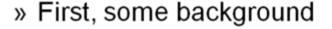


# Virtual Eyewear – New Reality?

...has been for over 10 years

- How did it begin?
- What is the status now?
- What is the vision for the future?





# Background?

- O.D.'s
- Masters Degree in Physiological Optics
- Lectured at University of Houston
- Started first practice in 1985

» Taking care of business



# Taking care of business

- 1985 to 1995
- Opened additional offices
- Sold everything in 1995

» Took a year off



### It's 1996 - what now?

- Wanted a lifestyle
- Rented space in a 6 story building
- 24/7 Nationwide
- Asked where will profession be in 15 years?
- No clue what it was going to be
- Met everyday to brainstorm ideas



» What's the Internet?

### What's the internet?

- FrontPage Software
- 8 sunglasses
- Phone call
- Hmm...that's an interesting idea
- FramesDirect.com is born

» An intense education



### O.D. to IT

- Immersed to understand technology
- How do sites rank in the search engines
- How to set up a datacenter
- What are web servers, data servers, routers, switches, meta tags, html code, Active Server Pages, stored procedures, firewalls, load balancers, query strings etc.



# Is this a new paradigm?

Can we create a paradigm shift for purchasing eyewear on the web?

» Set up key elements



### Core elements of the model

The model we came up with embraced the following principles:

- Maintain the integrity of the brands
- Quality first
- Price sensitive not price discount
- Exceed expectations



» Brand integrity

# **Protect Brand Integrity**

Maintain the integrity of the Brands

- unique position in search engines
- consumer thinks we are the brand
- protect the cost of branding

» Quality first



## **Obsessive Quality**

# Quality

- everything had to be first rate
- quality control
- shipping
- lens material
- 100% accuracy
- no second chance



» Price Sensitive

### Price Sensitive

### Price Sensitive not Price Discount

- cost of running an expensive business
- long term vision to be market leaders
- superior technology
- outstanding service
- not price blind



» Exceed Expectations

# **Exceed Expectations**

# Exceed Expectations

- establish a sense of trust
- especially for new web purchasers
- optician calls every customer
- doctor involvement
- hands on



» Does it work?

### Does it work?

- Can eyewear be purchased on the web?
- Can frames be tried on?
- Can prescriptions be filled?
- What about Single vision lenses?
- And Multi-focals?
- Can designer sunglasses be ordered?



### Yes

Yes to all of those questions.

We do it every day for tens of thousands of web customers a year.

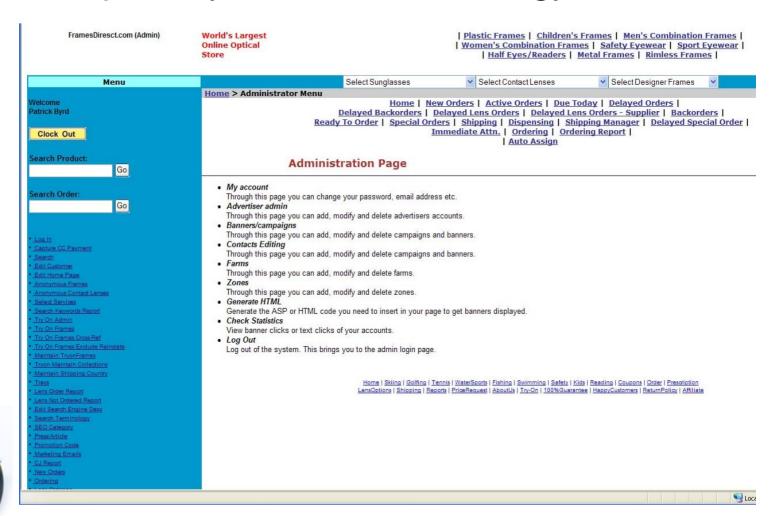
How?

» Key elements



### Key elements

# Proprietary backend technology





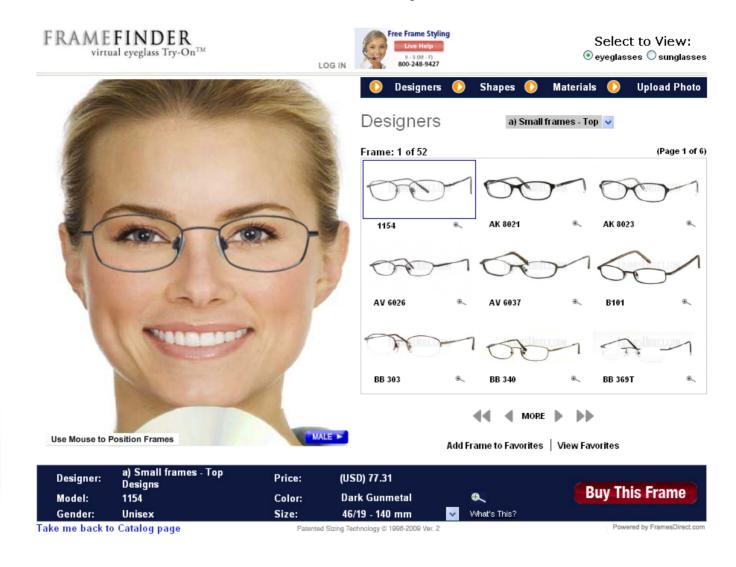
### Custom build

- Developed customer service module
- Lens selection module
- Prescription sunglass module
- Backorder module
- Contact lens module
- Ordering module
- Search engine module
- Prescription upload module
- Returns/Exchange module
- Quality Control module
- Video module
- Shipping and Receiving module



# **Ground breaking Technology**

# FrameFinder Virtual Try-On





# From anywhere in the world

# Style yourself



### Fashion friendly

# Sunglasses



### What about lenses?

- Started with sunglasses
- Then frames
- Single vision lenses?
- Progressive lenses?
- Mathematical calculations for seg height
  - Ran test
  - Worked
  - Use exclusively



# And prescription sunglasses?

## Custom prescription sunglass tools



Serengeti Prescription RX Sunglasses

keyword or item # SEA

Online Eyewear Experts Since 1996

800-248-9427



In Houston: 713-914-0011

#### **Eyewear Categories**

Eyeglasses Sunglasses Contact Lenses Prescription Sunglasses

#### Try On Glasses

FrameFinder Virtual Try On

#### **Prescription Lenses**

100% Accuracy
Materials and Prices
Frame Sizing
Ordering Frames Online
Crizal Lenses 🚭
Drivewear Lenses 🚭
Transitions Lenses 🚭
Varilux Lenses 🚭

#### **Prescription Sunglasses**

Bolle Costa Del Mar Maui Jim Oakley Ray Ban Serengeti Wiley X

#### **Buy Designer Eyeglasses**

Adrienne Vittadini Candies Christian Dior Dolce Gabbana Guess Eyeglasses Oakley Eyeglasses Prada Eyeglasses SUNGLASSES > CONTACT LENSES > EYEGLASSES > PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES >

#### Start here to see if your prescription works in Serengeti RX



Take me back to Serengeti RX prescription catalog

Serengeti Prescription RX Sunglasses: Fill your prescription in Serengeti frames for the ultimate RX sunglasses. Get superior technology of Serengeti prescription sunglasses. Serengeti T-shirt with sunglasses purchase.

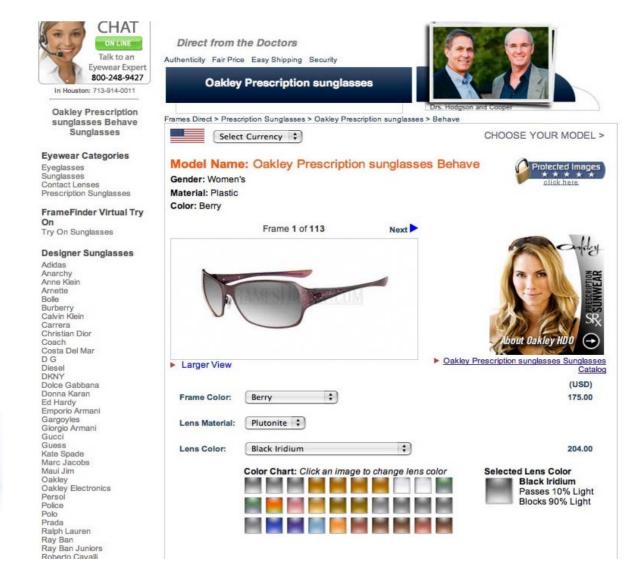
() William C. from Arlington, VA

"My glasses were just delivered and I am as happy as I could possibly be. You guys are great. Let me tell you, I have had all kinds of prescription sunglasses over the last 25 years, and I have never been satisfied with any of them. I've had Oakley, Ray Ban, all sorts....and the people always just popped out the good lenses and put in cheap prescriptions. The frames never accepted the lenses properly and I was always angry.



### Created a prescription sun tool

### Smart Sun Calculation





# Customer Service

- Focused staff
  - New paradigm
  - Work remotely
  - Trained opticians
  - Expert departments



### Interact with consumer

Walk-on video









### Personalize brand message

Talking to patient in the dispensary





#### **Prescription Lenses**

100% Accuracy Materials and Prices Frame Sizing Ordering Frames Online Crizal Lenses 64 Drivewear Lenses 64 Transitions Lenses @ Varilux Lenses 64

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Protector - The AR lens that's made to stay clean.

Essilor of America, Inc. has teamed with 3M Company to debut a state-of-the-art lens, Crizal Avancé™ with Scotchgard™ Protector, the Anti-Reflective lens that's made to stay clean. This exciting new generation of Crizal® lenses offers customers an unprecedented level of lens performance, cleanability and clarity.

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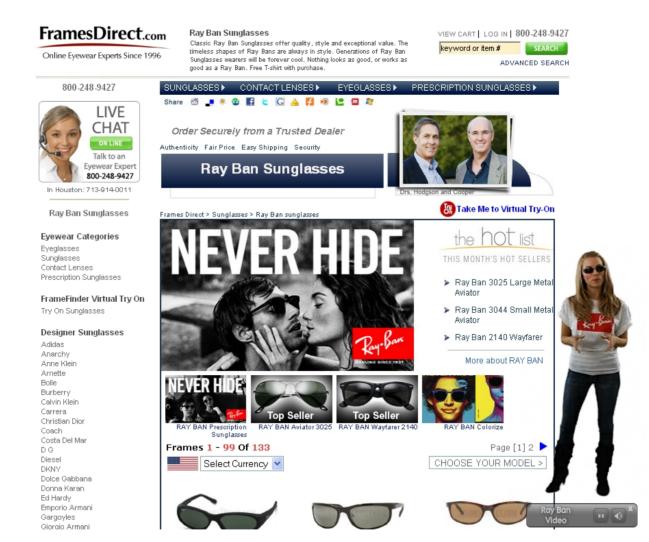






### Promotional tool

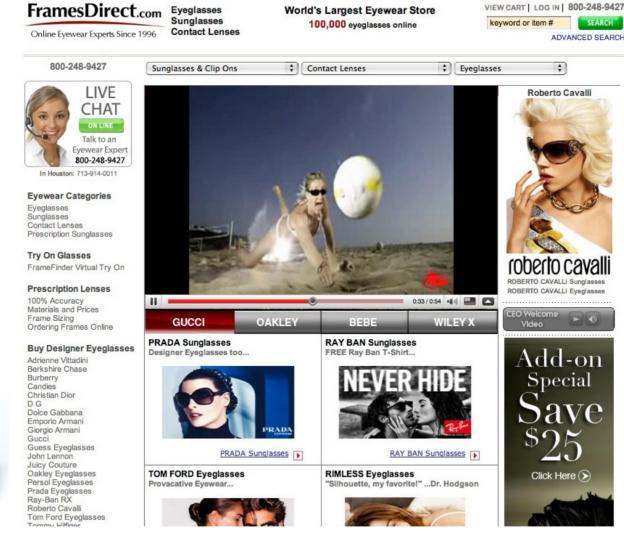
### Emphasizing specific promotions





### Highlight unique brand features

# Tell your story visually





### Maintain constant communication

# Blog





# This generations tools

Social Media

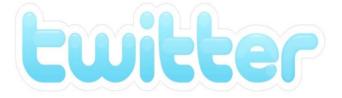
# facebook











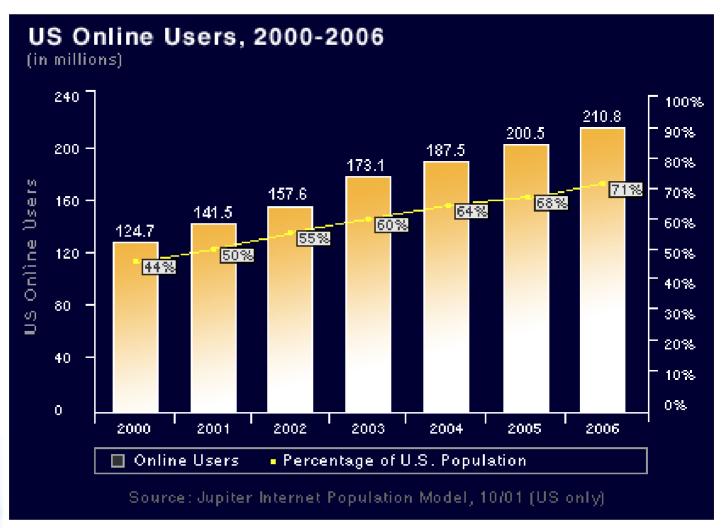
### Who is the audience?

- 69% of the US population using internet
- 232,655,287 users
- Or 19.8% of internet users in the world
- 4 times that use the web outside the US
- 930,621,148 about a billion outside US

» Online growth



# Online growth





# Is anyone looking for eyewear?

In the US alone there are:

- 922,096 searches for "eyeglasses"
- 656,481 searches for "contact lenses"
- 468,339 searches for "sunglasses"
- 98,560 searches for "Oakley sunglasses"
- 88,358 searches for "Chanel sunglasses"
- 38,532 searches for "Gucci sunglasses"



# **Every Month!**



### Other searches of interest

- Crizal 5,400
- Essilor 12,400
- Prescription lenses 27,100
- Progressive lens 18,600
- Varilux 8,100
- Zeiss lens 14,800
- VSP 32,000
- Marchon 1,500
- EyeMed 13,000

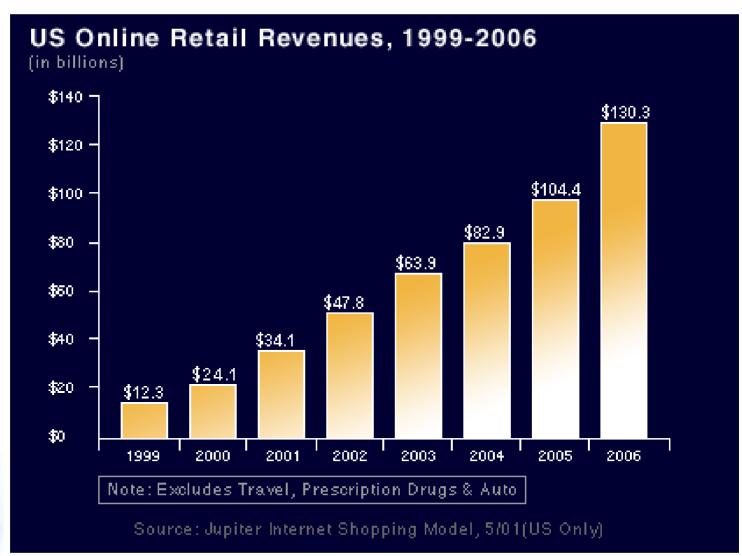


### Who is searching?

- 69% of adult women use the web
- 71% of adult men use the web
- 83% of age group 18-29 use the web
- 82% of age group 30-49 use the web
- 70% of age group 50-64 use the web



### Online spending





# What are they looking for?

- Information
- About products
- About services
- Trusted sites
- Convenience of buying online

» What about the visitors?



### Our visitors

The 30,000 or so new visitors that come to our site each day...



### Arrived passively

- · Were not solicited
- Were not advertised or marketed to
- They had a need
- And went to the web to get it filled

» New paradigm



### New paradigm

- That's a huge paradigm shift
- The old paradigm TV/Radio
- Captive audience
- Then the power of the remote arrived
- Users could tune out unwanted messages
- But with the internet...

» Who is in control?



### You have no control

# The user is in CONTROL



### They decide

- What they want to see
- What they want to search for
- Turn off a pop-up ad in half a second

» So we asked the brands



#### So we asked the brands

- Expand your brand to the web?
- Increase your market share on web?

- Leverage our web presence
- Get your message out to millions

» We don't create brands



#### We don't create brands

- We don't want to create eyewear brands
- We represent brands
- We present brand to the consumer
- And sell products

» We suggested…



### Ways for us to work together

- Create an inventory live XML feed
- Using our resources to plan inventory
- 30% of the products are on backorder
- Send new releases in email form
- Not only to the OD to the CUSTOMER
- Huge branding opportunity



» What's ahead

# Leverage Social Media

- It's a different world out there
- We as an industry need to get on board

» A Virtual Consultation?



#### Virtual Consultation





### How can I help you in Moscow?





## What's possible in the future?

Limited only by our imagination



