

SEO Personas: Improve SEO Content Strategy
With Social Data

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A little bit about me

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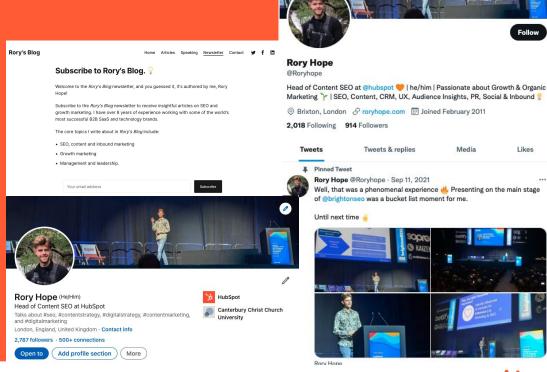
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Agenda

10 MIN: What are SEO Personas and why are they important?

5 MIN: How to develop SEO Personas?

5 MIN: How to integrate keyword intelligence with audience intelligence

5 MIN: Exercise 1: List 1-3 keyword topics relevant to your company

10 MIN: How to do search landscape analysis to find SEO competitors

5 MIN: Exercise 2 - 3: List SEO Competitors and their Twitter handles.

10 MIN: How to create and analyze an audience intelligence report

5 MIN: Exercise 4 - 5: Create an audience intelligence report to identify SEO Personas

10 MIN: How can you use your SEO Personas?

10 MIN: Exercise 6 - 7: List Influencer Entities for SEO Personas & setup social listening

5 MIN: How to use SEO Persona insights for SEO topic modelling & digital PR

5 MIN: Exercise 8: SEO content ideation using social listening data

5 MIN: Q&A

A Survey of SEOs

I conducted a Twitter survey of SEOs to better understand how they develop their SEO content strategies, and whether or not they were already using social data in this process.





40% struggle to deliver consistent high quality content

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88% would like to speed up link prospecting

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63% say keyword data doesn't provide information into interests and behaviours of target audience

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Only **16%** of SEOs incorporate social media data into their SEO strategy

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Source: 3 Ideas to Blow Out Your Content Competitors [The Weekly Wrap] (CMI)

What will we cover?

1. What are SEO personas and why are they important?

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2. How can you develop SEO personas by integrating data sources?

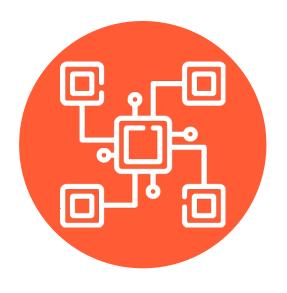
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3. How can you use SEO personas to improve your SEO strategy?

What are SEO personas?

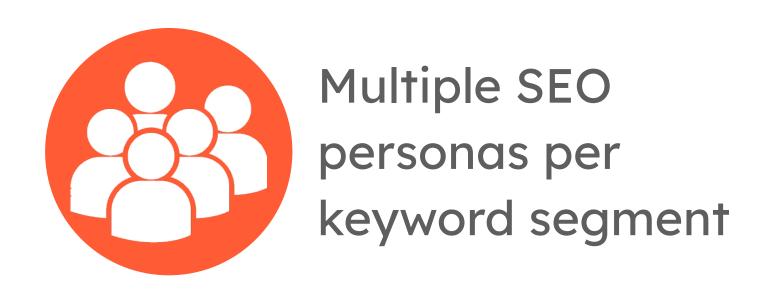


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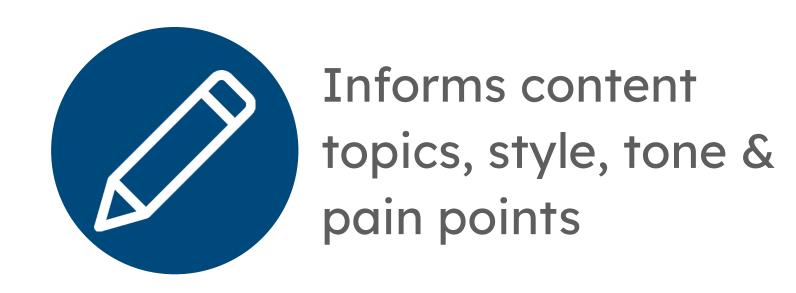


Built via integrating multiple data sources

What are SEO personas?



Why are SEO personas important?



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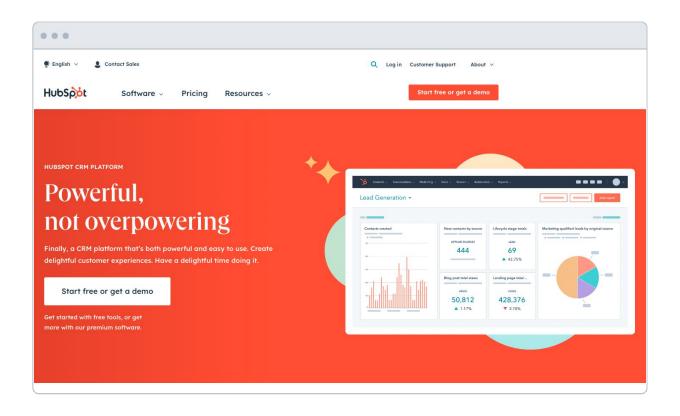
Identify influences & interests for Influence (-r) Marketing & SEO

Why are SEO personas important?



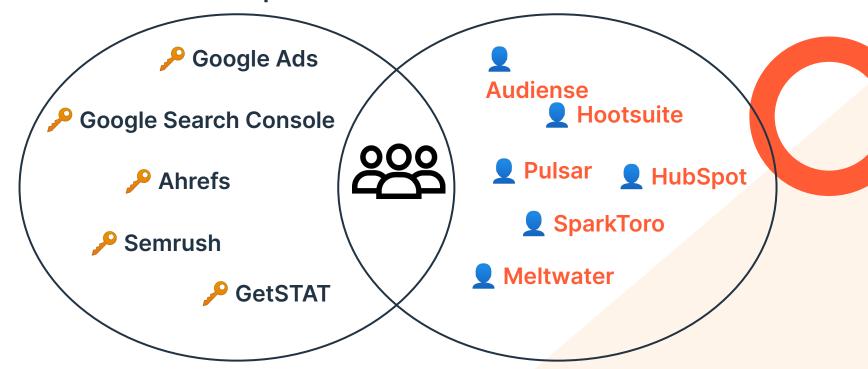
Link acquisition
at scale per KW
segment with Digital
PR campaigns

Use case: HubSpot

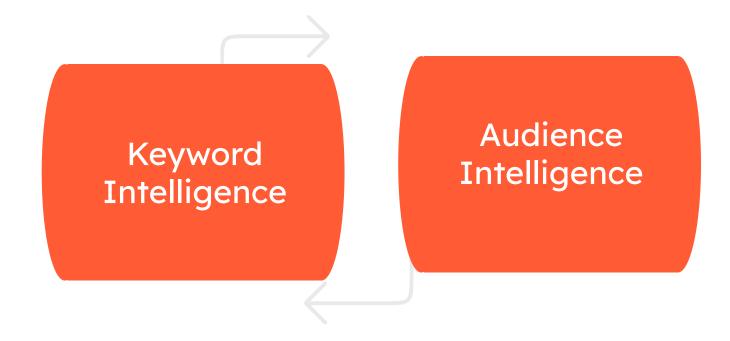


Source: <u>HubSpot</u>

How to Develop SEO Personas?



Keyword & Audience Intelligence Integration



Keyword Intelligence Process

Keyword Research

> Search Landscape Analysis

Keyword Targeting Strategy

KW & Audience Intelligence Integration Process

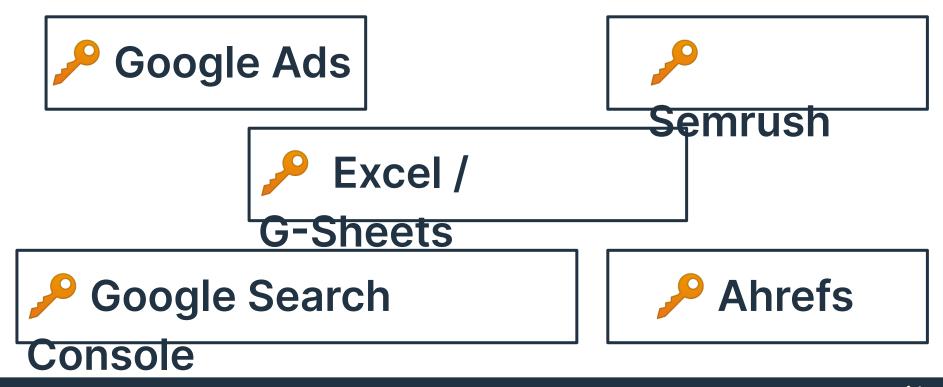
Search Landscape Analysis Keyword Targeting Strategy

Audience Intelligence Report Influencer Entity Analysis Audiencefirst SEO Strategy

Keyword Research



Keyword Research (Identification)



Keyword Research (Segmentation)

Marketing Sales Software CRM Software + Informational / + Transactional: + Informational: **Transactional: Solutions** Benefits **Enterprise** "marketing "enterprise sales "crm solutions" software benefits" software"

Exercise 1

Let's do a quick exercise! (5 MIN)

List 1-3 keyword topics relevant to your company.

Search Landscape Analysis



Search Landscape Analysis

Search Landscape Analysis Competitor Gap Analysis

SERP Intent & Template Analysis

Keyword Prioritisation

Search Landscape Analysis + Aud. Int. Report

Search Landscape Analysis

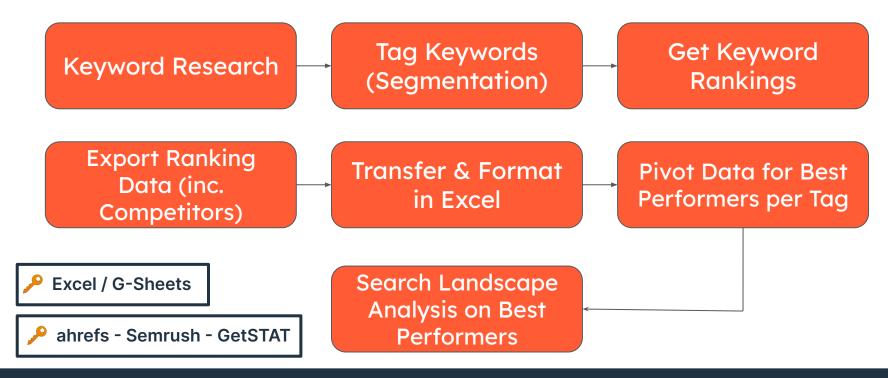
> Audience Intelligence Report

Upload 'SEO Competitors' to Audience Intelligence Tool

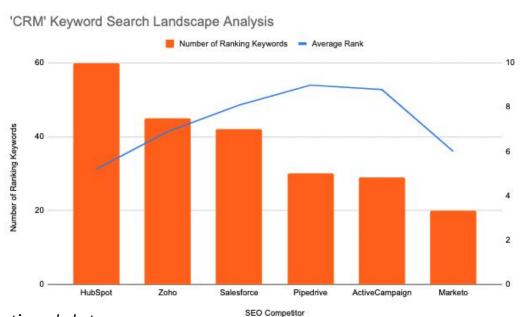
Keyword-level 'SEO Personas'

Identify KW Segment to Audience Overlap

Competitor SEO & SERP Analysis



Use 'SEO Competitors' for Audience Intel. Research



SEO Competitor	Twitter Profile
HubSpot	@hubspot
Zoho	@zoho
Salesforce	@salesforce
Pipedrive	@pipedrive
ActiveCampaign	@activecampaign
Marketo	@adobemarketo

^{*} Fictional data

Exercise 2

Let's do a quick exercise! (5 MIN)

List 5+ websites that are 'SEO competitors' in the search results for one of your keyword topics.

Exercise 3

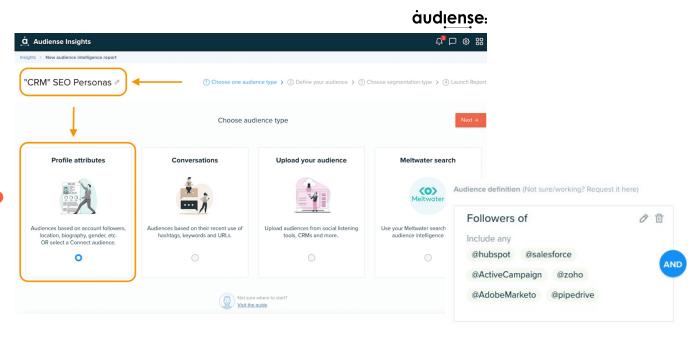
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Find and list the Twitter account URLs of the 'SEO Competitors'.

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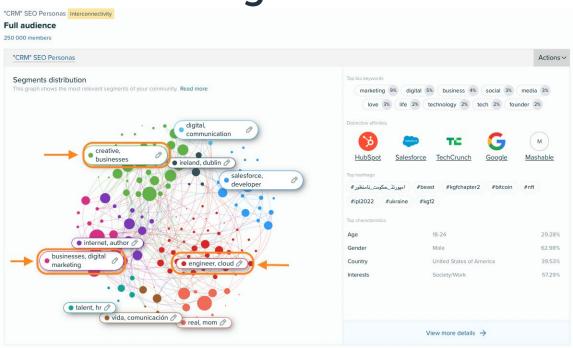
CRM: Creating an Audience

Who are the SEO Personas?





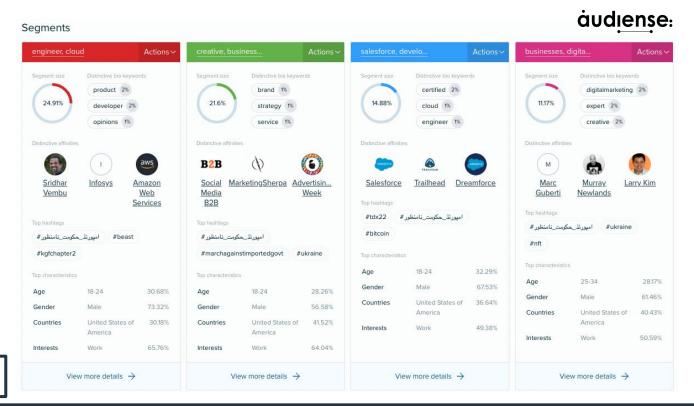
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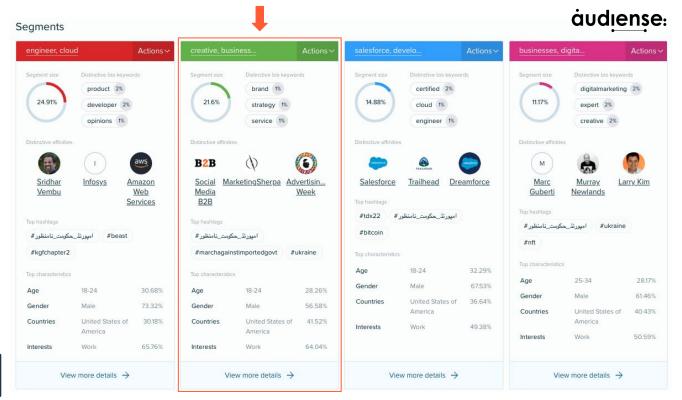
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- 1. Marketing / creative professionals
- Cloud engineers / developers
- 3. Web entrepreneurs / digital marketers

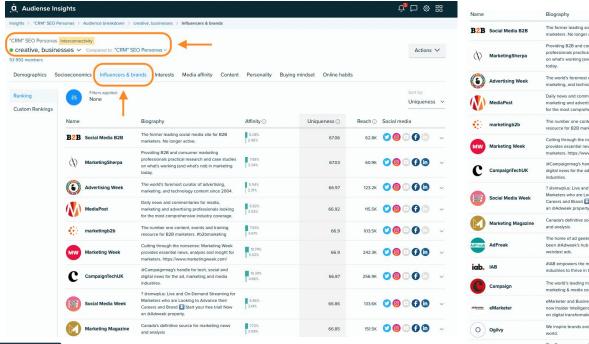












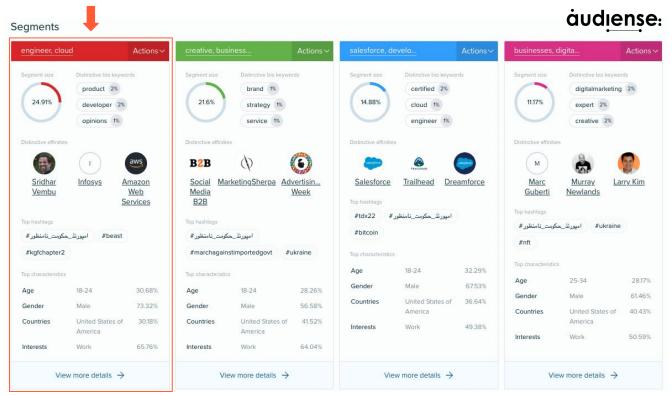




SEO Persona: "CRM" - Marketing / Creative Professional (Influencer Entities)

Influencer Entity	Twitter Account	KW Segment	Audience Segment	Affinity Score
Social Media Examiner	https://twitter.com/SMExaminer	CRM	Marketing / Creative	24.38
eMarketer	https://twitter.com/eMarketer	CRM	Marketing / Creative	17.68
Marketing Week	https://twitter.com/MarketingWeekEd	CRM	Marketing / Creative	10.74
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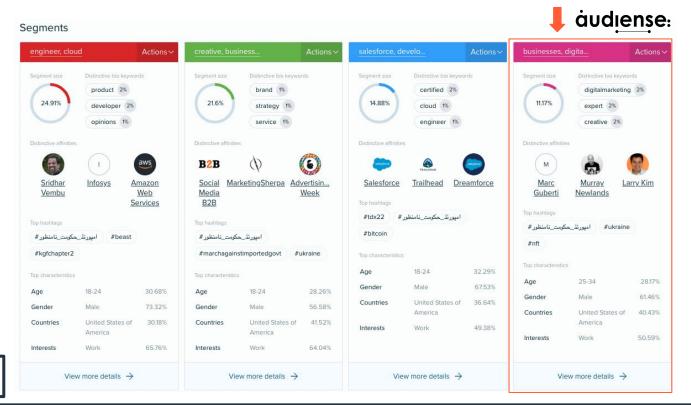




SEO Persona: "CRM" - Cloud Engineer / Web Developer (Influencer Entities)

Influencer Entity	Twitter Account	KW Segment	Audience Segment	Affinity Score
The Hacker News	https://twitter.com/TheHackersNews	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	6.18
Java	https://twitter.com/java	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	6.39
a16z	https://twitter.com/a16z	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	10.10
Computer World	https://twitter.com/Computerworld	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	7.51
Stripe	https://twitter.com/stripe	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	5.45
MIT	https://twitter.com/MIT	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	8.21
World of Engineering	https://twitter.com/engineers_feed	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	5.01
AWS	https://twitter.com/awscloud	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	19.71
Infosys	https://twitter.com/Infosys	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	8.99
Google Cloud Tech	https://twitter.com/GoogleCloudTech	Cloud Engineer / Developer	CRM	13.41







SEO Persona: "CRM" - Web Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer (Influencer Entities)

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WordStream by LOCALi	https://twitter.com/WordStream	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	18.63
GrowthHackers	https://twitter.com/GrowthHackers	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	15.54
Digital Trends	https://twitter.com/DigitalTrends	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	20.84
Semrush	https://twitter.com/semrush	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	16.34
Foundr	https://twitter.com/foundr	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	10.34
HubSpot	https://twitter.com/HubSpot	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	70.56
CMI	https://twitter.com/CMIContent	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	30.04
Search Engine Journal	https://twitter.com/sejournal	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	19.68
The Startup Times	https://twitter.com/TheStartupTimes	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	6.96
Search Engine Watch	https://twitter.com/sewatch	CRM	Entrepreneur, Digital Marketer	16.82



Exercise 4

Let's do a quick exercise! (5 MIN)

Upload your 'SEO competitors' into an audience intelligence tool (e.g Audiense).

Exercise 5

Let's do a quick exercise! (5 MIN)

List 1-5 SEO Personas from your keyword topic audience intelligence report.

How can you use your SEO Personas?



Identify influencer entities and digital PR targets for link acquisition

How can you use your SEO Personas?



Inform social listening and web monitoring setup

How can you use your SEO Personas?



Insights for better idea generation for SEO topical modelling & digital PR

Keyword Targeting Strategy



Search Landscape Analysis

SEO Content Plan Keyword **Targeting Keyword Clustering** Strategy **Backlinks & PR**

Keyword Targeting Strategy

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Strategy

Influencer Entity Analysis Social Listening on Top 1 - 5% 'Influencer Entities'

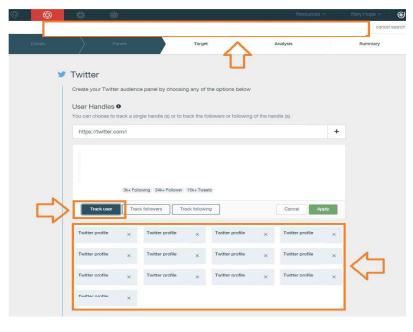
Content Analysis on Search Personas' 'Influencer Entities'

SEO Topical Modelling Content

Define SEO Pillar Pages



Social Listening - Pulsar (Paid)



Upload Twitter handles of your SEO Personas' **Influencer Entities** into social listening tools.

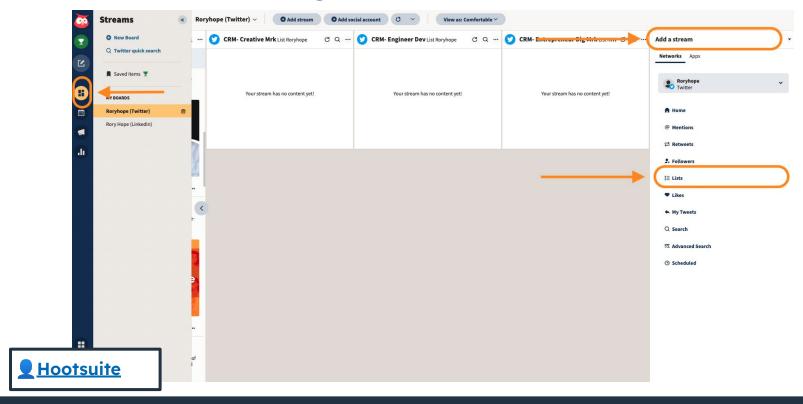


Social Listening - Creative / Marketing Professional (Influencer Entities)

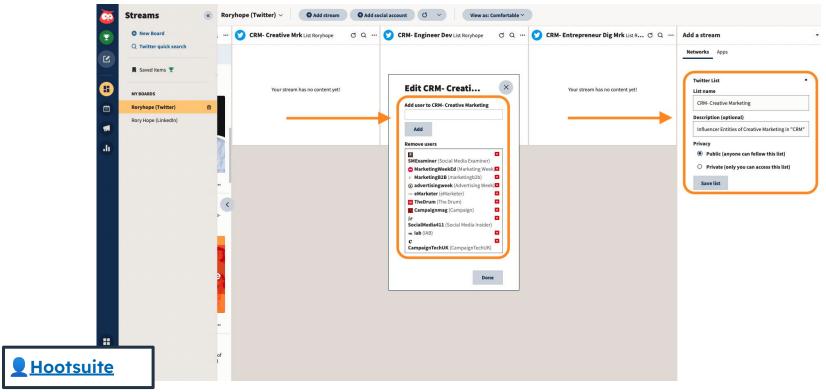
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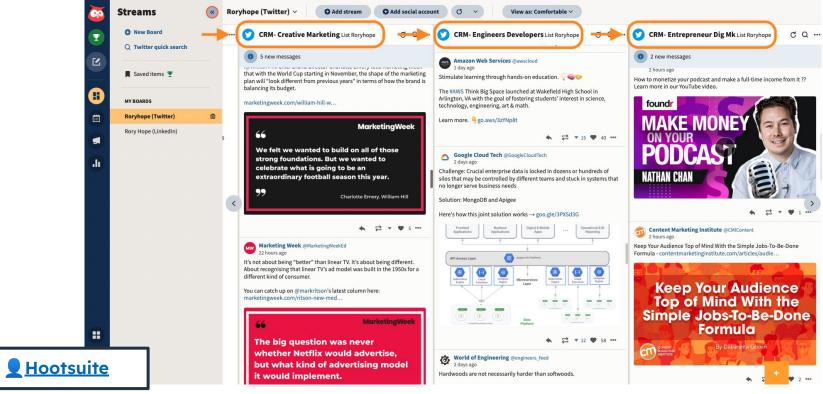
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Trending Content Insights via Social Listening



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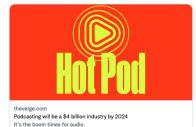
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Twitter has researched online conversations that show what brands should be mindful of.

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Stewart from The Frameworks describe finding your perfect audience and
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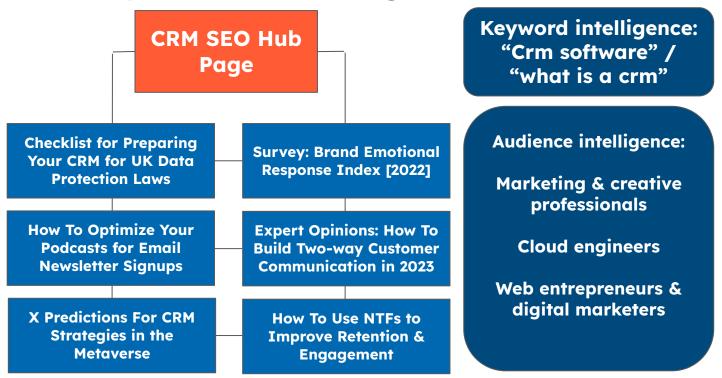
List 1-5 Influencer Entities per SEO Personas from your keyword topic.

Exercise 7

Let's do a quick exercise! (5 MIN)

Setup Twitter Lists for your keyword topic and SEO Personas' Influencer Entities.

SEO Topical Modelling





Predictions for CRM in Web3 / Metaverse



Brand emotional response surveys



Podcast ranking index by category



Survey of founders on how grow online in 2023

Exercise 8

Final exercise! (5 MIN)

Review Tweets and list 1 - 3 SEO content or digital PR ideas for your keyword topic.

Thank you! Q&A

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