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Website Planning Checklist

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1.Purpose

- The website aims to create a warm, engaging, and professional online presence for Graham. It includes various pages such as Home, Social Media Integration, Journey Map, Professional and Personal Story, Services, Testimonials, Teaser Videos, Blog Posts, and a Connect Page.
- 2. The website aims to sell the idea of Graham as a professional and approachable individual offering valuable services like workshops and coaching.

The key objectives might include

- 1. **Impression Reinforcement:** Ensure that visitors leave with a positive and memorable impression of Graham and his offerings, aligning with the initial inperson or referral interactions.
- 2. **Engagement and Sharing:** Create a website that is engaging and shareable, encouraging visitors to share their experience or the website content on social media platforms.
- 3. **Information Dissemination:** Effectively communicate Graham's professional background, personal story, and the range of services offered.
- 4. **Credibility Building:** Showcase testimonials, case studies, and teaser content to build credibility and demonstrate the value of Graham's expertise.
- 5. **Connection and Conversion:** Facilitate easy connection with visitors through a connect page that integrates an appointment booking system, ultimately leading to the conversion of potential clients.

By aligning the website structure and content with these objectives, you can create a compelling online presence that reflects Graham's personality and professionalism, while also providing valuable information to visitors.

3. Audience Analysis

1. Professionals Seeking Development:

- **Characteristics:** Working professionals looking to enhance their skills, leadership, or overall personal development.
- **Interests:** Professional growth, effective communication, leadership skills.
- **Needs:** Access to quality coaching, workshops, and tailored solutions for career advancement.

2. Referral Network:

- **Characteristics:** Individuals referred to Graham by colleagues, friends, or other professionals.
- **Interests:** Trustworthy recommendations, validating Graham's expertise.
- **Needs:** Clear information on Graham's background, services, and client testimonials.

3. Businesses and Organizations:

- Characteristics: Companies seeking training or coaching services for their employees.
- Interests: Effective training programs, leadership development, employee engagement.
- Needs: Detailed information on Graham's expertise, previous corporate engagements, and the benefits of his services for businesses.

4. Individuals Interested in Personal Growth:

- **Characteristics:** Individuals seeking personal development and growth opportunities.
- **Interests:** Self-improvement, life coaching, personal success stories.
- **Needs:** Access to Graham's personal story, information on one-on-one coaching, and testimonials from individuals who have benefited.

5. Social Media Users:

- **Characteristics:** People active on social media platforms.
- **Interests:** Engaging content, community interaction.
- **Needs:** Integration with social media platforms, shareable content, and a dynamic online presence.

6. Tech-Savvy Individuals:

- **Characteristics:** Those comfortable with online interactions and technology.
- **Interests:** Seamless website navigation, online booking systems.
- **Needs:** User-friendly website design, easy appointment booking options, and responsive design for various devices.

4. Audience Profile Checklist

Understanding these audience segments can guide content creation, design choices, and overall website strategy

1. Demographic Information:

- Age range
- Gender
- Occupation/Industry
- Income level
- Location (urban, suburban, rural)

2. Psychographic Information:

- Interests and hobbies
- Values and beliefs
- Lifestyle (busy professionals, individuals seeking work-life balance, etc.)
- Attitudes towards personal and professional development

3. Behavioral Information:

- Online behavior (frequency of internet use, preferred platforms)
- Buying behavior (impulse vs. researched decisions)
- Communication preferences (email, phone, social media)

4. Professional Background:

- Industry and sector
- Job roles and responsibilities
- Career stage (entry-level, mid-career, executive)

5. Referral Network:

- Common sources of referrals (colleagues, friends, industry networks)
- Trust factors influencing referral acceptance

6. Motivations and Goals:

- Professional development goals
- Personal growth aspirations
- Challenges or pain points seeking solutions

7. Online Behavior:

- Preferred social media platforms
- Frequency of online interactions
- Content consumption habits (videos, articles, podcasts)

8. Device and Technology Usage:

- Devices used (desktop, laptop, mobile)
- Comfort with technology and online interactions

9. **Buying Intentions:**

- Awareness of coaching or training needs
- Decision-making process for investing in personal/professional development services

10. Communication Preferences:

- Preferred communication channels (email, phone, social media messaging)
- Frequency of communication desired

11. Concerns and Objections:

- Common objections or hesitations towards coaching or training services
- Misconceptions that need to be addressed

12. Feedback and Testimonials:

- Preferred ways of providing feedback
- Types of testimonials or success stories that resonate

13. Identify Competitors:

- List direct competitors offering similar services in the personal/professional development or coaching industry.
- Include both local and online competitors.

14. Review Competitor Websites:

- Analyze the design and user experience of competitor websites.
- Identify key features, content structure, and navigation elements.

15. Content Analysis:

- Examine the type and quality of content on competitor websites.
- Look for strengths and weaknesses in their messaging, storytelling, and information presentation.

16. Online Presence:

- Assess competitors' engagement on social media platforms.
- Identify the frequency and nature of their interactions with the audience.

17. SEO Analysis:

- Evaluate competitors' website SEO, including keywords, meta tags, and content optimization.
- Identify areas where competitors are performing well in search engine rankings.

18. Services and Offerings:

- Understand the range of services offered by competitors.
- Analyze how they position and differentiate their offerings.

19. Client Testimonials and Reviews:

- Look for client testimonials and reviews on competitors' websites or third-party platforms.
- Identify common positive feedback and areas of improvement.

20. **Pricing Structure:**

- Investigate the pricing models and structures of competitors.
- Understand what value they provide at different price points.

21. Marketing and Promotional Strategies:

- Examine competitors' marketing initiatives, such as promotions, events, or collaborations.
- Identify successful strategies and areas for improvement.

5. Site Structure

Home Page:

- Welcome message
- Overview of key points
- Visual elements
- Call to action
- Services:
 - List of services
 - Benefits of each service
- **Testimonials:**
 - Quotes from clients
 - Case studies
- Journey Map:
 - Interactive map showing the journey to signature workshop, coaching, tailored solutions
- Connect:
 - Contact information
 - Appointment booking system
 Contact form
 - Contact form
- **Blog/Articles:**
 - Insights and expertise
 - Relevant topics
 - Success stories
- **Teaser Videos and Content:**
 - Video gallery
 - Snippets of training material, blog posts, articles
- **Integration with Social Media:**
 - Links to social media profiles
 - Social media feed
- **FAQs:**
 - Common questions and answers
- **Resources:**
 - Downloads (ebooks, guides, infographics)
 - Recommended reading
- Footer:
 - Navigation links
 - Copyright information
 - Privacy policy and terms of use
- 1. Consistent Branding:
 - Maintain a consistent color scheme, typography, and overall branding throughout the website.

• Use Graham's logo prominently and consistently.

2. Intuitive Navigation:

- Design a clear and simple navigation menu.
- Group related content under logical categories.
- Use descriptive labels for navigation items.

3. Mobile Responsiveness:

- Ensure the website is optimized for various devices, providing a seamless experience on desktops, tablets, and mobile phones.
- Use responsive design principles to adapt the layout to different screen sizes.

4. Whitespace and Clarity:

- Use whitespace strategically to avoid a cluttered appearance.
- Prioritize clarity and readability in text and visual elements.

5. Call to Action (CTA) Buttons:

- Make CTA buttons visually distinct with a contrasting color.
- Use clear and action-oriented language on buttons.

6. Visual Hierarchy:

- Prioritize content based on importance using visual hierarchy techniques.
- Use larger fonts, bold text, or contrasting colors for more critical information.

7. Interactive Elements:

- Ensure interactive elements (buttons, links, forms) are easily clickable.
- Provide visual feedback for user interactions, like button press effects.

8. Loading Speed Optimization:

- Optimize images and other media for fast loading times.
- Minimize the use of large files that could slow down the website.

9. **User-Friendly Forms:**

- Keep forms simple and ask for only essential information.
- Provide clear labels and instructions.
- Use inline validation for real-time feedback on form inputs.

10. Typography:

- Choose readable fonts and maintain a consistent font style across the website.
- Use font sizes and styles to emphasize important content.

11. Feedback and Error Messages:

- Provide clear feedback for user actions, such as successful form submissions.
- Clearly communicate errors and provide guidance on how to correct them.

12. Scannable Content:

- Break up content into digestible chunks.
- Use headings, bullet points, and short paragraphs for easy scanning.

13. Interactive Media:

- Use high-quality images and multimedia elements to enhance engagement.
- Ensure media files are optimized for quick loading.

14. Accessibility Considerations:

- Design with accessibility in mind, ensuring the website is usable by individuals with disabilities.
- Include alternative text for images, provide captions for videos, and ensure keyboard navigation is possible.

15. User Testing:

• Conduct usability testing with potential users to identify any areas of confusion or frustration.

