



UTILIZATION DIGITAL MARKETING IN INCREASE SALES

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ABSTRACT

In the current digital era, the rapid development of technology has significantly transformed marketing strategies across industries. Digital marketing has emerged as one of the most effective methods to engage with consumers, build brand awareness, and ultimately drive sales growth. This study explores the utilization of digital marketing as a strategic tool to increase sales performance in competitive markets. By leveraging platforms such as social media, search engines, email marketing, and online advertising, businesses can reach targeted audiences with personalized messages, track consumer behavior, and optimize marketing efforts in real time. The research highlights several core components of digital marketing, including content marketing, SEO (Search Engine Optimization), SEM (Search Engine Marketing), influencer partnerships, and data-driven analytics. The integration of these tools enables companies to enhance customer engagement, increase conversion rates, and reduce customer acquisition costs. Furthermore, the flexibility and scalability of digital marketing campaigns allow for continuous improvement based on measurable outcomes. Case studies and empirical data presented in this paper demonstrate that companies which effectively implement digital marketing strategies often experience higher customer retention and significant sales growth compared to those relying solely on traditional marketing methods. The findings underline the critical role of digital marketing not only as a promotional tool but also as a strategic component of business development. This abstract concludes that the utilization of digital marketing is no longer optional but essential for companies aiming to remain competitive, customer-focused, and financially sustainable in the digital economy.

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INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of information and communication technology has brought major changes in various aspects of life, including in the world of business and marketing. In today's digital era, traditional marketing methods such as print advertising, billboards, and direct promotions are starting to be replaced by a more modern, fast, and efficient digital approach. One form of this transformation is the emergence of the concept of digital marketing, namely marketing products or services through digital media and the internet. Digital marketing has become the main strategy for many business actors,

both small, medium, and large scale, in an effort to reach wider consumers and increase sales figures. Digital platforms such as social media, search engines, email marketing, and marketplaces have enabled companies to carry out promotions in a more personal, interactive, and measurable way.

Through digital marketing, business actors can not only reach consumers globally, but can also obtain data and analysis of consumer behavior to support more appropriate decision making. In the midst of increasingly tight business competition, companies are required to innovate in marketing strategies to remain relevant and competitive. Digital marketing offers various advantages such as relatively lower costs compared to conventional marketing, the ability to reach specific target markets, and flexibility in managing marketing campaigns in real time.

By utilizing digital marketing optimally, companies have a great opportunity to increase sales and strengthen brand position in the market. However, the use of digital marketing is not free from challenges. Companies must be able to understand the characteristics of digital media that continue to develop, manage interesting and relevant content, and adjust strategies to dynamic consumer trends and needs.

Therefore, a deep understanding of the concept, strategy, and implementation of digital marketing is needed in order to have a significant impact on increasing sales. Based on this background, this study aims to discuss the use of digital marketing as one of the effective strategies in increasing sales, as well as exploring the most relevant and applicable forms of digital marketing in today's digital era.

THEORETICAL BASIS

Digital marketing is a modern marketing approach that utilizes digital media and the internet as the primary tools for promoting products or services to consumers. According to Chaffey and Ellis-Chadwick (2020), digital marketing is defined as the use of digital technologies to assist in marketing a company's products and services. This approach relies on various digital platforms such as social media, email, search engines, and websites, enabling companies to reach consumers in a broader and more personalized manner than traditional methods.

Digital marketing comprises several core components that form the framework of an effective digital marketing strategy. According to Ryan (2021), these components include Search Engine Optimization (SEO), which aims to increase website visibility in search engine results. Additionally, Social Media Marketing (SMM) is a strategy that leverages social media platforms to build interaction with consumers and enhance brand awareness. Content Marketing also plays a crucial role by providing relevant and valuable content to attract and retain audiences. Furthermore, Email Marketing is used as a channel to deliver information or promotional offers directly to consumers via electronic mail. Lastly, Pay-Per-Click Advertising (PPC) involves paid advertisements displayed in search results or other platforms, with payment based on the number of clicks received.

The primary objective of digital marketing, as explained by Kotler and Keller (2021), is to explore, create, and deliver value to meet the needs of the target market

profitably. This approach emphasizes the importance of understanding consumer purchasing decisions and the role of marketing tools in influencing those decisions. Within this framework, aspects such as marketing strategy, branding, and the marketing mix become highly relevant.

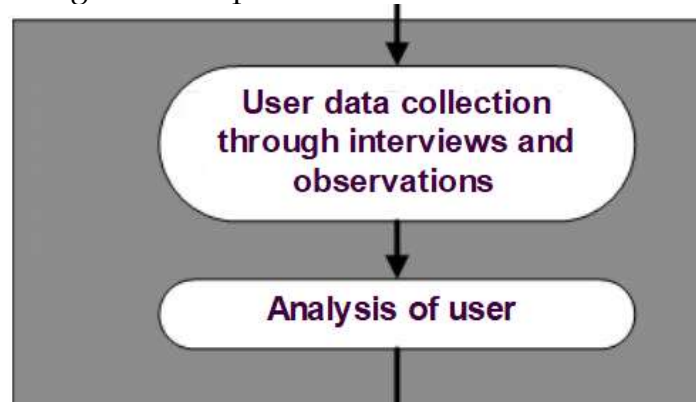
The strengths of digital marketing lie in its ability to reach target markets globally with relatively low costs. Moreover, digital marketing allows for real-time measurement and analysis of campaign performance, offering strategic advantages for businesses to make immediate adjustments to their strategies. By utilizing various digital channels, companies can enhance consumer engagement and build deeper relationships, thereby fostering greater customer loyalty and retention. In an increasingly competitive business environment, digital marketing is no longer an optional strategy but a strategic necessity for companies seeking to remain relevant and competitive in the market.

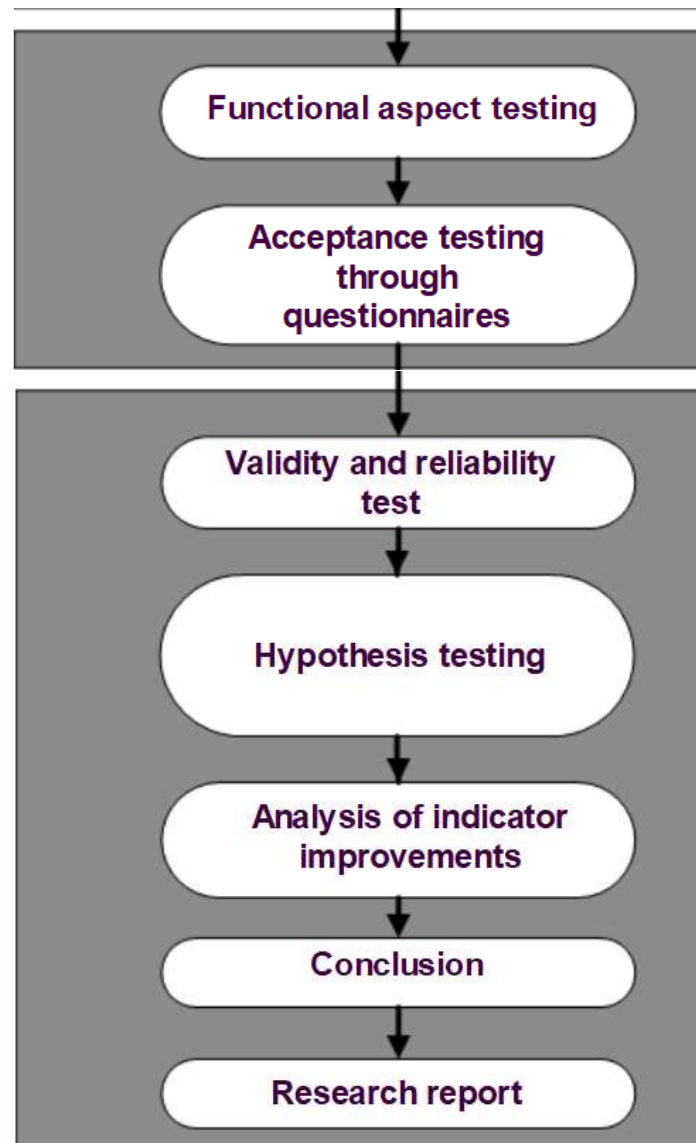
The relevance of digital marketing in boosting sales is highly significant. Through the implementation of the right strategies, digital approaches can increase buying interest, purchase frequency, and customer loyalty. These factors ultimately have a direct impact on increasing sales volume. The ability to identify consumer needs, provide relevant solutions, and establish effective communication makes digital marketing a highly powerful tool in strengthening a company's sales performance in the digital era.

1. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study aims to discuss the potential impact of digital marketing to achieve this goal, we have set goals. This type of research uses a descriptive approach, namely a study that aims to describe systematically, factually and accurately the facts and nature of the research object. Data collection methods use interviews and observations. The application of digital marketing is quite complex, so in this study the analysis is focused on the convenience offered in the application of digital marketing which includes ease of interactivity, informative, personalization, and ease of observing product trends. While the increase in sales is observed systematically starting from the level of accuracy of selling price determination, increasing cost efficiency, to increasing demand.

This research was conducted to understand and analyze how digital marketing plays a role in increasing sales of a product or service.





The methodology applied in this research is structured to obtain data that is relevant, accurate, and aligned with the research objectives. This study employs a qualitative descriptive design, aiming to describe and analyze phenomena as they occur in the field, particularly focusing on the implementation of digital marketing within a business context. The qualitative approach was selected because it allows for the collection of rich, in-depth, and contextual data, which is essential in understanding the digital marketing strategies applied by companies and how these strategies influence sales performance.

The research was carried out among companies or small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that actively utilize digital marketing in their promotional and customer engagement activities. The selection of research locations was based on

accessibility and relevance to the central theme of the study, ensuring that the environments and participants involved could provide meaningful insights into digital marketing practices.

Several techniques were used for data collection. Firstly, observation was conducted to monitor digital marketing activities directly, such as the management of social media content, the execution of online advertising campaigns, and the application of search engine optimization (SEO) strategies. Secondly, interviews were held with key individuals, including business owners, members of the marketing team, and managers. These interviews were aimed at gathering comprehensive and in-depth information regarding the strategies implemented, their objectives, execution, and observed results. Thirdly, documentation techniques were utilized to collect various forms of data, including sales reports, digital marketing campaign screenshots, advertising performance graphs, and other relevant documents that could support the research analysis.

The primary research instrument in this study was the researcher themselves, as is customary in qualitative research. The researcher was supported by various tools such as interview guidelines, observation sheets, and field notes. These instruments were designed to ensure the consistency and relevance of the data collected with the main focus of the research.

For data analysis, the study adopted a thematic analysis approach consisting of three key stages: data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. In the data reduction stage, irrelevant or redundant data were filtered out to focus on information that directly addressed the research questions. The remaining data were then organized and presented in a structured manner to facilitate interpretation. Finally, conclusions were drawn based on patterns, themes, and trends identified from the observational and interview data.

To ensure the validity and reliability of the data collected, triangulation was employed. This involved the cross-verification of data obtained through different collection techniques (such as observation, interviews, and documentation) and from different sources. Triangulation enhances the credibility of qualitative research by confirming that the findings are not biased or dependent on a single method or perspective.

RESULTS

Digital marketing is an effective marketing communication media because it is able to convey brand messages, promotions, and product education directly to consumers through various digital platforms such as social media, websites, email, and search engines.

The main function of marketing communication is to build relationships between producers and consumers. With digital marketing, companies can establish more personal two-way communication, build consumer trust, and create brand loyalty. Content that is creatively packaged and tailored to audience characteristics makes digital marketing a very powerful tool in influencing purchasing decisions.

Interactivity

This is reflected in various forms, such as comments on social media, live chat features on websites, polls, instant responses to emails, and interactive campaigns that invite user participation. In the context of marketing communications, interactivity allows consumers to not only be recipients of messages, but also become active participants in shaping brand perceptions. This encourages stronger relationships, better user experiences, and higher brand loyalty.

Interactive marketing communication through digital marketing is not only effective in delivering messages, but also becomes a tool to understand consumer needs, desires, and behavior in more depth. This allows companies to adjust communication strategies in real-time and more personally. Thus, interactivity in digital marketing becomes an important element in building effective, relevant, and consumer-oriented communication.

Informativeness

One of the important characteristics in digital marketing communication is informativeness, which is the extent to which a marketing message provides relevant, clear, and useful information to consumers. In a digital world filled with various choices and advertising messages, informative content plays a big role in attracting consumer attention, building trust, and influencing purchasing decisions.

Informativeness allows consumers to understand more deeply about the products or services offered, starting from specifications, prices, benefits, to testimonials and reviews from other users. Unlike traditional advertising which tends to be one-way and limited, digital marketing allows for the delivery of more comprehensive information through various forms of content such as blog articles, videos, infographics, FAQs, and customer reviews.

Informative communication also helps reduce uncertainty and increases consumer perception of brand credibility. Consumers who feel sufficiently informed tend to be more trusting and more likely to make purchases. Therefore, in a digital marketing communication strategy, the informativeness aspect is not only important for education, but also becomes the foundation for building long-term relationships with consumers.

In business, “trends” or “trendiness” refers to the ability of a company, product, or brand to capture and respond to the latest developments in consumer behavior, technology, and the marketplace in general. It’s not just about “following the crowd,” but about relevance and competitiveness.

Trendiness plays a crucial role in modern business strategy by influencing several key aspects of operations and market positioning. One of the primary areas impacted is product innovation; businesses that consistently launch products aligned with prevailing trends—such as sustainable packaging, artificial intelligence (AI) integration, or plant-based alternatives—tend to be perceived as more relevant and attractive by contemporary consumers. In the realm of branding and marketing, staying up-to-date with visual aesthetics, communication tones, and digital platforms (like TikTok, micro-influencer collaborations, or meme-based campaigns) allows

companies to engage more effectively with their target demographics. Additionally, technology adaptation is essential for maintaining competitiveness, as businesses that swiftly integrate advancements such as AI, cloud computing, or data analytics are typically more efficient and agile. Social responsiveness is another area where trendiness matters, as consumers increasingly prioritize values like inclusivity, environmental sustainability, and social justice. Companies that reflect awareness and engagement with these social issues often enjoy greater consumer loyalty and brand trust. Furthermore, customer experience is evolving in response to trends emphasizing convenience and personalization. The adoption of self-service options, tailored services, and omni-channel strategies (integrating both online and offline touchpoints) has become vital for maintaining customer satisfaction and fostering long-term loyalty.

To test whether digital marketing can significantly enhance sales performance in small and medium enterprises (SMEs), a structured research framework can be applied. The study would include specific research variables, with digital marketing as the independent variable—measured through indicators like online advertising, social media engagement, search engine optimization (SEO), promotional content, and influencer marketing. Sales performance, serving as the dependent variable, would be assessed through metrics such as total monthly turnover, number of transactions, and sales growth. The hypothesis for this research comprises a null hypothesis (H_0), which posits that digital marketing does not significantly influence sales, and an alternative hypothesis (H_1), which suggests that digital marketing does have a significant impact.

A quasi-experimental research design would be suitable, involving two groups: a control group that does not employ digital marketing strategies and an experimental group that does. Data would be collected through interviews with business owners, a comparison of sales data from before and after the implementation of digital marketing, and an analysis of web and social media traffic. The research would be conducted over six months, divided into a three-month pre-implementation period and a three-month post-implementation period. The collected data would be analyzed using descriptive statistics to observe average sales and growth trends, a paired sample t-test to evaluate differences in sales before and after marketing intervention, and simple linear regression to quantify the influence of digital marketing on sales outcomes.

Success would be defined by at least a 20% increase in total sales, a positive return on investment (ROI) from digital marketing activities, and a noticeable rise in social media engagement. If the results support the alternative hypothesis, it would be recommended that SMEs prioritize digital marketing as a core component of their overall sales strategy, leveraging its capacity to enhance visibility, engagement, and revenue generation in an increasingly digital marketplace.

Table 4.1 Sales Data

Bulan	Tanpa Digital Marketing	Dengan Digital Marketing
Jan 2024	Rp 50.000.000	Rp 50.000.000
Feb 2024	Rp 52.000.000	Rp 65.000.000
Mar 2024	Rp 54.000.000	Rp 80.000.000
Apr 2024	Rp 55.000.000	Rp 95.000.000
Mei 2024	Rp 56.000.000	Rp 105.000.000



Figure 4.1 Sales Increase

CONCLUSION

After going through several stages of research including design, manufacture and testing, the following conclusions can be drawn:

The use of digital marketing has proven to be an effective strategy in increasing sales of products and services. By utilizing various digital platforms such as social media, email marketing, websites, and search engines, business actors can reach a wider market efficiently and precisely. In addition, digital marketing allows direct interaction with consumers, strengthens brand awareness, and provides data and analysis that are useful for making business decisions. Therefore, mastering and implementing the right digital marketing strategy is an important key to winning the competition in today's digital era.

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