## **ContentOro Investor Presentation**

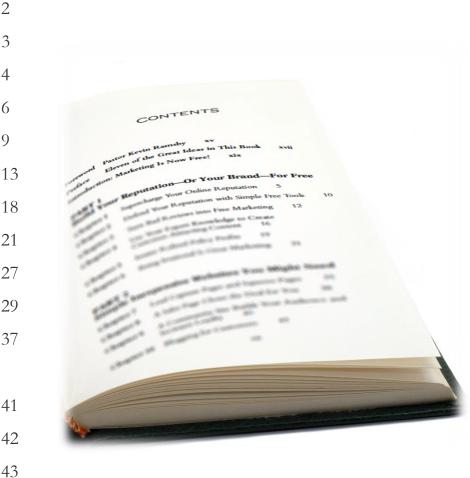
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### Change the Content Marketing industry and build a business with sales of \$100M in 5 years

### **390 Million**

Quality Articles Available from Books

## \$160 Billion

### Digital Content Marketing Industry Growing at 36% per year\*







## Content Marketing is changing the way businesses find and engage their customers.

Content Marketing involves the creation and sharing of information and entertainment online (such as blogs, videos, and social media posts) that does not explicitly promote a brand, but is intended to stimulate interest in the brand's products or services.

# In February 2016, ContentOro, Inc. entered the \$160 billion dollar market that creates marketing content for the internet with its product *Content QSV*, having the following advantages:

- ✓ Projected revenue of \$100 million in 5 years
- ✓ First mover advantage, with proprietary software to use written and illustrated content from books on the internet
- ✓ Exclusive access to more than 200 million expertly written articles
- Subscription-based model propelling revenue growth, with MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) and ARR (Annual Recurring Revenue)
- ✓ Significant untapped growth potential beyond the English language, and beyond books
- ✓ A team of publishing, marketing, and technology executives with deep experience in the required disciplines
- ✓ A business model proven by Getty Images, which sold for \$3.3 billion in 2012 3

### **Customer Successes**





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### **Example Customer Results**

- 258% increase in pages viewed per session
- 145% increase in time on site
- ✓ 76% of visitors are new acquisitions
- ✓ 54.5% of visitors are new from search engines like Google
- ✓ 1/10 the cost of Google AdWords (estimate)
- ✓ 16% increase in traffic in 10 weeks







### PET SUPPLIES PLUS.











#### ContentOro offers game-changing advantages over traditional content marketing

**Traffic:** Prospects looking for information through search engines like Google are drawn to customer websites with Content QSV. By installing exclusive articles from just one book, customer websites see between 2% (high volume sites) and 40% (low volume sites) of their traffic coming from the content, with 72.7% of visitors being new.

**Quality Engagement:** Internet users who see ContentOro content visit 3X as many web pages and stay on customer sites more than 1.5X as long. Results for one customer with a \$60,000 annual subscription were 1.9 million page views and an average of 5 minutes per session in just one year. Each page viewed is a new chance to sell products and services.

Lower Cost: Content QSV saves customers money by offering a lower cost alternative for high-quality content. Customers pay \$100 per article per year for exclusive digital content versus ~\$250 for the same length article from the competition. The average cost per click is \$.17 compared to \$1.70 for Google AdWords. In addition, Content QSV includes professional images at no additional cost.

**Speed to Market:** ContentOro offers the only source of exclusive content that is already created and can be installed on websites quickly. This allows customers to participate in fast-moving conversations on social media, and to be found by curious search engine users. It is also possible to quickly adapt content to the needs of the customer, adding relevant keywords such as brand names to better attract customers and sell products. With Content QSV, launching new product lines with a supporting content strategy can happen in weeks instead of months.



## Market





Brands depend on Content Marketing to engage their audiences on the internet. According to Nielson, people aged 18 to 34 spend more of their time each day online than they do watching television, by a margin of 39% to 29%.

In 2015, content creation for the internet was a \$140 billion industry growing at 36% CAGR\* over the previous 5 years, a trend that is expected to continue. Consider that eCommerce sales in 2016 were only 11.7% of all retail sales. That industry is growing at 17.2% per year, which provides ample opportunity for ContentOro.

According to Marketo's 2016 survey, content creation is the number one concern of marketers. In the past, the only options were to pay freelance writers or use the resources of an internal marketing department.

#### There is no dominant written content provider today; the opportunity is open.

Book Publishing is a strong \$151 billion industry searching for the next opportunity for the millions of books they've published. No one has come with a large-scale solution for using them online...until now.

Just like Getty Images, who transformed advertising by creating a platform to buy and sell stock photography, there is an even larger opportunity to use this model for written content, especially if it is of excellent quality.



### The Industry Problem

Creating enough Content is the #1 concern of marketers\*



- ✓ Time consuming
- ✓ Expensive
- ✓ Inconsistent Quality

## **Our Unique Solution**

ContentOro's massive library meets the growing need



- ✓ Instantly available
- ✓ Low licensing fee
- Professionally written and edited by experts, high quality



## Product & Technology



### **Technology Stack**

#### A unique combination of tools

ContentOro has developed technology to systematically break books down to articles, which can be quickly added to any website and be shared in social media, on blogs, and in email campaigns.

- Our technology solves a problem for book publishers, who all want to use their content on the internet by making the books flexible, interactive and shareable.
- Sy using the machine learning tools we've created, we are able to do the hard work of reshaping book content for the internet quickly and efficiently.
- ✓ Our technology is unique in its ability to process any book (of which there are a massive variety of form factors) into our custom database, regardless of its complexity, and deliver it to any website, regardless of platform.

Our technology stack includes a combination of proprietary software and machine learning tools, a custom database, application program interfaces (API's), and custom themes (style sheets). Combined, these tools quickly deliver and control content for websites, and match our customers' look and feel by adapting to their style automatically.



### **Content QSV**



#### Quality, Speed, Value

ContentOro provides a new way to do content marketing, delivering large amounts of expert content quickly and beautifully to any website or device.

Content QSV gives brands a library of content to choose from to create "knowledge centers" for their target audiences. This immediate access to quantities of relevant content establishes a brand's authority and allows them to build and execute marketing campaigns involving social media, email, and search engines more quickly.

Currently in development are complementary services that will allow clients to maximize the potential of their content. See "How It Works: Next Steps" for details.

ContentOro is transforming how brands build and execute digital campaigns, just like Getty Images did for photography.

### **Content Marketing with Articles**



#### The Content QSV Process





## Applications





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#### Attracting customers through search

ContentOro provides high quality long-form content that installs instantly, gets indexed quickly, and attracts search engine users.

Google bases search results on the reputation of the website. The measurements they use are **Expertise**, **Authority**, and **Trustworthiness**.

**Quantity matters.** The average first page listing on a Google search result leads to an article that is 2500 words or more.

**Visibility matters.** 62% of all site visits come from the first three results from Google search.

**Quality matters.** Google, who directs 75% of all internet traffic, spends billions of dollars evaluating the quality of content on the web.



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### Email



#### **One-to-one conversations with customers**

ContentOro provides a library of expertly written content in enough quantity to enable clients to have meaningful one-toone communications with their customers

#### 205 billion emails are sent a day

- ✓ The average email ROI is \$38 for every \$1 spent
- Email conversion rate is higher than search and social media combined
- Personalized emails deliver six times higher transaction rates



### **Social Media**



#### Connect with customers socially

The library of content ContentOro delivers allows brands to converse with their audience through social media...about anything.

Fast-moving conversations and trends require high quality content on demand.





#### A marketer's dream

ContentOro technology and content combine seamlessly to produce high quality apps in minutes.

Apps allow a self-contained and controlled platform to deliver content and products together in a bundled package.

Apps are highly desired by marketing professionals because of the ability to control the content and put a brand asset in consumers' hands.





## **Publishers**



### **Publishing Partner Agreements**



#### The largest source of content in the world is printed books

We have negotiated digital licensing agreements with many of the world's leading nonfiction publishers, making over 2 million books available for content marketing purposes. These books cover a wide range of subjects, from cooking and gardening to medicine and law, providing clients from any industry with a wide variety of content suitable to their target customer.

The licensing agreement typically works on a revenue share basis, with 20-25% of the gross income being paid to the publisher. This is a new and welcome source of income for book publishers.

Current publisher partners include John Wiley and Sons, National Geographic, Octopus Publishing (part of Hachette), and St Martin's Press (part of the Macmillan publishing group).

Our leadership team has unique experience and contacts in the book publishing industry, which has made the challenging task of finding partners and developing strong ongoing relationships possible.



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### **Additional Publisher Partners**







## Sales Strategy





<b>\$500M</b> 5,000 companies x \$100k annual sales	Inside Sales	automation tools to reach executives in thousands				
\$600M 25,000 companies x \$24k annual sales		rtnerPartnerships with agencies and other content service providers makes Content QSV available to more companies in an economical model.				
\$500M 250,000 companies x \$2k annual sales		Self- Serve	Marketplace where customers select articles for their websites, blogs, and social media campaigns.			

### **\$1.6 BILLION OPPORTUNITY**



#### Integrating content with sales and marketing automation

We use informative articles to reach prospects and move them through a strategic content marketing funnel to a sale. As an alternative to high-pressure sales pitches, we employ marketing automation to nurture a much larger audience with thought leadership content from our own publisher partners, with the goal of being top-of-mind when the time comes to buy.

#### Rationale

- ✓ The information we supply our prospects shows us to be experts in online marketing
- ✓ Trust is built with the target audience before sales staff are engaged
- $\checkmark$  47% of buyers view three to five pieces of content before engaging with a sales rep
- Content libraries housed on ContentOro.com attract further prospects via organic search
- ✓ Sales force costs are reduced, and customer acquisition cost is minimized
- ✓ This strategy provides meaningful sales results that compensate for the low average conversion rate statistics that startups are faced with



#### Scaling with partners who provide services around content

We work with partners in complementary disciplines who want to provide content to their clients. Exclusive and syndicated content is delivered via partners to their many clients with minimal effort on our part.

#### Rationale

- ✓ This is an economical sales model. Based on revenue sharing, it reduces sales overhead and has lower risk.
- $\checkmark$  It is a quick way to reach a large number of customers
- ✓ We have proven results with current partner, LinkNow Media, and are in negotiations with an international website host to provide similar solutions for their 17 million customers.
- There are a large number of potential partners, including website hosts, SEO strategists, digital ad agencies, and marketing consultants whose services also depend on content supply.
- ✓ We provide long-form content, which is often a missing component in the campaigns ad agencies run for their customers
- $\checkmark~70\text{-}75\%$  gross margin provides generous margin to share with partners

### Self-Serve Channel – Launching June 2018



#### Bringing buyers and sellers together with the first Content Marketplace

Currently, there isn't a place on the internet to buy or lease content. Our team's unique access to massive libraries of articles and our unique technology combine to automate the delivery of single articles or full libraries of content to limitless customers.

#### Rationale

- Marketers like to self-select content, currently spending \$4 billion on stock photography through self-serve sites like Getty Images and Shutterstock
- ContentOro has access to about 200 million articles over a wide range of subjects, allowing for a comprehensive marketplace managed with existing eCommerce platforms. For comparison, Getty Images has 80 million photos.
- ContentOro receives regular requests for access to a library to "see what we have to sell"
- Customers have expressed the desire to buy one article at a time for blogs or social media posts
- ContentOro's current technology stack is built to show and sell content through a selfservice eCommerce-like system
- ✓ Small and developing businesses can't afford quality content today

### **Further Sales Opportunities**



#### **International Markets**



#### **US Second Languages**

- ✓ Spanish
- ✓ Chinese
- ✓ French
- ✓ Korean

#### English Language Foreign Markets

- ✓ UK and Ireland
- 🗸 Canada
- Australia and New Zealand
- South Africa

#### International Language Markets

- ✓ France
- Germany
- Spanish-Speaking
- China
- Japan



## Competition



### **Competitive Overview**



#### Competitors providing similar services. None sourced from books.

	Overview	Ex. Firms		
Writer Marketplace	These sites connect firms to freelance writers ranging from amateurs to experts and charge per article or per word	Scripted textbroker		
Marketing Agency	These companies offer integrated marketing, consulting, and advertising solutions along with content services	Brandpoint digitalrelevance		
Freelance Writer	People who are self-employed who specialize in freelance writing or journalism	Novice, professional, and niche self-employed writers		
Content Aggregator	Content distributors that license exclusive rights to a library of published works, usually in a revenue share agreement with publishers	NewsCred		
Staff Writer	Either hired staff writers or marketing managers diverted from primary MOS in order to publish original content marketing work	Staff writers, marketing managers		



## Team & Financials



### **Key Leadership Team**





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Founder and

Chief Executive

Officer

**Digital Marketing** 

eCommerce

Publishing

Meijer

Kmart

**Borders** 





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> IBM Xerox Adobe

Rod Hare Chief Operating and Finance Officer

Chartered Accountant Publishing International Licensing

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Digital Marketing Social Media eCommerce

Borders Waldenbooks Commerce Guys

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#### Key financial metrics

<b>\$000's</b> Profit and Loss Statement	December 2017	December 2018	December 2019	December 2020	December 2021	December 2022
Total Revenue	280	1,569	10,578	31,720	64,474	101,349
Gross Profit	213	1,030	7,787	23,981	49,053	77,350
Total Operating Expenses	751	3,385	8,141	12,494	17,137	24,114
EBITDA	(538)	(2,354)	(354)	11,487	31,916	53,236
Balance Sheet						
Total Assets	2,902	2,548	2,305	11,433	31,081	35,543
Total Liabilities	34	102	386	878	1,617	1,778
Total Equity	2,868	2,447	1,919	10,555	29,464	33,765
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Net cash provided (used) by Operating						
Activities	(574)	(2,517)	(1,218)	7,347	16,973	29,810
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period	2,853	1,960	469	7,558	24,071	53,055
Other Statistics						
Number of customers	28	408	3,411	10,913	25,420	28,257
Number of sales representatives	1	13	37	41	49	51
Number of FTE staff (including contractors)	6	39	81	103	142	152

### **Planned Use of Funds**



ContentOro is raising \$107,000 as working capital towards a \$5.0 Million A-Round capital raise. Today ContentOro has raised \$1.4m in equity and debt.

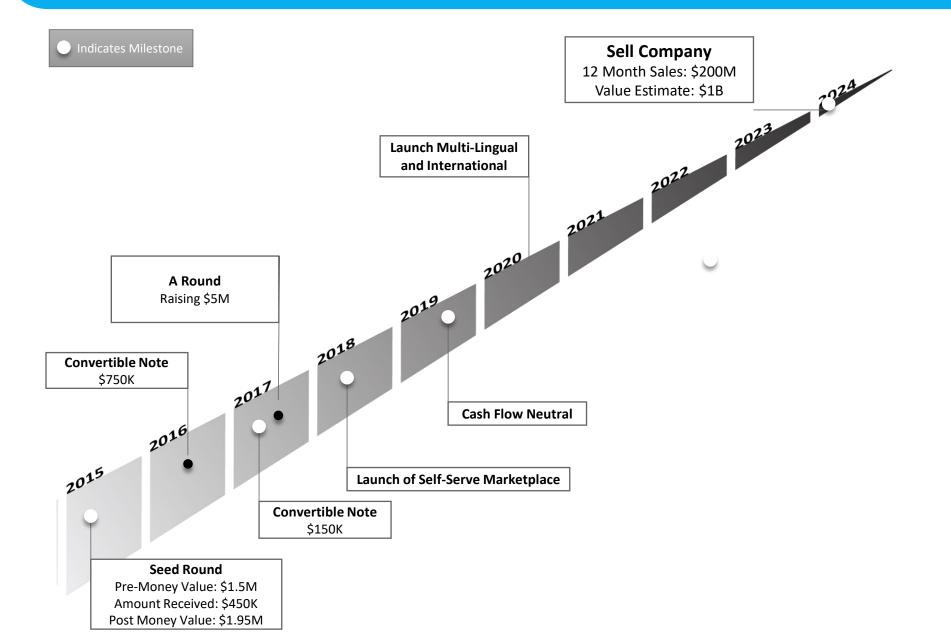
### Spend

- ✓ Time Period= 24 months
- ✓ Working Capital (\$1.9M)
- ✓Add Sales Team (\$2.3M)
- ✓ Marketing (\$4.3M)
- ✓ Marketplace (\$1.0M)
- ✓ Margin Offset <u>\$4.7M</u>✓ Net Spend \$4.8M

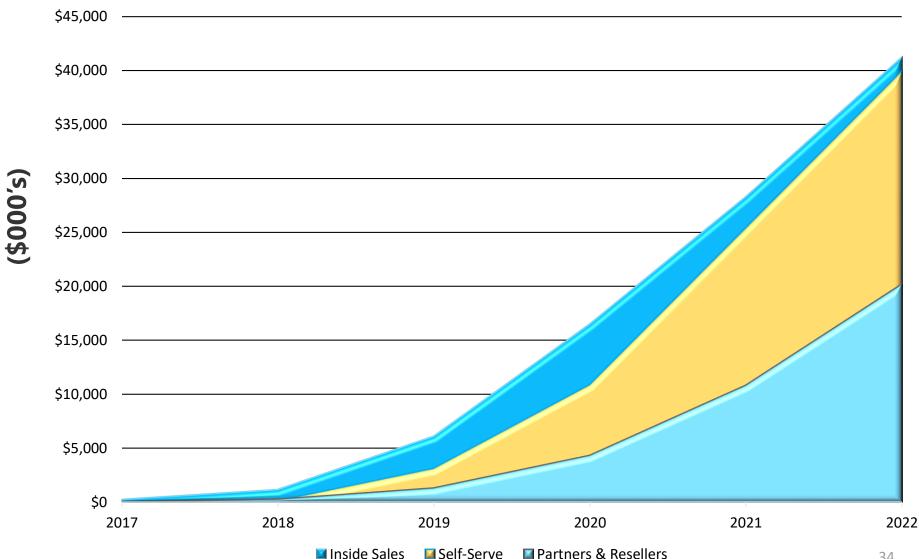
### Achievement

- ✓ Funds used through Dec '19
- $\checkmark$  37 person sales team
- ✓1.3M Leads in database
- ✓ 3000 Customers
- ✓\$10M annual sales
- ✓ Cash Positive (Sept '19)
- ✓ Profitable (Aug '19)

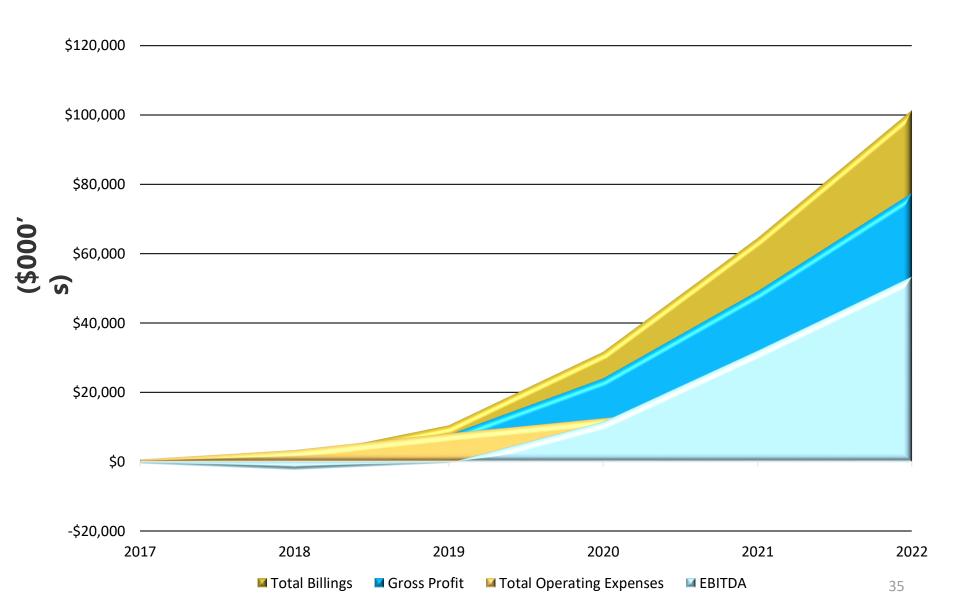
### **Valuation Timeline**



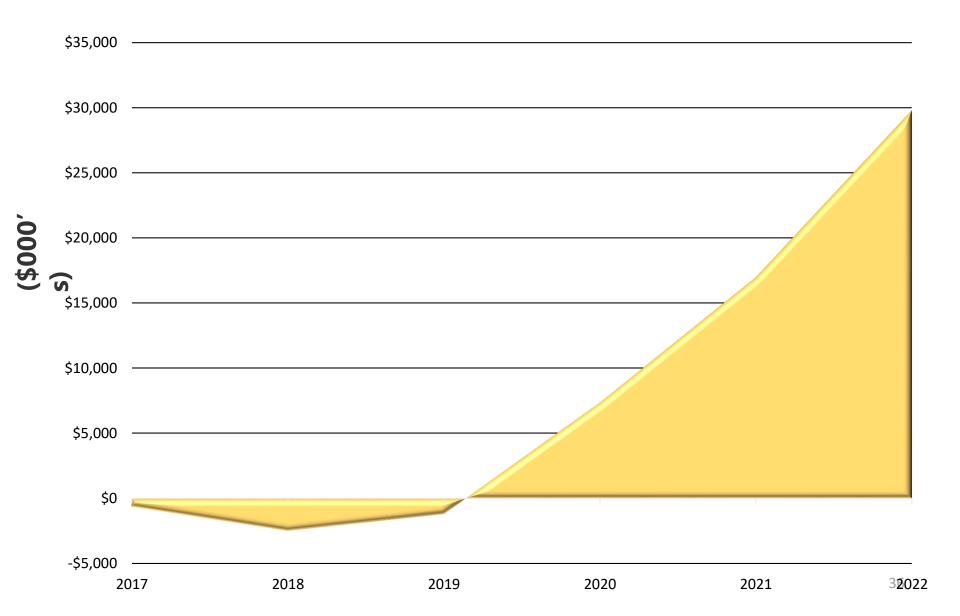














#### 2014-2015

**Q2 2014:** Each Page LLC formed to pursue the use of books as content on the internet Q3 2014: 1st hire, Yalcin Yanikoglu as Chief Technology Officer Q4 2014: Tested minimum viable product Q1 2015: Signed first publisher **Q2 2015:** First MVP customer, Small Business Association of Michigan Q2 2015: \$450K Seed round with Michigan Angel Fund, Lis Ventures, and Invest Michigan. Q4 2015: Semi Finalist: Accelerate Michigan **Q4 2015:** Winner: UofM Venture Capital Investment Competition

#### 2016-2017

**Q1 2016:** First Enterprise Customer, Pet Supplies Plus

Q1 2016: Winner: Best Business Model (New

Enterprise Forum)

**Q1 2016:** Finalist: Startup Of The Year (EMU)

Q2 2016: Winner: Innovation Award (SBDC)

Q3 2016: \$950K Convertible Note

**Q3 2016:** First International sale, to Cathay Pacific airline

Q3 2016: Tenth customer, CITRIX supplied with content

**Q3 2016:** MVP Content-On-Demand WordPress Plugin launched

Q4 2016: Semi Finalist: Accelerate Michigan

- Q1 2017: First annual contract renewed
- Q1 2017: Email marketing campaign launched
- Q2 2017: 20th publisher partner signed



#### 2017-2019

Q4 2017: A-Round Financing
Q1 2018: Sales force hired
Q1 2018 : Reseller program launched
Q2 2018 : Self-Serve Marketplace Launched
Q3 2018: First \$1,000,000 in sales achieved
Q3 2018: 100th customer
Q1 2019: 10th reseller
Q2 2019: 1,000th Customer

Q4 2019: Cash-Flow positive and Break-

Even

**Q4 2019:** \$10,000,000 in annual sales

#### 2020-2021

**Q4 2020:** 50th employee **Q4 2020:** \$31,000,000 in Revenue and \$11,000,000 EBITDA **Q1 2021:** 50th Reseller signed **Q4 2021:** \$64,000,000 in Revenue and \$32,000,000 EBITDA **Q4 2022:** 101,000,000 in Revenue and \$53,000,000 EBITDA

### Why Invest in ContentOro?



- Low level investment with a potential for high returns
- ✓ Massive, worldwide market
- ✓ Huge source of supply with exclusive rights
- ✓ Proven proprietary technology
- ✓ Annual recurring revenue model
- ✓ Current customers with proven results
- ✓ High gross margin
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> online self-serve marketplace for content
- ✓ EBITDA 33% in 2020 and continues to grow



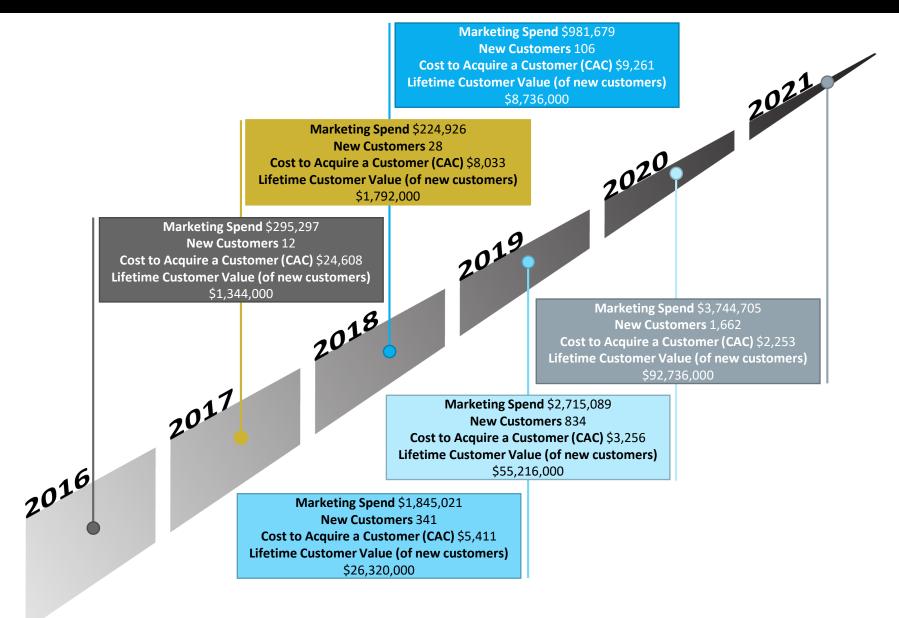


# Appendix



### **Cost to Acquire Customers**

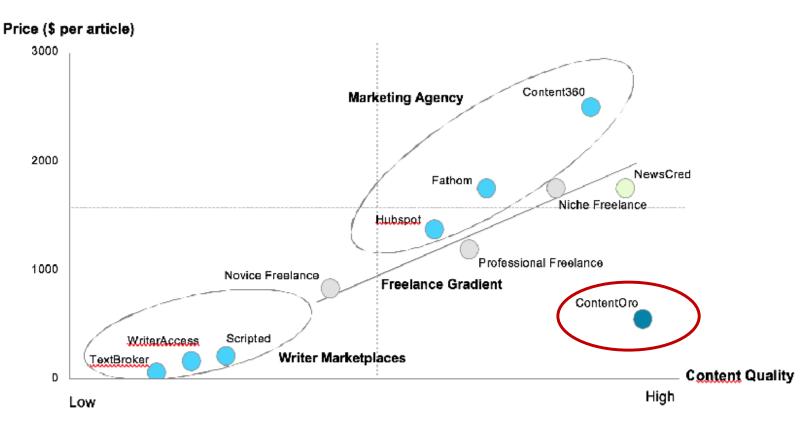




### **Pricing Comparison**



#### Content pricing traditionally driven by freelance pricing gradient



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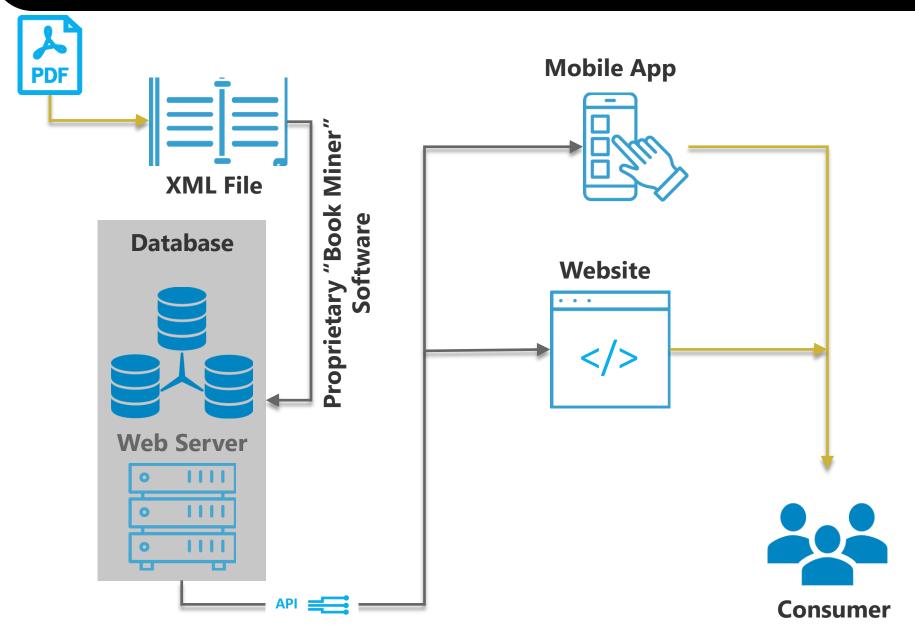
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Note: Analysis assumes average production of four articles per month at 800, word length

### Technology

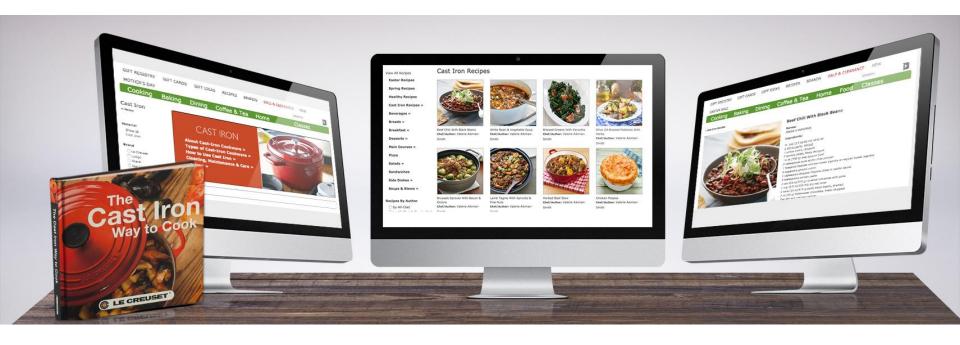




### How it Works: STEP 1



We start the process with a beautiful book, which turns into hundreds of articles...



### How It Works: STEP 2



#### ... and is processed into our database

ContentOro's database houses a rich and complex digital version of books we receive from our publishers.

Proprietary software transforms the books into a structure that is hierarchical and accessible, down to each paragraph and image.

The database carefully catalogs text and images, including their spatial and contextual relationships, so that the content can be adapted to look and behave in infinite ways.

A recent technological advancement allows for the option of a microdatabase that can be stored at a customer's site, providing faster local access and protecting the content through encryption.

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### How It Works: STEP 3



#### ... and delivered through themes.

- Secure delivery through API streaming and Microsoft Azure cloud storage
- Delivers articles in pre-designed themes to display beautifully on web or mobile platforms...in 10 minutes
- Automatically formatted to match client's site for a consistent look and feel
- Includes navigation tools such as table of contents and breadcrumbs
- Content QSV easily integrates with products through hyperlinks or onpage ads
- Installs quickly without IT support



# Just one line of HTML code to deliver thousands of articles instantly

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### How It Works: NEXT STEPS



#### ...how our techology will develop.

- ✓ Automated supply of metadata
- Custom matching of customer targeted keywords to articles
- Automatically linking articles and delivering them to clients in real time based on Google Trends
- Delivering content in multilingual formats
- Adding video sound and other forms of content
- Collecting data on page views across all client's web sites

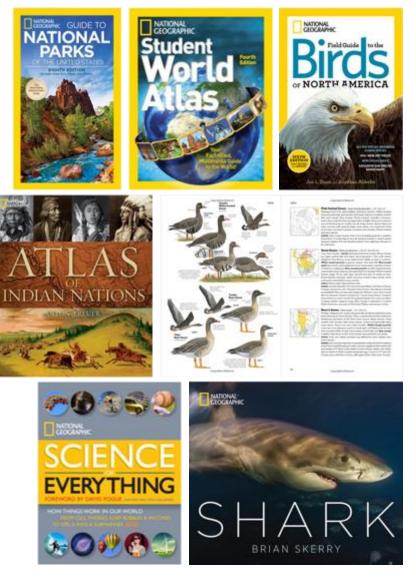






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