

Technology for Ski Areas

- How do your guests think about technology?
- How should we think about technology?
- How should we plan for new technology?



Your Guests





The Facts

- 43% earn more than \$100,00 annually
- Well-educated
- 35% also downhill ski
- 44% are also trail runners
- 37% ride road bikes



Who Else?

- 92% of U.S. households have Internet access
- 92% of U.S. individuals have at least one smartphone
- On average, children receive their first smartphone at age 11.



Who Else?

- American adults spend an average of 4.5 hours on their mobile devices each day.
- About 45% of all web traffic in the U.S. originates from smartphones.
- Only 4% of Americans with an annual household income of \$75,000 or more don't have a smartphone.





Who Else?

- 91% of adults ages 18 to 49 have purchased items using a smartphone
- Among all adults, 32% make online purchases with their smartphones at least weekly. That figure increases to 49% of adults ages 30 to 49 and 41% who are upper income.





Mobile



of mobile users in the U.S. are comfortable researching, planning, and booking, an entire trip to a new travel destination using only their smartphone.

Think with Google

Google/Phocuswright, U.S., Travel Study, n=673 U.S. smartphone users, 2017.



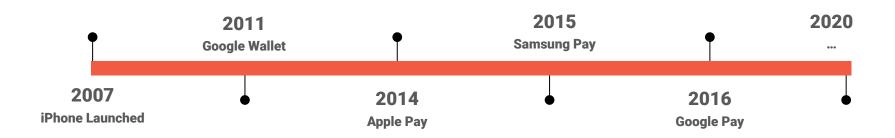








A Timeline





Your Guests

Does your business match that customer?







Technology is Ski Area Infrastructure

Are you up-to-date?





Your Website

Keep it simple and create a plan.





Your Website



An easy-to-use website matters more than online reviews or even loyalty programs to high-value travelers.

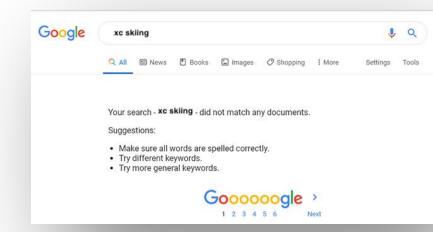
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Google/Greenberg, U.S., High-Value Traveler Research, n=1,151 business and leisure travelers, June 2018.





- You Exist
- Credibility
- Open 24/7





Google

Don't overthink it.

Google Search Console

Improve your performance on Google Search

Search Console tools and reports help you measure your site's Search traffic and performance, fix issues, and make your site shine in Google Search results

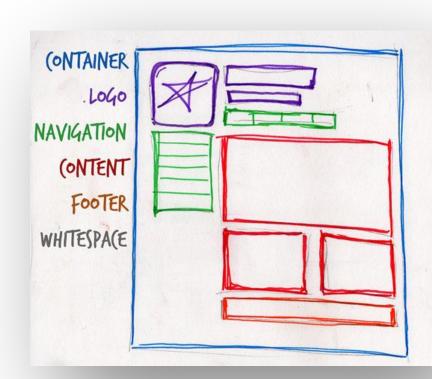


Start now



Why?

- Basic Information
- Snow Report & Operational Updates
- Tell Your Story



Why?

Sales





On Campus...

- WiFi
- Sales
- Signage



Quarry Road

Connect the dots.





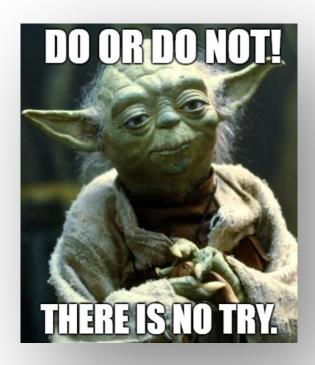






How Do You Get There?

Define your goals and stick to them.





How?

Be Realistic

- Features
- Functionality Outline

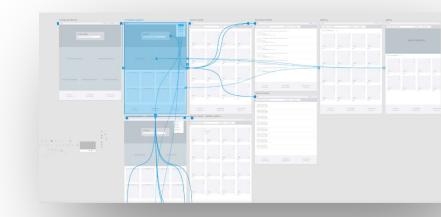






Can You Manage It?

- Workflows & Systems
- Tickets
- Reservations
- Snow Reporting
- Photos
- Webcams





Resources

- Time
- Staff
- Budget





How?

- Nothing in a Vacuum
- Discovery and Rediscovery





Become an Expert

Let the technology do the work and understand the work that it's doing.





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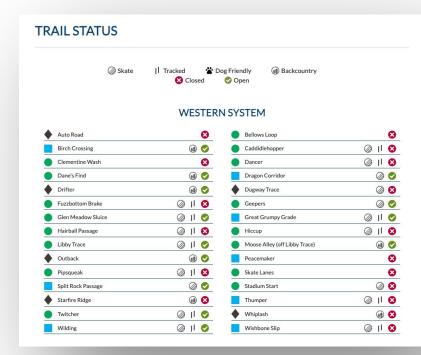
- Website
- Online Purchasing
- On site Purchasing





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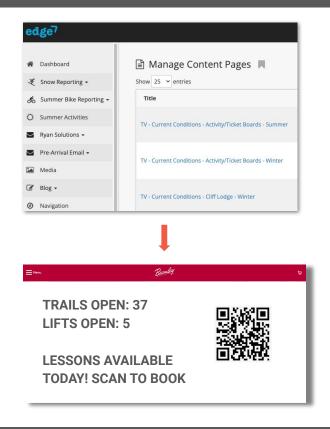
Snow Reporting





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- Snow Report PDFs
- Digital Displays
- Email Integration





You're Done!

- Measure twice. Measure again.
- Iterate
- Review and Assess



Next Steps

- 1 Create a technology plan.
- Become the expert.
- 3 Iterate.



Questions?

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