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YOUTUBE ADS GUIDE: HOW TO ADVERTISE ON YOUTUBE

YouTube advertising is one of the most powerful ways to promote your brand and reach potential customers. Our handy YouTube ads guide will help you through every aspect of YouTube advertising and understand ways to leverage the platform for exponential growth.

YouTube is the second most active social media platform and a popular website after Google. The online video sharing and social media platforms have approx. <u>30 million+ daily active users</u> every single day! YouTube users consume about five billion YouTube videos every day, making the online video sharing site one of the most leveraging platforms for businesses to advertise and promote their products or services.

About <u>78.8% of marketers consider YouTube</u> as the most effective video sharing and marketing platform, running ahead of Facebook with 58.5% of votes. If you want your brand to get noticed by your target audience and build maximum engagement with them, you need to consider <u>YouTube advertising.</u>

However, YouTube advertising is more than uploading multiple YouTube videos on your YouTube channel. You cannot expect tangible growth and engagement with your target audience if you can't advertise your product or services in the best way possible.

So, how do you get started with YouTube advertising? By following our ultimate guide to YouTube ads!

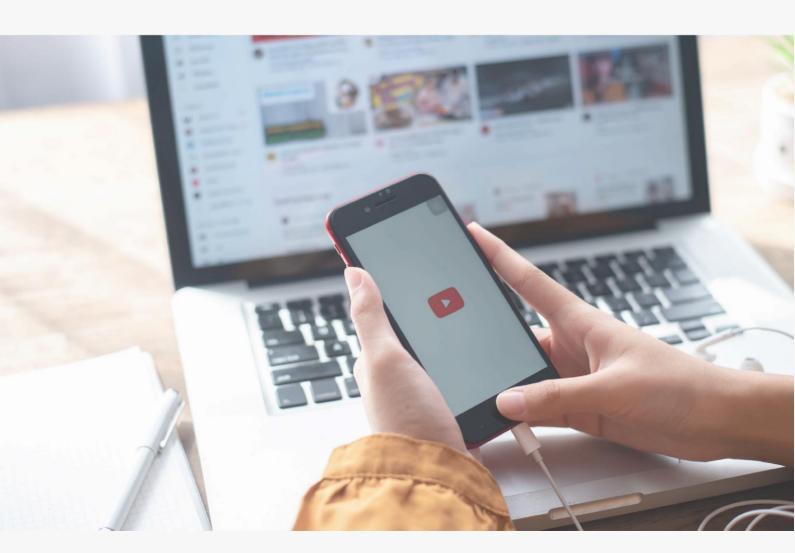
In this guide, we will cover every aspect of YouTube advertising and share key insights on nailing your YouTube advertising strategy. But first, let's understand:

Before advertising on YouTube, you need to create a marketing video that covers every essential aspect of your brand, product, or service. Once done, you can set up your YouTube video ads campaign!

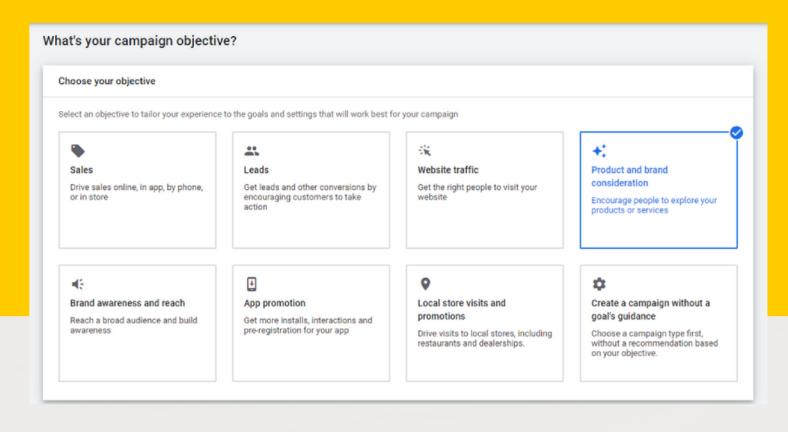
HOW TO ADVERTISE ON YOUTUBE: LAUNCHING YOUR AD CAMPAIGN

To set up your Youtube advertising campaign, you need to log in to your Google Ads account. If you don't have an Ads account, sign up with a Google Workspace email.

After signing up, you will immediately notice the start a campaign option. Look for an option stating "Are you a professional marketer?" or "Set up without creating a campaign" and click on that. Follow this and you get your new Google Ads dashboard. Once you have access to your Google dashboard, click on "New Campaign". Now, from here on the process of your YouTube ad campaign will start.



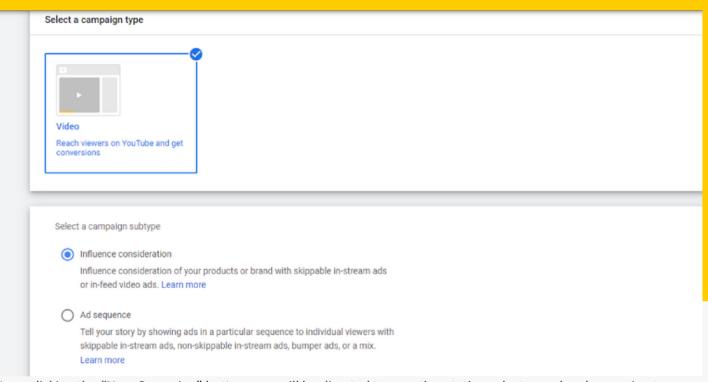
STEP 1: SELECT GOAL AND CAMPAIGN TYPE



Upon clicking the "New Campaign" button, you will be directed to a section stating select a goal and campaign type. Choose your goal preference and select "Video" in the campaign type.



STEP 2: SELECT CAMPAIGN SUBTYPE AND STRATEGY

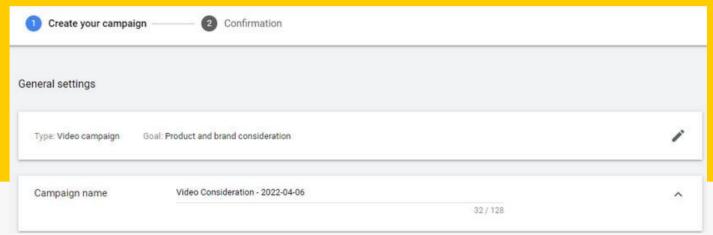


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Next, select the preferred way of reaching your goal. Marketers can use "Efficient reach" (includes Bumpers, Skippable in-stream, or combination ads) or "non-skippable in-stream." ce and select "Video" in the campaign type.



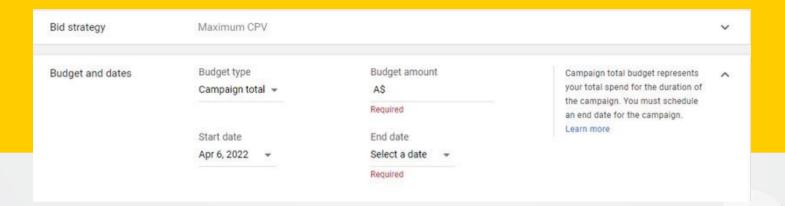
STEP 3: CHOOSE A CAMPAIGN NAME



Once you decide on choosing the method of reaching your goal and choosing the preferred YouTube ad type, the next step is to enter the name of your campaign. Ensure the campaign name is short and impactful. You may also notice a section stating "Bid strategy". Leave the section as is.



STEP 4: DECIDE YOUR BUDGET



Here is where you can set your budget for the YouTube ad campaign. You can decide to set the budget on a daily basis or pay for the entire campaign together. Both options have their pros & cons.

- Setting a particular daily budget will allow you to maintain the daily cost and ensure you don't run out of money quickly.
- Setting up the budget of your entire campaign will help maintain a fixed amount for ads and allow Google to avoid going over the investment.
- Regardless of the choice, you will be asked to set a start and end date for your YouTube ad campaign.



STEP 5: SELECT PREFERRED NETWORKS, LOCATIONS, AND LANGUAGES

Networks	✓ YouTube search results	^			
	Ads can appear next to search results on YouTube. Only available for responsive and in-feed video ad types.				
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	✓ Video partners on the Display Network ②				
Locations	Select locations to target ③	^			
	All countries and territories				
	Singapore				
	Enter another location				
Languages	Select the languages your customers speak.	^			
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	All languages				

After deciding on the budget, you will have to select the preferred network, location, and language of your YouTube ad.

Networks – Decide where you want your YouTube ad to appear. Here you'll get three options – YouTube search results, videos, and Video partners on the Display Network.

YouTube search results: Your ad will appear on the YouTube search result page.

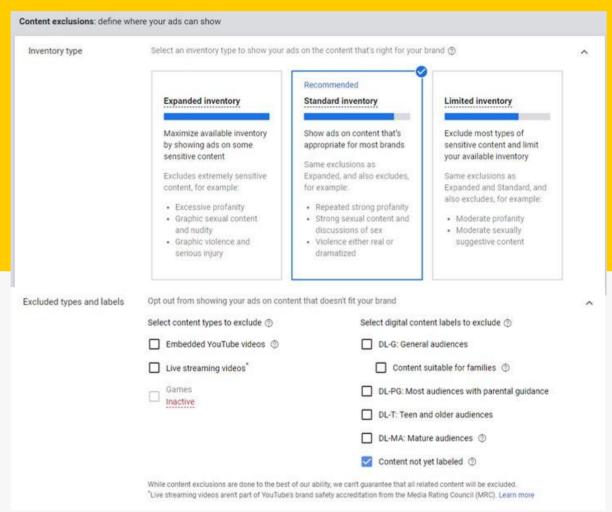
- YouTube videos: YouTube Ads can appear on the YouTube homepage, channel pages, and video pages.
- Video partners on the Display Network: YouTube ads can appear before or on various videos across the Google Display Network.

Note: If you choose YouTube search results and YouTube videos, create and run both campaigns separately to obtain adequate track of performance metrics.

Locations – Mention the location of your target audience, i.e., viewers who will watch the ad. In this section, you can also exclude certain areas or locations.

Language – Lastly, select the preferred language. We recommend choosing the one that your target audience is familiar with.

CHOOSE CONTENT EXCLUSIONS AND EXCLUDED TYPES AND LABELS



Such options will allow you to exclude your brand promotions on YouTube videos with profanity or sexual content. There are three inventory options –

Expanded inventory (excludes videos that have excessive profanity and graphic content)

- Standard inventory (excludes videos with strong profanity and graphic content)
- Limited inventory (excludes videos with moderate profanity and graphic content)

Using the "Excluded types and labels" option, you can also restrict your YouTube ads from appearing in such videos or live streams. You can also exclude YouTube content labels – G, PG, MA, etc.

STEP 7: CHOOSE RELATED VIDEOS



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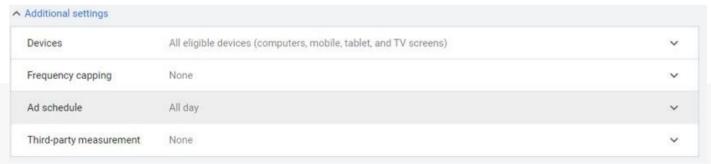
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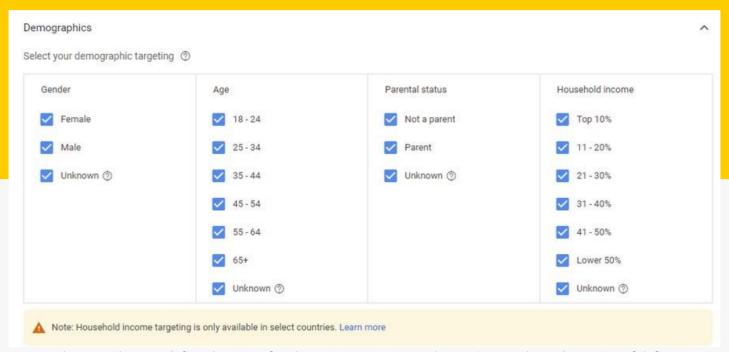
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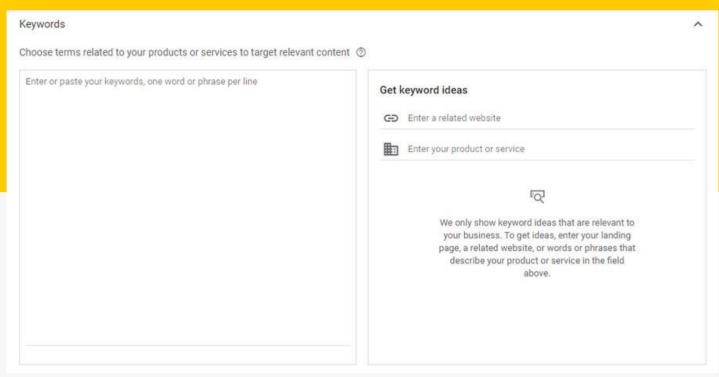
STEP 9: DETERMINE DEMOGRAPHICS AND AUDIENCE SEGMENTS DEOS



Here is where you have to define the type of audience you want your ad to notice. You have the option of defining your viewer's gender, age, parental status, and household income. Next, select an audience segment to define who should see your YouTube ad. Ensure you target your audience by their interests. For instance, if you have written a cookbook with various recipes, you might want to target cooking enthusiasts who skim through every must-try recipe. To discover the best engagement rate, you can run multiple YouTube ad campaigns with various audience segments.



STEP 10: SELECT KEYWORDS, TOPICS, AND PLACEMENTS

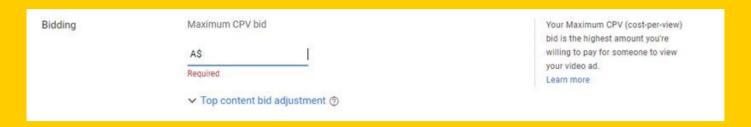


After defining your demographics and audience segments, you have to mention the type of keywords, topics, and placements of your YouTube ad. Targeting specific keywords will allow you to find the audience searching for a brand, product, or service similar to yours. However, make sure to perform extensive research and test different keywords to identify which bring more engagement, clicks, views, or conversions. Remarket your ads by re-engaging with your previous customers or someone familiar with your brand.

STEP 12:



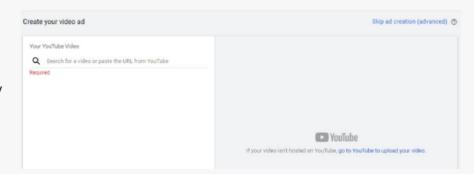
STEP 11: DECIDE BIDDING PER VIEW



Next, decide your maximum bidding per view. You have to determine how much you are ready to pay for each view. The bidding, however, can be adjusted based on your ad viewing performance.

CREATING THE VIDEO AD CREATIVE

Last step! This is where you have to mention the link to the video you want your ad to appear. You get the option of choosing an instream ad or an in-display ad.



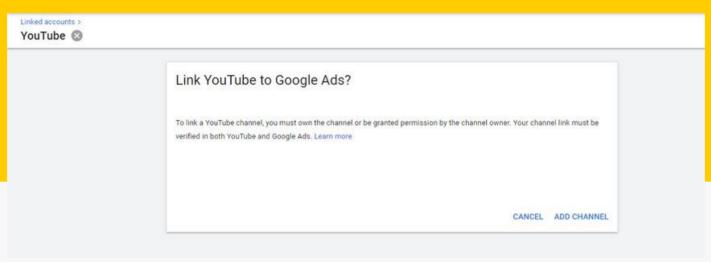
- If you select an in-display ad, make sure to include the title and short description of your advertisement. Kindly note that the title character limit is 25, while description lines have only 35 character limit.
- Using in-stream ads, you can overlay the URL of your brand, product, or services on top of the selected video. YouTube will feature a companion banner of your video image on the right side of the YouTube.

All you have to do is click "Done" and select "Create campaign". Google will ask you to fill in your credit card information to start running your ad. Your new YouTube ad campaign is live!

BONUS!

Make sure to link your Google Ads account to the selected video's YouTube channel.

STEP 13: LINK YOUR ACCOUNT



- Go to the top navigation bar and click on "Tools & Settings."
- Under "Set Up," go to "Linked Accounts."
- Choose YouTube from the screen, and click on "Add channel."

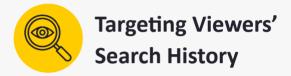
Most individuals believe that YouTube advertising is similar to any other PPC or paid social media campaign. However, this YouTube ads strategy has various new aspects which are not usually found in any usual Google ads campaign. You will notice various specific creative constraints and other options in YouTube advertising. It is



THE LATEST IN YOUTUBE ADVERTISING

imperative to have a sound knowledge of these constraints and options used in YouTube advertising before uploading YouTube videos on your YouTube channel to make the most of your investment.

Google has introduced various algorithms and made necessary changes on YouTube to make your YouTube ads campaign leveraging and investment-worthy. Here are a few highlighting changes Google made in recent years



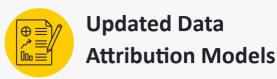
Previously, advertisers could only target their users based on video ads. However, Google soon made necessary changes and announced that advertisers can reach more viewers based on their Google search history. Since almost 50% of YouTube views take place via mobile devices, advertisers can easily target an audience on Google or any other search engine looking for a specific product or service related to their brand.

So, apart from targeting the user's YouTube video viewing behaviour, advertisers can identify and filter the audience looking for something similar to your product or services. Marketers can look for any YouTube video closely related to their viewer's search on Google. Your audience is more likely to watch a YouTube ad that answers their search and urges them to click through the video ads straight to your website.



Audio Ads

Audio ads are another popular advertising form preferred by marketers these days. As various social media apps and podcast channels are adapting to audio ads, Google has decided to keep up with the changes by bringing audio-only ads features. Advertisers can now create audio-only ads and reach maximum viewers without worrying about visual content creation. We recommend starting with video ads first and gradually shifting to audio-only ads. Once you have established your brand and have created an unmatched impression on the target audience, you can further engage with them using audio-only ads.



Every YouTube ad campaign and PPC or social media platform campaign relies on audience engagement. The more your audience engages, the better leads you will generate. However, measuring the overall user engagement of your YouTube advertising can be challenging. Keeping this in mind, Google updated YouTube's data attribution model to allow marketers to measure their ad engagement rate and determine cost-per-conversions (CPC). Marketers can also check their YouTube search results and YouTube ads performance.



YouTube ads cost depends on your YouTube video views. The average cost-per-view of YouTube ads can be anywhere between \$0.010 to \$0.030. However, your YouTube advertising cost may vary depending on your target keywords, niche, and industry. Your overall budget spend will determine how long you wish to run the YouTube video ad campaign. You can set a daily budget to ensure Google charges you only up to the mentioned amount.

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TrueView discovery ads



Search Results Page



Watch Page



Homepage

1. Video Discovery Ads

2. TrueView In-Stream Ads (Skippable Ads)

TrueView ads – also known as skippable ads – are one of the most common types of YouTube advertising options opted for by marketers. In-stream ads allow marketers to only pay for the ad when a viewer watches or clicks on their ad. Marketers will pay when a viewer watches the ad for at least 30 seconds or the entire advertisement or has clicked on the CTA button displayed. Skippable ads should be anywhere between 12 seconds and 6 minutes.

TrueView in-stream ads appear before any selected YouTube video, where viewers get the option "skip the ad" after watching it for five seconds. The best part of selecting skippable ads is that you can make them play almost anywhere on the Google Display Network. Apart from displaying in **Google Display Network**, TrueView in-stream ads can be played on other sites with already purchased **Google video ad space**. Such skippable ads can be customised using various CTAs and overlay text.



TrueView ads are not recommended to run any product promotion commercial because such types of YouTube video ads are often skipped and ignored by viewers. However, you can hook your audience's interest by creating highly engaging video content. One of the most effective ways to get the attention of your viewer and keep them from skipping the ad is by telling a story. Most viewers enjoy watching a case study of a person struggling with something. Here, empathy plays a pivotal role in making your ad memorable and non-skippable.

TrueView ads are more than just promoting your brand, product, or service. Marketers can gain a deep insight into their ad performance for testing purposes. How? YouTube account managers will simply have to log in to their Ads account and check the data. You will be provided with adequate data on complete view, partial view, clickthrough rates on CTAs, YouTube channel subscriptions, content sharing details, and more. Checking the insights of data will help you understand how much and where to allocate the budget for attaining maximum ROI.

3. Non-Skippable In-Stream Ads

As the name suggests, non-skippable are short in-stream ads that play before, mid-roll, or after the YouTube video. Such in-stream ads can be 15 to 20 seconds in duration and are often displayed in the middle of a video — that is at least 10 minutes or more. Non-skippable ads are displayed either in a yellow marker or before a five-second countdown. Such instream ads allow you to include various elements — people, audio, dialogue, etc. — suitable to your brand.

Since viewers cannot skip this in-stream ad, marketers can take advantage of this opportunity to create an ad with CTA. In short, you can encourage your viewers to click on the ad and provide them with anything – from your newly launched products to the promotion of a major event. You can easily use these clicks to generate leads and attain real growth. However, it is imperative to understand that YouTube offers space for non-skippable ads based on payper-click (PPC). So, make the ad click-worthy!

4. Bumpers

Bumpers are six-second, non-skippable ads played before a viewer's chosen YouTube video. Although considered the shortest YouTube video ad type, Bumpers can help you deliver a simple yet highly impactful message across. With bumpers, you don't have to worry about creating a complete minutes-long video and delivering the message. You simply have to use these six-second wisely and cover essential components of your brand that should be noticed by your target audience.

5. Overlay Ads

Overlay ads appear at the bottom of a YouTube video and are often considered to supplement other in-stream YouTube video ads. Such types of YouTube ads show up after the video starts playing in the form of a text or an image ad. Marketers can consider using

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Are There Different Types of YouTube Ads?

Are YouTube Ads expensive?

Whether YouTube ads are expensive or not depends on how well your strategies your video content and delivery. There are five main types of YouTube ads:

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15 second long ads, usually played before, mid-roll, or after a video. You cannot skip the ad.

• Bumper Ads:

Six-second, unskippable ads that play before any YouTube video.

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YouTube ads that appear after the video starts playing in the form of a text or an image ad.

• Video Discovery Ads:

Appears alongside other most-watched video content on YouTube and after performing the search.

With a result-driven strategy and engaging content, the YouTube advertising cost can be worth the investment. A typical video ad can cost anywhere between \$0.010 to \$0.030 per view, depending on the target market, quality of the video, and campaign goal. With the right strategy and fixed marketing goals, YouTube can prove to be a leveraging social media platform or website for your business. You can build brand awareness, generate qualified leads, reach audiences, and ensure overall engagement.

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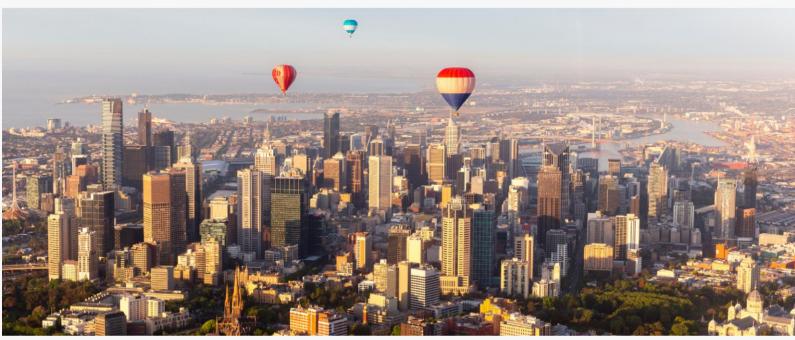
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If you are struggling to understand the ins and outs of YouTube advertising or want to know more about YouTube ad campaigns, or need assistance with pay-per-click ads management, reach out to us! We help businesses build scalable marketing strategies that ensure tangible growth and unreal ROI. Trust digital experts at Clickmatix for your paid campaign growth.

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Driving traffic, converting leads, building a digital platform for your business, are all steps to a common goal - a successful marketing campaign for beneficial growth. We can turn your dreams into reality