

# 5 tips to turn your LinkedIn company page into a lead generation page



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LinkedIn can be a true game-changer for B2B (business to business) companies. Built for business networking, LinkedIn works exceptionally well for B2B lead generation, making it one of the top tactics for B2B marketing.



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According to Arthur Goldstuck's recent SA social media landscape report, LinkedIn's growth in SA is on par with the way it's been growing internationally. 6.8 million users, in terms of userbase, brings LinkedIn very close to the Twitter and YouTube user bases in South Africa.



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In order to get leads from LinkedIn, you have to be intentional. Leads don't just fall into your lap. You work for them.

The best way is to turn your business or company page into a lead generation page. This is a course reversal from the typical company page, which shows basic 'About us' information and facts about the company. Who reads that stuff anyway?

A Page is also a place to showcase life inside your firm, whether for recruiting purposes or to give prospective customers a sense of what it's like doing business with you. If you treat the page as a dynamic marketing tool, you can establish thought leadership, build brand awareness, and move your audience to take action, i.e. clickthrough to your website.

I would like to share my experience to use LinkedIn to catch the eyes of prospective customers. Also read my previous blog posts on lead generation for more tips: PR agencies – become demand generation heroes and The role of PR in lead generation:



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### 1. Image

Use an image that gets attention or creates interest. The header image is the first way to attract user's interest. The header image should make the user eager to find out more and keep reading.

## 2. Company description

Create a clear and compelling pitch in your company description. The company description should not be a dry explanation of how much you grew, and how many offices you've opened. That's not the stuff of lead generation. The most important part of your company description is the first two-ish lines, because that's all that LinkedIn displays.

## 3. Updates

Make your Updates section clickable and conversion-focused. Just in case prospects don't click through your company website on the company information section, you want to get them in the Updates. As long as you're regularly posting updates, you'll have an active and engaging feed. The best way to gain leads from this section is to post updates that are directly aimed at your target audience.

Here a few tips to write compelling updates:

- Optimise headlines by adding your point of view and always include a clear and concise call to action of about 150 characters or fewer.
- Ask thoughtful questions to involve your audience
- Make your content snackable and valuable by including short stats and quotes.

## 4. Showcase page

Create a Showcase Page, a purpose-built page designed to promote specific business lines, products, brands or initiatives within your company. Showcase Pages were basically custom-made for B2Bs to better generate leads. A showcase page

should target one customer segment, and provide information that is relevant to them.

Here are some tips to make your Showcase Page powerful:

- Make it conversion-primed, just like your company page.
- Keep the name of the page short and use a word that your audience will understand and relate to.

#### 5. Group

Start a group. LinkedIn groups offer a lot of great networking opportunities. one of the ways to get even more from the power of groups is to create your own. When you become the owner and moderator of your group, you can form a place where your target audience can gather and interact.

Page analytics is crucial to track your success and provides you with metrics and trends about your Page. By gaining deeper insights into your Page performance, you can:

- Evaluate reach and engagement of your individual posts
- Identify trends over custom date ranges.
- Get to know your followers and visitors with demographic charts.
- Learn more about your page traffic and activity, such as page views, unique visitors, and career page clicks.
- See which content and topics your followers and audiences are engaging with across LinkedIn to inform your content strategy.

This is a broad-level strategy, but without the right knowledge, LinkedIn becomes just another time-sucking social network.

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