

WordPress Development is a Competitive Industry

- Always on the lookout for ways to improve
- Ways to offer more value to your clients
- Ways to boost your revenue

 A lot of small and medium sized businesses can't necessarily afford to hire a specialist for every facet of their increasingly complicated digital marketing campaigns.

 The client may not be aware of how they can use technology to improve the efficiency and profitability of their business. This creates an opportunity for you to provide more value.

- By offering a diversified suite of services, you'll be in a much better position to help your clients where they need it the most.
- You becoming a more integral part of their digital marketing team.
- Your chance of selling to an existing customer runs between 60-70%, versus that of landing a new prospect, which sits at a mere
 5-20%. http://www.forbes.com/sites/patrickhull/2013/12/06/tools-for-

entrepreneurs-to-retain-clients/

Create a Win-Win Scenario



- Adding value for your clients
- Boosting revenue and profit for your business

Figure Out What Problem They Are Facing

Where are your clients struggling in their business?

- Managing internal communication and collaboration?
- Generating new leads?
- Search engine visibility?
- Email marketing?

Create a Solution to Their Problem

Tie your solution to their bottom line (Time and Capital). How much time will you be able save them through improved collaboration and communication?

If you're designing and developing an email campaign focused on improving their customer retention, how will it affect their revenue? If you are working to improve their search engine visibility, how much will each new lead cost them, and what is their expected lifetime value from that lead?

What to Avoid

Your core business is WordPress development. Don't put yourself in the position of offering too many unrelated services.

Pick 1-2 areas where you see potential (based upon your conversations with clients) and focus your energy there.

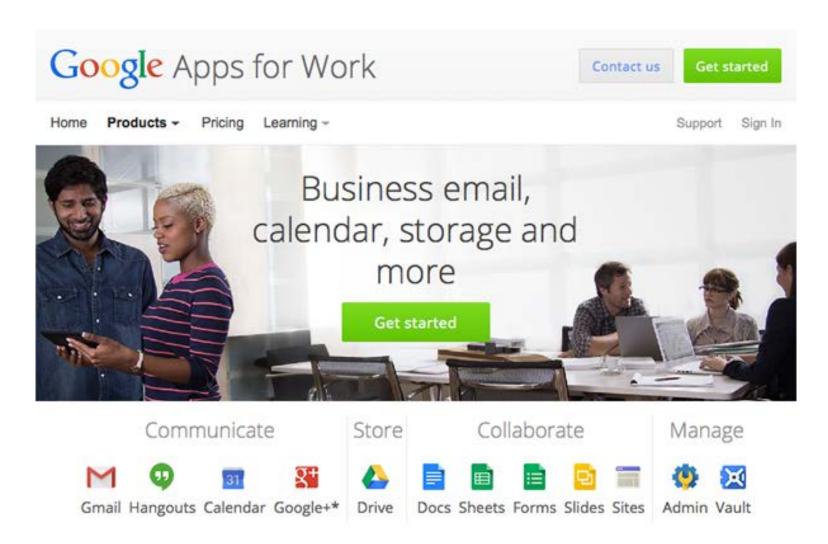
More Value Doesn't Mean Free

Any time you provide a client with a way to free up time or make more money, you should look at charging a premium based upon the value you are bringing to the project.

Because you are already working with the client as a developer, you'll have an established relationship with a degree of trust. Your clients are more likely to listen to you.

Value Added Services You Can Provide

 These are solutions to some of the more common challenges faced by small and medium size businesses.



For people comfortable with technology, setting up Google Apps for a client seems to be too simple a task worth worrying about.

But put yourself in your clients shoes. The thought of having to set up dozens of email addresses, changing MX records and configuring permissions can seem an overwhelming task at the best of times.

Many businesses are still hosting their website and email on the same server. It's an old and potentially risky way of doing things, especially if their company emails typically contain sensitive information.

Some also use personal emails (Yahoo, Gmail, AOL) which looks unprofessional to customers.

- Google Apps for Work offers what is probably the premier business-grade suite of email and collaborative tools available.
- Google Apps for Work offers both a referral program and a partner program, both of which provide you with the opportunity to earn a small commission for helping clients set up their accounts.

Email Design and Configuration









 According to <u>Salesforce</u>, Email continues to be a leader when it comes to driving online sales, with 73% of marketers agreeing that it's critical to their business. A full 69% of US internet users state that email is their preferred method of communicating. (Jan 2015)

Email Design and Configuration

It seems like an easy task to manage but consider what's involved from your client's perspective:

- Email template creation
- Content and image creation
- List management and segregation
- Campaign setup & creation
- Life cycle marketing
- Reporting and more

Email Design and Configuration

Even offering the initial design and setup for a fixed fee could potentially save your clients hours of work.

Landing Page Creation

Landing pages have become a major point of focus for most businesses. HubSpot reports that companies with 40+ landing pages typically generate 12 times more leads than companies with 5 or less.

Conversion Optimization

Right behind and closely integrated with landing pages (for obvious reasons) is conversion optimization, a service that more often than not, uses value based pricing. Conversioner created a great info graphic worth investigating. Of particular interest are the following statistics:

- 61% of organizations plan to start A/B testing by the end of 2015.
- 73% of companies have no idea why consumers abandon their shopping carts.

Conversion Optimization

Examples of:

- What marketers are doing
- How Customers Are Spending
- Conversion by traffic
- Conversion by Devices
- Mobile Apps Numbers
- Where & When to Invest in Social Marketing
- Making Videos Convert
- Retail Numbers and Stats

Conversion Optimization

There are plenty of intuitive tools available like <u>Visual Website Optimizer</u> that will allow you to help clients achieve a better return on their investment.

Of all the potential services you could offer as a developer, conversion optimization should be a leading choice. You'll already have intimate knowledge of how the site was developed, making small changes a simple task.

PPC Management

Managing PPC (pay-per-click) campaigns for clients can quickly become a time consuming task. That said, if in addition to development you also have a love for SEO, seeking out longtail keywords and testing ad copy, then PPC might be a service to which you are well suited. While not mandatory, becoming a **Certified** Google AdWords Partner will add some legitimacy to your promotional efforts.

Website Maintenance

Providing ongoing maintenance should be the most obvious off all the potential value added services you could offer.

Just taking a few seconds to glance at the WordPress version statistics should quickly answer your question as to why a maintenance service is valuable.

Only 37.6% of WordPress installations are currently running the most recent version.

Website Maintenance

Clients either forget or can't be bothered to keep their website up-to-date.

It's also worth noting that those statistics haven't even taken into consideration the out-of-date plugins that are in use – which can quickly become a huge **security issue**.

Website Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance can include a variety of services including:

- Updating WordPress and plugins
- Publishing and formatting blog posts
- Managing back-ups
- Small updates and fixes
- Monthly reporting

Social Media Management



Provide ongoing social media management to companies who don't have the manpower or the knowledge to manage an ongoing social campaign.

HubSpot reports that 59% of marketers are using social media for 6 hours or more per week. A nice break from coding if you enjoy social media!

Introduce marketing automation to your client's workflow



- Helping your clients introduce <u>marketing</u>
 automation to their workflow has the potential to
 add massive value to the services you provide.
- SaaS companies
 like <u>InfusionSoft</u> and <u>Ontraport</u> can help your
 clients automate and systematize their
 marketing, lead generation, sales and CRM. But
 your customers face significant challenges when
 they decide to head down the path of
 automation.

The initial setup is time consuming, labor intensive, and presents a complex learning curve. It's not uncommon to find consultants providing a "done for you" setup service at rates ranging between \$100 – \$165/hour.

If your clients are currently paying for an emailto:emarketing platform, it's probably worth investigating the benefits of marketing automation... especially if they are already paying for an inferior platform.

Wrap Up

As a WordPress developer, you probably find yourself in situations where you garner a deep understanding of a client's business.

You end up learning about their products and services, their sales funnels, how they track new leads, who the key employees in the company are and much more.

Wrap Up

All this information can provide you with the unique ability to see the big picture. Often spotting inefficiencies that even the client was not aware of.

"You mean I can automate that process?" asks your client.

"You sure can" you say, "let me show you how I have helped some of my other clients solve that exact same problem."

Wrap Up

Have you experimented with introducing other related or unrelated services?

How have your clients responded and have the effects on your business been positive?