

Monetization for Gym Creators 101: How to Build a Good Website

Your website is where you establish your brand and connect the rest of your platforms. Everything you sell gets sold on your website. It can make or break the rest of your funnel, so it's incredibly important that you do it right. How about I teach you how to do it right?

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What You'll Learn in This Guide

Regardless of what Base44 would tell you in their ads, building a website isn't trivially easy. There are a lot of moving parts that come together to form one cohesive, finished product. You need to know what all of the parts are and what they do.



Web Design

Layout, branding, and visual structure that makes your website look legit.



Sales Page Anatomy

The exact sections every high-converting sales page needs.



Website Copywriting

Words that speak directly to your ideal client and move them to action.



Adding Products

Connecting your offers, pricing, and checkout experience seamlessly.



Coaching & Booking

Scheduling systems that fill your calendar without back-and-forth.



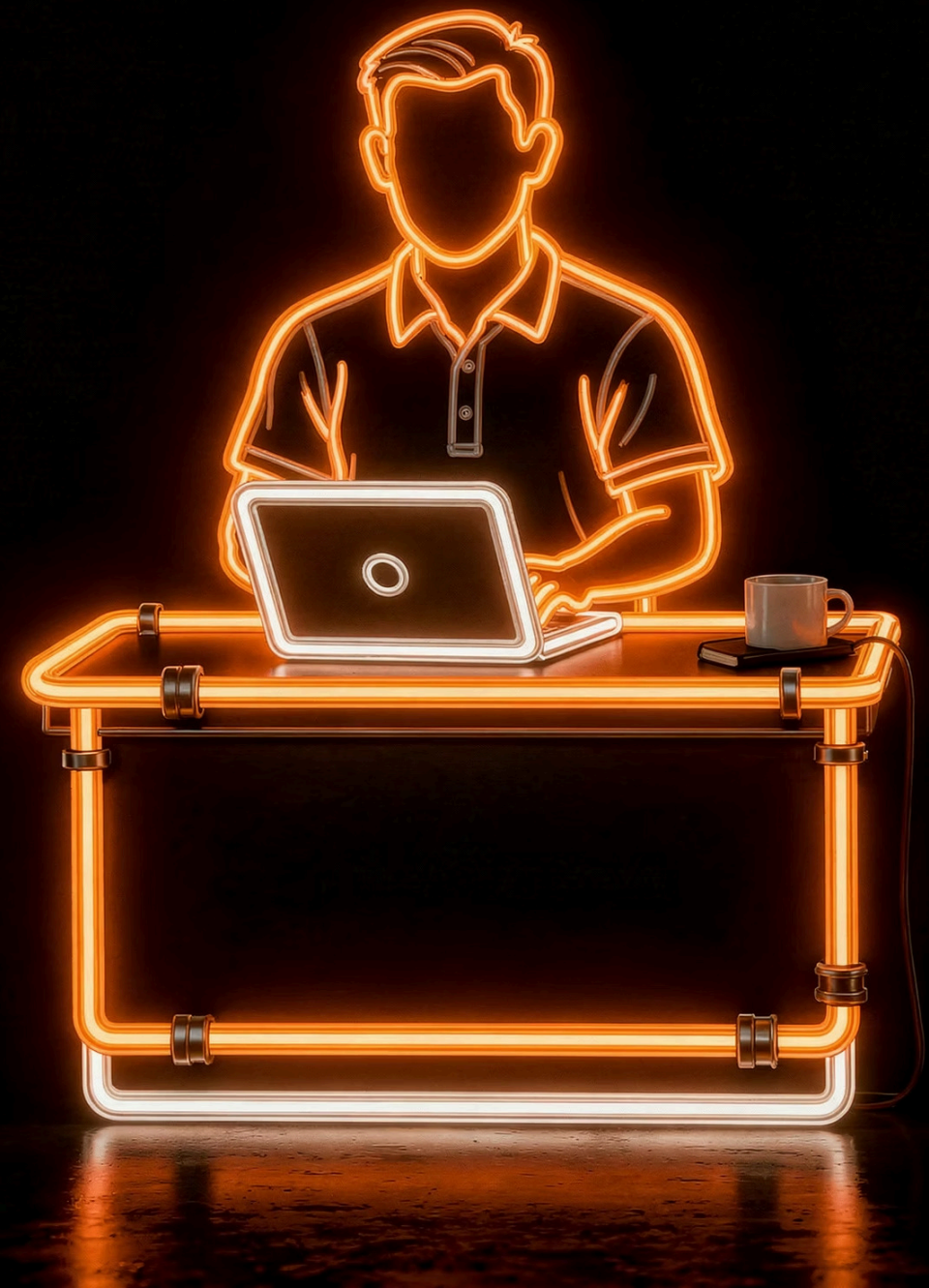
Publishing & Software

Go live with the right tools, tested and ready for real traffic.



Optimizing from Data

Use real visitor behavior to keep improving your results over time.



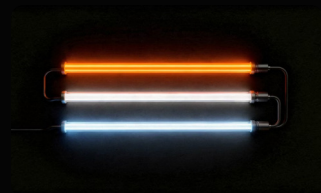
CHAPTER 1

Web Design

Great web design can seriously amplify the effect of all your other tools. If you write really good copy on a website that's also pleasing to look at, you're in business. Getting the design right also boosts your brand identity. Your website is the most concentrated look a customer gets at your brand, so make it count.

The Core Principles of Website Design

You don't need to be a designer to build a great-looking website. You just need to follow the right principles consistently. These fundamentals will keep your site clean, trustworthy, and conversion-ready, no design degree required.



Brand Colors & Fonts

Stick to 2–3 brand colors and 1–2 fonts throughout your entire site. Consistency signals professionalism. Use your primary color for buttons and CTAs, a neutral for backgrounds, and a bold accent sparingly. Your font choices should be clean and highly legible, not trendy or ornate.



White Space Is Your Friend

Cramming too much content onto a page is one of the most common mistakes new website builders make. White space (blank areas around content) helps the eye focus, reduces cognitive load, and makes your site feel premium. When in doubt, add more breathing room, not less.



Mobile-First Design

Over 70% of web traffic comes from mobile devices. Your site must look and function perfectly on a phone before you worry about desktop. Use your website builder's mobile preview constantly. Make sure buttons are easy to tap, text is readable without zooming, and images don't break the layout.



Simple Navigation

A confused visitor leaves. Keep your main navigation to 5 items or fewer, typically Home, About, Services/Programs, Blog (optional), and Contact or Book Now. Every page should have a clear next step so visitors always know what to do. Don't make them hunt for your offer.

Design Dos and Don'ts

A few simple rules will separate your site from the crappy competition. Getting this stuff right gets you a ton of bonus points in the "legit-ness" category with your customers. Make it look proper. Don't be dumb.

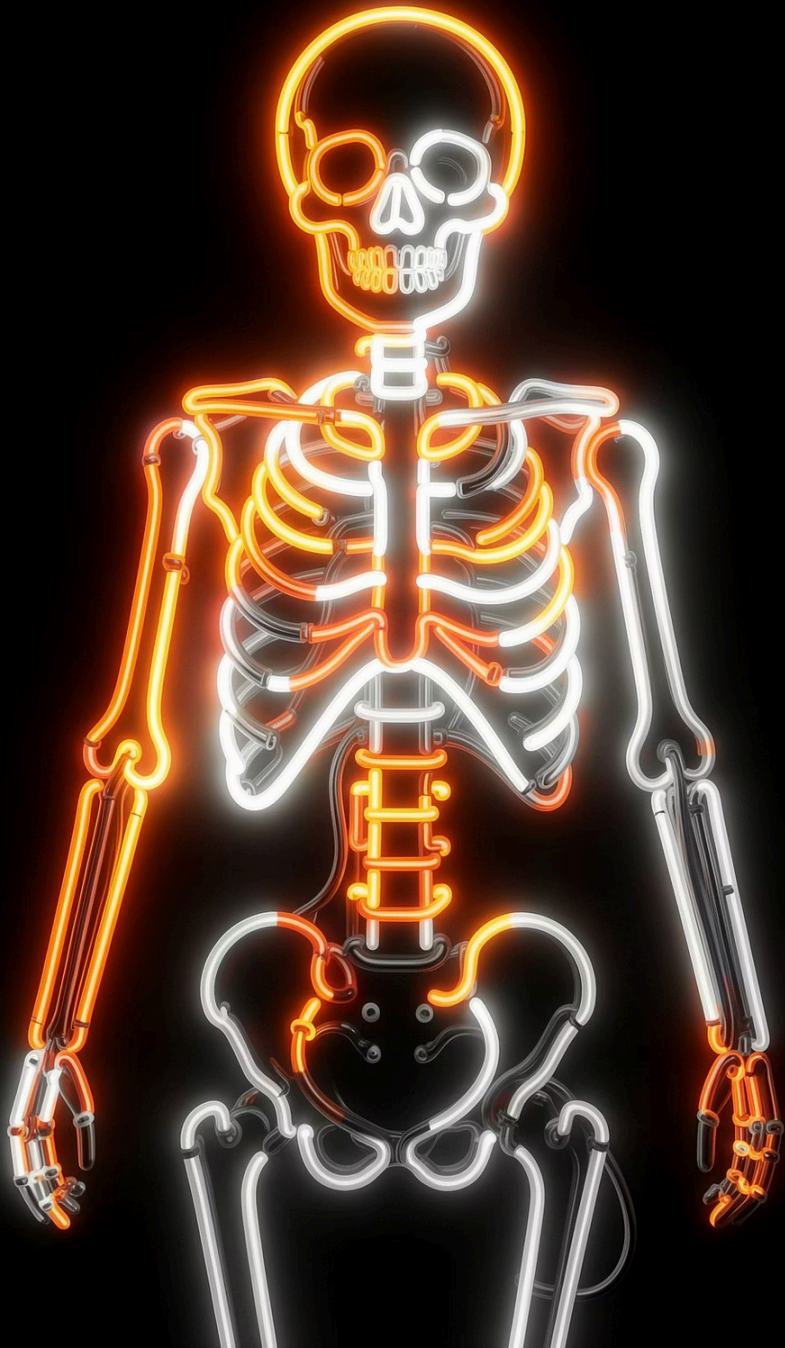
✓ Do These Things

- Use high-quality photos of real training, real people, real results, stock photos scream fake
- Include your face prominently, people buy from people they trust
- Use bold, clear headlines that state exactly what you offer
- Make your main CTA button visible without scrolling ("above the fold")
- Use social proof, testimonials, before/after, client counts, early and often
- Keep page load time under 3 seconds by compressing images
- Add a favicon (the small icon in the browser tab) for professionalism

✗ Avoid These Mistakes

- Don't use more than 3 fonts or 4 colors, it looks chaotic and untrustworthy
- Don't use autoplay video or music, it's jarring and instantly drives people away
- Don't use walls of text with no visual breaks, use headers, bullets, and images
- Don't hide your pricing or make it hard to find, transparency builds trust
- Don't use blurry or pixelated images, they kill credibility instantly
- Don't make your site so "creative" that it's confusing to navigate
- Don't use pop-ups that appear the second someone lands on your page

📌 Pro Tip: Before building anything, collect 5-10 websites you genuinely admire. Screenshot the elements you like. This becomes your design brief and saves hours of second-guessing during build.



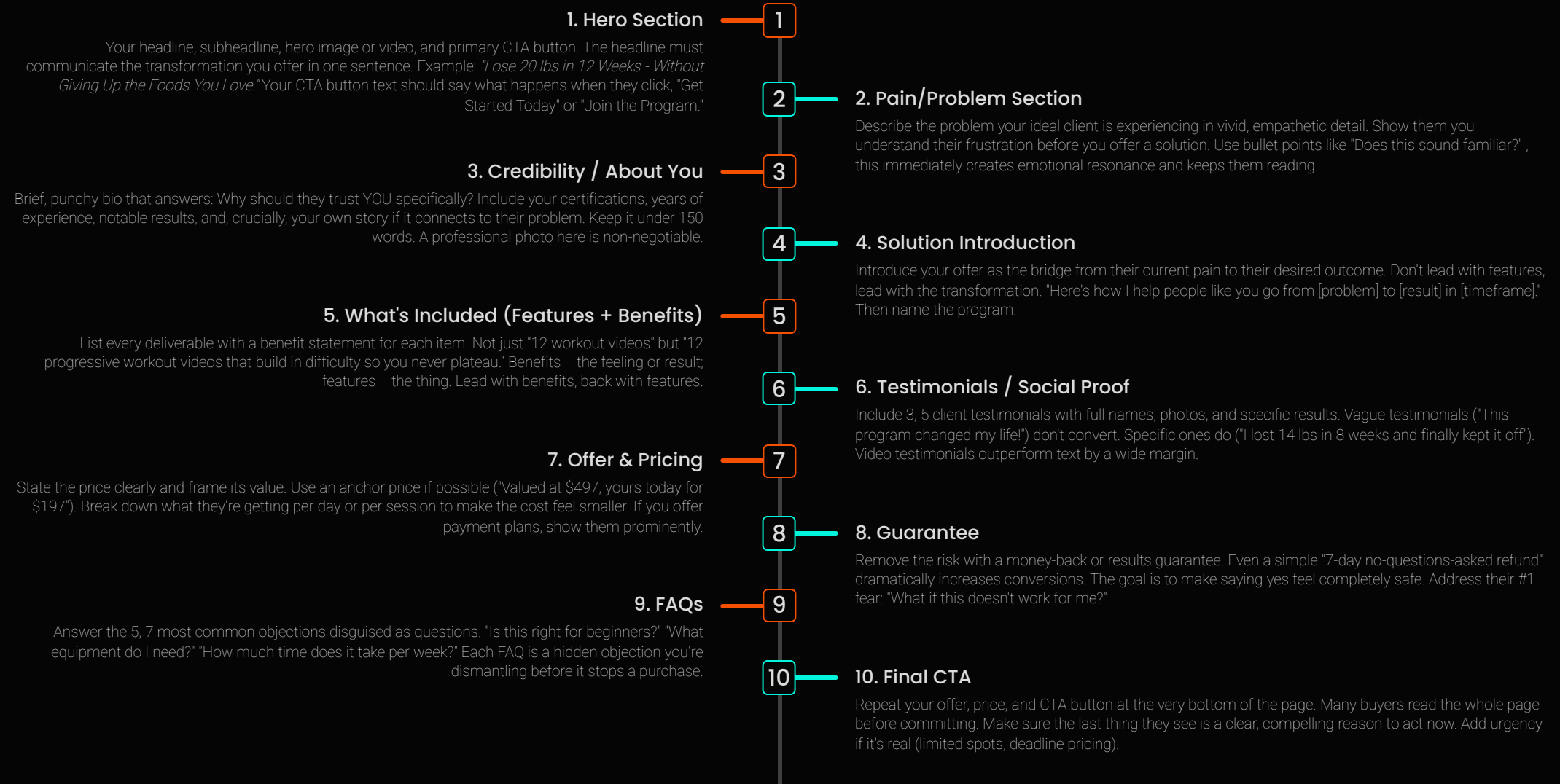
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Sales Page Anatomy

You need to be able to structure a sales page properly. The order is just as important as the words themselves. You need to plan well and think ahead to where you're trying to direct your reader. The flow should be seamless and it should motivate your reader to continue with the next micro-commitment until they get to the eventual CTA.

10-Section Sales Page Framework

Every high-converting fitness sales page follows a proven structure. You don't need to reinvent the wheel, you need to execute each section with clarity and conviction. Here's the exact blueprint, in order, with guidance on what goes in each section.



CHAPTER 3

Website Copywriting

Your design grabs attention and you've got everything planned out. Now it's time to do the really important part: write the stuff. This is where you provide the most value and hold the lead's attention. Let's go over some good advice/rules for writing website copy.



The Rules of Website Copy

Good copywriting is less about being clever and more about being clear, specific, and deeply client-focused. You should write in a 3rd grade level and like you've known the reader for 20 years. It needs to be as simple and conversational as you can possibly get it.

Write to One Person

Your copy should read like a letter to one specific ideal client, not a mass announcement to everyone. Use "you" constantly. The reader should feel like you're reading their mind. When you write for everyone, you connect with no one. Know exactly who you're talking to: age, gender, goal, fear, objection. Then write to that person alone.

Lead with the Transformation

Don't open with "Welcome to [Your Name] Fitness!" Open with the result your client wants. Your headline should answer: "What's in it for me?" in 10 words or less. Example: "Build Serious Muscle Without Spending Hours in the Gym." Every headline is a promise. Make sure yours is a promise worth reading for.

Use Conversational Language

Write the way you talk. Short sentences. Sentence fragments. Casual contractions like "you're" and "it's." Avoid jargon like "periodization protocol" or "hypertrophic stimuli" unless your audience is advanced. Read your copy out loud. If you stumble on a sentence, rewrite it. Smooth, natural language builds trust far faster than formal writing.

Specificity Sells

Vague copy kills conversions. "Get in great shape" is weak. "Drop 2 dress sizes in 8 weeks" is powerful. Specific numbers, specific timelines, specific results, all of them build credibility. The more specific your claim (backed by evidence), the more believable and compelling your offer becomes. Audit your copy: wherever you see a vague word, replace it with a specific one.

Address Objections Proactively

Before a visitor's inner skeptic raises a concern, your copy should answer it. "But I've tried programs before and nothing worked" -> "That's exactly why this program is different: we don't use a cookie-cutter plan, every week adapts to your results." Anticipate the top 3-5 reasons someone wouldn't buy and weave the answers naturally into your page.

Every Section Needs a Job

Each paragraph or section on your site should serve a single purpose: build trust, overcome an objection, create desire, or drive a click. If a block of text doesn't do one of those things, cut it. Copy bloat, filler sentences that don't advance the sale, is the #1 reason good-looking pages fail to convert. Edit ruthlessly.

📌 Copywriting Shortcut: Pull your best testimonials and use your clients' exact words as headline and copy inspiration. Real client language always resonates better than polished marketing-speak, it's already calibrated to your audience.

Copywriting Checklist

Use this checklist to audit or write every key page on your site. Each page has a different job, and the copy on each page should reflect that job clearly. Don't copy-paste the same language across pages; tailor each one to the specific decision point the visitor is at.

Homepage Copy Checklist

- Headline clearly states who you help and what transformation they get
- Subheadline adds specificity or addresses a key objection
- Above-the-fold CTA button with action-oriented text
- Social proof visible within first scroll (# of clients, testimonials)
- A brief "who this is for" section to qualify the right visitor
- Links to 2–3 primary offers or services
- Personal intro section with your face and credibility anchors

About Page Copy Checklist

- Opens with the client's story, not yours, then bridges to yours
- Explains your "why", the mission behind your business
- Lists credentials, certifications, and notable client results
- Ends with a CTA that directs to your main offer or booking page
- Includes at least one high-quality professional or lifestyle photo

Sales Page Copy Checklist

- Headline names the transformation + timeframe or mechanism
- Pain section uses the client's exact language (mine from reviews/DMs)
- Credibility section answers: why YOU, why NOW
- Each feature has a corresponding benefit statement
- Minimum 3 testimonials with specifics and photos
- Price is clear, anchored, and broken down per day or session
- Guarantee removes risk and directly addresses fear of wasting money
- FAQs address real objections, not just logistical questions
- Final CTA repeats the offer with urgency if applicable

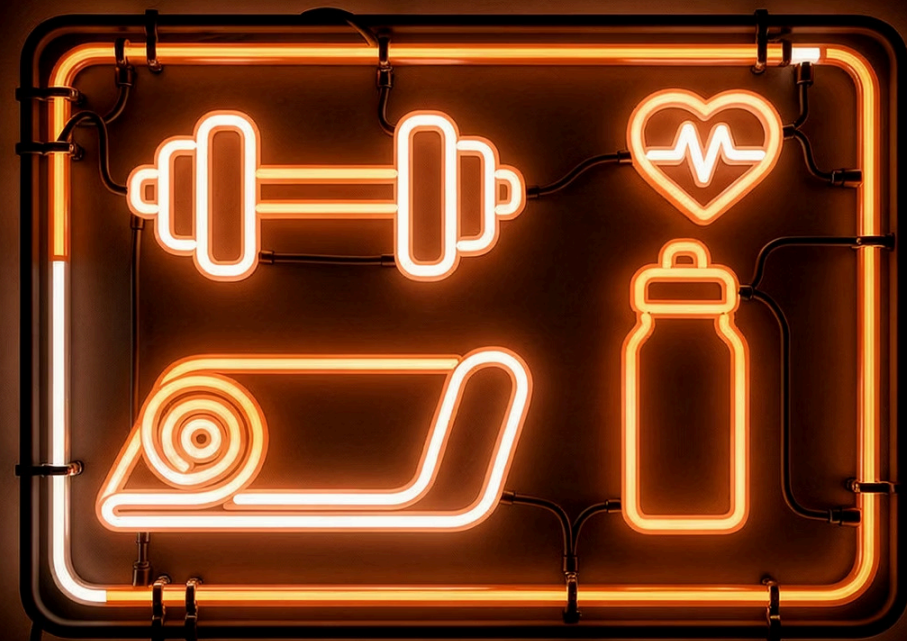
Booking/Contact Page Copy Checklist

- Restate the value of the next step clearly at the top
- Set expectations: what happens after they book or submit
- Keep the form short, name, email, and one qualifying question max
- Add a reassurance line beneath the button ("No spam. No obligation.")

CHAPTER 4

Adding Your Products

The whole point of your website is to cleanly direct people toward buying something, so there needs to be something for them to actually buy. We want this to be as low friction, high value as possible. The easier it is to get, the better.



Setting Up Your Products Properly

Getting your products live is about more than uploading a PDF and slapping a PayPal button on the page. A properly set-up product page builds trust, handles objections, delivers the purchase seamlessly, and sets up your post-sale experience. Here's how to do it right.

Define Your Offer Tier Structure

Start by mapping out all the things you sell, or plan to sell, and organizing them by price point and commitment level. A common structure: a low-ticket entry product (\$7-\$47), a core mid-ticket offer (\$97-\$297), and a premium high-ticket offer (\$500+). This tier structure lets visitors self-select and lets you upsell naturally. Don't try to sell everything on one page, give each offer its own dedicated sales page.

Build Your Product Pages

Each product needs its own page using the sales page blueprint from Chapter 2. Include the product name, a compelling image or mockup, a clear benefits list, pricing, and a checkout button. Use a tool like Canva to create a 3D product mockup of your digital product, this dramatically increases perceived value and conversion rates.

Set Up Checkout & Payment Processing

Connect a payment processor that's reliable and low-friction. Popular options: Stripe (direct integration with most platforms), PayPal (customers trust it), or the built-in checkout systems on Wix and Squarespace. Just use something that works and is trustworthy. The more polished, the better. Sketchy and confusing payment links are a real quick turn off for customers.

Automate Product Delivery

After purchase, your customer should receive their product automatically, no manual fulfillment required. Use your platform's built-in delivery system or connect to an email platform like Kit or Mailchimp to trigger a "Welcome + Access" email instantly after purchase. The faster the delivery, the better the first impression, it sets the tone for the entire customer experience.

3x

Pricing Options

Almost always outperform a single offer. Extremeness aversion and the decoy effect are seriously powerful.

71%

Cart Abandonment

Of shoppers abandon checkout, frictionless checkout design reduces this significantly

\$47

Sweet Spot

Ideal entry-level price point for digital fitness products that maximizes volume and trust

CHAPTER 5

Adding Coaching & Booking

If you offer 1-on-1 coaching, small group sessions, or consultations, your website needs a frictionless booking system. Every extra step between "I'm interested" and "I'm booked" costs you clients. The right setup eliminates the back-and-forth entirely and makes you look like the premium operator you are.



Coaching & Booking Setup Checklist

A well-designed booking experience communicates professionalism, respects the client's time, and sets expectations clearly before the first session even starts. Here's the complete setup guide for getting coaching and booking live on your site.

Choosing a Booking Tool

You don't need to build a custom system. Pick one of these tried-and-tested tools:

- **Calendly** , Simple, clean, widely trusted. Free tier works for basic use. Connects to Google Calendar and Zoom automatically.
- **Acuity Scheduling** , More powerful than Calendly for service businesses. Supports intake forms, payment collection, and package tracking.
- **Wix / Squarespace** , Built into your website. Super seamless.
- **Google Calendar** , More freeform. Pretty easy for you and your clients to use.

Setting Up Your Booking Page

- Create separate booking types for each service (free consult, paid session, package intake call)
- Set your availability windows and buffer time between appointments
- Connect your tool to your calendar and video conferencing software
- Add a short intake form (3-5 questions max) to qualify bookings and show professionalism
- Enable automatic confirmation and reminder emails, reduce no-shows by 30-50%

Embedding Booking on Your Website

Every booking tool offers an embed code or a hosted link. Use both:

- Embed the scheduler directly into your coaching/services page so visitors book without leaving your site
- Also add the direct booking link to your main CTA buttons, header, and footer
- Create a standalone "Book a Free Call" or "Work With Me" page linked in your navigation
- Add booking CTAs at the end of every blog post, podcast, or lead magnet you publish

The Free Consultation Funnel

If you sell high-ticket coaching (\$500+), a free 20-30 minute strategy call is your best conversion tool. Here's the structure:

1. Visitor lands on your "Work With Me" page
2. Page sells the VALUE of the free call (what they'll get out of it)
3. Short intake form qualifies the lead before they book
4. Automated confirmation email sets expectations for the call
5. You close the sale on the call, no pressure, just clear fit assessment

📌 A strong intake form filters out time-wasters and makes your paid clients feel like VIPs from day one. Never skip it for high-ticket offers.



CHAPTER 6

Publishing & Software

Before you hit publish, you need to make sure you're on the right platform, your domain is set up correctly, your site is fast and secure, and you've run through the essential pre-launch checklist. Choosing the right software stack saves you hundreds of hours, and the wrong choices can trap you in expensive, frustrating rebuilds later.

Platform & Software Recommendations

The best platform isn't the most feature-rich, it's the one that matches your current stage of business, tech comfort level, and monetization model. Here's an honest breakdown of the most popular options for gym owners and fitness creators.

Squarespace

Best for: Beginners who want beautiful design without complexity.

Strengths: Stunning templates, built-in blogging, e-commerce, scheduling integration, mobile-optimized out of the box.

Limitations: Less flexible for advanced funnels. Limited third-party integrations.

Cost: \$16 to \$49/month. Great starting point for most fitness creators.

WordPress + Elementor

Best for: Creators who want maximum customization and own their platform completely.

Strengths: Unlimited design flexibility, massive plugin ecosystem, SEO powerhouse, lowest cost at scale.

Limitations: Steeper learning curve. Requires separate hosting (Kinsta, SiteGround, or WP Engine recommended).

Cost: \$10 to \$30/month for hosting + plugins.

Wix

Best for: Beginners and small fitness businesses who want a drag-and-drop builder with built-in tools.

Strengths: Very easy to use, hundreds of fitness-specific templates, built-in booking (Wix Bookings), payments, and app market for added functionality.

Limitations: Less scalable for complex funnels. Once you choose a template, switching is difficult. Not ideal for advanced SEO.

Cost: \$17 to \$35/month. A solid entry-level option for getting online fast.


Webflow

Best for: Design-savvy creators who want Squarespace aesthetics with WordPress flexibility.

Strengths: Pixel-perfect design control, clean code, excellent SEO performance, CMS for content scaling.

Limitations: Steeper learning curve than Squarespace. E-commerce add-on required for selling products.

Cost: \$14 to \$39/month. Excellent middle ground for serious creators.

 **My Recommendation for Most Gym Owners:** Start on Squarespace or Wix. They're both super good options with a lot of integrations and customization options. Getting Stripe and Mailchimp connected is really intuitive. You can also make your site look good and appear in search results without much technical knowledge.

Pre-Launch Checklist

Going live before your site is truly ready is a mistake that costs you credibility and conversions. Run through this checklist top to bottom before you publish, every single item matters.

Technical Checks

- ☐ Custom domain connected (not yoursite.squarespace.com)
- ☐ SSL certificate active (https:// shows in browser bar)
- ☐ Site loads in under 3 seconds (test at PageSpeed Insights)
- ☐ All images compressed (use TinyPNG or Squoosh)
- ☐ No broken links, test every button and navigation link
- ☐ Contact form tested and delivering to your inbox
- ☐ Checkout flow tested with a real purchase (then refund yourself)
- ☐ Mobile version reviewed on an actual phone (not just browser preview)
- ☐ Google Analytics or equivalent tracking installed
- ☐ Facebook Pixel installed if running paid ads

Content Checks

- ☐ Placeholder text (Lorem ipsum) fully replaced
- ☐ All images are high-resolution and correctly sized
- ☐ Spelling and grammar proofread (use Grammarly)
- ☐ All prices, dates, and specifics are accurate

Brand & Legal Checks

- ☐ Logo is present in header on all pages
- ☐ Favicon uploaded (small icon in browser tab)
- ☐ Footer includes copyright, privacy policy, and terms of service
- ☐ Privacy Policy page live (required for GDPR and most ad platforms)
- ☐ Disclaimer added to any transformation claims or results

Conversion Checks

- ☐ Every page has at least one clear CTA
- ☐ CTA buttons are visible without scrolling on homepage
- ☐ Social proof (testimonials) appears on every sales page
- ☐ Email opt-in or lead magnet connected to email platform
- ☐ Thank-you pages set up for every form and purchase
- ☐ Post-purchase email sequence active and tested
- ☐ 404 error page customized to redirect lost visitors



Never share a half-finished site with potential clients. First impressions are permanent. Use a "coming soon" page with an email capture while you build.

CHAPTER 7

Optimizing from the Data

Once you've got your website published and active, you can start to optimize it by looking at the data. Refining your website and getting the most out of your funnel will take some time. Here's exactly how to do that.



The Metrics That Actually Matter

You don't need to be an expert here. You just need to track the handful of numbers that directly indicate whether your site is doing its job. Here are the key metrics to monitor, what they mean, and what to do if they're off.



Traffic

Total visitors per month, broken down by source (organic, social, direct, email, paid). Traffic tells you if your content and promotion strategy is working. Target: grow month over month. Low traffic = a discovery problem, not a website problem.



Conversion Rate

% of visitors who take the desired action (purchase, book, opt-in). Average e-commerce conversion rate: 1 to 3%. Average lead capture: 10 to 30%. If you're below these benchmarks, your copy, offer, or page structure needs attention first.



Time on Page

How long visitors spend on each page. Low time on your sales page (<30 seconds) signals a weak headline or poor above-the-fold experience. High time (3+ minutes) suggests genuine engagement. Now check if that's translating to conversions.



Bounce Rate

% of visitors who leave after viewing only one page. A high bounce rate on your homepage or sales page (above 70%) often means a targeting mismatch, you're attracting the wrong traffic, or your page fails to hook the right visitor in the first 5 seconds.



Click-Through Rate (CTR)

% of visitors who click your primary CTA. Low CTR on a CTA button means the button placement, text, or surrounding copy isn't compelling enough. Test different button copy, color, and placement. Small changes here have outsized conversion impact.

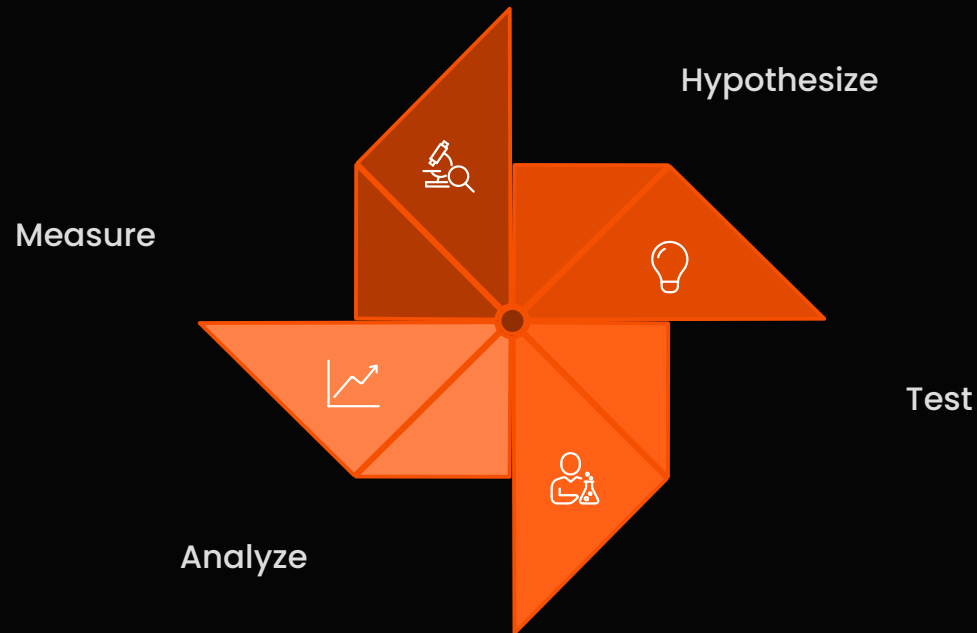


Cart Abandonment Rate

% of visitors who start checkout but don't complete it. High abandonment (above 75%) points to friction in your checkout: too many steps, unexpected costs (shipping/taxes), lack of trust signals, or required account creation. Each of these is a fixable problem.

Test, Improve, and Scale Your Website

Optimization is a never-ending process, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Work through the hierarchy below: fix the biggest problems first, then progressively refine. One winning test can permanently increase revenue by 20 to 50%.



This four-phase cycle is the foundation of every optimization program. Start with a weekly 30-minute review of your key metrics in Google Analytics or your platform's native dashboard. When you spot a problem (low conversion, high bounce, low CTR), form a specific hypothesis: "If I change the headline to focus on the specific result instead of the program name, more visitors will read past the hero section." Then make the change, run it for 2 to 4 weeks, and measure whether the relevant metric improved. Scale what works; iterate on what doesn't.

→ Start with High-Traffic, Low-Converting Pages

These pages have the most room for improvement. Even a small conversion rate increase on a high-traffic page compounds significantly. Your homepage and primary sales page should be the first targets for optimization efforts; they see the most visitors and have the highest revenue impact per improvement.

→ Use Heatmaps to See What Visitors Do

Install a free tool like Hotjar or Microsoft Clarity. These show you exactly where visitors click, how far they scroll, and where they drop off on your sales pages. This qualitative data is often more revealing than raw numbers; you can literally see the bottleneck. A heatmap showing most visitors not scrolling past the hero section tells you the hero needs to work harder.

→ Test One Variable at a Time

Change only one element per test: the headline, the CTA button color, the hero image, the price display, or the testimonial placement. If you change multiple things simultaneously, you'll never know which change drove the result. Patience and discipline in testing pays off in clear, actionable insights.

→ Review + Refresh Quarterly

Set a quarterly calendar reminder to review your full site: update testimonials with newer, more specific results; refresh any time-sensitive language; update product images and pricing; and check that all links, forms, and checkout flows still work correctly. A site that was great 6 months ago can quietly deteriorate; regular maintenance keeps it performing at its peak.

Full Website Launch & Growth Plan

Building a website that consistently generates revenue for your fitness business isn't a one-time project, it's an ongoing system. But it starts with getting the foundations right. Here's your phased action plan to move from zero to a fully optimized, revenue-generating website:

Week 1–2: Foundation

- Choose your platform and register your domain
- Set up brand colors, fonts, and logo
- Build your homepage and about page
- Write your first sales page using the 10-section blueprint

Week 3: Products & Booking

- Set up and test your checkout and payment processor
- Connect your booking tool and embed it on your site
- Create product mockups and set up delivery automation
- Write and test your post-purchase email sequence

Week 4: Launch Prep

- Run through the full pre-launch checklist
- Install Google Analytics and any ad pixels needed
- Get 3 people to test the site on their phones and give feedback
- Publish and announce to your existing audience

Month 2+: Optimize

- Review analytics weekly and identify your lowest-converting pages
- Install Hotjar and run your first heatmap session
- Start your first A/B test on your primary sales page headline
- Refresh testimonials and add new social proof every 60 days

✓ **Remember:** A "good enough" website that's live is worth 10x more than a perfect website that's still in draft. Ship it, learn from real visitors, and improve from there. Your best website is the one that's actually working for you right now.