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MAXIMIZING REVENUE THROUGH DIRECTORY MEMBERSHIP MODELS

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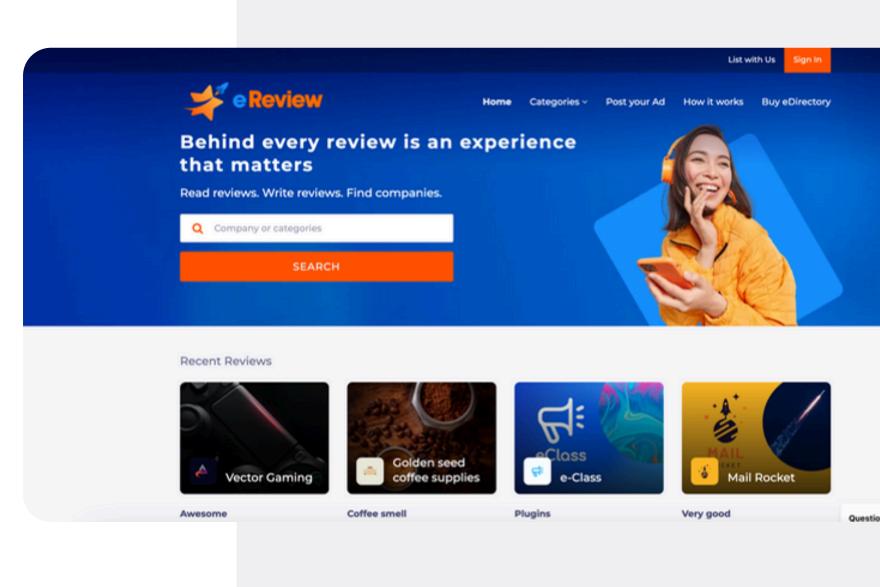
BACKGROUND ON EDIRECTORY:



- System to build Directory style websites
- Used for Lead-gen sites, Vendor Directories, Local Guides, Membership sites and more
- Highly customizable
- Create Native iPhone, Android apps
- SEO Optimized and Source code available

Visit **eDirectory.com** to Schedule a Private Demo!







FEEDBACK TOOL

Got any feedback? Submit your feature ideas, vote on suggestions from the community, and help improve our product. Top ideas will be featured on the "Ideas in Action" board, where you can track their progress.

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Support center

Have something to say?

Have a great idea to make our product even better? This is the place to share it! Submit your feature suggestions and vote on ideas from other community members. The most popular and impactful ideas may be approved and move to our "Ideas in Action" board, where you can track their progress.



TODAY'S TOPICS

DISCUSSION OUTLINE

- Benefits of Members-Only strategy
- > Ranking locked content
- > Key membership features
- Paywall tools
- Showcase membership strategy examples
- Path to Success

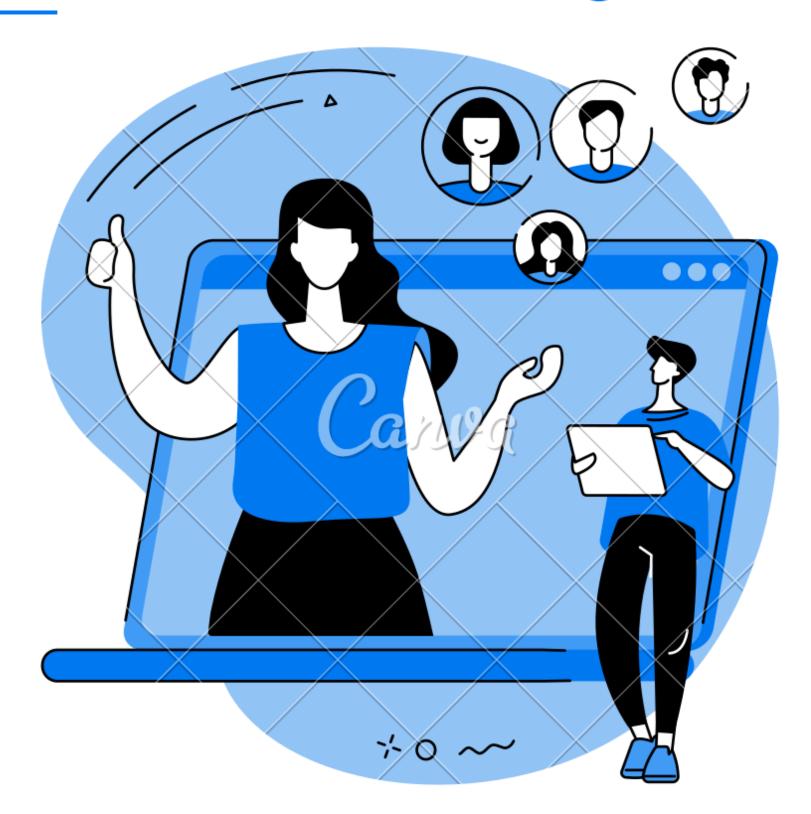


Benefits of Members-Only Strategy

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- **Direct Revenue**: Monetize your best content
- Increase perceived value: Exclusivity makes content more desirable
- Incentivizes better content: Paid users expect quality, driving up standards
- Reduce reliance on ads: Clean design, no clutter

Membership models provide 2X more revenue stability than ad-based businesses (Source: Subscription Economy Index, 2024).



Essentials

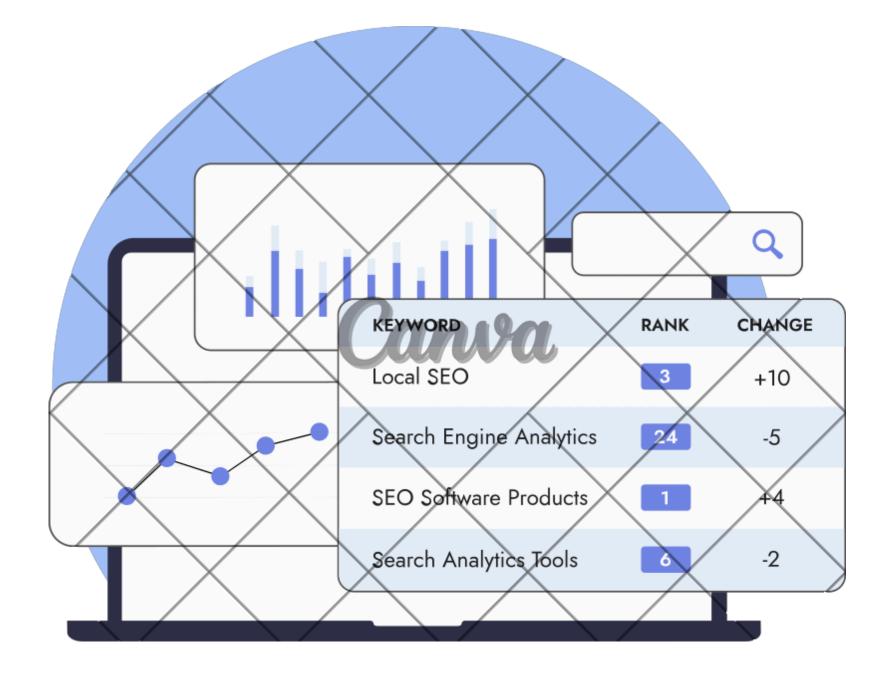
RANKING LOCKED CONTENT

SEO-Friendly Restrictions

 Search engines can still index your locked content's titles and descriptions, helping you maintain visibility and rankings.

Conversion Through Curiosity

 Lock high-intent elements like phone numbers, email addresses, or map views. These are action triggers users will upgrade to unlock them.



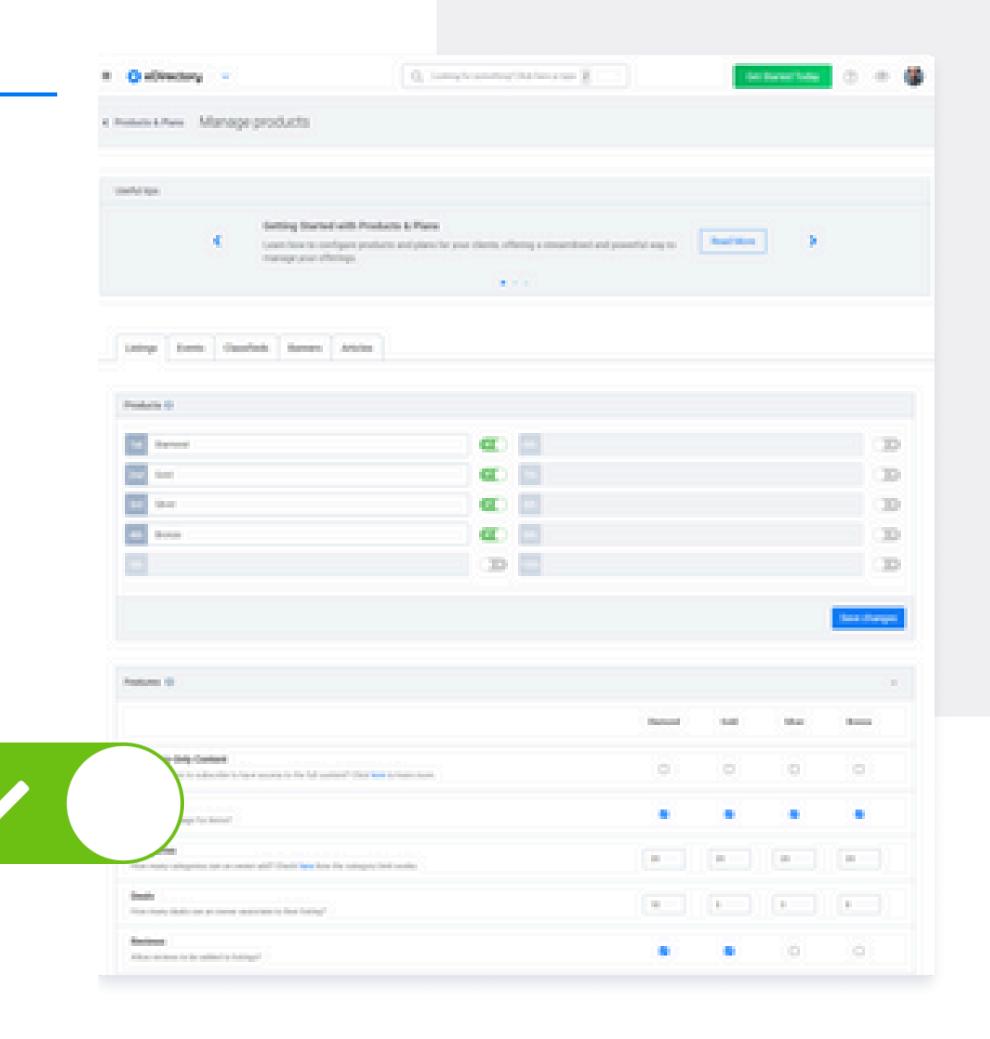
Even though the full content is gated, Google still picks up the structure and metadata. So you don't lose SEO value, you actually increase it by turning organic traffic into paying members.



Key Membership Features

IN EDIRECTORY

- Products & Plans: Modular membership products, such as group listings, events, classifieds, articles, and banners, are included in the products
- Define billing cycles (monthly, yearly), and free plans
- Paywall toggle: Restrict specific content to logged-in paying members



Members-Only

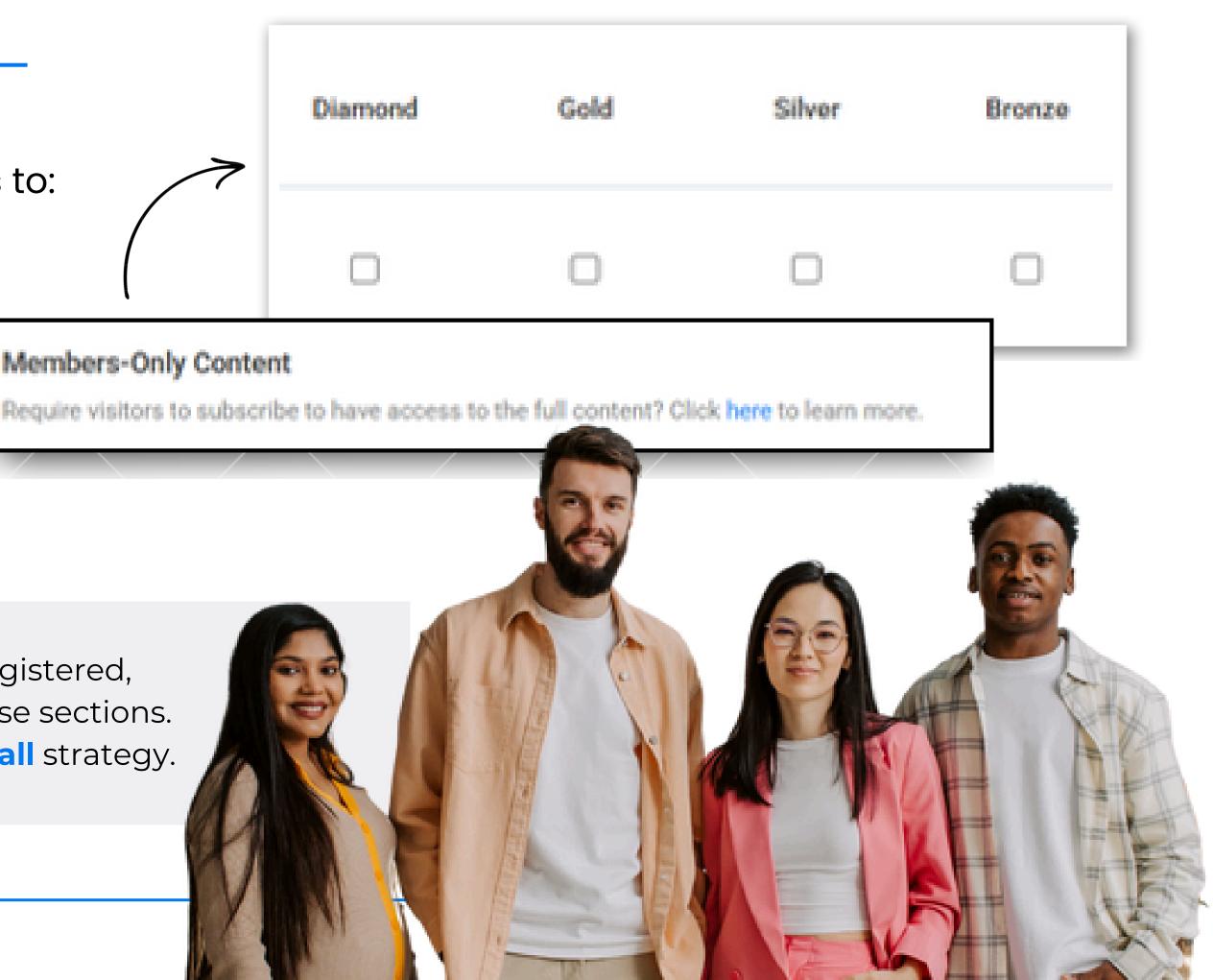
CONTENT ACCESS

- You can restrict access to:
 - Listing details
 - Events
 - Classifieds
 - Articles
 - Blog posts

Members-Only Content

Choose which user levels (e.g., Registered, Paid Members only) can view these sections. Enables **premium content paywall** strategy.



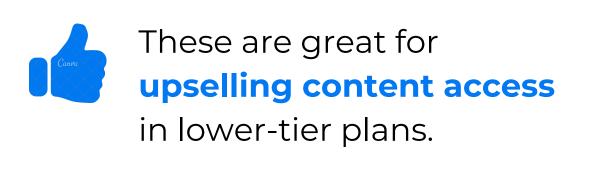


Use the Paywall Toggle

FOR CONTENT

Each blog post or article has a "members-only" toggle. Ideal for:

- Insider industry articles
- Premium resources (PDFs, research, reports)
- Early access announcements

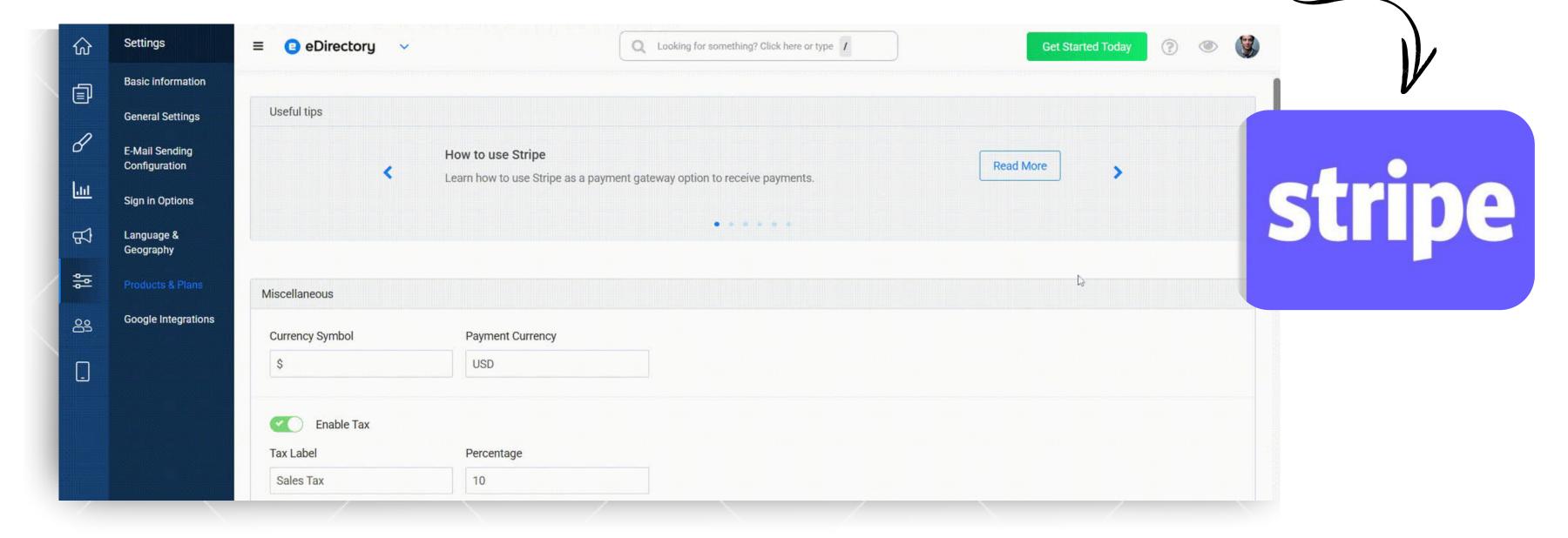




Configure Payment Options

Go to Site Manager > Products & Plans > Additional settings & payment gateways Enable recurring payments for subscription plans

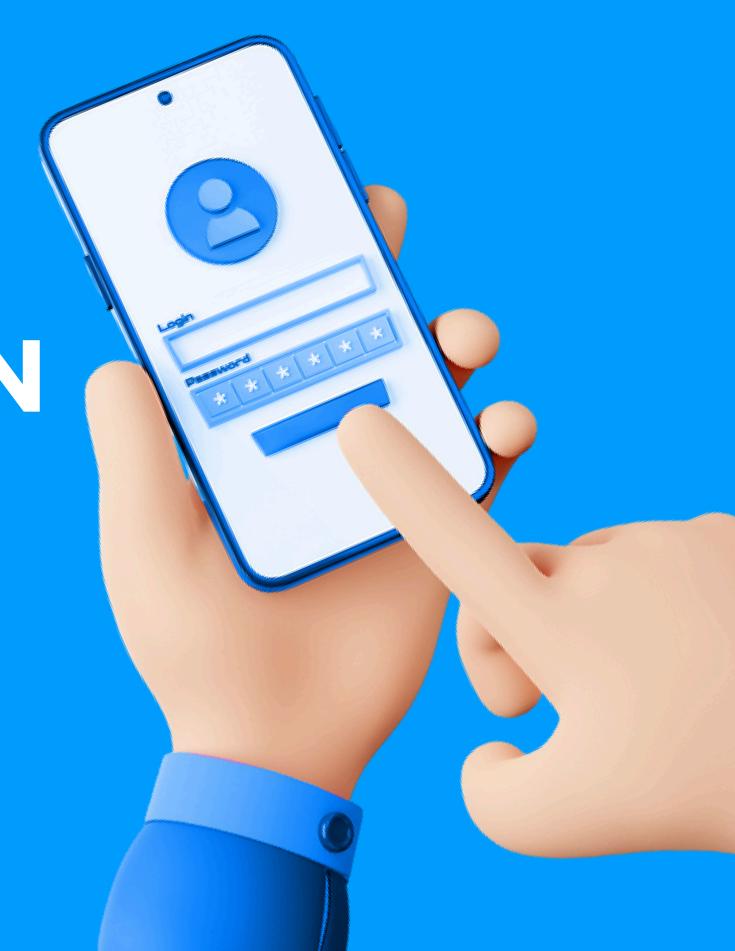
Stripe supports free trials, coupon codes, and full membership lifecycle automation



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STRATEGY IN ACTION
Definition of MembersOnly Access Types

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Hard Members-Only Access

- Definition: All or nearly all site content is locked behind a paywall.
- **Best for:** Premium knowledge bases, trade associations, niche industry directories, and exclusive communities.
- **Example:** Wall Street Journal full access requires a subscription.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT IN EDIRECTORY

- **USE SITE-WIDE MEMBERS-ONLY ACCESS**
- MAKE LISTINGS, ARTICLES, EVENTS, AND BLOG CONTENT PRIVATE
- **DESCRIPTION** USE SITE-WIDE MEMBERS-ONLY ACCESS

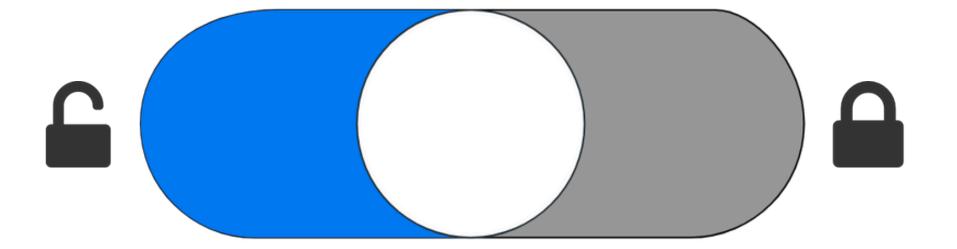


Soft Members-Only Access

- Definition: Free access to limited content; premium material is paywalled.
- Best for: Directories with editorial content, blogs, or educational material.
- Example: NewYorker.com read 1 article/month for free.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT IN EDIRECTORY

- ENABLE PARTIAL ACCESS PER MODULE (E.G., RESTRICT ARTICLE DETAILS).
- > USE THE PAYWALL TOGGLE ON INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES OR BLOG POSTS.
- > USE THIS TO UPSELL YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLANS INSIDE CONTENT.



"Freemium" Model

- Definition: Offer basic content/features for free, premium for a price.
- Best for: General-interest directories, professional associations, B2B platforms.
- **Example**: LinkedIn free networking, paid insights/tools.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT IN EDIRECTORY

- CREATE A FREE BASIC PLAN WITH LIMITED LISTING FIELDS.
- CREATE PAID PLANS WITH VIDEO, FILES, SOCIAL LINKS, WEBSITE URL, AND RICHER DESCRIPTIONS.
- OFFER FREE BLOG/NEWS, BUT LOCK HIGH-VALUE DOWNLOADABLES OR REPORTS.



IMPLEMENTATION CHEAT SHEET:

Strategy:	Modules to Use:	Suggested Use Case:
Hard access	Site-wide + All modules	Exclusive communities or B2B
Soft access	Blog, Articles, Events	SEO-based or editorial sites
Freemium	Listings + Blog	Free visibility leading to the upgrade funnel
Hybrid	Mix of all above	High-traffic, diverse content sites

Path to Success

HOW MEMBERSHIP SITES SUCCEED

Promote upgrades with value, not pressure

• "Get 3x more exposure," "Feature your business on the homepage"

Show member progress using data

Views, clicks, leads generated

Reputation & Trust signals

Verified badges, reviews, "top rated" labels





- CLEAR CTA ON EVERY LOCKED MODULE "Unlock contact info", "Get full access"
- Strial, first listing free, etc...
- Forums, Q&A, live chats...



QUESTIONS?



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