



SEO tips and tools for franchise and local businesses



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Digital and Search Marketing (Paid advertising, SEO, PPC, ecommerce marketing) Marketing training (and qualifications) for business professionals

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Some of our clients







































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1: The Digital Marketing Landscape





Overview of marketing channels

On-site Sales/Conversions

Search marketing

(PPC, SEO, Merchant Centre)

Traffic to your site from other sources

(email, affiliates, display ads, social, mobile ads, PR, 3rd party sites, shopping comparison, voucher sites, lead generation)

Conversion optimisation

Shopping platforms and market places

(Amazon, eBay)

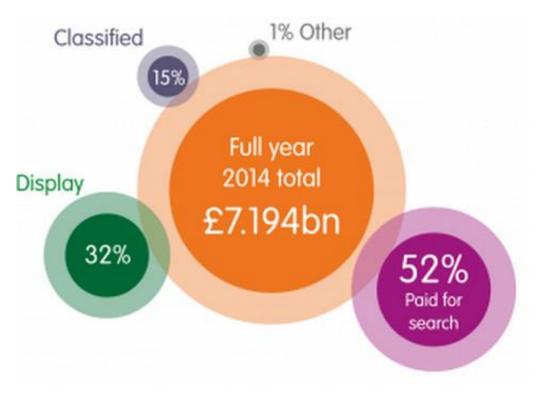
Other off-site sales/leads

(Social, Mobile Apps, daily deals sites)





Digital advertising in the UK – (2014 full year results)



- UK digital ad spend in 2014 reached record high of £7.194 billion with 14% year-on-year growth
- Mobile reached £1.62 billion of this, representing 23% of total. Mobile had 63% yearon-year growth, driven by social, video and in-app ads
- Social ads grew 65% yearon-year to £922m with 56% on mobile (£517m)





2: Maximising your visibility in the local Google search results



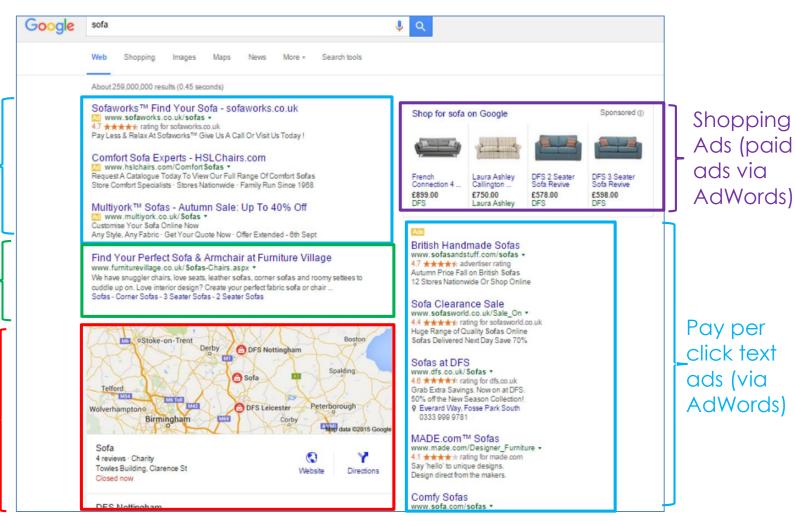


Google results for 'sofa'*

Pay per click ads (via AdWords)

Organic or natural search results

Google new Local listings "Stack"







Google Shopping Ads – "new" features

Aggregated product ratings



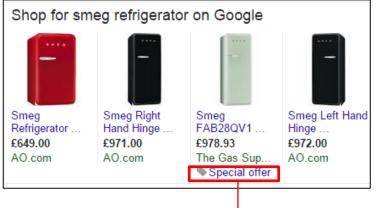
Google Certified Shop



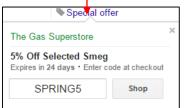
Local inventory listings



Merchant Promotions

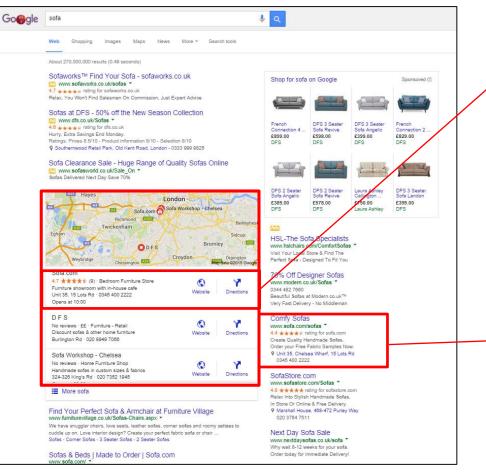


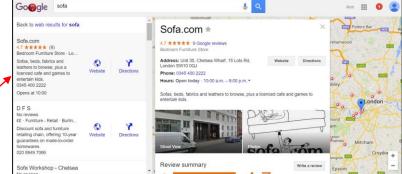




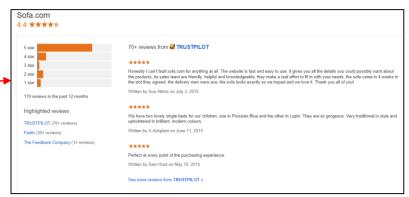


Searching for local services – only 3 show and the importance of Review stars





- Google My Business Page
- Reviews from Google
- Need >5 to show stars



- 3rd party reviews
- Need >30 to show automatically in ads

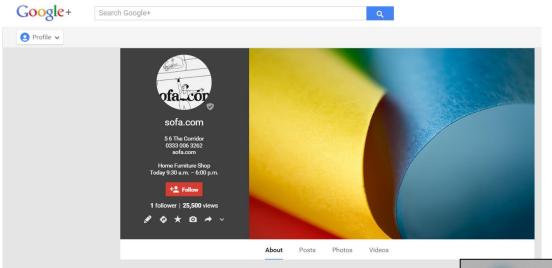




Google My Business Pages (free)

Review summary

Be the first



Enhance your page

- Upload a header image
- Upload a logo
- Personalise with photos and videos
- Encourage customers to give reviews (they have to be signed in)

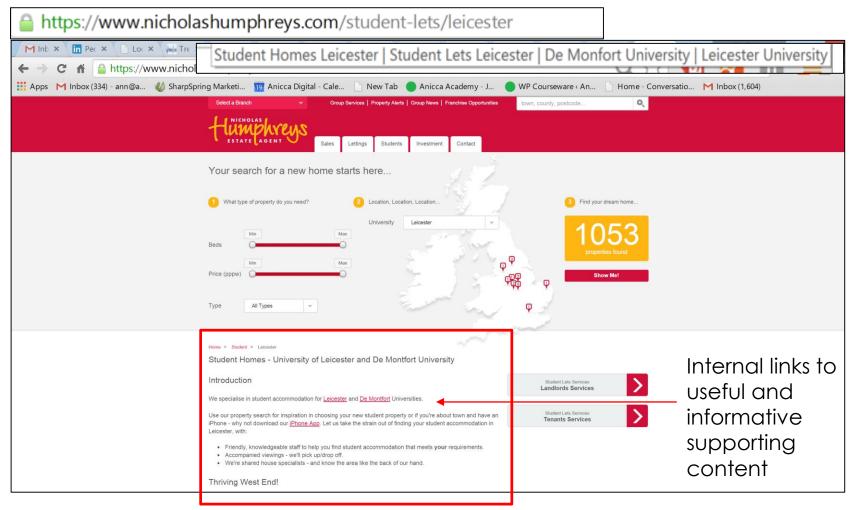




Contact information



Get found for local search phrases - Optimise a page for each city





Dedicated, unique, informative content about the city



How to get into the Google results - free

- Organic or natural listings search engine optimisation of your website i.e. SEO
- Map create a free Google My Business Listing which is part of Google+
- Images and videos make sure these have keyphrases in the file names and tags
- News, blogs and author results create ongoing blog content on your site or via news feed sites (PR)





How to get into the Google results - paid

- Ads set up an AdWords (or Bing Ads) pay per click account(s) – where you bid on relevant phrases and you pay if they click on your ad
- Shopping results feed your ecommerce database into Google Merchant Centre and Shopping ads in AdWords (so you appear in the product image ads)
- Coming soon! Comparison Shopping Engine (CSE) results (e.g. Kelkoo) will have to appear amongst Google ads as "Alternative results"





How to get in the local search results

Pay (AdWords)

- Use local PPC ads, where you opt to only show your ads in your selected area
- Include your phone number and address in your ads (using ad extensions). This will also give you "click-to-call" on mobiles
- Use independent reviews, so your stars show up in your ads (you need >30 reviews with >3.5 rating)

Google My Business Pages

- Appear in the map and 3 local results by creating a strong Google
 My Business page (via Google+)
- You will need a minimum of 5 Google reviews for your stars to show

Main organic results

 Get found in the local organic results for local search phrases by creating and optimising a page for each city or town (SEO)





3: Understanding Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) – a beginners guide





What is SEO?

SEO stands for "search engine optimisation."

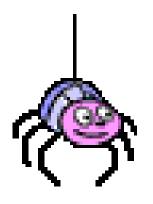
It is the process of getting higher rankings and more traffic from the "free", "organic", "editorial" or "natural" listings on search engines





How Search Engines Work

A search engine is made of three basic components:



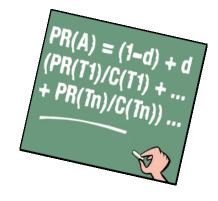
A Spider or Robot

An automated browser, it searches the web for new websites and changes to websites then views the web pages and strips out the text content



A Storage System or Database

A record of all the pages viewed by the Spider



A Matching Process or Relevancy Algorithm

The rules that tell the search engine how to determine what would be relevant to your search





Key aspects of an SEO project

Technical

This aspect of SEO is focused on how well search engine spiders can crawl your site and index your content

Off-Page

This aspect of SEO is concerned primarily with inbound links from other websites to your site.

Natural links from authoritative and relevant websites act as an independent 'vote of confidence', which helps search engines trust your website more

On-Page

This aspect of SEO is concerned primarily with the content on the site and how well it is optimised for relevant keywords, and how it provides a good 'user-experience' for visitors.



There are over 200 factors used in the algorithms of the major search engines!



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Technical SEO

- Domain length and presence of keyword
- URL structure
- Redirects
- SEO "Roadblocks" Frames, Flash, JavaScript, password protected areas etc.
- Robot.txt file
- Sitemaps
- Internal linking
- Indexing and html errors
- Site speed
- Schema
- SSL certificate





On-page optimisation

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On-page factors

- Title Tag
- Meta Tags (e.g. description)
- Content (body text)
- Heading content
- Frequency and density of phrases
- Internal Link structure
- Image tags and file names





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Off-site SEO (website authority)

- Link earning
 - Quality of referring site
 - Anchor text mix of text, brand, domain name, service, keyword (penalise if too many exact match keywords)
 - Mix of follow and no-follow links
 - Citation mentions your company name but no link
- Social mentions correlation or causation?
 - Google+
 - Authorship images were recently removed and will only show if your post is in Google+
 - Facebook Shares
 - Reviews





4: History of Google Algorithm updates and penalties

Google regularly changes its search algorithm to ensure only the most relevant and authoritative websites are shown at the top of the search results.

The majority of algorithm updates target spammy techniques and low quality sites.





Google Panda Impact





- Sudden drops in traffic on a specific date
- Check search blogs for industry news on Google updates
- Check your Webmaster tools for penalty notices





Penguin

When: April 2012

Target: All forms of 'webspam', predominantly link-spam, techniques like "keyword stuffing" and "link

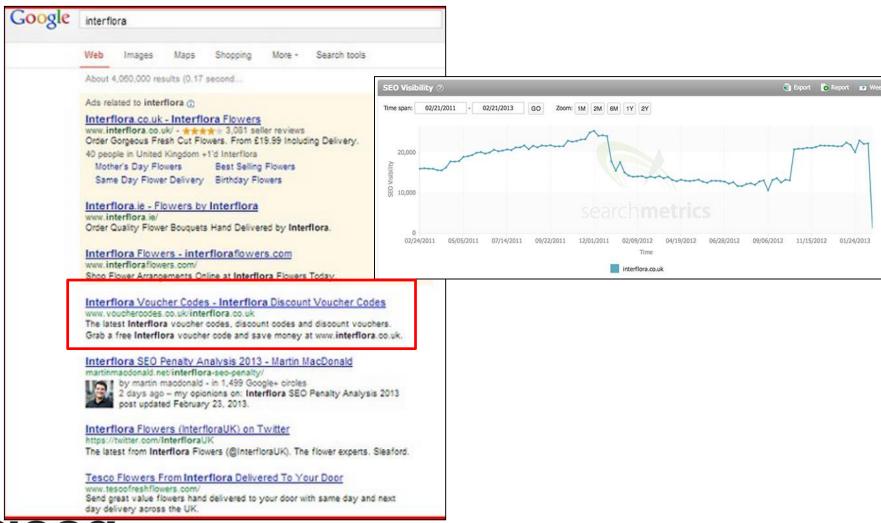
schemes"

Impact: Initially impacted approximately 3% of English searches. Has had a long lasting influence on link building practices

Action: Avoid buying or adding your own links. Try to earn links by having good quality content, or increasing the brand of your site, so you earn links naturally



Interflora and Google's Penguin 2.0 Update







What are "unnatural links"

- Unnatural Links are links that you control, create or buy; as compared with natural links which are generated by real users who value your content enough to link to it.
- Typically found in sites where you can upload the link yourself e.g. unedited directories, article sites
- Often contain "exact match keyphrases" in the anchor text of the link or may be present on every page on the site
- Examples of unnatural links already on the "black list"
 - Buying links using exact match anchor text
 - Blog/forum comments (which are done solely for the link)
 - Guest Posts which are posted on irrelevant sites (which are low-quality)
 - Article directories (which are used to create a link)
 - Online PR/syndication (done solely for SEO purposes with no valuable content)
 - Web designers with exactly the same link at the bottom of every site they build
- Removing unnatural links to avoid a Penguin penalty
 - You have to get other site to remove links to your site
 - or "Disavow" links in Google Webmaster Tools (now called Search Console)



Hummingbird

When: Released to coincide with Google's 15th birthday (August 20^{th,} 2013)

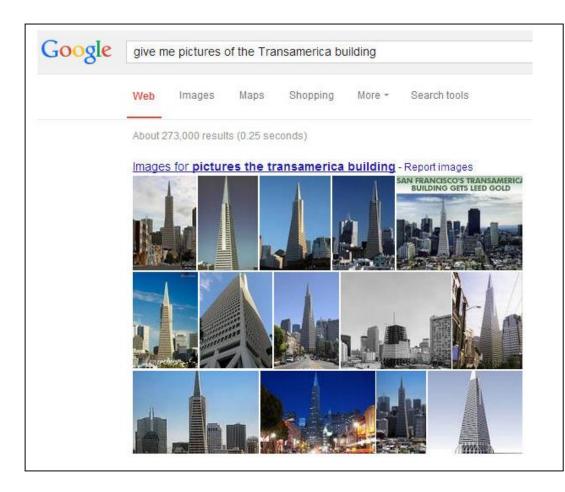
Target: Major change which focuses on the way we ask a series of questions in context ("semantic search"), rather than us searching on a deliberate string of keyphrases

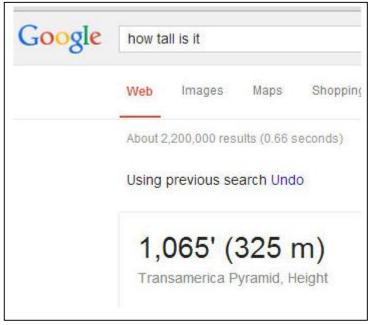
This will help with the use of voice search, as it is similar to the way we speak rather than what we type in

Impact: Results often include the knowledge graph which contains the answers - so users can get what they want to know without leaving Google (especially when using Google Now on a mobile)



Semantic search









Other Google Changes





Rich snippets (that include "structured data" or "Schema Mark-up" on the site)

Argyle Mustache SocksMustacheStuff.com

mustachestuff.com > Shop > Products *

*** ★ Rating: 5 - 1 vote - \$9.00 - In stock

Jun 12, 2012 - Blue argyle awesomeness is about to rock your socks on. These sweet

Argyle Mustache Socks are 75% cotton, 20% polyester, 5% spandex ...

London Theatre Tickets, Reviews and News | WhatsOnStage

www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/

Get the latest info on all London theatre playing in the West End, Off-West End and Fringe theatres. Read show reviews, and buy London theatre tickets.

Sat 11 Apr Bugsy Malone Thu 16 Apr American Buffalo Thu 23 Apr Romeo and Juliet

A-Derma Skin Care Cream 50ml - Boots

www.boots.com > Beauty > Skincare > Face > Moisturisers ▼

*** Rating: 3.5 - 2 reviews - £6.25 - In stock

29 Oct 2014 - Designed for delicate and sensitive skin, A-Derma Skin Care Cream is a fragrance-free nourishing and soothing moisturiser suitable for ...

NEC (National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham) | The List https://www.list.co.uk/place/52354-nec/ >

The busiest and largest exhibition centre in the whole of the land, the National Exhibition Centre contains the multi-purpose LG Arena and hosts everything from

Caravan, Camping And Motorhome Show 2015 Sat, Feb 21 Caravan, Camping And Motorhome Show 2015 Sun, Feb 22 Caravan, Camping And Motorhome Show 2015

Ultimate apple pie | BBC Good Food



Try this sumptuous Bramley apple pie - simple to make and great to prepare in advance for a dinner party.

Showcase Cinema De Lux Leicester (7 Highcross Lane ...

https://film.list.co.uk/cinema/44304-showcase-cinema-de-lux-leicester/ > Showcase Cinema De Lux Leicester. Add to favourites. 7 Highcross Lane, Leicester LE1 4SD view map. Box office 0871 220 1000; Website ...

28 Sep - 1 Oct Legend 29 Sep - 8 Oct The Intern 2 Oct - 8 Oct Macbeth

- Less than 1% of sites used Schema or structured data
- Identify any elements of the site that can be marked up using schema (refer to schema.org for more information).
- Highlight any additional information that could be marked up.
- Mark up individual elements such as business name, address, phone number, opening times and reviews.





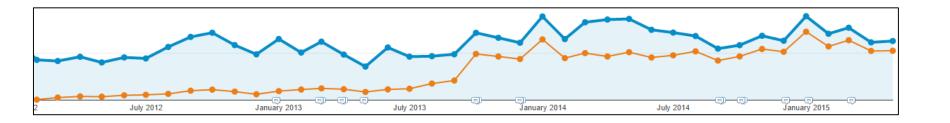
HTTPS/SSL – secure websites – ranking factor?

- August 6th 2014
- Google announced that they would be giving preference to secure sites
- Adding encryption would provide a "lightweight" rankings boost!
- Involves redirects, new Search Console account etc. – so there will be some developer time

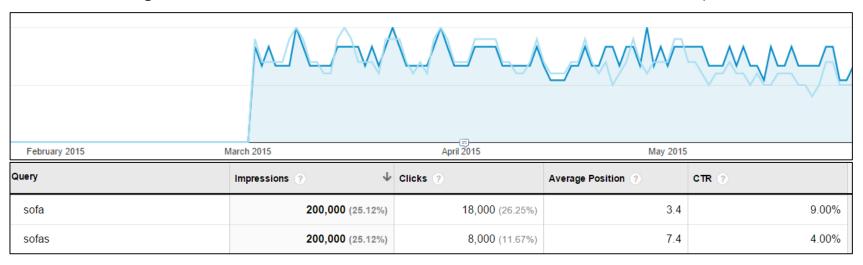




The problem of "not-provided" data in SEO



You can get some data from Webmaster Tools/Search Console but only 3 months

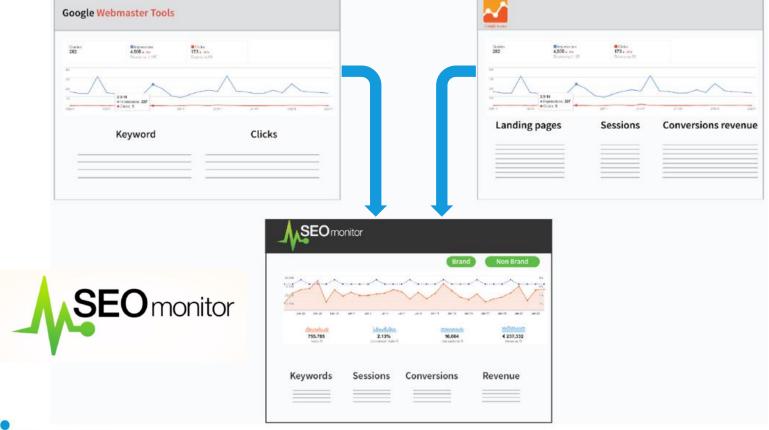




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Our solution for not-provided keyphrases - SEO Monitor

- SEO Monitor uses data from Analytics, Webmaster tools/Search Console, AdWords, SEMrush and Majestic
- Provides estimated Google.xxx organic traffic and conversions by keyphrase (using the landing page as the common factor)







Using SEO Monitor to understand "not provided" traffic and conversions

Keyword		Visits ✓	Bounce rate	Conv. rate	Transactions	Revenue	Group
sofa	Ø	7,179	14.02%				Junior and 1 more
sofas	ď	5,597	13.99%				Junior and 1 more
small corner sofa	ď	124	44.71%				Target - corner sofas and 1 more
corner sofa	ď	404	30.4%				Junior and 3 more
sofa beds	ď	367	31.18%				Target - prime and 1 more
armchairs	ď	277	21.91%				Target - prime and 1 more
velvet sofa	ď	217	35.93%				Target - prime and 1 more
corner sofa bed	ď	191	15.31%				Sofa beds
upholstered beds	ď	181	23.67%				SEO Opportunities
corner sofas	ď	162	44.84%				Junior and 3 more
sofa bed	ď	157	31.29%				Junior and 2 more
velvet sofas	ď	152	35.78%				Junior and 2 more
armchair	ď	140	21.09%				Junior and 2 more
love seat	ď	137	29.26%				Loveseat



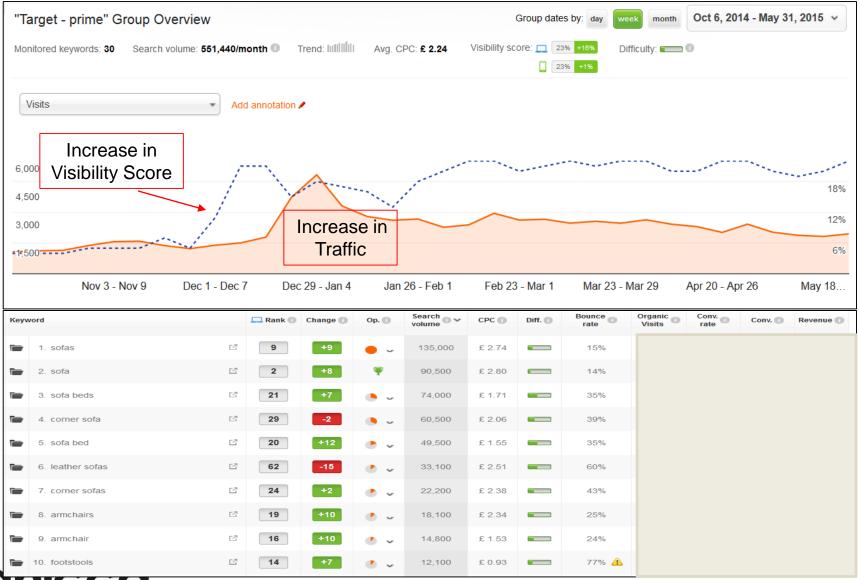
Using SEO Monitor to understand Keyword Difficulty and Opportunities (start of project)

3,764 Keywords match your criteria		Status Info			Traffic & Trar				
Keyword		Rank 🕖	Change 📵	Op. 🚺	Search volume	CPC 📵	Diff. 📵	Bounce rate	Organic Visits
1. sofas	ď	18	-	<u>•</u> ^	135,000	2.76 £	-	13%	108
Target 🕖	Estimated additional visit	ts	Estim	ated additio	nal revenue	Estima	ted AdWord	ds Cost	
Тор 3	~ 23,764 visits /	month	N/A	1		~ 65,	,651 £ /	month	
2. beds	ď	35	+4	• ~	135,000	2.54 £	-	17%	17
3. jo malone	ď	99+	-	• ~	90,500	0.50 £		N/A	0
4. sofa	ď	10	-	• •	74,000	3.10 £		11%	732
5. sofa beds	ď	29	-1	• •	74,000	2.13 £		40%	55
6. corner sofa	亿	29	-2	* •	60,500	1.92 £		52%	53
7. sofa bed	ď	31	+1	• •	40,500	1.96 £		39%	10
8. cushions	C	99+	-	• •	40,500	0.58 £		19%	1



Sofa.com case study – 8 months of results for 30 target keyphrases

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4: Importance of mobile



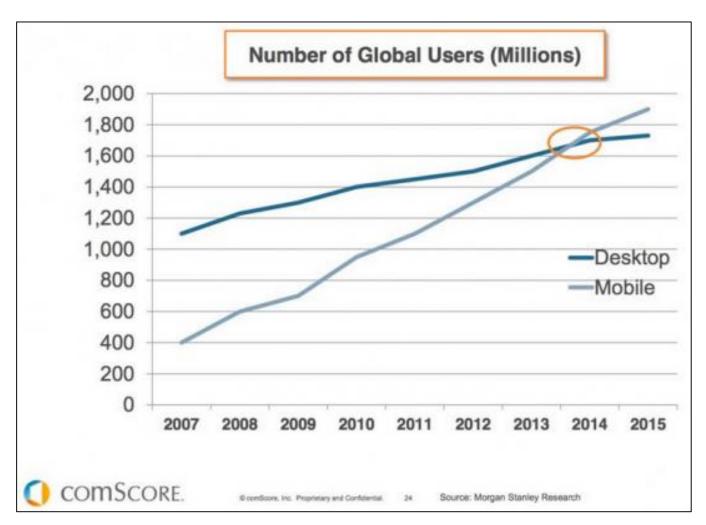


Growth in mobile - stats





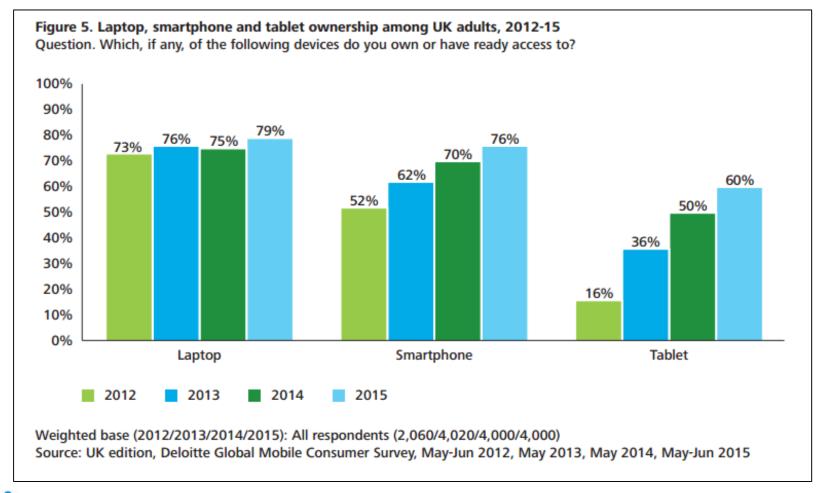
Global users by device







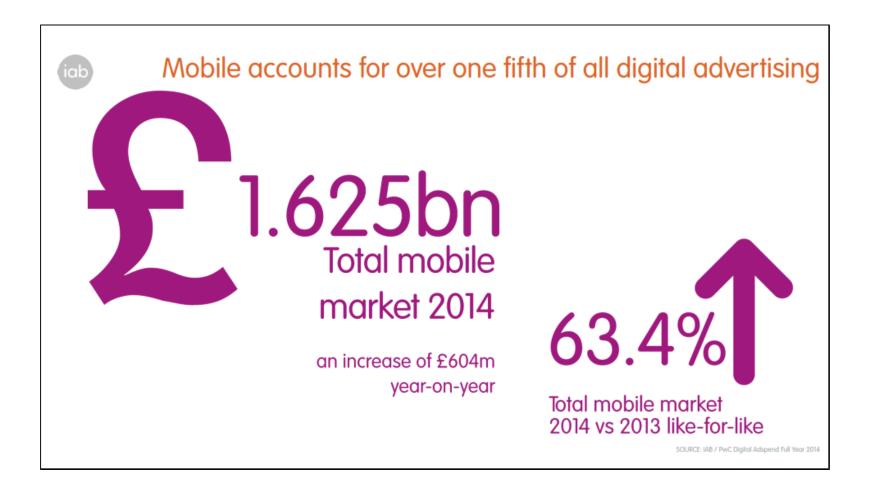
UK – Growth in Smart Phone and Tablet ownership







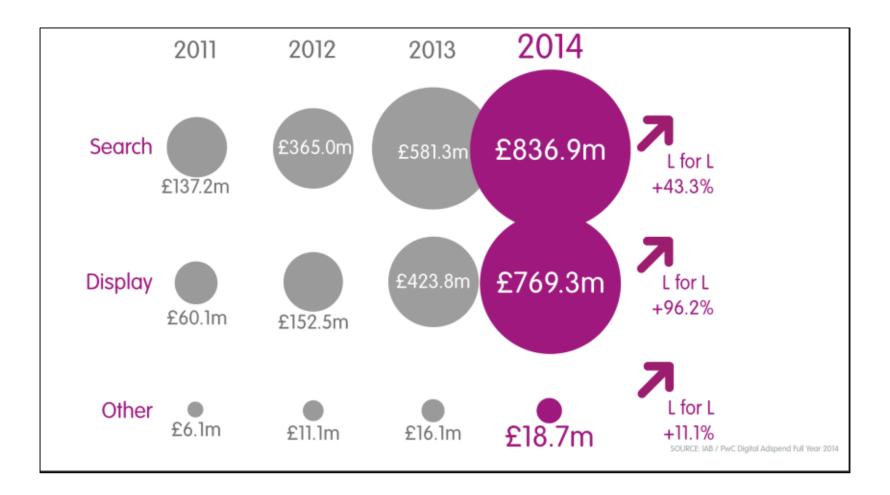
Mobile share of UK advertising







Mobile growth by type







Different behaviour on mobile





Mobile research – starting point

Search is the most common starting point for mobile research



Search Engines







Garden







33% Start on **Branded Websites**



Finance





Apparel & Beauty





Automotive



Branded Apps





Electronics



Apparel & Beauty

Google | Think Insights

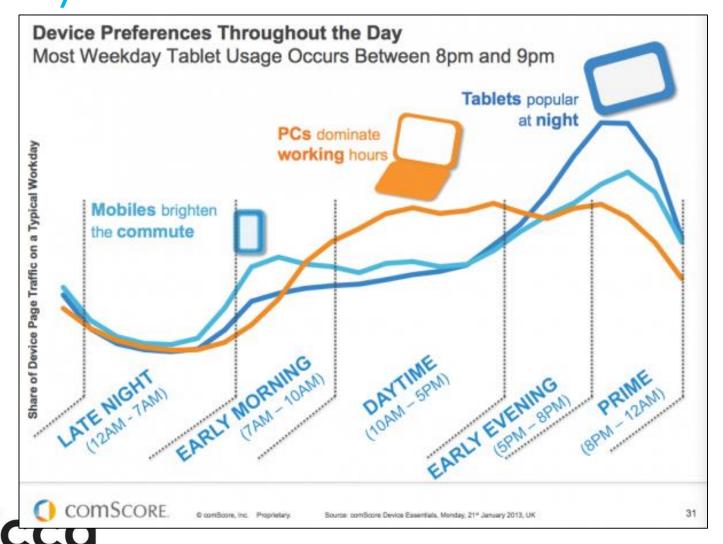
Google/Nielsen Mobile Path to Purchase custom study, Nov 2013

CQ14a: Thinking back to the last time you researched information about <CATEGORY>> on your Smartphone, on which type of website/app did you begin your search?

google.com/think 9



Device preference by time of day

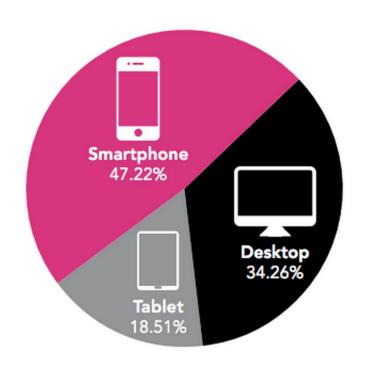


data driven marketing specialists



Email opening rates by device

66% of emails were opened on a smartphone or tablet



What do your landing pages look like on mobiles?

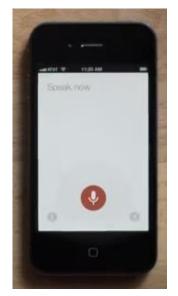
Source: Movable Ink's Q1 2014 US Consumer Device Preference Report





Voice-enabled Search













Mobile results in Google?



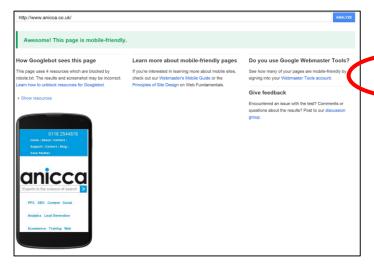
April 21st 2015 – Mobilegeddon!

- Each page on your site is now classed as either mobile friendly or not – and tested every time there is a relevant search
- Results can be marked as "mobile friendly" or you can run pages through mobile test
- Since April 21st "unfriendly" pages will get lower rankings on mobile search results
- Get your mobile load speed to <1 second or all ranking will suffer
- Mobile apps (Android) will achieve better rankings in mobile search result (and its worth linking your app to the your mobile pages)



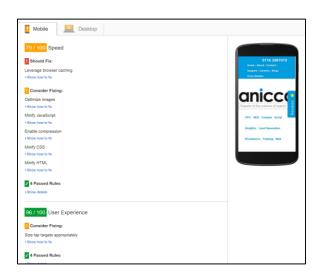


Google Mobile friendly sites and speed tests



Pimlico Plumbers | Plumbers London
Emergency Plumbers ...
www.nimlicoplumbers.com

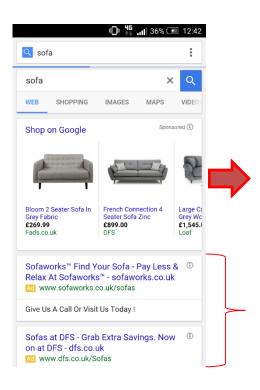
Mobile-friendly - Plim co Plumbers & Emergency
Plumbers London 24 Hours a Day, 365 Days a
Year, Pronting Plumbers, Heating ...
Recruitment - Charges - Contact - Charlie Mullins







Mobile results - Shopping ads



This is actually a carousel

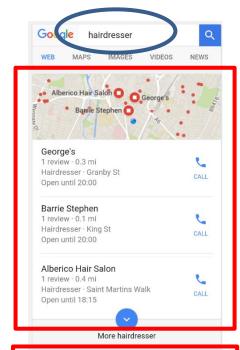
– but most people do not notice

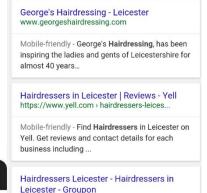
Normally 2 ads at the top of the results – can be 3 at the top (when there are no Shopping ads) and 3 at the bottom





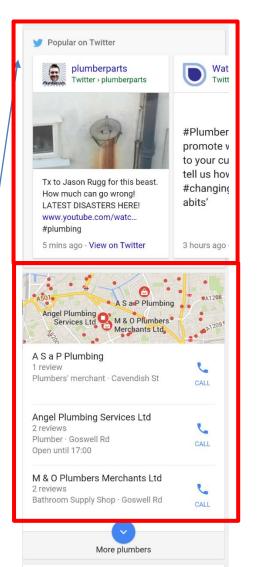
Local services on mobile





www.groupon.co.uk > ... > Beauty & Spas







"There is an Elephant in the room!"

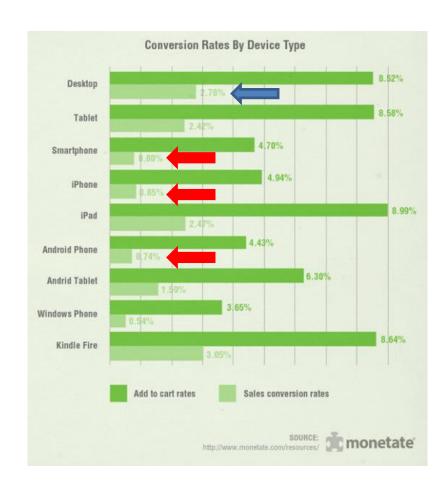
We have all this new mobile traffic – but does it convert?







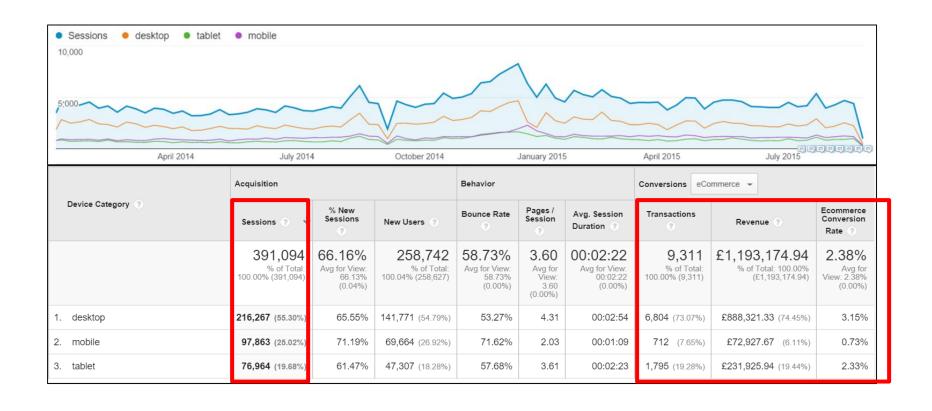
Add to cart and conversion rate by device







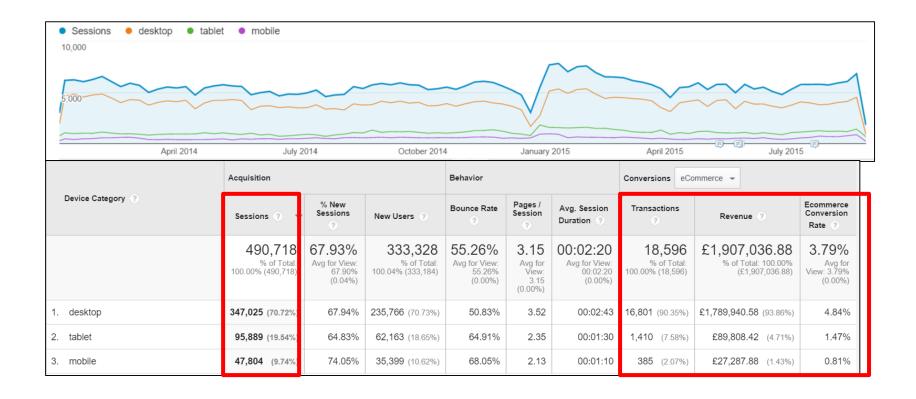
Analytics – ecommerce site selling to consumers (wines)







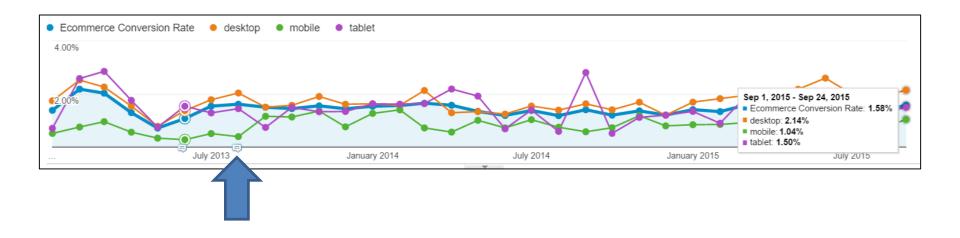
Analytics – ecommerce site selling to businesses (office whiteboards etc.)







Before and after mobile responsive site went live







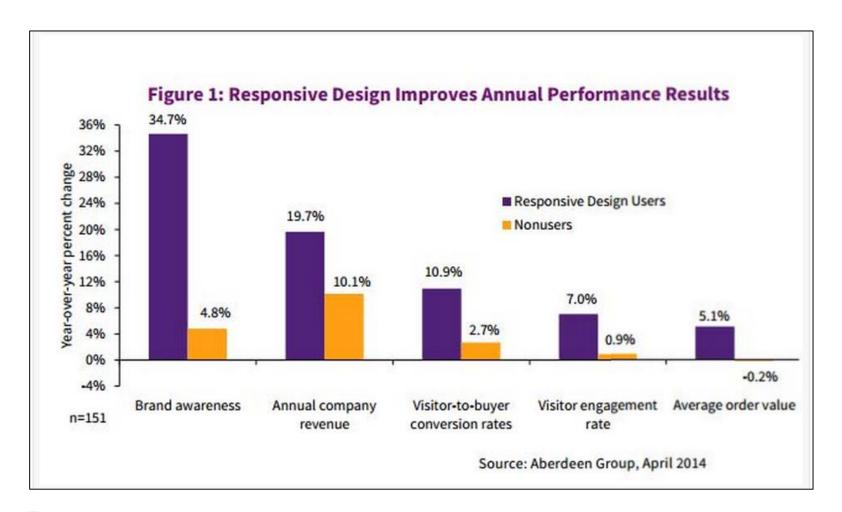
Summary of conversion rates

	Total	Desktops	Tablets	Mobile	Mobile vs desktop
Consumer site	2.38%	3.15%	2.33%	0.73%	23.2%
Business site	3.79%	4.84%	1.47%	0.81%	16.7%
Consumer site (non-responsive)	1.61%	2.03%	1.45%	0.39%	19.2%
Consumer site (responsive)	1.58%	2.14%	1.5%	1.04%	48.6%





Impact of responsive design







6: Essential tools and techniques to help you carry out SEO





Tools for SEO

Tool	Purpose	Technical SEO	On- site	Off- site	KPI/ Tracking
Google Analytics	Tracking and user behaviour		✓		✓
Google Search Console and Bing webmaster tools	Site information and updating Google/Bing	✓	√	✓	✓
AdWords Keyword Planner/Bing Ads	Keyphrase research and search volumes		√		
Moz*, Deep Crawl*	eep Crawl* Various – crawl diagnostics, links, authority		√	✓	√
Links e.g. AhRefs*/ Majestic*	Links, site authority			✓	
Ranking tools eg. Tools.seobook.com	<u> </u>		√		√
SEO Monitor*	Not-provided keyphrases, keyphrase, site/competitor rankings	✓	✓		√

^{*}Freemium or paid tool





Anicca Academy - Training

- 1-5 day workshops and boot camps
- SEO, PPC, Social, Analytics, email etc.
- CPD certificate and learning portal with online access to the course material
- Next courses:
 - AdWords (PPC) and Analytics (5-days) 9-13th November
 - Analytics (1-day) 13th November
 - SEO and social media (5-days) 11-16th January 2016
 - Social Media (1-day) 16th January 2016
- Open boot camps held at our training centre in Leicester only £1000 for 5 days practical training (including VAT)
- Training for your staff either in-house or in Leicester from £600/day





Anicca Petite – services from Anicca

- Digital marketing services for local or growing businesses with less than £1,000 per month budget
- Services include local SEO, PPC and social
- Choice of 3 packages at £300, £500 and £750 per month (plus the same amount as a set-up fee)
- Includes Analytics set-up and reporting
- Payments by standing order and recurring PayPal
- Minimum contract only 2 months for PPC and 6 months for SEO or social then rolling 1 months notice
- Regular contact with client services manager
- Flexible options to upgrade or add services





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