B2B Website Optimization and Landing Pages

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Previously in ... B2B Lead Generation Framework



What We'll Learn

- By the end of today's session, you should be able to:
 - Explain the POEM Framework
 - Conduct a website audit
 - Analyze and identify on-site & off-site SEO opportunities
 - List the key elements of a successful landing page

Agenda

- Quick Review of the POEM Framework
- A 5-Step Process for a Website Audit
- On-Site SEO and Keyword Research
- Off-site SEO Opportunities
- Landing Page Fundamentals
- Action Items & Next Steps
- Additional Links & Resources



The P.O.E.M Framework

The P.O.E.M Framework is a common methodology used by marketers to formulate their marketing strategy. It stands for **P**aid-**O**wned-**E**arned **M**edia.

Paid

• **Paid Media** are the sponsored advertisements that organizations run on various platforms. Examples include LinkedIn Sponsored Ads, Facebook Ads, Google Ads, Banner / Display / Video Ads, etc.

Owned

• Owned Media includes the content the organization creates and controls. Websites and blog pages are examples of this.

Earned

• **Earned Media** is content about your organization, services, or products, but created and distributed by others. Examples include shared posts, posts by customers about your organization, recommendations, etc.



The P.O.E.M Framework

Paid Media

- Pay-per-click (PPC) Ads
- Display (Banner) Ads
- TV/Magazine/Transit Ads

Sponsored Posts

Sponsored Influencers

Owned Media

- Website / Blogs
- Events / Newsletters
- Stores
- Talent / Employees

Share

Requests

Forums

Earned Media

- Shared Content
- Content by others
- Reviews
- Press Coverage



Website Optimization Perspectives

- Target Audience(s) Customers, Partners
- Search Engines
- Your Organization / Brand

5-Step Website Audit Process



Technical Errors

Since these technical errors usually are easy to detect, I do recommend using a **site auditor tool** (several listed in <u>Website Audit Tools</u> slide at the end). That said, the most common technical errors are the following:

HTTPs Status

In 2021, it is essential to use an encrypted connection (SSL certificate) and it also impacts your search engine ranking.

Page Speed Test

According to recent research, if your site takes more than 3 seconds to load, you lose 75% of your potential readers. Recommended tool: <u>Google PageSpeed Insights</u>

Broken Images and Links

These features decrease your site's ranking and user-friendliness.

Mobile Optimization

Being mobile friendly improves the user experience and also affects your site's ranking.



On-Site SEO - Definition

On-site search engine optimization (SEO) covers both the content and structure of a website so that it ranks well (typically within the first 10 search result links, or on the first page of search engine results) on search phrases that are relevant to one's website.

Identify Keywords

- Create a list of potential keywords, phrases, and questions:
 - Google Search Console shows a lot of data about the keywords that you already rank for.
 - Google Keyword Planner finds other keywords, but only list ranges for search volumes.
 - Google Trends visualizes the relative search popularity of a keyword over time.
 - Keyword Generator finds up to 150 keyword ideas for any seed keyword.
 - Keyword Sheeter pulls thousands of autocomplete suggestions from Google.
 - Answer the Public finds questions, prepositions, comparisons, alphabeticals, and related searches.
 - <u>Keyword Surfer</u> is a free Chrome extension that shows estimated global and local (for 19 countries including Canada) monthly search volumes for any query typed into Google.
 - Keyworddit pulls keyword ideas from Reddit.
 - Questiondb finds the questions people are asking about a specific topic (sourced from Reddit).
 - Bulk Keyword Generator is a keyword research tool for *local* SEO. It generates keywords based on industry type.
- Google your keyword searches and look at the results. Pay attention to the "People also ask" box of search suggestions.

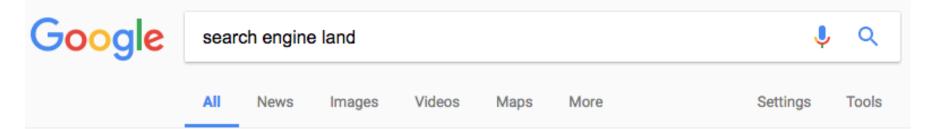


On-Site SEO – Key Tech Areas

- URLs (including paths)
- Title Tags
- Header Tags
- Meta Descriptions / Snippets
- Main Content
- Image Alt Text
- File Names (including images)
- Anchor Text / Internal Links



Meta Description / Snippet



About 16,800,000 results (0.35 seconds)

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Off-site SEO - Definition

- Off-page SEO includes tactics related to activities executed outside of your own website.
- These activities and connections identify external websites that are part of your "online digital network / family" and contribute to your website's "reputation".
- Link building is often considered the main off-site tactic and can include tactics such as content marketing, social media marketing, podcasts, reviews, being listed in industry directories, and more.

Off-Site SEO – Key Concepts

- Outbound Links
- Inbound Links
- Content
 - Original
 - Fresh
 - Quantity
 - Quality Accuracy, Grammar, Length, Uniqueness
- Backlinks
 - Number & freshness
 - Related / relevant websites
 - External anchor text
 - Bad backlinks? Google Disavow Tool
- Link diversity
- Social signals



Develop Content / Lead Magnets

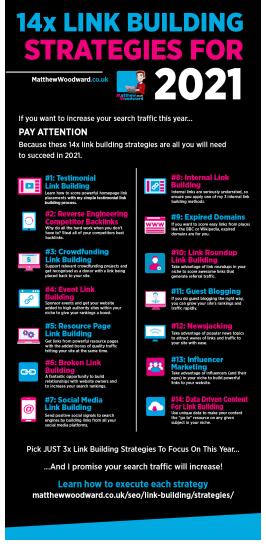
A "**lead magnet**" is a free item or service that is given away for the purpose of gathering contact details.

Types of Lead Magnets

- Educational lead magnets
 Teach your visitors something they don't already know
- Useful lead magnets
 Provide a tutorial, calculator, or other tool with which they can solve a problem
- Community-building lead magnets
 Create a way for your audience to build a community based on the things they have in common, e.g., direct challenges and group forums
- Entertaining lead magnets
 Inspire or entertain your audience, e.g., quizzes
- Bottom of funnel lead magnets
 "Push" the visitor from lead to customer, e.g., free trial, discount codes, free consultation



More Link Building Ideas



https://www.matthewwoodward.co.uk/seo/link-building/strategies/



Customer (CX) & User Experience (UX)

- Simple / easy-to-use navigation
 - How many clicks / scrolls to get to the relevant information?
 - Is the navigation "intuitive", i.e., follows navigation "standard practices"?
 - Search bar available browsers vs. searchers
- "Unnecessary" obstacles / hurdles
 - Pop-ups (can be problematic on mobile)
 - Automatic Live Chat pop-ups
 - Bounce / exit analytics
- Relevant and credible content
 - Hierarchy (most important info on initial entry pages and at the top of pages)
 - Answers and solutions to target customers' questions, pain points, and challenges
 - Social proof testimonials, customer logos, certifications, etc.
- Clear calls-to-action (CTAs)



Design

Consistency of:

- Fonts (not too small ;-)
- Imagery photos, icons, etc.
- Colours
- Layouts
- Calls-to-Action (CTAs)
- Brand voice
- Whitespace



Attention Ratio - Definition

Attention ratio is:

The number of things a visitor *can* do on a page relative to

The number of things they should be doing

Typical Home Page

HOME **BUY NOW FEATURES ABOUT US** SUPPORT Introducing the world's best application DOWNLOAD FREE TRIAL Try out without obligations for 30 days! So simple to use **Cloud integration** Save time Read our blog Send us feedback Get to know us

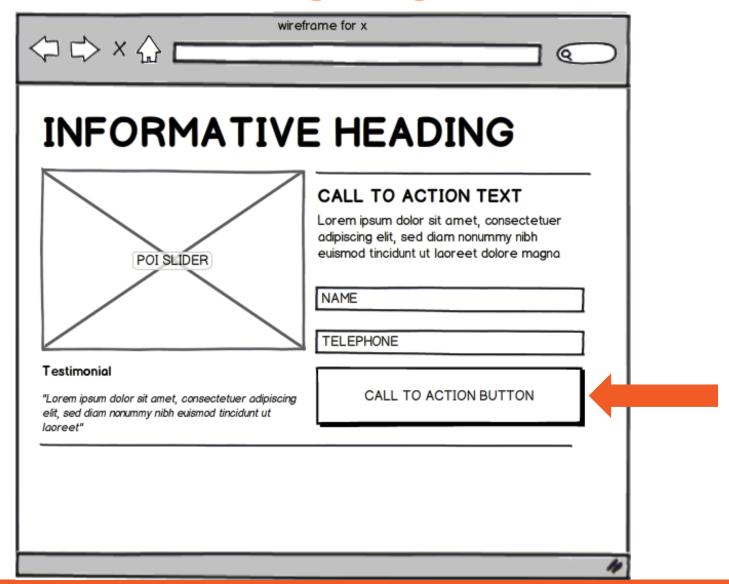
Attention Ratio

LOGO

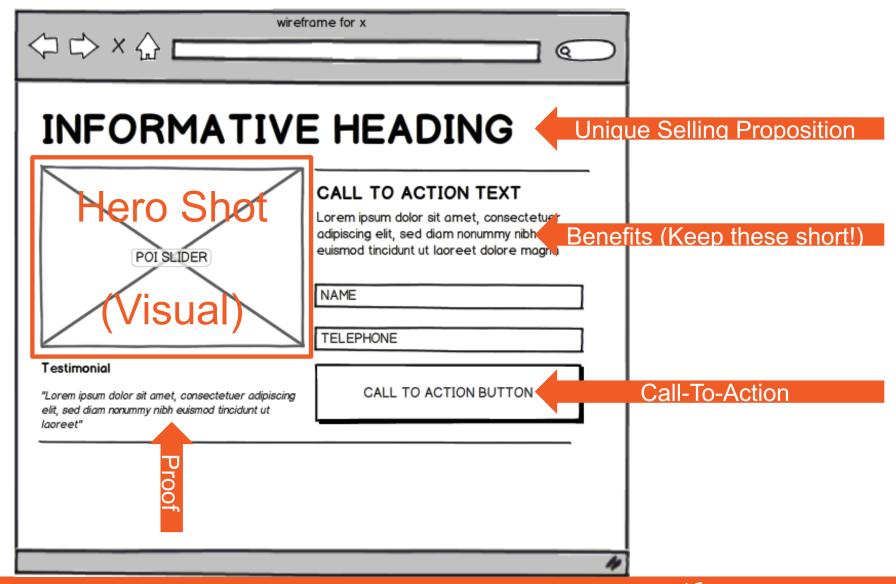
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As the ratio goes down, conversions go up!

Landing Pages



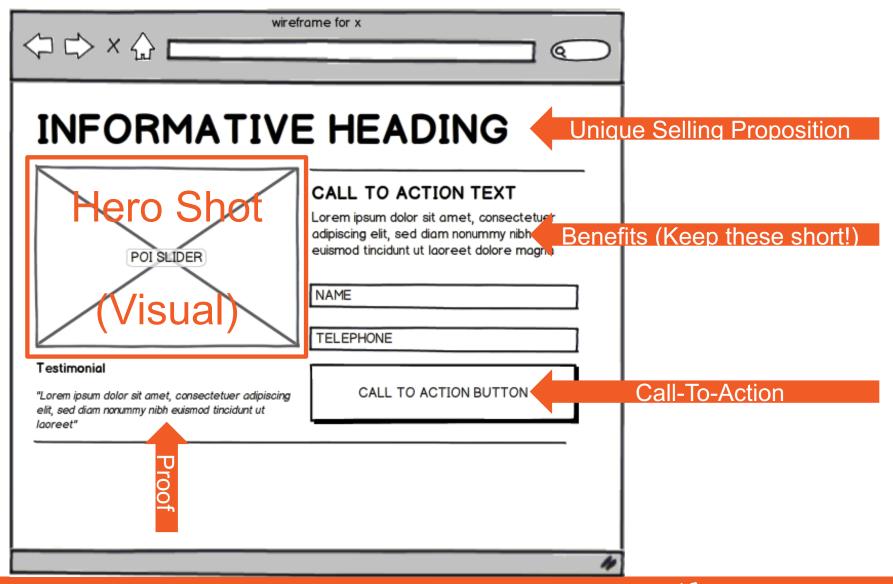
5 Elements of Successful Landing Pages



Action Item: Perform Your 5-Step Website Audit



Next Step: Evaluate Your Landing Pages



Additional Resources

- 15 Step Website Audit Checklist (& PDF Template)
- The 10-Step SEO Audit: How to Find Your SEO Mistakes & Opportunities
- How to Do a Basic Website Audit to Improve SEO and UX
- How to Perform an SEO Audit in 18 Steps: Guide for 2021
- 10 Free Keyword Research Tools (That Aren't Google Keyword Planner)
- 10 Tips to Improve Your Website's User Experience
- How to Improve Your Website's UX in 2021
- 8 Simple UI UX Design Tips for Web Designers
- 10 User Testing Tools to Try
- Unbounce Landing Pages Course (~3 hours FREE! ☺)



Website Audit Tools

Name	Price	Features
<u>Hubspot Website</u> <u>Grader</u>	Free	Basic tool to quickly check your website
<u>Hotjar</u>	15-Day Free Trial \$99+ per month	 One domain Visitor Recordings – helps to understand their behavior Heat Maps – helps to understand what sections of the page are the most popular
Google Search Console	Free	Shows errors on the pagesHelps to monitor search performance
<u>Serpstat</u>	\$69 – \$499 per month	 Unlimited number of domains Complex audit with a website audit report that lists the detected issues and provides recommendations on how to fix them
RAVEN Site Auditor	\$39 – \$399 per month	 From 2 to 320 domains Can audit 150,000 to 2,500,000 pages Complex auditKPI tracking
<u>SEMrush</u> <u>Site Auditor</u>	\$99.95 – \$399.95 per month	 From 3 to 25 domains Up to 20,000 pages to audit Complex analysis Comparison with competitors' websites
WebCEO Site Auditor	14-Day Free Trial \$99 – \$299 per month	 From 1 to 30 domains Can audit 100 to 150,000 pages Complex audit, including media activity



Thank You!



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