SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION (SEO)

FOR VISIBILITY, ACTION & CONVERSION

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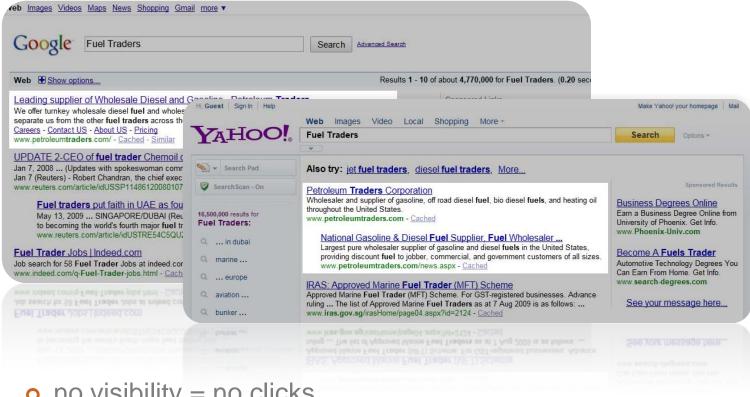
OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

- Understand the elements critical to having a successful SEO program in place for your company
- Learn about the tools and tactics necessary to ensure your website is found for targeted keywords
- Understand more about how search engines view your website
- Decide if your efforts can accomplish the goals you have established

Slides will be made available to you after the event.



SEO // VISIBILITY IS AN ONLINE CURRENCY

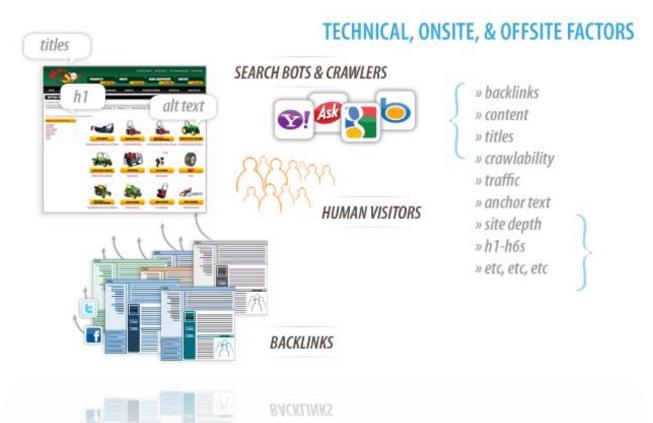


- no visibility = no clicks
- unattractive or spammy titles & descriptions = no clicks
- clicks for incorrect terms = no conversion
- poorly planned landing pages with no CTA = no conversion





SEO // TECHNICAL, ONSITE & OFFSITE FACTORS



There are technical, onsite, & offsite factors that contribute to your sites SEO performance.

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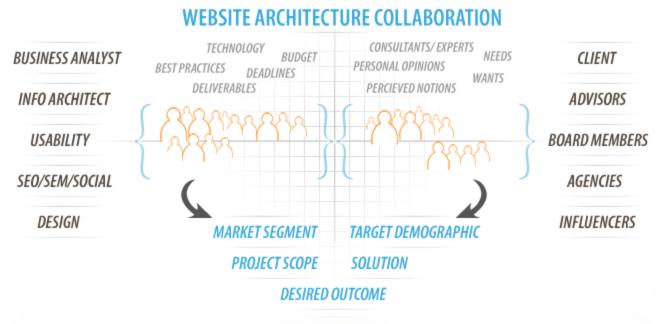
SEO // VISIBILITY VIA PREFERRED MEDIA



- o preferred media not singular media
- o the year of talking to your audience where they are
- o not the time to be steadfast in our ideals



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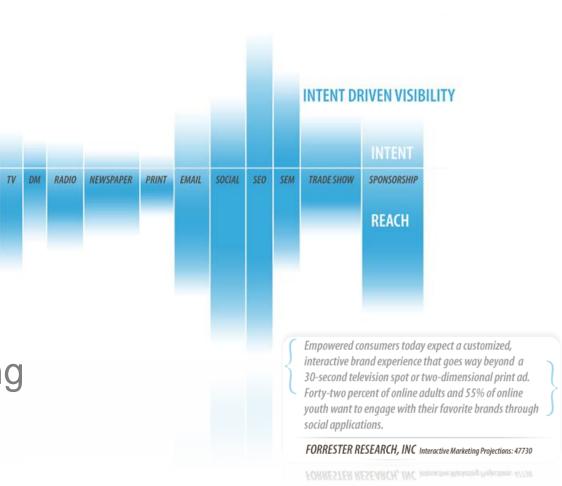


- **DESIRED OUTCOME**
- o i've never seen a perfect launch, i.e. one where I got to do everything I wanted
- projects are always limited by: time, money, effort, resources, knowledge, buy in (from HIPPOs or clients)
- test conversions, measure results



SEO // WHERE'S THE INTENT?

- o social
- o dm
- o tv
- o radio
- o tradeshows
- o newspaper
- o yellow pages
- o search Marketing
- o SEO



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SEO // ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?

if your site is...

- o trapped by flash
- looking good but can't be found
- built in a way that prevents you from changing or adding content
- if you can't change page titles, and meta descriptions

you're in trouble.





SEO // KNOW THY ALGORITHMS

big year for search engine changes

- yahoo to switch to bing SERP results by Aug or Sept.
- o google uses over 200 criteria/signals for ranking site pages
- o 6000 tests & hundreds of algorithm changes per year by google alone
- google mayday update; signals of QUALITY, deep page content, long tail terms, no human intervention (algo), not from webspam team
- o google caffeine; 50% fresher results, over 100 million gig of storage
- o real time search: if something is trending you will see it
- forced customized (personalized) search:
 if you're logged in you see customized results
- beta social circle search (will it be opt-out too?)
- emphasis on indexing speed
- emphasis on freshness and frequency
- webmaster console: removed pagerank, added Labs which includes site performance, fetch as googlebot, and malware detail tools
- o normal (xml) sitemaps, news sitemaps, video sitemaps





SEO // ALL THINGS BEING EQUAL

Create Ridge Continues Copen Nature Copen

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SITE A

SITE B

SITEA

SITEB

since there are over 200 criteria you must do competitive analysis to maximize your return on efforts.



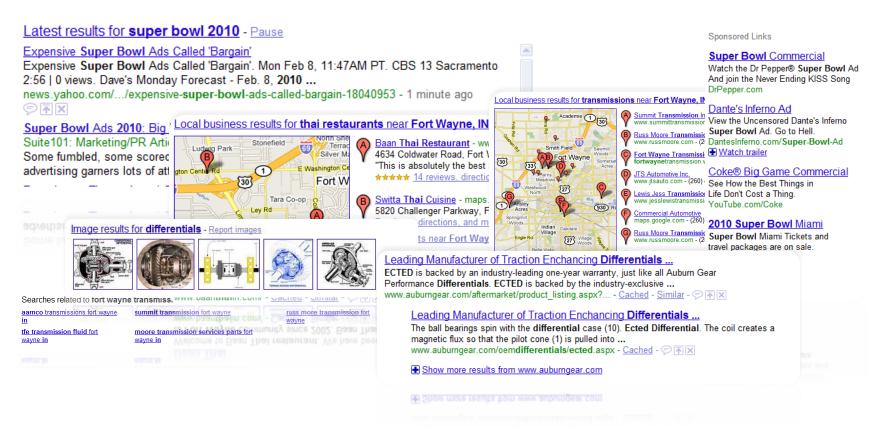
SEO // ACTION ALPHA

- o create a list of competitive sites
- resolve yourself to run competitive analysis (the ones i'm about to tell you)
- o develop a plan to win or call in reinforcements





SEO // WHAT'S WHAT?



there are many ways google presents results





SEO // BE LOCAL IF LOCAL

Local business results for transmissions near Fort Wayne, IN





www.summittransmission.com - (260) 483-3295 - 2 reviews

B Russ Moore Transmission Specialists

www.russmoore.com - (260) 482-9414 - 1 review

Fort Wayne Transmission Center

fortwaynetransmission.webs.com - (260) 424-8966 - More

JTS Automotive Inc. www.jtsauto.com - (260) 471-6475 - 1 review

Lewis Jess Transmission

www.jesslewistransmission.com - (260) 424-1087 - 1 review

Commercial Automotive maps.google.com - (260) 744-4762 - 1 review

Russ Moore Transmission www.russmoore.com - (260) 432-5010 - More

More results near Fort Wayne, IN »

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- o mobile device "local searches" on the rise
- o local search instills high confidence with searchers
- o social applications like brightkite, foursquare, gowalla



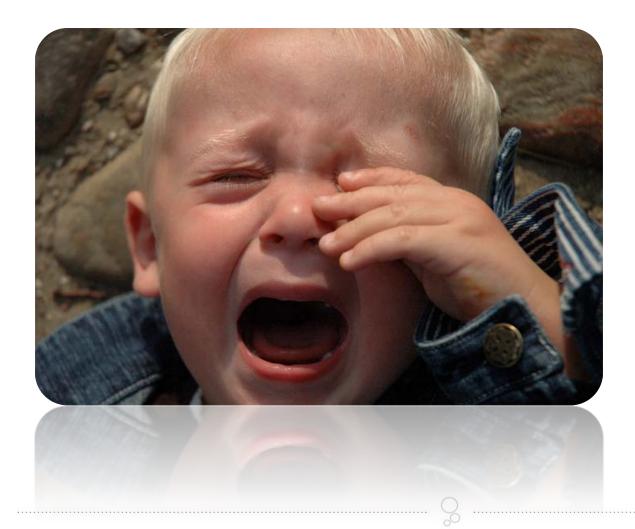
SEO // ACTION BETA

- grab your local listings:getlisted.org
- setup google profiles for you and your business google.com/profiles
- schedule a time to review your local analytics google.com/places
- o review friends businesses & have clients review yours



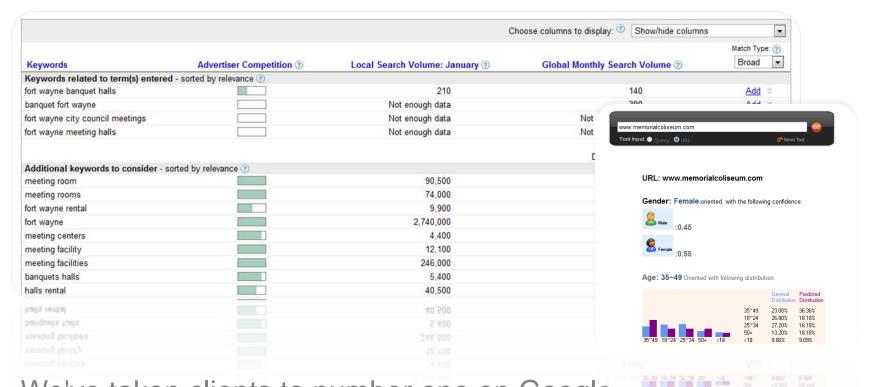
SEO // WE ALL WANT TO BE #1

but we can't all be number one





SEO // WHAT'S IN A NAME?



We've taken clients to number one on Google based on keywords they insisted had to be there, only to find out that a slight derivation would have yielded exponential traffic.



SEO // ACTION GAMMA

- poll your customer facing employees; ask who are your clients
- o go to <u>adlab.msn.com/demographics-</u> <u>prediction/DPUI.aspx</u> for additional insight
- write down what you really do & who you are competing against
- take the keywords & keyword phrases you think are important and verify volume with adwords.google.com/select/KeywordToolExt ernal



SEO // I'VE NOTHING TO WRITE

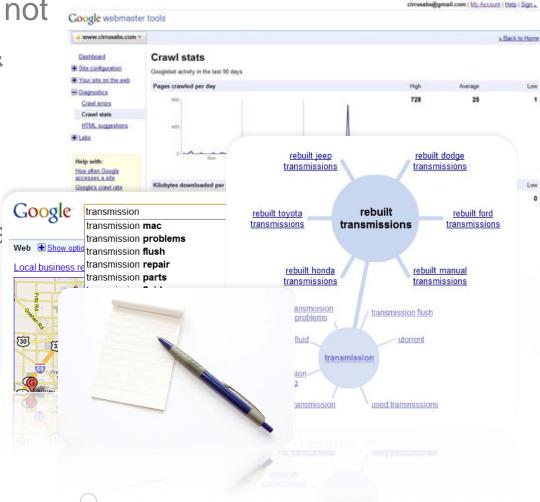
a common complaint is not knowing what to write &

what

keywords to target

o fresh content is crucia

- newest articles win all else being equal
- o increases site depth
- o increases crawl rate





CONTENT IDEA STARTERS

- What questions do you repeatedly get from your prospects during the sales process?
- Customer stories, testimonials and case studies
- What is your passion for what you do and the customers you serve?
- Product or service updates/ changes

- How are current events having an impact on your business and the resulting impact on your customers
- Provide a window into the human side of your company – use Video!
- Product or service tips you can offer your clients
- Promote new clients
- Tradeshows, event marketing pre/during/post

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SEO // TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- KW Saturation: formula + kw phrases + length (this isn't absolute but it makes you think)
- writing titles: formula + clickability + bolded words
- writing meta descriptions + clickability + bolded words
- H1-H6:
- alt tags: often missed (don't say picture or image of, google already knows its an image)
- o calls to action so they do something once on page
- image naming and using "-" not "_"
- don't try so hard to get a certain saturation that you lose good long tail connecting words or relevance!
- duplicate content isn't necessarily penalized nor is it rewarded
- so many more





SEO // ACTION DELTA

- o for each page of your site run & review tools.seobook.com/general/keyworddensity/
- change title tags & descriptions first because they are valuable & clarify thinking
- start with keywords & keyword phrases you already rank for



SEO // ALL BACKLINKS; AREN'T EQUAL

why do we want backlinks?

- o visibility / brand recognition
- traffic generation / linkbait (to pages or our site)
- o to encourage page or site indexing
- o increase page rank / authority to impact SERPs
- because someone told you to get them





SEO // ALL BACKLINKS; AREN'T EQUAL (PART DEUX)

- o BLNF: backlink nofollow = <u>www.url.com</u> (rel="nofollow")
- o BLDF: backlink dofollow = www.url.com
- o BLNA: no anchor = www.url.com (no bob)
- CONNF: contextual nofollow = <u>webdesign by company</u> (rel="nofollow")
- CONDF: contextual dofollow = webdesign by company
 there are additional conditions that affect the value of backlinks
- TLD authority i.e. page rank or TLDPR
- link page authority / page rank
- backlink destination page: root or subpages
- topic relevance
- o iframes, redirects, url-shortners, email, image links
- keyword anchor text match & proximity
- backlink age ?



SEO // ACTION EPSILON

- run Majestic SEO:
 majesticseo.com/bulk-backlink-checker.php
- ask Suppliers for backlinks
- ask Customers (mutually beneficial btw)
- ask friends and family
- create new, subject matter expert, articles on your site and tell the world
- link to the page with content, not always home

#	Туре	Item	Status	ACRank ®	External backlinks (EDU / GOV)	Referring domains (EDU / GOV)	IP Addresses	Class C subnets
1 F	Root domain	cirrusabs.com	Found	10.00	38,081	583	334	257
2 9	Subdomain	www.cirrusabs.com	Found	_	37,906	575	329	252
3 (URL	http://www.cirrusabs.com	Found	9	37,308	466	254	192



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SEO // THE SOCIAL THREE



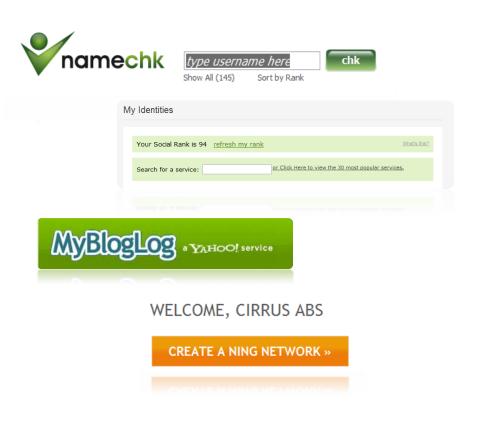
- social media
 the tools for building followers, friendships, & contacts
- social networking
 the daily visibility & interaction, i.e. the "social" part
- social marketing
 subtle or overt application of various media to promote



SEO // ACTION ZETA

grab your brand

- mass id checknamechk.com
- mass id with facebook app dandyid.org
- social visibilitymybloglog.com
- signup & join some groups ning.com





SEO // DID IT WORK? DO IT AGAIN

- check google analytics or server logs for:
 bounce rates, time on site, pages visited, conversion pages, confirmation pages (setup advanced filters & funnels)
- monitor contacts, calls, lead sources
- rank checker: <u>firefox add-on</u>
- google a/b testing





WE'LL HELP YOU MASTER INTERNET MARKETING

These days it's more important than ever for you to reach new prospects, satisfy customers, find new efficiencies, and grow your business. The Web's the way to do it. We can help.

