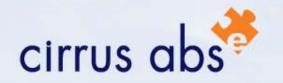


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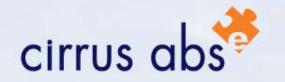


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// The NetCentered Process 1st of 4





SEO // what does that even mean?

search engine optimization is*:

developing a website utilizing best practices and in such a manor that there are no encumbrances to the search engines ability to crawl a site and properly understand the subject of the site, find the sites pages, links, and documents, so that it might be included in the search engines organic or natural index appropriately.

* but it depends on who you ask and search engine marketing is an open debate. paid search vs organic





SEO // highly visible is highly desirable



- you have to be where your ideal demographic can see you
- in front of competitors if necessary
- obey the rules or have your sign removed
- tell a better story once they find you



SEO // build your website on the rock?

far to often we see people start with website solutions that at best make it difficult and at worse make it impossible to optimize their online presence.



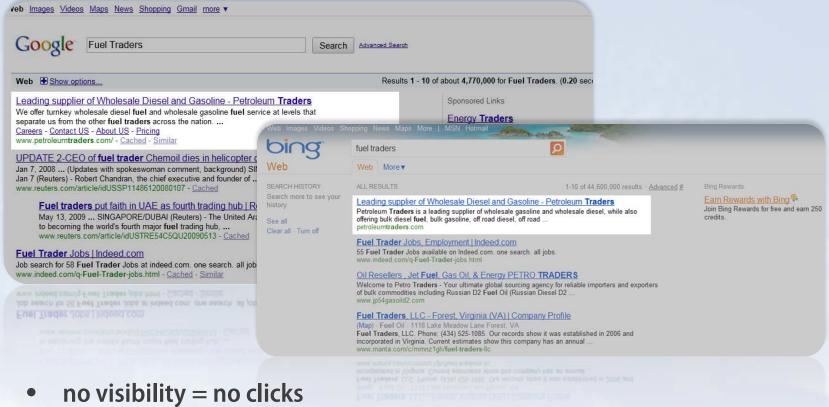
SEO // winning requires knowledge



- what are the rules
- how can i optimize within the rules
- which races can i win while staying within my budget
- am i dedicated to the winning strategy
- how much is winning worth



SEO // visibility is online currency



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



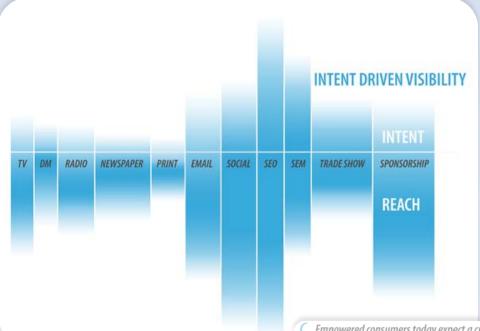
// the offline and online marketing mix

no marketing media channel has 100% eyeballs or is 100% effective. prioritize based on goals, resources, and business objectives.



SEO // is it the intent winner?

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



Empowered consumers today expect a customized, interactive brand experience that goes way beyond a 30-second television spot or two-dimensional print ad. Forty-two percent of online adults and 55% of online youth want to engage with their favorite brands through social applications.

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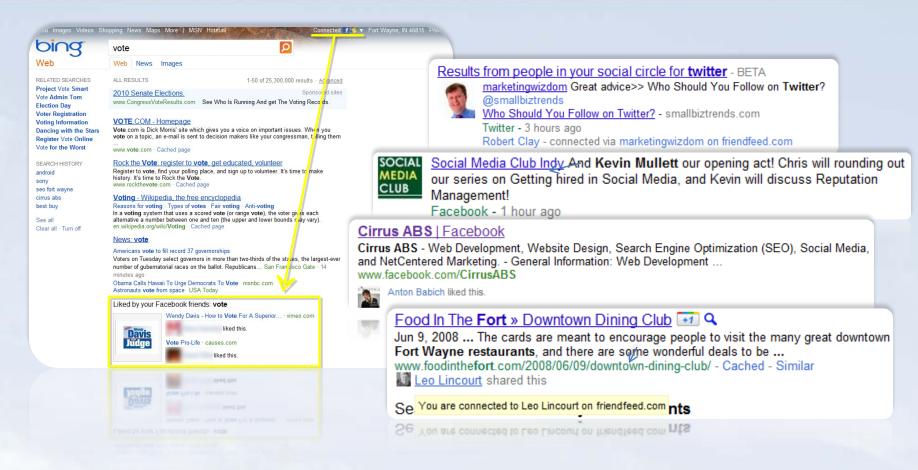


SEO // think you can ignore social media?

business who are still trying to avoid social media or who are being overly selective may not be getting the entire picture. less discussed are the SEO, visibility, and traffic value that social media can provide.



// social is now in SERPs



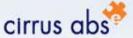
how will it change social participation? how will it change where we click on a SERP page?

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SEO // technical, onsite & offsite factors



These factors contribute to your sites SERP performance. Does your web developer understand them.



SEO // are you in trouble?

if your site is...

- trapped by flash
- looking good but can't be found & loads slow
- 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.



SEARCH ENGINES

ask for a free lame duck site evaluation — http://bit.ly/LameDuckEval



SEO // search engines change

google alone uses over 200 criteria/signals for ranking site pages, performs over 6000 tests and subsequently changed over 500 algorithms last year. who's watching this for you? Google's Panda update has had multiple revisions, do you know what was impacted?





SEO // mayday, farmer/panda, what?

google mayday (April 28th – May 3rd 2010)

- looking for signals of QUALITY
- deep page content crawling
- looking for best sites for long-tailed queries

google panda (late February, tweaked several

times & now on Panda 2.3 as of July 22nd)

- content farms & article marketing
- low quality sites
- aggregated or duplicate content google's looking for "original" content



SEO // bing + yahoo = binghoo

are you too focused on google?

 yahoo switched to bing SERP results (started in July, completed Aug 24th)

Rank		Percentage of U.S. searches among leading search engine providers							
1	Goog MSN/	Domain	February 2011	March 2011	Month-over-month percentage change				
		www.google.com	66.69%	64.42%	-3%				
3	Yaho	Bing-powered search	28.48%	30.01%	5%				
4	Ask.c	search.yahoo.com	14.99%	15.69%	5%				
5	AOL	bing.com*	13.49%	14.32%	6%				
Source:	The N	Note: Data is based on four-we sample of 10 million U.S. Interi *This includes executed searc	net users. Figures are for W	eb searches only.					
		Source: Experian Hitwise							

according to <u>nielsen company</u> that puts binghoo at 26% (Aug 2010) <u>experian hitwise</u> now reports bing search is 30% of share (Mar 2011)



SEO // what is google +1

google +1

- will be used as "A" signal for google search to fight web spam
- visible in search results and ads



SEO // all things being equal



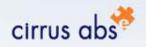
SITE A SITE B

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



- create a list of competitors sites
- run competitive analysis with majestic SEO:
 majesticseo.com/bulk-backlink-checker.php
- develop a plan to win or call in reinforcements





SEO // localization is on the rise

Local business results for transmissions near Fort Wayne, IN



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

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 »

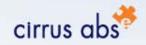


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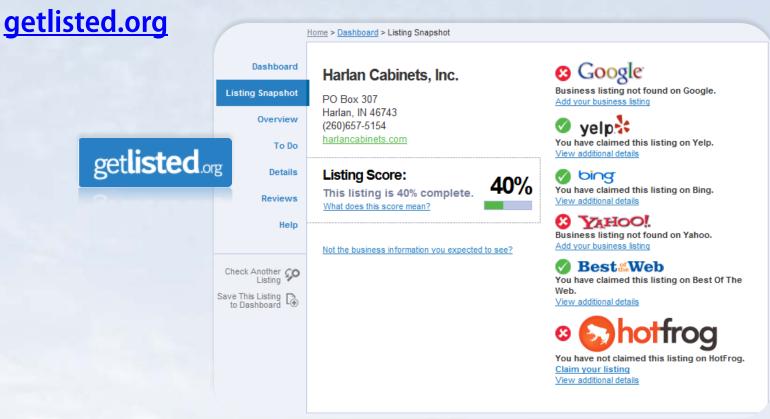


- 20% of google searches are local
- 40% of google mobile device searches have local intent
- local search instills high confidence with searchers
- social applications like foursquare, gowalla, etc

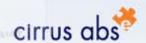




grab your local listings:



be consistent with citation: name, address, phone number





Claim and enhance your business listing on Bing. Its free!

More customers are searching Bing to find businesses and services in their local area. Claiming your business listing can help increase your visibility and influence customers to visit your business.



Get Found

Verify your business listing to ensure prospective customers can find, contrand visit your business.

Highlight Your Strengths

Add photos, logos, contact information, payment types, menus, and other b that help your business stand out.

Get Customers

Create deals to entice customers to visit your business. Your deals will appear search results on both mobile devices and PCs. You can even publish dea

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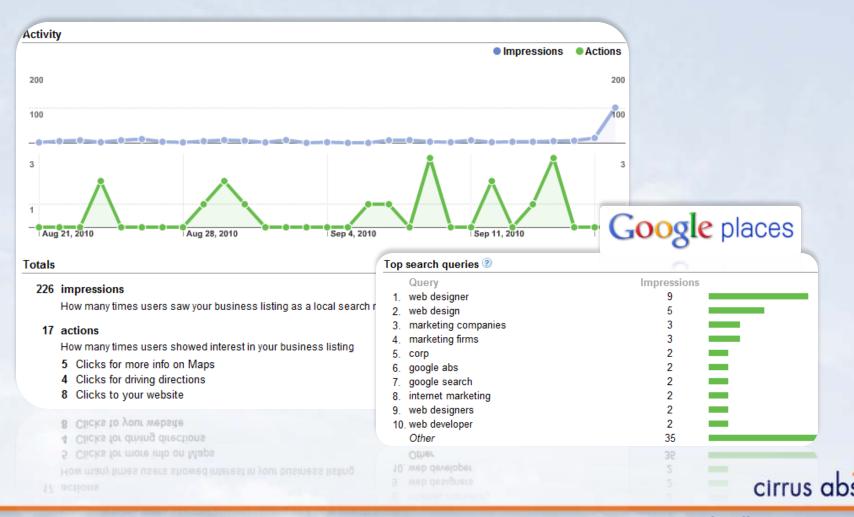
Get Started Now!

- highly customizable with mobile and qr codes
- new fields for facebook pages and twitter profiles





review your local analytics via google.com/places



review your google webmaster tools

google.com/webmasters





SEO // we all want to be #1

when dealing with SEO we need to have reasonable expectations for KW (keyword) and KWP (keyword phrases). We also need to understand that the higher the competition for KW/KWP terms the longer it is likely to take to move up unless more effort is brought to bear.

SEO // select the right keywords

Keyword		Competition	Global Monthly Searches	Local Monthly Searches	Local Search Trends
meeting halls"	Q		1,900	1,300	1-11111111111
	Q		165,000	110,000	
meeting hall"	Q		3,600	1,600	
	Q		165,000	90,500	
meeting rooms"	Q		110,000	40,500	
□	Q		27,100	22,200	
□ ☆ "wedding reception halls"	Q		18,100	14,800	II
wedding banquet halls"	Q		4,400	2,900	
■ ☆ "banquet halls for rent"	Q		880	720	I-Irli-mil
"receptions banquet hall"	Q		170	170	
"wedding reception venues"	Q		60,500	27,100	
↑ "reception halls"	Q		90,500	90,500	
M reception rights			20,200	20,200	Google

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.

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- write down what you really do, who your customers are & who you are competing against
- take the keywords & keyword phrases you think are important and verify volume with adwords.google.com/select/KeywordToolExternal

Google AdWords

paid service alternative »





SEO // time to start blogging

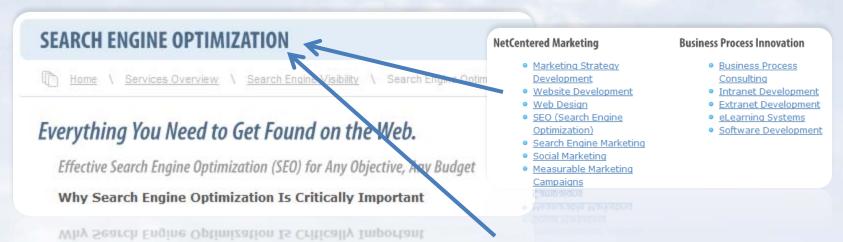


SEO // internal linking; don't click here



formulating your internal linking structure

- search engines want to know what's on the other end
- keyword use where it is highly valuable



example: click here for our Search Engine Optimization Services.



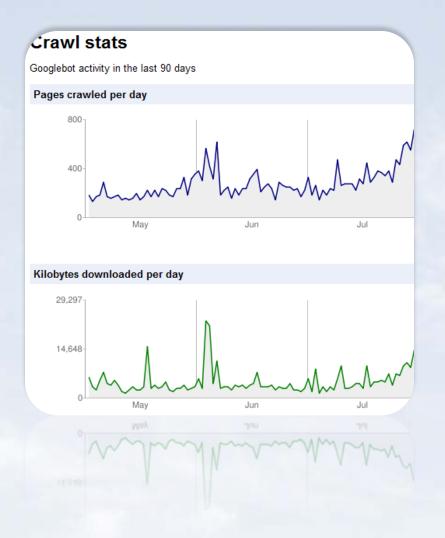


vs blog.othersite.com thoughts on efficiently blogging for products.

- convert product question response emails into posts
- get guest bloggers
- have them share via social
- use video reviews & stories
- link to that category or specific product(s) in the shopping cart



SEO // i've nothing to write



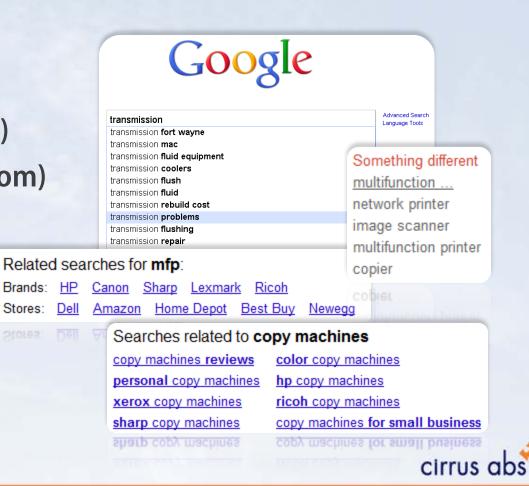
a common complaint is not knowing what to write & what keywords to target

- fresh content is crucial
- newest articles win all else being equal
- increases site depth
- increases crawl rate



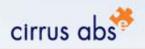
let google give you the clues on long tail subjects.

- google Instant
- Something different (left)
- Searches related to (bottom)
- Related searches (top) doesn't always appear

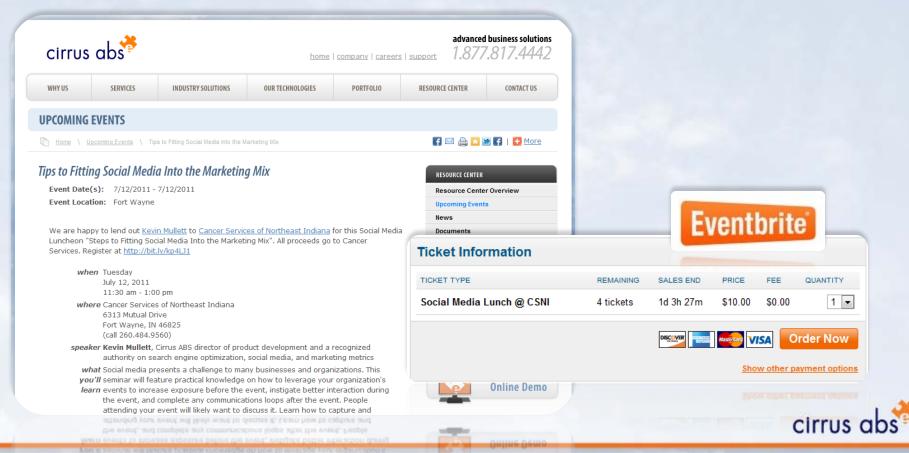


SEO // don't give away traffic, & SEO

clients often talk about how hard it is to find things to blog or post news about when in reality it's right in front of them. Don't give away traffic, search engine optimization and brand visibility to third party sites or email only responses.



- embed signup capability via services like <u>eventbrite</u>
- embed videos from <u>youtube</u>, slides from <u>slideshare</u>



SEO // technical considerations

when writing page titles

- keep the title to 70 characters when possible
- use localization and keywords/keyphrases early in the title
- think about attractiveness + bolded words (will it get clicked?)

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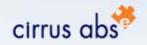
when writing meta descriptions

(these usually become snippet)

- keep the description to 156 characters when possible (recently expanded)
- think about attractiveness + bolded words

consider the impact on your CTR and visibility words included in your titles and descriptions should also appear on the page

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help the search bots know the subject

- **ur** [site.com/store/brand-name-product-1138]
- page title [Brand Name Product in Red Model 1138 Type Style Descriptor | site name]
- **description** [Looking for a red product 1138 made by brand name? We have them in red and other colors as well. Come check out our deals on other brand name models and service.]
- H1 [Brand Name Product in Red Model 1138 for User Type Descriptor]
- First Paragraph [Brand Name Product in Red Model 1138 is perfect for frolicking on summer days with...]



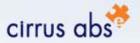
header tags: H1-H6

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alt tags: often missed

(don't say picture or image of, google already knows its an image)







- for each page of your site run & review tools.seobook.com/general/keyword-density/
 (don't try so hard to get a certain saturation that you lose good long tail connecting words or relevance! Don't stress about duplicate content.)
- change title tags & descriptions first because they are valuable & clarify thinking
- start with keywords & keyword phrases you already rank for (see via google webmasters)
- make sure there is a call to action on EVERY PAGE

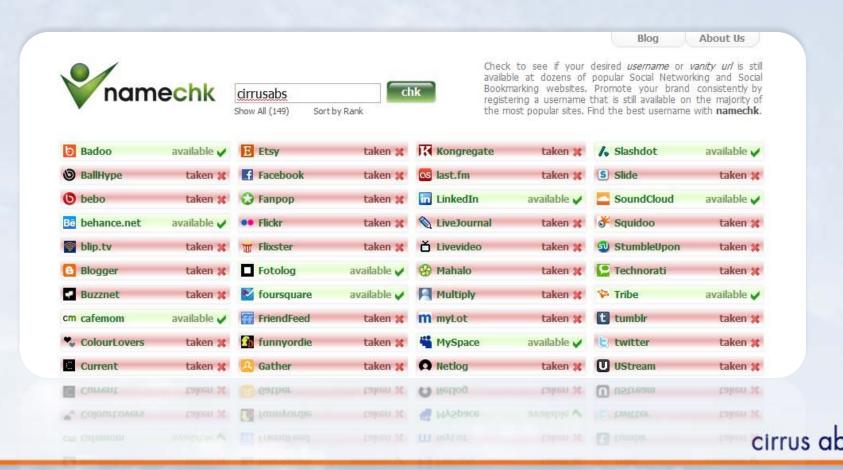


- ask suppliers/distributors/outlets/dealers for backlinks (from relevant pages)
- ask customers for reviews
- create new, subject matter expert, articles on your site and tell the world
- link to the page with content, not always home
- comment on blogs, but add value/don't spam

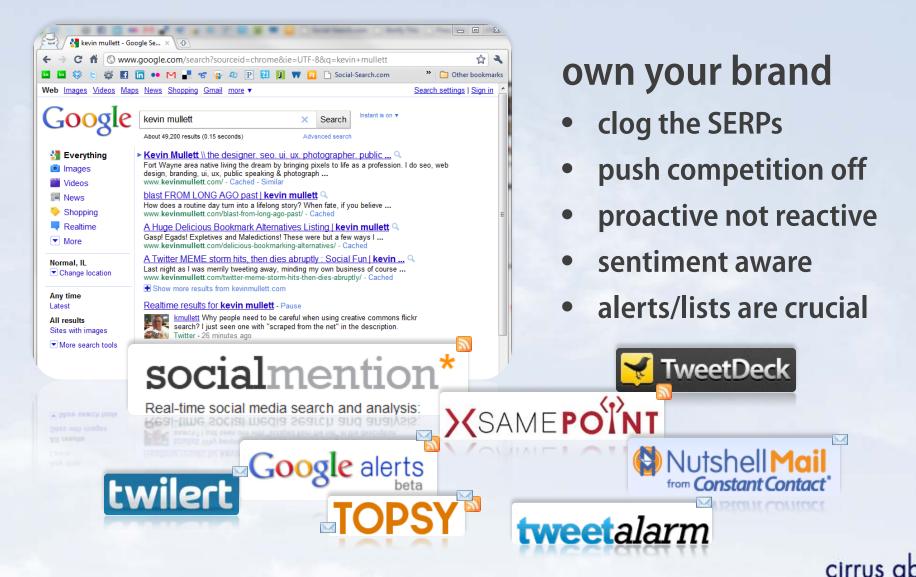


grab your brand

mass id check with namechk.com



SERM // online reputation management



article awareness, social visibility and distributing RSS tumblr.



tell potential visitors and the search engines you have new content

StumbleUpon



network your brand via forums, chats, etc

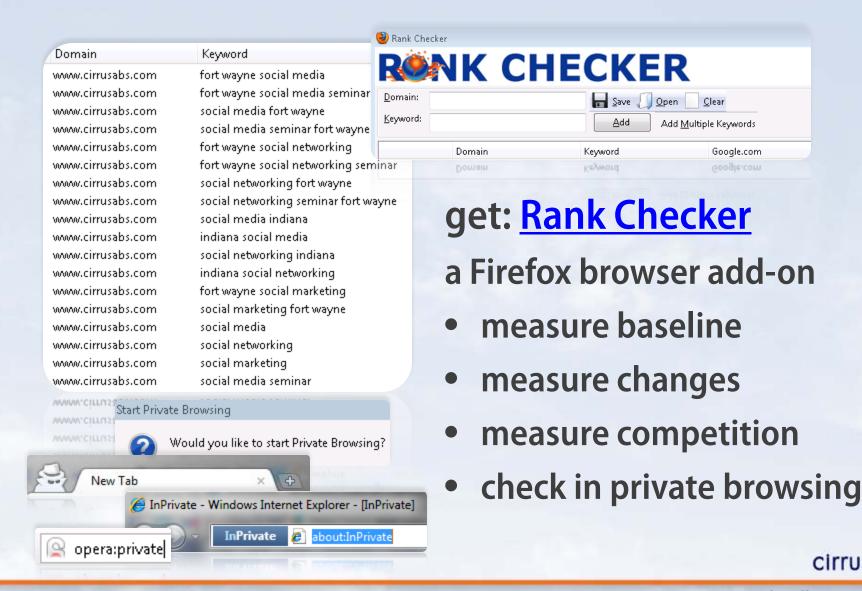
join some groups on ning.com & linkedin.com



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
- google a/b testing





SEO // bonus action

video!

- differentiate from your competition
- easy and inexpensive
- increased visibility

Google

You Tube

facebook

XML-Sitemaps.com

More Time Isn't Always More Better-er

About 30,000,000 results (0.24 seconds)



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- Improving your site for better customer conversion

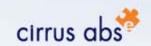
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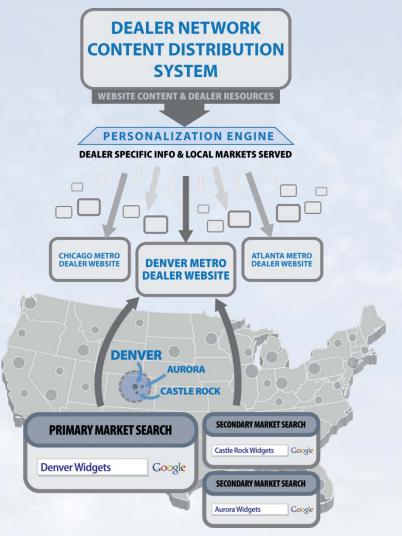
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