#MY BRAND

Everything You Need to Know about Personal Branding in 140 Characters or Less

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Foreword by Dan Schawbel

Personal branding is a celebration of who you are and if you want to be successful in your career, make your brand your life!

Dan Schawbel

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Section I

What Is #MyBrand?

Personal branding has taken on a life of its own. Before creating #MyBrand, it is vital to understand what you mean, what the market thinks you mean, and where the gaps are.

Not everyone believes in personal branding; brands are for corps. and products. What are you if not the product of your experiences?

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Instead of marketing a product or service, #MyBrand promotes a person to a recruiter, hiring manager or prospective client.

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A brand is a promise you make—a promise of value, consistency, and expectations.

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#MyBrand is not a cool logo, catchy tagline, celebrity, or multi-million dollar ad campaign—it's you and what you stand for.



Section II

The Content of #MyBrand

Whenever you build something, you need to know what it will look like at the end. Then you can make a plan for how to build it.

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Have a clear objective for #MyBrand, know your purpose and set your sights on the career you ultimately want (not what you currently have).

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You need to know what you're trying to accomplish in order to make intelligent decisions that move you towards your career goal.

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Align your objectives with your longer term personal and professional vision.

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Start with what you want—a promotion, a raise, to change industries, start your own business, establish yourself as an expert.



Section III

How To Build #MyBrand

Objectives and strategies are necessary but not sufficient. You need detailed, actionable tactics to accomplish your objectives.

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When someone wants to hire

#MyBrand be clear about

what you will do and how it

will benefit them.

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Everyone is an expert at something—look at what you know, and what you are known for.

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Appendix A: Folks to Follow

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Rob Frankel, @brandingexpert

Roger C. Parker, @Rogercparker

Scott Scanlon, @ScottScanlon

Seth Godin, @ThisIsSethsBlog

Tessa Faber, @MakingSense

Tom Peters, @tom_peters

Trace Cohen & Pete Kistler's Brand-Yourself, @Brandyourself

Warren Whitlock, @WarrenWhitlock

Wendy Marx, @WendyMarx

William Arruda, @WilliamArruda

Appendix B: Lists to Track

Marketing by Danny Sullivan
http://twitter.com/#!/dannysullivan/marketing

500 Elite Follows by @DaviesWriter
http://twitter.com/#!/DaviesWriter/vip-500-elite-follows

Thought Leaders by Josh Weinberger http://twitter.com/#!/kitson/thought-leaders

Social Media Smarties by Susan Beebe http://twitter.com/#!/susanbeebe/social-media-smarties

Word Nerds by Rebecca Woodhead

http://listorious.com/rebeccawoodhead/word-nerds

The Rocket List by Chris Perry
http://twitter.com/#!/CareerRocketeer/the-rocket-list

Job Search Experts by Susan P. Joyce http://twitter.com/#!/JobHuntOrg/job-search-experts

Personal Branding by Mohammed al Taee
http://twitter.com/#!/MAltaee/personal-branding

Innovation by Braden Kelly http://twitter.com/#!/innovate/innovation

Entrepreneur by Chuck Blakeman
http://twitter.com/#!/ChuckBlakeman/entrepreneur

Social Media Marketing by Sam Wee
http://twitter.com/#!/swee06840/social-media-marketing

Career Coaches/Job Search by Jennifer McClure
http://twitter.com/#!/CincyRecruiter/career-coaches-job-search

Small Biz by John Jantsch http://twitter.com/#!/ducttape/smallbiz

Community by Recruiting Blogs
http://twitter.com/#!/RecruitingBlogs/community

Appendix C: Chats to Check Out

#ASMChat Spanish monthly chat where you'll find everything about Social Media: tips, experiences, Q&A and so. Meet people from different countries of (Latin America) the last Tuesday of each month. See you there!

#BeTheOne A monthly chat about inspiring people to make a difference through personal leadership that infuses integrity, dignity and character.

#brandchat A discussion between experts, strategists, and those interested in learning more about personal and business brand management.

#careerchat Got career issues? Discuss them here! Watch for weekly topics. All questions welcome.

#CareerSavvy Want to find, land, and succeed in your career? Join the Vestiigo.com team for this weekly chat covering important career topics.

#CareerSuccess Career Success Radio - on BlogTalkRadio.

#GenYJobs A bi-weekly hour chat for young professionals seeking support and guidance in today's challenging job arena.

#GetMoreClients Weekly chat about branding, marketing and business-building strategies so you can get more clients, get noticed, hired & paid what you're worth!

#hmchat Professional women share on biz, lifestyle, and personal inspiration. Each chat is centered around our quarterly series.

#ideachat Focused on ideas, the process of ideation and making ideas happen. A salon of some of the most innovative thinkers on Twitter. Every month, a particular book relevant to topic and its author are invited to share ideas.

#ideaparty An idea party is where friends—or even total strangers—gather to tell their wishes and the obstacles that might be keeping them from achieving them. Think of it as "Speed Networking."

#jobhuntchat Weekly chat for job seekers & experts.

#LeadershipChat A lively discussion every Tuesday night for Leaders and those aspiring to become leaders.

#LeadFromWithin Weekly chat to discuss heart-driven, values-aligned leadership.

#LinkedinChat A weekly chat for people who have questions and/ or advice on how to use LinkedIn effectively.

#SmallBizChat Helpful tips and advice geared toward small business startups and those that have been in business for less than five years. We host a different guest & questions each week. Follow @SmallBizChat to find details each week.

#SMBiz Open chat session where small businesses of every kind can meet, network and ask all kinds of questions in any of the aforementioned areas.

#wgbiz A monthly Twitter chat by, for and of women in business. It extends the Women Grow Business blog community.

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About the Author



Laura Lowell has drawn on her years of experience building some of the world's biggest brands including HP, Intel and IBM where she learned the fine art of branding from the ground up. She has condensed everything she learned into the pages of #MyBrand tweet.

Laura founded Impact Marketing Group in 2005. Her first book, 42 Rules for Marketing, was an Amazon.com bestseller. Her second book, 42 Rules for Working Moms, combined her expertise and her passion, and was featured on Oprah & Friends Radio, The Peter Walsh Show.

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Use #MyBrand To Get What You Want

Tweet #2: Instead of marketing a product or service, #MyBrand promotes a person to a recruiter, hiring manager or prospective client.

Tweet #15: #MyBrand is about who you are – your experience, expertise, and passion – not what you do.

Tweet #25: Start with what you want — a promotion, a raise, to change industries, start your own business, establish yourself as an expert.

Tweet #54: Stand alone and you will stand out; but stand fast because it can be lonely.



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Her company, Impact Marketing Group, helps individuals, start-ups, and corporations be heard in a crowded space.

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