ZOOTmarketing

AI AGENT IMPLEMENTATION

THE 3AM PROBLEM.

Why small businesses lose work while they sleep — and how AI agents fix it without a single new hire.

An explainer in 14 pages

No programming required. Really.



Our own AI team — Eva, Sonny, Stan, Walter, Penny, Rachel and Linda.

START HERE

The question worth asking first

If a serious enquiry hit your inbox at 9pm tonight — who answers it?

For most small business owners the honest answer is: **nobody, until morning.** And "until morning" online means the buyer found someone else first.

This isn't a discipline problem. You're one person, or a handful, doing the actual work. The enquiry came in while you were doing it.

The fix used to be hiring. That's expensive, slow and sometimes wrong. There's now a third option — and this guide explains it plainly.

From **30+ years** of digital marketing — condensed.

What an AI agent actually is

Forget the sci-fi. An AI agent is a digital helper with **one job** — answering enquiries, writing your blog, chasing leads — that it does every single day, without coffee breaks or excuses about traffic.

The key word is **job**. Not "run my marketing" (that's a fantasy), but: "answer every enquiry within minutes and summarize what happened." One specific job, done reliably.

A chatbot answers.

It talks back. Nicely, sometimes.

An AI agent acts.

It does the task, end to end — and asks a human when it's out of its depth.

THE BENCH

The seven hires, on one page

Small teams don't need seven people. They need seven jobs covered. AI agents can take each one — and none of them needs a parking space. No programming needed: if you can fill in a birthday card, you can set one up.



Our own AI team at ZOOTmarketing — we run these seven lanes ourselves. Yours gets the same treatment, named for your business.

MEET THE LANES · 1 OF 2

What each hire actually does

Not job titles — jobs. What each lane handles day to day, and where your yes is still required.

The receptionist

Daily work. Answers enquiries around the clock, in your voice. Takes calls with a call flow, booking windows and a cancellation script — written before the first call ever comes in.

Needs your yes. The greeting, boundaries, booking rules and the "must never say" list — set by you before it goes live.

Week one win. Every enquiry answered the same day — summaries waiting in your inbox by morning.

The personal assistant

Daily work. Triages the inbox, flags priority messages. Drafts replies in your voice for approval. Manages the calendar with rules — like keeping afternoons free.

Needs your yes. Nothing it drafts leaves the building until you've read it.

Week one win. Priority mail flagged, replies drafted in your voice, calendar holding the hours you protected.

The blogger & SEO expert

Daily work. Writes SEO-optimized articles, does the keyword research, turns brand stories into authority — organic traffic, month after month.

Needs your yes. Every article is a draft until you say so. Publishing on your sign-off.

Week one win. First keyword research done and one article drafted for your review.

The webmaster

Daily work. Keeps the site and landing pages healthy — uptime, updates, the small breakages that cost you leads.

Needs your yes. Site changes shown to you before they go live.

Week one win. Site checked, breakages fixed, changes previewed.

The sales lead agent

Daily work. Follows up so no enquiry quietly dies. Keeps the pipeline moving while you do the work that pays.

Needs your yes. Outreach passes your review first.

Week one win. No enquiry left unanswered — follow-ups queued for approval.

The social media manager

Daily work. Defines the audience, sets the platform strategy, plans the calendar, produces posts that strengthen visibility.

Needs your yes. Every post. Works with the blogger on campaigns.

Week one win. Content calendar seen, first posts drafted and approved.

The legal assistant

Daily work. The seventh seat — reads the fine print so the other six can move fast. Summaries flag what needs a human eye.

Needs your yes. Anything before it's signed.

Week one win. The fine print read before anything is signed.

Rule of thumb: one lane, fully live and tuned, beats three half-started ones. Pick the lane that annoys you most — the rest can wait.

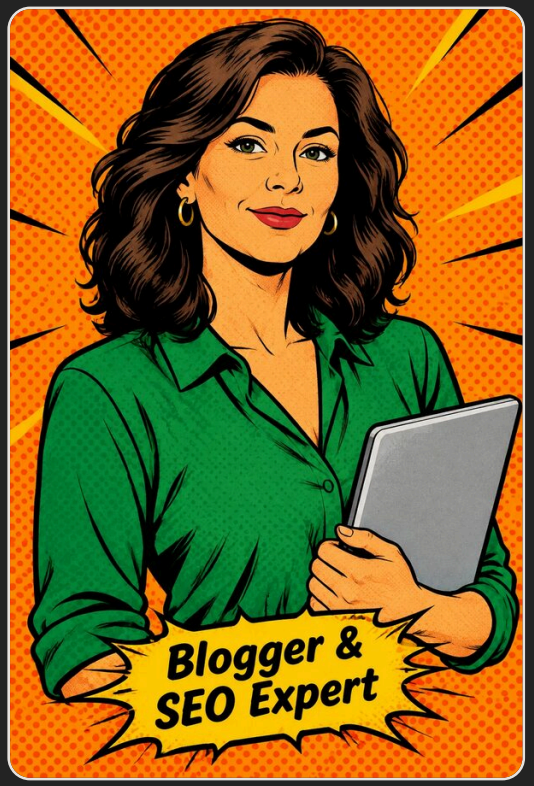
MEET THE LANES · 2 OF 2

The lanes, in person

A closer look at the lanes that touch your customer first — and the honest note you were promised: when an enquiry arrives at 9:58pm, it still gets answered. That's the note.







The front line

Rachel owns the front door — every call and enquiry answered in your voice, minutes after it lands.

Eva keeps the machine humming — inbox triaged, replies drafted, calendar defended.

Penny keeps the blog and search alive — keyword research feeding articles you approve.

MEET THE LANES · 3 OF 3

The rest of the team

Four more lanes behind the front line — each with its job, your say-so, and its week-one win.



The webmaster

Keeps the site healthy — uptime, updates, breakages fixed, every change previewed before it goes live. Week one: site checked, small fixes shipped.



The sales lead agent

Follows up so no enquiry quietly dies — outreach drafted for your review, pipeline kept moving. Week one: no enquiry left unanswered.



The social media manager

Defines the audience, plans the calendar, drafts posts that strengthen visibility — every one approved by you. Week one: calendar seen, first posts approved.



The legal assistant

The seventh seat — reads the fine print so the other six can move fast, flags what needs a human eye before anything is signed. Week one: the fine print read.

Seven lanes, one brain, zero programming. This is how the bench looks on your business.

HOW THEY WORK

The approval gate: your say-so, built in

Agents draft and do the routine. You approve what matters. Nothing customer-facing happens without your say-so — you are the editor-in-chief.

1. 9am or 9pm, it makes no difference to the agent.
2. It prepares the answer, reply, post or fix — in your voice.
3. **You approve** — Two minutes of review. Edit, approve, or send it back.
4. **Customer gets the answer** — Fast, on-brand, and unmistakably yours.

They don't just coexist — they hand work to each other. That's the difference between seven tools and a team.

The enquiry journey

Enquiry arrives

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Receptionist answers — in your voice, within minutes

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Summary lands in the **personal assistant's inbox**

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Serious prospect? The **sales lead agent follows up** — with your approval before anything is sent

One enquiry, three lanes, zero dropped balls. The 9pm enquiry gets the same service as the 9am one.

The content journey

Keyword research finds what people actually search

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The **blogger** writes the article — you approve before it publishes

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The **social media manager** turns one article into a week of posts

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The **webmaster** keeps the site it lives on fast and healthy

One article becomes a week of posts. Content stops being a "someday" task and starts being a system.

THE KNOWLEDGE BASE

One shared brain, seven readers

Every agent reads from the same brain — your services, company information, guidelines and tone rules — stored once and kept current by you.

What goes in the brain

- Your services — what you sell, what you don't
- Company information — the facts agents must never guess at
- Guidelines — how each lane should behave
- Tone rules — how you talk to customers, in your words

Write it once. Every agent reads it. Update it once, every agent is current. No agent improvises your positioning at 3am.

You decide who reads what

You choose which agents can access what. The blogger doesn't need your calendar; the receptionist doesn't need your keyword tools. You stay in control of all decisions — access included.

Rules before launch — always

- The greeting — how it opens every conversation
- The boundaries — what it handles alone vs what needs a yes
- The never-list — what it must never say

Rules are written **before** an agent is turned on. Never after the first awkward phone call.

Why this matters: the brain is the difference between "an AI that sounds like your website's FAQ page" and "help that has read your mind." Feed it well and every lane sounds like you on a good day.

PLUGINS & CONNECTIONS

It plugs into the tools you already use

No code anywhere. Connections are made by signing in, not programming.

✉ Email & calendars

PERSONAL ASSISTANT · SALES

Google or Microsoft inboxes and calendars — the agent works where your mail already lives.

⚙ Website & blog

BLOGGER/SEO · WEBMASTER

WordPress, Wix, Webflow and Shopify — drafts, pages and posts go where your site is.

☎ Phone

RECEPTIONIST

The receptionist's line — real calls, answered in your voice, summarized after.

◆ Social platforms

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, X (Twitter) and Instagram — planned, drafted, approved, posted.

◎ Search & analytics

BLOGGER/SEO · WEBMASTER

Google Search Console and Google Analytics — what's working, measured where it counts.

✎ Keyword research

BLOGGER/SEO

Keyword-research tools like Ahrefs feed the content lane, so articles target real searches.

▣ Cloud storage

PERSONAL ASSISTANT · LEGAL

Dropbox and OneDrive — documents, notes and files stay where your team already keeps them — the lanes that handle your paperwork.

✚ 100+ more

ALL LANES

Any lane can use them — connections follow the job. If your stack is unusual, it's probably covered.

Automations react to events. A new lead, a payment, a calendar booking — the right agent springs into action when something happens, not on a hope and a reminder.

One honest limit: around 200 automation runs per workspace per day. Plenty for a small business that wants fewer moving parts, not a robot army.

How a connection happens: you sign in to the tool, you choose what the agent can see, done. No code, no IT ticket, no consultants in the meeting room.

THE TRADE, HONESTLY

Why small businesses win — and where owners go wrong

Speed wins deals

The first business to answer usually gets the conversation. An agent answers in minutes, at 9am or 9pm.

Consistency compounds

Content, follow-up and enquiry replies that happen every day beat heroic efforts that happen sometimes.

No headcount risk

A fraction of a hire's cost, no training period that drags, no awkward conversations if priorities change.

You keep judgment

Agents draft and do the routine; you approve what matters. Nothing customer-facing happens without your say-so.

Where owners go wrong

- **Giving it ten jobs on day one.** Start with the single most annoying task. Even Ocean's Eleven started with a plan.
- **Automating a broken process.** A fast, tidy answer to the wrong question helps nobody. Fix the job first.
- **Collecting tools instead of finishing jobs.** One agent that reliably handles enquiries beats three half-set-up ones.
- **Going silent.** Five minutes of review a day keeps it on-brand and out of trouble.
- **Panic when it works.** Week one feels surreal. Week two feels routine. That's the point.

The only KPI that matters at first: how many times you checked your phone at dinner. Goal: zero.

GETTING STARTED

How it actually starts

1

Pick ONE job

The one that's driving you crazy. Missed enquiries is the usual winner.

2

Answer plain questions

Your hours, services and how you talk to customers. Plain English, no code.

3

Mystery-shopper test

Call it, email it, ask weird questions before real people do.

4

Set the rules

What it can do alone, what needs your yes. In writing, before launch.

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Measure, then stack

Measure the first month, then add the next hire.

David's real first month — one lane at a time

DAY 1

First lane switched on — the personal-assistant lane. Rules written first.

DAYS 2–3

Mystery-shopper testing. Rules tuned until it sounds right.

END OF WEEK 1

First lane fully live. "The second week felt like Tuesday."

WEEKS 2–4

Remaining lanes stacked one at a time — the whole team built in about a month.

Note the order: rules before launch, one lane at a time, measured before the next hire. Boring? Slightly. Effective? Extremely.

REAL ONBOARDING NOTES

"Even I expected setup to hurt. It didn't."

> **"I've spent 30+ years in digital marketing, and even I expected setup to hurt. It didn't. My own agents now answer enquiries, write my blog, keep my site healthy and post for me — and I approve what matters and ignore what doesn't. The first week felt like hiring help that had read my mind; the second week felt like Tuesday."**
>
> — David Speyer, ZOOTmarketing

Lane by lane

His agents went live one lane at a time — starting with the personal assistant — not all seven on a Friday afternoon.

Approve what matters

He reviews the decisions that need a human and ignores the ones that don't. That's the whole management job.

Built in about a month

First week: one lane, tested and tuned. By week four: the full team. No sprint, no all-nighter.

WORK WITH US

The four ways to do this with us

Which fits depends on how hands-on you want to be — and that's exactly what a short conversation sorts out.

1

The build

Our direct time to define the job and get your first agents live.

2

Hand-off & training

We set it up, then you run it yourself.

3

Ongoing retainer

We keep it tuned and accountable, month by month.

4

Self-serve

You run the platform, we point the way.

See what your first hire could be

Plain-English options, real examples, no obligation.

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