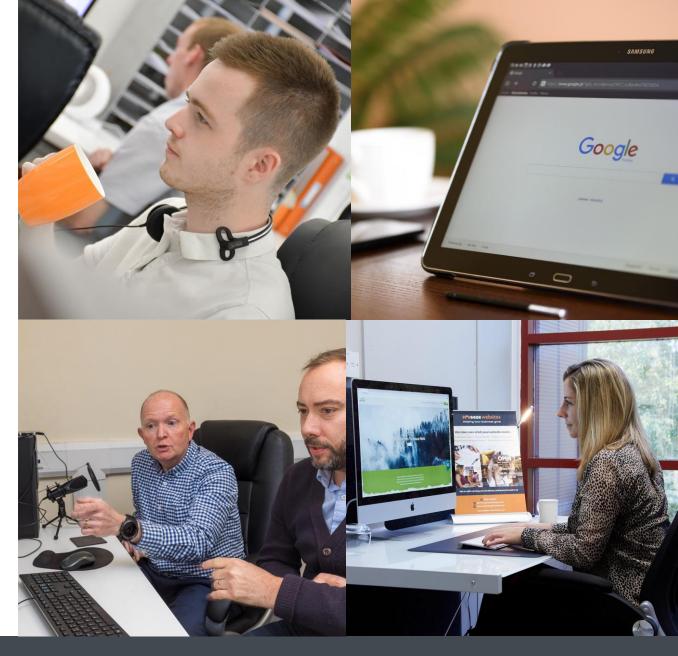
All you need to know about SEO

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Topics we will cover



- 1. What is SEO and why is it important?
- 2. How do search engines work?
- **3.** On-page SEO factors
- **4.** Off-page SEO factors
- **5.** White and black hat techniques
- **6.** E.A.T
- 7. 6 tips to improve your website ranking

What is **SEO?**

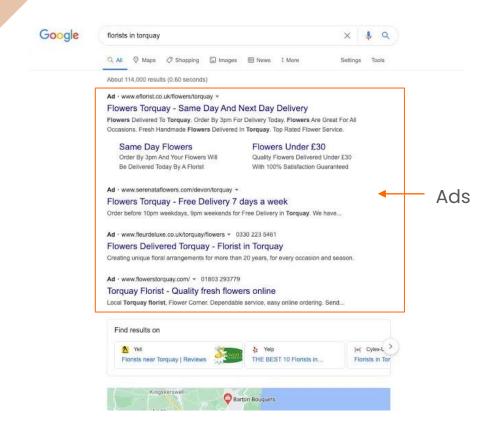
- Search Engine Optimisation
- Process of optimising a website so it appears higher in search results for relevant queries
- The aim: to bring more website traffic and increase conversions
- Search engines rank websites based on which will be the most useful for users

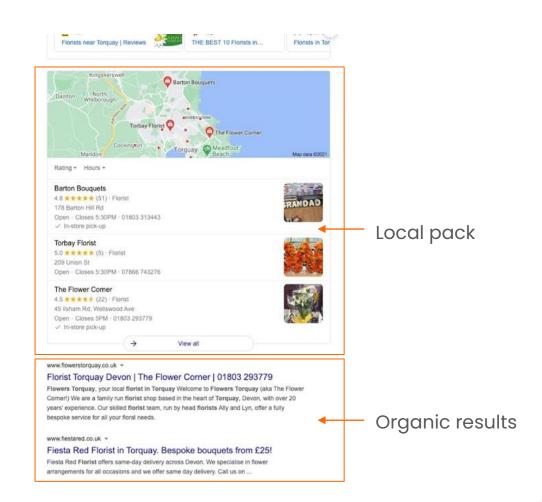


Why is SEO important?

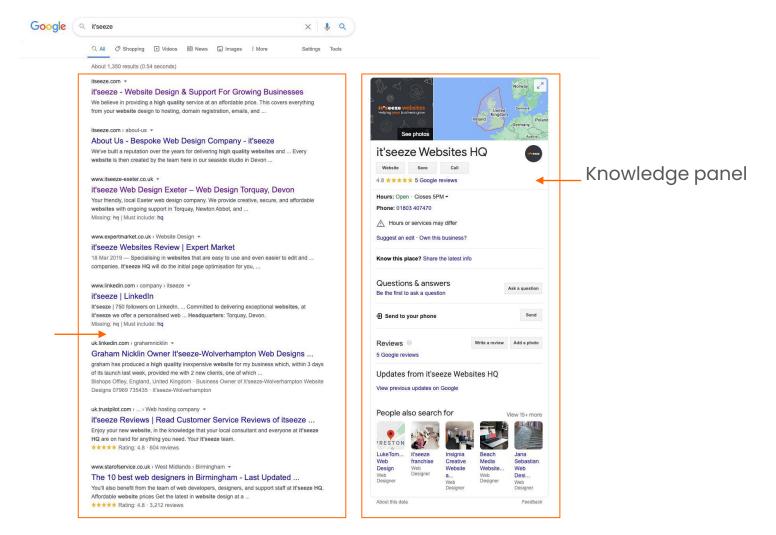
- Majority of online traffic comes through search engines
- People are far more likely to click on organic search results
- Long-term results cost-effective
- High-intent audience
- Can also target low-intent audiences
- Increases your chances of appearing for more queries

Search Engine Results





Search Engine Results



Organic results

How do search engines work?

- Search engines want to provide users with the most relevant results possible in relation to their search query
- 3 step process:
 - **Crawling** Search engines send out robots to find new and updated content.
 - **Indexing** Google processes and stores the content in its index
 - **Ranking** Algorithms are used to determine which pages to show in search
- Algorithms consider many different ranking factors when pulling websites through into search results
- Google's algorithms are updated all the time can affect rankings

On-page SEO factors

Keywords

- Keyword research is a vital part of any SEO strategy
- Keywords should be used in:

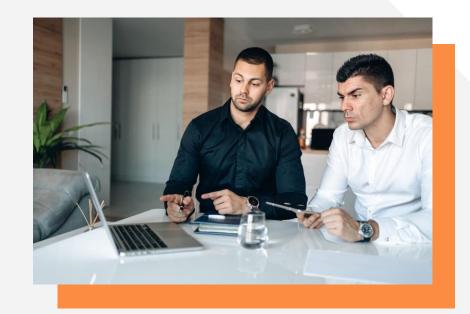
Metadata

URLs

Headings

& throughout your website content

- Use long-tail keywords to target more specific, less competitive search queries
- Aim to target around 5-10 long-tail keywords
- Keywords show search engines that your website is relevant for search results



Metadata

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Page title

Meta descriptions

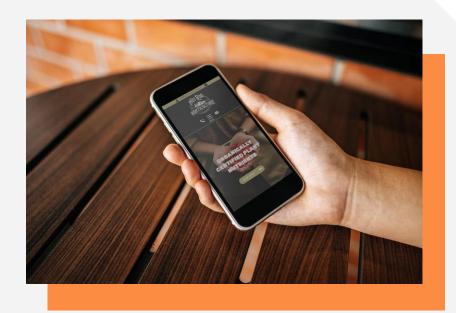
Headings



- Easy for both visitors and search engines to navigate and understand
- H1 is the page's main heading only one per page
- H2 tags used to separate out different sections of a page
- H3 tags then used to organise the text in each of these sections into sub-sections

Other

- Internal links help search engines crawl your website more efficiently
- Alt text help search engines
 understand what each image is showing
- Page speed Google favours websites that load quickly
- URLs each page should have a clear and concise URL
- Content Google loves websites that are regularly updated
- Responsive mobile-friendly websites
 are more likely to rank higher



Off-page SEO factors

Links

- These act as votes of confidence in your website
- The more links you have, the more likely your site is to contain quality content
- Need to be from authoritative sources
- Have to be earned
- Links should be relevant, from topically similar websites
- Links will naturally increase over time
- Avoid black-hat techniques for gaining links



Other

- **Reviews** trust is key to ranking well
- **Citations** e.g. business directories. Consistent citations are important
- **Domain age** the older your website is, the better
- Social media –increase opportunities for links by spreading your content



White hat SEO

Key principles:

- Provide high-quality, relevant content
- Create a user-friendly website fast loading and mobile-friendly
- Make your website easy to navigate
- Keep metadata clear and easy to understand

White hat SEO is sustainable, with long-term results

Black hat SEO



Risky and unethical – can lead to website being penalised or permanently banned

Common practices to avoid:

- Keyword stuffing
- Hidden content
- Thin content
- Duplicate content
- Paid links
- Fake reviews

Remember **EAT**

Expertise **A**uthoritativeness **T**rustworthiness

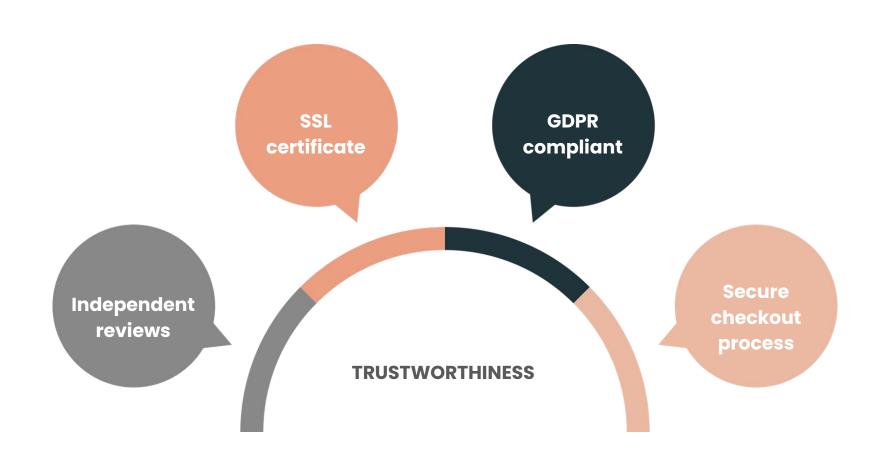
Expertise



Authoritativeness



Trustworthiness



6 tips to help improve your website ranking

- 1. Make sure your website
 - is fully responsive (mobile friendly)
 - loads quickly
 - and has an SSL Certificate
- 2. Do your keyword research. What are they likely to type into Google?
- 3. Pick one keyword (product/service) per page. Create high quality content
- 4. Put keywords into headings and page titles
- 5. Create content that will generate links shareable
- **6.** Ask your customers for online reviews

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