

Web Services

It's not what you expect, it's what you inspect.

Since we were small children we have been graded. These grades reflected the quality and completeness of our work as we progressed through grade school and college. The result being a score card.

CU*Answers is committed to the quality and completeness of our online store. As such, CU*Answers Web Services has introduced a score card for our CU*Answers Store products.

This score card is an exercise with CU*Answers Management Services team members to review their store products with the ultimate goal of improving the shopper experience. Store products are graded on score cards during all day engagements called Store Days.

What is a Store Day?

On the third Tuesday of every month, Web Services and the CU*Answers Management Services Sales Coordinator meet with CMS team members to review and discuss their online store.

This all day affair focuses on improving our store through better and more complete content.

This is also a chance to reinforce Internet

Retailing strategies and tactics with the team.







Why have a Score Card?

Using a score card in our Store Day meetings forces our CMS team members to focus on the details of their products.

Even though each day we pick only one product and do a thorough investigation, the team members see how these tactics apply to the other products in their store and submit updates and improvements before the next Store Day.

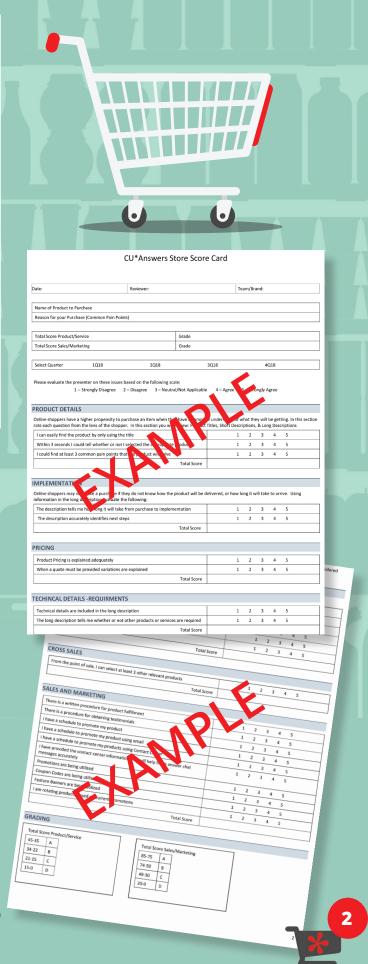
This also inspires some personal pride as they know their products are being graded and they work to improve on their own.

Scorecards give us measurable points to discuss leading to coachable opportunities to improve documentation and customer service levels.

What's in a Score Card?

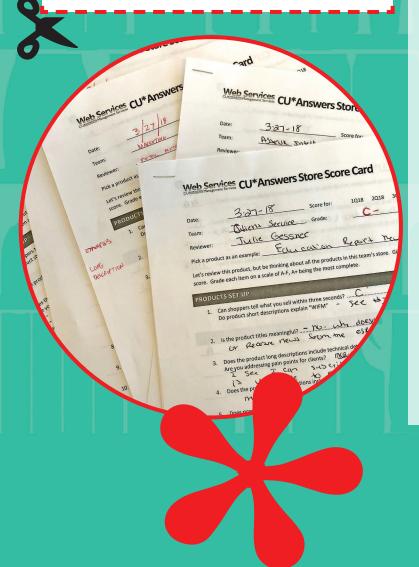
Balancing objective measurable items with subjective items that encourage team members to think about how their products are perceived from the buyer's point of view.





Jargon Challenge

Both the financial and technology industries are filled with jargon and insider knowledge. A challenge during our Store Day discussions is for the team members to view their store as a buyer, rather than an insider.



How Score Cards are used in the Store Day Meetings

The team picks a random product from the CMS team's shelf.

Together, the attendees complete a score card. This allows the CMS team to self-assess their products, while the meeting coordinators are able to take a wider view by seeing how other teams are performing. This allows coaching and mentoring the team on what format is working and what is not.

The first year of the store was focused on building the foundation and stocking products on the shelves. The CU*Answers Store launched in March 2017 with 125 products available for purchase.

Beginning the second year, there are now over 650 products in the store with many more being added. Store Days are designed to improve the information contained in the product listings.

These improvements include:

- Detailed specifications on the product
- Expectations of the next steps
- Timelines to complete an order
- Links to supporting resource content, online videos and help documentation

The ultimate goal is to aggregate all the content related to this product on the product page. It's an ambitious goal.



Notes for Improvements

A primary focus of these meetings is to improve the content on the store products.

The Web Services team takes copious notes during the discussion and creates task lists to be completed before the next Store Day.

Internet Retailing is not just eCommerce.

Sure, the CU*Answers Store is focusing on a traditional eCommercie pipeline of browse a product, add to cart and checkout.

But using tools like the Request Center, Internet Retailing can be offering solutions to your members online and fulfilling them behind the scenes with manual processes.



For more information on the Request Center please visit the IRSC Store. https://lc18.info/irsc-custom-form











Thinking Beyond the Store

- Are orders acknowledged and fulfilled by the team in a timely manner?
- Has the team followed up with purchases and asked for online reviews or testimonials?
- Has the team utilized sales or promotions?
- Has the team utilized coupon codes?
- Did the team respond to forwarded chat requests in a timely manner?
- Have you worked with CMS Sales on a targeted product campaign?
- Are products featured through other sales channels?
 i.e. Client News, cuanswers.com Feature banners, Store index page
- Are product locations rotated based on current promotions?



In addition to completing Score Cards, Store Day meetings are an opportunity to discuss larger internet retailing concepts.



6 Quick Things to Improve Your Internet Retailing

Can shoppers tell what you sell within three seconds?

Today's short attention spans mean you only have a few seconds to make an impression. Make sure your titles and descriptions clearly indicate what you are selling.

Is it easy to contact you?

Telephone, chat, email or visit - your online store might just be an icebreaker or a starter and your manual processes are needed to complete the order.

Address shopper pain points

Shoppers what to know what's in it for them. Are you solving a problem the shopper has or making something easier? Tell them.

Clearly display prices

No one has unlimited money. Shoppers do not want to purchase something that does not have a cap on the cost. Reduce "to be quoted" and "estimates" as much as possible. Can you determine what the conditions are to be quoted that affect the price? If so, could they be stepped pricing instead?

What are the next steps

Clearly explain what happens after the shopper purchases your product. Set some expectations. Today, shoppers expect things to happen immediately or to be delivered in two days. If there are certain timelines that have to be met, be clear about them up front.

Publish reviews and testimonials

Shoppers like to see reviews and testimonials by other purchasers. This gives an authentic perspective on your product. It shows your product is something concrete that was actually delivered to another shopper.

















What's Next for Our Store

2017 - Year 1

Launch store

2018 - Year 2

- Improve content monthly Store Day meetings
- Introduce CU*Answers Store score cards
- Add chat support through the CU*Answers Solutions Contact Center
- Encourage CMS Team Leaders to ask clients for testimonials and reviews

2019 - Year 3

- Continue to improve content continue monthly Store Days
- Continue CU*Answers Store score cards
- Add more products
- Automate purchase follow-ups including asking for testimonials
- Follow up on abandoned shopping carts



Future Store Possibilities

- Add content about how to sell this product to your board of directors
- Add content about how to sell this product to your staff
- Add coordinated marketing products for when you launch this product (when it is member facing)
- Add talking points content for your staff when you launch this product to members







| Date: | Score for: 1Q18 2Q18 3Q18 4Q18 | | |
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| Team: | Grade: | | |
| Reviewer: | | | |
| Pick a product as an example: | | | |
| | riew this product but be thinking about all the products in this team's store. Give the product an overall Grade each item on a scale of A-F, A+ being the most complete. | | |
| PRODU | JCTS SET UP | | |
| 1. | Can shoppers tell what you sell within three seconds? | | |
| 2. | Is the product titles meaningful? | | |
| 3. | Does the product long descriptions the ide echacal details? | | |
| 4. | Does the product associations include estimated timelines? Could it? | | |
| 5. | Does product long descriptions include next steps? | | |
| 6. | Does product have image galleries? | | |
| 7. | Is product pricing explained adequately? | | |
| 8. | If it's "to be quoted" pricing, can the variations be explained? | | |
| 9. | Are related products relevant? | | |
| 10. | Does the product long description include links to Help Topics (if applicable) Could they? | | |
| 11. | Does the product long description include links to AnswerBook topics (if applicable) Could they? | | |







| 12. | Does the product long description include links to Reference Docs (if applicable) Could they? | |
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| 13. | Does the product long description include links to OnDemand Videos (if applicable) Could they? | |
| 14. | Does the product long description include links to cuatv videos (if applicable) Could they? | |
| 15. | Does the product long description include links to brochures or flyers (if applicable) Could they? | |
| Comments: | | |

ONLINE RETAILING THINKING, PROCESSES & PROCEDULES

| 1. | Are orders acknowledged and fulfilled by the total in a mely manner? Any issues? |
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| 8. | Are product locations rotated based on current promotions? Should they be? |
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Year One of the CU*Answers Store



25% of our products are quote provided

40% of our products are FREE



Completed Over 500 individual orders







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