

# MARKETING AND WEB DESIGN BUILT ON INNOVATION AND LED WITH INSPIRATION

#### Overview

Just like marketing, there is no end all be all answer to SEO. I'm going to share with you a few SEO strategies that are easy enough for someone without website development experience to implement in-house.

- The #1 SEO-Builder... Content
- Blogging Tips
- Open Site Explorer & Links
- Social Media & Listing Sites
- Offline Marketing & Why it Matters





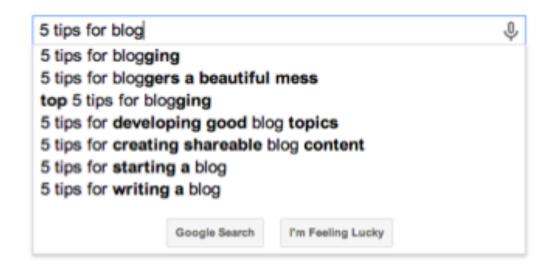


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# Finding the Right Content

- Content is important, but only if it's content people are searching for.
- How do we find content people are searching for?
  - Use Google to find suggestions





## Finding the Right Content

- Use customer questions to develop content you know people are curious about based on your customer base
- Look at question-based sites like Yahoo Answers and eHow
- Follow topics in popular forums, for example: LinkedIn groups

media. Please share your best practices! We all can learn from each other.

Ira Kaufman

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--. Ira, I love the way you explain it, it rolls right off the tongue, "...but the perfect implementation of a SM tool will create a viral self ...

March 18, 2010

Brian Duvall Best practices with Video: ...

March 24, 2010

Barbara Lemaire, PhD I use a mind map to show how Social Media Marketing correlates to Traditional Marketing - I do this so that they grasp the idea ...

September 3, 2011

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Integrated Media Marketing is the next step beyond social



#### Making Your Content Available

#### Blogging Tips:

- Use page and post titles that are 70 characters or less and are descriptive
- Incorporate headings (h1, h2) into your content as well as bolded and unbolded copy
- Add images to your posts and make sure to use ALT tags
- Incorporate internal links and outbound links
- Integrate keywords into your title, copy and URL



### Making Your Content Available

- Pay attention to keyword density, 1-3% is ideal
  - » Keyword density = ((keyword/total words)\*100)
  - » Too many keywords = spam
- Incorporate keywords at the beginning of your titles
- Recommended 300 words minimum per blog post
- Use colons to broaden your keyword phrases, for example:
  - » "Blogging Tips: How to Blog for SEO"



### Open Site Explorer & Links

- LINKS! Four years ago, "link building" was the SEO way.
   It's not anymore, but links aren't completely dead yet.
- Not all links are created equal some links carry more weight than others online, this is due in large part to Domain Authority (how your site is ranked online vs. others)
- Use <u>www.opensiteexplorer.org</u> to compare your website to competition sites. Open Site Explorer is a FREE tool that lets you compare your site to others across the web.



Inbound Links 

Just

Just-Discovered

Top Pages 0

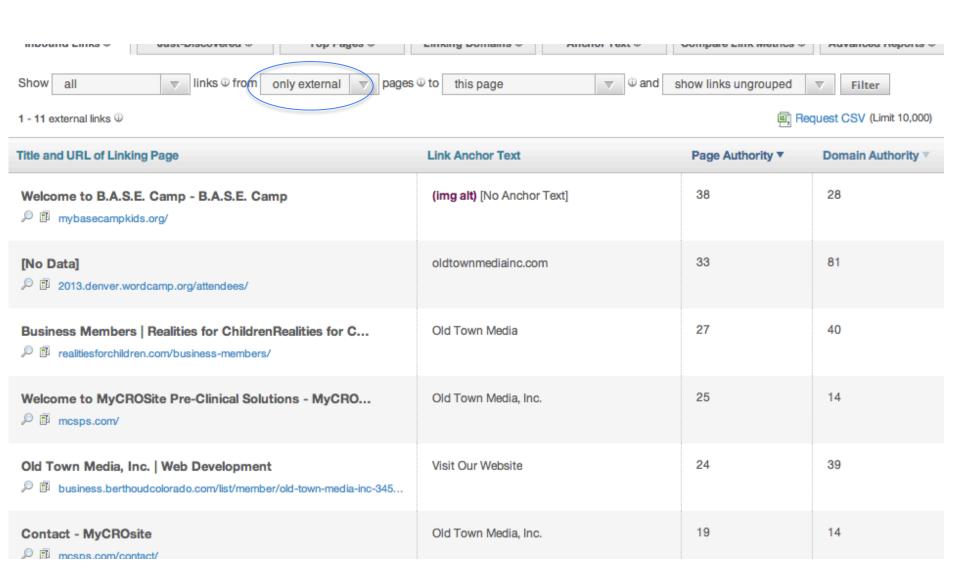
Linking Domains ①

Anchor Text ①

#### Page Specific Metrics: See which metrics are affecting the pages on your site.

	www.target.com/	www.walmart.com	www.kohls.com
Page Authority:	<sup>©</sup> 94	93	85
Page MozRank:	6.91	<b>√</b> 7.01	6.46
Page MozTrust:	6.73	<b>✓</b> 6.75	6.33
Internal Equity-Passing Links:	√ 120,909	120,678	32,761
External Equity-Passing Links:	177,891	<b>✓</b> 209,126	46,686
Total Internal Links:	125,494	<b>✓</b> 126,619	32,761
Total External Links:	206,934	<b>✓</b> 219,557	50,487
Total Links:	332,428	<b>✓</b> 346,176	83,248
Followed Linking Root Domains:	<b>✓</b> 21,249	18,990	6,149
Total Linking Root Domains:	<b>✓ 22,970</b>	20,496	6,707
Linking C Blocks:	<b>✓</b> 4,231	4,175	1,400
<ul> <li>Equity-Passing Links:</li> <li>vs</li> <li>Non-Equity-Passing Links:</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Internal Links         vs</li> <li>External Links</li> </ul>			







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#### Social Media

- Make sure that your business is actively on social networking sites. Pick social networking sites that make sense for YOU, that you can maintain.
- Don't ignore Google+... Google owns it, and you want to be on Google.
- Keep things circular! Post blogs, link to them on social networking sites & use social sharing

#### **Adhere to Secure Logins & Procedures**

Getting hacked is no fun for anyone. You don't have access to your website, Google will penalize you severally, and worst of all your prospects and customers can't view your site. Taking simple precautions such as ensuring that you have a solid password and using normal security measures will save a lot of costs from paying someone to restore your website. We recommend using iThemes Security as your main security plugin and if you have constant issues with attacks use Login

With WordPress, you can do amazing things - and do them with no cost at all. Follow these simple tips and you'll be able to





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#### Search Directories

- Make sure to take advantage of free online listing sites & directories. Fill out information that you expect to be permanent!
  - Yelp
  - TripAdvisor
  - Merchant Circle
  - Urbanspoon
  - Visit Fort Collins
  - Downtownfortcollins.com
  - The list goes on and on & is has industry specific directories also!





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# Google Map Listings & Rank

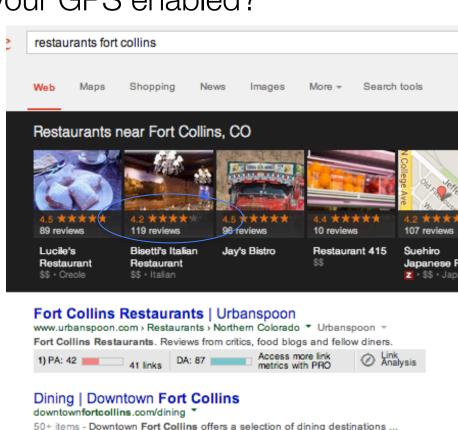
 First, look at how you're searching: have you cleared your browser cache/cookies? Is your GPS enabled?

Simply Extraordinary.

These will affect what businesses show up in what rank for you.

- To increase your listing rank:
  - Claim and update the content on your listing!Add photos & content
  - Increase your # of reviews!
    - You need at least 4 reviews to become "rated" on Google



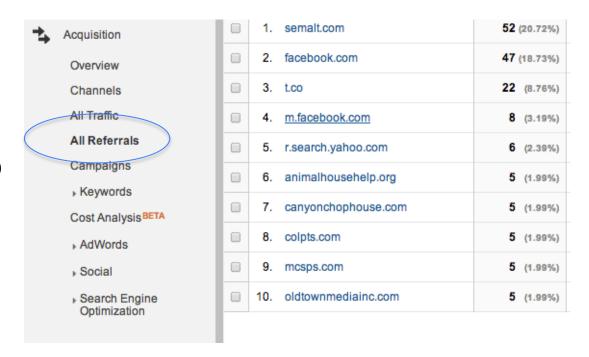


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# Offline Marketing

- Sponsorships
- Press Releases
- Advertising (online)
  - Use Google
     Analytics to help you determine where your website traffic is coming from!





#### Questions?



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