# **Reprints Success Guide**

This guide provides basic suggestions on how to make the most of your Forrester Research Reprint license, including best practices to:

- > Create a landing page
- > Drive traffic to your website
- > Plan promotional initiatives when licensing evaluation reports

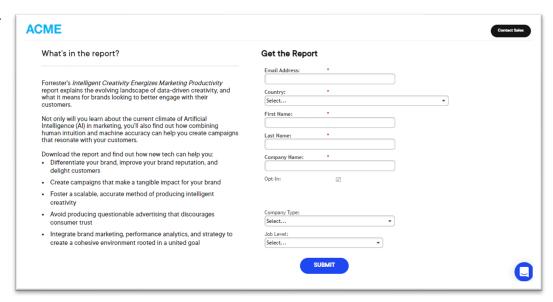
# Best practices for creating a landing page

A compelling destination with a single, clear call to action to download the report is key to converting traffic to leads. Here is to what keep in mind:

- Provide information about the report and why your visitors should read it, using precise language that is simple enough for any reader to understand, regardless of background.
- Say what you mean to say and avoid clichéd words.
- Lead with the most important point you want to make (don't write your way up to it) and keep the word count to a minimum.
- Use the present tense and active voice at all times (e.g., "The one thing you need to do," rather than "The one thing that needs to be done").
- Ensure that your visitors can easily find your landing page with your report when navigating your website, and use SEO-friendly terminology and keywords.
- Make sure your call to action ("Read the report") is clear and visible. Ensure this information appears above the website fold; don't force your visitors to scroll down in order to be able to complete the call-to-action.
- Gate the report with a contact registration form for visitors whose identities are unknown to you
  but keep the registration process as short as possible. Do not ask for information that is not
  pertinent to your lead-to-revenue process. Contacts are much more willing (and in fact expect) to
  give their information to get premium content. Keep the form short to maximize conversion.
- Integrate the URL to ensure that visitors are re-directed to your campaign landing page:
  - 1. Click the preference link in the report kickoff email.
  - 2. Enable the Protect Reprint URL and enter the landing page URL.
  - 3. Once protect URL is entered, click proceed button

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#### Example:



# Best practices for driving traffic to your website

When your landing page is in place, start promoting it through the channels your buyers are using. Here is what to keep in mind:

- Issue a press release when your firm's solutions are mentioned in the report you have licensed (e.g., in a Forrester Wave™ or New Forrester Wave™ report).
- Use your social channels, such as Twitter and LinkedIn, to drive net new leads cost effectively.
- Paid search (PPC ads) can also be effective, but find channels that have already built the
  audiences that you need. Consider IDG Enterprise, TechTarget, or similar firms that operate in
  your industry and/or geography; they have hundreds of sites, large audiences, and the ability to
  target readers with specific attributes that you request. Experiment regularly to find which firm
  can deliver the best traffic for your specific needs.
- Content syndicators will charge \$20 to \$300 per lead, depending on the specificity you require.
   Many of these businesses guarantee a minimum number of referrals. You may allow these sites
   to host your Reprint link with Extended Distribution Rights (EDRs). Most, however, simply refer
   traffic to your site landing page. This does not require EDRs.
- Leverage channels like targeted email campaigns, blog posts, and newsletters.
- Consistently monitor and adjust your channel effectiveness.
- Create a follow-up process that, based on profile and engagement, hands over-qualified leads to
  your inside sales teams along with talking points and collateral or puts them in a lead nurturing
  program that gives them more content or information about your solutions.

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#### Sample activities to leverage your reprint more effectively:



Ensure your messaging resonates with the right buyers





Drive interest and ensure actionable, qualified sales leads.



Move your leads to the next stage of the buyer journey cycle.

### Amplify your message

- Create a compelling search-friendly landing page
- Use in-reports callouts to amplify your message

### **Drive interest**

- > PR and social channels
- Content syndicators
- SEO and paid search
- Targeted email campaigns

### **Generate leads**

- Track engagement and channel effectiveness
- Prepare your sales team with effective messaging

# Best practices when licensing evaluation reports

Forrester offers a wide variety of report types that you can license, depending on your campaign objective or the maturity of your target audience. These include Trends, Predictions, Vendor Landscapes and Forrester Waves™.

#### Forrester Wave™ Reports

Forrester Wave<sup>™</sup> reports provide your audience with an overview of the leading providers in a market space with robust analysis of their current offering and strategy — so that buyers can make informed purchase decisions that drive differentiation and support their long-term strategies.

### When to license a Forrester Wave report

The technology providers included in each Forrester Wave<sup>™</sup> are those that Forrester's clients need to know about. If your solution is named a Leader in a Forrester Wave<sup>™</sup>, take advantage of the general buzz. Arm your sales teams with the report to share with their prospects and customers. It's a great way to boost buyer confidence and accelerate opportunity conversion.

Even if you aren't a Leader, you can still take advantage of this asset. Every situation is different, but you are generally better off being proactive than reactive. You can and should shape your story. Assume that any serious buyer will look at a Forrester Wave™ report before purchase. Know who these buyers are so that you can get your message out. In your messaging, highlight your strengths and explain how you will

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address (or have addressed) any weaknesses identified in the evaluation. Identify criteria that lead to a lower overall score, and inform prospects for whom these criteria are less important. Offering a reasonable explanation for a low score can generate further discussion.

# **Best practices for promotional initiatives**

- Most technology providers that perform relatively well in the evaluation will write a press release on the day the Forrester Wave™ report is published.
- If your solution has not been named a Leader, use callout boxes to emphasize and add context around the score. Put your key messages right in the report, and link readers to your landing pages where they can see more complete messaging.
- Promote the report heavily with content syndication and paid search.
- While the initial promotion is important because of the numbers of readers involved, you should make it easy to find your Forrester Wave™ reprint for an extended period of time. Make it prominent on your website. Make it search-friendly (using SEO or paid search if necessary). If you are a Forrester Wave Leader, use your Forrester Wave Leader badge on your landing page or on your site where you display awards and achievements.

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