can either package up your services into clearly defined deliverables with a sentence or two explaining them, or you can keep it simple and just list out what you do and have a call to action for more information.

#### • Explain your process

This can be written out on your Services page, or linked to if you want to have it as a separate page. Think about the steps your audience needs to book in/get in touch, and how it all works once they begin working with you/have bought from you.

#### • List prices (or not)

Again, very dependent on your business but you can either list your set pricing with each service, not include a price at all, or just have 'pricing from \$X' so your audience knows where your pricing begins. Totally up to you!

#### • Add a document

You don't have to have all your service info on the one page, get creative and include a downloadable Services List or Price List so people can quickly scan your Services page for relevant details and download your file to print and read later.

#### • Include examples of your work/case studies

This is great for most businesses and can be exactly the visuals needed to inspire your audience to work with you/buy your service. Only include your very best examples, and you can even tailor them per service (Example: show website work for your website design services or provide a testimonial from a happy client for your coaching services).

#### • Include some FAQs

Again you can either have them on the page, as drop-downs, as a PDF file they can download or with a link to separate FAQs page. Think about your most frequently asked questions and what would be helpful for your audience to know.

#### NAVIGATION TITLE:

#### PAGE TITLE:

#### CALLS TO ACTION PATHWAYS

List some paths you want your visitors to take from your page:

Short and sweet, usually 1-2 words as this will be what shows in your main navigation. Example: 'Services' or 'Offerings'

The page title is what appears in the top of the browser window. Example: 'What We Do' or 'Our Offerings.

Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

Pathway #2

Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

Pathway #3

Additional text/elaborate on why they need to perform the action

Example: 'See Recent Work' or 'Get in Touch or 'Book a Project'. Think about how you want people to engage with your site and what actions you want them to take.

SEO

Pathway #1

Unique description:

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#### IMAGES

Add a Dropbox/Google Drive link to the images you want to use below:

Price (if applicable):

Link to specific service image (Dropbox/Google Drive):

Add Pricing/Services downloadable file Write out/Link to Process Write out/Link to FAQs Additional content/notes:

#### NAVIGATION TITLE:

#### PAGE TITLE:

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SEO

Pathway #1

Unique description:

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#### IMAGES

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Price (if applicable):

Link to specific service image (Dropbox/Google Drive):

Add Pricing/Services downloadable file Write out/Link to Process Write out/Link to FAQs Additional content/notes:

### Service 3

Write out/Link to Process Write out/Link to FAQs

If you have more than 3 services, duplicate this page and use it to write out more of your services.

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### Blog Banner

Blogs are a nice way to provide more information about you, and link off to other parts of your site (calls-to-action!)

#### NAME OF BLOG:

Phrasing your Blog title like a question is a good idea for Google Search Engines.

SEO

Unique description:

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Additional content/notes, or blog post ideas:

#### FILTERING WITH TAGS

You can use tags to organise content and help visitors find content that interests them. When a customer clicks on a tag in a blog post, they'll see all the posts filtered by that tag.

TAGS IDEAS HERE:

Tags divide content by subject or type. It's recommended to categorising conservatively, as too many tags can be confusing or overwhelming to your readers.

Example: Business, Instagram, Personal.



Depending on your business, this page could be the BIG SELLER of you website, so this is where you want to be adding key product information, pricing, product variations, product FAQs, shipping details and more. There are also a lot of settings you can add to a Rocketspark shop, so make sure to read through everything you can add for a better customer experience. Source: <u>Rocketspark - Getting started with Ecommerce</u>

#### NAVIGATION TITLE:

#### STORE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Customers need to agree to these Ts&Cs before they can finalise their purchase.

Short and sweet, usually 1-2 words as this will be what shows in your main navigation. Example: 'Shop' or 'Products'.

PAGE TITLE:

**Returns Policy:** 

Shipping

The page title is what appears in the top of the browser window. Example: 'For the Home' or 'The Marketplace'.

SEO Unique description:

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#### BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

To set up your shop quickly, we can use your NZ bank account number. Once this is connected you can then look into payment Gateways which suit your needs.

View more Rocketpsark payment Gateways here.

SHIPPING

Explain when items will be shipped, along with expected delivery times.

Describe the return policy for your store, how to return items, and contact info.

Privacy Policy:

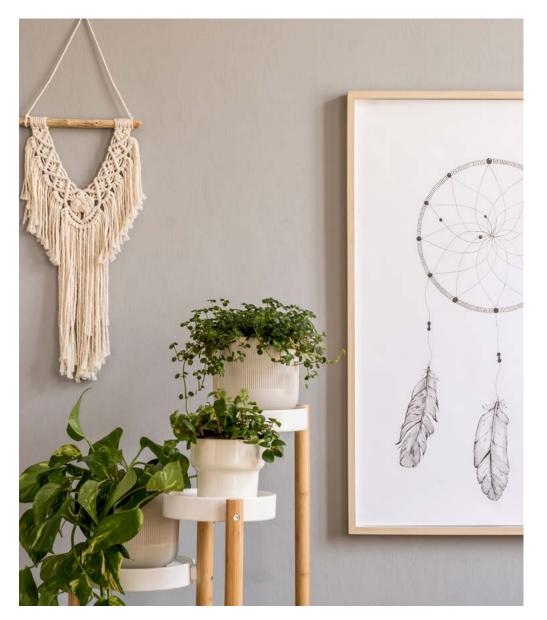
To set up your shop quickly, you can choose a flat fee, or rates depending on region.

View more Rocketpsark shipping options here.

Describe the Privacy Policy customers of your store are subject to.

## Shop -Notifications

Your customers will receive automatic email notifications for their orders. Editing these emails ensures your customers get the information you want them to, the emails you send reflect your brand voice.



#### ORDER EMAILS

Customise the automated emails sent to your customers.

#### Order Confirmed - sent when an order is placed

Message

Example: Thank you for your order at Your Business Name. Once your package ships we will send you a notification email. Digital Product - Unique links to your digital goods will be emailed to you. Service Product - We will be in contact shortly regarding the services you have ordered.

### Shop -Products

Depending on your business, this page could be the BIG SELLER of you website, so this is where you want to be adding key product information, pricing, product variations, product FAQs and more! Duplicate this page and use it to write out more of your products (up to 10). **If you have more than 10 products products you'll need to create a CSV file listing all the products you want to be added to your shop.** Click here to download a CSV sample/template to show you how to format your CSV and what information we need.

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Contact	Oft	You can add a Contact page to your site with content like your contact information, a form, a map, and hours of operation. Often overlooked as just an information page, your Contact page should still carry across your branding and tone of voice, and don't be afraid to have fun with it! Especially if it's the one way your audience is supposed to get in touch with you.				
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CONTACT						
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Other relevant information				Message		What makes you excited to work with us?
SEO						
Unique description:						

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#### IMAGES

Add a Dropbox/Google Drive link to the images you want to use below:

Other form fields you want to add.

Additional content/notes:

04.

## ADDITIONAL CONTENT



## Additional content sections

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BAR

On Rocketspark, you can display a featured message in a bar across the top of your website that will be visible on both your mobile and desktop site. This is useful if you have new or important news to report.

Announcement bar content (text and link only):

Example: 'Free shipping tonight only with code: FREE10' or 'Download my latest free help guide'

#### POP-UP

You can create a pop-up before enteting your site, for example an over 18 pop-up. You can use Mailchimp to create a code for a Newsletter sign-up pop-up.

#### Goal

You can enable a newsletter or button pop-up, but not both at the same time. What do you want visitors to do with your pop-up?

Pop-up headline/title:

Pop-up wording:

HTML code from Mailchimp if wishing to add a newsletter sign-up pop-up.

## Additional Page Ideas

FAQs Page	Events/Workshops	<b>Portfolio Showcase</b> Great for showing off recent work and who you have worked with.
Testimonials	Image Gallery	
Privacy Policy	Your Process	<b>Directory</b> Create a directory with different listings that are helpful for your client or audience.
Privacy Policy	Delve into what you will do and how you do it, and give your audience a deep dive into the inner workings of your services. processes.	
Terms and Conditions		Press/As Seen In Get featured a lot? Show it off with a page of links to articles or write ups about you!
	Podcast	
<b>Resource Library</b> Free downloadables or courses or anything you want to share (either free or paid).	Courses (Free or Paid)	Forum/Community Make sure your audience can find your group with links to your forum/community.
<b>Recommendation Page</b> A great page for sharing tools you use or other businesses you recommend. Disclose any affiliate links, and start to drive people to your most recommended apps or websites.	Disclaimer	Careers/Vacancies

Download the App

05.

## HOW TO PREPARE + SEND YOUR CONTENT



## Tips for preparing and sending your content

#### 01. FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Read it, fill it out, put some thought into it and try not to skip any sections if you can help it (unless they don't apply OR you need some help on how to fill it out).

If a question doesn't seem relevant to you right now, it could be a vital section of the website that your audience needs. Example - a lot of my earlier clients would skip the SEO section of my questionnaire and then wonder why their site wasn't preforming well down the track, simply because they didn't see the point of filling out these fields (note - SEO = important!).

#### 02. PROOFREAD AND FORMAT

\*This more applies to those who are undertaking the job of writing website content themselves (instead of sending to a copywriter to finalise)

If you are writing your content yourself, please make sure it is absolutely FINAL before sending it to be uploaded to your site.

#### This means:

Doing a comprehensive spell-check
 I am not a copywriter or proof-reader
 (although if I spot something obvious in
 error I will correct it). You are in charge of
 ensuring your content is spick and span.
 I will be looking at the design, I won't be
 going through your words with a fine tooth
 comb to see if it reads well/makes sense/
 has mistakes in it.

#### • Format it thoughtfully

If you want something bold/highlighted/ bigger/smaller etc - make a note of it. I am very good at what I do, but I am not a mindreader. If you want a word to link to a specific page, add a note stating this, if you want a button, great! Note down where you want the button to go and what the button should say (e.g. 'Learn more about frogs').

• Be specific

Following on from formatting thoughtfully, make sure you are specific with your instructions. It's fine if you're flexible about what goes where, but if you're a details person, please be specific.

#### 03. PLAN AND COLLATE

\*This more applies to those who are undertaking the job of writing website content themselves (instead of sending to a copywriter to finalise)

- Decide what final software/tool you want to write your content with
   If you are proficient in Microsoft Word,
   then use that. If you prefer Google Docs,
   go with that. It doesn't have to be hard
   for you, I just need to be able to copy and
   paste for easy upload.
- Decide how you want to send it If your website has a standard amount of content, via email as a Word doc is good. If you have a large website (possibly with Ecommerce), lots of pages and content and images - via a Cloud platform like Dropbox or Google Drive is best.
- Be thoughtful with images

Whether your website is small or large, organising your images is very important. Recommendation: putting them in a separate Dropbox/Google Drive folder per page and clearly labeling them so I know what options I have to work with on which pages. If they need to be in a specific order, label them 1,2,3 etc. I require hi-res, think 200kb-5mb ish, and try to have them as PNGs or JPEGs depending on your business/site.

#### 04. ORGANISE AND SEND

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This tip is for those who have a large website with lots of content so need to send their content via Google Drive/Dropbox.

#### **Recommendation:**

• Organising your folders by page Any content for a specific page should go in a folder named what you want to call the navigation title (Example: put all About page content in a folder called 'About'). Same with images, any images for a specific page should go in that folder.

#### • Share permissions

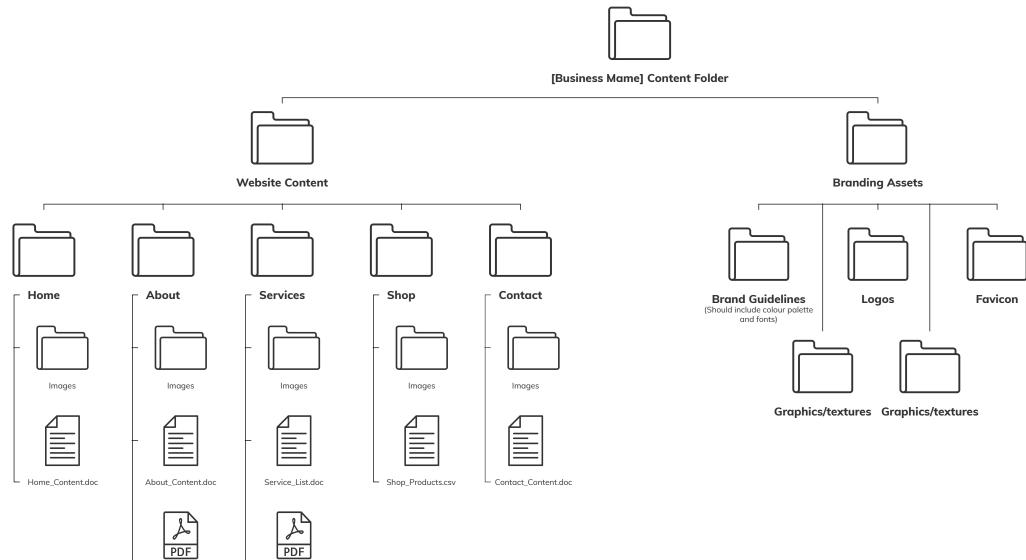
Ensure when you finally share your content folder that I can access every file and nothing is missing. It can also help to give access to edit so in real time I can tap out a note or question within your content that needs clarifying.

• Include relevant branding files

If your branding suite was created by another designer, please make sure to include a folder of branding assets that I can use to style your site. This should include the colour palette, fonts, logo files (vector or PNG), any patterns or textures, website favicon and a social sharing image (like a profile pic).

Tip: Don't put anything in your folders that doesn't need to be there. Double up photos, old notes, draft versions, photos you don't like, random files that I don't need to see - delete them, keep it clean and pristine!

## Example folder content system with Dropbox/Google Drive



Resume.pdf

Pricelist.pdf

## Content Document Formatting

#### GOOD EXAMPLE

#### NOT SO GOOD EXAMPLE

Navigation title: About Page title: About The Studio Designerbloom Graphic Design is a boutique branding and website design studio based in the Wellington region, New Zealand. Founded by Sara- Jane Austen, this one-woman team is an experienced graphic designer with a keen eye for details and an in-depth knowledge of brand creation, <i>Nacketspark websites.</i> • Link these to the pages "Brand Design" and "Website Design"	<ul> <li>Clear about the navigation title and the page title</li> <li>Clearly labeled link and directions</li> <li>Simple direction for adding hierarchy</li> <li>Clear formatting so designer knows what to highlight</li> <li>Clearly highlighted olirection about adding button and link</li> <li>Easy to follow notes</li> <li>Super clear instructions for image use</li> <li>Spell check has been done</li> </ul>	Unclear navigation title/page title. Title is also quite long. Spelling hasn't been fixed Vague instructions, no link identified (where does the link need to go?) Formatting is hard to read and also hard to understand (did you want half the content in all caps?) Change of design scope after design style has been discussed Unclear instructions for adding file (okay can add, but where on the page do you want it, was there to be a button, what did you want the button to say) Ambiguous instructions for using images (there could be hundreds of images to choose from). Also a waste of time as I may choose an image and you don't like it. It's best to be specific on what you want).	<ul> <li>About Sara-Jane Austen and Designerbloom Graphic Design</li> <li>Designerbloom Graphic Design is a batique branding and website design studio based in the Wellington region, New Zealand. Founded by Sara-Jane Austen, this one-woman team is an experienced graphic designer with a keen eye for details and an in-depth knowledge of brand creation and Rocketspark websites.</li> <li>Add link <ul> <li></li></ul></li></ul>
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## Tips for preparing and sending images/files to be uploaded

FILE RESOLUTION	FILE TYPE	IMAGE SIZE/RATIO	NAMING	STYLE
Look to keep your images between 200kb-5mb max.	Please send either PNG or JPG for images, and PDF for files.	Good practices to follow:	Please use a consistent and thoughtful file naming	Good practices to follow:
		If the image needs to be a banner,	convention that makes sense	Stick to images that aren't too
It can vary depending on what the image/file is being used for, so	PNG is a good choice for line drawings, text, and iconic	try - 16:9 or 1500px h x 800px w.	for the project and where the image/file will go.	complex/layered/intricate if you want text to go over the top
for example a large banner image	graphics at a small file size.	If the image needs to go on the		(like a page title).
could afford to be a little bigger/		page, try - 3:2 or something	Examples of good naming	
high-resolution (in the 1-3mb	JPG is a good choice for	like 800px x 600px. I can crop	conventions:	Choose images that aren't
range) whereas a thumbnail	photographs and realistic images.	the image, but it just gives me		overused/can be identified as
image could be smaller (in the		padding to play with.	about_banner_designerbloom.jpg	stock right away.
200-300kb range). PDF docs	PDF is for sharing documents that			
should be less than 5mb.	cannot be modified but still need	A4 landscape or portrait will	Images in a gallery (if wanting	Give the focal point of the imag
	to be easily shared, downloaded,	work best for PDF documents	in order) - 1_james_gallery.jpg,	a lot of room so your site can
	read and printed.	you'd like people to read online or	2_laurel_gallery.jpg, etc.	respond to different device size
		download. A3/A5 etc might not		and not crop anything out.
	Please do not send Word docs to	have the desired effect for reading	2020 Info Pack Designerbloom.pdf	
	be uploaded to the site.	but would work if the purpose is		
		to print the file.	Bad examples:	
			560nsn94dhs.jpg	
			Final_FINAL_2_revised.jpg	
			image (no extension)	

HANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING! Have a question about any part of this workbook? Please feel free to email me with any questions or queries!

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