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What's new in search

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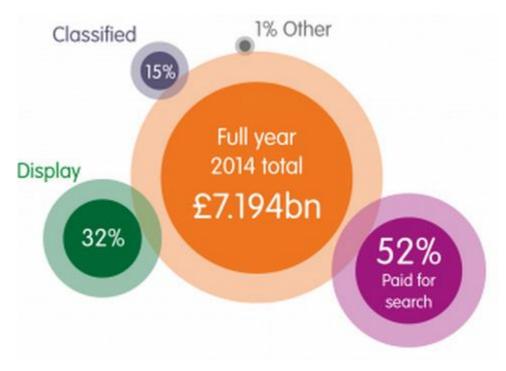


1: The Digital Marketing Landscape





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

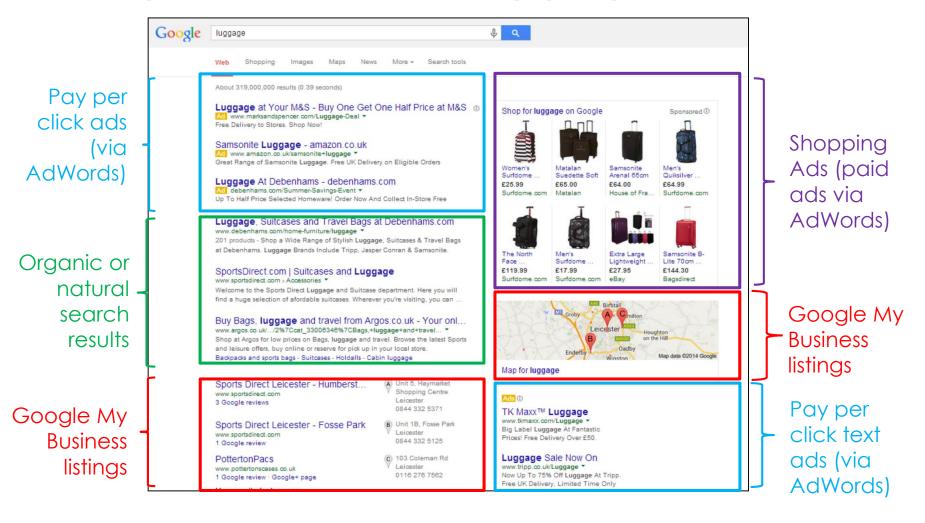


- UK digital ad spend in 2014 reached record high of £7.194 billion with 14% year-on-year growth
- Mobile reached £1.62 billion of this, representing 23% of total. Mobile had 63% yearon-year growth, driven by social, video and in-app ads
- Social ads grew 65% yearon-year to £922m with 56% on mobile (£517m)





Google results for 'luggage'*

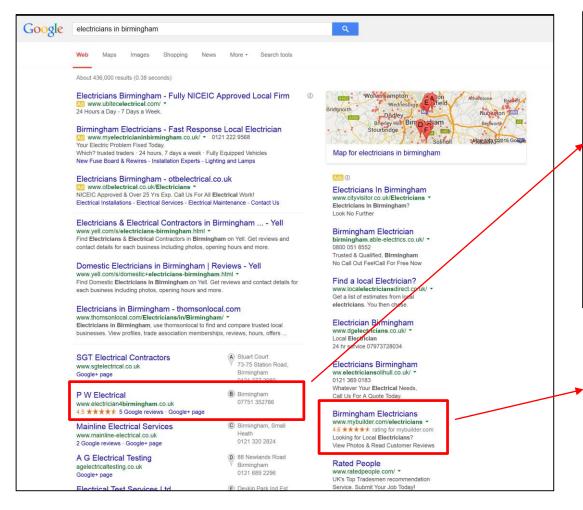


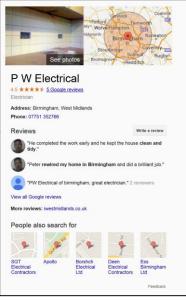


*luggage chosen to illustrate different types of results



Searching for local services – Review stars





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

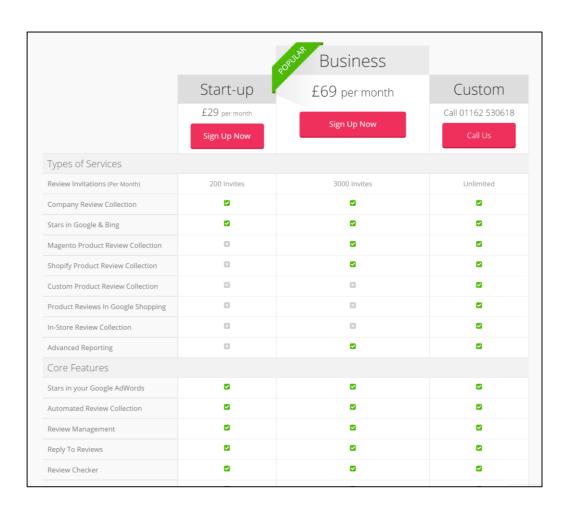


- 3rd party reviews
- Need >30 to show automatically in ads





Reviews.co.uk packages



Reviews.co.uk

- Independent reviews of your service and/or products
- Email your customers for reviews
- Right to reply
- Verified results uploaded into Google
- >30 reviews and 3.5 rating will automatically appear in PPC ads
- Use widgets or Schema to appear next to organic result
- Display reviews on your site to increase conversion rate





2: Google Algorithm Updates

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

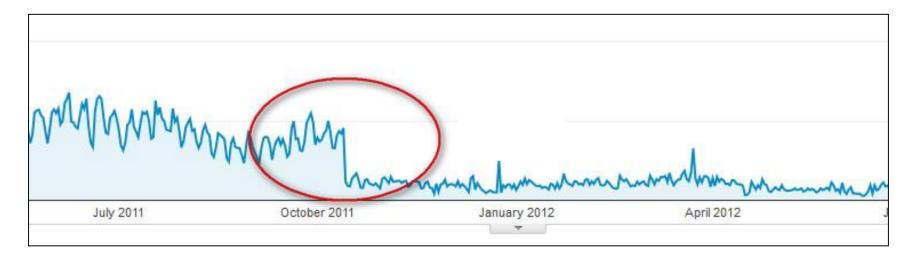
The majority of algorithm updates target spammy techniques and low quality sites.





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



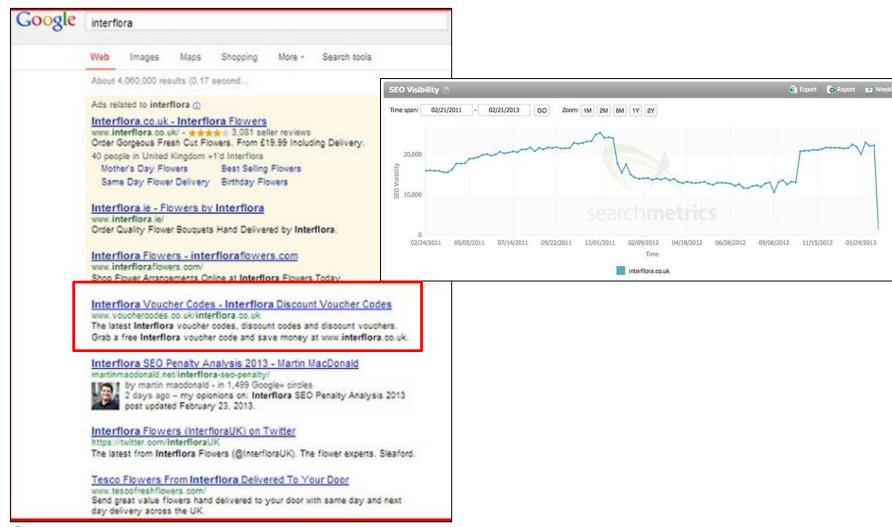
When: April 2012

Target: All forms of 'webspam', predominantly linkspam, 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



Interflora and Google's Penguin 2.0 Update





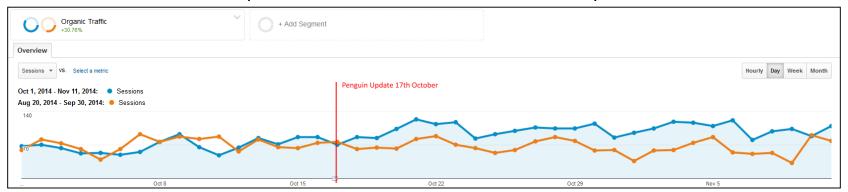




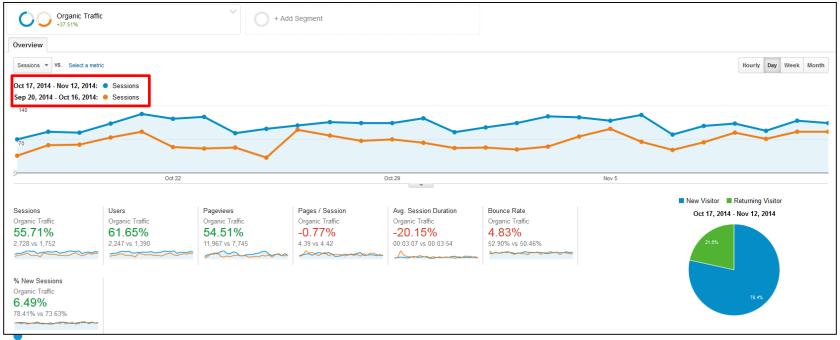
Penguin 3.0 Recovery



Month on month improvement at time of recovery



Year on year increase after penalty recover





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

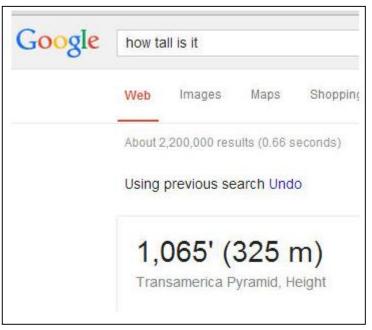
This will help with the use of voice search, as it is similar to the way we speak rather than what we type in

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

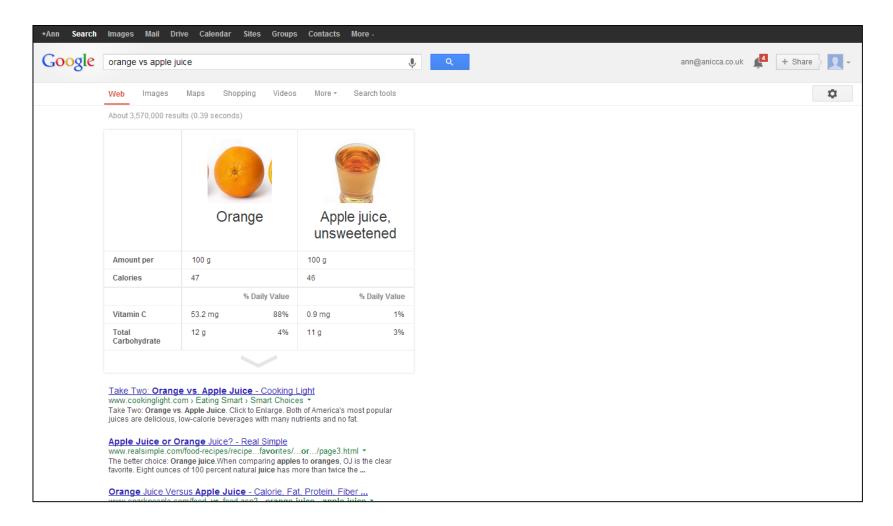








Knowledge graph







Voice-enabled Search

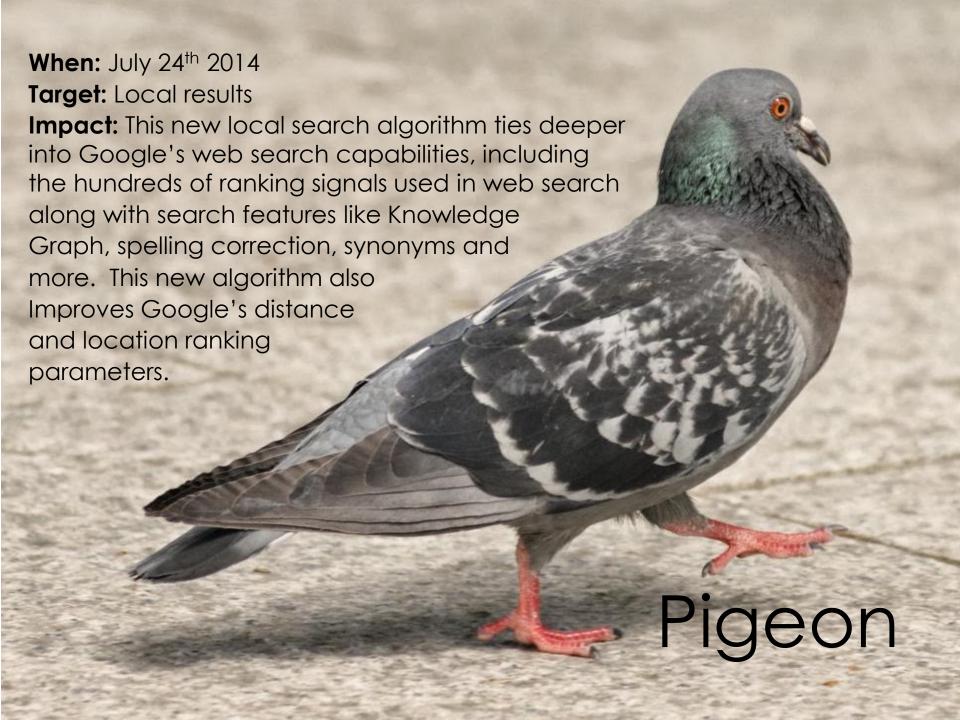


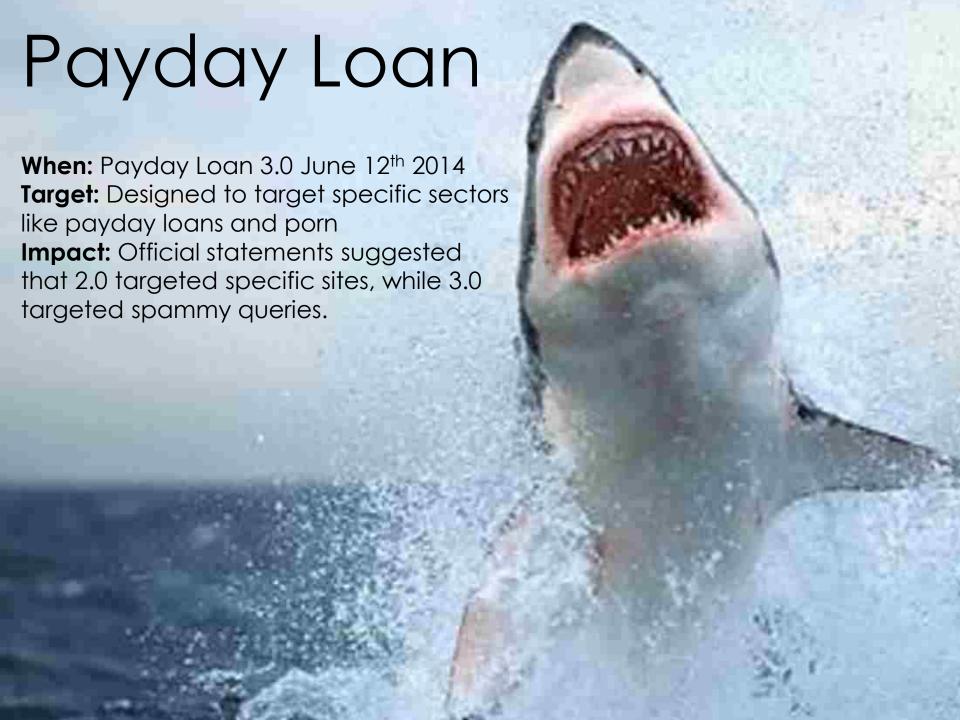












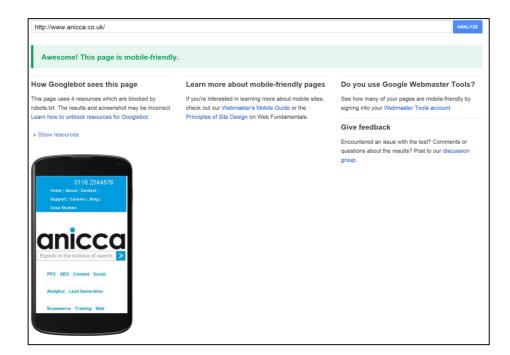
April 21st – Mobilegeddon!

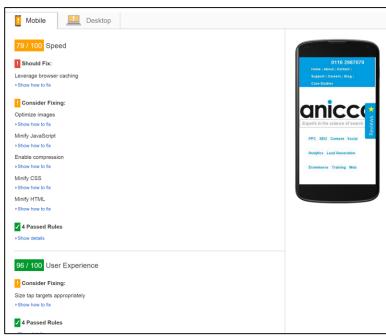
- Each page on your site will be classed as either mobile friendly or not – and tested every time there is a relevant search
- Results can be marked as "mobile friendly" or you can run pages through mobile test
- After April 21st "unfriendly" pages will get lower rankings on mobile search results
- Get 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









Other Google Changes





Structured data and rich snippets

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 ...

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- Less than 1% of site 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 and 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!





3: Essential tools and techniques to help you carry out your own SEO





Tools for SEO

Tool	Purpose	Technical SEO	On- site	Off- site	KPI/ Tracking
Google Analytics	Tracking and user behaviour		✓		✓
Google Webmaster tools (and Bing)	Site information and updating Google/Bing	✓	✓	√	✓
AdWords Keyword Planner/Bing Ads	Keyphrase research and search volumes		√		
Moz*	Various – crawl diagnostics, links, authority	√	√	√	√
Links e.g. AhRefs*/ Majestic*	Links, site authority			√	
Ranking tools eg. Tools.seobook.com	Ranking positions in search engines		√		√
SEO Monitor*	Not-provided keyphrases, keyphrase, site/competitor rankings	✓	√		✓

^{*}Freemium or paid tool



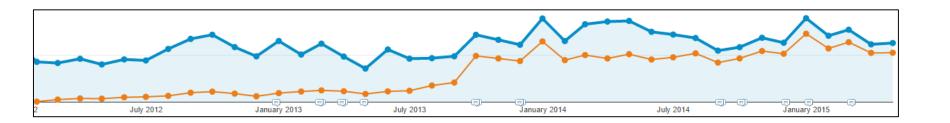


4: Sofa.com case study using SEO Monitor to reveal "not-provided" keyphrases

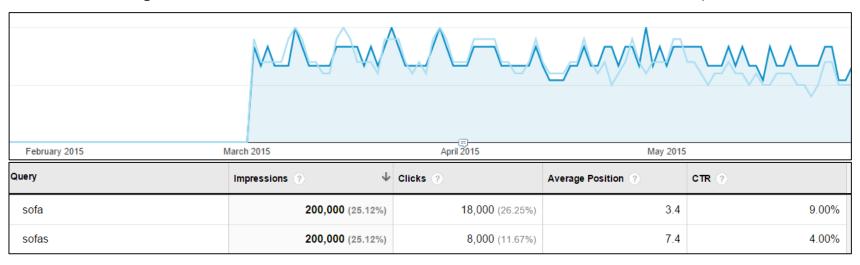




The problem of "not-provided" data in SEO



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







SEO Monitor Unlocks "Not provided" data

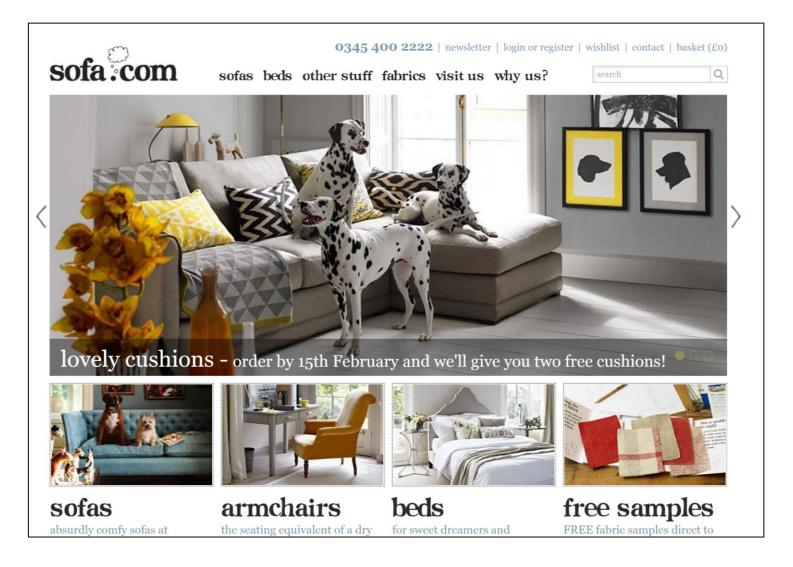
SEO Monitor uses data from Analytics, Webmaster tools/Search Console and AdWords to
estimate Google.xxx organic traffic and conversions by keyphrase (using the landing page as
the common factor)







Case Study - Sofa.com







Key aspects of the 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.





Site authority - can sofa.com compete with big budget TV advertisers?

	Moz Domain Authority	Moz Domain Links	Ahrefs Domain Rank	Ahrefs Domain Links
sofa.com	44	1,269	56	11,954
dfs.co.uk	46	803	56	6,713
furniturevillage.co.uk	45	4,452	57	7,253
scs.co.uk	36	1,503	52	4,577
harveysfurniture.co.uk	41	1,703	54	8,338

- Surprisingly the big budget advertisers did not have a significantly higher site authority as compared to sofa.com
- The poorer ranks for some of the target keywords (such as sofa, sofas, corner sofa and sofa bed)
 was likely to be due to technical and on-page issues (identified in the initial site audit)
- SEO Monitor allowed us to determine what keyphrases were driving traffic, which landing pages were found for each keyphrase and which keyphrases would be the best opportunities for an SEO project





Rankings vs competitors (October)

This shows the raw data for 3,764 keyphrases identified before the target keyphrases and groups were agreed

All keywords (3,7	(eywords (3,764)		🤉 sofa.com	furniturevillage.co.uk	😂 dfs.co.uk	scs scs.co.uk	
Keyword		Search Volume 🕦	Avg. CPC 📵	Rank 🕦	Rank 🕧	Rank 🕦	Rank 📵
1. sofas	ď	135,000	\$ 2.76	17 -	2 -	1 -	3 -
2. beds	ď	135,000	\$ 2.54	39 -	7 -	11 -	20+ -
3. jo malone	ď	90,500	\$ 0.50	99+ -	20+ -	20+	20+ -
4. sofa	ď	74,000	\$ 3.10	10 -	2 -	1 -	3 -
5. sofa beds	ď	74,000	\$ 2.13	31 -	3 -	2 -	20+ -
6. corner sofa	ď	60,500	\$ 1.92	28 -	2 -	1 -	3 -
7. sofa-bed	겁	40,500	\$ 1.99	33 -	8 -	3 -	20+
8. cushions	ď	40,500	\$ 0.58	99+ -	20+ -	20+ -	20+
9. sofa bed	ď	40,500	\$ 1.96	31 -	8 -	3 -	20+
10. sophie thompson	ď	33,100	\$ 0.21	63 -	20+ -	20+ -	20+
11. leather sofas	ď	33,100	\$ 2.50	47 -	1 -	2 -	3 -
12. free samples	ß	33,100	\$ 0.45	86 -	20+ -	20+	20+
13. headboards	ď	27,100	\$ 1.26	64 -	13	20+	20+



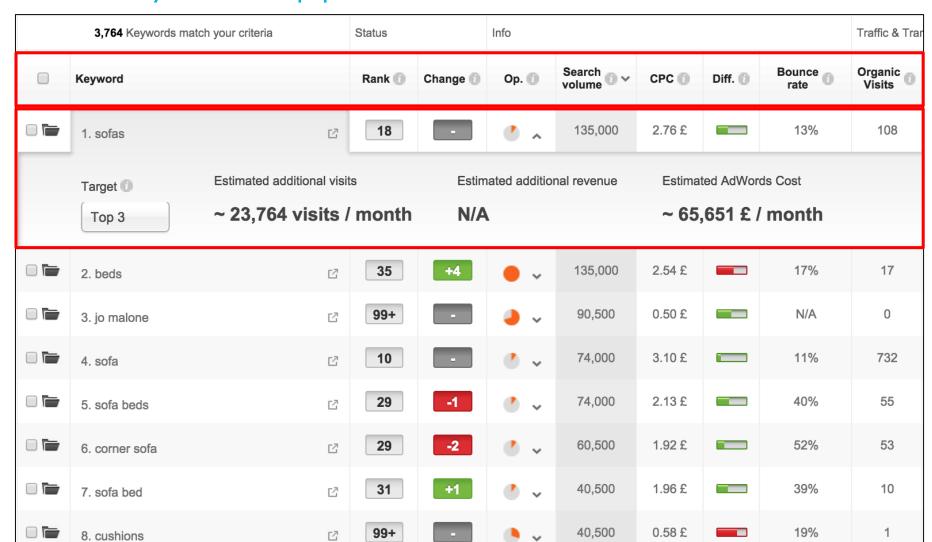


Using SEO Monitor to understand "not provided" traffic and conversions (at the start of the project)

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

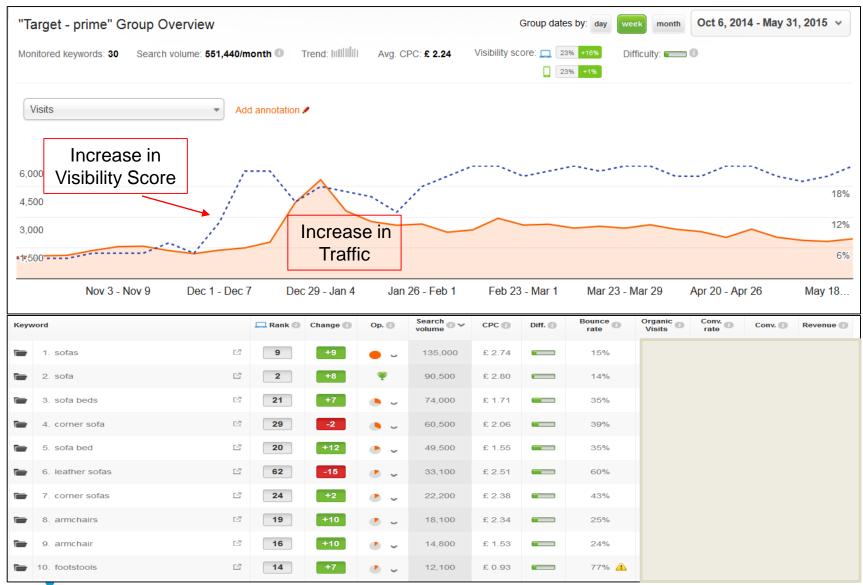


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8 months of results for 30 target keyphrases







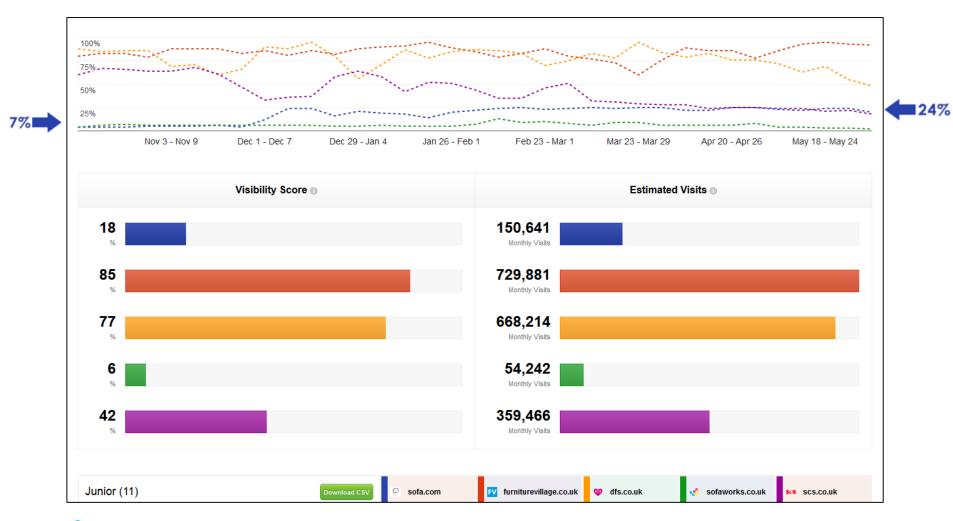
Competitor rankings and Visibility Score (June 7th compared to Oct 6th)

Junior (11)		Download CSV	଼ sofa.com		fv furniturevillage.co.uk		♥ dfs.co.uk		sofaworks.co.uk		scs scs.co.uk		
Keyword		Search Volume ➤ ①	Avg. CPC 📵	Rank 🕦	Change 🕦	Rank 🕦	Change ①	Rank 📵	Change ①	Rank 🕦	Change ①	Rank 🕦	Change
1. sofas	ď	135,000	\$ 2.74	8	+10	1	+1	4	-3	N/A	-	10	-7
2. sofa	ď	90,500	\$ 2.80	2	+8	1	+1	5	-4	N/A	-	11	-8
3. sofa beds	ď	74,000	\$ 1.71	22	+6	3	+3	5	-3	20+	-	N/A	-
4. corner sofa	ď	60,500	\$ 2.06	25	+2	1	+1	2	-1	12	-7	4	-1
5. sofa bed	ď	49,500	\$ 1.55	20	+12	3	+5	6	-3	18	-	N/A	-
6. leather sofas	ď	33,100	\$ 2.51	60	-13	1	-	3	-1	7	-2	2	+1
7. corner sofas	ď	22,200	\$ 2.38	30	4	1	+1	2	-1	11	-5	5	-1
8. armchair	ď	14,800	\$ 1.53	16	+10	8	-2	N/A	-	20+	-	20+	-
9. footstools	ď	12,100	\$ 0.93	14	+7	11	-4	9	-	20+	-	20+	-9
10. leather sofa	ď	9,900	\$ 2.05	59	-15	2	+1	1	-	4	+2	3	-1
11. velvet sofas	ď	880	\$ 1.35	1	-	3	+5	14	-5	18	-4	20+	-





Increase in Visibility Score compared with competitors





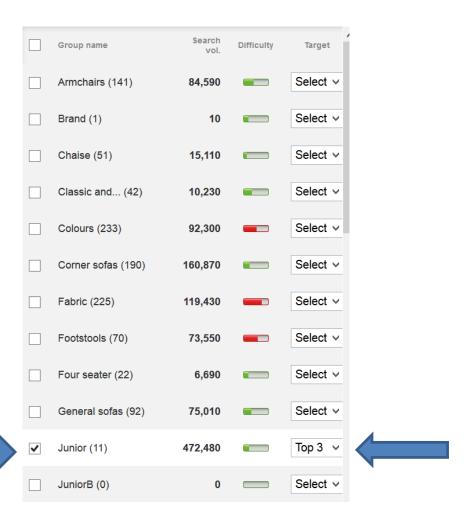


Forecasting for future SEO project





Forecast for future SEO work Step 1 – select group of keyphrases and target positions







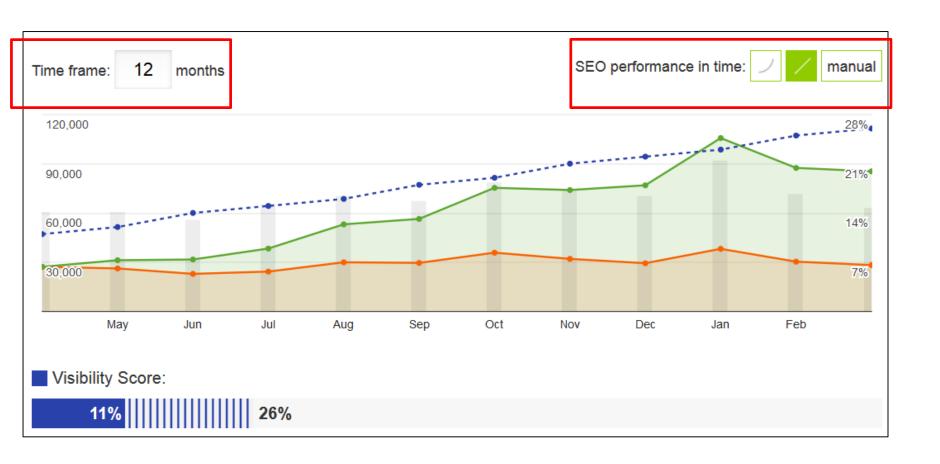
Current ranking for these keyphrases

Keyword		Rank 🕖	Change 🕕	Op. 🕜 🗸	Search volume	CPC	Diff. 👩	Bounce rate	Organic Visits	Conv. rate
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2. corner sofa	ď	16	+11	• ~	60,500	1.74 £		38%	1,545	0.08%
3. sofa beds	ď	18	+10	• •	74,000	1.60 £		34%	1,804	0.08%
4. sofa bed	ď	16	+16	• •	40,500	1.70 £		35%	830	0.08%
5. corner sofas	ď	22	+4	• •	22,200	2.09 £		42%	622	0.08%
6. leather sofas	ď	58	-11	• •	33,100	2.26 £		58%	307	0.03%
7. footstools	ď	17	+4	• •	12,100	0.72 £		67% 🔔	54	0.52%
8. armchair	ď	15	+11	• •	12,100	1.25 £		23%	598	0.19%
9. leather sofa	ď	56	-12	• •	8,100	1.99 £		146% 🔔	30	0.06%
10. sofa	ď	1	+9	P	74,000	1.88 £		14%	36,057	0.22%
11. velvet sofas	ď	1	-	P	880	1.25 £		36%	705	0.04%





Step 2 – Projected non-branded traffic (all traffic to the site) with and without SEO project





Key take-aways



- There are now tools such as SEO Monitor that provide "not provided" keyword data
- Having all the essential data in one dashboard (such as keyphrase positions, search volumes, Difficulty Score and Opportunities); makes the initial process of determining keyword targets and topic groups much faster than traditional SEO techniques
- Performance tracking, reporting and forecasting is easy with SEO Monitor's Visibility Score and positions (for your own site and your competitors)





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