Growing Followers on Google+



















Why should you grow your audience on Google+?

Google+ has tools to reach and influence your customers throughout their journey



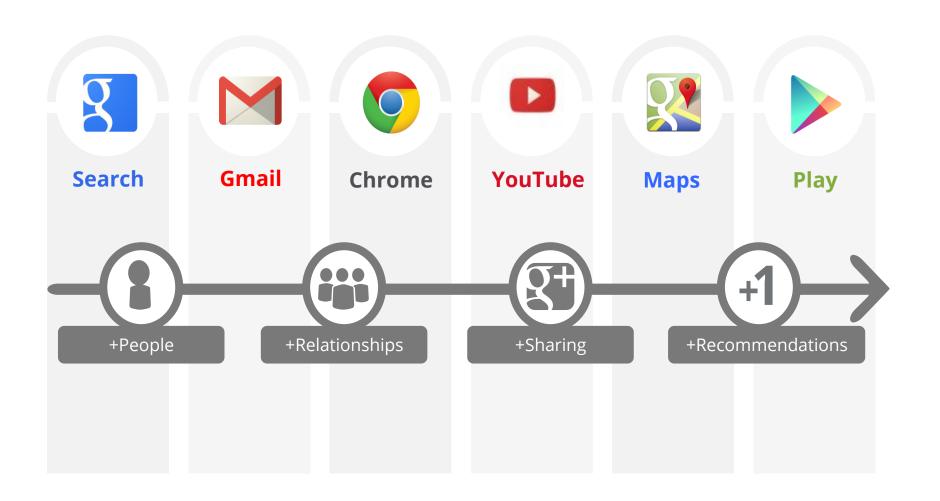
Build Awareness

Influence Consideration

Drive Sales

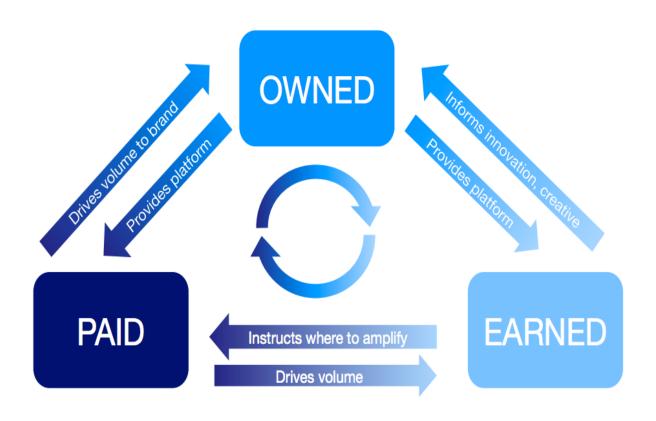
Grow Loyalty and Retention

Google+ makes your entire Google experience, better



So, how should you approach growing followers?

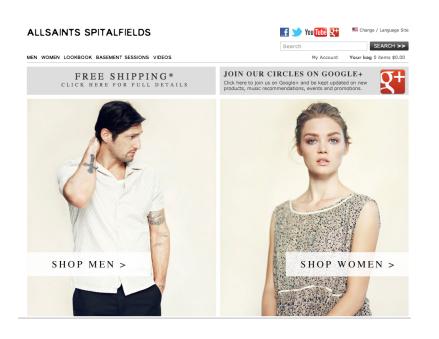
You can achieve follower growth through Paid, Earned, and Owned media strategies.



Growing with Paid media

Add buttons & badges to your content

Adding the Google+ Badge to your website makes it easy for visitors to follow your brand directly from your website.



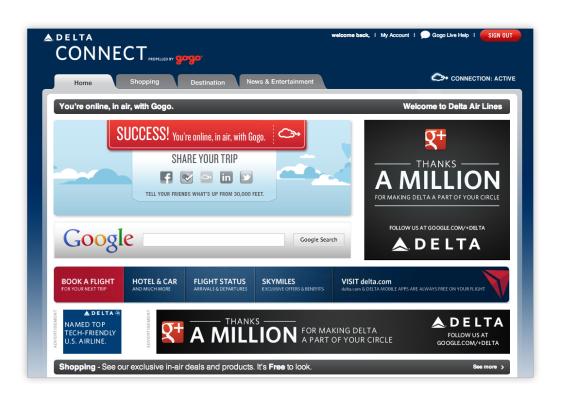
Add the Follow, Share, and +1 buttons to content you want the world to see.





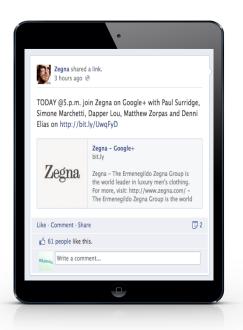
Custom URLS are easy to remember & easy to promote

Customers can find your Google+ page much more easily if you have a custom URL that incorporates your brand name. A custom URL also gives your brand more credibility.



Cross promote your Google+ page

Cross promote your +Page in both online and offline communications to encourage people to visit and follow your page.







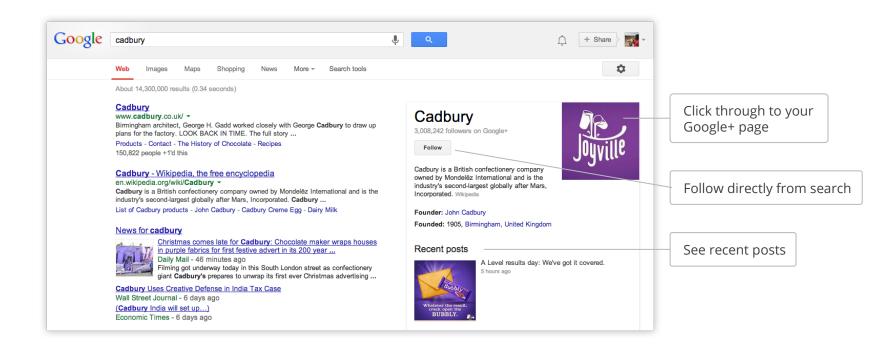
Grow your followers through Owned media

Owned Media Checklist Buttons & Badges: Place these on Custom URLs: Get a custom URL **Promote your +Page across** channels: Utilize other social

Growing with Earned media

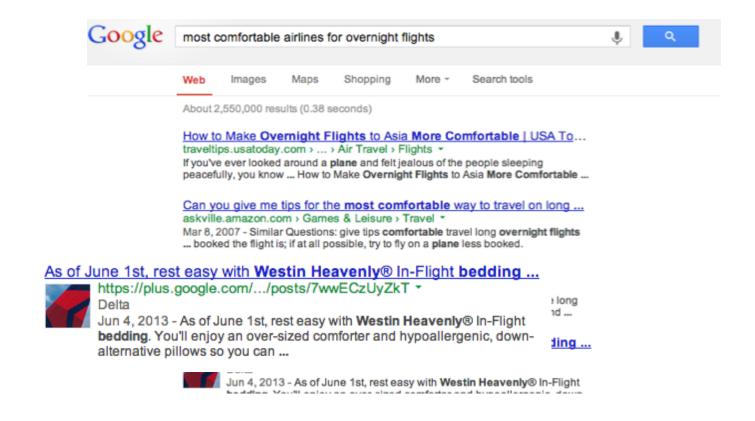
Make your brand more discoverable

Maintaining an active +Page will help your brand appear on the right hand side for a branded search.



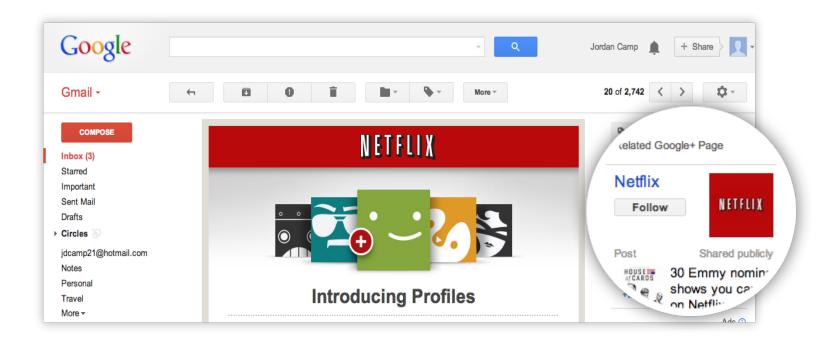
Use SEO strategies when creating posts

Google Trends can help you identify keywords to include in posts



Grow followers directly from Gmail

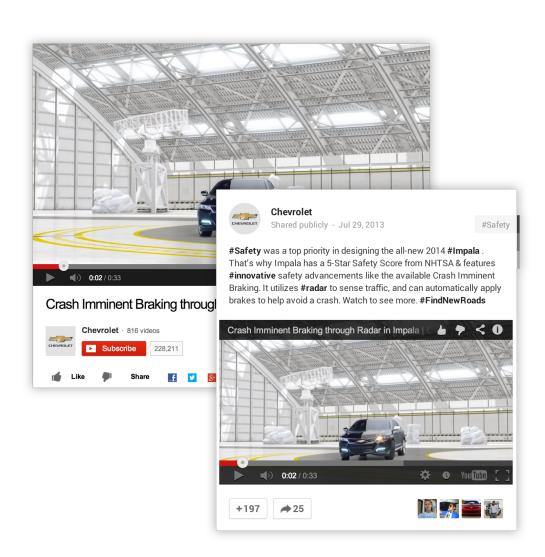
Follow buttons, automatically embedded in your Emails



Merge your Google+ and YouTube identities

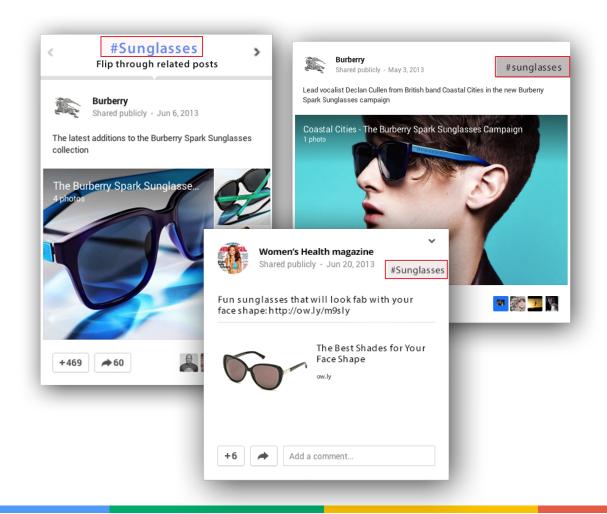
Link your Google+ and YouTube accounts to promote cross-discovery of content.

- Your Hangouts On Air are automatically posted to your Google+ page and YouTube channel
- Videos posted to your YouTube channel are automatically posted to your Google+ followers



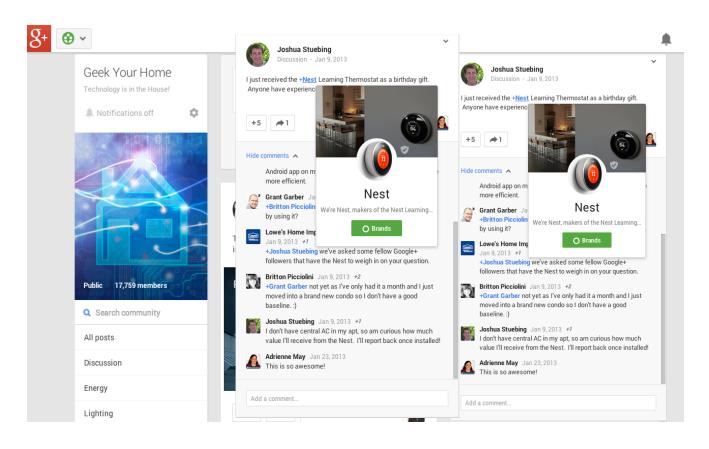
Use #hashtags to drive discoverability

#Hashtags help surface your content



Provide expert advice to consumers

A post in a community generates more engagement (+1s, comments, reshares) than on the stream.



Gain press mentions with Hangouts on Air

NatGeo received 250+ press mentions from 1 Hangout on Air

To celebrate their 125th anniversary, National Geographic hosted a 7 continent Hangout On Air. 13 famous explorers -- from primatologist Jane Goodall to ocean explorer Bob Ballard -- participated.

Results were impressive:

- 22,000 Hangout views
- 10,000 +1s
- 2,450 Google+ Event RSVPs
- **1,500** reshares
- **1,300** comments
- **250+** press mentions
- **150,000** new followers



Grow your followers through Earned media

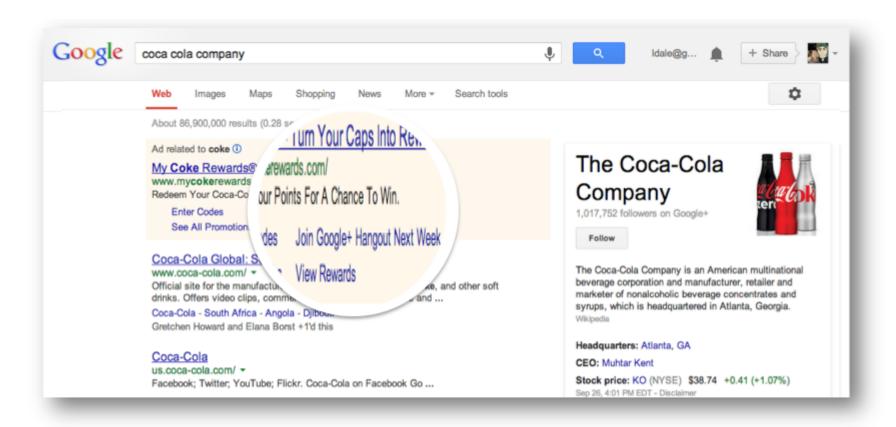
Earned Media Checklist

- **Right Hand Side Panel:** An active +Page will help your brand appear on the right hand side for a branded search
- **SEO Optimization**: Write posts with SEO in mind, your posts may show up in organic search results
- **Gmail**: Email customers may see recent posts and follow you directly from Gmail.
- Merge Identities: Link your YouTube and Google+ accounts to cross promote content
- **#Hashtags:** Help surface your content with #hashtags
- **Press Mentions:** Create magic moments via Hangouts on Air and invite the press
- Communities: Provide expert advice in communities

Grow with Paid media

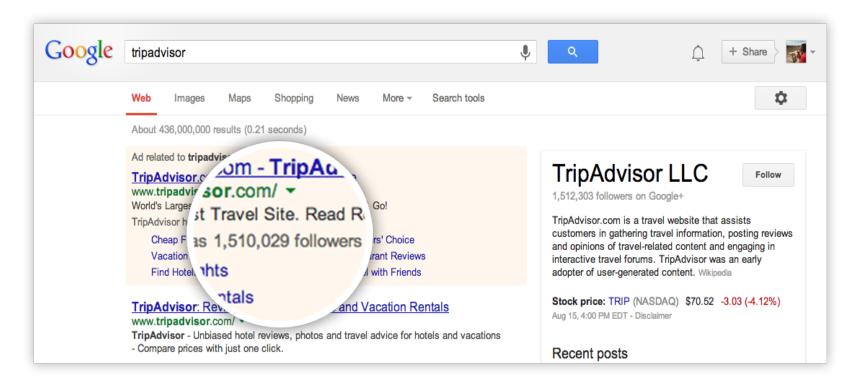
Site links can drive traffic to your +Page

Use Site Links in your AdWords campaigns to promote your page or Hangouts on Air



Increase CTR while gaining followers

Brands using social annotations see a **5-10%** uptick in click through rates



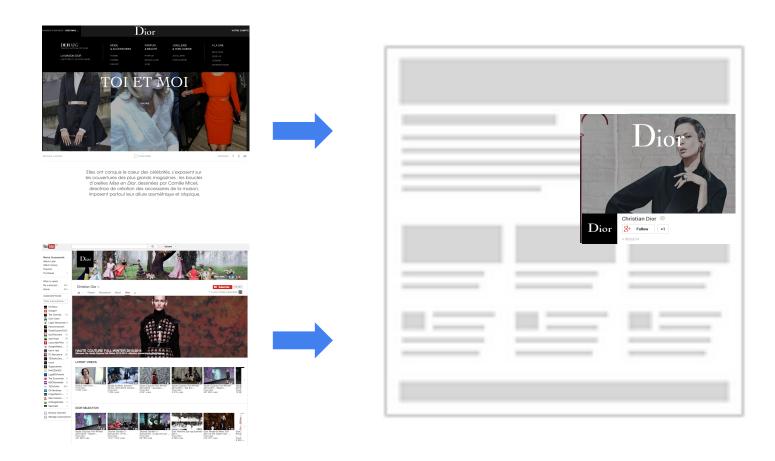
Promote Hangouts on Air with TrueView

Run a video campaign to promote a Hangout on Air before the event. Or, promote a sizzle reel of your HOA after the event.



Utilize a remarketing campaign

Run a remarketing campaign to visitors of your Brand's site or YouTube channel, encouraging them to follow you on Google+



Grow your followers through Owned media

Paid Media Checklist

- **Site Links**: Utilize AdWords to drive traffic to HOAs or your +Page
- Social Annotations: Users can go directly to your +Page from your AdWords ads and will see how many followers you currently have
- TrueView: Video campaigns can promote events and hangouts (before and after)
- Remarketing: re-target users who visited your brand pages or YouTube channel encouraging them to follow your +Page
- **+Posts**: turn posts on Google+ into display ads on the GDN [ALPHA]

Thank you!