# eTrigue.

# **Are Your Partners Ready for 2-3x More Revenue?**

How to Enable Your Partners to Carry More Weight, Find the Right Opportunities, and Grow Their Business



## **Agenda**

- Speaker Introductions
- Understanding the Partner Landscape
- Partner Enablement & Engagement
- Case Study: Enablement Workshops
- Joint Marketing Best Practices
- Q&A



# **Speakers**

#### **Moderator:**



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## eTrigue Overview

- Through-Channel Marketing Automation
- Software + Services
  - ✓ Specialize in Channel
  - ✓ Digital Marketing Program Execution
  - ✓ Sales Performance Tracking
  - ✓ Creative Team
- Supporting 93 countries

#### Clients



















# **Understanding the Partner Landscape**



## **The Complexity of Partners**

"Partner enablement can be a complicated game. Different partners will have varying degrees of sales acumen and technical knowledge. Some might be excellent salespeople who struggle with the nuts and bolts of your product or service. Others might be able to fully grasp how your solution works, right off the bat, but have trouble engaging with prospects."

"That variability in knowledge and skill can muddle your partner enablement strategy. You might have to provide different kinds of resources, information, and attention to individual partners."

Source: <a href="https://blog.hubspot.com/sales/partner-enablement">https://blog.hubspot.com/sales/partner-enablement</a>



# **Getting to Know Your Partners**

- Marketing Maturity
- Partner Coverage
  - ✓ Selling Areas
  - ✓ Technical Capabilities & Certifications
  - ✓ Knowledge of Products
- Key Stakeholders
- Short-Term & Long-Term Partnership Goals
  - ✓ Joint Marketing Plan
- "Skin in the Game" & Accountability





# Partner Enablement & Engagement



# **Enablement: Staying Top of Mind**

"You can't look at enablement as a 'one and done' event, with channel sales enablement, you need to be there continually.

Yes, you want to be there in the beginning to onboard them, and help them get started, but then you need to be constantly top of mind, so you're providing enablement that your competitors aren't."

Jim Ninivaggi Brainshark's Chief Readiness Officer



#### **Channel Case Study**

Client: Enterprise SaaS Vendor

#### Challenge:

- Time between Partner onboarding & first transaction too long
- Overall lack of sales after Partner onboarded, post-recruitment

#### Solution:

- Partner welcome meeting and staggered touch points with action items
- Regionally hosted web-trainings how to spot opportunities and provide demo
- Sales and SE overlay resources provided throughout initial 90 days
  - Resources extended to 12 months for Partners that bring and close a deal

#### Result:

- ✓ Time to revenue reduced from 90 days to 23 days
- ✓ Partner retention improved by 50%



## Partner Enablement & Engagement Tips

#### **Partner Enablement Process**

- 1. Onboard Partners
- 2. Determine Mutual Goals & Targets
- 3. Conduct Extensive Partner Training
- Keep Partners Up to Date on your Product or Services

Source: <a href="https://www.business2community.com/sales-management/10-ways-empower-channel-partners-drive-sales-growth-0944371">https://www.business2community.com/sales-management/10-ways-empower-channel-partners-drive-sales-growth-0944371</a>

#### **Engagement Tips**

- Continually Get to Know Your Partners
- Connect Partners with frontline Engineers and Product Managers
- Create the Right Demand Generation Programs
- Reduce Direct Sales Competition
- Anticipate Disengagement & Waning Interest
- Focus on What Matters
  - ✓ Sales Volume
  - Market Share
  - Brand Reputation
  - "Share of Customer"



# Case Study: Partner Enablement Workshops



# Case Study: Deep Dive Enablement Workshops

- Virtual Workshops One to Many
- Grouping: Partner Geography
- Focus: Application Security (WAF)
- Technical & Sales Sessions
- Training & Incentives
- Gain Partner Mindshare
- Ongoing Nurture



# **Joint Marketing Best Practices**



# **Opportunity Delivery & Development**

"Managing a channel is much more complex (and expensive) if it isn't data-driven. Channel account managers spend a large percentage of their time chasing data for partners and burning selling cycles on preparation for partner quarterly business reviews (QBRs).

Channel pros are struggling with managing lead passing and opportunity progression."

73%

of marketers consider managing partners a major challenge.

Jay McBain Principle Analyst

Source: (1) Channel Data Is A Competitive Differentiator | LinkedIn



## Finding the Right Opportunities

- Start with a Cleansed Database
- New Logos & Whitespace
- Include Prospect & Customer Insights in MQLs
- Empower Partners with Sales Resources
  - ✓ Call Guides
  - ✓ Product Videos
  - ✓ Links to Solution Resources
- Make it Easy to Locate Lead Details
- Guide Partners through Deal Registration
- Communicate & Follow Up



# Lead Alerts & Follow-up Accelerate Your Results

#### Real-time Alerts

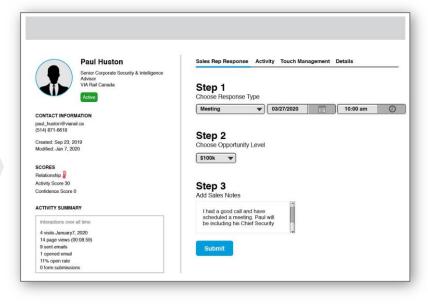


- Contact information
- Sales materials
- Most recent campaigns

Sales



Sales Follow-up



- Using alerts video
- Visit details
- Follow-up process

- How long did it take sales to respond?
- What was the outcome?
- Includes notes & qualification questions

#### Track Performance To "Each" Partner Sales Rep

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		2.6 hours 2.6 hours 1.5 days faster than average	23.5 hours 23.5 hours 16.3 hours faster than average
		Mark Zill	Gloria Ramirez
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Sales Follow-up

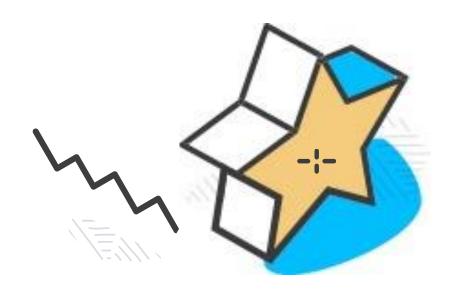
Opportunities & Outcomes

The Doghouse

#### **Key Takeaways**

Growing the Business Together......Where to Focus

- Grow with Your Partners
- Partner Selection: Capabilities, Certifications & Commitment
- Consider Marketing Program Structure
- Select Appropriate Database & Audience
- Identify & Deliver the Right Opportunities
- Weekly Accountability Sessions
- Measure Partner Success
- Clear ROI & Marketing Generated Revenue



# Thank you!



#### **Stay in Touch:**

Meet with us: <a href="https://www.etrigue.com/demo">https://www.etrigue.com/demo</a>

Look for our next webinar invite:

"Selecting Topof-Funnel Content that Drives Quality MQL's for Sales"



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