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Before we get started...



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Gartner Peer Insights Technology Provider Webinar

January 2022

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Agenda

- 2021: Year in Review
 - End User Value
 - Vendor Innovations

- Upcoming 1H 2022 Vendor Innovations
- Q&A



Gartner Peer Insights 2021 in Review:

End User Value



2021: A year of growth

Broad, in-depth coverage of enterprise products

+21%

Published Reviews
(435K reviews, 15m+ data points)

+25%

Vendors Listed (8.3K now)

+19%

Market Categories

(416 total markets)

Valuable public site experience

+49%

User Sessions

+40%

Hours Reading Reviews

+100%

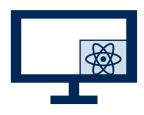
Product Alternatives Pageviews



Delivering end user value via multiple channels











Public (free) platform, with multiple insights for purchasing and owning journey, e.g.:

- Market overview
- Ratings & reviews
- Side-by-side compare

Synthesized insights for Gartner clients:

- Research notes
- Integrated into Gartner.com experience

Supporting key Gartner research processes:

- One source of customer input among others to Magic

 Quadrant fact base
- Other research publications



<u>Public:</u> We innovated on public (free) user experience

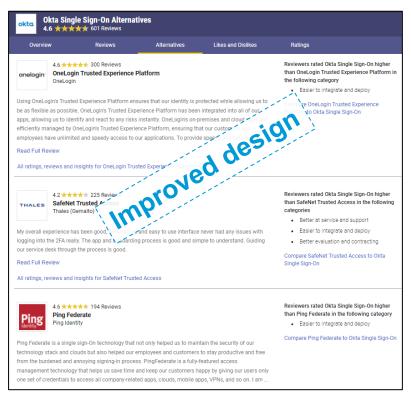
Side-by-Side Compare



Product Overview



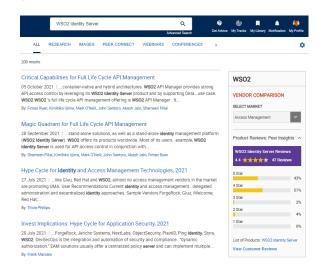
Product Alternatives



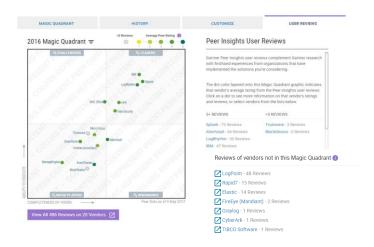


For Gartner clients, data is synthesized into research content and interactive tools

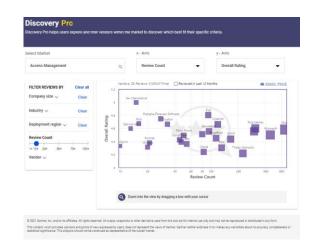
Integration into Gartner client experience



Interactive Magic Quadrant

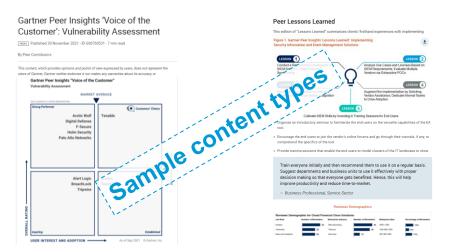


New insights tools (being tested)



"Voice of the Customer"

"Peer Lessons Learned"





Updates to published research improved user value

"Peer Lessons Learned": **New, Visually Engaging Layout**

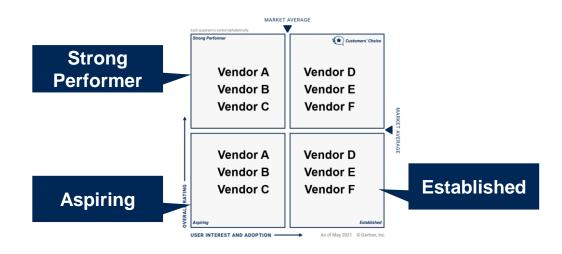




45% increase in

End user readership

"Voice of the Customer": **New Quadrant Names**



"...those names make sense. And if a vendor were 'bad' they would not have made it onto the document in the first place."

IT Infrastructure Manager, Manufacturing



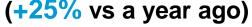
Gartner Peer Insights 2021 in Review:

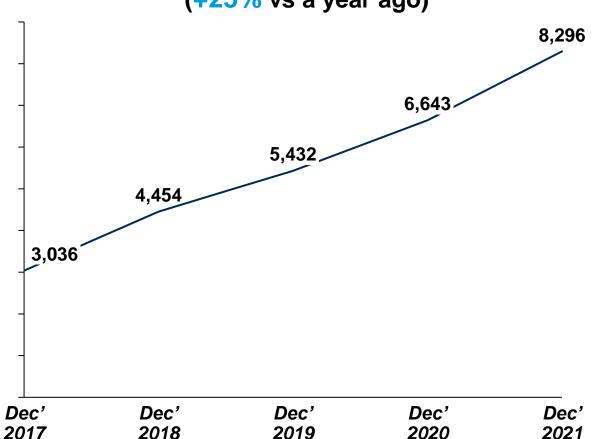
Vendor Value



Thank you - Strong vendor growth in 2021







Customer First Program

Signal your commitment to transparency



+260% growth YoY (165 Tech Providers in the program)

Join the Program

Technology Provider Funded Gift Cards

Thank reviewers for their contributions



+130% growth YoY (883 Tech Providers in the program)

Add Funds Now



Expanded Coverage in 2021

+19% growth in markets, with 66 new markets launched in 2021 (bringing total to **416**)

Market Areas	New	Examples
ERP and Corporate	18	Background Check Software
Management	10	Corporate Travel Management Software
Customer Relationship	11	Account-Based Marketing Platforms
Management		B2B Customer Community Platforms
Vertical Industries	8	CAD Software
		Virtual Care Solutions
Security Solutions	6	Insider Risk Management Solutions
		Security Service Edge
Date and Analytics	6	Revenue Data Solutions
Data and Analytics		Video Platform Services
Application Development,	F	Application Portfolio Management Tools
Integration and Management	5	Prototyping Software
IT Infrastructure and	E	Outsourced Digital Workplace Services
Operations Management	5	Service Integration and Management Services

Key Takeaways:

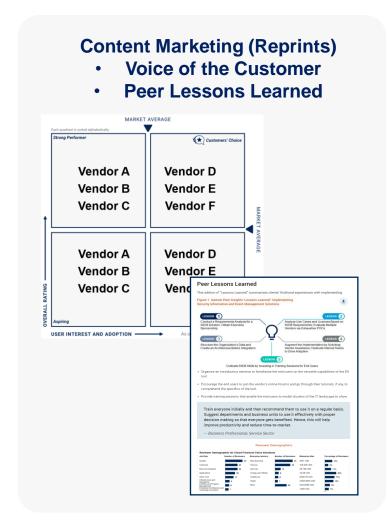
- √ 100% coverage of the applicable Magic Quadrant and Market Guide markets
- ✓ Opened first wave of 5 new categories* outside of Gartner expert Research coverage (Magic Quadrant or Market Guide), with more to come

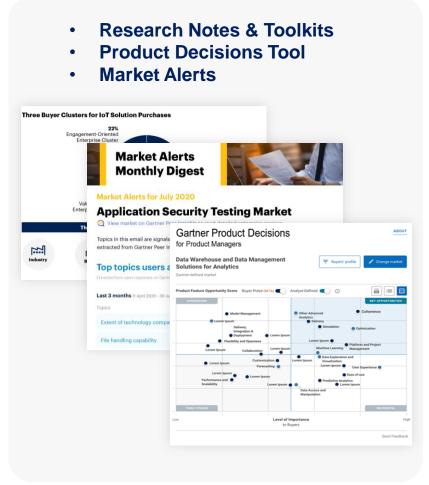
Submit your new category suggestions here

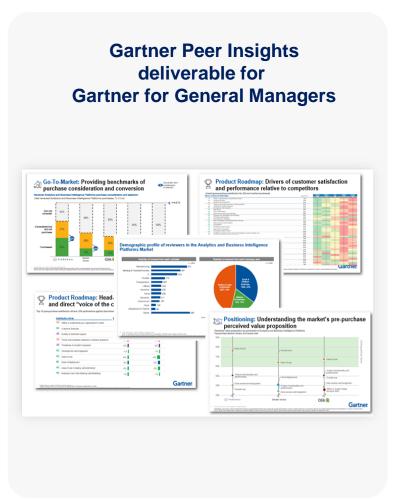


For Gartner Tech Provider Clients, review data is synthesized into assets, tools and insights

Examples









Peer Insights continues to be one source of customer input among others to Magic Quadrant fact base



News and Information for Analyst Relations Professionals Working with Gartner



Update to Customer Experience Data Collection Policy for Magic Quadrant and Critical Capabilities Vendors

Customer experience represents one input among others that informs Gartner's analysts evaluation of a vendor and product. Sources include Gartner clients' interactions, Gartner Peer Insight, Gartner primary research surveys, publicly available information, providers' input to Gartner questionnaires and briefings.

What is happening?

Starting April 28, 2021, for all existing Magic Quadrant markets, Gartner is making permanent its policy introduced in March 2020 that included a decision for authors of a Magic Quadrant and/or Critical Capabilities to stop asking for customer references. Additionally, Gartner will adopt a hybrid approach to support the expansion of Gartner research coverage into new markets; any research launched prior to this date will not have this option available. In select instances, the authors may request a list of 10 customers to conduct a one-time short survey.

In all cases, Gartner Peer Insights remains the Gartner platform for enterprise reviews. Vendors can encourage their customers to submit a review for their product/service through Gartner Peer Insights. They can also contact PeerInsightsVendorSuccess@gartner.com for more information about sourcing reviews effectively. NOTE: this one-time survey will not replace the Gartner Peer Insights reviews but instead supplement them.

Gartner Peer Insights represents one source of customer input among others that the authors may use to support a Magic Quadrant and Critical Capabilities creation. While end-user feedback is important, it is one aspect among many that are considered. Providers are not negatively impacted for a lack of reviews provided as part of the Magic Quadrant and Critical Capabilities evaluation, nor are they scored higher for providing more reviews.

Why these changes?

April 2021 announcement on Gartner.com

- Announced March 2020 & made permanent April 2021
- Authors of Magic Quadrant and Critical Capabilities no longer ask vendors to give them names of customer references
- Vendors can encourage customers to submit a review on Gartner Peer Insights
- Gartner Peer Insights represents one source of customer input among others
- Questions?
 - Review these FAQs
 - Email methodologies@gartner.com



1H 2022 Priorities





Thank you for your feedback! - What is working well

What is working well		Vendor Comments	
	Review Sourcing Capabilities	"I like the <i>process of creating new sourcing links</i> ."	
	Enhancements in Voice of the Customer (VOC)	"I like the new quadrant diagram for the Voice of the Customer / Customers' Choice"	
	Quality of Reviews	"High quality reviews, long/detailed and better than those I see on other platforms for our products."	
	Resources and Support	"The content library is very helpful, great resources for vendors"	

Number of Responses to vendor feedback survey: 161



Thank you for your feedback! - Areas of improvement

Themes	What Can We Improve?	Vendor Comments	Planned Action
1. Additional Product Details/Analytics	Product Profile	"Provide access to our corporate and software profiles"	✓ Product Profile capability: Educate potential buyers about your brand and your product (free capability)
2. Review Approval Process	Partner Reviews	"Partners will have way more perspective on implementation and integration challenges"	 ✓ Partner reviews: Updating policy to accept some partner reviews, with special treatment
	Review Moderation	"The process still feels somewhat opaque, particularly why some customer reviews have been rejected, even when following the guidelines"	✓ Tech-based verification improvements (recently introduced)
3. Ease of Doing Business	Incentive Options for Reviewers	"Would like to give my customers multiple incentive options to choose incentive type"	✓ Introduce multiple-incentive sourcing links for end users to choose incentive type
	Review Tracking	Lack of tracking options on platform, would help us to focus our review collection efforts	Actions being planned
	Website Experience	"It's very complicated to navigate the site, especially for managing multiple products"	Actions being planned

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Product Profile





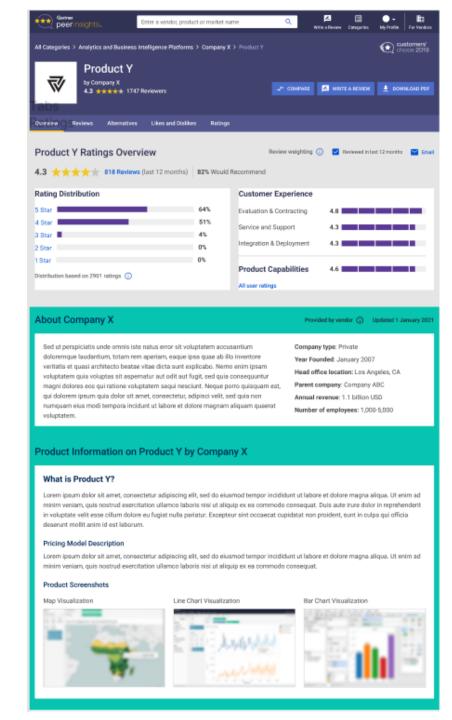
Product Profile

Educate prospective buyers about your brand and products

Complimentary offering for all vendors

"Trying to navigate large vendor sites is really hard, they're built by marketers to make a sale"

- Business Optimization Manager, Retail



Provide Product Information:

Company Description

Share what you do and who you are

Product Description

How your solution helps customer and what its most powerful features are

Pricing Description

(Optional) Explain how deals are typically structured

Product Screenshots

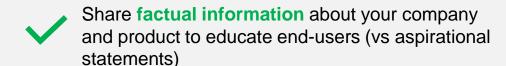
Visually showcase your product

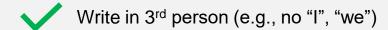


Specific guidelines will be provided to help you craft the profile

Example guidelines:

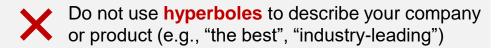
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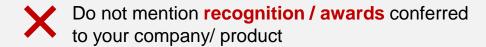


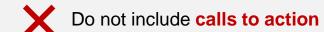


Share actual screenshots of your product (not designs or marketing concepts)

DONT'S







Do not include links



Developed by **interviewing 50+ end users** across industries and roles



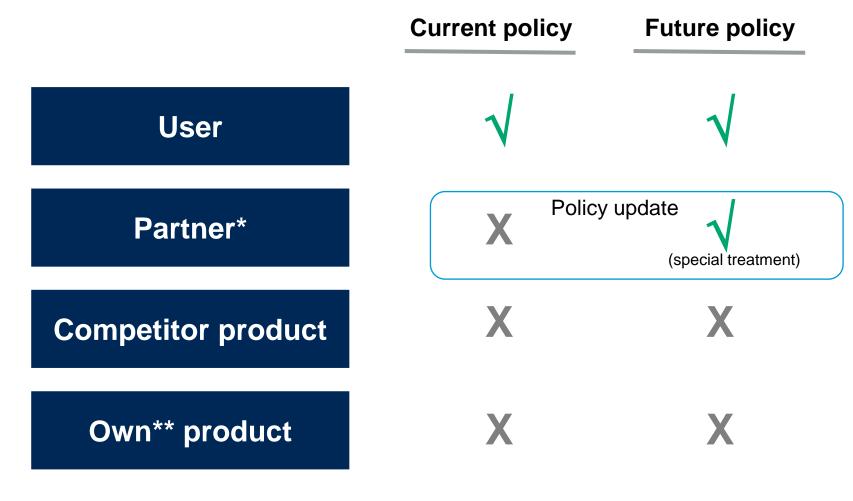


Partner Reviews





Conflict of interest checks will be changing to accept partner reviews



85% of End Users would find vendor partner insights to be valuable when considering a software or service providers.

"Partners will have way more perspective on implementation and integration challenges"

"I expect they would know the biggest challenges with a product"

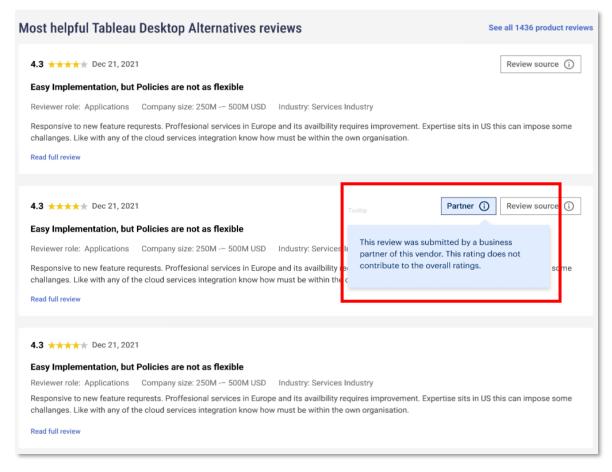


^{*} Non-exclusive partnership relationship

^{**} Includes Subsidiary / JV / Significant investor

Partner reviews will be shown on site, with special treatment

Illustrative



- Partner reviews will be shown on the site, and reviews can be direct-linked as any other review
- Partner reviews will be labeled and explained
- Partner reviews will not be included in ratings and sub-ratings, and not used by analysts in Magic Quadrant and other research documents



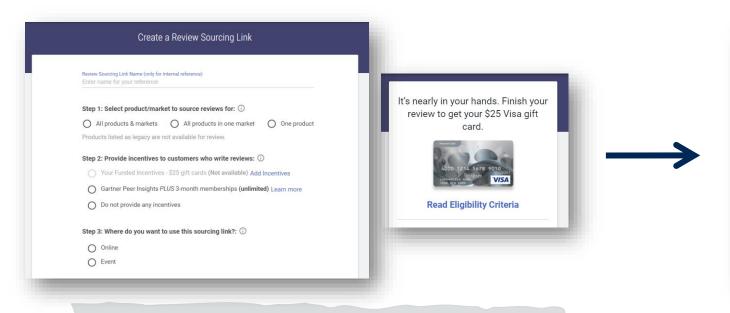


Incentive Options for Reviewers



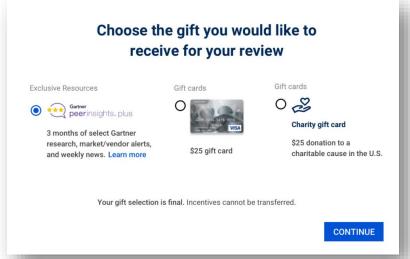
End-users will self-select "thank you" gift via a single Review Sourcing Link

Current: Tech Providers pre-select the incentive type for reviewers



"Different users have different incentive motivations... I would like sourcing links where the customer can select the reward based on what is desired"

Enhanced: Reviewers selfselect the incentive type







Best Practices -Rejected Reviews





To ensure high quality reviews our validation and moderation process focuses on four key areas

REVIEWER **AUTHENTICATION** Determine if the reviewer is who they say they are

CONTENT VALIDATION

Assess the quality and originality of the review content

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Identify any conflict of interest that may bias the review

FRAUDULENT PATTERNS

Reject reviews up-front or retroactively based on patterns of activity

A single review will pass 39 unique checks before being published to Gartner Peer Insights

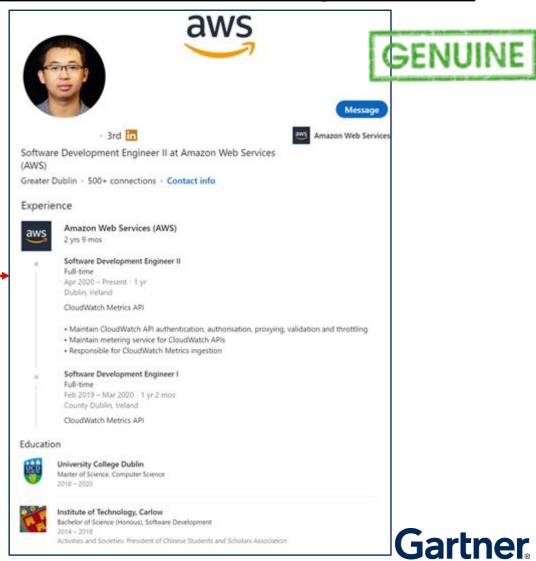


Example: Fake profile with credentials copied from a real person

Fake LinkedIn Profile - Attempted to Register on GPI

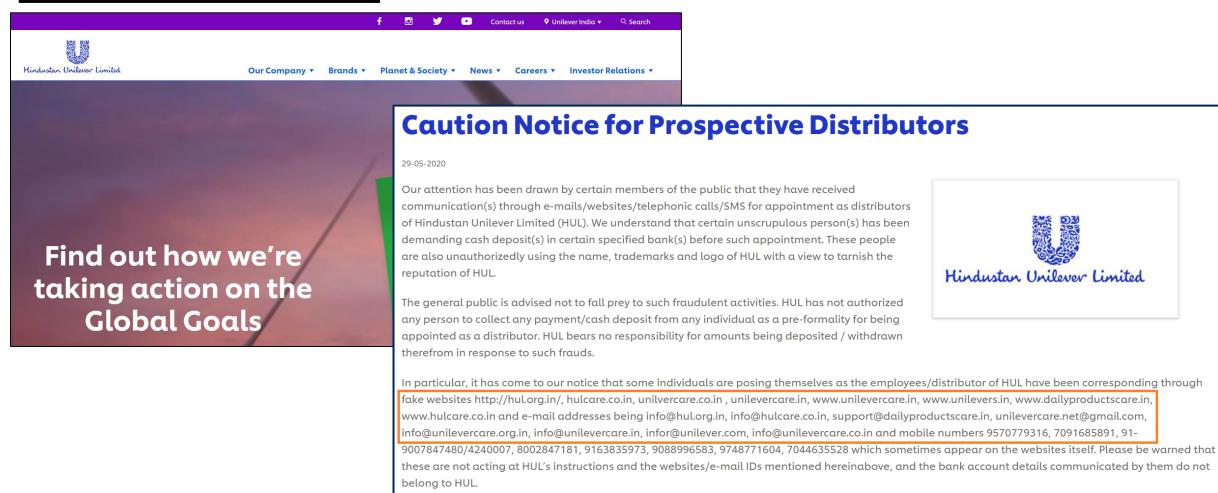
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Genuine LinkedIn Profile – Not Registered on GPI



Example: Legitimate companies are spoofed using fake domains

Authentic Unilever India Site





Reviews should highlight specific user experiences

Generic

Specific

"Great vendor"

Review Headline



"My account rep is great"

"Company X works"

"Complete and mature Marketing Automation Solution for large B2B organizations."

"Advanced analytics delivered on a secure and stable platform."

Overall Commentary



"Great"

"Perfect relationship"

"Company X is an excellent company"



"The Product delivered on all promises made.... there was a very short learning curve and XXX has excellent documentation. Vendor assigned customer success manager to shepherd our company through the deployment and provided quick responses to any risk items..."



Pattern checks are applied to identify suspect or fraudulent activity

Time per Review



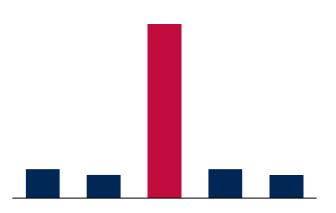
- Multiple reviews initiated within seconds
- Time between creation and submission

Straight-lining



Identical / similar answers to all questions (e.g., "great product") or identical ratings to all sub-questions

Volume

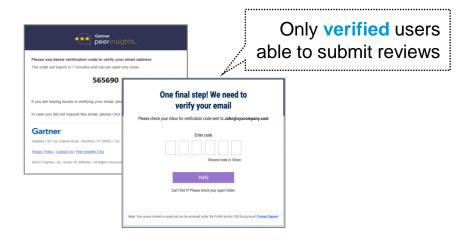


- Abnormalities in review in-flow
- Example metadata considered: reviewer, company, campaign, country of origin, IP address, etc



We introduced automations to improve reviewer experience and reduce unnecessary "technical" rejections

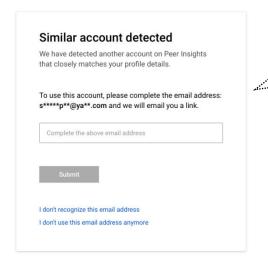
Code-based email Verification



Foreign Language Detection



Multi-Account Identification



Metadata checks to flag creation of an additional account by same reviewer

Third-Party Data Sources

Integrate regional data sources to help validate details on the reviewer and their organization

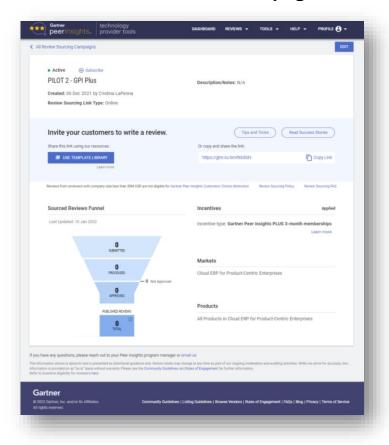




Leverage Gartner-provided resources for best reviewer experience

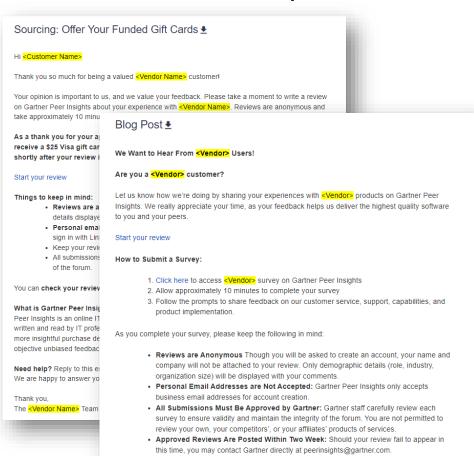
Review Sourcing Links

Resources linked within page

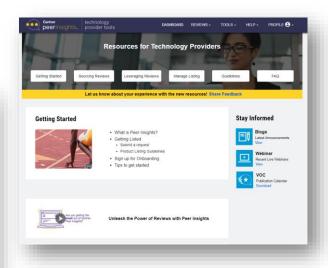


Example Templates

17+ outreach examples



Visit the **Resources Tab** in your **Technology Provider Tools** vendor portal for more:



- **Moderation Guidelines**
- **Blog Posts**
- **Vendor Success Stories**
- FAQ's



Summary: Prepare now to take advantage of upcoming site and policy enhancements

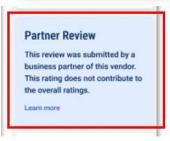


Product Profile

Launching Q1



Collect product information now so you are ready to submit for approval at launch



Partner Reviews

Starting Q1



Identify partner contacts and prepare campaigns to invite partners to leave a review



Multi-Incentive Sourcing Links

Coming Q1



- Identify where you can update existing review sourcing links to new incentiveoption links
- Consider funding \$25 incentives to provide reviewers with additional options



Help us make Gartner Peer Insights better!

Take the Survey:

https://gtnr.it/vendor-survey



We want to hear your feedback!

Time Needed:

~5 minutes

Submit By:

February 15

★★★ Rate your experience



Share where we can improve



Tell us what is critical to your needs

Where else can I access the survey?

- ✓ Included in the follow up email
- ✓ Live in your vendor portal
- ✓ In the "Chat" function now!



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