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When not to negotiate ways of saying 'no'. Skills for debt negotiation. A negotiation story. Business networking tips and techniques for networking events and networking websites Business networking is an effective low-cost marketing method for developing sales opportunities and contacts, based on referrals and introductions - either face-to-face at meetings and gatherings, or by other contact methods such as phone, email, and increasingly social and business networking websites.

A good network is created, and networking succeeds, by the application of hard work. A network without the work produces nothing worthwhile. Quick tips summary Here are ten of the most important principles for effective business networking. These tips apply broadly to any sort of business networking - face-to-face, organized events, business social networking websites, etc: Ten essential principles 1. Elevator speech. Be different. Differentiate yourself.

Aim high. Be best at something. Help others. Personal integrity. Relevant targeting. Plans and aims. Follow up. Be positive. Sustained focused effort. Life balance. Shoulders back. Speak with confidence. Sincerity and passion are crucial in making a strong early impression. Do not ask "Have you heard of us..?" There is little value in mentioning a tiny village if you are at a global gathering, or your global coverage if you are at a local town gathering.

Make this relevant to the situation. Be meaningful for the event or situation or group, and as far as you can guess, be meaningful for the contact. Express what you offer in terms of positive outcomes for those you help or supply, rather than focusing on technical details from your own viewpoint. Load your statements here with special benefits or qualities. Be positive, proud and ambitious in your thinking and expression of what you do. Conferences Conferences are full of people with common interests. Coffee breaks are an ideal time to make introductions. Exhibitions Exhibitions are obviously full of business people with a common interest.

Most exhibitions rightly do not like visitors to canvass the exhibitors, but there are plenty of other situations to meet people and network. Seminars Seminars attract business people of all sorts. Again there are usually coffee breaks which are ideal for making introductions and getting to know people. Training courses Open training courses are excellent for meeting other business people. Many will encourage informal networking among delegates because this adds value to the quality of the event; certain types of training bring people together in work teams, making it extremely easy to get to know all attendees very well.

Chambers of Trade or Commerce All towns have at least one 'chamber of commerce', specifically to bring local business-people together. Breakfast networking clubs Several companies run regular breakfast networking clubs as their primary business. Other companies will run one-off events to connect with the local business community. These purpose-designed events obviously provide a good opportunity to engage with other business people. Business networking websites Since the development of interactive website technology in the late s there are increasing numbers of online business networking organizations.

Each has its own culture and systems. Some are vast, covering all types of business imaginable, for example linkedin. Others are industry or trade specific, and some are geographically focused. All can be found quickly and easily by searching the web. Website forums Website forums exist for every subject you can think of.

Each offers a networking opportunity for the subject matter concerned. Website user groups User groups are a further variation of groups found online. User groups are typically within the websites of major internet corporations such as Google and Yahoo. Many user groups are highly specialised, and by implication, internet networking is second-nature to most of these people. Professional body websites Every profession and trade is represented and connected by at least one official body, which tends to act on behalf of its members, and also offers various opportunities for outsiders to get involved and make helpful connections. Interactive special interest websites Networking has been made much easier with the advent of interactive membership websites.

When you have identified your target groups, there will be a specialist membership website somewhere which represents and brings them together. Community social websites Facebook is the obvious example. Some of these websites and memberships are vast. Bigger than countries. This is because of the social aspect, which might initially be appealing, but making a business impact can be very challenging due to the scale of these operations. New internet platforms like these can grow from nothing to be hugely popular social connection systems in just a few months.

Business people can use them to good effect if approached in a very dedicated and technically informed way. Otherwise they can become big time-wasters, so beware. Local networking events Anyone can set up a networking event, so you can find isolated or more permanent networking operations cropping up at a town near you. Speed networking events Speed networking is a highly structured type of networking event, in which an organizer there are several, of varying type and quality coordinates quick introductions among a group of typically between people.

The concept is similar, and probably modelled on speed-dating formats. Societies and associations Every specialist subject has its own society or association. These organizations offer various ways to meet their members. Institutes for industries Every industry has its own institute or similar. Various events and methods generally exist by which outsiders can engage with the institute's membership. Lectures and talks Lectures and talks occur widely, held or promoted by various organizations for all sorts of purposes. Universities and colleges Universities and colleges are like little towns in their own right. Some are like quite big towns. They are also now run like big businesses. These communities contain a vast number of very interesting people, many of whom are very relevant to business. For the past twenty years or so, these big educational establishments have been increasingly keen to engage with business people of all sorts.

It's a matter of talking to them and discovering what opportunities exist for getting involved. Hospitality events Corporate hospitality events - a rarer thing in modern times - are typically organized by big corporations to get to know their suppliers and customers better. If you find yourself involved in one of these it will present some of the best conditions for business networking that you will ever experience. Fill your boots, as they say. Shareholders meetings If you have company shares, especially in a big corporation, you will tend to meet a lot of business people at shareholder gatherings. Many shareholders do not invest just for financial reasons - many invest because they have an enthusiasm for the company's technology or culture, which in some cases can offer a relevant target group for your business networking aims.

Annual General Meetings AGMs are by their nature a regular occasion offered by corporations and membership organizations to engage with its members. Some are very formal and tightly run with little networking opportunities, but others are more sociable affairs, in which case if the group is relevant to your aims, and you can become a member it's worth consideration. Conventions Conventions are organized for all sorts of special

interest groups. If the group is relevant to your aims in any way, then their convention could offer excellent networking opportunities. Pressure groups Pressure group meetings are strongly connected and usually attended by very active and energized people.

If the subject is relevant to your aims there will be opportunities to meet some interesting people at this sort of event. These situations often also have scope for volunteering and becoming involved at a strategic level. Public meetings Public meetings are held for all sorts of reasons, for example local planning consultations; presentation of local development plans. These events attract business people, especially if the subject relates to commerce, as many will do. At meetings like these, most attendees sit and listen for quite a while, and consequently are ready for conversation during breaks and at the close of the meeting. Some have receptions afterwards. If you are able to attend one of these events where the subject is relevant to your aims, then you will find opportunities to network. The same applies to book launches and similar publicity events. Opening ceremonies Opening ceremonies, especially for notable new buildings, attract many local business people and dignitaries.

If the community concerned is relevant to your aims this sort of event can provide useful networking opportunities. The same applies to unveiling ceremonies, especially where there is a reception afterwards. Festivals and shows Festivals are organized for many interests, and naturally attract a large group of people with related involvement, including business-people. Agricultural and county shows are a further example. If the subject is relevant, there'll be networking potential. Such activities offer excellent networking scope. Sports clubs Lots of business people enjoy sport, and enjoy mixing sport with business.

Golf is the stereotypical example for sports club networking, although all sports, and other special interest clubs, tend to have many business people in their membership. If the group is relevant to your aims and you enjoy the activity concerned, consider becoming a member yourself. Other clubs Clubs exist for every hobby and interest you can imagine. Instead of sitting at home watching the TV, join a local club that interests you, and meet some new interesting people. Pubs Not all pubs are good for networking, but some are great, because they are the regular haunts of local business-people. For a very long time indeed, lots of business has been done in pubs. Trains, boats, planes, etc. Business-people tend to travel around a bit. When you are travelling too, keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to start conversation.

Delays are particularly useful for making introductions. So are long plane and train journeys when you could be sat next to another business person for several hours. Make the most of these opportunities. Next: How to Negotiate. Be different and special and better in some way from your competitors. Conferences are full of people with common interests. Exhibitions are obviously full of business people with a common interest. Seminars attract business people of all sorts. Open training courses are excellent for meeting other business people. All towns have at least one 'chamber of commerce', specifically to bring local business-people together.

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To download a. After studying this section you should be able to do the following: The Internet is a network of networks—millions of them, actually. If the network at your university, your employer, or in your home has Internet access, it connects to an Internet service provider ISP An organization or firm that provides access to the Internet. The Internet has no center and no one owns it. The Internet was designed to be redundant and fault-tolerant—meaning that if one network, connecting wire, or server stops working, everything else should keep on running. The Internet is a network of networks, and these networks are connected together. If you want to communicate with another computer on the Internet then your computer needs to know the answer to three questions: What are you looking for? Where is it? And how do we get there? The computers and software that make up Internet infrastructure can help provide the answers.

Figure A protocol Enables communication by defining the format of data and rules for exchange. The Internet supports lots of different applications, and many of these applications use their own application transfer protocol to communicate with each other. The server that holds your e-mail uses something called SMTP, or simple mail transfer protocol, to exchange mail with other e-mail servers throughout the world.

FTP Application transfer protocol that is used to copy files from one computer to another. Even the Web uses different protocols. That means that communications between your browser and server will be encrypted for safe transmission. The beauty of the Internet infrastructure is that any savvy entrepreneur can create a new application that rides on top of the Internet. The next part of the URL in our diagram holds the host and domain name. Many domains have lots of different hosts. For example, Yahoo! Assigning several computers to a host name offers load balancing. Distributing a computing or networking workload across multiple systems to avoid congestion and slow performance.

This might be the case if a firm were hosting several Web sites on a single piece of computing hardware. Some domains are also further broken down into subdomains—many times to represent smaller networks or subgroups within a larger organization. Smith School of Business. International URLs might also include a second-level domain classification scheme. You can stake your domain name claim in cyberspace by going through a firm called a domain name registrar. While some registrars simply register domain names, others act as Web hosting services. A firm that provides hardware and services to run the Web sites of others.

ICANN has also announced plans to allow organizations to sponsor their own top-level domains. There are also separate agencies that handle over different two-character country code top-level domains, or ccTLDs. Recent standards also allow domain names in languages that use non-Latin alphabets such as Arabic and Russian. Domain name registration is handled on a first-come, first-served basis and all registrars share registration data to ensure that no two firms gain rights to the same name. Start-ups often sport wacky names, partly because so many domains with common words and phrases are already registered to others. Trade in domain names can be lucrative. The practice is illegal in many nations, and ICANN has a dispute resolution mechanism that in some circumstances can strip cybersquatters of registered domains. Courts and dispute resolution authorities will sometimes allow a domain that uses the trademark of another organization if it is perceived to have legitimate, nonexploitive reasons for doing so.

For example, the now defunct site Verizonreallysucks. However, the courts allowed the owner of the PETA trademark the organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to claim the domain name peta. Trying to predict how authorities will rule can be difficult. Konrad and E. Apple executive Jonathan Ive was denied the right to reclaim domain names incorporating his own name, but that had been registered by another party and without his consent.

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