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EXPERIENCE

- 2004 Started in digital marketing & founded Footnote Films
- 2012 Built the Local Search Product for LocalVox

2015 Turned the Search Group at Profero into a multi-million dollar business in less than a year

- 2015 Made AdAge 40 under 40 list
- **2017** Founded Growth Skills

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Agenda

- 1. Understanding SEO
- 2. How to do an SEO audit
- 3. How to do On-page audit
- 4. How to do a Content audit
- 5. How to do an Off-page audit
- 6. How to do a Conversion audit
- 7. How to display audit findings
- 8. How to use the SEO Project Manager Sheet



Understanding Search Engine Optimization

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What you will learn

1. Search as a human behavior

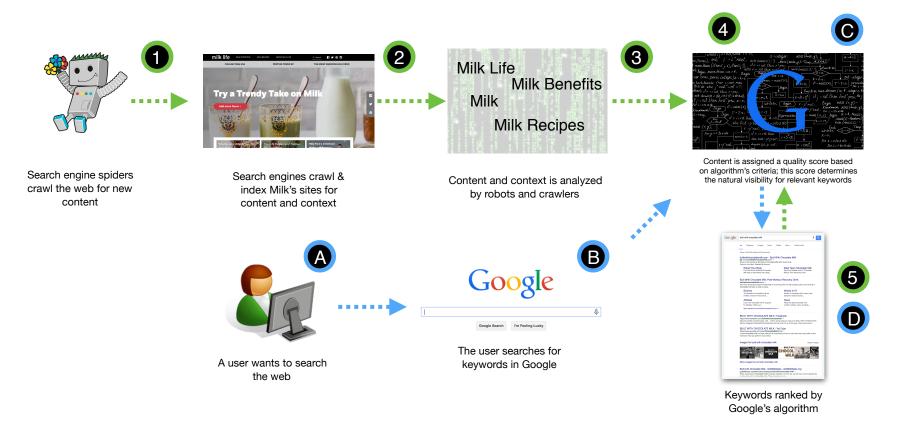
2. How search works

3. Things to optimize on a website

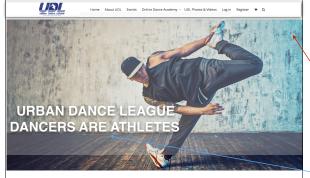
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Search is a human behavior that ha continued to evolve

How search works



Some of the things search engine crawlers look for



Urban Dance League (UDL) is a professional dance league that believes "Dancers Are Athletes". We host dance battles, provide performances opportunities and training for youth and adults.



Our Mission

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UDLs goal is to provide a new sport for people to love and enjoy. Dancers are Athletes is not a slogan its a LifeStyle. Are you ready to be entertained





UDI Athletes

https://urbandanceleague.com/main-keyword

URI

A site's web address. URLs should include primary keywords

Title Tag

Title tags are used to describe the contents of a page. Tags should be unique to each page and include primary and secondary keywords.

Meta Descriptions: Meta descriptions are in the code and not visible on the page. They must be optimized as well.

Heading (H1) Tag

Describes the subject of the page. An H1 tag should only be used once and include primary keywords

On-Page Content

The body of copy, images, videos, etc. on a page. Content should be unique and relevant to the page topic

Heading (H2-H6) Tags These tags are used for subheadings and for better overall structure of a page

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Divisions

Online Academy

General SEO is broken into four work flows

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General SEO

Keyword Research

Researching search terms that customers are using during their path to purchase

<u>Content</u>

Creating and optimizing high quality content to expand the reach of your website

<u>On-Page</u>

Optimizing things on your website to improve performance.

Off-Page

Working with things that are not on your website to increase performance I.e social media, backlinks



1. Search as a human behavior

2. Search engine crawlers or spiders crawl webpages

3. Meta title, H1, and page content are a few things to optimize on a website



Understanding How to use a SEO audit score card

What you will learn

1. SEO Scorecard Framework

2. How to do an SEO audit

3. What tools to use for your audit

4. Free and paid audit tools

A basic mini-audit focuses on four areas





Optimizing things on your website to improve performance.



Creating and optimizing high quality content to expand the reach of your website

Content

Off-Page



Working with things that are not on your website to increase performance I.e social media, backlinks



<u>Conversions</u>

Check to see that the website is setup to track and increase leads, sales or other types of conversions.

Use a SEO audit scorecard to show optimization percentage



| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|-------------------|---|--|------------------|---|--|
| ON-PAGE 0% | Mobile Friendly Website Page Speed Titles & Meta Descriptions URL Structure Heading Tag Use | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Is the website mobile friendly? Is it built responsive? Does the site load quickly? It should load in half a second. Does the site have meta titles and descriptions that are optimized? Does the site have a clean keyword rich URL structure? Does the site use H1-H3 tags correctly? | •Google Mobile Testing Tool •Google Page Speed Tool •Screaming Frog •Screaming Frog •Screaming Frog |
| CONTENT 0% | Blog Video (on-site & YouTube) On Page Copy (Text & Keywords) Images Internal Linking | HIGH MEDIUM HIGH MEDIUM MEDIUM | | Does the site have a biog with optimized content? Does the site have videos that are optimized on it? Does the site have keyword rich page copy? Are the images named after a target keyword & have keyword alt text? Does the site have internal links with keyword rich anchor text? | Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check |
| OFF-PAGE 0% | Social Media Assets on Site Social Media Engagement Number of Backlinks Backlink Quality Domain Authority | MEDIUM MEDIUM HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the site have social sharing functionality? Is the content on the site being shared? Does the site have a lot of backlinks? Does the site have high quality backlinks from sites with high domain authority? Does the site have high domain authority? | Manual Check Manual Check SEM RUSH SEM RUSH SEM RUSH |
| CONVERSIONS 0% | Lead Capture Forms Clear Calls to Action Steps to Check Out / Sign Up Comments/Reviews onsite Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |

Example SEO Scorecard audit filled out



| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|--------------------|--|--|------------------|---|--|
| ON-PAGE 30% | Mobile Friendly Website Page Speed Titles & Meta Descriptions URL Structure Heading Tag Use | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Is the website mobile friendly? Is it built responsive? Does the site load quickly? It should load in half a second. Does the site have meta titles and descriptions that are optimized? Does the site have a clean keyword rich URL structure? Does the site use H1-H3 tags correctly? | Google Mobile Testing Tool Google Page Speed Tool Screaming Frog Screaming Frog Screaming Frog |
| CONTENT 20% | Blog Video (on-site & YouTube) On Page Copy (Text & Keywords) Images Internal Linking | HIGH MEDIUM HIGH MEDIUM MEDIUM | | Does the site have a biog with optimized content? Does the site have videos that are optimized on it? Does the site have keyword rich page copy? Are the images named after a target keyword & have keyword alt text? Does the site have internal links with keyword rich anchor text? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check |
| OFF-PAGE 40% | Social Media Assets on Site Social Media Engagement Number of Backlinks Backlink Quality Domain Authority | MEDIUM MEDIUM HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the site have social sharing functionality? Is the content on the site being shared? Does the site have a lot of backlinks? Does the site have high quality backlinks from sites with high domain authority? Does the site have high domain authority? | Manual Check Manual Check SEM RUSH SEM RUSH SEM RUSH |
| CONVERSIONS 50% | Lead Capture Forms Clear Calls to Action Steps to Check Out / Sign Up Comments/Reviews onsite Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |

Point system methodology

The point system allows you to get an audit percentage that you can improve over time as you fix the issues.

- Red is zero points
- Yellow is half a point
- Green is a full point

The Point Total: You then total the points for each section

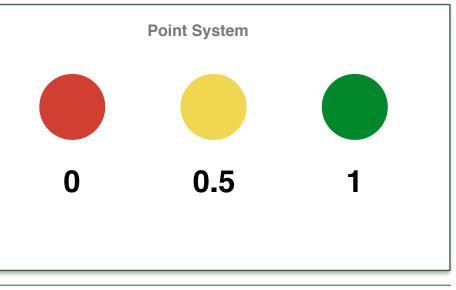
Divide: You then divide the total by the number of items in the audit to get the percentage **The Percentage:** The percentage is the number you want to improve

In this example:

The Point Total: Is 1.5 Divide: The number of audit items is 5 The Percentage: The percentage is 30%



Is the website mobile friendly? Is it built responsive?
Does the site load quickly? It should load in half a second.
Does the site have meta titles and descriptions that are optimized?
Does the site have a clean keyword rich URL structure?
Does the site use H1-H3 tags correctly?



Free SEO Tools

| Tools | Usage | Website |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| SEO Quake | Audit | https://www.seoquake.com/ |
| Screaming Frog | Audit | https://www.screamingfrog.co.uk |
| Google Keyword Planner | Keyword Research | https://adwords.google.com/home/tools/keyword-planner/ |
| Google Search Console | Audit | https://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/home?hl=en&pli=1 |
| Keywords Every Where | Keyword Research | https://keywordseverywhere.com/ |
| Answer the Public | Keyword Research | http://answerthepublic.com/ |
| Uber Suggest | Keyword Research | https://ubersuggest.io/ |
| Pingdom Tool | Page Speed Testing | https://tools.pingdom.com/ |
| Google Mobile Friendly Tester | Mobile Testing | https://search.google.com/test/mobile-friendly |
| GTMetrix | Page Speed Testing | https://gtmetrix.com/ |
| Open SEO Stats | Audit | http://pagerank.chromefans.org/ |

Paid SEO Tools

| Tools | Usage | Price | Website |
|--------------|--|---------|-----------------------------|
| MOZ | Audit, Keyword Search, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | \$99/m | https://moz.com |
| SEM RUSH | Audit, Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | \$99/m | https://www.semrush.com |
| SEO Monitor | Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring | \$62/m | https://www.seomonitor.com/ |
| Ahrefs | Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | | https://ahrefs.com/ |
| Majestic SEO | Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | | https://majestic.com/ |
| Woo Rank | Audit | \$49/m | https://www.woorank.com/ |
| Bright Edge | Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | | https://www.brightedge.com/ |
| Conductor | Keyword Research, Keyword Monitoring, Backlink Analysis | | https://www.conductor.com/ |
| Oz Content | Keyword Research | \$299/m | https://ozcontent.com/ |

Summary

1. Mini audits are important and just a start to bigger audits

2. Your optimization percentage allows you to make changes and improve it over time

3. Always show recommendations in Issue / Solution format

4. You need the right tools to get the job done



How to **Do an on-page audit**

What you will learn

1. How to do an on-page SEO audit

How to do the on-page portion of the scorecard

Bad Okay Good

| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|----------------------------|---|--|------------------|---|--|
| ON-PAGE <mark>0%</mark> | •Mobile Friendly •Website Page Speed •Titles & Meta Descriptions •URL Structure •Heading Tag Use | High High High High High | | Is the website mobile friendly? Is it built responsive? Does the site load quickly? It should load in half a second. Does the site have meta titles and descriptions that are optimized? Does the site have a clean keyword rich URL structure? Does the site use H1-H3 tags correctly? | Google Mobile Testing Tool Google Page Speed Tool Screaming Frog Screaming Frog Screaming Frog |
| CONTENT 0% | Blog Video (on-site & YouTube) On Page Copy (Text & Keywords) Images Internal Linking | High Medium High Medium Medium | | Does the site have a biog with optimized content? Does the site have videos that are optimized on it? Does the site have keyword rich page copy? Are the images named after a target keyword & have keyword alt text? Does the site have internal links with keyword rich anchor text? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check |
| | | | | | Manual Check Manual Check SEM RUSH SEM RUSH SEM RUSH |
| CONVERSIONS 0% | Lead Capture Forms Clear Calls to Action Steps to Check Out / Sign Up Comments/Reviews onsite Conversion Tag | High High High High High | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |

Summary

1. Websites must be built mobile friendly

2. Responsive design is when websites are built to fit the device type

3. Websites must load quickly to rank well on search engines

4. Meta titles & descriptions, URLs H1 -H3 tags must be optimized and contain a relevant keyword



How to **Do a Content audit**

What you will learn

1. How to do an Content audit

How to do the content portion of the scorecard

Bad Okay Good

| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|-------------------|---|--|------------------|---|---|
| ON-PAGE 0% | | | | | |
| CONTENT 0% | •Blog •Video (on-site & YouTube) •On Page Copy (Text & Keywords) •Images •Internal Linking | HIGH MEDIUM HIGH MEDIUM MEDIUM | | Does the site have a biog with optimized content? Does the site have videos that are optimized on it? Does the site have keyword rich page copy? Are the images named after a target keyword & have keyword alt text? Does the site have internal links with keyword rich anchor text? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check |
| OFF-PAGE 0% | | | | | |
| CONVERSIONS 0% | •Lead Capture Forms •Clear Calls to Action •Steps to Check Out / Sign Up •Comments/Reviews onsite •Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |



1. Website needs a blog with optimized content to stay relevant

2. The website should have videos because people learn in different ways

3. Images must be named after the Target keyword and have optimized alt text

4. Internal links are needed to pass traffic and authority from page to page



How to **Do an off-page audit**

What you will learn

1. How to do an off-page SEO audit

How to do the off-page portion of the scorecard

Okay

Good

| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|-------------------|--|--|------------------|---|---|
| ON-PAGE 0% | | | | | |
| CONTENT 0% | | | | | |
| OFF-PAGE 0% | Social Media Assets on Site Social Media Engagement Number of Backlinks Backlink Quality Domain Authority | MEDIUM MEDIUM HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the site have social sharing functionality? Is the content on the site being shared? Does the site have a lot of backlinks? Does the site have high quality backlinks from sites with high domain authority? Does the site have high domain authority? | Manual Check Manual Check SEM RUSH SEM RUSH SEM RUSH |
| CONVERSIONS 0% | Lead Capture Forms Clear Calls to Action Steps to Check Out / Sign Up Comments/Reviews onsite Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |



1. The website should be easy to share on social sites

2. High quality backlinks increase domain authority

3. High domain authority helps websites rank for difficult keywords



How to **Do a Conversion audit**

What you will learn

1. How to do a Conversion audit

How to do the conversions portion of the scorecard

Bad Okay Good

| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | |
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| CONVERSIONS 0% | •Lead Capture Forms •Clear Calls to Action •Steps to Check Out / Sign Up •Comments/Reviews onsite •Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Does the the site effectively capture emails or other customer information? Is there a single clear instruction for the site visitor to do on the page? Does the site have more than three steps to check out or sign up? Does the website have great comments and reviews? Does the website have a conversion tag to track leads or sales? | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Google Tag Assistant |

Summary

1. The website must have lead capture forms for conversions

2. The website must have clear call to actions

3. The steps to check out should be as short as possible

4. Websites need to be able to track conversions with the correct tags

5. Good comments and reviews lead to sales



How to **Display audit findings**

What you will learn

1. What the final audit should look like

2. How to display your findings

Our final SEO Scorecard



| Optimization% | SEO Element | Impact on Ranking | Current State | Change Recommendations | Tools to Use |
|--------------------|--|--|------------------|---|---|
| ON-PAGE 60% | •Mobile Friendly •Website Page Speed •Titles & Meta Descriptions •URL Structure •Heading Tag Use | High High High High High | | Website is mobile friendly and built with responsive design Site takes 7.4 seconds to load which is bad. Images are to large etc Meta titles and descriptions are partially optimized. This needs work. URLs are partially optimized and need to be shorter with keywords in them. Pages had H1 and H2 tags with the keywords in them. | •Google Mobile Testing Tool •Google Page Speed Tool •Screaming Frog •Screaming Frog •Screaming Frog |
| CONTENT | Blog Video (on-site & YouTube) On Page Copy (Text & Keywords) Images Internal Linking | HIGH MEDIUM HIGH MEDIUM MEDIUM | | Blog needs to be updated and used to target core terms. They do have video on site and on YouTube but they need to be optimized. On-page copy is great and does have keywords in them. Some images are named correctly other are not. This needs to be fixed. There are very few internal links especially on the service landing page. | •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check •Manual Check |
| OFF-PAGE 60% | Social Media Assets on Site Social Media Engagement Number of Backlinks Backlink Quality Domain Authority | MEDIUM MEDIUM HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Site does not make it easy to share it's content on social media The site has great reviews and social engagement The site has a fair amount of backlinks. 3.6k The site has links from high quality websites and colleges. The sites domain authority is 35 which is good for a business of its size. | Manual Check Manual Check SEM RUSH SEM RUSH SEM RUSH |
| CONVERSIONS 60% | Lead Capture Forms Clear Calls to Action Steps to Check Out / Sign Up Comments/Reviews onsite Conversion Tag | HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH HIGH | | Website does have lead forms on the main page but should have on others. Site does have call to action on home page but should have on other pages. It is a simple sign up process which is great. The site has amazing reviews that are displayed on the site. The site has a conversion tag but needs unique conversion pages. | Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check Manual Check Google Tag Assistant |

Display recommendations as Issue and Solution

Issue:

Meta title and descriptions are not optimized. They have no value prop and the description is pulling from the page.

Current Brand at Value Title should have primary and secondary the end **Primary Keywords** Proposition keywords without appearing keyword-stuffed weekday boxer brief - MyPakage Boxer Briefs | Soft and Breathable 15% Off | BN3TH https://usa.mypakage.com/collections/all/boxer-brief?page=2 -HTTPS://B3NTH.COM/BOXER-BRIEFS Collections. New. Active. Lifestyle. sale. Sale items are final sale. No returns or exchanges - No B3NTH boxer briefs eliminates skin on skin contact preventing the need to exceptions, colors, solid color, print, black, camo, size, xxs; xs; s; m; l; xl; xxl; VIEW SIZE CHART, We're adjust during the day. Click here to buy extremely comfortable boxers. sorry, but based on your current filters, there are no products in stock that meet your specific requirements. Please try to ... Call to action Description should not be pulled Target keywords in description from on page copy. It should be unique and descriptive of the **Annual Keyword Search Volume** respective topic and page. US 397,200 Boxer briefs CA Boxer briefs 28,000

Solution:

Write optimized meta titles and descriptions for every page. They should target a relevant keyword with high search volume.



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Summary

1. Audit recommendations should be displayed in Issue/Solution format

2. Meta titles and descriptions are one of the best places to start optimizing

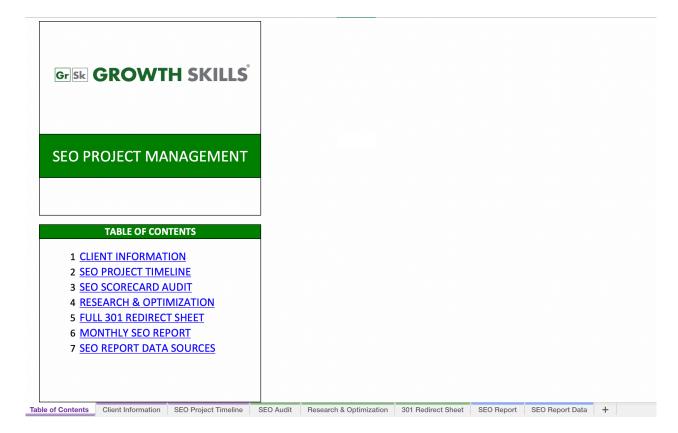


How to Use SEO Project Management Sheet

What you will learn

1. How to use SEO Client Management sheet

SEO Project Management Sheet





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