

[Narelle] Hello and

welcome to the latest episode of the

Digital Access Show. Today's guest is in the

digital marketing arena. He's a friend of mine. Sujit, please,

tell us about yourself. Who are you and what do you do? [Sujit] Thank you Narelle.

Thank you for inviting me over. It's an honour to be

part of the show. And we met at a

networking event. I, even being in

the digital marketing space and y'know, software

and CRMs, I was not even aware there was a space

for digital accessibility. I just assumed

like everybody else, like people who face disability, don't actually go

to the internet or they use other people

to access all this. But when I met you,

is when I got aware, there are people who

actually use the internet successfully because

I never thought somebody who had vision problems

could access the internet. So, you know,

when I said that, oh, you access the internet

and you're able to navigate. I was surprised how

much access you're able to go through

like in the online space, and do all

of those things, so. No, thank you. So, you've got me opening up my eyes to the world

of accessibility. I'm still learning. So, you know, I'm still

learning the process. So, where I come from is I've

got a engineering background. I come from the

tech space and then I moved into the finance space. I was a professional. I was a financial

planner for seven years. So, I got a lot of sales

background, because as a planner you have to work on

your save - or get your own clients and

manage your own clients. So, I came to a process. Why, you know, how I came about

PixelGram is - I had a problem. Like, you know,

managing my leads, my followers, my

referrals, because as a financial planner, all we do is

meetings after meetings. But there was no system

where people could access me quickly

or I could do follow up. So, collect my contacts. So, I built a system, you know,

with the CRM I have. And then what

I did is I created, I started creating an

online profile of myself, like as a

planner on the internet. Now, when I said,

like, you know, it was on my website

and it was a profile where you come to the page, you

quickly - it was about myself. You know, because I care about personal branding

because when it comes to financial planners or

sales professionals, it's about your

personal branding first. Before you brand your company,

because people buy from people. [Narelle] Yep. [Sujit] So, I created a

profile which explained more about myself, you

know, how I could help people. And then the profile was more about, okay, you

come to this page. What do you want to do? You know, because

everybody wants to speak to a person, or there has to be a call to action quickly. So, you know, somebody wants to, okay, if you want to call, there's a quick button, quick access to it. If you want to book a meeting, there's a quick access to it. If you want to connect with me for later, you know, there's a quick access. So, I created something like a Linktree profile. But on your website, it's more branded to yourself. And then everything that happens on that profile, unlike Linktree, it's connected to an app. So, any processes, all that can be managed through an app, any follow-ups can be linked to an app. So, you know, especially people with disability, you know, they would come to a website instead of them going to different, you know, figuring out which page is the contact page. Just come to, you know, click, come to your own profile page, get the call to action done. And then, you know, makes it easy to do business or, you know, that reduces the friction on how to do business with each other. [Narelle] Sujit, you actually made a really good point there that I, seriously, have never thought about. [Sujit] Yeah. [Narelle] It's - yeah. [Narelle] How do people with disability necessarily find the contact details because on a web page, they're normally

up in the top right corner for your socials
and your bottom right corner. Your phone number's
normally down in the bottom left hand corner, and then
there will be a Contact Us page. [Sujit] That's right. [Narelle] And I
know for me,
I know where it is, but I've never thought
about that problem. [Sujit] Yeah, correct. And, you know, and
most of the websites, you know, they just have a
company page, company contact. So, it lacks personal
touch or personal contact. You know, because
everybody who comes to a website, they're more interested, who's
behind the website? You know, branding, company
name, it's all secondary, right? You know, we all want, you know,
interaction with a real person. And how that
person can help you. You know, so that's why
I made this profile page. You know, there's
about that person there, then and
there you can read. And there's call to action
immediately on that page. So, reduces the friction. Or, you know, the
time it takes to find a business, get in touch
with you and do your action. You know, book a meeting
or contact you straight away. [Narelle] So, it's
reducing the stress. And it's efficient and simple.
[Sujit] Yes, correct. [Sujit] Correct, it's
reducing the friction. You know, the time
it takes from visiting the page to getting
into a meeting. [Narelle] Oh, God. So, how did you do it? How did you
build this page

that's accessible for anyone? [Sujit] How did I build the page? So, like I was saying, like, you know, so I got my idea from Linktree. So, Linktree is a page where, you know, you can put different links into one page where people can access it. However, Linktree, the pages you create are stuck on Linktree. It doesn't promote SEO or, you know, somebody searches your name on the internet. It doesn't direct you to the Linktree page. Right? So, I create... So, where we come in is we, you know, we have web designers or web developers as well. We create a Linktree kind of page on your website. And then we connect that to a CRO or to an app where then anything - So, anybody searches for your name, it goes to your profile straight away. It adds up to your... it's an extra web click. Or, you know, they can contact you. So, the more people access your profile page. And it's good for the search engines as well because, especially when the web... You know, the Google spiders, the Google bots. They are more interested. Who's the authority behind the website? They don't care about the company. They want to know, who's the authority? What is your expertise? The sooner that Google understands that, the sooner you know, you get your ranking up. So, that was

lacking with Linktree. So, I, you know,
how I differentiate this. Create a profile on your page. People can
access
you very quickly. Get business done, you
know, as soon as possible. [Narelle] So, you've got Calendly
links or appointment links. You've got the
social media in it. [Sujit] Yes, correct. [Narelle] You've got
able-to-ring-for page? So, with accessibility,
did you just add some extra information
onto the page in the code? Or how did you do it? [Sujit] With
accessibility,
with your training, you know, when
we met before. And you gave me
some tips on that. So, it was about the alt text. And, you know, so,
again, it's customized. So, you know, how they want it. So, with
Linktree,
it's all linked to, you know,
their links and all. So, this is where we
customize the buttons. So, some people, you know,
you come to your profile. Your preferences, you know,
what are your preferences? Some people say,
call me immediately. Some people will say,
submit a contact button. Or some people say, book
a meeting, calendar booking. So, we customize the buttons. Or, you know,
the branding, all your colors, based
on your business. So, that, you know,
that familiarity comes in. So, we give that branding
to your existing business. And then we prioritize on what is your
important
call to action. So, that's how we

come, you know, we can differentiate with Linktree or other companies or the other digital card providers. So, it's all custom. So, you know, what is important to you? What is your client's preference? We build that custom, even the automations that go after that. Like, after they book the meeting or submit the form, I do custom automizations depending on your sales journey for your clients. [Narelle] What benefits do you see in this with accessibility? Incorporating the accessibility, what are the benefits? [Sujit] The benefit is, like I was saying, it's the reducing the friction. The time it takes for somebody to find you to the point of, you know, interacting with you. So, you know, most people when they, you know, these days, you know, especially with their attention span, they come to a website for five seconds. And that's it. You know, they check your About Me page, check the pricing page. And that's it. So, there's no quick way, or, you know, there's no... You don't make the journey easier to actually get in touch with the actual person. And there's no way to follow up or find out about, you know, collect information about the customer. So, I build custom pages or with Pixelgram. We build pages where, you know, we make your customer journey as accessible as possible. And especially with your training, you know, we can

add more elements on, you know, make it more accessible as well. [Narelle] And that accessibility really is helping everyone. [Sujit] Correct, correct. So, people without disability, they will get it much faster. [unintelligible] But, you know, if you look on the internet now, people with disability, they are struggling much more. So, we are reducing that journey or that touch point. You know, maybe half or one-third, or one-fourth of the time, we could get that in. So, that again, it's speed, you know. Because that's how money works, you know. You have to get it done quickly. It's all about speed, your execution and your speed. [Narelle] I've never thought about some of this stuff. Thank you. [Sujit] No, that's okay. [Narelle] What are your thoughts about digital marketing today and digital accessibility? I mean, I know I'm on Facebook and different things. [Sujit] Yep. [Narelle] There's so much that you just get, yeah, image, image, image. You with sight don't have those problems. But what are you thinking digital marketers should be doing? [Sujit] At the moment, what I'm seeing is everybody is spreading themselves too thin. So, especially with social media, you know, they do a little bit in Facebook. Or they do a little bit of LinkedIn. Instead of, that's why I created this profile as well. So, what my strategy

is, yes, some number of people might come into Facebook. Some people might

go into LinkedIn. But if you put

your profile, like, you know, your

profile, which is your central profile, like, you know,

which is on your website. So, put that profile page

on every social media. Get people to

come to your profile through the social media. Instead of getting them

engaged at that platform. So, if they come

to platform to your, let's say, for

example, LinkedIn. They'll try to message

you through LinkedIn. And you know, that kind of,

you're spreading yourself thin. So, what I'm

doing is I'm trying to centralize all social media

platforms into the profile. So, if they find

your LinkedIn, get them to come to your profile

and then get engaged with them. So, that you have

one place to engage from any, you know,

from all platforms. [Narelle] And that also

means that it doesn't, you know, the

LinkedIn, the Facebook, yeah, they've got

it considered the accessibility, like, put alt

text on images and things. [Sujit] That's right. [Narelle] That it's not the

end of the world. Because... Well, they still should be. Because they're missing

out on some market there. But going straight to

your profile from that. [Sujit] Yeah.

[Narelle] It's all accessible. [Narelle] Are you

incorporating the accessibility into everyone's profile pages when you do it? [Sujit] With our limited knowledge, whatever we can. So, you know, I'm not a hundred percent trained yet. So, you know, I'm trying to be as much with my current knowledge. I'm trying to make it as accessible as possible. But, you know, the more I know, the more, you know, the, once I know the criteria and the template, or how it should be, we can definitely. And it's an ongoing thing. So, even if it's half accessible today, once I learn more, I can easily, you know, make the edits to make it more accessible. [Narelle] So, it's not too hard to even incorporate the accessibility. Once you know how to do it, it's not hard? [Sujit] Not hard, correct. So, it's ever changing. So, you know, if you change your business strategy or if you want different priorities, because it's in your website, in your profile, it's more easily changeable or, you know, customizable compared to social media profiles. You know, that you have no control over, you know, how the design of your profile should be, especially LinkedIn. You know, the buttons, it's very different for every profile. You know, sometimes I struggle with how to connect with that person, because the buttons are

all over the place. The connect button. Yeah, or sometimes it's the follow button, sometimes it's the connect button. It's a bit all over the place with LinkedIn. I think LinkedIn is the worst culprit with accessibility. You know, they don't, they're not considering as much accessibility as it should. [Narelle] No. Now, I'm going to go back and look at LinkedIn. Well, listen to LinkedIn. Now, I'm really curious. I'm going to go and play with it because I've... I suppose I listen and I don't think it's because it's always an issue. So, I think for a normal person, what an issue it is. [Sujit] So, especially LinkedIn, it's not accessible in that sense. It's not consistent. So, every profile I go to, I struggle with finding the website. Even though it's listed, it's very hard to find what's the website of this person. Sometimes the connect button is hidden in the three dots. And every profile is different with LinkedIn. So, you know, instead of getting people engaging on a LinkedIn, if they come to your profile immediately, show the link to your profile, let them come to your profile and engage over there. They want to chat, send a message, get them to the profile. Your profile on the website. [Narelle] And then, for the person that's using the pro- like, to come into the profile, they're getting

a better service. [Sujit] Yes, correct. [Narelle] They're getting access to you more quickly. [Sujit] Yes. [Narelle] And resolving the problem more quickly. Whatever the problem is.

[Sujit] That's it. [Sujit] Correct, and it

makes it consistent too. So, it's a social media profile on your website. And people can

access you very quickly. [Narelle] Oh, I'm fascinated. I'm going back to look

at your profile again too. Because I've gone and

looked at it a few times. I just find it interesting

how you've structured it. Because, like I've played with

it, obviously using voiceover. And the structure of it's really

nice because it just flows. I can go flick, flick,

flick. And it's logical. [Sujit] Yeah.

That's it. Yeah. [Narelle] What advice would

you give to developers, digital marketers? What, what are the things? What are your takeaways

after your experience? What are your takeaways

that you would give to people? [Sujit] I would say

as a business owner, identify how much

you're missing out. Not serving the, you know,

people who have disability. You know, some

businesses might lose out a big chunk of the

business when they're not serving disabled people. So, I say as a business

owner, do research on how much of the,

you know, how much market you could

capture by serving the people in, you know,

who have disability. So if you can identify that. And that's when, you

know, even with a little investment, you could probably get 10 times back. So, you know, not everybody, you know, every business wants to serve. You know, I think they should, but that's not their priority. But identifying that first is, you know, how much they're missing out and how much they can serve is the first point to identify. Once they identify that, then you decide how much you want to put in and then scale it up from there, you know. So, do the basic, you know, again, it comes to education again, you know, with people like yourself, you know, that's where - that's the work you do, right? So, with the education kind of thing, you know, identifying how much they're missing out and once they do the approach - do the basic stuff that you can. And if they're seeing the results, scale it up quick because the, the market is under-served. And then, you know, once you get a few in, then it just snowballs over. [Narelle] You know what, Sujit, every time I do a podcast, I learn something. And I'm always amazed what I learn. And thank you. I appreciate it. So this is Sujit Menon from pixelgram.digital. Sujit, other than your website, how can people contact

you to find out more and - being honest, I really like what Sujit's doing. It is logical, it's efficient. And you know what, people with disability can use it. [Sujit] That's right. [Narelle] You know, it just makes sense for us. Or for everyone, go to one spot, all the contact details. So how can they find you, Sujit? [Sujit] My website is pixelgram.digital. However, my profile is Sujit, S-U-J-I-T. dot pixelgram dot digital. [sujit.pixelgram.digital] [Narelle] Yeah. So I'll put that up for people to go and have a look at what Sujit's doing. It's very smart. [Sujit] Or Google, uh, 'Sujit CRM consultant.' That's it, and then you go to my profile. So if you Google Sujit, my name and CRM, you'll get to my page straight away. [Narelle] Yeah. And thank you, Sujit, again. You've given me some things to think about. So this is the Digital Access Show. Can't tell you what episode number. I don't know if it's 35 or 36. I'm... forgetting now. I've given up counting, actually. Look, if you like what we do, please like, subscribe, share. Come along, meet Sujit. He's also a BX networking team leader at East Brisbane. As well, and he's just an all-round nice guy. So, thank you and we'll see you next time. [Sujit] Thank you.