# Taking advantage of free tools on the web

### **Use Calls to Action in Your Text**

- Calls to action are imperative verbs (such as *buy now*, *save*, *register to win*) that encourage your visitors to take a specific action on your Web site.
- The word *free*, as well as a textual link, is an implicit call to action.
- Use links and calls to action to help visitors navigate your site and to let them know what you'd like them to do.
- If you don't tell them, they won't know.

Tako a Tour







See in Action



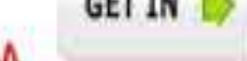
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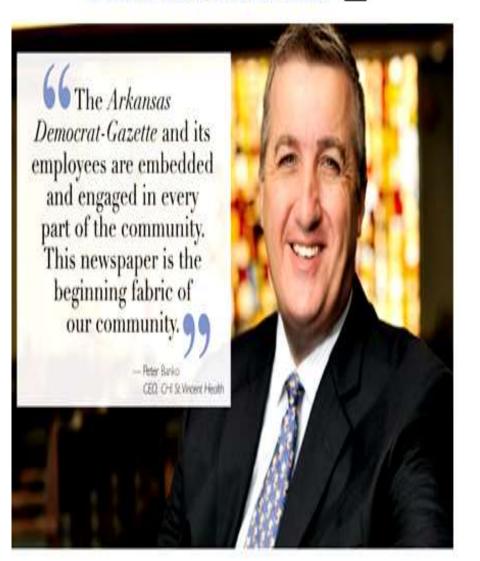
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Create a Wiki

### **Collect Customer Testimonials**

- Recommendations from customers are golden! Whenever customers spontaneously offer praise, ask for permission to include their recommendations on your site.
- You don't have to identify the individuals in detail, but you need something more than "anonymous" as a source.
- You can collect testimonials from letters you receive, notes in a guestbook, or comments on a blog.

## ADVERTISER TESTIMONIALS





Ashleigh Verrier, I got my "Chinoiserie Croquis" and LOVE IT. The size and length is perfect for all 6'0 feet of me:)
The design is to die for. I have worn it like 3 times since it showed up. If you need a satisfied customer review, let me know. I am happy to provide it. Cannot wait for the bag. Well done my dear! Well done...



#### Chinoiserie Croquis www.verrierboutique.com

Newsy never read so fashionable as it does in this VERRIER artistic interpretation of a chinoiserie croquis inspired by Chinese scrolls. You will be rightfully encouraged to model a personal sashay,

## Submit to Four, Top Search Engines

- Submit your Web site to the four, top search engines. It doesn't cost you a penny, and not even very much time. Submit to
- Google at www.google.com/addurl/?continue=/addurl
- Yahoo! at http://search.yahoo.com/info/submit.html
- dmoz (Open Directory Project) at www.dmoz.org/add.html

## Conduct a Link Campaign

- Inbound links from other Web sites not only bring you targeted traffic from other sites but also can improve your ranking in Google's search results.
- This is a time-consuming but free method of bringing high-quality visitors to your site.
- For the greatest benefits in Google's search results, ask for links from other sites that have a Google page rank of 5 or higher. Some sites have a page for adding your site online; others require an e-mail request for a link.
- Some require that you link back to them. Review the status of your requests after several months and make a second request if necessary.
- If you make a practice of looking for ten links

#### Word of Mouth

- The simplest of all viral marketing techniques, Tell a Friend, lets a Web visitor e-mail a friend or colleague a link to your site with a personal note of recommendation.
- Your developer can install free script to handle this function.
- Be sure to include a link to Tell a Friend in your navigation so that visitors can quickly recommend your site, your products, or your services to someone they know is likely to be in the market for them.



## PRIZE CANDLE

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#### **Invite Your Friends**



You'll get \$25 when they take a trip & \$75 when they rent out their place.

Get Started





EMAIL YOUR FRIENDS

### Local services and coupons

- Both Google and Yahoo! now offer free local listings tied to their map sites, allowing users to search for businesses within a specific geographical area.
- While hospitality, tourism, and entertainment sites are obvious beneficiaries of local search, local listings are valuable for every company.
- Many consumers like to buy locally because they think it will be easier to obtain post purchase service or because they want to