



The Direct Marketing Association
of Northern California

CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Use SEO for Digital Marketing Four Module Series

Module 3: Off-Page SEO

Presented by Andreas Ramos

- Author of 22+ Books on Digital Marketing
- Adjunct Professor at Omnes Education and CSTU
- Friday, October 20th, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. PST



The **Direct Marketing Association of Northern California (DMAnc)** was formed to educate, inform and provide networking opportunities for marketing professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

We have evolved to offering **best-in-class live online courses and workshops worldwide** and certification program, taught by world-renowned instructors. **More than 2,500 professionals take advantage of over 100 workshops** every year.



Workshops include:

- **Digital Marketing+AI.**
- **SEO.**
- **Google Ads.**
- **LPO for LinkedIn**
- **Google Analytics 4.0**
- Looker Studio.
- Email Marketing.
- Social Media (Organic and Paid Advertising).
- Content Marketing.
- Podcasting and YouTube Marketing.
- Influencer Marketing.
- Copywriting.
- Video Production for Social Media.
- Product Marketing and Account Based Marketing (ABM).
- Sustainable Marketing.

Become a Certified Sustainable Marketer (CSM)

- Earn a **Certified Sustainable Marketer (CSM)** certificate by completing the 3-module series.
- Take classes live online or recorded, or a hybrid of both.
- Students who complete the CSM certification program will receive a frameable Certificate and a digital badge for your website, email signature, or social profiles.
- This Certificate also qualifies as 3 classes toward the Certified Digital Marketer (CDM) program.

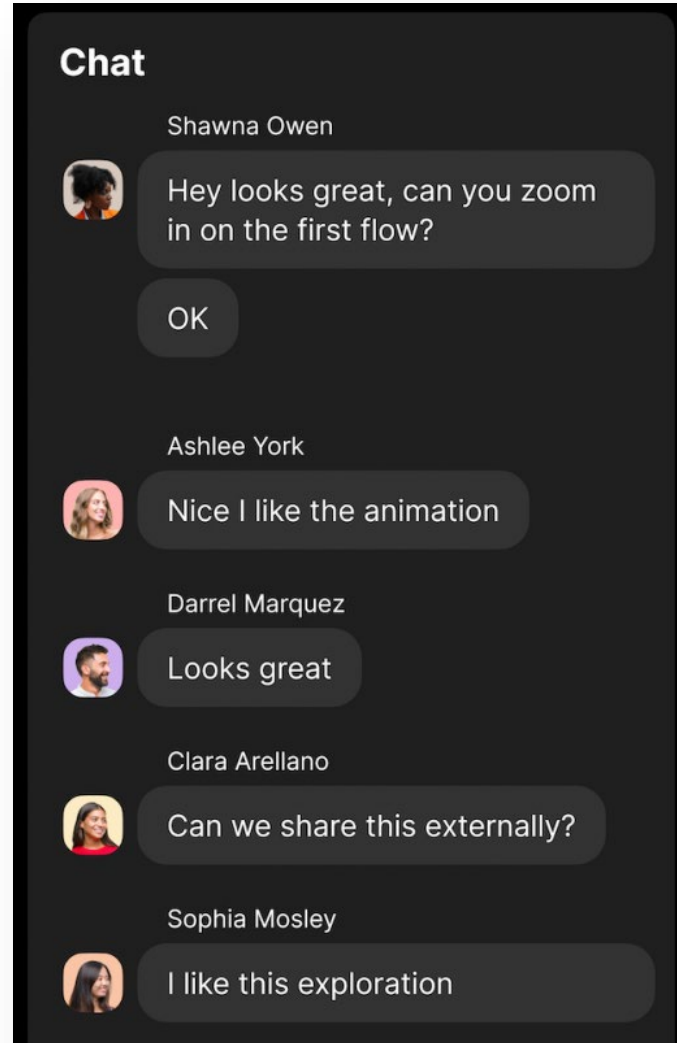


Become a Certified Digital Marketer (CDM)

- Become a **Certified Digital Marketer (CDM)** by completing any eight courses within two years.
- Take classes live online or recorded, or a hybrid of both.
- You decide the courses you want to take.
- Students who complete a certification program will receive a frameable Certificate and a digital badge for your website, email signature, or social profiles.
- If a certificate isn't in your plan, you can take as few or as many of the courses as you'd like.



- If I don't speak clearly or too fast... **let me know!** Send me a message via the **chat box** (highlighted in yellow).
- I don't pause for questions. Ask questions anytime.
- You can make your message private to me so nobody else sees your message.
- For those on recorded video, write down your questions **with the slide number** and send to me at andreas@andreas.com



Twelve Months...

- I update my slides for every class.
- Due to AI, I'm adding lots of updates. Many new methods and tips to use AI to get better results and speed up your work.
- In many cases, entire sections are new.
- You can get my latest video and slides within twelve months of your last class.

Go to DMAnc.org/Contact-Us/ form.

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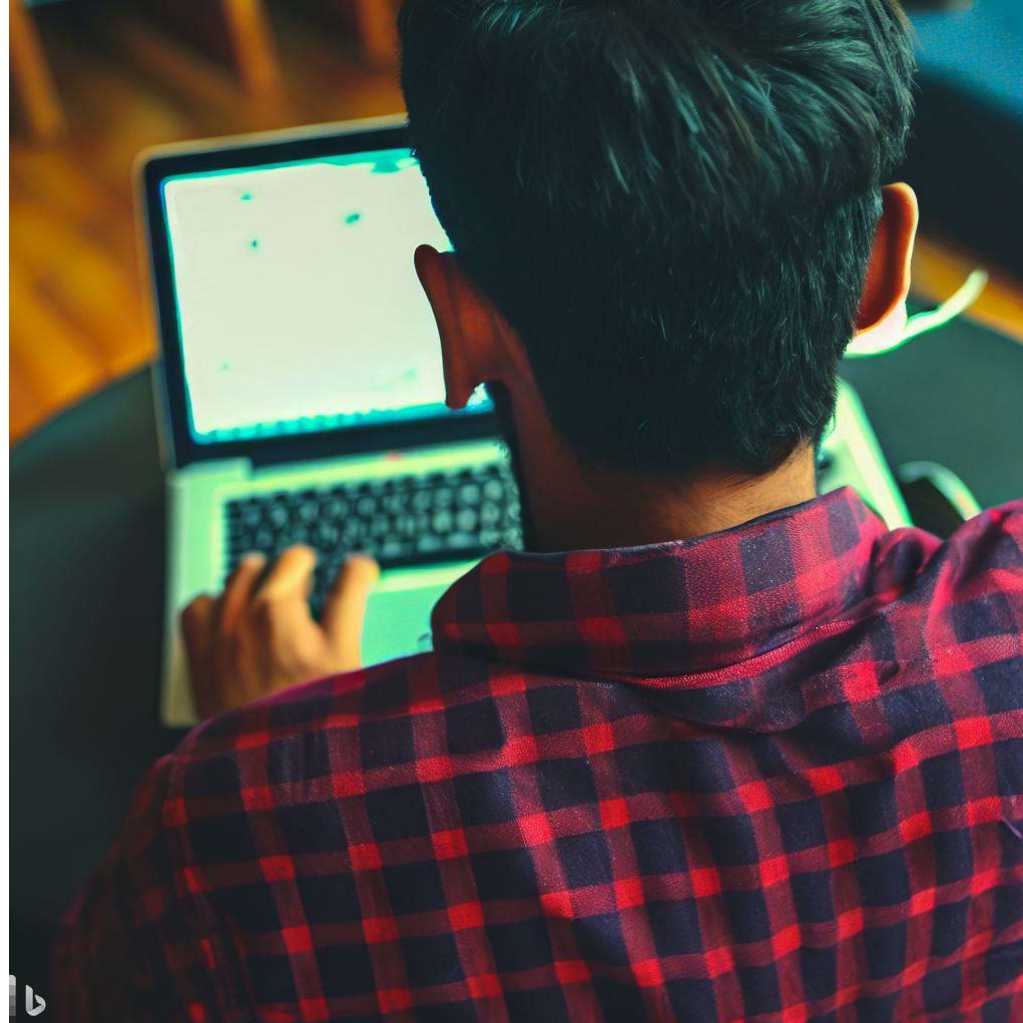
The Video, the PowerPoints, and More

- The video recording of this workshop will be sent the day following each module.
- It will be sent from the email no-reply@zoom.us.
- If you don't get it, check your email spam or junk folder.
- Whitelist our email address so it doesn't go to your spam or junk folder.
- If you still don't receive it, go to DMAnc.org/Contact-Us/. We'll be sure to get it to you some other way.



We Want Your Feedback

- Your feedback is very important to us.
- We look at each survey and use the input to improve the class and plan future workshops.
- We value your time, so we'll send you a \$10.00 Amazon eGift card as a thank you for completing the survey.
- Your Amazon gift card will come from gc-orders@gc.email.amazon.com (please whitelist). If you don't see it check Junk/Spam folders or contact us using the **DMAnc.org** website and **Contact** form.



Agenda: What We Covered Today

SEO and Keyword Research, Module 1

- Why SEO?
- How Google does marketing.
- Find your audience's questions and keywords.
- Working with keywords.

On-page SEO and Technical SEO, Module 2

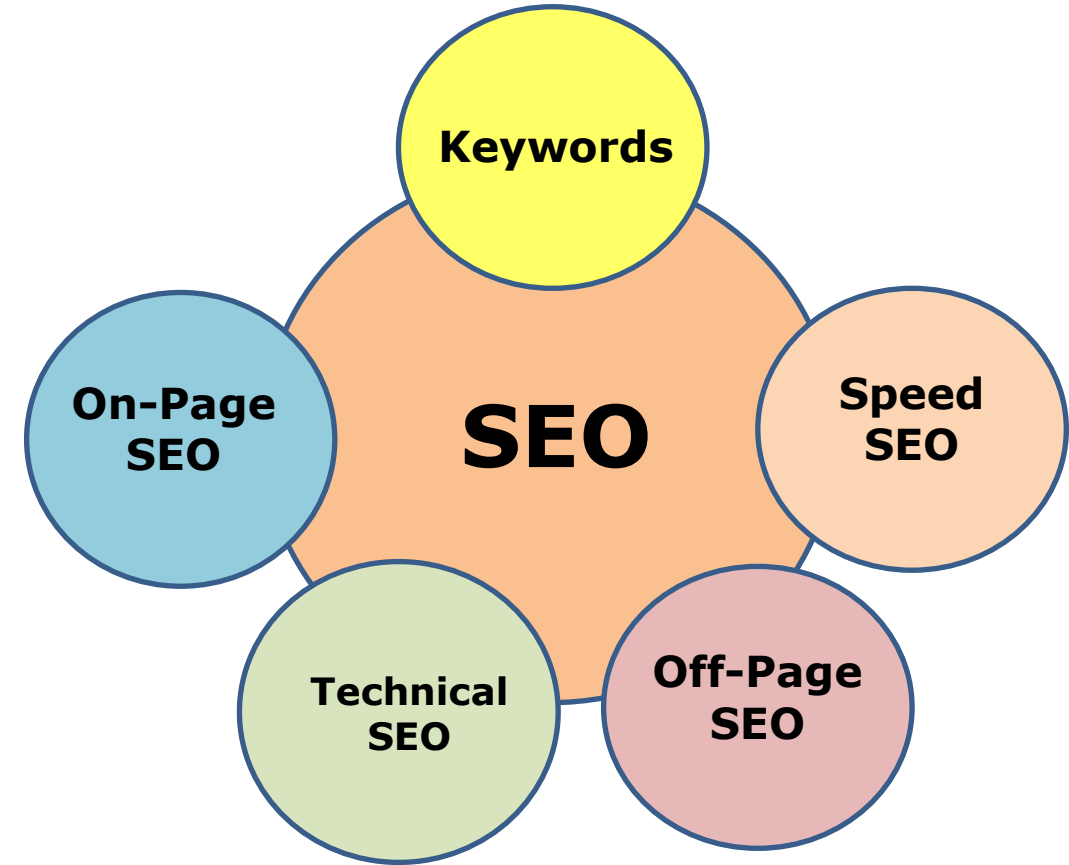
- **On-Page SEO:** What people see on the web page.
- **Technical SEO:** What's behind the web page, meta-tags, images, canonicals, HRefLang, 404, HTTPS, check links, XML sitemaps, mobile first, and more.

Off-page SEO, Module 3

- **Off-Page SEO:** Link building, outgoing links, toxic links, news sites, multiple locations, Google My Business, Wikipedia.
- Google Updates and reinclusion.
- Working in SEO: Metrics, reports, SEO Radio Hour, tools.

Speed SEO, Module 4

- How to measure the speed, how to optimize text and images for faster pages.
- Future of SEO.
- Resources.



Do You Show Up in AI?

Use ChatGPT-3.5 and check for the name of your organization, competitors, products, services, and key people.

The prompt: Act as a professional ski instructor. What are the top cross-country ski boots? Show me comparison in a markdown.

- ChatGPT-3.5 (currently) can't browse the web. So you see the dataset.

Note: GPT-4, Bing, Google, Claude, Cohere, etc. can browse the web. They are picking up data from websites.

Note: There are 57+ makers of ski boots, but only 12 show up in ChatGPT-3.5. 90% use GPT-3.5.



Sure, here's a simplified comparison of a few different cross-country ski boots. Please note that prices may vary based on location, retailer, and availability.

Maker	Model	Features	Approximate Price (USD)
Salomon	RC Prolink	Prolink system, adjustable heel strap, thermo-moldable fit	\$200
Fischer	XC Comfort Pro	Thermo fit, easy entry loops, waterproof	\$120
Alpina	T30 Eve Touring	Thinsulate insulation, anatomic footbed, women-specific fit	\$120
Rossignol	X-6 SC	Speed lace lock, thermo-adjustable fit, mobile cuff	\$160
Madshus	Hyper RPU	PVC-free, MemBrain softshell lace cover, R3 outsole	\$200

- **What:** I'm speaking on *The Future of AI-Driven Digital Marketing.*
- **Where:** MacArthur Park in Palo Alto.
- **When:** Nov 15, 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
- **Details:** \$85 with dinner & drinks at one of Palo Alto's best restaurants.

Seats are limited to 40 people.

Sign up now.

- Go dmanc.org/discover-the-future-of-ai-driven-digital-marketing/



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**Discover the Future of AI
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Andreas Ramos
Adjunct Professor of
Digital Marketing

Nov 15th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | MacArthur Park Restaurant, Palo Alto

Updates: Learn AI for Digital Marketing

- I teach university classes (140+ students) and workshops (150+ companies) on **AI for digital marketing**.
- Practical, hands-on use of AI for digital marketing.
- Go **[My DMAnc class on AI for digital marketing](#)**



Updates: Anti-trust. The Dept. of Justice vs Google

- If the US wins, digital marketing will change. Google Search, Ads, Youtube, Google Display Network, Ad Mob, Google Network, and more may become separate companies.
- **For SEO:** less manipulation of search results.
- To follow the trial: Big Tech on Trial on Twitter at @BigTechOnTrial
- Dozens of internal Google documents are posted at [justice.gov/atr/us-and-plaintiff-states-v-google-llc-2020-trial-exhibits](https://www.justice.gov/atr/us-and-plaintiff-states-v-google-llc-2020-trial-exhibits)



Off-Page SEO

Off-Page SEO looks beyond your web page.

Insight: Google's goal is to show useful information.

They block trivial or harmful pages.

Show Google your site is authoritative and credible.

This increases your visibility and ranking.



Fix Things

Let's start by fixing things.

Google looks for broken items. These indicate low quality.



Check Your Outbound Links

You should link to other sites. Google prefers sites with links to relevant sites. If your site started fifteen years ago, check that your outbound links point to good sites.

1. Use Screaming Frog to scan your site.
2. Click the **Response Codes** tab to see the status of links at your site.
3. Links with status code **3xx** (301...), **4xx** (400...) or **(5xx)** (501...) are broken. Select the link in line 3. At the bottom of the screen, you see the page with the broken outbound link. Go to that page on your site to fix (or delete) the bad link.
4. Active links are **Status 200**. Look for irrelevant or inappropriate sites. A previous webmaster may have pointed to a site 15 years ago but it later became a bad site.

Tip: A few broken outbound links are okay but many are a sign of poor maintenance.

Note: See a [list of 4XX codes](#)

Internal	External	Security	Response Codes	URL	Page Titles	Meta Description	Meta Keywords	H1
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1	http://blogger-ftp.blogspot.com/2010/01/deprecatin...	404	0.14	text/html; charset=				
2	http://deemly.co/	400	0.24	text/html; charset=				
3	http://deemly.co/business	400	0.09	text/html; charset=				
4	http://playce.io/	404	0.10	text/html; charset=				
5	http://socialphysics.media.mit.edu/	404	0.21	text/html; charset=				
6	http://www.ani-training.com/ccg	404	0.95	text/html; charset=				
7	http://www.b2bmarketinginsider.com/content-marke...	404	0.15	text/html; charset=				
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Hyperlink	https://www.andreas.com/book-startup.html	http://deemly.co/business

Disavow Toxic Incoming Links

Look for bad incoming links such as junk sites or adult sites.

- Old sites may have been bought by spammers or adult sites.
- Previous webmasters may have bought bad in-links.
- Competitors may have paid to add bad links to your site to damage your ranking.

1. **To see toxic links:** Use **Majestic | Backlinks | TF** (and set Trust Flow to zero). Export the list. Review the zero TF sites. If it's not relevant or it's bad, disavow the site or page.
2. **Make a list of toxic links** with one URL or domain per line:

Two pages to disavow

`http://spam.example.com/stuff/comments.html`

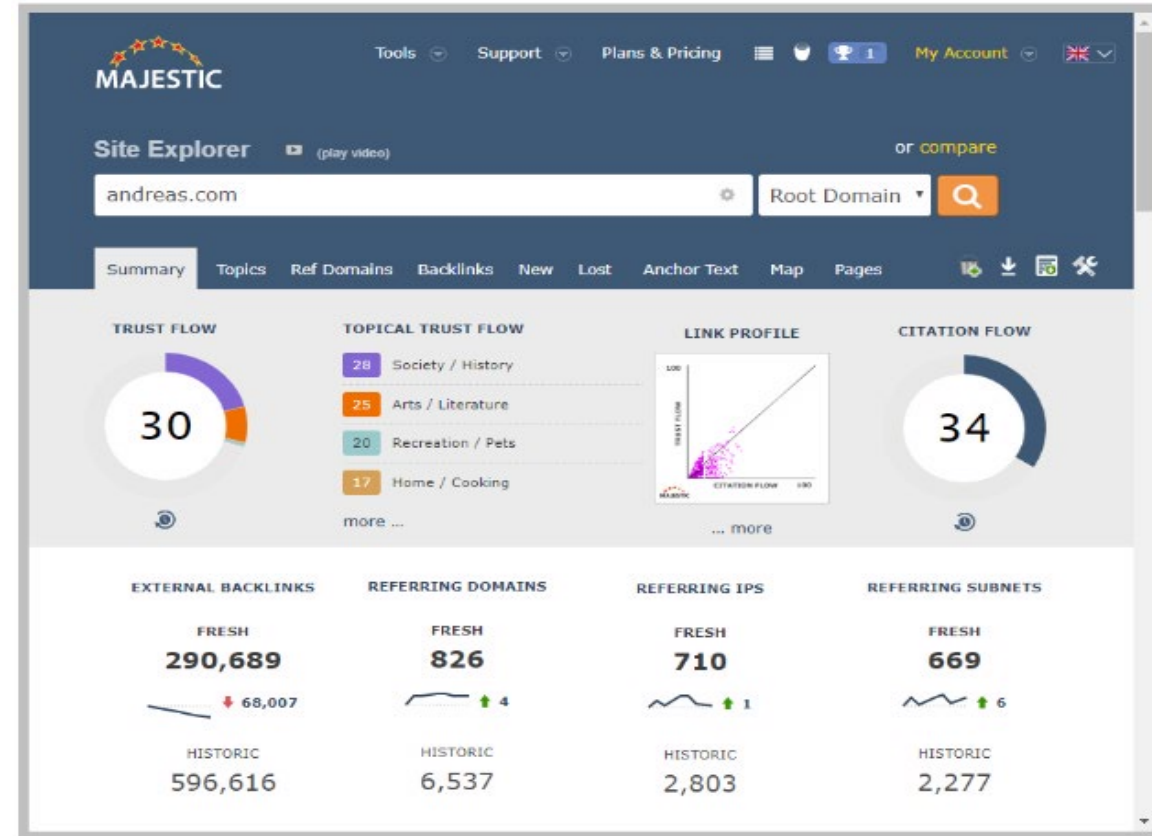
`http://spammer.com/junk/paid-links.html`

One domain to disavow

`domain:1000-junk-links.com`

Upload your list to Google:

1. Go to google.com/webmasters/tools/disavow-links-main?pli=1
2. Select your website, click Disavow Links, upload your list
3. More support.google.com/webmasters/answer/2648487?hl=en



If a page has been updated with a new page, you can use a 301-Redirect list so links to the old page are sent to the new page.

1. Fix this with a **301-Redirect** list.
2. Make a list of the old pages and the new pages.
3. Upload the 301-Redirect list to your server. How this is done will depend on the type of server (UNIX, Windows) for your website. Talk with your IT team or your hosting company's technical support.

Note: Don't edit the server settings. It's easy to click something that turns off the entire website. Let server engineers do this.

Tip: A few broken links is okay. But many broken links is a sign of a bad site.

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Redirect 301 /intro.html /about.html
Redirect 301 /social.html /book-social.html
Redirect 301 /seo.html /book-seo.html
Redirect 301 /twitter.html /book-twitter.html
Redirect 301 /2011/06 /blog.html
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- Example of a 301-redirect list.
- Each line shows the old page and the new page.
- For example, the /intro.html page now points to the /about.html page.
- When someone clicks a link to the intro page, the about page opens.

Adding Things

Let's add things to extend your presence across the web.



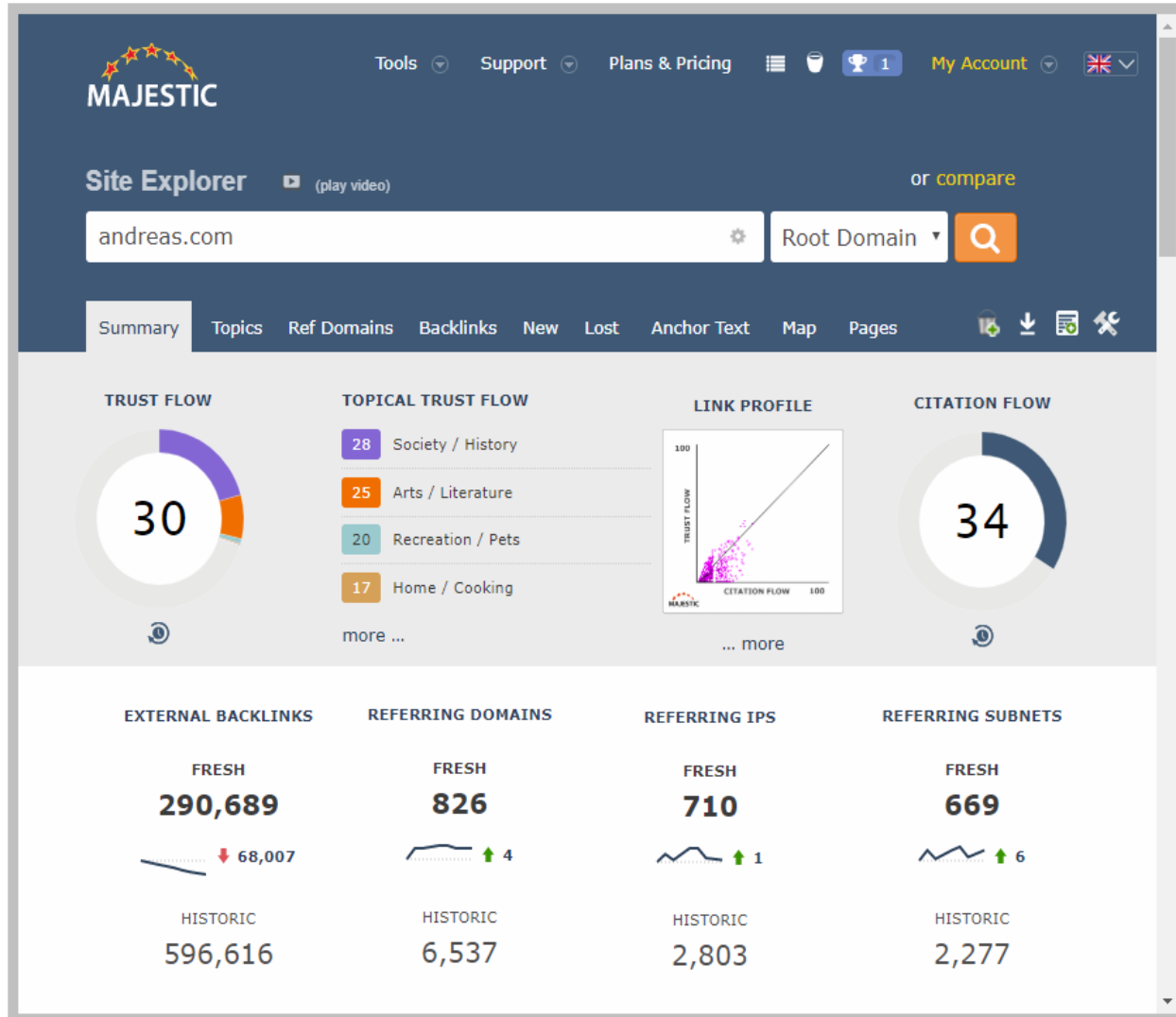
Use Link Building to Get Good Incoming Links

Links from relevant authoritative sites improve your SEO score.

1. Look at competitors' incoming links. See their incoming links with [Majestic Site Explorer](#), [moz.com/link-explorer](#), [webceo.com](#), [seranking.com/backlink-checker.html](#), [ahrefs.com](#)
2. Use **Majestic | Backlinks | TF** and select **Trust Flow = 60-100** to find relevant authoritative sites.
3. Contact sites to ask for links:
 - Add useful signed information to your site.
 - Link to their site.
 - Find a key person at the site where you want a link.
 - Send a polite email to show your link is a benefit to their visitors and ask for a reciprocal link to your site.
 - Send two or three emails over several months.
 - If they don't reply to email, call them.
 - Sometimes they may reply after six months.

Ask for links from partners, staff, vendors, customers, contractors, professional associations, trade shows, and so on.

Tip: Never buy links. Google sets up fake sites.



Sitelinks for Your Website in Google

If your site has sufficient traffic and Google thinks your site is significant, **Google may add sitelinks under your URL.**

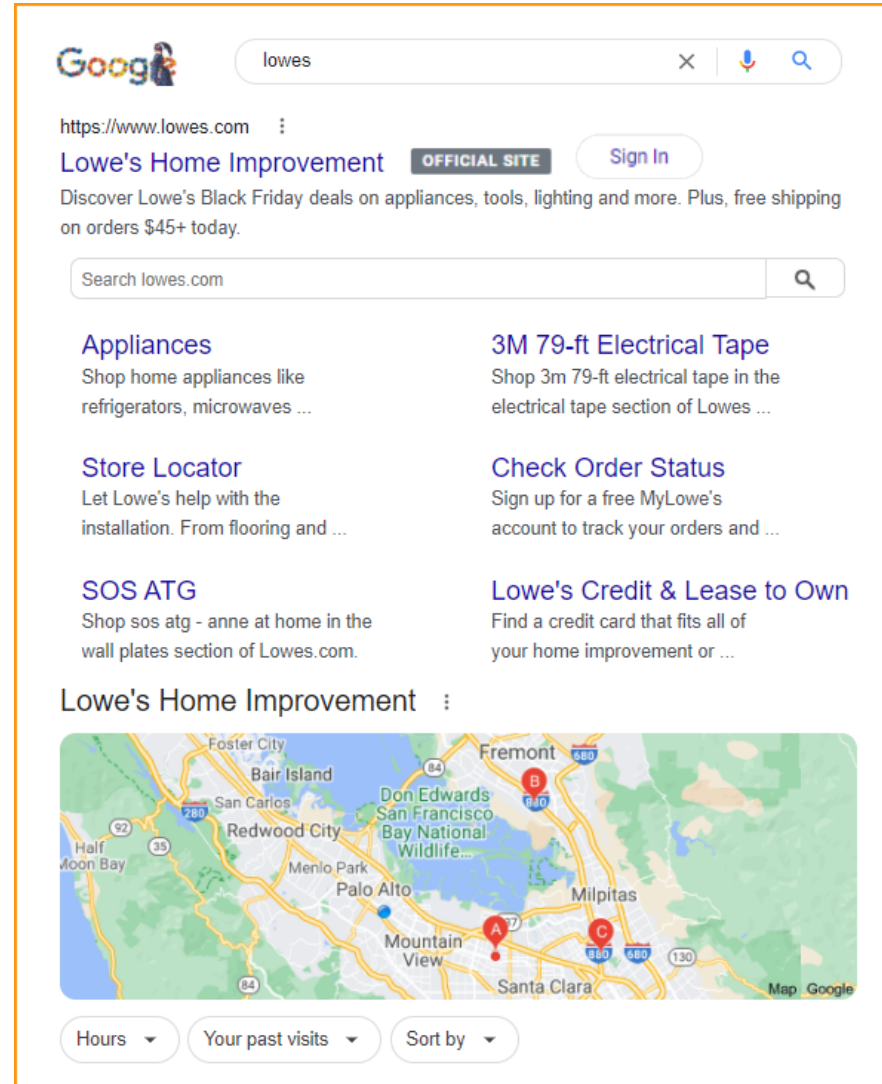
- This is automated by Google. You can't add, edit, or remove these sitelinks.
- If you have a few thousand monthly visits a month and Google likes your site, they may add sitelinks.

Tip 1: To add a page, Look at pages that you want as sitelinks. These links should have short, clear anchor text and ALT text. Look at competitors' sitelinks for examples. Google MAY add the page.

Tip 2: **To remove a sitelink**, delete the page and use Google Search Central to notify Google of the deletion.

Tip 3: **Add sitelinks to your Google Ads.** If they get clicks, Google may add them to your search results.

Tip 4: Add a search box that will appear under your site in Google Search. See [Google/sitelinks-searchbox](#)



Content Marketing and SEO

Use content to build visibility with your target audience:

- Find the relevant journals and magazines for your industry or market. **Ask for their media kit.**
- Look for information gaps. What else can be added about the market, products, or services? Additional ideas for uses of the products?
- Ask your **Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)** to write articles, books, ebooks, or videos.
- Publish books and ebooks via Amazon.
- Sell related relevant books by others at your site. Add links to Amazon.



Show Proof of Your Authors' Credibility

Articles

- An article or blog is signed with name, title, date, location, photo.
- Add a link to Team page.

The Team Page

Show the team's background:

- Photo
- Name
- Job titles
- Degrees and university or education
- Publications
- Awards
- Link to professional pages
- Link to social media pages ([LinkedIn](#), Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, and so on).



Maintaining Your Cross-Country Ski Boots

By **Jenny Laurens**, US Gold 2018 Winter Olympics.

Nov. 23, 2022, Lake Tahoe.



Cross-country skiing is a thrilling winter sport, but it requires proper equipment maintenance for optimal performance. Among the most crucial gear are your ski boots. Here are some tips to extend their lifespan and ensure they remain in top condition.

- Firstly, always dry your boots after use. Moisture degrades materials and create a breeding ground for bacteria. Remove liners and insoles and let them air dry at room temperature. Avoid direct heat sources like radiators, which can warp the boots.
- Secondly, clean your boots

regularly. Use a soft brush to remove dirt from the outer shell. For stains, use a damp cloth and mild soap. Rinse thoroughly and let them dry. Hand wash liners in warm soapy water, rinse, and air dry.

- Thirdly, check your boots for wear and tear. Regularly inspect the soles for any damage, and ensure the bindings still securely attach to your skis.
- Lastly, store your boots properly during the off-season in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight. Before storage, be sure they are completely.

Well-maintained ski boots last longer and give a better skiing experience to keep you gliding smoothly on the trails.

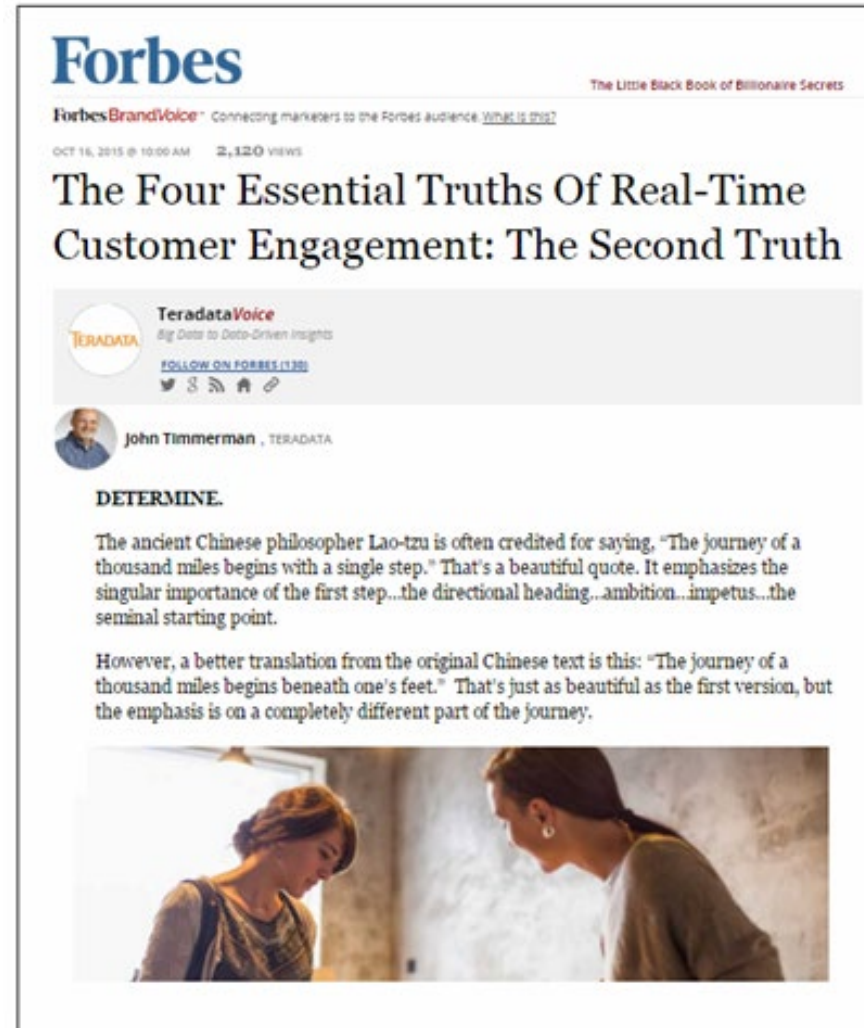
Use Paid Placement / Sponsored Content

Increase your visibility and build credibility:

- Reach your target audience in trade publications.
- Pay to place your article in magazines and newspapers.
- When your article is published, put the magazine's logo and a link to the article on your site.

You can do this yourself or hire PR agencies.

Tip: Negotiate! You can pay less!



Four articles at Forbes.com for \$50,000. At 5,901 views, that's \$8.47 per viewer.

Place Your Links in News Sites

Place your press releases in 100+ media sites for visibility and credibility.

Tip: When your press release appears in the news, you'll also show up in search engines.

Post the news articles (and the news site's logo) to our website.

Tip: To place your press releases in 100+ media sites, use:

- LinkingNews.com (\$159)
- PRWeb.com (\$99)

Tip: Use AI to write your press release.



Use Social Media to Increase Your Web Presence

Use social media for visibility:

- Post several times per week.
- Use the social media ad platform. There are many types of ads and these change constantly.
- Don't rely on their metrics (often fake).
- Use UTM tags and Google Analytics to track the postings and ads.

Tip: Use **boosted posts** (ads) to ensure your audience sees your postings. You can reach your followers and others with relevant interests.



If your organization has **offices in several cities**:

- Put NAP (Name, Address, Phone) and a clickable map on the page.
- Get links in local community sites: local newspapers, churches, and business groups.
- Use local words and slang (for example, a valley is called a hollow in Tennessee.)
- Get a steady flow of reviews

Tip: Refresh the page every month. If it's not fresh, Google may drop the page.



Add Your Locations to Local Listings

Add your business to 100+ local lists.

- You can manage and update your location information (hours, address, services...)
- But if you stop the subscription, the listings disappear.

Note: You can use Yext, Moz Local, Yelp, YP.com, TripAdvisor, Angie's List, and similar.



Use Google Business Profile (Google My Business)

The information box gets most of the attention on the search page.

Use **Google Business Profile** (formerly, **Google My Business**) to add your organization to Google.

- Easy form, no HTML, no code
- Add information, description, photos, video, and so on.
- Free at Google.
- Search for **Google Business Profile**

Note: Google offers \$100 of Ads credit. Try a small test.

Photo

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Similar Places



Add Your Organization to Bing Places

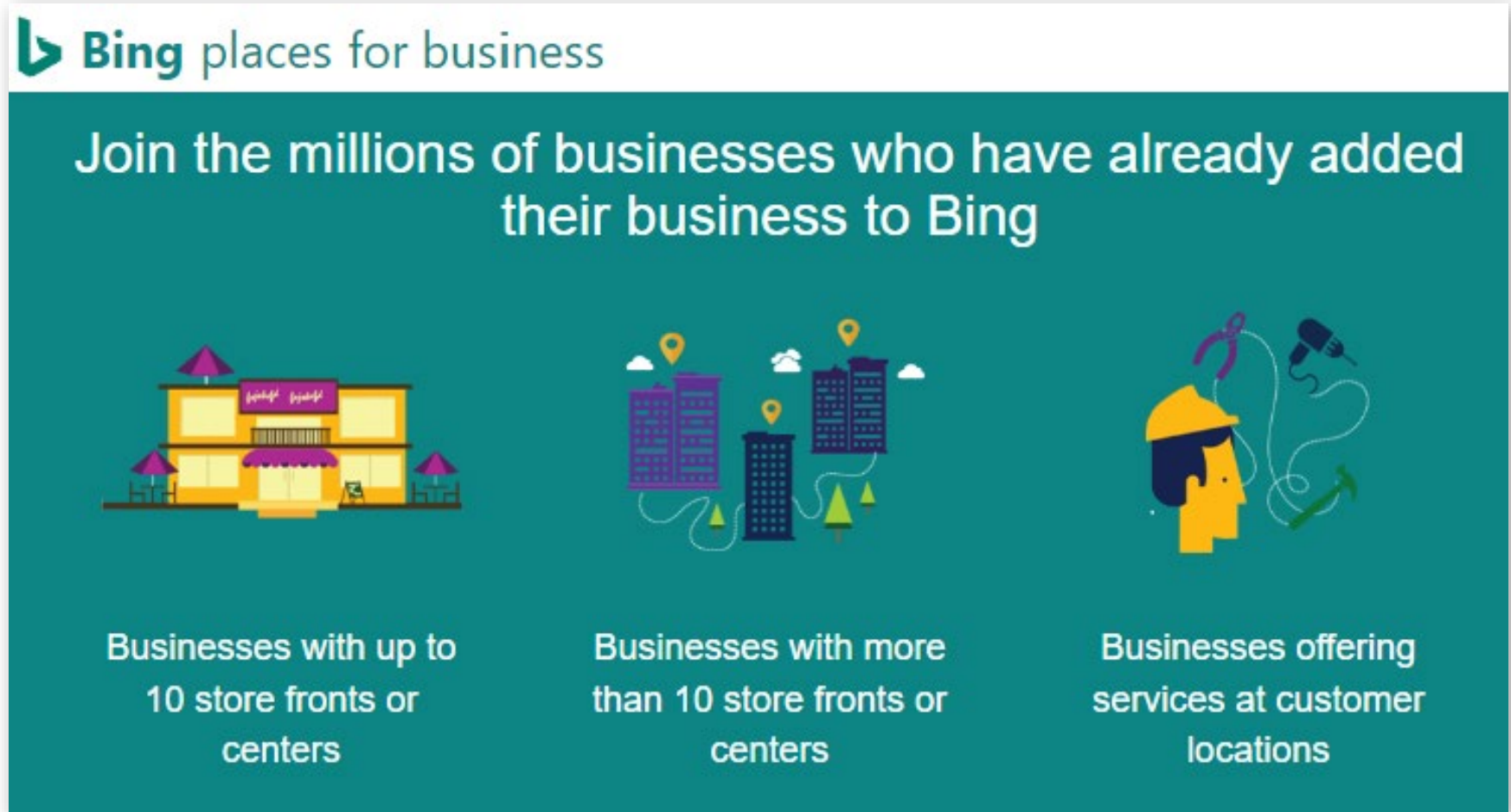
Microsoft Bing also offers information boxes for business.

- Free
- No code
- Add your office, store, or locations

Go BingPlaces.com

Tip: You can synchronize your Bingplaces account to your Google Business Profile, so you only have to maintain the Google Business Profile.

Note: 31.7% of US desktop visitors use Microsoft Bing. Check your data in analytics.



Bing places for business

Join the millions of businesses who have already added their business to Bing

The advertisement features three distinct illustrations on a teal background. The first illustration shows a two-story yellow building with a purple awning and a sign, representing a physical storefront. The second illustration shows several purple skyscrapers with yellow location pins floating above them, representing multiple business locations. The third illustration shows a yellow silhouette of a person wearing a hard hat, with a purple cord and a black power drill nearby, representing a service business.

Business Type	Count
Businesses with up to 10 store fronts or centers	31.7%
Businesses with more than 10 store fronts or centers	31.7%
Businesses offering services at customer locations	31.7%

Claim Your Organization's "Google Business Profile" Box

Search for your company, products, and services to see if there is a Google Profile box.

Be sure you own the Google Business Profile for your organization.

A \$400B organization...



Outback Steakhouse
Restaurant company


outback.com

Outback Steakhouse is an Australian-themed American casual dining restaurant chain, serving American cuisine, based in Tampa, Florida. The chain has over 1,000 locations in 23 countries throughout North and South America, Asia, and Australia. [Wikipedia](#)

Number of locations: 1,002 (2015)

Founders: Chris T. Sullivan, Tim Gannon, Bob Basham, Trudy Cooper

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Slow-Roasted Prime Rib
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Honda Motor Company
Multinational conglomerate company


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Honda Motor Company, Ltd. is a Japanese public multinational conglomerate corporation primarily known as a manufacturer of automobiles, motorcycles, and power equipment. [Wikipedia](#)

Stock price: **HND** (OTCMKTS) \$25.50 -0.39 (-1.49%)
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Roadside assistance: 011 371 67 819 712

Founded: September 24, 1948, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan

Headquarters: Minato City, Tokyo, Japan

Founders: Soichiro Honda, Takeo Fujisawa

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Twitter
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Twitter is an American microblogging and social networking service on which users post and interact with messages known as "tweets". Registered users can post, like, and retweet tweets, but unregistered users can only read them. [Wikipedia](#)

Founders: Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Evan Williams, Biz Stone [Trending](#)

Founded: March 21, 2006, San Francisco, CA

Stock price: **TWTR** (NYSE) \$33.46 -1.51 (-4.32%)
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CEO: Jack Dorsey (Sep 30, 2015–)

Headquarters: San Francisco, CA

Subsidiaries: MoPub, Namo Media, TellApart, Inc., MORE

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Google Local Guaranteed / Local Services by Google

Pay to place ads for your local offices.

- Be at the top of the page above Google Ads.
- Google verifies with Pinkerton.
- Customer satisfaction is guaranteed by Google, money back up to \$2,000.

This Google service has several names:

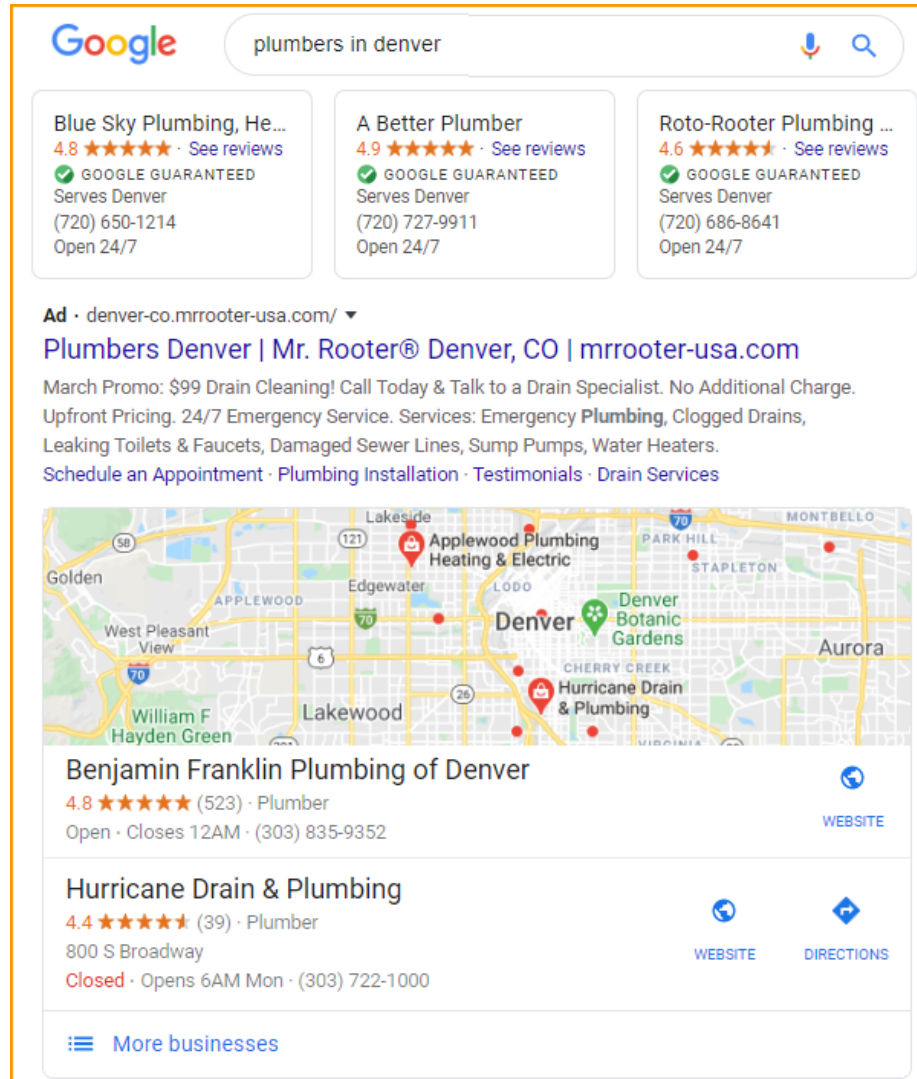
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- *Google Screened*

Sign up at

<https://ads.google.com/local-services-ads/>

More info:

<https://support.google.com/google-ads/answer/7549288?hl=en>



Get Your Wikipedia Page Updated

A CEO wanted to update the organization's page in Wikipedia.

1. The marketing team edited Wikipedia.
2. Wikipedia rejected the edits because the edits lacked authoritative citations.
3. The marketing team met with friendly journalists and set up interviews.
4. Interviews appeared in magazines and newspapers.
5. The organization then updated the Wikipedia entry, added quotations from the articles, and cited the magazine title, journalist's name, date, and page.
6. Wikipedia accepted the edits.

Note: It's difficult to get Wikipedia to approve edits. Work with people who have experience in updating Wikipedia pages.



If SEO Doesn't Get Your Page to the Top, Buy the Link

Two ways to get your page to the top of Google:

- **Organic links:** Do good SEO and Google will show up your page.
- **Ads:** Use Google Ads to place ads in search engines.

Most people don't realize the first three or four links are ads.

- Non-paid links (organic clicks, SEO links) are pushed down the page.
- The ads get more than 60% of the clicks.

Tip: If your page isn't at the top for your keyword, buy Google Ads.

Tip: Set campaigns to *Optimize for Conversions*.



What about #SEO for #Tiktok?

Google found 40% of Gen Z (which they define as 18-24 years old) use Tiktok for search.

I searched Tiktok for <pizza in palo alto>:

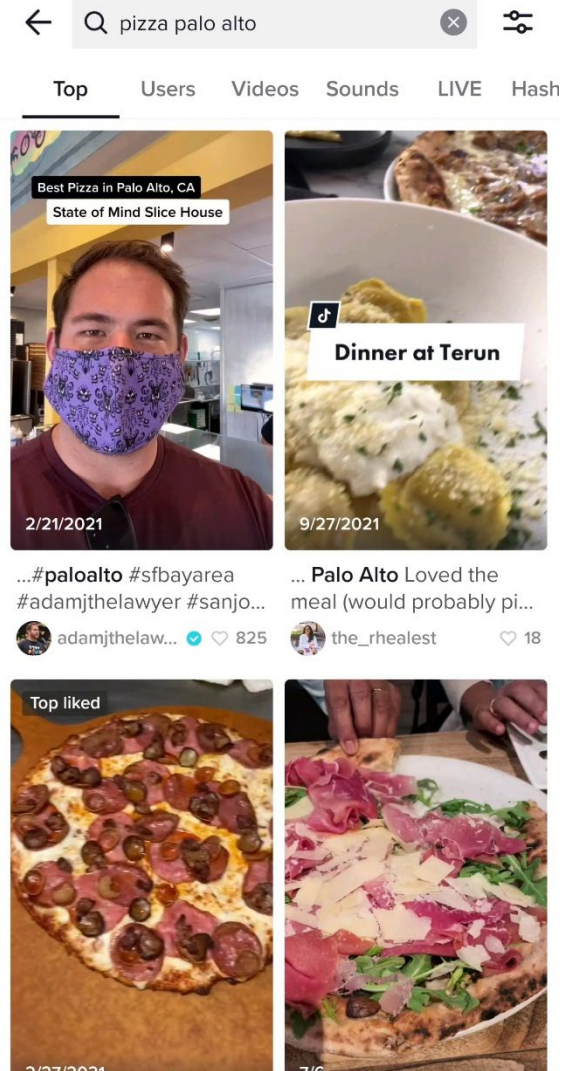
- The top results are short, lively videos.
- The top result: #pizza #paloalto #sfbayarea #adamthelawyer #sanjose #SF
- Six to nine #hashtags. Most hashtags are irrelevant. Many videos are irrelevant.

Tip: Be careful with Tiktok ads to boost your postings. High rate of ad fraud.

Note 1: If your target audience is Gen Z, use Tiktok. Use keyword research to find good keywords.

Note 2: Google now shows Tiktok results. Search for "pizza tiktok".

Insight: Tiktok is terrible for search. But Gen Z spends more time on Tiktok than on Google, so they use it.



Checklist: Off-Page SEO

1. Check your outbound links to be sure these are working or not pointing to bad sites.
2. Disavow any bad incoming links.
3. Find, fix, or delete broken links.
4. Use link building to get good links.
5. Content marketing with articles to build credibility.
6. Sign pages with the author's name and background.
7. Use paid placement to place articles in magazines and newspapers.
8. Write press releases and place them in magazines and newspapers.
9. Use social media to increase your presence to build traffic.
10. If you have multiple offices in various locations, use local listing services.
11. Claim the knowledge box for your organization in Google Business Profile and Bing Places and fill it with your information.
12. Use Google Local Guaranteed / Local Services by Google to place your ads at the top of Google.
13. Update your organization's page in Wikipedia.
14. If your page isn't at the top of Google for the page's topic, use Google Ads to place an ad at the top of the page.



Google Updates

Google's Goal: Offer Good Search Results

Name	Year	Description
AI+ Quality Reviewers	2006	Machine learning and 10,000 human reviewers to score and rank pages.
Hummingbird	2013	Semantic search and Knowledge Graph to look at the context of the page.
RankBrain	2015	Improvements in Google's machine learning.
Mobile	2018	Google gives preference to mobile pages in mobile results (search traffic is now 80% mobile).
HTTPS	2018	Sites must use HTTPS to be secure.
BERT	2019	Improve understanding of context for spoken queries. Write clear sentences.
MUM (Multitask Unified Model)	2021	Multitask Unified Model: More search options
Core Web Vitals (CWV)	2021	Google gives priority to pages that open fast on mobile (2021) and desktop (2022).
Helpful Content	2022	Prefer pages that are created for people (not search engines), add unique value to the web, and go above and beyond what's broadly available from others.

Note: Google does ~900,000+ tests yearly (~2,500 per day) in different locations.

Sites with useful information on a clean site will be okay.

Google's Other Goal: Block the Spammers

- Google blocks 25 billion pages daily.
- Here are a few famous updates to block spammers.

Name	Year	Description
Panda	2011	Remove thin or low-quality pages, such as content farms, duplicate content, poor content, paid links, excessive ads, no links, poor inbound links, high bounce rates. Looked at the whole site (poor pages can hurt good pages).
Penguin	2012	Remove sites with too much SEO and low quality. Penalty for bad inbound links.
SpamBrain	2015	Machine learning (ML) AI looks for low-quality pages, spam and fraud.
Medic	2018	Requires very high quality for sites about health or medicine.

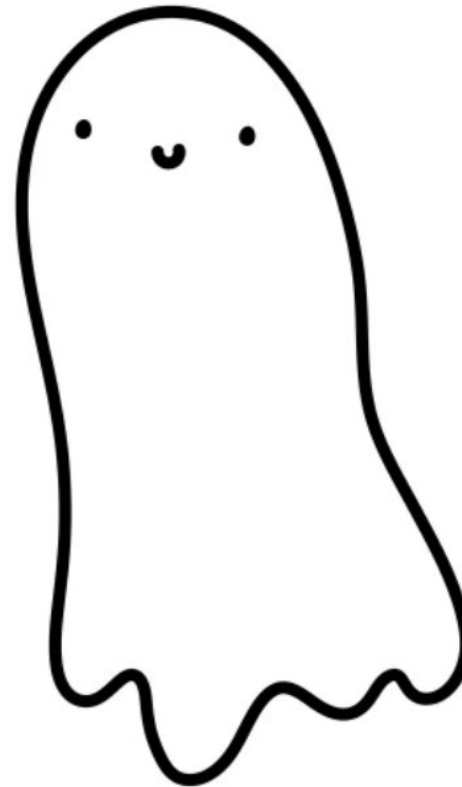


Is Your Page a Ghost?

Several reasons why a page may not show:

- Check your XML sitemap. If it's missing, update the sitemap.
- Notify Google. Use <https://www.google.com/ping?sitemap=https://www.example.com/sitemap.xml> (Add your domain name in this example.)
- There may be a noindex tag on the page. Search the page's HTML for `<meta name="robots" content="noindex">`.
- The page may be turned off in the ROBOTS.TXT and the webmaster forgets to turn them on again. Review the robots.txt and look for disallow. (Very common mistake.)
- The search engine may be blocked if cookies are required or there is AJAX/JavaScript.
- The page may be in the a search engine's index, but Google doesn't think the page is useful. Rewrite the page.
- Check **Google Search Console** for penalties.

Tip: If there is a clear drop in traffic or loss of pages, compare the trend against Moz's record of algorithm updates at moz.com/Google-algorithm-change



Banned Topics at Google

Google blocks the following topics. If a gray area, Google may block it without warning, explanation, or help. **This is a partial list. Google updates frequently.**

- **Abusive financial services:** Payday lending, etc.
- **Politics:** Gets extra review.
- **Pharmaceuticals:** Only registered pharmacies.
- **Alcohol:** Only where legal (California, etc.).
- **Gambling:** Only where legal (Nevada, etc.).
- **Dangerous Products or Services:** Tobacco, drugs, equipment for drug use, weapons, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, make explosives, etc.
- **Misrepresentation:** Misleading pages for products, services, businesses.
- **Adult Content:** Strip clubs, adult content, models in sexual poses, etc.
- **Inappropriate:** Shocking content, hatred, intolerance, discrimination, violence, bullying, graphic images, cruelty to animals, murder, self-harm, extortion, blackmail, sale/trade endangered species, profanity, etc.
- **Dishonest Behavior:** Hacking software or instructions, how to inflate web traffic, fake documents, academic cheating, etc.
- **Tricks against Google:** Malware, cloaking, arbitrage, gateway sites, etc.



Full list at support.google.com/adspolicy/answer/6008942

When Google blocks a site:

- A company lost 80% of sales in the first week. In the second week, they fired their staff and shut down.
- BMW Germany was blocked worldwide.

Ask Google to reinclude your site:

- Submit a reinclusion request at:
support.google.com/35843
- Fill out the form with a full confession:
 - Who did the tricks (name of person, the agency).
 - The trick you used.
 - How you fixed it.
 - Wait up to three months.

Note: Google watches a reincluded site.



If Your Page Isn't at the Top of Google...

Google gives preference to transactional (money) searches.

Use Google Ads to place your ads at the top of Google.

Note: I also teach a DMAnc course on how to use Google Ads.



The Work of SEO

Good SEO combines:

- Keyword research.
- On-Page SEO with site architecture and optimize the pages, the page's content (headings, sub-headings, text, images, video, links...), and so on.
- Technical SEO with meta-tags and other code.
- Off-page SEO to increase visibility and traffic.
- Analytics to track data.
- Write reports and make recommendations.
- Work with management, sales, and other teams.

SEO isn't quick. It can take six to nine months for one site. SEO never ends. There is constant evolution in digital marketing and search engines.



Open the report with a list of changes, external issues that affect the site, and your recommendations.

- Use 60-day or 90 days calendars to see trends
- Show both graphs and tables.
- Don't just state numbers. Add explanations (it went up because of this) and recommendations.

Goals include metrics and time:

- Increase keyword ranking by 10% by end of September
- Increase traffic by 10% by end of the month
- Get five authoritative relevant backlinks by end of the year
- Get 5% more leads by end of Q3



The Most-Common SEO Metrics

The most-common SEO metrics.

SEO clients, agencies, and contractors choose keyword ranking (#1 at 43.9%) and page views (#2 at 32.8%).

Metrics that matter:

- Marketing Qualified Leads (MQL) and Sales Qualified Leads (SQL) at #3 at 20.7%
- Conversions is #5 at 19.9%
- Revenue at #13 with 10.2%.

Note: From Search Engine Journal, State of SEO 2021, page 15. 2,369 people responded who could choose up to three options.

	Item	%	#
1	Keyword rankings	43.9%	1,041
2	Page views/sessions	32.8%	776
3	Marketing Qualified Leads (MQL, SQL)	20.7%	491
4	Branded vs. non-branded traffic	20.1%	477
5	Conversion and goal events	19.9%	471
6	Bounce rate	19.4%	460
7	Social media (shares, likes)	17.8%	421
8	Backlinks	15.7%	371
9	Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)	14.6%	346
10	Average time on page	13.0%	308
11	Page speed	12.8%	304
12	PR mentions	12.5%	295
13	Revenue increase	10.2%	242
14	Customer Lifetime Value (CLV)	8.7%	206
15	Email subscribers	7.1%	168

The Most-Requested SEO Tactics

The most-common requested SEO services from agencies and SEO contractors.

Content strategy and **keyword strategy** are at the top.

Note: From *Search Engine Journal, State of SEO 2021*, page 43.

1,219 people responded who could choose up to three options. They work at an agency or work as contractors.

	Item	%	#
1	Content strategy	31.3%	381
2	Keyword strategy	30.8%	376
3	Web design	25.5%	311
4	User experience	23.9%	291
5	Local SEO	23.9%	291
6	Technical SEO	22.7%	277
7	Content production	20.9%	255
8	Social media marketing	17.4%	212
9	Paid search	17.3%	211
10	Link building	17.2%	210
11	Mobile SEO	13.5%	164
12	Email marketing	13.3%	162

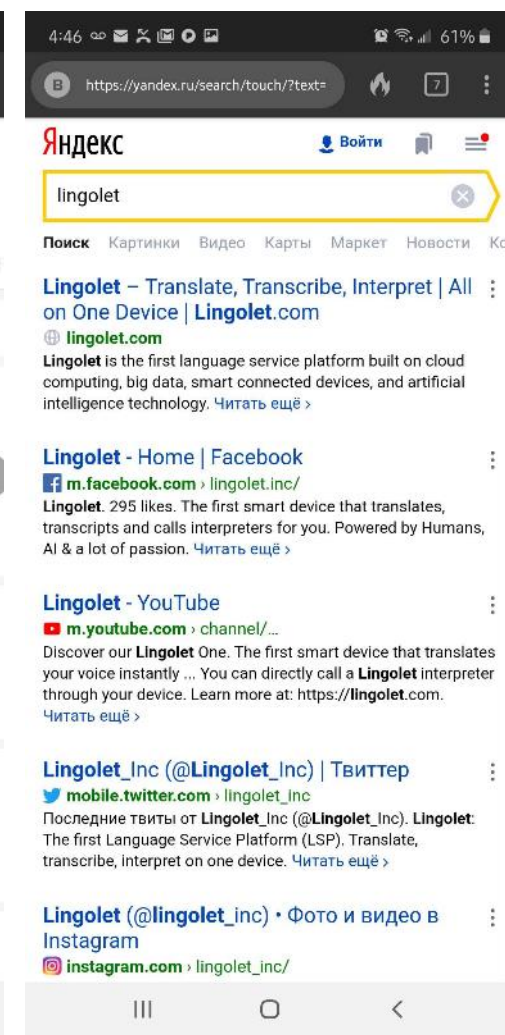
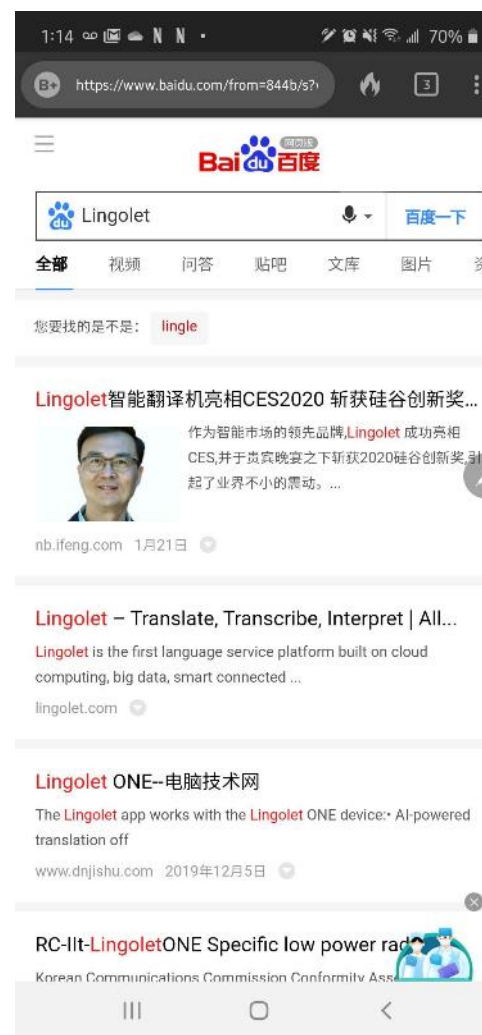
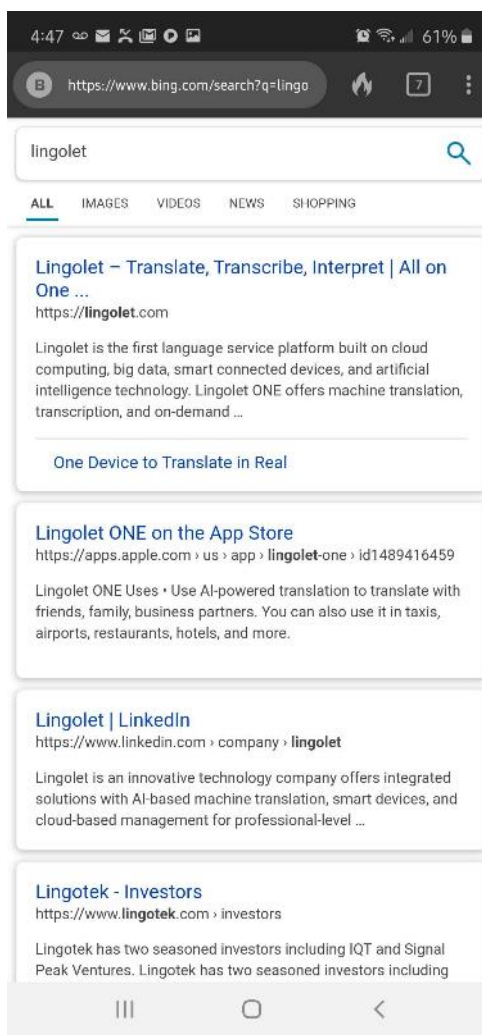
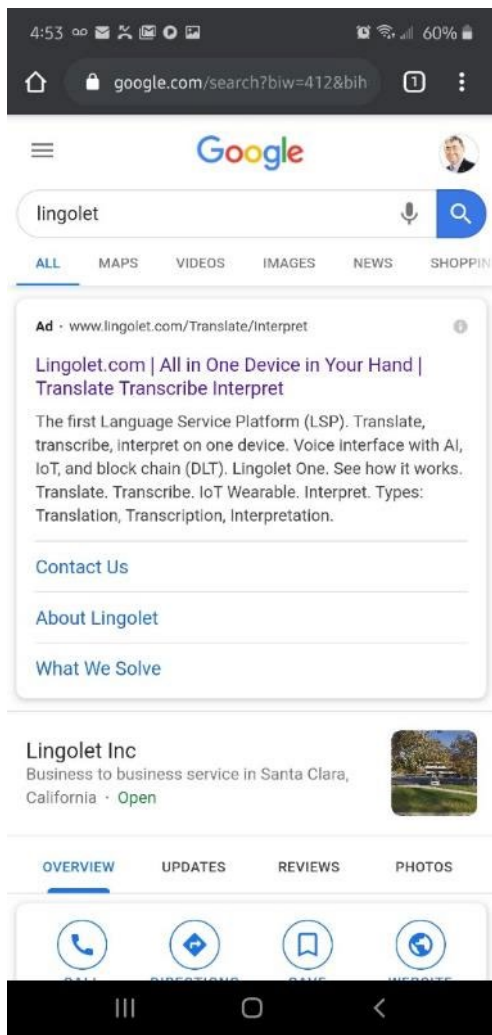
Google Isn't the Only Search Engine

- Google (66% US, 92% worldwide)
- Bing (3.7% US)
- Baidu (China)
- Yandex (Russia)

Check desktop and mobile.

Use Bing Webmaster Tools, Baidu Webmaster Tools, and Yandex Webmaster Tools.

Lingolet is a small startup. With a bit of SEO work, it shows up at the top of search engines.



Use Web Analytics to Measure SEO Results

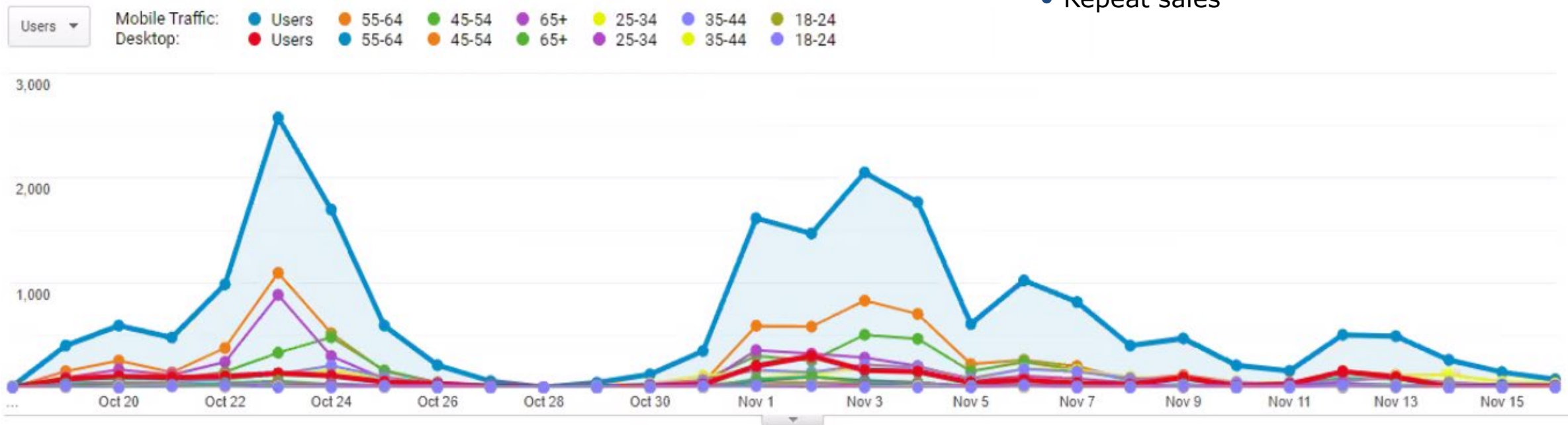
Web analytics tools:

- Google Analytics 4.0
- Adobe Site Catalyst
- IBM Coremetrics

- Keyword research
- See the traffic trend
- Your traffic's demographics and interests
- Traffic sources: search engines, social, email, direct
- However..., it's very **easy to fake the data**.

Look for **data that matters**:

- Brand lift
- Press coverage in relevant, authoritative magazines and newspapers
- Sales Qualified Leads (SQLs) by CPL
- Sales by CPA and tCPA
- Repeat sales



Which Pages to SEO?

Use **Analytics** to see which search engines your visitors use.

You can use analytics from Google, Adobe, IBM, or Piwik.

1. Set the calendar to the last 90 days.
2. In Google Analytics 4.0, select **Reports/Life Cycle/Engagement /Landing Pages**
3. Export as CSV

Note: I teach a course in Google Analytics 4.0.

Landing Page	Sessions	New Users ↓	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
	11,405,342	6,350,521	43.42%	4.64 (U.UU%)	00:05:14
1. /index.htm	1,658,038 (14.54%)	1,141,918 (17.98%)	37.14%	6.69	00:06:04
2. /courses/	269,079 (2.36%)	188,878 (2.97%)	31.91%	7.81	00:07:01
3. /courses/ocw-scholar/	200,923 (1.76%)	107,575 (1.69%)	78.92%	2.13	00:01:53
4. /courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/	119,807 (1.05%)	65,151 (1.03%)	54.66%	4.59	00:04:20
5. /courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/6-00sc-introduction-to-computer-science-and-programming-spring-2011/	85,802 (0.75%)	52,630 (0.83%)	43.25%	4.03	00:05:04
6. /courses/electrical-engineering-and-computer-science/6-092-introduction-to-programming-in-java-january-iap-2010/	66,106 (0.58%)	50,306 (0.79%)	37.40%	4.55	00:03:36
7. /courses/mathematics/	81,773 (0.72%)	47,866 (0.75%)	51.54%	5.36	00:05:01

See Your Page's Rank in Google Search Console

Google Search Console (free) shows information about your site:

- Messages from Google with updates, notices, and alerts.
- Keyword ranking.
- Your site's indexation.
- Rank of keywords.
- XML sitemaps.
- Mobile-first metrics.
- Warnings.
- And more.

Note: The data is an average, not exact.

Search Console

Dashboard

Messages (4)

► Search Appearance

▼ Search Traffic

Search Analytics

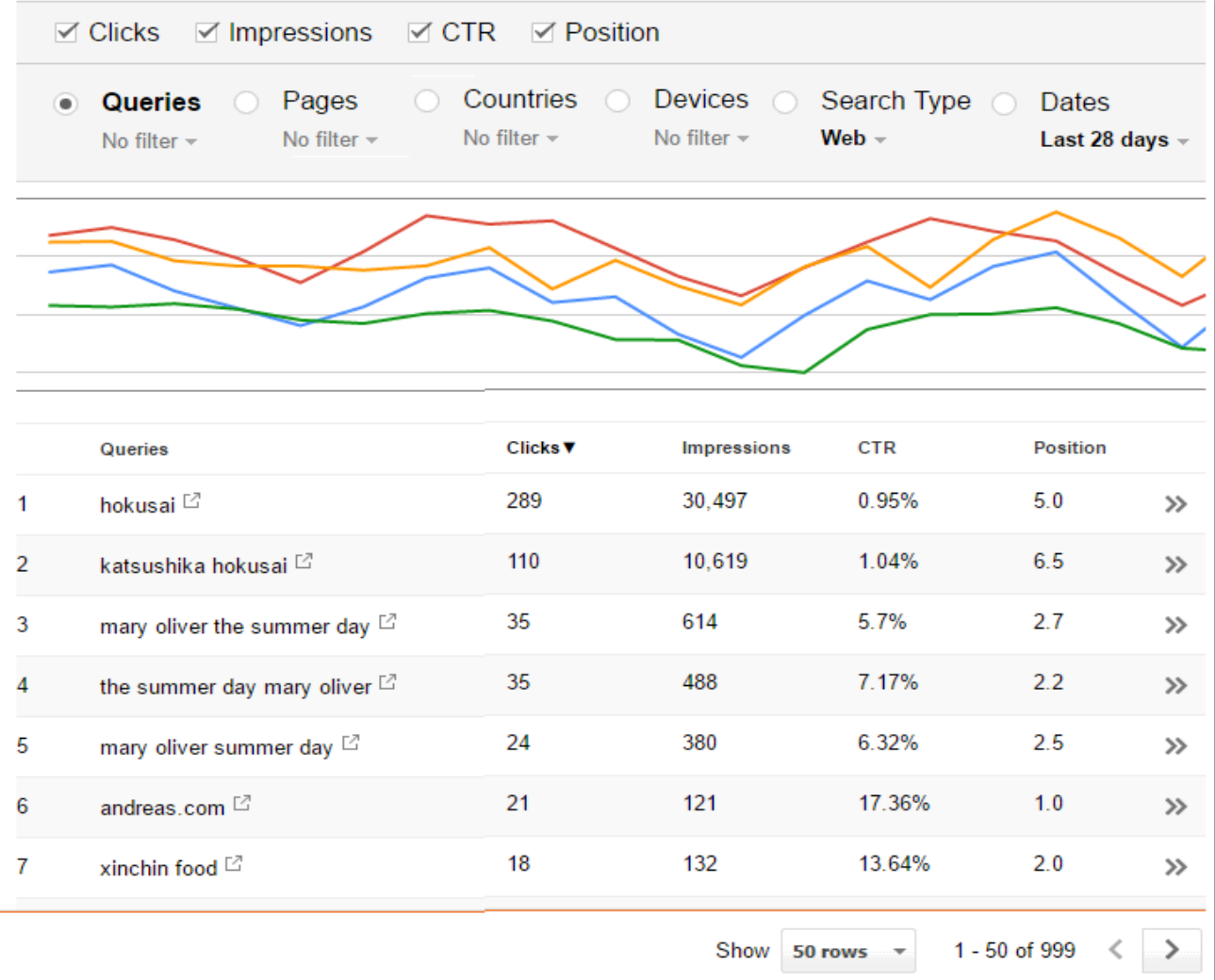
Links to Your Site

Internal Links

Manual Actions

International Targeting

Mobile Usability



How to Justify the Spend on Testing

SEO requires lots of testing, which takes time (and money). **How to justify the spend on testing.**

- Microsoft Bing wondered if the speed of search results had a business impact.
- Everyone agrees, faster is better, but would the cost justify the work to improve the speed?
- Microsoft Bing added speed delays to its search engine and tested the slower pages on groups of visitors.
- **100-millisecond delay had 0.6% impact on revenue.**
- Bing's yearly revenues were \$3 billion at the time, so a 100-millisecond improvement meant \$18 million in annual revenue, which was enough to fund a sizable team.

If you can, you can test this for your site. Work with IT to create versions of your site that can be slowed down. See what happens.

Otherwise, assume 0.6% of your annual revenues as a benchmark.



SEO Radio Hour for Large Sites

If you're at a large organization, set up an SEO Radio Hour:

- Your company's staffers around the world can ask questions about SEO.
- Use screenshare and put their page on the screen for others to see.
- **Thursdays 9 am and 4pm (for other time zones).**

15-minute SEO analysis:

1. Add HRefLang tags for country and language.
2. Write better meta-tags.
3. Write better H1, H2 headings.
4. Write better opening paragraph. with keywords and descriptive text.
5. Add relevant images, video, and ALT text.
6. Review for good grammar, spelling, and punctuation for that language and location.



Necessary Tools

- Google Ads, Analytics 4.0, Google Search Console (GSC), Google Ad Editor.
- Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets).
- Text editor: Sublime Text or EditPlus.
- Screaming Frog (~\$200/year).
- Grammarly (~\$120/year).
- ChatGPT or similar.
- A wide screen.

Optional SEO software

(Alphabetical): Ahrefs, Brightedge, Conductor, Frase.io, Keyword Surfer, Keywords Everywhere, Majestic, Moz Keyword Explorer, Moz Pro Keyword Tool, SE Ranking, SEMRush Keyword Magic Tool, SERPS, Searchmetrics, SerpStat, SpyFu, Uber Suggest, Wincher, Yoast, and more.



Resources

Google's SEO Support and Resources

Google Search Central has help, information, and discussion. They sometimes post updates about changes to the search engine:

- developers.google.com/search?hl=en

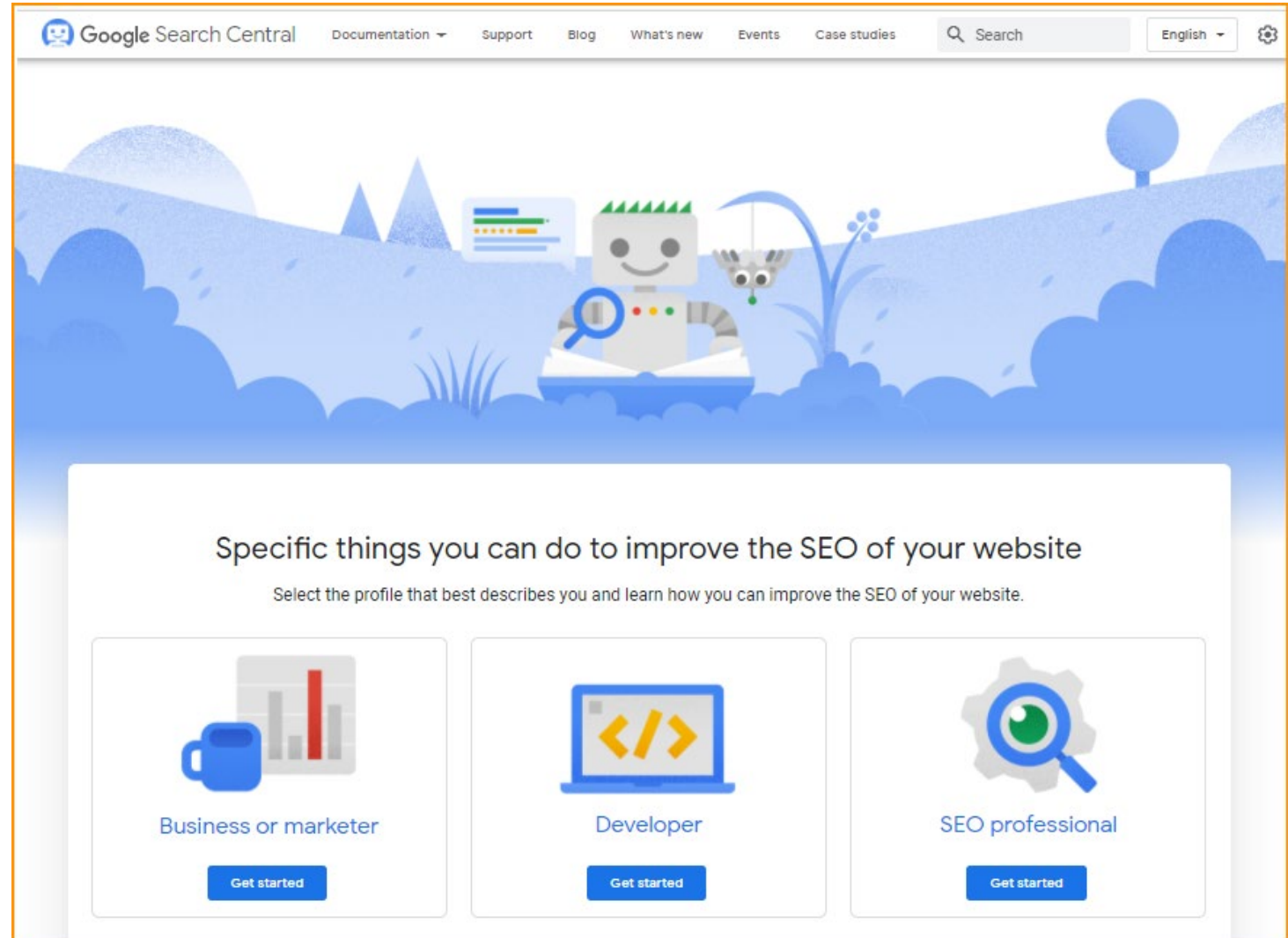
Google's Twitter accounts:

- Google Analytics at [@GoogleAnalytics](https://twitter.com/GoogleAnalytics)
- Google Ads at [@GoogleAds](https://twitter.com/GoogleAds)
- Google Search at [@GoogleSearchC](https://twitter.com/GoogleSearchC)

Three (free) newsletters:

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- [SearchEngineJournal.com](https://searchenginejournal.com)

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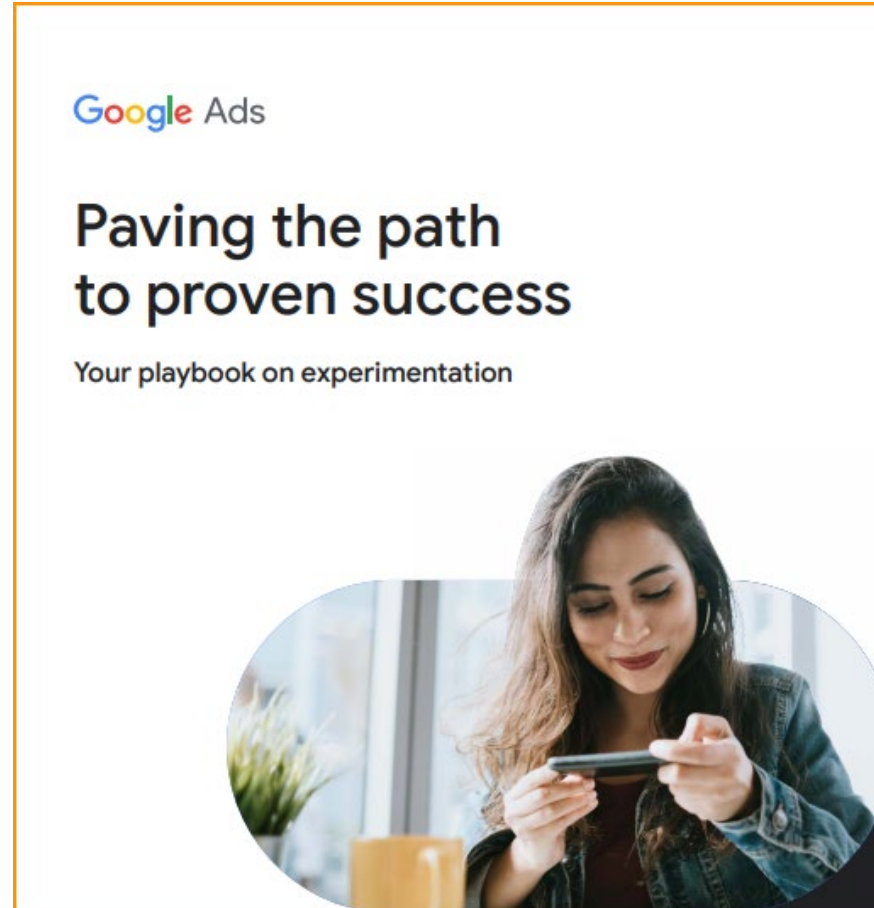


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Summary

Agenda: What We Covered Today



SEO and Keyword Research, Module 1

- Why SEO?
- How Google does marketing.
- Find your audience's questions and keywords.
- Working with keywords.

On-page SEO and Technical SEO, Module 2

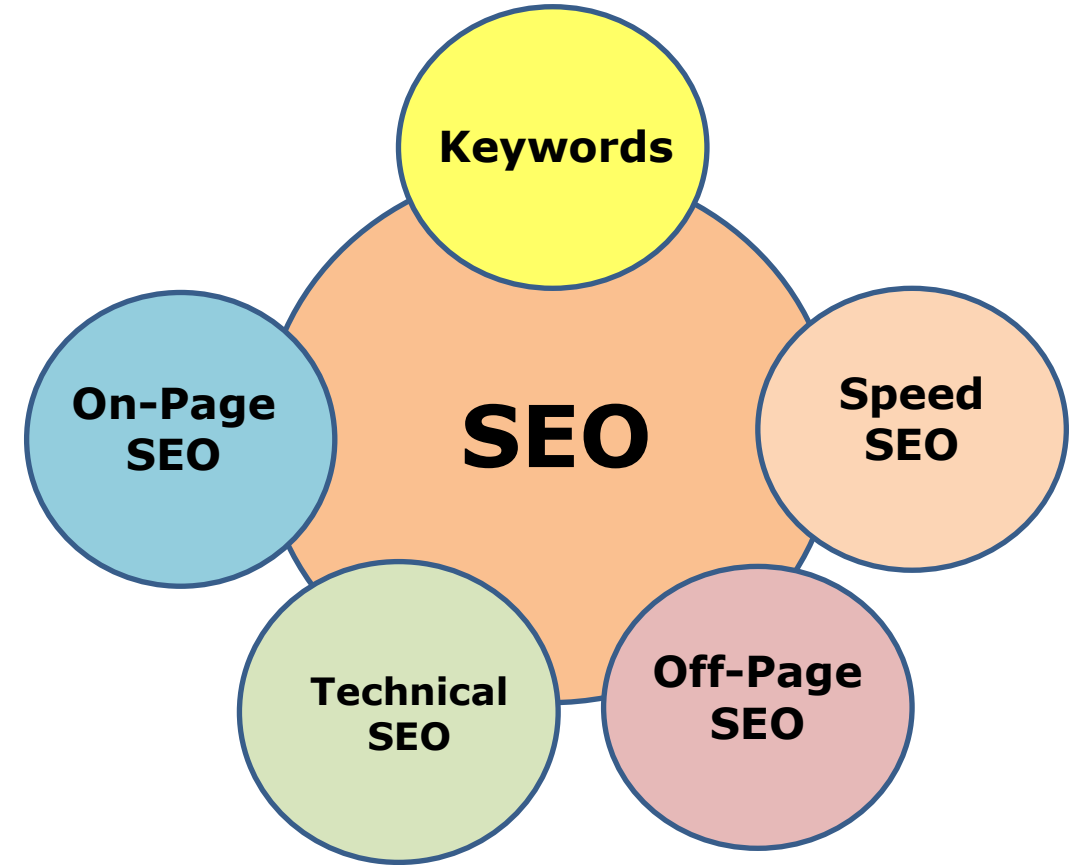
- **On-Page SEO:** What people see on the web page.
- **Technical SEO:** What's behind the web page, meta-tags, images, canonicals, HRefLang, 404, HTTPS, check links, XML sitemaps, mobile first, and more.

Off-page SEO, Module 3

- **Off-Page SEO:** Link building, outgoing links, toxic links, news sites, multiple locations, Google My Business, Wikipedia.
- Google Updates and reinclusion.
- Working in SEO: Metrics, reports, SEO Radio Hour, tools.

Speed SEO, Module 4

- How to measure the speed, how to optimize text and images for faster pages.
- Future of SEO.
- Resources.



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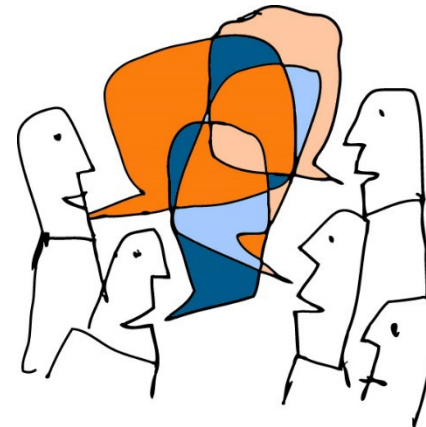
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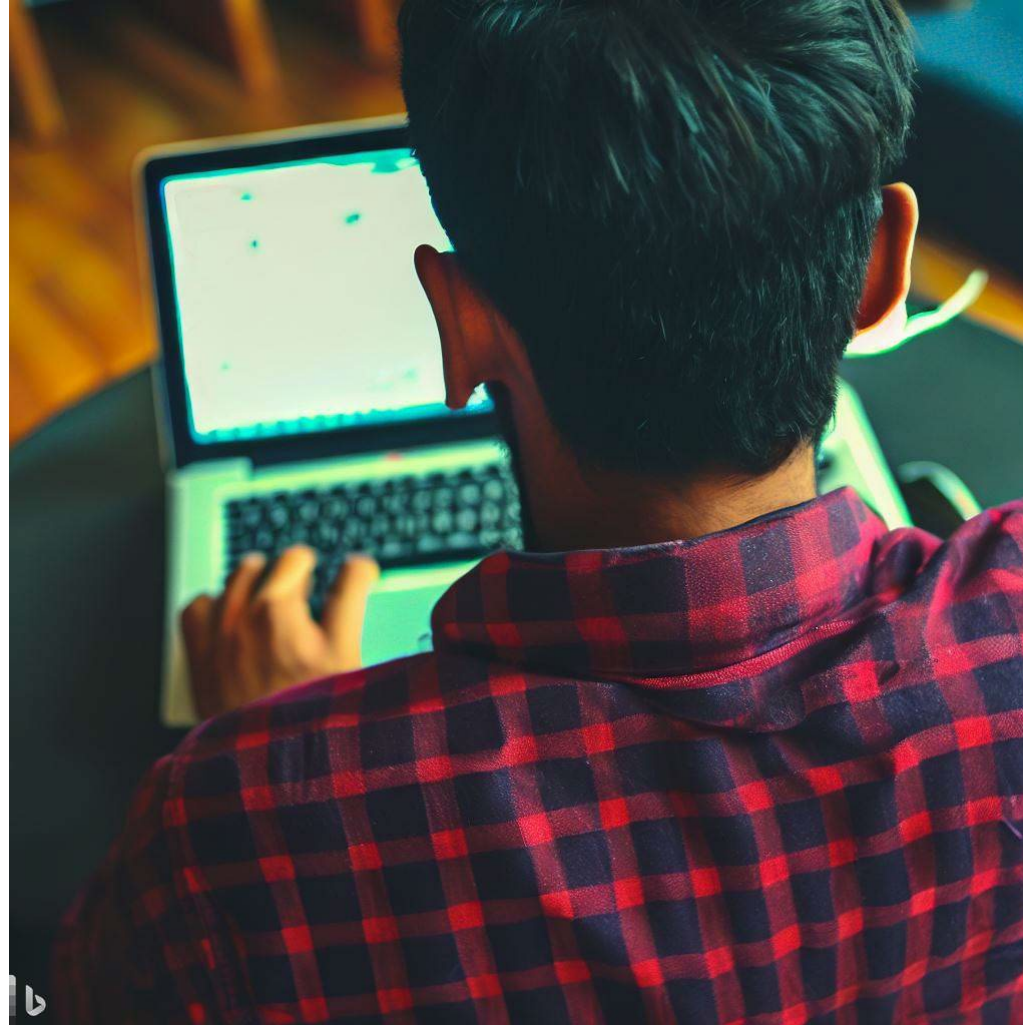
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