

DIGITAL BUSINESS CHECKLIST

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Introduction

The **Digital Business Checklist** ensures that you follow, and don't miss out any of the critical steps in building your online business. Use it to make certain that you've created a solid foundation, before investing too much time or money.

Don't worry if, initially, every box isn't checked. Most successful digital entrepreneurs simply build - one piece at a time. So, don't make things too complicated. Remember, your goal is progress, not perfection.

Section 1: Your Business Foundation

- ☐ I understand the problem my business solves.
- ☐ I know who my ideal audience is.
- ☐ I have chosen a clear business idea.
- ☐ I can explain my business in a single sentence.
- ☐ I have selected a memorable business name.
- ☐ I have secured a domain name.
- ☐ I have chosen my primary business model.

Examples include:

- Blogging
- Affiliate Marketing
- Digital Products
- Online Courses
- Membership Site
- Coaching
- Newsletter Business

Section 2: Branding

- ☐ I have created a logo or wordmark.
- ☐ I have selected brand colors.
- ☐ I have chosen fonts for headings and body text.
- ☐ My branding looks consistent.
- ☐ I have written a short brand mission.

Section 3: Website Essentials

- ☐ My website is live.
- ☐ Navigation is easy to understand.
- ☐ Homepage clearly explains what I do.
- ☐ About page is complete.
- ☐ Contact page works.
- ☐ Privacy Policy exists.
- ☐ Terms of Use page exists.
- ☐ Affiliate Disclosure is visible (if applicable).
- ☐ Website loads quickly.
- ☐ Mobile version looks good.

Section 4: Content Strategy

- ☐ I know the topics I'll be writing about.
- ☐ I have identified 3-6 content categories.
- ☐ I have written my first cornerstone article.
- ☐ I have created an editorial calendar.
- ☐ I know how often I'll publish.
- ☐ I have researched keywords.
- ☐ Every article helps solve a problem.

Section 5: Email Marketing

- ☐ I have an email platform.
- ☐ I created a welcome email.
- ☐ I have a free lead magnet.
- ☐ My signup form works.
- ☐ My thank-you page works.

Section 6: Digital Products

- ☐ I have identified a product idea.
- ☐ My product solves one clear problem.
- ☐ I have outlined the product.
- ☐ Pricing is planned.
- ☐ Delivery system is ready.
- ☐ Sales page is drafted.

Section 7: Affiliate Marketing

- ☐ I joined relevant affiliate programs.
- ☐ I recommend products I genuinely trust.
- ☐ Affiliate disclosures are visible.
- ☐ I understand FTC guidelines.
- ☐ I focus on helping readers first.

Section 8: Social Media

- ☐ I chose one primary platform.
- ☐ My profile matches my website branding.
- ☐ Bio clearly explains what I do.
- ☐ Website link works.
- ☐ I have a simple posting schedule.

Section 9: Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

- ☐ Every page has a title.
- ☐ Every page has a meta description.
- ☐ Images include alt text.
- ☐ URLs are clean.
- ☐ Internal links exist.
- ☐ External links add value.

Section 10: Analytics & Tracking

- ☐ Analytics is installed.
- ☐ Search Console is connected.
- ☐ I know my primary business goals.
- ☐ I review performance regularly.

Section 11: Monetization

- ☐ I know how I'll earn income.
- ☐ I understand my revenue streams.
- ☐ My calls-to-action are visible.
- ☐ I have at least one offer available.

Section 12: Productivity & Systems

- ☐ I have a weekly workflow.
- ☐ I keep ideas organized.
- ☐ My important files are backed up.
- ☐ I use templates where possible.
- ☐ I schedule time for learning.

Section 13: Mindset Check

- ☐ I accept that progress takes time.
- ☐ I'm willing to learn continuously.
- ☐ I focus on helping people.
- ☐ I celebrate small wins.
- ☐ I stay consistent.
- ☐ I avoid comparing myself with others.

Final Launch Check

Before declaring your business "ready," ask yourself:

- ✓ Does my business solve a real problem?
- ✓ Can someone understand what I offer in less than 30 seconds?
- ✓ Have I created something genuinely helpful?
- ✓ Is there a clear next step for visitors?
- ✓ Am I building for the long term?

If you answered **yes** to most of these questions, you can keep moving forward.

Remember: successful digital businesses aren't built in a weekend - they're built one valuable step at a time. But, don't wait until everything feels perfect to you. Launch with a solid foundation, keep learning, and improve as you go. Consistency and serving your audience well will take you further than chasing perfection.