

# PLANNING SEO FOR 2021 GROUNDHOG DAY ALL OVER AGAIN

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## Your Speakers



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## Agenda

- What 2020 has brought SEO
- 2020 Trends that will continue
- SEO Things that won't change
- Opportunities for 2021

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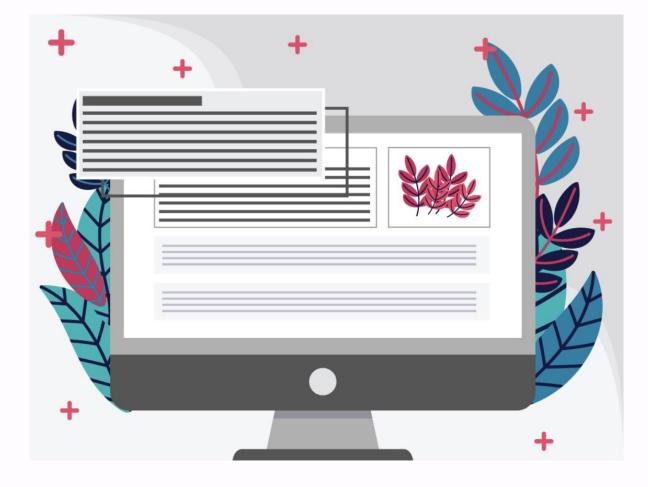
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#### Featured Snippet De-duping

May 2020 Core Update

#### The SEO World Since COVID-19



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### **Featured Snippet De-Duping Algorithm Update**

#### Pre-Algorithm Update

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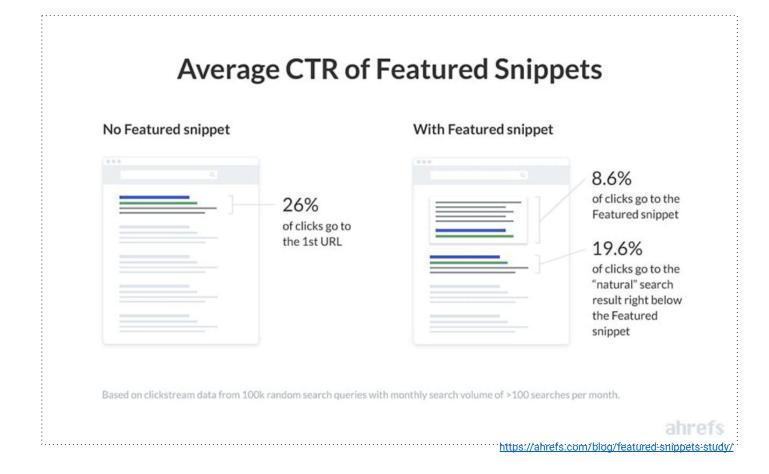
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#### **Why Does This Matter?**



Featured snippets are often referred to as "No click search result"

Important Question to ask: Should I optimize for featured snippets in exchange for fewer clicks?

### May 2020 Core Update

May 2020 Core Update as E-A-T correction Less emphasis on Authority More emphasis on Quality of content

#### What does this mean?

If you have been consistently creating Quality content, this Core Update will be beneficial for you



#### May 2020 Core Update

Winners:

Smaller websites with relatively lower authority

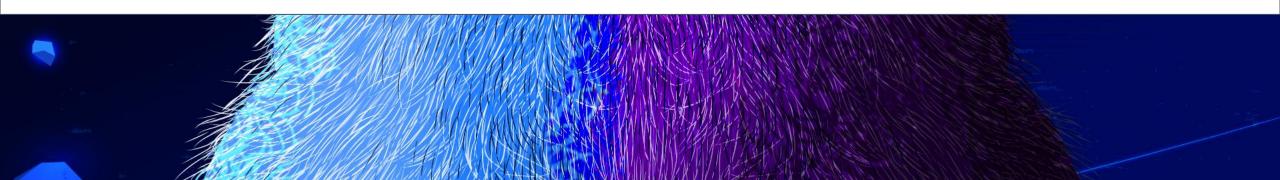
Losers: Low quality and Irrelevant content



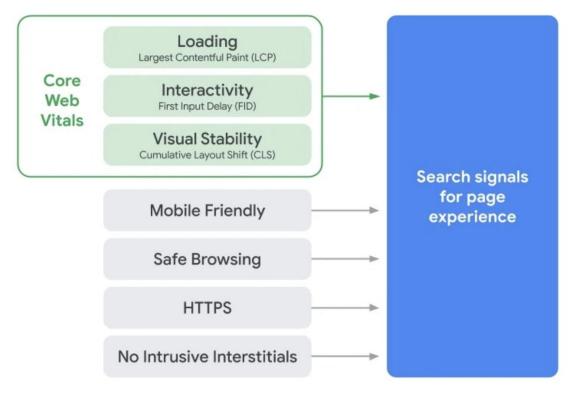


#### May 2020 Core Update

## You don't have to be one of the strongest of the strong as long as you have a sound E-A-T foundation. - Marcus Pentzek, Chief SEO Consultant at Searchmetrics



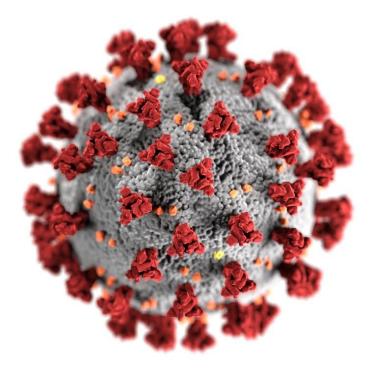
#### The New 'Page Experience' Signal - Core Web Vitals



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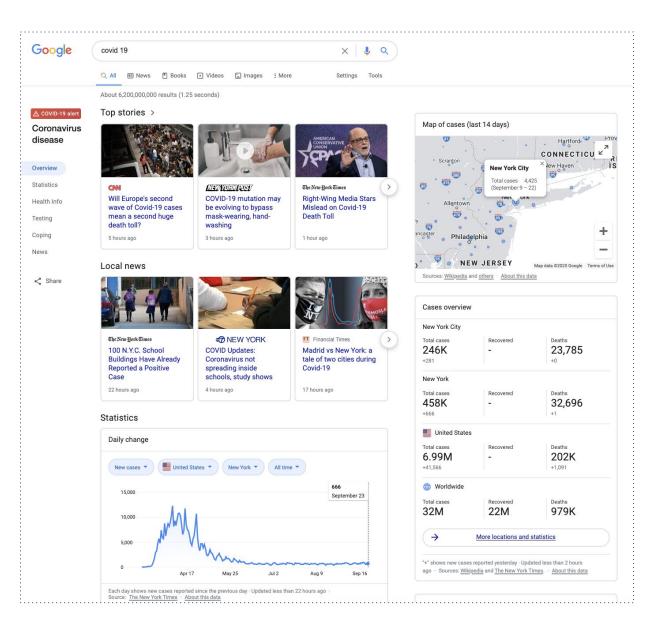
New ranking factors to consider regarding the page experience for users

#### The Elephant in the Room. . . The COVID-19 Pandemic

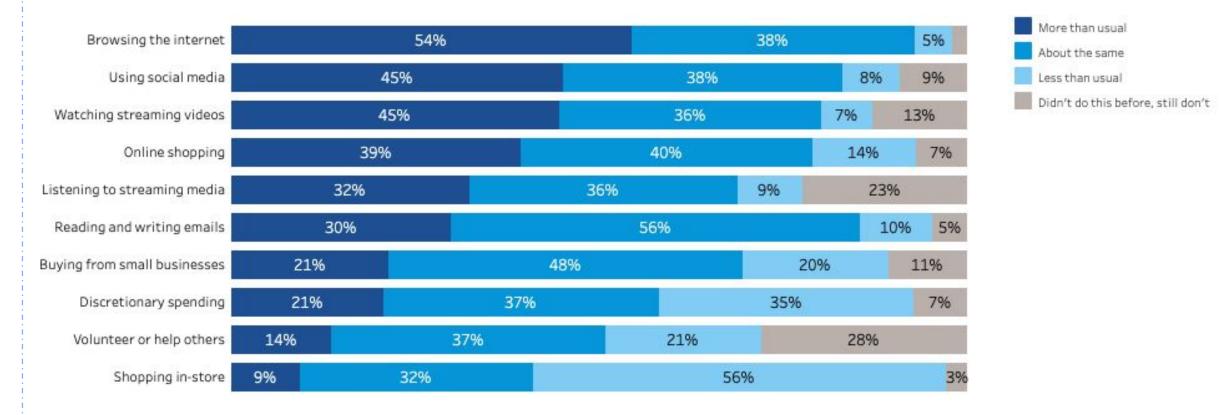


COVID-19 changed everything in 2020. A lot of the changes we've seen so far will become the norm going forward. Perhaps it's time to reconsider rank tracking....

These SERPs features will become the new norm in multiple industries



### **User behavior has changed dramatically**



The way consumers are engaging with brands has changed. More people are surfing the web, and less people are shopping in store. Post COVID-19, a lot of these behaviors will likely be ingrained in us as the new normal.

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## 2020 Trends That Will Continue

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#### **Growth in E-Commerce**

**Everything Online** 

#### Working From Home

#### **Decrease in SMB**

Continue rise of big corp



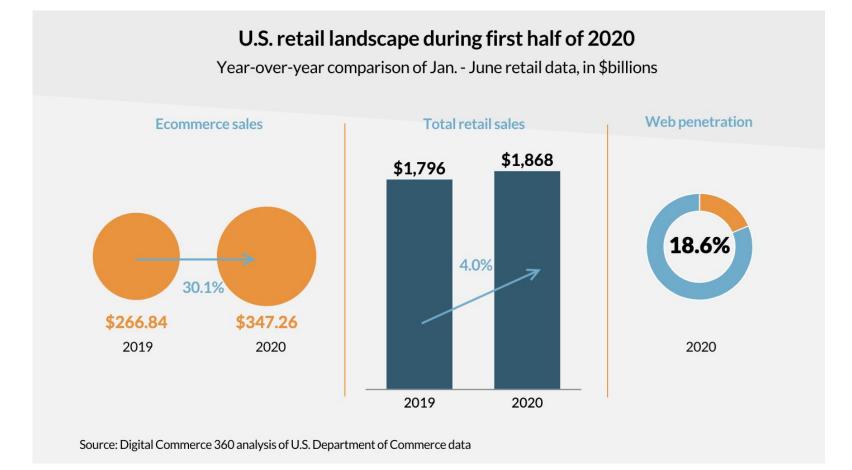
#### **E-commerce has grown dramatically**

#### Global E-Commerce Market Share



Even as businesses reopen, we have gotten used to ordering a lot of our necessities online and e-commerce has seen great increases that we expect to continue into 2021.

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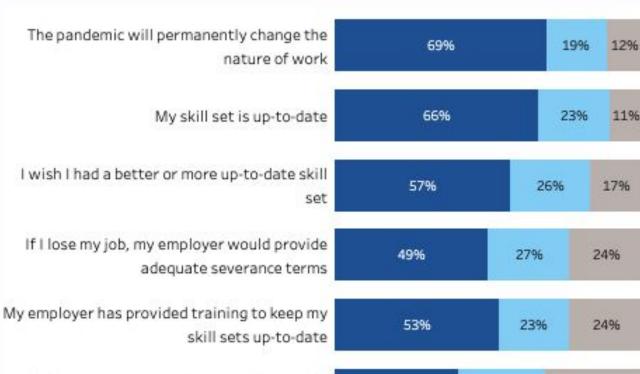
\$200.72 billion was spent online with U.S. retailers in Q2, up 44.4% year over year. That means \$1 in every \$5 spent came from orders placed on the web during the April-June period.

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#### The future of work

#### More than two thirds of people believe the pandemic will alter how we work in the future.

Work from home has become common and many companies do not plan on employees returning until mid-2021. Agree Neutral Disagree



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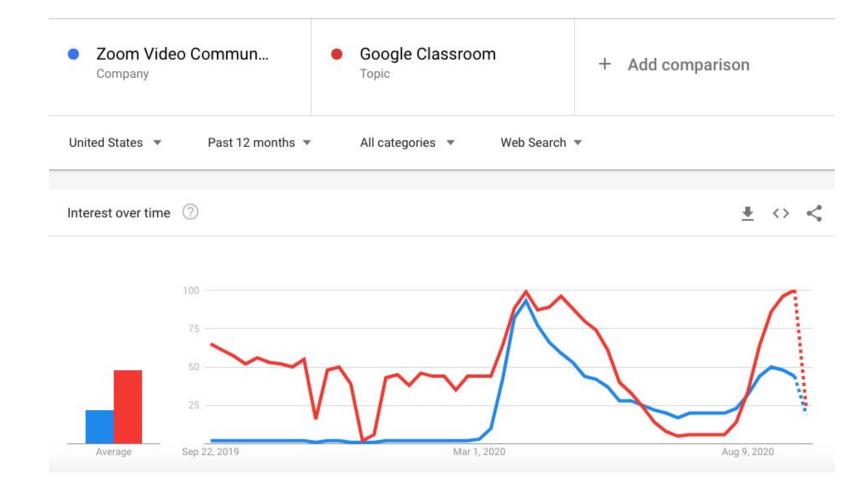
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If I lose my job, my employer would provide support to find a new one

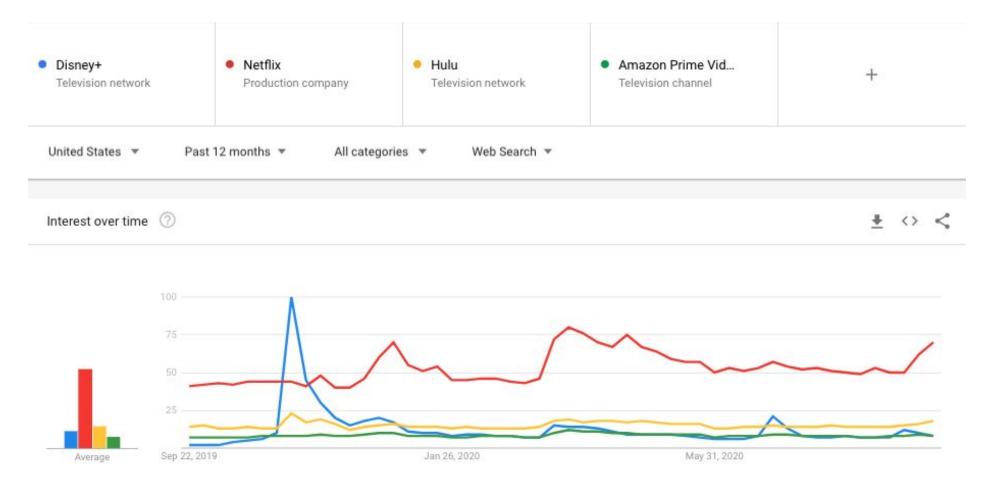
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### Video conferencing is likely here to stay



Work from home has become essential, and kids are participating in distance learning making the importance of video conferencing services like Zoom and Google Classroom essential.

#### Video streaming will remain popular



Even as movie theaters open, Netflix has continued to show a growth in popularity that Hulu, Amazon Prime video and Disney + have not been able to match. Expect more movies to come out directly to streaming, and these platforms to grow in popularity after the pandemic. Small Medium business lose competition because of what happened in 2020, we can see this trend by the # of bankruptcies that happened in 2020 due to COVID-19

This trend will continue on because the big corp's business competitions all went out of business, causing them to get richer and the discrepancies will only increase

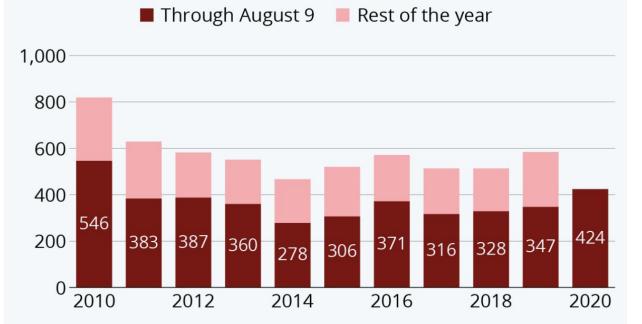
This trend will continue because of market domination and a stronger foothold that large corps who can live through this pandemic but SMB can not

If this is a solid point, i will then find information to support this

#### Markets became less competitive in 2020

## U.S. Bankruptcies at 10-Year High As Pandemic Takes Its Toll

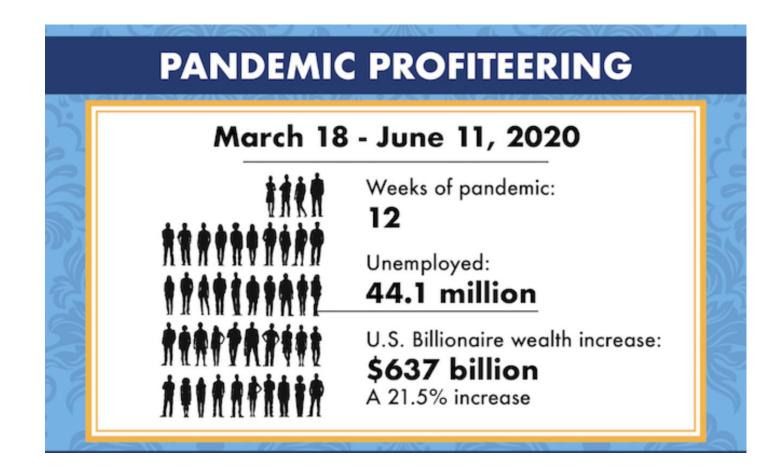
Announced bankruptcies in the United States, by year\*



\* Figures include only public companies, private companies with public debt and assets/liabilities greater than \$2 million and private companies with assets/liabilities greater than \$10 million.

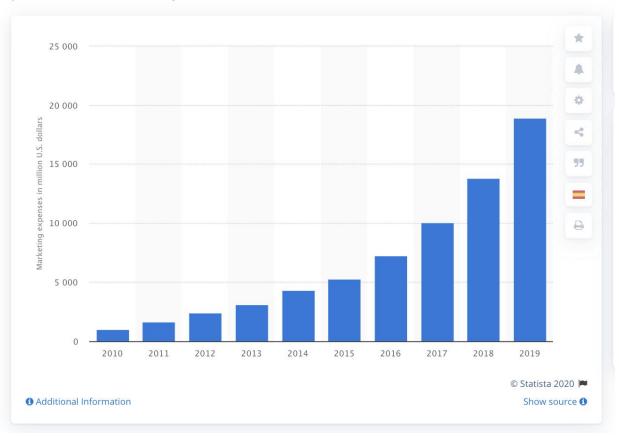
Source: S&P Global market Intelligence

#### Markets became less competitive in 2020



Large corporations are able to have a strong foothold and press on the gas pedal while SMBs loses any sort of momentum due to COVID-19

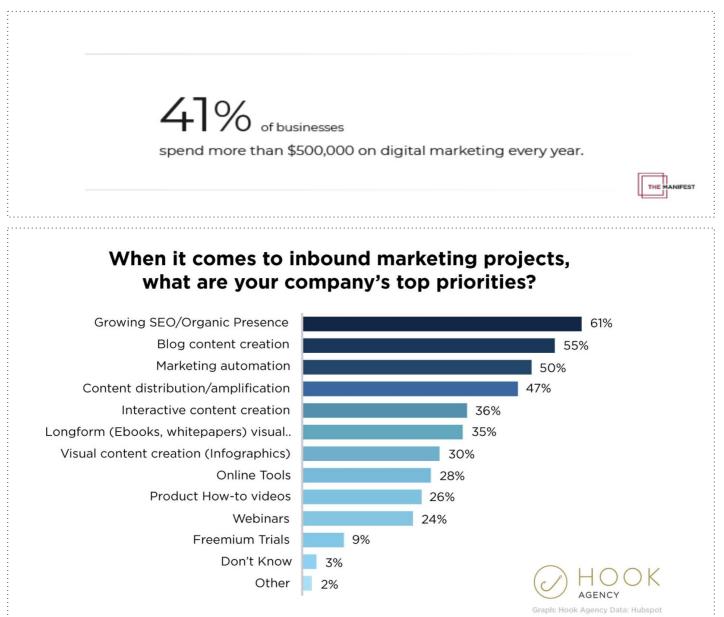
## Why are Big Corps able to withstand the pandemic?



Annual global marketing costs of Amazon from 2010 to 2019

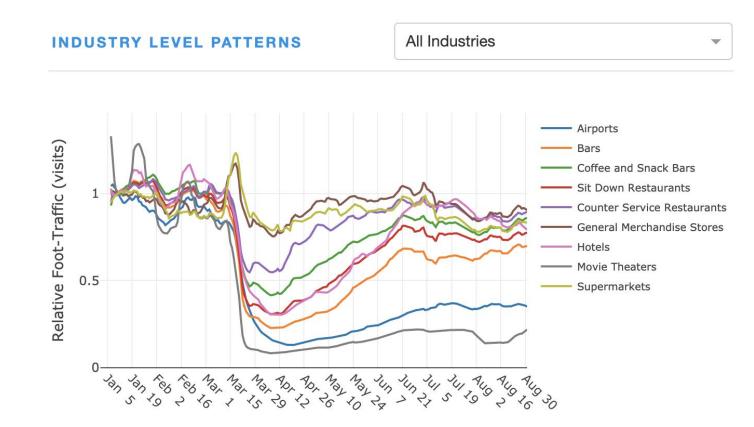
(in million U.S. dollars)

Large corps like Amazon spends a huge portion of their marketing budget on digital marketing, and will continue to do so.



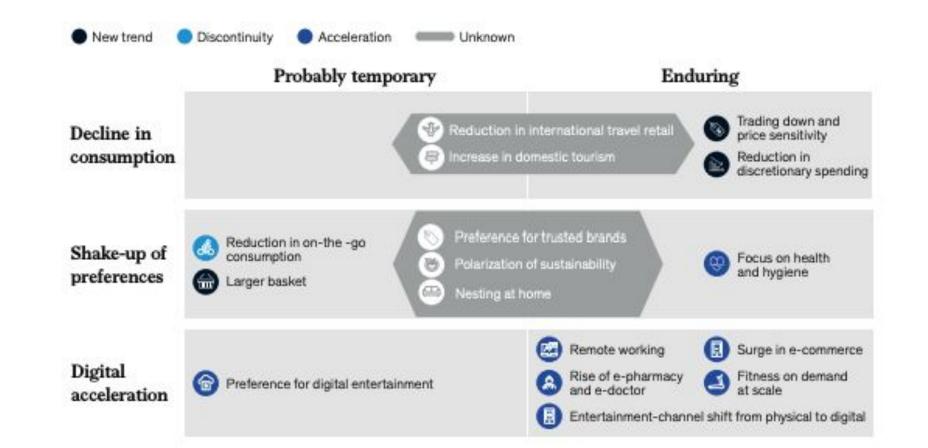
DATA to support the increase importance of digital strategies for businesses that survived the 2020 pandemic

Big corps continue to win despite pandemic is BECAUSE they have great digital strategies that is sustainable.



Note: Click an industry in the legend to toggle it on/off

## Huge decrease in relative foot traffic, people are staying home and this is going to continue on until after COVID-19



From McKinsey, they expect to see e-pharmacy and e-doctor visits, e-commerce and a shift in entertainment preferences to be long term, while on the go consumption will decrease long term.

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## SEO Things that Won't Change in 2021

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#### **Create useful content**

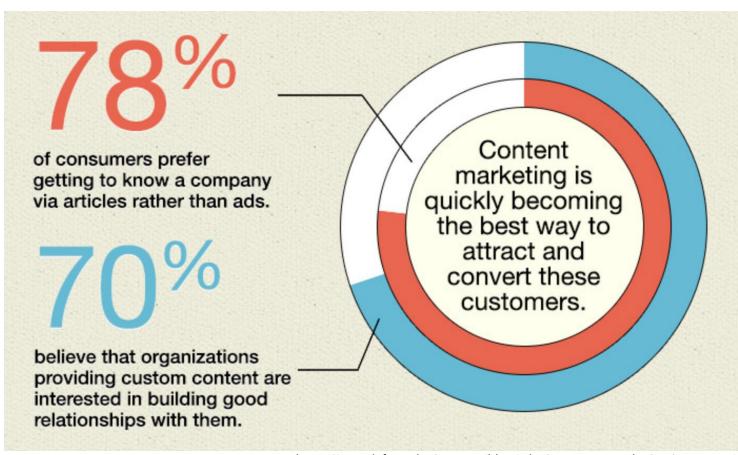
#### **Prioritize UX**

## Technical SEO Never stops

#### **Be Authentic**



#### Creating great, useful content



https://www.lyfemarketing.com/blog/why-is-content-marketing-important/

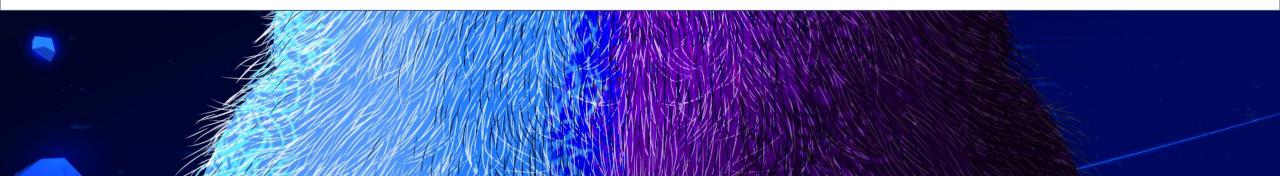
If you haven't been investing in creating content, start NOW!



### AUDIT BEFORE YOU CREATE CONTENT

# This is a great time to do a content audit and see what content you have that needs to be adjusted.

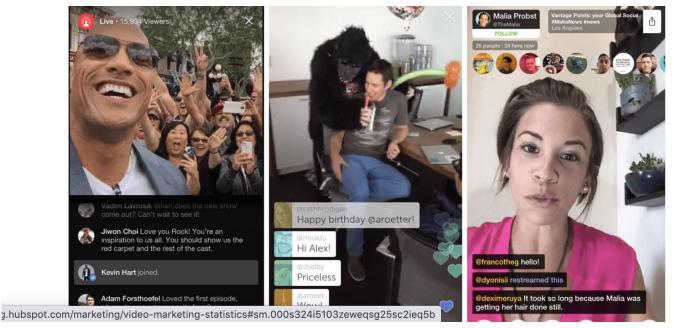
Mike King, Founder and Managing Director, iPullRank



#### **Types of content to create: Video & Live Streams**

#### Best content type #1: Video and live streaming

One of the **biggest trends in content** this year is sure to be video and live streaming. Watching videos is one of the main activities that people take part in online, with as much as a third of all online activity being spent watching videos.



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#### **Video & Live Streams Optimization**

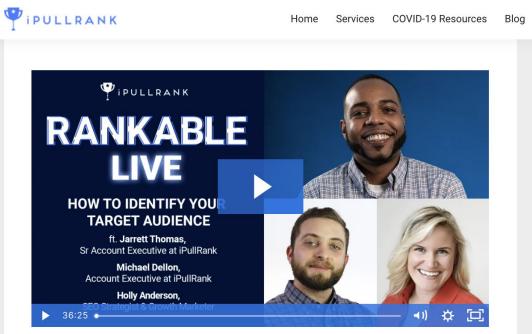
#1: Choose the Right Video Hosting Platform

#2: Insert a Video Transcript

#3: Make Sure Your Thumbnail Image Is Engaging

#4: Pay Attention to the Title and Description of Your Video

#5: Ensure the Rest of Your Page Is Relevant to the Video and Optimized for SEO



#### **Video Transcription**

Jarrett Thomas:

Hey, good afternoon, everybody. We are back. Thank you again for joining rankable episode 13. Topic today is "How to effectively identify your target audience." As always, I'm your host, Jarrett Thomas, Senior Account Executive from iPullRank. I'm joined by two special guests, actually a co-host. My partner in sales, Michael Dellon.

### **Types of content to create: Interactives**

# Best content type #2: Improve engagement with interactive content

Interactive content is fun and can really help you improve your engagement, as you get your readers involved in the process.



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## **Interactives Optimization**

#1: Visually Engaging

#2: Imagery & Messaging has to be on-brand

#3: Heavy focus on UI/UX

#4: Make sure you promote to gain link equity

#5: Ensure the Rest of Your Page Is Relevant to the Interactive



# **Types of content to create: Educational Webinar & Podcasts**



#### iPullRank Webinars

# Pipullrank RANKABLE LIVE

#### DIGITAL MARKETING FOR TRADITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ft. Jarrett Thomas, Sr Acct Exec at iPullRank Chris Hart, Director of Revenue @ iPullRank and Seth Dotterer, CEO at SiteCompli



Thurs, Oct 1st @ 1:30pm ET





Think about: What gaps do you have that new content is needed to fill? What content can you repurpose? 66

You don't want to spin your wheels and create content for the sake of creating content.

Fajr Muhammad Content Marketing Manager





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#### **Importance of UX Design**

#### Medium Welcome back



Entrepreneur's Handbook

Ukrainian Developer Built a \$19.3 Billion App—Because Silicon Valley Was Too...

33-year-old Jan Koum capitalized on Silicon Valley's blind spot and built the world's largest messaging platform with \$0 ad spend

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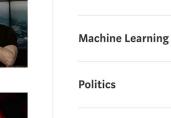
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**TOPICS TO FOLLOW** 

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Great UI interface attracts users to your site, and a great UX design will keep your users on site.

#### **Start Strategizing SEO Yesterday**

# WHICH DIGITAL MARKETING CHANNEL HAS THE HIGHEST ROI\* FOR YOUR WEBSITE?

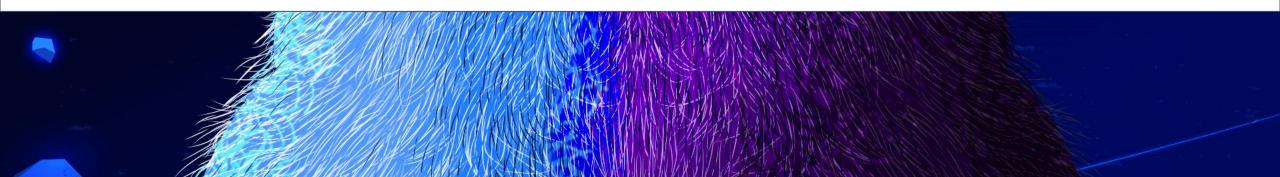


So what are you waiting for? start SEO NOW

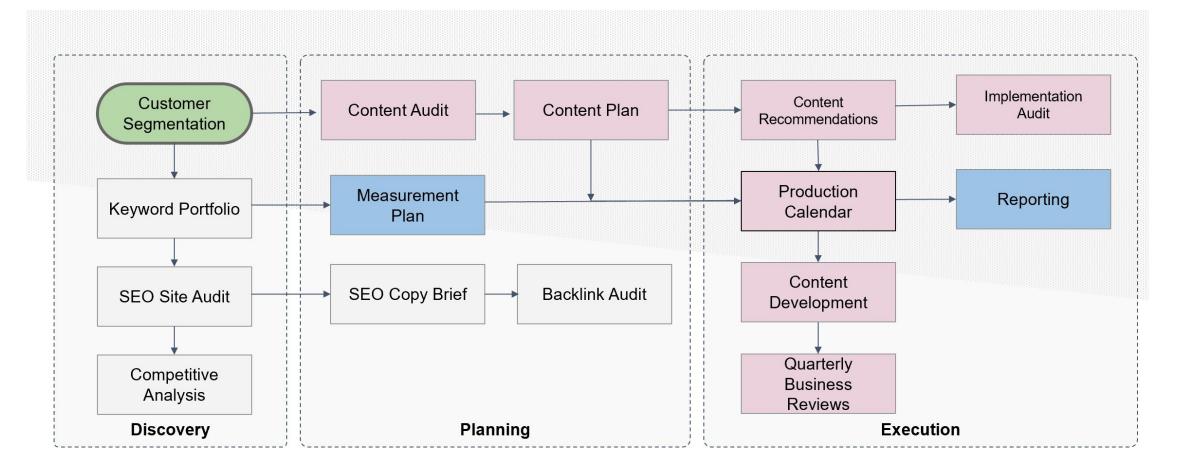


# **START NOW**

# It doesn't take Google six months to catch up to an enterprise site. It takes an enterprise company six months to do anything.



### SEO takes time



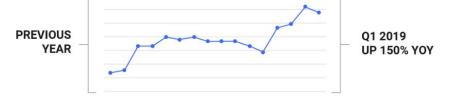
SEO is not as simple as just creating and optimizing content on your site. There are various steps that need to be taken into account in order to succeed in all areas.

# But it's worth it

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#### **The Results**

- O1 Increased 150% YoY
- Total ranked keywords in position 1-5 up 40% YoY



**The Background** 

A major financial institution came to us to help open more doors on their mortgage offering. Struggling with poor rankings, subpar content and broken redirects, the bank faced a major drop in leads from organic traffic as well as a lack of growth in organic visibility. They partnered with iPullRank to audit and optimize their content to improve rankings and reach more prospective homeowners.

#### What We Did

The iPullRank team evaluated the company's site architecture, existing content and backlink profile. We provided a comprehensive audit and plan to recoup lost link equity through replacing internal redirects to final URLs, implementing a trailing slash direct, and suppressing external redirects to 404 in Google Search Console. Additionally, we expanded their keyword portfolio and created and deployed net new how-to and FAQ content.



#### **Our Goals**

- Grow Leads from Organic Search
- Grow Keyword Coverage
- Increase Search Engine Visibility
- Boost Traffic



#### Services Used

- SEO Site Audit
- Keyword Portfolio
- Technical Implementation
- Content Audit
- Content Recommendations
- Content Creation

One of the best examples of planning ahead and staying the course was one of our clients that had neglected SEO for years. We threw the kitchen sink at them and they saw YoY increased in leads of 150%.

#### **Start with 2021 goals**



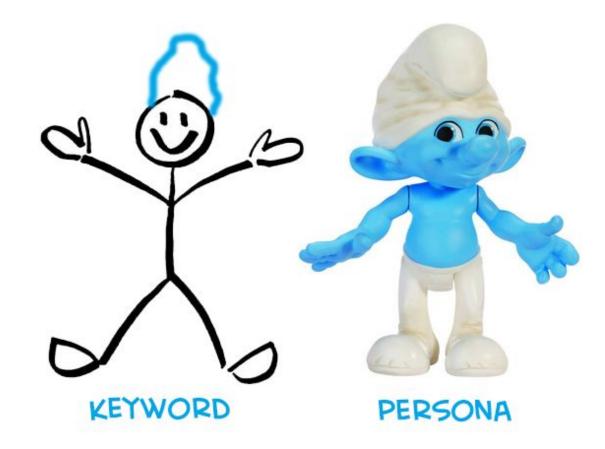
Before anything else you need to set goals for 2021 and determine which KPIs you need to track. You can follow the SMART goal formula to ensure you set realistic and actionable goals.

# **Components of SEO to consider**



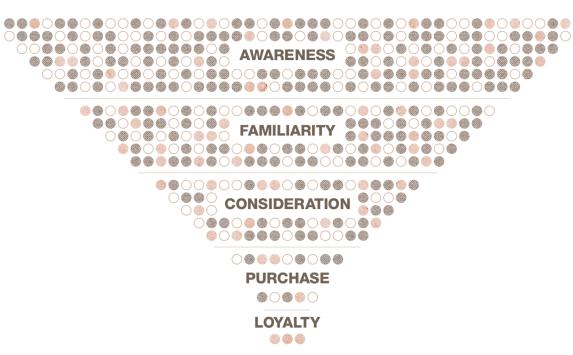
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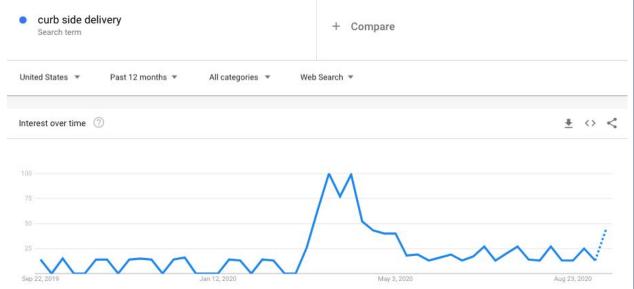




Pre-COVID Personas are NO LONGER VALID. Take a step back and revisit what people are searching for and create new personas

#### **Keyword research needs to be updated**





You still need keep need state into account with keyword research, but search intent has changed this year meaning keyword portfolios need to be updated. For example, curb side delivery peaked in March- April, but is still more popular than previously.

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# **Opportunities for 2021**

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#### GPT-3

# NLG techniques text summarizations

#### How To & FAQ

#### Snippets

#### Live Event Schema Markup

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# **Opportunities for 2021**

#### **Structured Data**

How To & FAQ

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#### NLG Technology

GPT-3

**Text Summarizations** 



#### **Structured Data: FAQ & How To**

classyschema.org > FAQPage \*

#### FAQ Page Structured Data Markup Helper & Examples

FAQ Page Rich Snippets. FAQ pages provide answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions. This tool helps you mark up that information in order to get them ...

How do I add a question?	~
How do I edit a question and its answer?	~
X How do I delete a question?	~
‡ How do I change the order of questions?	~
I want to start afresh. How do I get rid of these questions?	~
Are Emojis shown in the FAQ search result rich snippets?	~
What other helpers do you provide?	^

We have tools to help you generate json-Id and microdata for:

#### Wideos

Single video pages and collections of videos can show up in rich snippets. Our helper also supports defining clips.

#### E How tos

This helper supports all required and recommended fields as well as more advanced options like sections and linking to videos and clips via IDs.

#### A FAQ Pages

You're looking at it. This helper generates rich snippets that expand your pages normal result by showing a series of questions with expandable answers.

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What are the ingredients used in baking cake? V Which ingredient makes cake Fluffy? V

#### **Structured Data: Featured Snippets**

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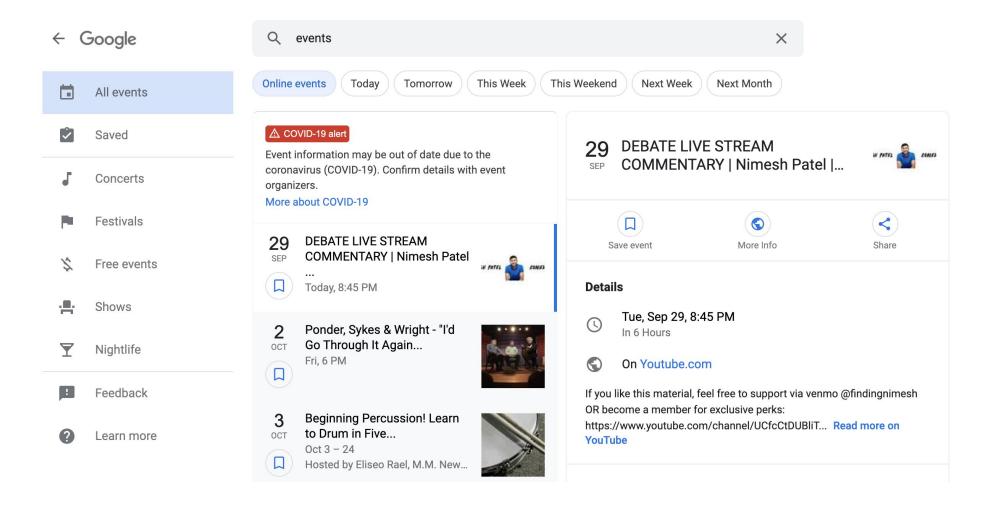
**Featured snippets** are selected search results that are **featured** on top of Google's organic results below the ads in a box. **Featured snippets** aim at answering the user's question right away (hence their other well-known name, "answer boxes"). Being **featured** means getting additional brand exposure in search results. Aug 23, 2017

moz.com > blog > optimize-featured-snippets

How to Optimize for Google's Featured Snippets to Build More ...

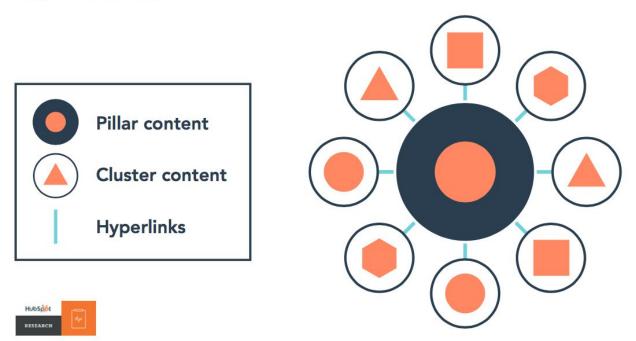
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#### **Structured Data: Live Event Schema Markup**



#### **Information Architecture: Optimize Content Using Topical Clusters**

#### **Topic Clusters**



Your keywords have keywords and topical clusters reinforce the relevance of sections of the site. As you optimize your content you should build out topical clusters to comprehensively rank for your keyword set.

#### **Use PAA to Drive the Clusters**

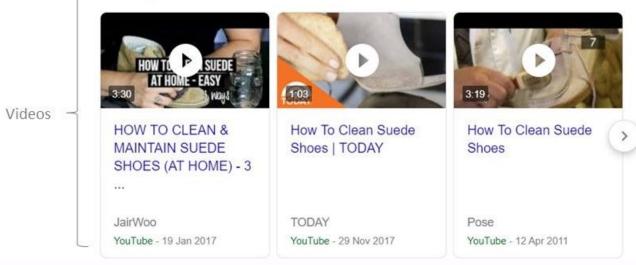
Use a tool like SERPApi to identify the People Also Ask questions related to your core keywords and create content around them.



PAA

e	how to clean suede shoes diy	• Q
Γ	People also ask	
	What can I use to clean suede shoes?	~
-	Can you use soap and water to clean suede shoes?	~
	How do you clean white suede shoes at home?	~
	Can you use baby wipes on suede shoes?	~
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#### Videos



### **NLG Technology: GPT-3**

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Language Modeling has exploded in the past few years. Technologies like GPT-3 are very strong and generating copy at scale that can be used in support of Organic Search visibility growth.

#### **Generate Category Level Copy with GPT-2/3**

Text Generation API			Search engine optimization is the process of growing the quality and quantity of				
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With GPT-2 or GPT-3 you can create content on a scalable level using tools like Inferkit.com. Simply type in a few sentences and the AI will write the rest for you. This is especially relevant when creating content for category pages.

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#### Check Out My Post on SEJ About This

https://www.searchenginejournal.com/ge nerate-data-driven-copy-ecommerce-categ ory-pages-gpt-2/375277/#close



# How to Generate Data-Driven Copy for Ecommerce Category Pages with GPT-2

Interested in scalable text generation? Learn how to programmatically generate copy for ecommerce category pages using a transformer-based language model.



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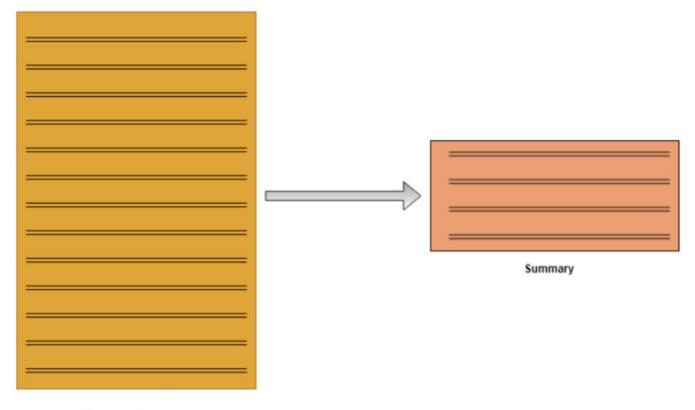


My MozCon presentation was a short film created by the iPullRank team.

I'm not going to spoil it because I'd rather you watched it, but the movie is one part "Batman: The Animated Series" and one part "Mr. Robot" presented in a mixed-media format.

If you haven't seen it, we've just released a Director's Cut as well as all the related resources and code (all the tactics and code are real) from the film, so please have a

# **NLG Technology: Text Summarization**



Document

These text summaries can save you a lot of time and can be utilized to make descriptions of product pages easily

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