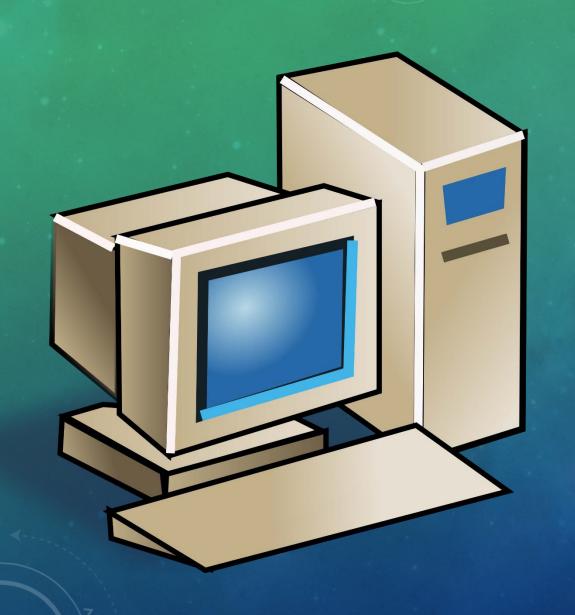




CREATING GOOGLE

- In 1996, a couple of nerds named Sergey Brin and Larry Page started working on a project to create a search engine, which they called BackRub (later renamed Google)
- They focused on developing a search engine that relied on a mathematical algorithm to rate the prominence of web pages.





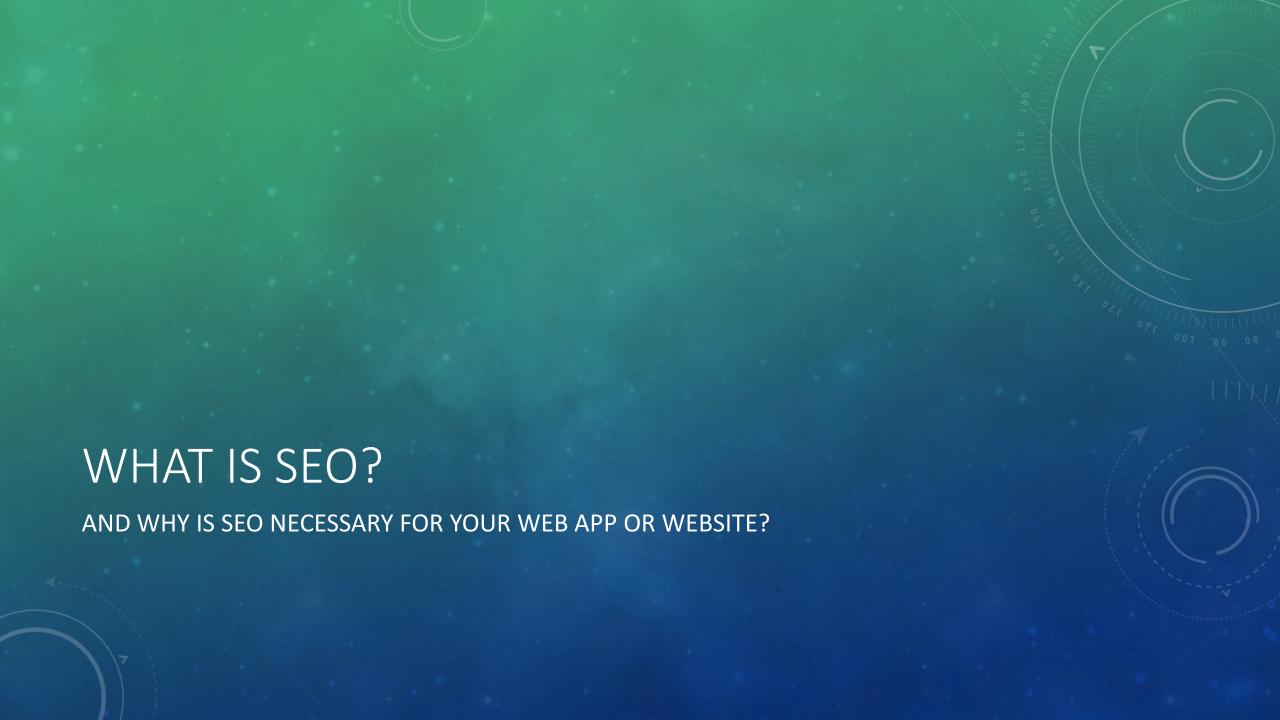
THE WORLD WIDE WEB

- In the 90's, people started to create the first websites and they quickly realized they could make money off of them.
- They needed a way to direct traffic to their site in order for them to earn anything.

THE NEED FOR SEO?...

- As search engines started getting used more & more, website owners were trying to figure out how to make their websites show up in their search results.
- Thus, the practice of Search Engine Optimization was born!







Search engine optimization (SEO) is the process of affecting the online visibility of a website or page in a web search engine's unpaid results—often referred to as "natural", "organic", or "earned" results.

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WHY IS SEO IMPORTANT?

- Keeps the search results fair
- Users trust search engines
- Cost effective way to drive traffic to your site



CRAWLING AND INDEXING

- Imagine the World Wide Web as a network of stops in a city subway system
- Each stop is unique page or other file (image, pdf etc.)
- Search engines need a way to crawl the "city" and find the "stops" along the way
- Links allow the search engines' robots called "crawlers", "spiders", or "bots" to reach the billions of interconnected "stops" on the web





ANSWER MACHINES

- Search engines are really just big answer machines
- When a person performs an online search, the search engine scours its database of billions of documents and does two things:
 - First it returns relevant results to the searcher's query
 - Second it ranks those results according to the popularity

HOW DO SEARCH ENGINES DETERMINE RELEVANCE AND POPULARITY?

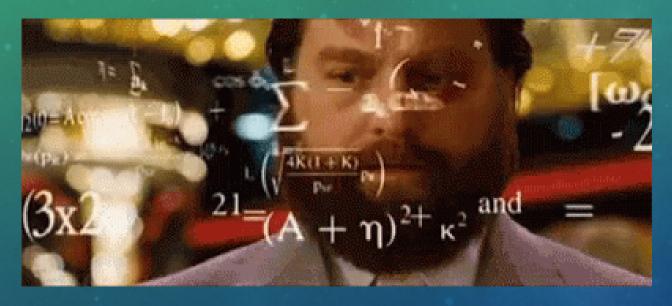
Popularity and relevance aren't determined manually

- Instead, the engines employ mathematical equations (algorithms) to sort the good pages from the bad (relevance), and then to rank the good pages in order of quality (popularity)
- These algorithms often comprise hundreds of variables





GOOGLE ALGORITHMS



Link: https://backlinko.com/google-ranking-factors

- At the core of Google's algorithms is a simple goal: provide the best search experience possible
- Website creators have a lot to keep up with when they consider the 200 ranking factors outlined by Google
- There are some factors which are effectively out of our control, such as the ages of our sites and domain names
- However, many of these ranking factors are within our control

GOOGLE ALGORITHMS: A BASIC OVERVIEW

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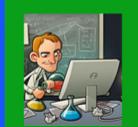
PENGUIN



PIRATE



PIGEON



PAGE LAYOUT

The Content Algorithm

The Links Algorithm

The Copyright Algorithm

The Local Search Algorithm

The Layout Algorithm



Penguin 2.1

Spam fighting update

of search queries

that impacted about 1%

Designed to prevent sites with poor quality content. from working their way into Google's top search results

Pigeon

A new algorithm to provide relevant and accurate local search results that are tied more closely to traditional ranking. Visible within Google Maps and Google Web.



An update to filter designed to penalize "thin" or poor content from ranking well.

Pirate 2.0

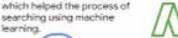
More than two years after the original DMCA/'Pirate' update. Google launched another update to combat software and digital media



E-commerce focused update & a mobile usability update



Panda 4.2 Another refresh that affected



AdWords Shakeup

Removal of the right-column eds entirely and rolling out 4-ad top blocks on many commercial searches.

Hummingbird

The softer Panda update



Reveal of a new search algorithm. the system it uses to sort through all the information it has when you search and come back with answers.

Payday 3.0

Payday Loan 2.0 anti-spam update. 2.0 targeted specific sites, while 3.0 targeted spammy queries



Q HTTP

Https/SSL Update

Google announced that they would be giving preference to secure sites, and that adding encryption would provide a "lightweight" rankings boost,

Penguin 3.0

An algorithm refresh that helped sites that have already cleaned up the webspam signals discovered in the previous update.



Pigeon Expansion

Expanded to the United Kingdom. Canada, and Australia.



Originally dubbed "Phantom 2", Google acknowledged a core algorithm change impacting "quality signals". This update had a broad impact.



Quality Update

RankBrain

Announcement of a new Al-

Core algorithm update





2-3% of queries.

SEARCH ENGINE FRIENDLY DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT



INDEXABLE CONTENT

- Your most important content should be in HTML text format.
- Images, Flash files, Java applets, and other non-text content are often ignored or devalued by search engine crawlers, despite advances in crawling technology.
- (There is an algorithm now that does analyze images and their tags)



- Common reasons why pages may not be reachable:
 - Submission forms
 - Links in unparsable JavaScript
 - Links in flash, Java, or other
 Web-App plugins
 - Links on pages with many hundreds or thousands of links



KEYWORD USAGE AND TARGETING

PAGE TARGETING THE PHRASE "RUNNING SHOES"

IIILE: Running Shoes for Runners Who Love High Quality, Comfortable Shoes

WI HEADER TAG: Find the Best Running Shoes to Fit Your Needs



BODY COPY: Some compelling text about the benefits of choosing the right running shoes, finding the brands and sizes that fit your feet and how to compare running shoes in an easy-to-follow, logical fashion. This would also be a good place to describe how different running shoes apply to different activities like trail running, long distance running, sprinting, etc.

ALT ATTRIBUTE FO PROTO: The Famous Running Shoes of an Olympian

URL: http://www.yourdomain.com/Running Shoes

- Search engines measure how keywords are used on pages to help determine the relevance of a particular document to a query.
- One of the best ways to optimize a page's ranking is to ensure that the keywords you want to rank are prominently used in titles, text, and metadata.
- Generally speaking, as you make your keywords more specific, you narrow the competition for search results, and improve your chances of achieving a higher ranking.



META TAGS

Meta tags are a proxy for information about a website's content.

Meta Description

- A short description of a page's content
- Serves the function of advertising copy, drawing readers to your site from the results.
- Can be any length, but search engines generally will cut snippets longer than 160 characters, so it's generally wise to stay within in these limits

Meta Robots

- Can be used to control search engine crawler activity (for all of the major engines) on a per-page level.
- index/noindex tells the engines whether the page should be crawled and kept in the engines' index for retrieval
- follow/nofollow tells the engines whether links on the page should be crawled

TITLE TAGS

- The title element of a page is meant to be an accurate, concise description of a page's content.
- Length matters only the first 65-75 characters of a title tag show in the search results
- Place important keywords close to the front

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