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## Account-Based Marketing (ABM) Techniques

For B2B businesses, Account-Based Marketing can be really powerful for lead generation and deal acceleration. In these videos, we'll define ABM, discuss why it's so advantageous for SaaS, outline an approach to selecting and prioritizing target accounts, and cover personalization techniques that make ABM effective.

**So, Account-Based Marketing** is a strategy **where marketing and sales jointly focus on a defined set of target accounts and create customized campaigns for each account.** ABM treats each target company as a "market of one." This means personalized messaging, content, and outreach for that account's specific situation. It often involves multiple channels: ads, email, events, and direct mail coordinated to engage particular decision-makers over time.

ABM is particularly powerful for several reasons.

### Enterprise Deal Focus

ABM helps SaaS companies efficiently win high-value enterprise deals by focusing resources on accounts with the **greatest revenue potential.**

Many SaaS firms aim to win large enterprise contracts as they mature. ABM is almost a necessity for enterprise sales because **these deals involve multiple stakeholders and long buying cycles.** A well-executed ABM strategy **can boost win rates and deal size.** By focusing on accounts with the highest revenue potential, companies ensure their marketing resources are spent where it counts. It's about efficiency – why spend a budget attracting

100 random small prospects when you could invest that same budget to deeply engage 5 big fish that could each be worth 100x more?

### Alignment of Sales and Marketing

ABM drives strong collaboration between Sales and Marketing, aligning them around **shared target accounts** and boosting message consistency and conversion rates.

Next, ABM inherently requires alignment of Sales and Marketing. These teams pick target accounts, decide on personalized value propositions, and collaborate on outreach. This synergy is beneficial beyond the ABM campaign itself. Everyone rallies around common target accounts and success is measured in terms of account engagement and revenue, not just generic lead volume. For SaaS with complex sales, this alignment **can shorten cycles and ensure messaging consistency** from the first ad impression to the final sales meeting. When both teams work in lockstep on a few accounts, the prospect experiences a cohesive journey which makes conversion more likely.

### Personalized Buying Experience

ABM enhances the customer journey by delivering **hyper-personalized content** to different stakeholders, making buying decisions smoother and more compelling.

Customers have grown to expect personalization. ABM delivers that by tailoring campaigns. Buyers get content and messages that speak directly to their business. Also, it can help navigate large buying committees by engaging each member with content suited to their interest. For example, a single ABM campaign might serve a CFO a ROI calculator, a CTO a security whitepaper, and an end-user a customized demo. It is all for the same product, but each is addressing what that persona cares about.

### Better Metrics and ROI

Though ABM requires more effort, it produces **significantly higher ROI** by targeting the most qualified accounts and tracking more meaningful performance metrics like engagement and pipeline impact.

While ABM is resource-intensive, it often yields higher ROI per account because **the activities are targeted to those most likely to convert**. Companies having ABM measure success in more meaningful metrics: account engagement, pipeline created per account, deal-to-close rates, etc. Many report seeing larger deal sizes or higher lifetime value from ABM-won accounts. In one study, companies using ABM generated **208% more revenue for their marketing efforts than those without ABM**.

So, ABM is about **quality over quantity**, since we need to focus on the best-fit accounts and treat them specially. This is very complementary to outbound marketing. All ABM is outbound because you're proactively marketing to targets. But not all outbound is ABM. Outbound might include broad email sequences too. So, many SaaS companies deploy both: a general outbound program for mid-level prospects and ABM for top-tier ones.

**digital.ai** For instance, an Agile software called [Digital.ai](#) used one of the ABM platforms to systematically reach target accounts. They served ads specifically to their target accounts and combined it with intent data and other outreach. Through these coordinated efforts, they managed to **engage 88% of the accounts on their target list and saw a 45% increase in the average value of sales opportunities generated from those accounts**.

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Many other companies report that ABM leads to deals **closing faster**. When you have all stakeholders aware and educated, once they decide to engage, a lot of the groundwork is laid. Also, ABM can significantly **improve win rates**. If normally you win 1 in 5 of proposals, with ABM you might win 1 in 3 of those targeted accounts because you invested more upfront to get in and shape their thinking.

Also, ABM is not only for new customer acquisition. SaaS companies use ABM for **account expansion**. It can help with upselling or cross-selling to existing customers which increases deal size. For example, if you have a customer using one module of your software, you might do an ABM campaign to other divisions in that company to adopt another module. Since you're already a vendor, the approach might be more about demonstrating additional value and navigating internal referrals. But the tactics like targeted content or workshops remain relevant. Many large SaaS enterprises, like Microsoft, have entire account teams dedicated to growing key accounts.