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Introduction: Launch Playbook

I am delighted to introduce this playbook designed to help you host the kick-off event, "Growing our Competitive Advantage with Groopit." This playbook will equip you with everything you need to promote and deliver the kick-off event, then nurture ongoing engagement.

Phase one: Promote. The promotion phase is designed to create awareness and excitement about the event. During this phase we want every member of the organization to understand the significance of this initiative and emphasize the value of their participation.

Phase two: Event. The one-hour event will lay the foundation for future success. It is designed to empower each employee and ignite the momentum to excel in our competitive landscape.

Phase three: Nurture. Following the event, we enter the nurturing phase, where we recognize and appreciate the ongoing contributions of employees and acknowledge the business outcomes positively impacted by shared competitive intelligence.

Please use this playbook as a starting point and customize it to reflect your company's vision, goals, and culture. We appreciate this opportunity to set a strong foundation for our collective success and embrace the growth that lies ahead.

Warm regards,

Lisa Coleman VP Marketing, Groopit

Timeline

The timeline for our kick-off event involves initiating promotion three weeks ahead, intensifying promotion in the week leading up to the event, and then transitioning to the nurture phase post-event.

To help you manage the timeline, we have provided a customizable task list.



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Phase One: Promote

This section provides assets to promote the kick-off event and engage attendees. The campaign is crucial to ensuring the success of this important occasion. The recommended event title is, "Growing our Competitive Advantage: {insert your company name here} + Groopit" and will be used through the promotional campaign. There are five elements:

- Announcement | Inform team members about the event and generate excitement.
- Invitation | Extend formal invitations to attendees and facilitate RSVP.
- Giveaway Teaser | Generate excitement and incentivize attendance.
- Leadership Teaser | Highlight the event's importance and encourage attendance.
- Reminder | Ensure attendees are well-prepared and excited for the event.

This playbook contains customizable draft assets for the kick-off event promotion. These assets, including messages and graphics, are designed to engage potential attendees, generate excitement and communicate the kick-off's importance. The draft messages are also available in doc format for easy copy and paste.

Quick Tip: Throughout these assets, you'll see various emojis. To add them to Outlook messages, press the Windows key + period key. To use the {Company} and <u>Groopit logos</u> as emojis in Slack, simply add them as custom emojis. <u>Instructions are available here</u>. To use them in an Outlook message, insert them as images and then resize to 0.2" x 0.2". Custom / logo emojis can not be used in Teams messages, but all others can.

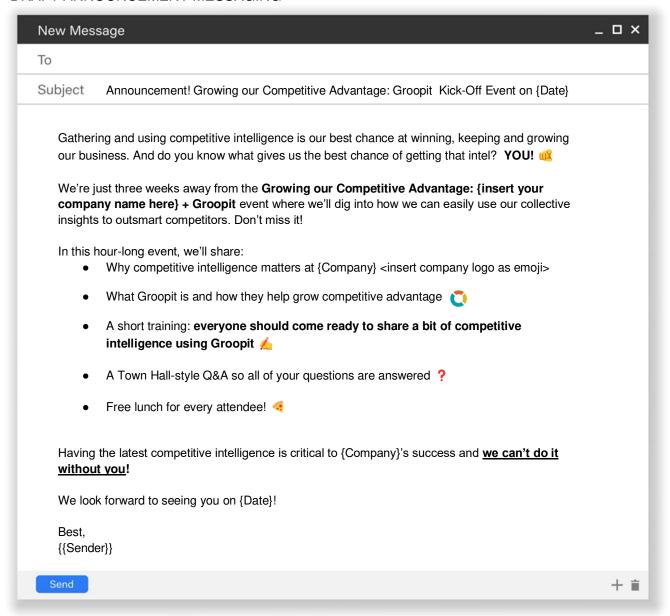
1. Announcement

Objective: Inform team members about the event and generate excitement.

Timing: 3 weeks prior

Customize and share this announcement via email, Slack, Teams, Zoom calls, company newsletters, or wherever target attendees consume information. It is designed to explain the kick-off event's purpose and significance, and mentions that an invitation is forthcoming.

DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT MESSAGING



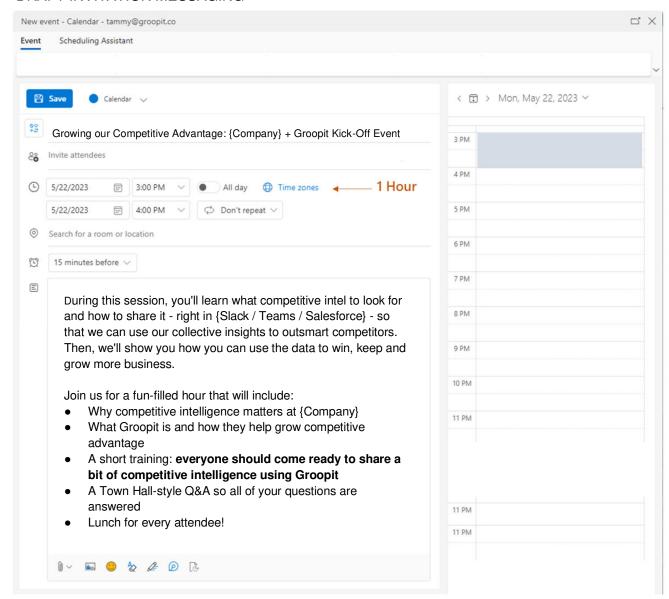
2. Invitation

Objective: Extend formal invitations to attendees and facilitate RSVP.

Timing: 2 weeks prior

Customize and send this calendar invitation to every potential participant, so you can request attendees RSVP. It should include event date, time, and location in the invitation. Ensure that invitations are sent 2-3 weeks in advance to allow for planning and logistics.

DRAFT INVITATION MESSAGING



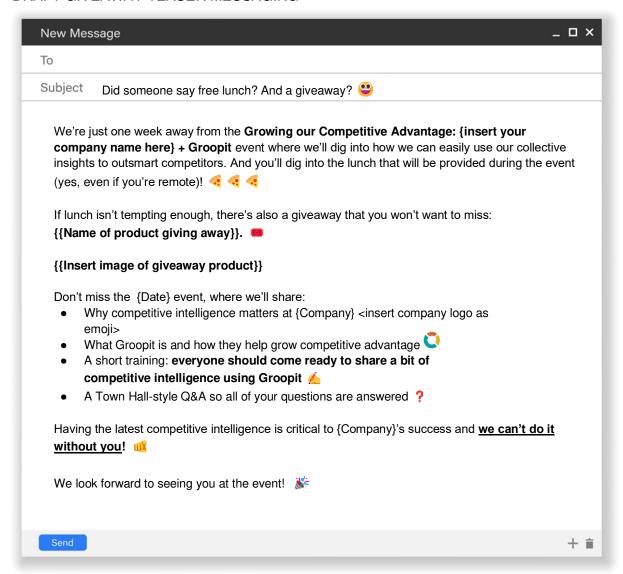
3. Giveaway Teaser

Objective: Generate excitement and incentivize attendance.

Timing: 1 week prior

Customize and send this teaser message highlighting a special treat for attendees, such as participants will receive a complimentary coffee or lunch during the event, or be entered into a drawing to win. This message is designed to emphasize that the treat is a token of appreciation for their attendance. It is also meant to build anticipation and encourage active participation.

DRAFT GIVEAWAY TEASER MESSAGING



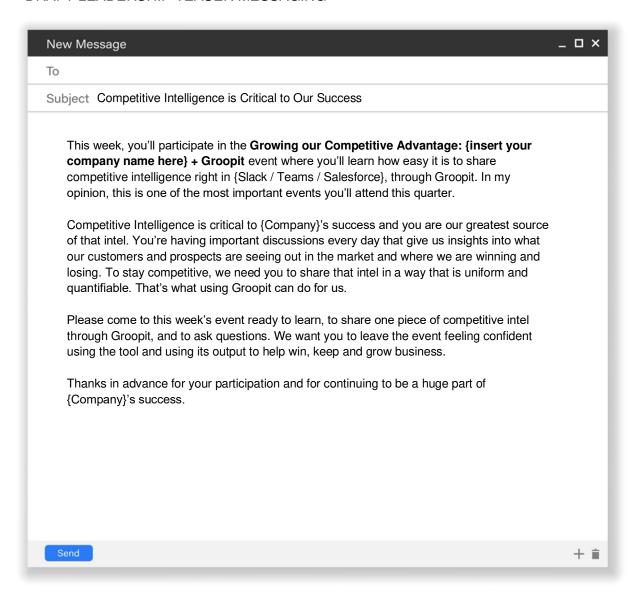
4. Leadership Teaser

Objective: Highlight the importance of the event and encourage attendance.

Timing: 3 days prior

Request a senior leader to send a message emphasizing the event's significance and detailing its alignment with organizational goals and/or vision. Encourage the leader to highlight the positive impact of attendees' participation, and inspire people to actively engage. This message is a customizable starting point to send to the leader as a suggestion.

DRAFT LEADERSHIP TEASER MESSAGING



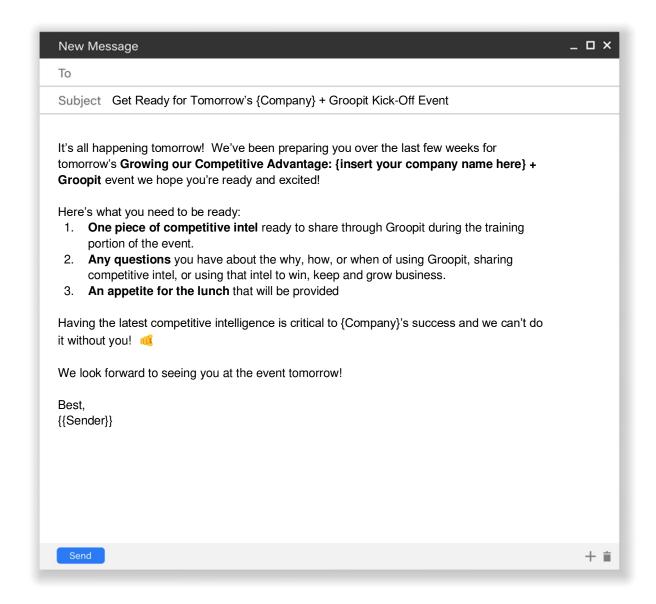
5. Reminder

Objective: Ensure attendees are well-prepared and excited for the event.

Timing: 1 day prior

Customize and send this reminder message to all attendees the day before the event. This draft is designed to reinforce the importance of the event, encourage participants to come prepared to share competitive intelligence, and express gratitude for their commitment to participate.

DRAFT REMINDER MESSAGING



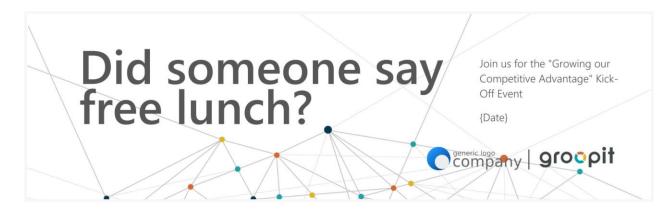
Promotional Graphics

The graphics provided for the kick-off event can be incorporated into various communication channels. Included in the playbook are banner and square format images, which can be used as is or customized on Canva.

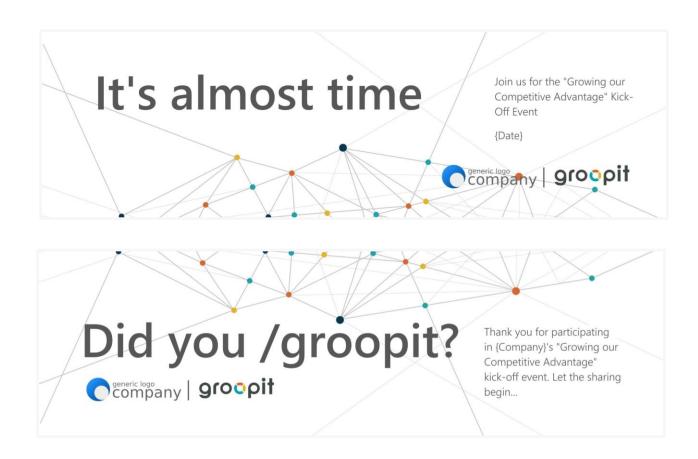
BANNER ASSETS

Banner asset templates on Canva: link.

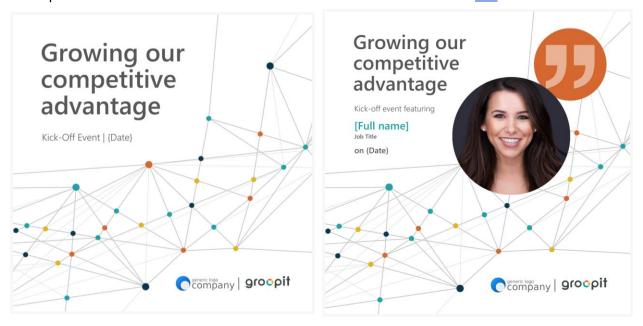








SQUARE Assets All square assets available for download and customization on Canva: link.



EMOJI Asset Groopit logo for use as emoji: <u>link</u>.

Promotional Giveaway

Objective: Make the event fun with a giveaway for one or everyone.

To make the kick-off event more enjoyable and incentivize participation, consider including a giveaway for attendees. Here are several ideas:

- **Breakfast for everyone**. Provide a coffee card or arrange for donuts to be delivered to each attendee. This will jump-start the event with a delightful and energizing treat.
- **Did someone say free lunch?** Offer DoorDash gift cards in advance or arrange pizza delivery to each participant. This will make the kick-off event feel like a special occasion.
- Snacks! Snacks! Arrange for a cookie or snack plate to be delivered to each attendee. Having delicious snacks readily available will create a comfortable and engaging environment throughout the event.
- Desk reminder: Distribute mousepads to each participant that will sit on their desks. This practical giveaway will serve as a constant reminder to actively contribute and foster a sharing culture within the organization.
- Premium giveaway: Organizing a drawing for a premium giveaway. Each time someone shares competitive intel, enter them to win.
 You'll continue to build awareness by incorporating logos and the tagline "Did you groopit?".



PREMIUM GIVEAWAY EXAMPLES

A <u>bluetooth speaker</u>, a <u>power bank</u>, and a <u>wireless charging pad</u>.

Phase Two: Event

The event itself should lay the foundation for future success. It is designed to empower each employee and ignite the momentum necessary to excel in our competitive landscape. By the end, every attendee will understand the importance of competitive intelligence at your company, how Groopit can help grow competitive advantage, how to use Groopit, and they will have shared their first piece of competitive intelligence.

Speakers

The 60-minute session features four speakers to contribute their expertise.



A skilled **host** will welcome guests, introduce speakers, facilitate the questions & answer session, and guide the proceedings to ensure a smooth flow and engaging experience for all.



One of the speakers will be a respected **leader** from within our organization who will share insightful thoughts on the significance of competitive intelligence specifically within our company.



Additionally, we suggest inviting a **guest** speaker to explain what Groopit is and how it can foster growth of competitive advantage.



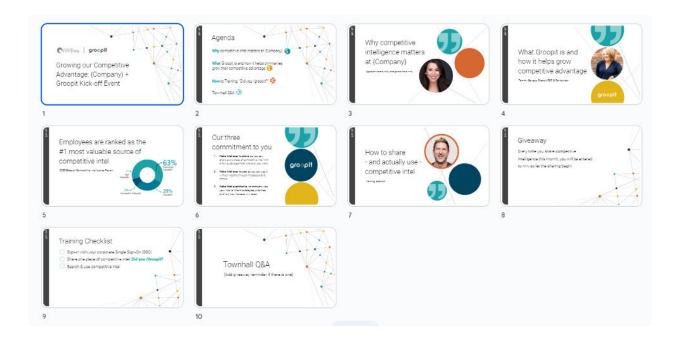
Finally, a dedicated **trainer** will lead a session to equip employees with the skills to share and utilize competitive intelligence effectively.

Together, these four speakers will contribute to a dynamic and informative event, empowering attendees with valuable knowledge and tools to grow competitive advantage.

Presentation Slides

The presentation for the kick-off event consists of ten slides, each designed to engage and inform the attendees. The **draft slides** can be customized and downloaded here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1 jUv7H7IBKBsryCteM4U1f4Q-1kWmT-VQ V2ucstnQo/edit?usp=sharing



In the first slide, the host will warmly welcome participants to the event, setting the tone for an inspiring and collaborative experience.

The second slide presents the agenda, outlining the event's flow and providing a clear roadmap for what to expect.

Next, there is a dedicated slide for each speaker, allowing them to share their insights and expertise.

Additionally, there is a slide specifically dedicated to the training checklist. This slide provides participants with a visual reference to ensure they are prepared to actively contribute and helps keep everyone on track and ensure that the training is effective and valuable.

After training is complete, there is a dedicated slide for Q&A. This slide provides a platform for participants to raise queries, seek clarification, and engage in meaningful discussions. It is an excellent opportunity for the host to foster collaboration and ensure that everyone's voices are heard.

Lastly, the closing slide serves as a gentle reminder to continue sharing competitive intelligence. It provided an opportunity to reinforce the importance of ongoing sharing and encourages participants to actively contribute to the growth and competitive advantage.

Suggestions



Before finalizing the agenda, talk through your company's training culture. How do people learn best today? What works and what doesn't in training sessions at your company? How does this format need to evolve to work best for your company and culture?

Schedule a practice session prior to the actual event, allowing the host and speakers to familiarize themselves with the agenda, flow, and technical aspects of the event. This provides an opportunity to address any potential issues, finetune presentations, and ensure a cohesive and engaging experience for all attendees. By investing time in a practice session, you can enhance the overall quality and effectiveness of the kick-off event, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and setting the stage for a successful event.



Set up polls ahead of time to gauge the attendees' success with the training steps. Examples:

Question: Now it's your turn to SIGN-IN (it's a one-time action):

- Sign-in Complete
- I'm unable to sign in

Question: Now it's your turn to SHARE COMPETITIVE INTEL:

- I shared!
- I was not able to share.

Consider recording the kick-off event. This will allow you to create valuable resources that can be shared with new hires or employees who may have missed the live event. By recording and documenting the training session, you ensure that the knowledge and insights shared during the event can be accessed and utilized beyond the immediate scope of the kick-off event. This approach promotes continuous learning and enables you to leverage the training session as an educational resource for future onboarding and development purposes.



Enlist people to take on secondary roles to help session run smoothly. For example, you may want:

- One person to manage logistics: start the session, record it, monitor comments, start polls, and prompt breakout rooms.
- One person to make comments in the chat to reinforce key points the speaker has made (e.g., "Time to start sharing!" or "There's a giveaway coming!")
- Multiple people proactively share their thoughts during the Town Hall section of the agenda. For instance, a business leader to interject on why this is so important or how the data will be used, or an employee to speak to how this is an improvement over the old process.
- A participant from Groopit to deliver the Groopit promise section and offer support.

Phase Three: Nurture

In this phase, we offer resources to help you consistently reinforce the importance of sharing while employees are developing a habit of doing so. In the initial month following the event, it is recommended to send a weekly email that builds upon the kick-off momentum. The nurturing messages are already written for you, so they're ready to customize and send. The messages are also available in doc format for easy copy and paste.

- Day after event: Send a thank you.
- Week one: Ask participants to invite a colleague.
- Week two: Remind participants about the giveaway.
- Week three: Share a tip & trick.
- Week three or four: Ask a leader to acknowledge and celebrate progress.
- Week four: Announce the giveaway winner.

Subsequently, we propose establishing a strong connection between sharing competitive intelligence and tangible business outcomes through a weekly highlights message (Groopit can help you automate this). Take a look at the weekly highlights template and the "Did you groopit?" templates you can use:

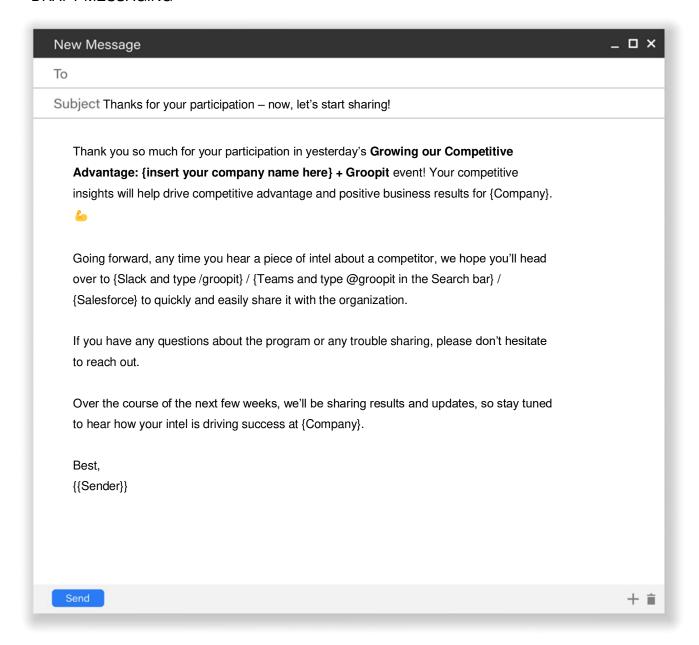
- Weekly highlights: Use the weekly highlights template provided.
- Did you groopit? Use the phrase to build a habit of sharing.

Day after event: Send a thank you

Objective: Thank attendees for their participation and reinforce the messages from the event.

Timing: 1 day post kick-off event

Customize and send this message to thank event attendees for their participation.

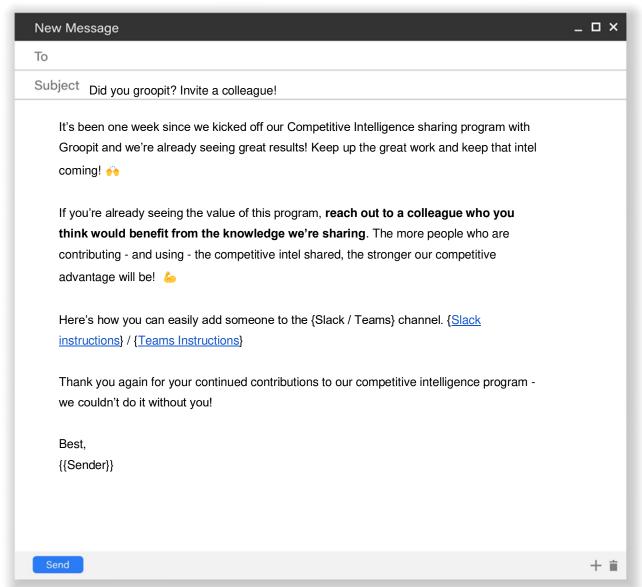


Week five: Ask participants to invite a colleague

Objective: Provide a status update on the program and ask participants to invite a colleague to join the Competitive Intelligence {Slack / Teams} Channel

Timing: 1 week post kick-off event

Customize and send this message to provide an update on the program to-date and ask participants to invite a colleague to join the Competitive Intelligence {Slack / Teams} channel. This message is designed to drive continued engagement with the CI sharing program from current participants and extend it to new participants.

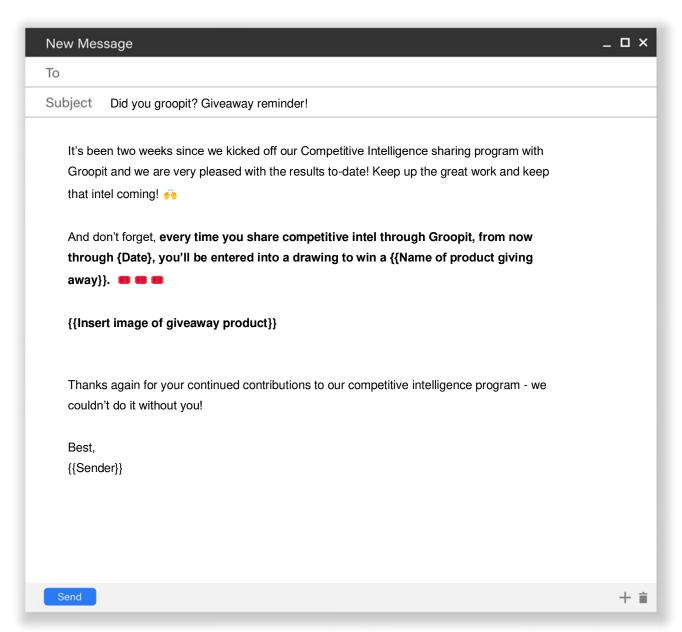


Week six: Remind participants about the giveaway

Objective: Provide a status update on the program and giveaway reminder

Timing: 2 weeks post kick-off event

Customize and send this message to provide a program update and remind participants about the forthcoming giveaway. This message is designed to drive continued engagement with the CI sharing program.

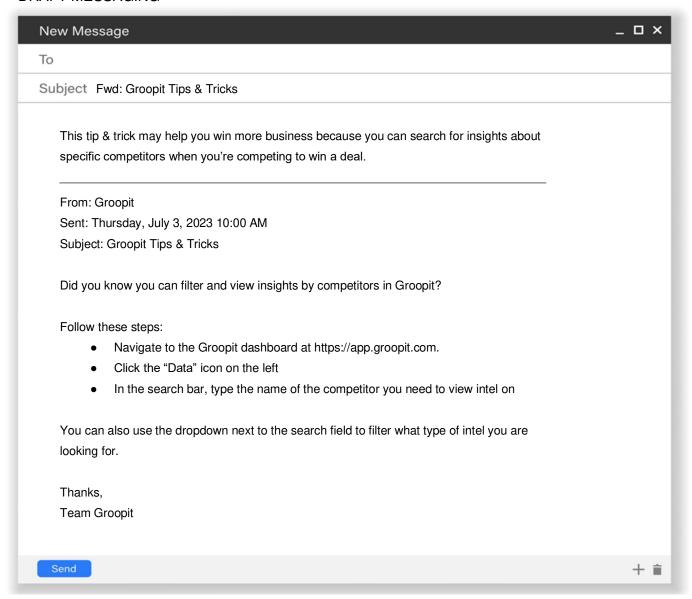


Week seven: Share a tip & trick

Objective: Forward the Groopit Tips & Tricks email

Timing: 3 weeks post kick-off event

Tip: Groopit publishes shareable tips and tricks every month to help employees get more out of the collective intelligence everyone has shared. When you receive a tip & trick from Groopit that you think can benefit employees, forward it and emphasize why you think it's worth reading. You might just add, "*This Tip & Trick may help you win more business because you can search for insights about specific competitors when you're competing to win a deal.*"



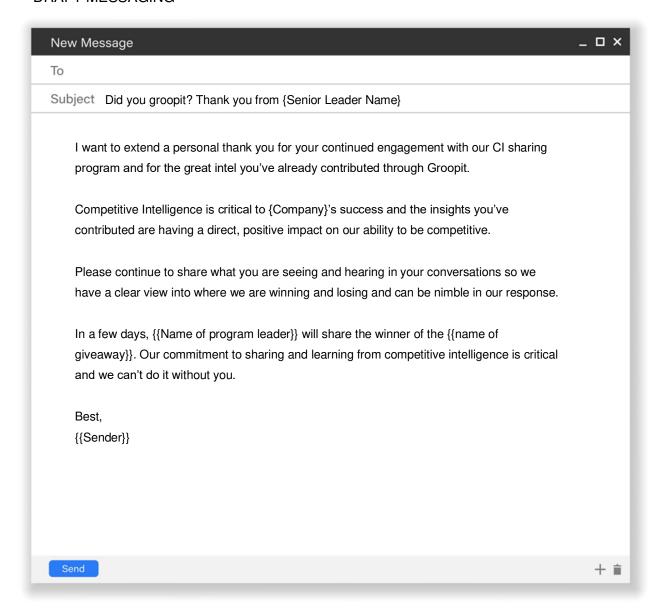
Week seven or eight: Ask a leader to acknowledge and celebrate progress

Objective: Acknowledge and celebrate the continued engagement

Timing: 3 or 4 weeks post kick-off event

Request that a senior leader send a message that acknowledges and celebrates the intel that is being shared through Groopit. Encourage the leader to highlight the positive impact of participation and inspire people to continue to actively engage. This message is a starting point that you can customize and send to the leader as a suggestion.

DRAFT MESSAGING



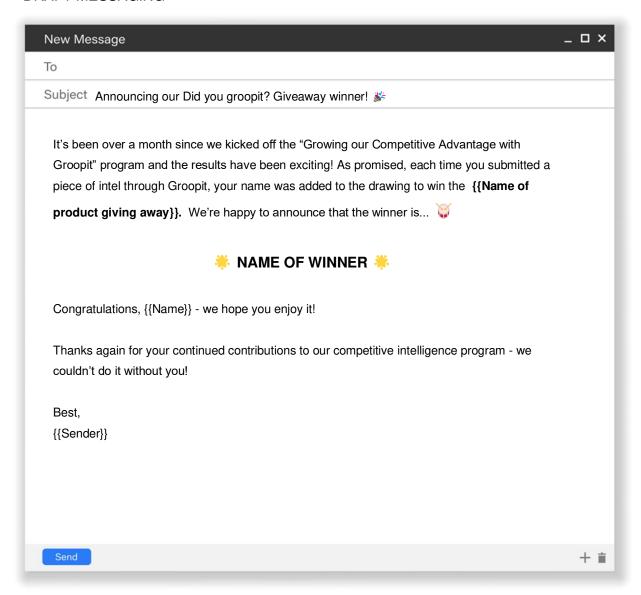
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Week eight: Announce the giveaway winner

Objective: Announce giveaway winner

Timing: 1 Day after giveaway entry period has ended

Draw and announce the winner of the giveaway promotion.



Weekly Highlights Template

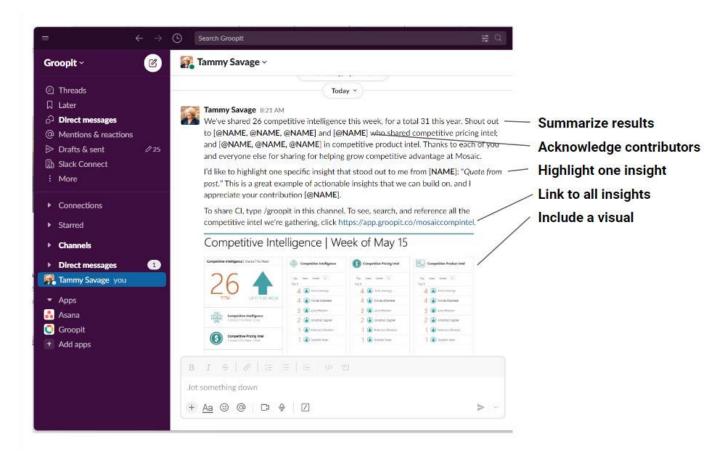
Objective: Summarize sharing, acknowledge contributors, highlight a key insight, provide a link to access all insights, and incorporate a visual element.

Establishing a strong connection between sharing competitive intelligence and tangible business outcomes is of utmost importance. This connection enables everyone to recognize the significant role their contributions play in building a sustainable competitive advantage for the company. The weekly highlights template will help you acknowledge and emphasize sharing and its direct impact on business results, generate fuel that will power the company's engine, and create a competitive edge year after year.

Timing: Once per week. For example, highlight the previous week on Mondays.

Tip: Ask your Groopit customer success rep to help automate this process.

Tip: You can also use the weekly highlight as an opportunity to celebrate wins, achievements, and progress related to competitive intel shared. By sharing stories of achievement, you foster a culture of recognition and encourage continued sharing of valuable intelligence.



Example text:

We've shared 26 competitive insights this week, a total of 159 this year. Shout out to @name, @name, @name, and @name who shared competitive pricing intel for the first time. And @name, @name, and @name who shared competitive product intel. Every share gets us one step closer to growing our competitive advantage.

I'd like to highlight one specific insight that stood out to me from @name. [Insert quote or snippet]. This is a great example of [insert reason], an actionable insight that we can build on.

To share CI, {type /groopit in this Slack channel / type @groopit in the Teams search bar / use Groopit in Salesforce}. To see, search, and reference all competitive intel we're gathering, click [insert your custom link found in the about section of your Groopit].

Did you groopit? to build a sharing habit

Aim to build a habit of sharing competitive intelligence. One approach that works well is to incorporate the phrase "**Did you groopit?**" into your corporate vernacular. Whenever an employee is talking about a competitor and has a valuable insight, someone on the team should say, "Did you groopit?" It's a way to say, "That insight is valuable and needs to be shared so everyone can use it."

This strategy can also be implemented in Slack or Teams.

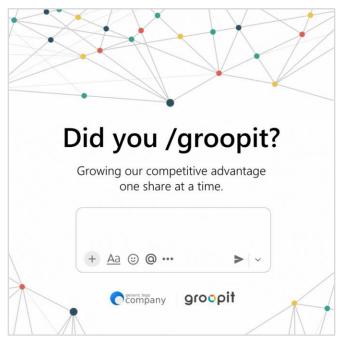
{SLACK INSTRUCTIONS}

Whenever someone is talking about a competitor but hasn't captured the data, type "Did you /groopit?" to activate this <u>animated</u> gif. It will serve as a fun reminder and help build the sharing habit across the organization.

SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Use the Slackbot custom responses feature and activate this gif every time someone types "Did you /groopit?" on Slack.

- 1. In the top left in Slack, click the down arrow next to the name of your Slack group and then select "Customize {Slack group name}".
- 2. If you see a tab that says "Slackbot", then you have access to add custom responses. If you do not, you may need your administrator to give you access or to set this up for you.
- 3. In the Slackbot tab, click "+Add New Response"
- 4. In the box below, "When someone says," type: did you groopit, did you /groopit, did you /groopit?
- 5. In the box below "Slackbot responds," type the URL of the "Did you /groopit?" gif: <<Lisa to add URL when we have gif created and hosted>>
- 6. Click Save.



{TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS}

Whenever someone is talking about a competitor but hasn't captured the data, send this animated gif in the chat. It will serve as a fun reminder and help build the sharing habit across the organization.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Download the gif and save the file somewhere that is easily accessible to you, like your desktop.
- 2. When you want to send it in teams, simply select and copy the file, then paste it into the Teams chat and press send.

Checklist

We have consolidated all the suggestions into a comprehensive checklist that can be utilized either in spreadsheet format (<u>link</u>) or integrated into your preferred project management tool.

{Company} + Groopit: Growing our Competitive Advantage Kick-Off		
	Task	EXAMPLE DATES
Phase C	One: Promote	
	Send Announcement Message	6/27
	Send Invitiation Message	7/4
	Send Giveaway Teaser Message	7/11
	Send Leadership Teaser Message	7/13
	Send Reminder Message	7/17
Phase 1	wo: Event	
	Kick-off Event	7/18
Phase 1	Three: Nurture	
	Send Invite a Colleague Message	7/19
	Send Giveaway Reminder Message	7/25
	Send Groopit Tips & Tricks Message	8/1
	Send Senior Leader Acknowledgement & Celebration Message	8/8
	Send Giveaway Winner / First Groopit Gold Message	8/15

Resources

Throughout this playbook, you'll find links to multiple resources with instructions on how to use them at each stage of the kick-off process. We've compiled a list of all resources here, so you are able to easily access them as needed.

- Customizable task list
- Message templates in document format for easy copy/paste
- Instructions for adding {Company} and Groopit logos as emojis in Slack
 - o Groopit logo to use as emoji
- Promotional graphics banner templates
- Promotional graphics square templates
- Kick-off event draft presentation slides
- Did you groopit? animated gif template

Conclusion

Let this playbook be the catalyst that ignites momentum and establishes a strong foundation for your competitive intelligence initiative. It equips kick-off coordinators with the knowledge, tools, and assets necessary to host a successful event and foster a culture of continuous intelligence sharing. From the initial promotion to the delivery of engaging presentations, and the nurturing of ongoing engagement, we eagerly anticipate hearing about your innovative ideas and how you further build upon this step-by-step guide. We encourage you to personalize the messages and strategies to align them with your company's unique vision, goals, and culture.

The Groopit team is honored to be a part of your journey and is fully dedicated to supporting your success. Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your dedicated customer success representative or contact us at hello@groopit.co.

Thank you for your commitment and for entrusting us with this important initiative. We are excited to witness the growth and impact that your kick-off event and ongoing efforts will bring.