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### **#TWEETSMARTER** LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS

**Y** Business

Best practices to help you drive website traffic and app installs from Twitter.

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## INTRODUCTION

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In the first edition of #TweetSmarter we analyzed our data to uncover guidelines and best practices for Promoted Tweets.

This time, we're taking it one step further — by connecting with experts at Twitter HQ who've looked at thousands of direct response campaigns and understand the creative nuances that make them successful.

We've combined these expert insights with real life examples from around the world, and we're bringing them to you so you can start driving website clicks and app installations today.

# MEET THE EXPERTS

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Our experts have years of experience in direct response marketing and understand how to drive actions from Tweets using Website Cards and App Install Cards.

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Driving website traffic & conversions



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"I LOVE SHOWING BUSINESSES HOW THEY CAN SEE ROI FROM TWITTER AND SHARE THEIR PERSONALITY WITH THE WORLD." "THE MOBILE APPS LANDSCAPE IS SO COMPETITIVE — IT'S

EXCITING TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS STAND OUT AND GET DISCOVERED." 

## GETTING STARTED

#### **GETTING STARTED**

#### Every great campaign starts with a strategy.

#### TAKE A STEP BACK AND MAKE SURE YOU:

#### Think about your company's mission

Understanding what you stand for will help you create consistent and meaningful campaigns that feel authentic.

#### Create a value proposition

Clearly stating how you differ from your competitors and can benefit your customers will help you understand who to target and how to position your product.

#### Set an objective

Do you want to drive more people to your website? Drive more sales? Encourage people to install or engage with your app? Identifying your goals at the outset will help you choose the right campaign.

#### Define your metrics for success

These should align with your objective. Be specific! If your goal is to drive website traffic, are you focusing on a percentage increase in traffic, or a target cost per click (CPC) for each visit?

#### Get organized

Plan your advertising budget, understand your developer resources and craft a design plan.

"TWITTER GIVES MARKETERS ACCESS TO BILLIONS OF REAL-TIME MOMENTS. STARTING WITH A CLEAR STRATEGY WILL HELP YOU FOCUS ON THE MOMENTS THAT MATTER TO YOUR BUSINESS, AND TO YOUR CUSTOMERS."

@felsie

## MEET THE CARDS

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#### MEET THE CARDS

Ready to go? It's time to start putting together the components for your Twitter Ads campaigns. We spoke with @felsie and @sylvialam to understand the best practices for the three key elements of a Website Card and an App Install Card.



## **BEST PRACTICES**

For these three key elements we'll be sharing:

### Proven creative themes and tips

### Real life examples

### Simple testing strategies

#### THE IMAGE

One of the ways Website Cards and App Install Cards encourage people to click through to your site or to download your app is by showing them an engaging image. Here are four image themes that often drive results, according to our experts.

#### 1. Showcase your product

Think of your image as an opportunity to introduce your brand to new users. Stay away from the stock images!



🌣 ! 🕺 Follow

Sign-up to Flying Vinyl and get a monthly box filled with exclusive vinyl releases from the best new indie artists





For an app, this can be as simple as highlighting a great screenshot showing an exciting in-app moment.



Install

World of Bingo ★★★★↓ 4,875 ratings Promoted by World of Bingo 3/20/15, 4:24 AM

#### #PROTIP

Match your screenshots to the type of device you're targeting — don't show an Android phone if you're targeting your campaign to iPhone users.



**#PROTIP** 

#### 2. Share the company you keep

Emphasize any associations with well-known names or products to get users' attention.



#### 3. Explain the process

The goal of a campaign is often to reach new customers – so you can't assume that they already know how your product or service works. A quick 1, 2, 3 diagram or concise sentence can get your value proposition across at a glance.

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**"NEVER ASSUME** THAT PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR BUSINESS. **USE THE IMAGE** TO TELL THEM **EXACTLY HOW** IT'LL WORK."

#### @sylvialam

#### 4. Localize

If you're geo-targeting your campaign, align your image to the city or region you're targeting.



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Always a show to go to. Go see unlimited DJs and bands for \$25/mo. Request your invite for Austin.

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Imagine commuting to work in a comfy seat with tons of room and free wifi. Install our app today to hop on board.

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#### Bridj



\*\*\*\* 27 ratings Promoted by Bridj 4/8/15, 8:16 AM

#### #PROTIP

Our experts recommend starting with three localized images for your top target cities or countries before using this strategy for every location.

Make it format friendly:

- **80%** of Twitter users access it from a
- mobile device.
- The ad image takes a large portion of the mobile screen.

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Try testing lifestyle vs. product images to see which resonate more with your audience.





Try including an app store download button on your ad image so people know exactly where to find your app.

Pariti + @Pariti\_finance Be one of the first to try the new Balance Checker app from pariti Pariti · ---The bright way to \$245.55 manage your money AppStore Quick Balance by Pariti Install \*\*\*\* 2 ratings 0 Promoted by Pariti 4/10/15, 3:24 AM





<sup>1</sup>@WaveApplication encourages users to download their app to locate their friends quickly.

#### CALL TO ACTION

Website and App Install Cards have a call-to-action button. You have options, so here are some things to think about when choosing the best CTA for your Ads.

#### Website Cards

Match the CTA to the desired action. You have something you want users to do, so be specific to give them as much context as possible. Try "Read More" for a Card that links to a blog post or case study, or "Register Now" if your goal is sign-ups. Here are some of our CTAs in action:





El totalmente nuevo Can-Am Maverick X ds Turbo. Para aquellos que ponen todo a prueba, incluidos a si mismos...

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Maarten Volders @MaartenVolders

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How do you build habit-forming products? How do you get your users Hooked?



Join this full day Hooked workshop with best-selling author Nir Eyal hookedfest.be Get tickets

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Promoted by Maarteen Volders

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**#PROTIP** 

Match the CTA button to your desired action.

- · Apply here
- · Book now
- · Book tickets
- · Donate
- · Enroll now
- · Get a quote
- · Get tickets
- · Learn more
- · Locate a dealer
- · Order now
- · Play now
- · Preorder now
- · Quote here
- · Read more
- · Register now
- · Schedule now
- · Shop now
- · Sign up now
- · Subscribe
- · View now
- · Visit now

<sup>1</sup>@MundoCanAm is a company based out off Mexico that sells outdoor vehicles to adventure seekers.

#### App Install Cards

Match the CTA to the desired audience. The call-toaction button for your App Install Card can be automatically adjusted based on your audience. If your target is new users, it will say "Install." If your goal is retention and re-engagement, you'll want to target existing users and add a deep link to your Card.



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Install

Téléchargez votre caviste virtuel gratuitement und découvrez notre sélection d'exception à prix privilège.

S Translate from French

#### W WinelnBlack



Wine in Black - Vins et Champagn... 7 ratings Promoted by Wine in Black 4/9/15, 07:29 Bloom & Wild @BloomandWild

Make someone's day with a delivery of fresh flowers from Bloom & Wild. Save 15% off your order with code GET15

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3485 Bloom & Wild



Bloom & Wild - Flower Delivery ★★★★★ 6 ratings Promoted by Bloom & Wild 3/20/15, 3:42 AM



Not enough time to save the world & walk your dog? Book a trusted Zingy walker from your phone anywhere, at anytime



#### **#PROTIP**

If your goal is to drive downloads from new users, select the "Install" CTA button.

*If your goal is retention and re-engagement select one of the following CTA buttons:* 

- · Book
- · Connect
- · Open
- · Order
- · Play
- · Shop

<sup>1</sup>@WineInBlack is a French app where users can discover and purchase wine at discounted prices.

#### TWEET COPY

Your choice of image and CTA button should inform the rest of your Tweet. Each part serves a purpose! Here are four themes for your Tweet copy that our experts suggest:

#### "THE IMAGE SHOULD SHOW OFF THE BUSINESS. THE HEADLINE AND CTA SHOULD CALL OUT THE OFFER. THE TWEET COPY GENERATES INTRIGUE AND INTEREST."

#### @felsie

#### Convey a sense of urgency

Why do people need to visit your site or download your app right now? Maybe your offer is only available for a short period of time, or your supply is limited. Consider the real-time nature of the Twitter platform and give people a reason to take immediate action.



#### Minimize distractions

Focus the user on the desired action by avoiding @handles and #hashtags. You want the most clickable elements to be the CTA button and the image.

 Website Cards paired with Tweets that don't include an @ or a # drive 23% more clicks

 App Install Cards paired with Tweets that don't include an @ or a # drive 11% more clicks



#### Share reviews and ratings

Testimonials and social status are a valuable commodity.

Let your audience know if you have a high rating from users or have received positive press.



"WHY WOULD I WANT TO USE YOUR APP VS. DOING IT ON THE COMPUTER? TELL ME WHY IT'S GREAT."

@sylvialam

#### #PROTIP

Want to drive mobile app downloads? Try including the platform in your Tweet copy too: App Install Cards paired with Tweets that include the words "iOS" or "Android" get **11.5% more clicks**!

<sup>1</sup>@t\_frutta is an Italian app that gives users cash rewards for taking photos of their shopping receipts.

#### Give users a roadmap

The first step may be installing the app or visiting your website — but what's next? Make sure you mention the next step for potential customers (such as reading a book or buying a pair of shoes) so they know exactly what to do.



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Learn something new every day. Read the key lessons from nonfiction books in 15 minutes or less. Install now!



#### Ask a question

It helps users feel like they're part of a conversation and can compel them to click through.

Website Cards paired with Tweets that include a
"?" drive 25% more clicks



#### 🗘 🙁 Follow

Are your employees engaged? Find out how your organization compares to the world's most innovative companies.



 App Install Cards paired with Tweets that include a "?" drive 8% more clicks



★★★★★ 1 ratings Promoted by Futr 5/4/15, 4:21 PM

#### TEST TO TRY

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#### MIX AND MATCH

The same Website or App Install Card can be used with different Tweet copy. Ideally, our experts recommend 4-6 different Tweets so that you can test out copy variations, such as:

#### Using symbols and numbers

Does "20% off" drive better conversions than "\$10 savings"? How does "Delivery included!" compare with "Free shipping"?

#### Different styles of customer testimonials Will a quote from a positive review perform better than sharing the number of positive reviews received?

Timely messages

Does a reference to a recent event or pop culture moment generate more interest than a more timeless approach? "KEEP USERS' INTEREST BY KEEPING YOUR CAMPAIGNS FRESH. FOR YOUR ALWAYS-ON CAMPAIGNS, CONSIDER USING A CALENDAR WITH REGULAR REMINDERS TO INTRODUCE FRESH TWEET COPY."

#### @felsie

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#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

### Now you're ready to put together a stand-out creative campaign.

#### AS YOU CRAFT YOUR CARDS, KEEP THESE KEY TAKEAWAYS IN MIND:

Start off with clear goals and keep your audience in mind

Knowing what you want to achieve and who you want to reach will help you tailor your campaigns and track your ROI. Make the most of the Tweet and Card elements



**Experiment** and test

We'll automatically display your best-performing Tweets most often. The businesses that see the most success with Twitter experiment with new creative elements often and hone what performs well.

#### **#RESOURCES**

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