WHEN A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER SEARCHES FOR YOU ONLINE, WHAT WILL THEY FIND?

Will it open the door?

Will your reputation precede you?

Will it make the interview an afterthought?







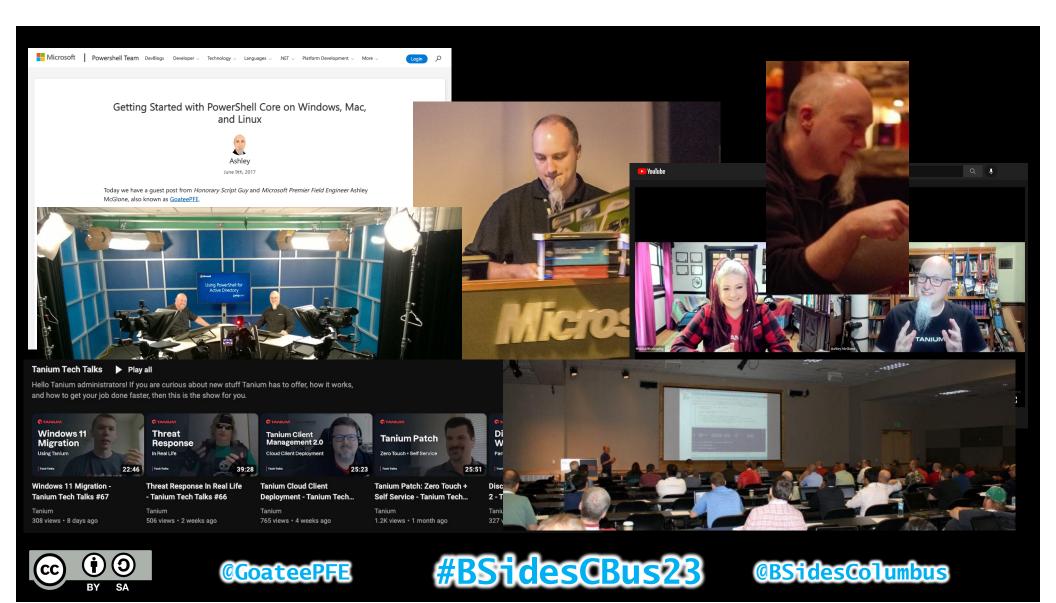














SECURE YOUR CAREER WITH A PERSONAL BRAND

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WHAT IS A PERSONAL BRAND?

Reputation - What do people get when they work with you? Now scale that online.









PERSONAL BRAND AS ART

- Mission
- Message
- ■Media
- •Mentoring









MISSION







WHY BUILD A PERSONAL BRAND?

Help others.

By-product: Secure your career.









WHY ARE WE HERE?

We want to learn.

Who do we learn from?

You can build your brand by being the person others learn from... even if you're just getting started.









THIS CONFERENCE WHO DID YOU COME TO SEE?

- Scroll through the speaker lists on the conference site.
- Who do you recognize?
- What is their niche?
- How have they helped you?
- Who was on your list of folks you wanted to see?
- Now go do what they did.







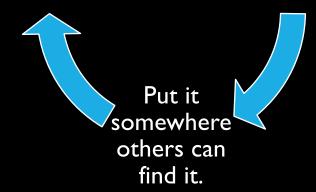


BLUF: HOW DO I BUILD A PERSONAL BRAND?



Help people.

Record it.









MESSAGE







CONTENT WHAT DO I TALK ABOUT?

- Niche intersection of two interests
- Problem solving
- Real world need
- FAQs
- Research in the field and lab









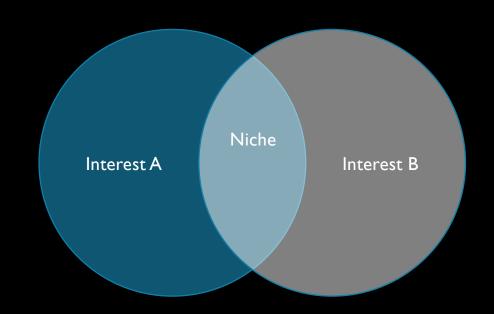
BRANDING: NICHE WHO AM I? WHO IS MY AUDIENCE?

Plenty of people do A.

Plenty of people do B.

But few do A & B.

That's your niche.











BRANDING: THE PROBLEM SOLVER DIRTY JOBS / DO HARD THINGS

- Think of the technology or challenge you dread the most...
- Decompiling malware, Linux memory dump analysis, physical disk forensics, PKI, MacOS security, etc.
- @HackingDave Dave Kennedy @TrustedSec / @Binary_Defense/ @WeHackHealth
- @c3rkah Matt Scheurer ThreatReel









MEDIA









WHERE TO MAKE MY MARK? META CONSIDERATIONS - CHOOSE A COMBO

In-Person

Conference stage

User groups

Mentoring Training

Written

Books

Magazines

Blog

Email

Social Media

Chat

Forums

Website

Newsletter

Code sharing

<u>Audio</u>

Podcast

Discord

Clubhouse

Video

Video sites

Streaming

Video meeting

Training

Webinars

Monetize

YouTube

Substack

Patreon

Training sites

Articles

Ads

Books

In-Person

Written

Audio

Video

one:one one:many

many:many









IDENTITY HOW OTHERS RECOGNIZE ME ONLINE

- Social media handle namecheckr.com
 - Unique across all social platforms
 - Memorable
 - Not tied to your company or job title
- Headshot/Avatar fiverr.com @marcduiker
 - Your brand logo for visual recognition
- Bio
 - Credentials
 - A personal interest
 - Endorsement (kudo file)









MENTORING







PRACTICAL BITS

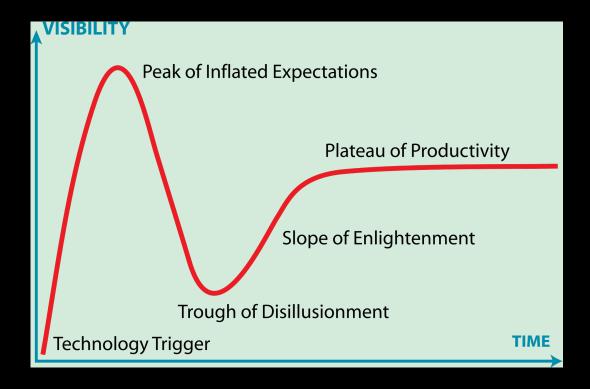
- Social media policy
- Legal use of graphics
- Monetize?
- "Hype cycle"











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SUCCESS FACTORS

- Mentors
- Content creators community
- Goal of consistency
- Journal: ideas, stories, humor, analogies
- Practice / doing it
- Community / Social
- Take the long view.

 SpaceX & Blue Origin didn't happen in a day.









CARE AND FEEDING

- Review metrics What landed? What didn't? Surprises about what sticks
- File kudos
- Answer comments
- Behold the long tail! Accumulated content will take on a life of its own.
- Promotion If you believe in your content, don't you want to help more people?
 - See Superfans by Pat Flynn









THINGS I GOT RIGHT

- Consistency avatar, schedule, stick with it, give it time
- Addressing real world topics with thorough solutions
- Engaging in community (Twitter, user groups, conferences)
- Highlighting the work of others
- Adding personal flavor
- Metrics (Google Analytics, views, countries, linked from, linked within, trending up over time, etc.)
- Following advice of mentors
- Catching a tech wave when people are searching for answers
- Impacting lives of readers









MISTAKES

- Social media handle tied to my former job title
- Talking too much about myself
- Spamming forums with my latest post, without building relationship in those forums
- Not following advice of mentor (missed a tech wave)
- Getting "the big head"









ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF

- Most folks don't like arrogant, conceited people. I don't want to be "that guy".
- It's awkward. I still don't like it. Sometimes it's necessary.
- To humbly establish your credibility with a new audience, use the words of others:
 - "Attendees of Ashley's sessions have said that he is both informative and entertaining." - taken from previous conference session evaluations
- Do your best to take attention away from yourself.
 - Put focus on the problem you're solving and how to help your audience.
 - Do that enough times, and you won't have to talk about yourself any longer.
 - Others will do it for you.
- Don't open your presentation with you. Open with the problem or story or attention thing.
 - Advice from Dr James Whittaker (nsfw?). Make your content so good they ask about you afterward.









3,000 YEAR OLD PERSONAL BRAND PROVERBS

Proverbs 22:1 - REPUTATION

Proverbs 27:2 - ENDORSEMENT

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 22:4 - HUMILITY

Proverbs 27:21 - CAUTION

The reward for <u>humility</u> and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and a man is tested by his praise.







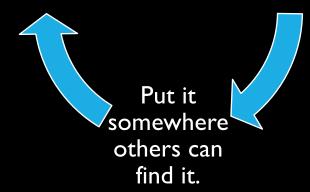


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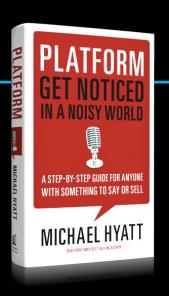






RESOURCES

- Michael Hyatt *Platform*
- Pat Flynn Superfans
- Avatar / Headshot
 - Fiverr.com graphics / music
 - @marcduiker 8bit
 - @reverentgeek David Neal
- namecheckr.com handle search
- Toastmasters













CALL TO ACTION

- LinkedIn / Twitter
 - Let's continue the conversation. Free coaching.
- Pay it forward like the people who have helped you.
- What will be your mission, message, and media?
- Set a goal to volunteer or speak at this conference next year!









From: David ******

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 11:39 AM

To: Ashley McGlone (GOATEEPFE)

Subject: RE: New-TimeSpan -Start '9/1/2017'

Thank you for all your contributions to the community. Your work has had a tremendous impact. Here is a 30,000' view of how it has helped my career:

- Helped me get out of a bad job into a good one.
- Caused an employer to create a position to promote me into.
- Had enough fun with it that I put 'PowerShell Enthusiast' on my LinkedIn profile, resulting in a cold-call from my current employer, MSFT.

Best wishes in your future endeavors,

-David











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