

Career as a Brand System™

Designing Careers with Marketing Principles

Workbook

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A working session on positioning, narrative, and signal-building in the AI era.

Career as a Brand System™

Narrative → Language → Assets → Visibility

A framework for designing careers with marketing principles.

Overview:

Careers don't compound through experience alone.

They compound through narrative, language, assets, and visibility.

This workbook guides you through the Career Brand System™ to uncover and express your professional expertise.

Narrative: The story that defines the value of your work.

Language: The ideas and frameworks that shape your thinking.

Assets: Evidence of your expertise.

Visibility: Sharing insights that contribute to your field.

Why This Works

Careers don't fail from lack of effort—they fail from lack of translation.

Experience ≠ opportunity without narrative.

Most people have done valuable work.

They just haven't learned how to explain it.

Work that isn't visible doesn't compound.

If your work isn't seen, it can't be reused or built upon.

The market rewards clarity, not capability.

You are not evaluated on everything you've done.

You are evaluated on what people can understand.

This system turns invisible work into visible signal.

Why You're Stuck

If you don't have opportunities, it's usually one of these:

Most people try to fix this by doing more work.
But the issue is usually structural.

No Narrative

"I've done a lot, but I don't know how to explain it"

You have experience.

But it doesn't connect into a clear narrative yet.

No Language

"I can't articulate what makes my thinking different"

You see patterns.

But you haven't named them.

No Assets

"I've done work, but I have nothing to show"

Your work exists.

But it isn't captured as visible proof.

No Visibility

"People don't know what I do"

Your ideas are real.

But they're not seen at scale yet.

Start by circling the one that feels most true for you. This is where your system begins.

Narrative

The story that defines the value of your work.

Without narrative, experience does not translate into opportunity.

Your Career Narrative

Your narrative is the story that explains the value of your work.
It connects your experiences into a clear arc.

1. What problems do you consistently help solve in your work?

2. What patterns appear across your career (industries, roles, challenges)?

3. What perspective differentiates you? What do you see that others often miss?

4. What is the story you've been telling about your career that is no longer true?

Narrative Statement:

I help _____ solve _____ by bringing a perspective to

_____.

Language

The ideas and frameworks that shape your thinking.

The people who shape industries are the ones who name what others only sense.

Your Language & Ideas

Experts develop language to explain the patterns they see.
Reflect on the ideas that guide your work.

1. What recurring problems or patterns appear in your field?

2. Where do teams or leaders often misunderstand something important?

3. Name 2–3 principles or ideas you believe strongly in.

4. What idea do you believe that most people in your field would disagree with?

5. What would you name this idea if it were yours?

Assets

Evidence of your expertise.

Your work only compounds when it becomes visible, reusable proof.

Authority Asset Mapping

Demonstrated Assets: What have you already created that demonstrates your expertise?

Unseen Assets: What internal work could be turned into a shareable asset?

Designed Assets: What could you publish or present in the future?

What valuable work have you done that no one has seen?

Visibility

Sharing insights that contribute to your field.

If your ideas aren't visible, they don't exist at scale.

Visibility Strategy

**1. Where could you share insights from your work?
(LinkedIn, events, newsletters, associations)**

2. What cadence could you realistically maintain for sharing insights?

3. What are you avoiding sharing—and what would happen if you shared it anyway?

**4. What forms of industry recognition exist in your field?
(awards, speaking, publications)**

Your 6-Month Visibility Plan:

Over the next six months, I will focus on sharing insights about _____ through

Your Career Brand System

Your career compounds when these elements reinforce each other.

Narrative

What story defines your career?

Language

What ideas or frameworks shape your thinking?

Assets

What proof shows your expertise?

Visibility

How will you share your ideas?

What To Do Next

Career growth is not doing more work.
It's making your work more legible.

Turn one insight into a clear perspective.

Take something you believe or notice.
Name it. Refine it. Make it repeatable.

Turn one project into a shareable asset.

Choose work you've already done.
Capture it as visible proof.

Share one perspective publicly this week.

Not everything needs to be perfect.
Start making your thinking visible.

Reuse and refine. Don't start from scratch.

Your system compounds when you reuse and refine.
Not when you constantly create from scratch.

Start small. But start. This is how your system compounds.

Reflection and Next Steps

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Clarity creates authority.
Authority creates opportunity.

What insight surprised you most today?

What expertise did you realize you already have?

What idea do you want to be known for?

What is one asset you will create next?

Continue Your Career System

This is where your system continues.

Continue building →



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