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**Your Blueprint For  
BRAND RELEVANCE**

Jay Busselle - FLEXpoint & Equipment Zone

Your **BRAND** is what others say it is.

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**BRANDING** is what you do to get noticed.

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What can you do to

**FUTURE PROOF**

your business?

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**The best strategy to FUTURE PROOF  
your business is to:**

**Build and Sustain**

**BRAND RELEVANCE!**

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# What is BRAND RELEVANCE?

Brand Relevance is NOT a new differentiation:

*A brand's ability to connect with people's emotions and become personally relevant to them.*

# David Aaker

Professor Emeritus at the **University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business**, a specialist in marketing with a focus on brand strategy.

He serves as Vice Chairman of the San Francisco-based consulting company ***Prophet.***



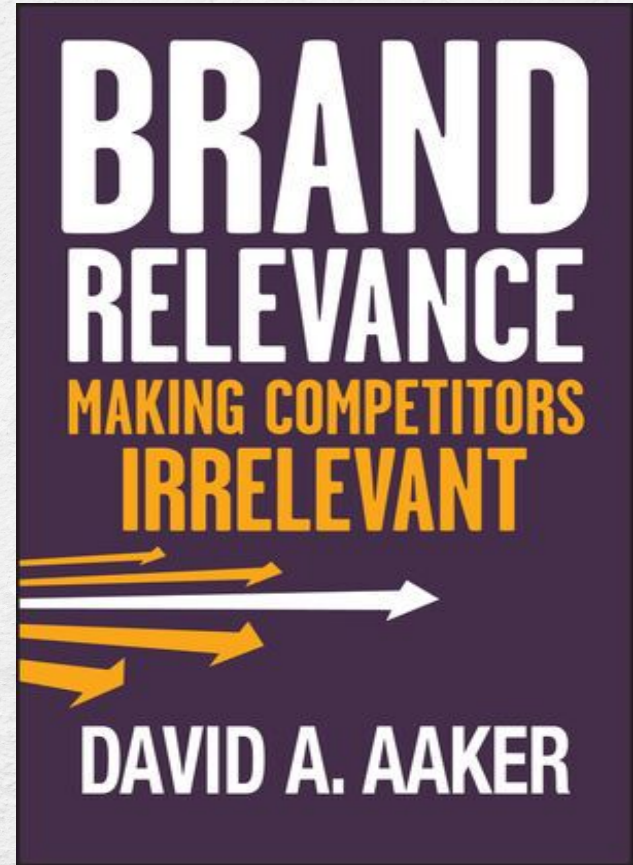
# David Aaker

Hundreds of articles published and  
authored 14 books:

1996: *Building Strong Brands*

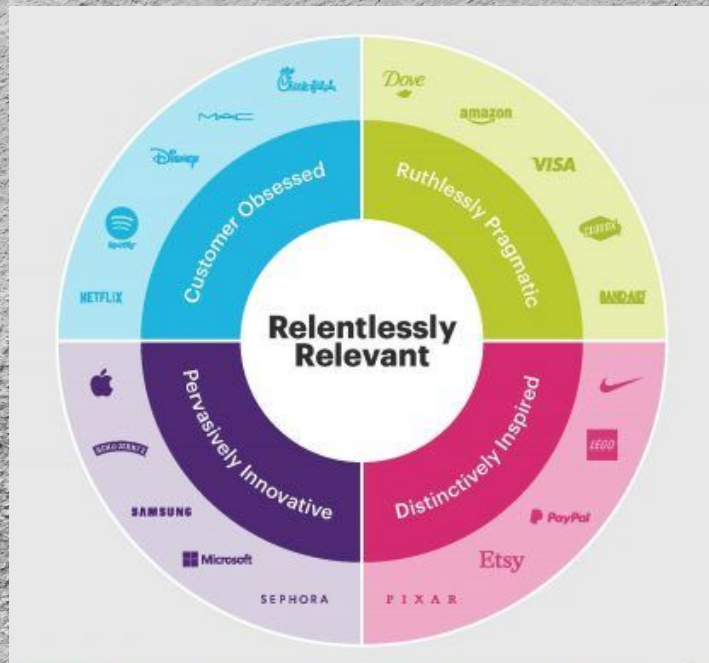
2010: *Brand Relevance*

2011: *Winning the Brand Relevance War*





# PROPHET built the BRI: BRAND RELEVANCE INDEX



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# FOUR PILLARS

## **Customer Obsessed**

Focused on solving their problems

## **Consistently Innovative**

Pioneering new solutions

## **Distinctively Inspiring**

Uniquely qualified to reach emotions

## **Ruthlessly Pragmatic**

Keeping it real, no spin... data & truth

**Brands that appeal to the head...**

**ARE LOGICAL**

**These brands are problem solvers. They're ruthlessly pragmatic and determined to eliminate friction. They take care of essential, foundational needs.**

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**Brands that appeal to the heart...**

**ARE EMOTIONAL**

**These consistently innovative brands turn customers into loyal fans. They are delightful and adored; these brands make us feel alive and special!**

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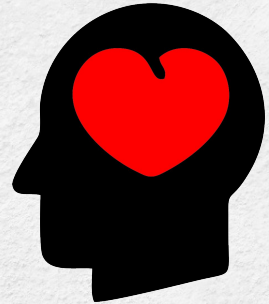
**TELL ME**

**WHAT PROBLEMS  
DO YOU SOLVE?**



**SHOW ME**

**HOW YOUR FANS  
FEEL ABOUT YOU**



# The **2021 Top 10 Brands** based on the Brand Relevance Index from Prophet



Instant Pot



**TED**





Instant Pot®

**KitchenAid®**

**KEURIG®**

Performance, accomplishment and innovation. Creating new routines. Make new ecosystems but include the feelings of security & support. People want the best products, and services and pricing is an important but is often a secondary concern. Many buyers look for the best support staff and service after the sale.



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Some brands make memorable magic and can visually transport us away from of our current situations. Creating a space for us to play in the past, the future, or another reality entirely.



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**HOW  
WILL  
YOU  
STAND  
OUT?**



# If you have technology - make it more human!

**(Apple, Spotify and Android)**

Humanize technology. When technology or our tech processes are personalized they help us connect on a human-to-human level. We feel more comfortable and confident.

Could you add a chat tool to your website and answer it live?

Could you add a chat bot to auto respond to your top 5 FAQ's?

Could you ask permission to text your buyers a daily progress report?

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# If your systems are complex - make them more simple!

**(PayPal, TurboTax and Zelle)**

Few things feel as good as DIY confidence. Make any complex systems easier. Put control in the hands of the user. Allow them to experience reliability.

Could you give your customers the ability to manage the reorder process?

Could you give prospects a way to order virtual samples?

Could you let your customers see their order history?

Could you build a system to reward online collaboration earlier in the ordering process?

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We offer Custom Merchandising, Embroidery, Banners, Live Printing, and Fulfillment.

**Let's collaborate!**



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THREADS





# Branded Merchandise for Strategic Thinkers

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Learning Solutions  
Going big on digital in 2018

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Wondrous, Amazing,  
Giveaway **(SWAG)** Lottery  
Machine in existence!

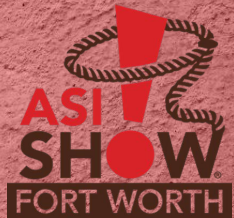


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Brand Relevance matters now  
**MORE THAN EVER!**

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**You do not merely want to be  
considered the best of the best.  
You want to be considered the  
only ones who do what you do.**

***Jerry Garcia, The Grateful Dead***

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# Thanks!

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A Social Selling System

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