# FreeUp:

How to Effectively Manage Freelancers



## Who Are We?





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# What is FreeUp?



### What is FreeUp?

#### Top 1% of Freelancers in the World

- Pre-vetted freelancers
- Thorough interview process
- Hand picked for each job ticket





# When should you hire a freelancer?



# Two Types of Projects: Repeated Tasks vs. High Level Projects



#### When to Hire a Freelancer:

**1. Repeated Tasks:** There is a process that is repeated every day, week or month that can easily be predicted (Answering Emails, Data Entry, Audits).

**2. High-Level Tasks:** There is a higher level task or project you don't have the skills to fulfill yourself, but you have a good idea of what you want/need (Graphic Design, Web Development, PPC)



## **Repeated Tasks**

(Basic Level and Mid Level Freelancers)



### Repeated Tasks: Examples

#### **Customer Service Positions:**

- Emails
- Phone Calls
- Live Chat

#### **Data Entry:**

- Spreadsheet Management
- Order Placing
- CRM Entries
- Audits



### Repeated Tasks: Titles

**Virtual Assistants** 

**Customer Service Representative** 

**Data Entry Specialist** 

**Sales Representative** 



### **Repeated Tasks: Creating SOPs**

#### **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):**

Break it into 3 categories:

- Section 1: "Timing and Reporting"
- 2. Section 2: "Instructions"
- 3. Section 3: "Additional Resources + Points of Contact"

Goal: Organize as much information as possible into 1 area for freelancers to reference.



## **SOPs: Timing and Reporting**



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#### What to Include

- 1. What are the KPIs for this project?
  - a. How much should be completed per hour worked
- 2. How often should the freelancer send a "Report"?
  - a. Daily
  - b. Weekly
  - c. Monthly
- 3. What should the report include?
  - a. Hours Worked
  - b. How much was completed in this time period
  - c. Any roadblocks they ran into



### FreeUp: CRM Data Entry

This position is responsible for entry new client data into the CRM system

KPIs and Reporting	
KPIs:	30 entries made per hour billed
Reporting:	This person is to send a <b>weekly</b> report via email to the team leader with the following information:
	<ol> <li>Total number of hours worked per day</li> <li>Total number of entries made per day</li> <li>Any trends seen throughout the week</li> </ol>



### **SOPs: Task Instructions**



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#### What to Include

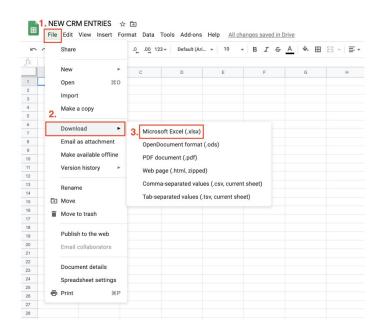
- 1. A step by step guideline of how to complete the task
  - a. Include full screenshots of where things are located
  - Open the image and highlight/outline where specific things are located
- 2. A screenshare video of you doing the task
  - a. We recommend using Loom.com
- 3. Frequently Asked Questions



#### **Instructions:**

Loom Video: CRM Data Entry Task Walkthrough Video

- 1. Open New Leads Spreadsheet
- 2. At the top left, download the spreadsheet:
  - a. File
  - b. Download
  - c. Microsoft Excel



- 3. Open CRM System Data Importer: CRM Data Importer
- 4. Click "Import Leads and Data"



### **SOPs: Additional Resources**



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#### What to Include

- 1. Links to any additional resources they may need so everything is located in one place.
  - a. Canned responses
  - b. Specific webpages they'll need access to
  - c. Any login information they need/applications to use
- 2. Points of contact for the company/project
  - a. If you're offline and they need help, they need to know who to reach out to in order to keep working.



Additional Resources		
Points of Contact	Mackenzie Lepretre: Mackenzie@FreeeUp.com	
	- Please escalate any major issues to Mackenzie	
	Jane Osiana: Support@FreeeUp.com	
	<ul> <li>Jane can help you with daily questions on the system.</li> <li>Send weekly report to Jane.</li> </ul>	
Important Links:	- CRM Training Doc	
	- Daily Tracking Spreadsheet	
	- FreeUp Knowledge Base	
	- Important Keyboard Shortcuts	



### **Team Leaders**



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#### **Management Structure**

- 1. 4+ Freelancers working on tasks? Assign a Team Leader!
- 2. Here's what they can help with:
  - a. Check Ins
  - b. Audits
  - c. Questions



### **Higher-Level Project Management**

(Mid Level and Expert Level Freelancers)



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#### **Examples of Higher-Level Projects**

- 1. Web Development
- 2. PPC
- 3. SEO
- 4. Graphic Designers
- 5. Audio + Video Production
- 6. Any type of "Consulting" or "Management"
  - a. Sales Consultant
  - b. Project Manager



### **Higher Level Project Management**

#### **Initial Research**

- 1. Have a general understanding of the terminology for what you are wanting to hire for
- 2. Ask others for advice on their experience and what to look for
- 3. Schedule a consultation with the FreeUp Team, we can help with submitting your ticket!
  - a. FreeUp.net/meet



### **Higher Level Project Management**

#### **Quotes and Time Frame:**

- 1. Request a quote and time frame during the interview
  - a. Set up and document milestones based on what your business needs and what the freelancer knows they can accomplish
- Some consultants will need time to do research, be open to paying for an initial consultation period
- 3. Receive all quotes/expectations in writing so they can always be referenced in the future



# **How to Stay Organized**



### **Project Management Platforms**

#### What They're Used For:

- 1. Setting deadlines and goals
- 2. Communicating about specific projects and tasks
- 3. Managing recurring tasks

#### **Examples:**

- Asana.com
- 2. Trello.com
- 3. Monday.com



#### Communication

#### When in doubt, over-communicate!

- 1. Make sure all discussions about KPIs, requirements and pay are done/finalized in writing
- 2. Check in with your freelancers daily/weekly to see how they are doing
  - a. Build a genuine relationship with them and build trust
  - b. Ask for feedback on processes (how can we do this better?)
  - c. Make sure they have all the resources they need



# Questions?

Schedule a Free Consultation:

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