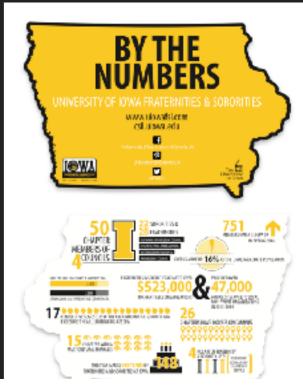
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WHAT MAKES A WEBSITE SUCCESSFUL?

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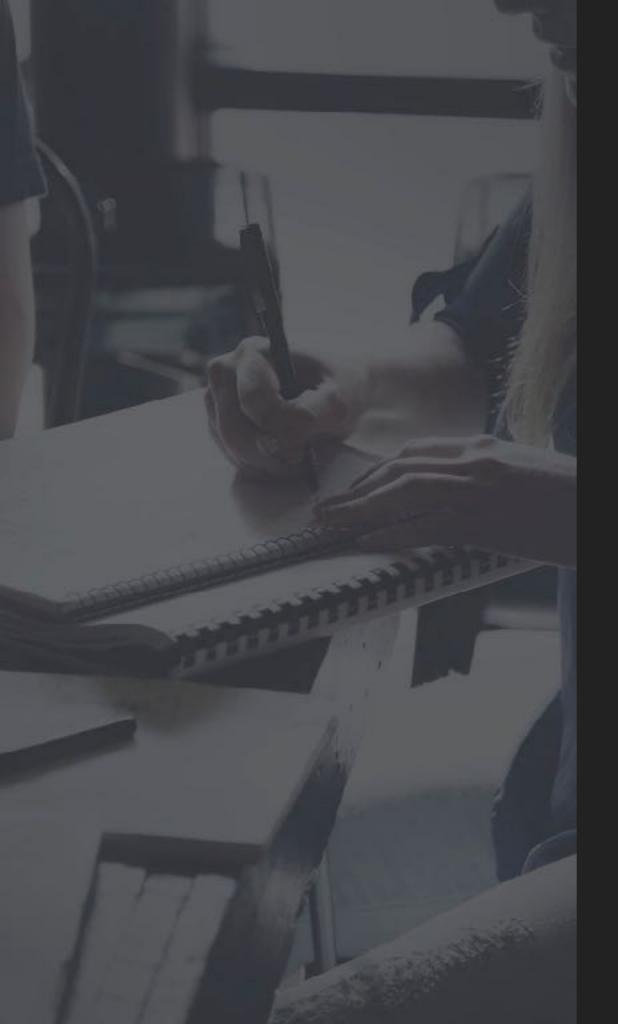






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3 PILLARS OF WEB DESIGN
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WEBSITE CHECKLIST GUIDE
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Q&A



WHAT MAKES A WEBSITE SUCCESSFUL?

THE 3 PILLARS OF WEB DESIGN

BUILD CREDIBILITY & TRUST

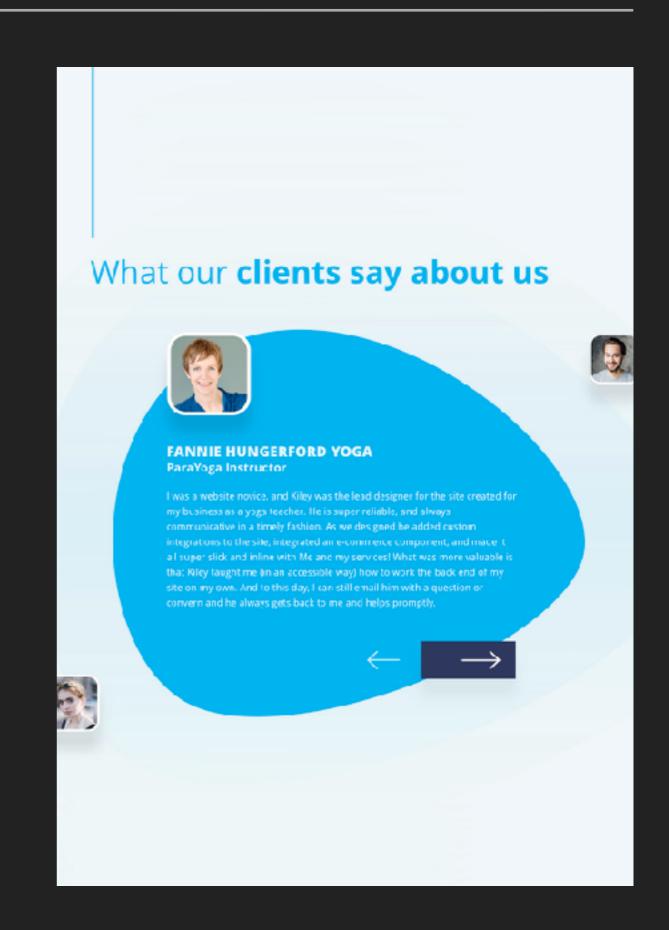
OPTIMIZE FOR LEADS & SALES

INCREASE TRAFFIC

BUILD CREDIBILITY & TRUST

First things first. If you want a website that generates new income for your business, you need to create an online presence that adds credibility and sets yourself apart from your competition. There are many factors that come into play here, but some of the low hanging fruits that will make your site more credible include:

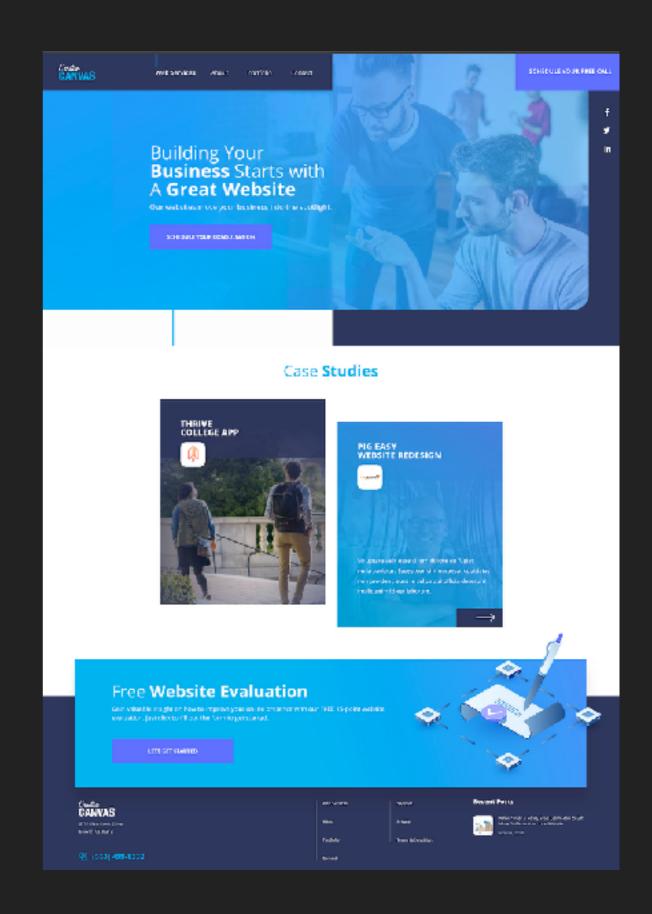
- quality content
- superb user interaction & user experience
- professional look & feel
- social proof (testimonials & reviews)



OPTIMIZE FOR LEADS & SALES

So many businesses miss out on attainable leads because their site isn't optimized for generating leads and sales. With the proper strategy and planning, you can turn your website into a well-oiled machine that churns out new sales & leads on the fly. Here are some of the things that help convert visitors into customers:

- clear calls to action
- lead magnets
- sales funnels
- soft sales

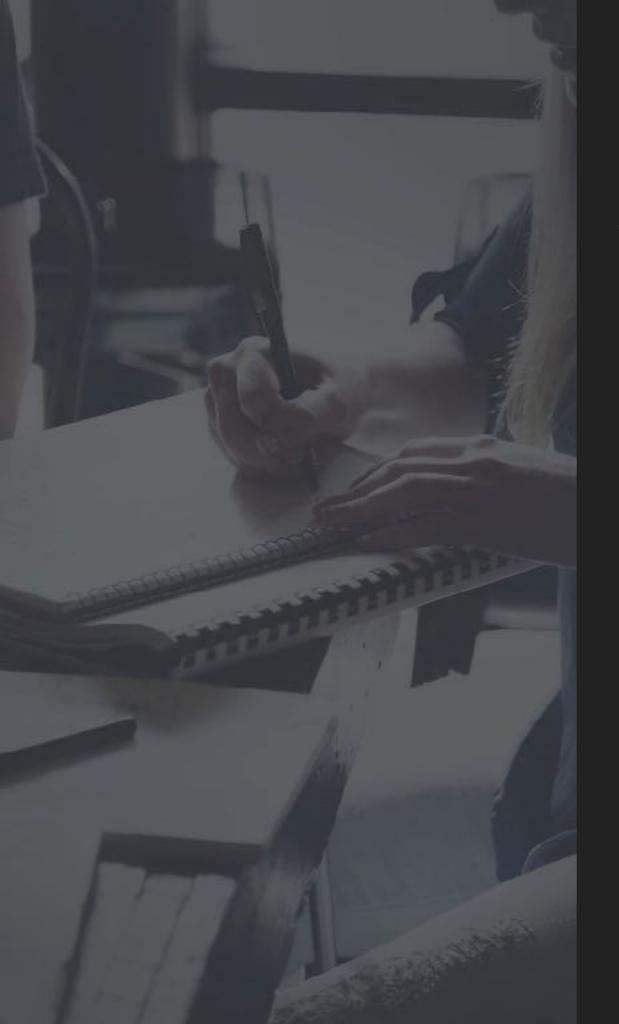


INCREASE TRAFFIC

A website without traffic is like paying for a billboard in the middle of a corn field. There's no use in having an amazing website if you aren't getting any visitors. Some of the traffic generating services you can take advantage of to help kick start your online traffic include:



- local SEO
- organic SEO
- paid advertising
- social media management



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WEBSITE PLATFORMS: HOW TO CHOOSE

WIX / SQUARESPACE

SHOPIFY

WORDPRESS

WIX / SQUARESPACE

SUMMARY

 Offers the bare basics - great for those who are just getting started

PROS

- Lowest budget
- Just getting started
- Great first step
- Easiest barrier to entry
- "Hands off" support

CONS

- Design limitations
- Limited App Market
- Technical SEO
- Advanced Marketing Tools
- Data Export

SHOPIFY

SUMMARY

E-commerce intensive - geared towards users without web dev skills

PROS

- Start quickly with any skill level no coding needed
- Platform can grow as you do
- Shopify is a hosted solution
 - Tons of prebuilt "Apps"
 - Shopify hosting "Hands off" support

CONS

- Software as a service ('SaaS') monthly fees for everything
- ▶ E-commerce only
- More limiting factors compared to Wordpress

WORDPRESS

SUMMARY

Website solution that can scale as your business grows

PROS

- Caters to everyone, from no skill level to expert developer
- Platform can grow as you do
- Allows for the most customization
- HUGE community of support for themes & plugins
- Easy "hands off" options for hosting and updates

CONS

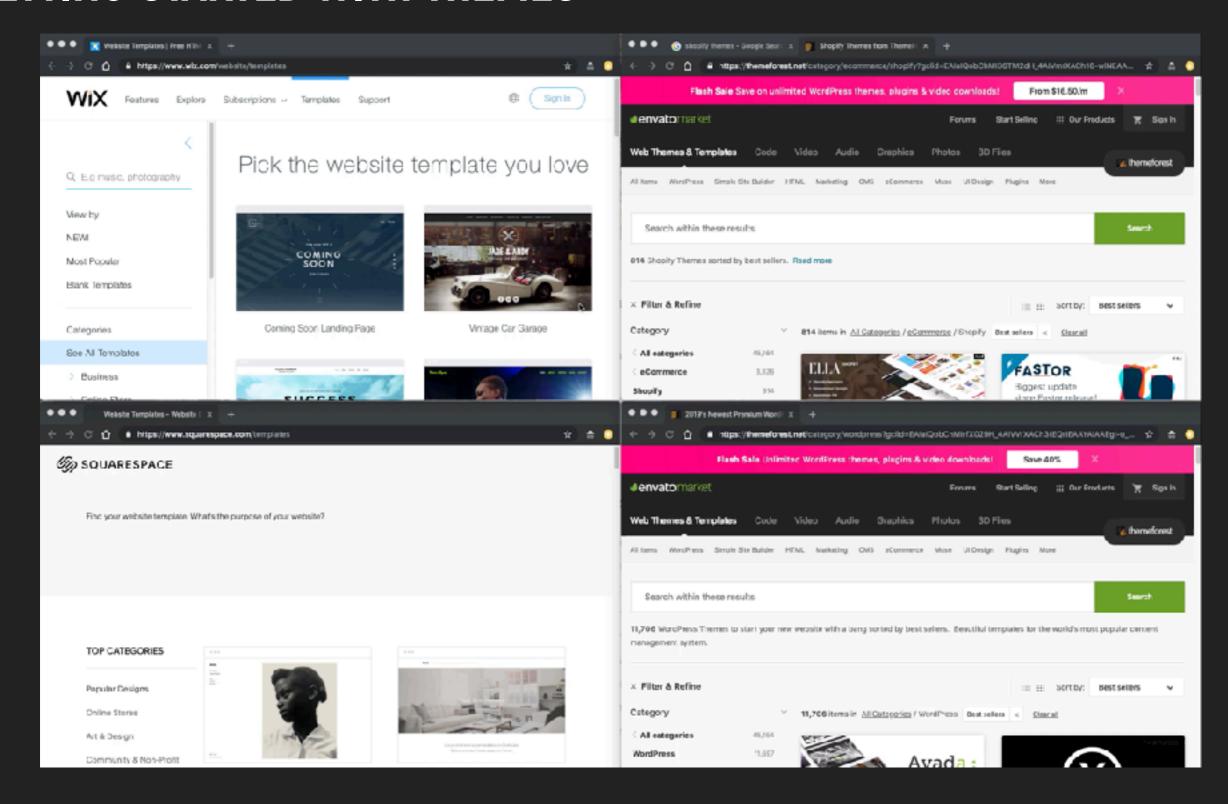
More configuration needed before launching a site

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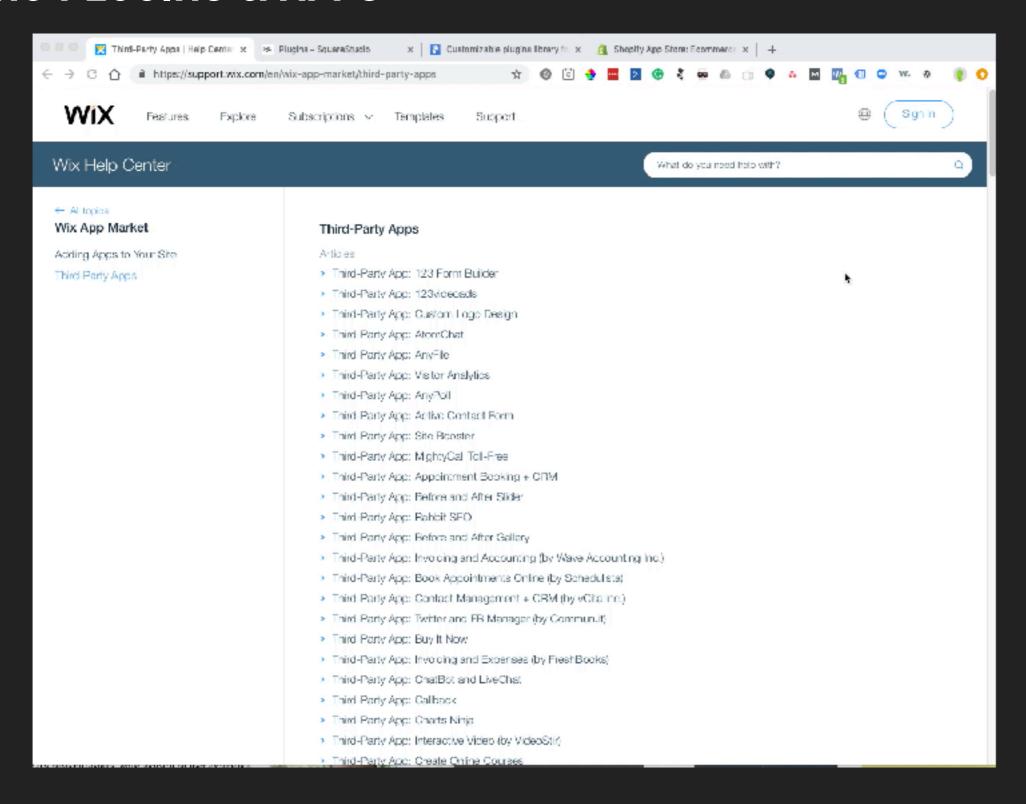


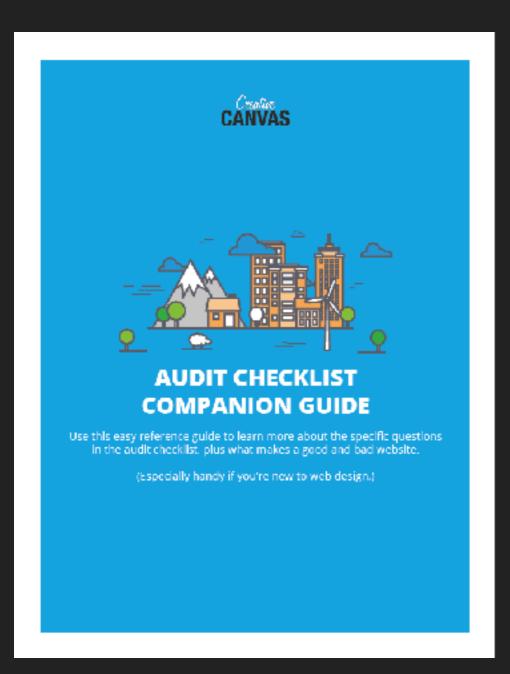


GETTING STARTED WITH THEMES



UTILIZING PLUGINS & APPS





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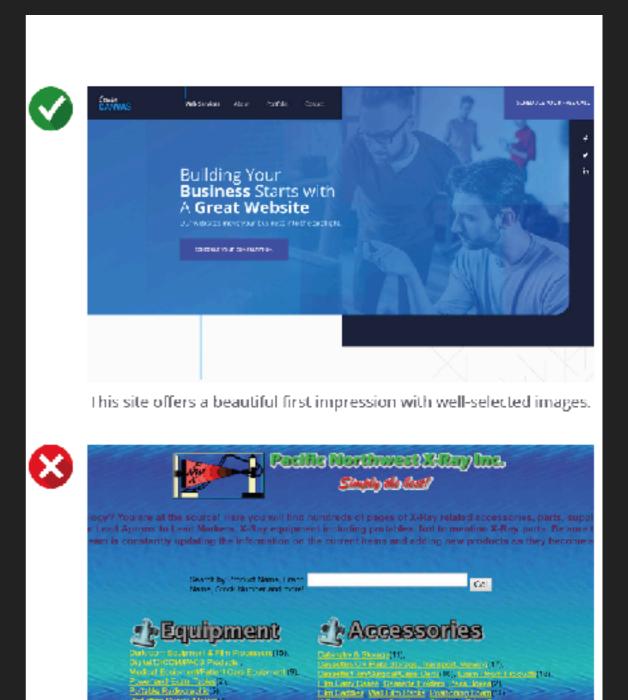
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A TO K: FIRST IMPRESSIONS

L TO X: SEARCH ENGINE FRIENDLINESS

A: DOES THE WEBSITE LOOK NICE AND PROFESSIONAL?

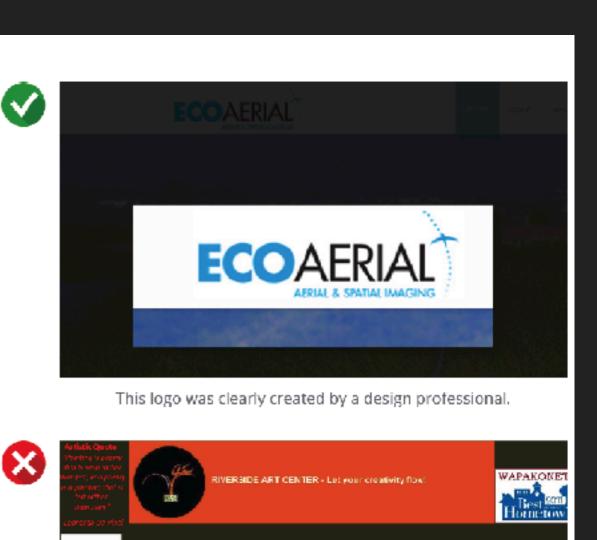
This one isn't complicated, you just want to use your best judgement. Have they used modern fonts? Does it look like a professional designer was engaged to do it? An ugly, unprofessional website should be obvious even to the untrained eye.



A website in dire need of a complete overhaul.

B: IS THERE A PROFESSIONAL LOGO?

Does the logo represent the essence of the business? Is it simple, memorable, modern (yet timeless), versatile and appropriate? Does it carefully balance symbols, colors, words, fonts and shapes - with all the elements working together? Would a 'guy off the street' immediately understand the logo's intended meaning?



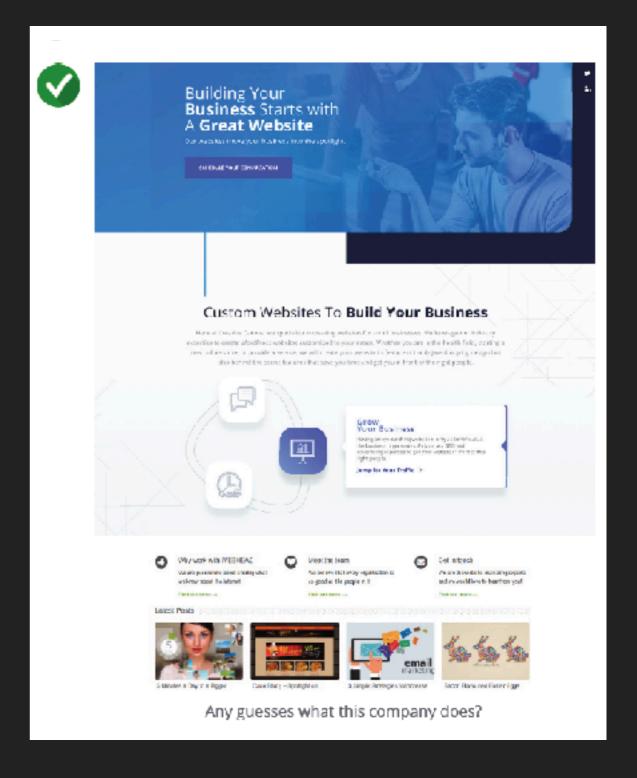
An extreme example, maybe, but nothing unusual.

The 2016 Member Show is coming soon! Entries will be accepted June 16th and 17th from 12-4pm

For more information on entering download the form https://www.letter.herel
Register your Kroger Rewards Card at

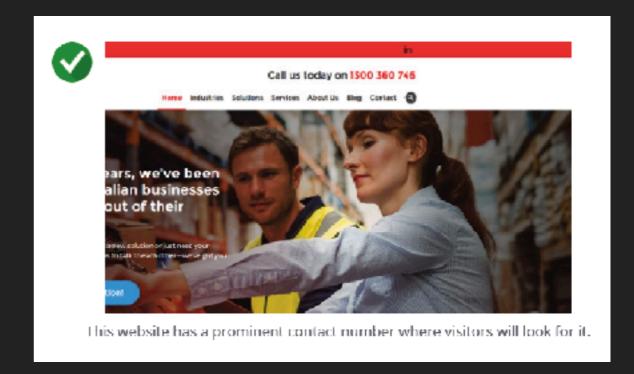
C: IS THERE A CALL TO ACTION OR KEY MESSAGE IN THE MAIN BANNER?

Any marketing collateral is incomplete without a clear CTA (Call To Action) such as 'call now', 'join us', 'download now' or 'sign me up' in high quality visual treatment. This must be in the main banner across the site so that visitors clearly understand what they need to do if they'd like to get to know the business better.



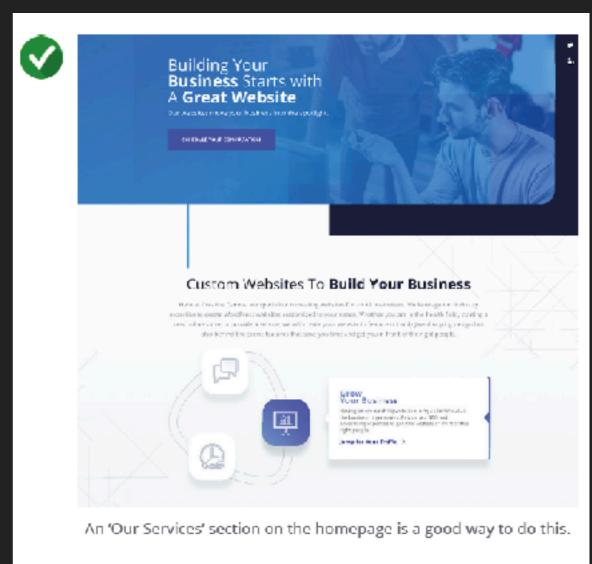
D: IS THERE A CONTACT NUMBER ON THE TOP OF THE WEBSITE?

An easy-to-find phone number on the website boosts conversion rates because people are comforted that they can call you if the need arises. It builds trust that the business is 'real' rather than purely online. Some potential customers will want to talk to someone before buying.



E: IS IT OBVIOUS WHAT THEIR BUSINESS DOES?

Potential customers need to be engaged by outstanding content - content that allows them to easily understand what the business is offering and to make an informed decision about whether or not they wish to progress towards a purchase. The business should clearly articulate their value proposition and customer benefit statements.



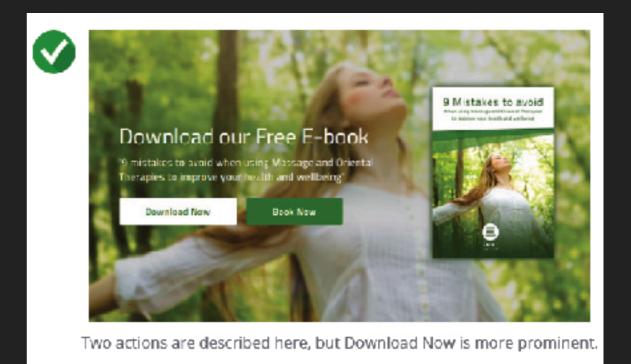


Any website that says "We leverage out-of-the-box thinking to drive dynamic synergies."

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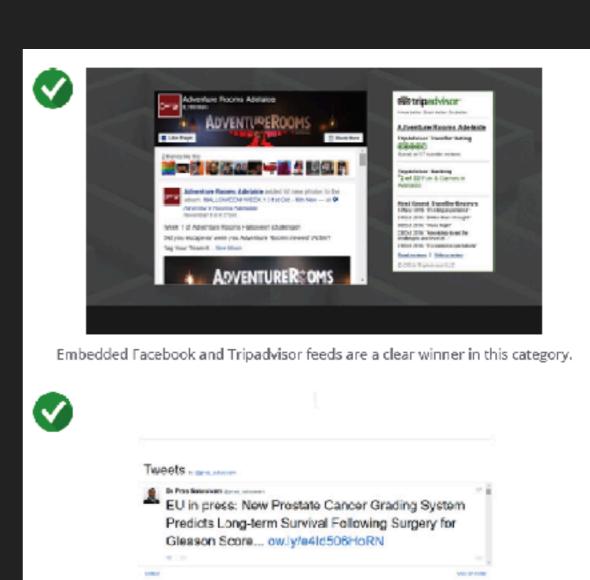
F: IS THERE A PRIMARY ACTION FOR VISITORS?

The website needs to guide visitors (potential customers) into the course of action that the business wants to achieve most. Is the business suggesting that visitors provide their email address to be added to a weekly newsletter or download a free resource?



G: ARE THERE SECONDARY ACTIONS TO TAKE?

If visitors to the website aren't interested in the primary action (e.g. they're not ready to call the business or provide their email address), what other actions might they take to stay somewhat-engaged with the business? Social media sharing is frequently in this category.



Patient Information Sheets

Tweets from the company's main account adds life to a site.

Online Forms

H: IS THE MENU NAVIGATION EASY TO USE?

Menu navigation should operate like street signs, ensuring website visitors can easily find their way around. Good navigation reflects good information architecture. A poor website might merely list off the individual departments and their inventory. A good website will ensure that customers can readily find the information with few clicks.



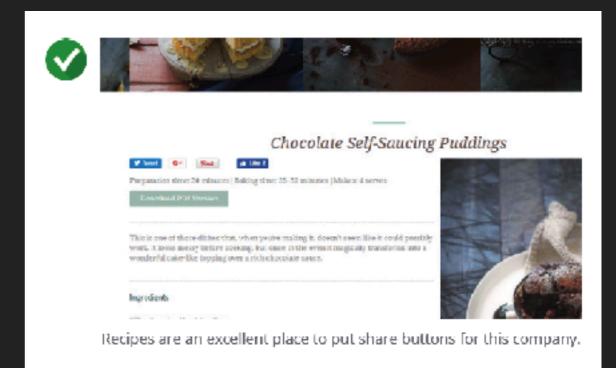
The flat, deliberate tree structure is obvious for visitors to navigate.



Anything non-standard is an unnecessary learning curve for visitors.

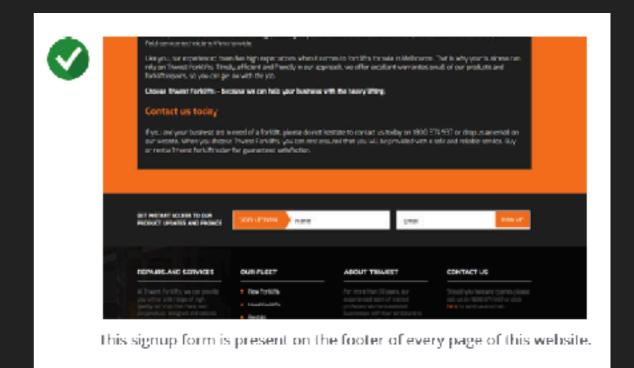
I: ARE THERE SOCIAL MEDIA SHARE BUTTONS?

The business should have a consistent presence across its chosen social network platforms (such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest). Sharing and follow buttons should be used to generate fans/followers for those social media accounts.



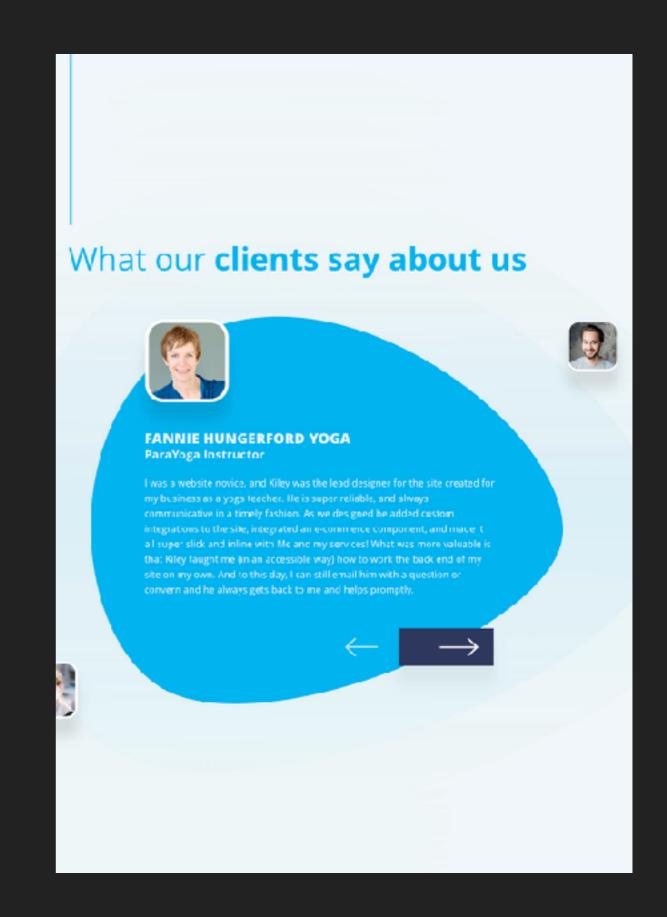
J: IS THERE A LEAD CAPTURE FORM ON EVERY PAGE?

One of the most common mistakes made by business websites is that they overlook the opportunity to capture the email addresses of web visitors. This critical information can then be used in an automated email marketing sequence so these prospects can start to know, like and trust the business.



K: ARE THERE CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS OR REVIEWS?

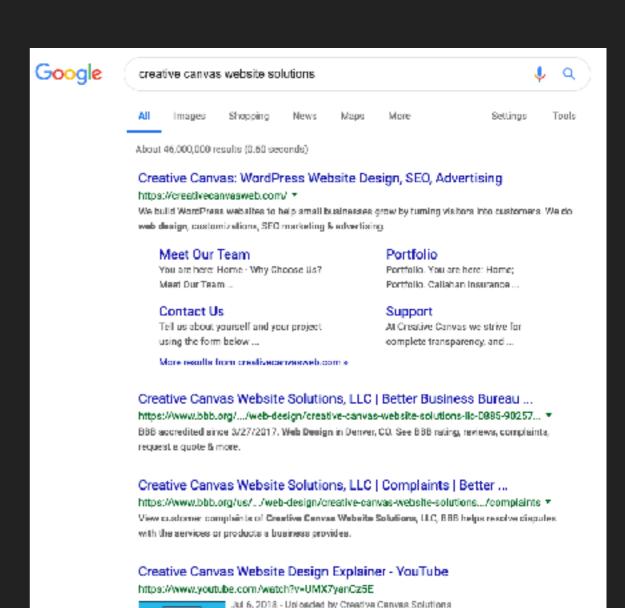
Customer testimonials are a powerful way for a business to gain credibility. Whilst statements made by the business might sound like impolite bragging, those same words from another person can be extremely effective at generating trust. The more, the better!



L: GOOGLE THEIR WEBSITE. DOES IT MAKE THE FIRST PAGE?

Google-friendly sites are easily accessible (with a logical link structure), give the visitors the information they're looking for and have links from other sites.

For best results in this area, it's important to understand and follow the guidelines that helps Google find, index and rank sites.



Our design goal is to create websites whose layout is stylish, well-organized,

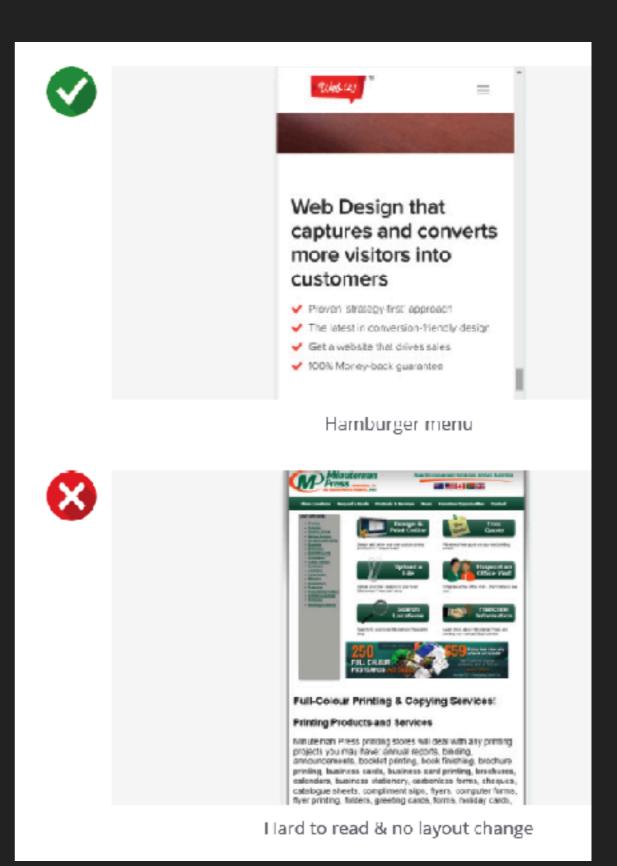
M: DOES THE WEBSITE TAKE 3 SECONDS OR LESS TO LOAD?

Mobile or desktop, users don't like to wait. Page loading times are crucial to any website's user experience and a major contributing factor to page abandonment. Key culprits may be heavy-handedness with graphics, content, or functionality or insufficient technical grunt behind the scenes.



N: IS IT RESPONSIVE?

For website content to 'flow like water' across different devices, design must focus on elements such as adjustable screen resolution and automatically resizable images. Does the content look good on any screen by being resized, hidden, shrunk, enlarged or otherwise moved?

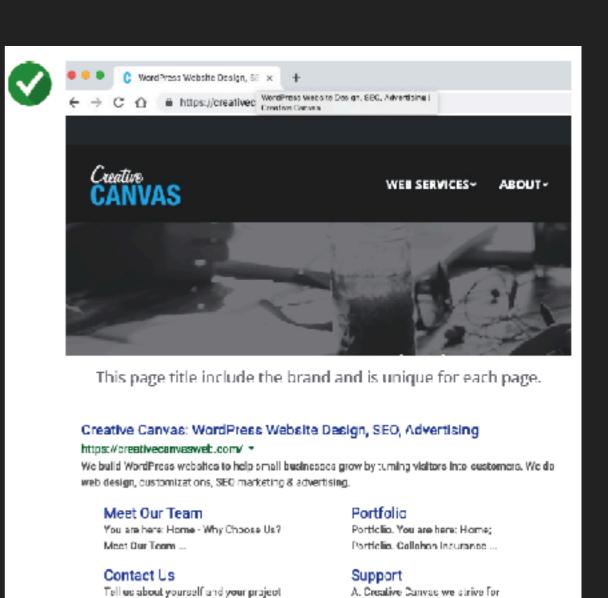


O: IS THERE A UNIQUE PAGE TITLE ON EVERY PAGE? (CHECK THE TAB)

The humble page title is the main tool to attract new visitors from search listings. It's the short clickable headline for listings on search engine result pages (SERP) so it should be carefully design for maximum usability.

P: DOES THE PAGE TITLE INCLUDE YOUR BRAND?

Given there's not a lot of characters to play with in page titles, it's critical to choose them carefully. The name/brand of the business is a mandatory inclusion for search engine results - Google is looking for it.



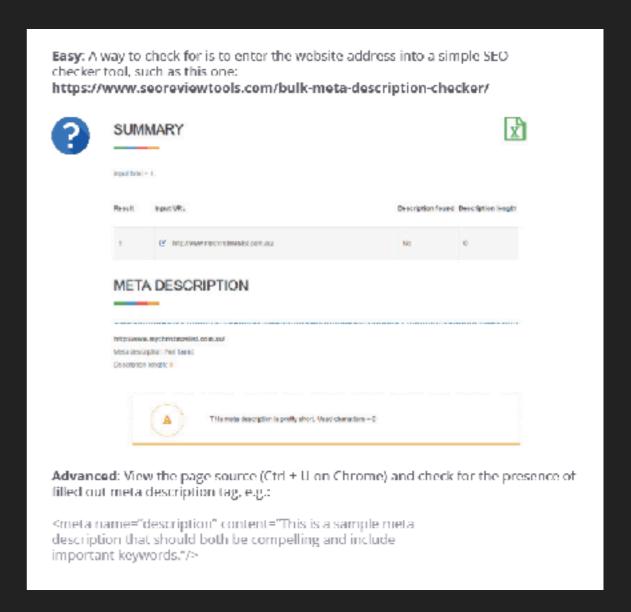
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using the form below ...

More results from creatived anvesweb comit

Q: IS THERE A UNIQUE META DESCRIPTION FOR EACH PAGE?

Meta descriptions are a part of site optimization for search engines. Awesome meta descriptions are 135-160 characters long, include keywords within legible, readable copy and match the content on the page. Meta descriptions must be written differently for every page.



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R: ARE THERE AT LEAST 500 WORDS ON EACH PAGE?

When it comes to content, more is better, as it is easier to include a range of keywords while still sounding natural. Having their content optimized for a range of related keywords makes it more likely to match the different combinations of words used by people on a search.

Easy: A way to check for is to enter the website address into a simple website word counter, such as this one:

https://wordcounter.net/website-word-count





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Advanced: Copy and paste the entire homepage into a word processor, ensuring that you use the Paste without formatting command in order to strip out any images. You can then use the Word Count tool in your respective application to perform the count.

S: IS THE COPY A GOOD READ?

Does the copy connect with the reader?

Does it showcase the product/service and overcome all objections?

Does it encourage the next conversion step?

Excellent copy makes the target audience want to continue reading.



- Use of the words "you" and "your"
- Buttons/links that say "sign up" or "join now"
- Supporting imagery
- Persuasive without salesiness
- Clearly outlined benefits of their service/product
- Addresses objections their visitors might have
- Asks the visitor questions



- Generally difficult to follow
- Use of the words "we", "our" and "I"
- Buttons that say "submit"
- Links that say "click here"
- Technical jargon
- Spelling and grammar errors
- Does not engage reader

T: IS THE COPY EASY TO DIGEST WITH PARAGRAPH BREAKS AND BULLETS?

Ensure the sentences aren't too long nor complex and paragraphs are 'edible'.

Headings and subheadings should be short and active.

Use bulleted and numbered lists to make content easy to digest, as many visitors scan before they read.

Tip: Google also looks for this stuff!



- Bullet points
- Varied length sentences
- Short headings
- Short 1-2 sentence paragraphs
- Bolded words
- Easy to read out loud
- Subheadings/sections



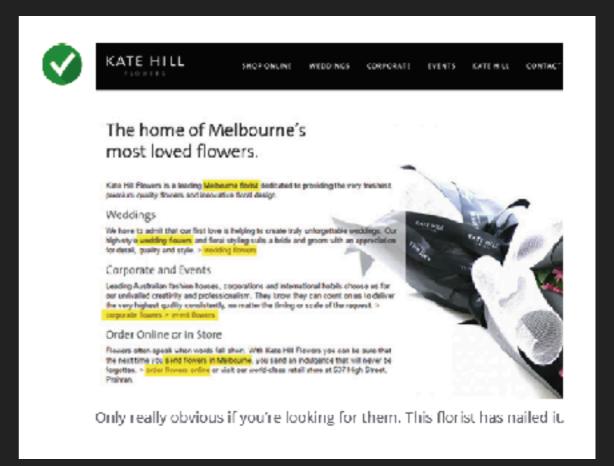
- "Walls" of text
- Poor font choice

U: IS THERE CONTENT WITH KEYWORDS ABOVE THE FOLD?

Above the fold is anything that a user sees once they land in a web page (without scrolling down on their screen).

Google weights this content slightly higher when considering page rankings.

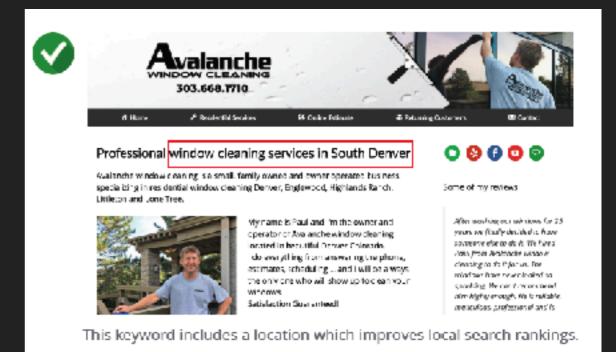
Additionally, users who are engaged with the content stay longer and the longer your users stay, the better your search engine results.



V: ARE THERE KEYWORDS IN HEADINGS?

Search engines pay special attention to the words in their headings as likely clues to the page's main topics. They should definitely want to include the page's keywords inside headings.

Also, each heading should be unique and targeted to the page it's on.



Any website with a "Welcome to [company name]" heading on their homepage.

Aside from being completely uncompelling, they do nothing for SEO.

W: DO ALL INTERNAL HYPERLINKS WORK CORRECTLY?

It's a rather public black mark against their name if they haven't tested their links before you've gone live and/or if they don't love their website enough to maintain their links.

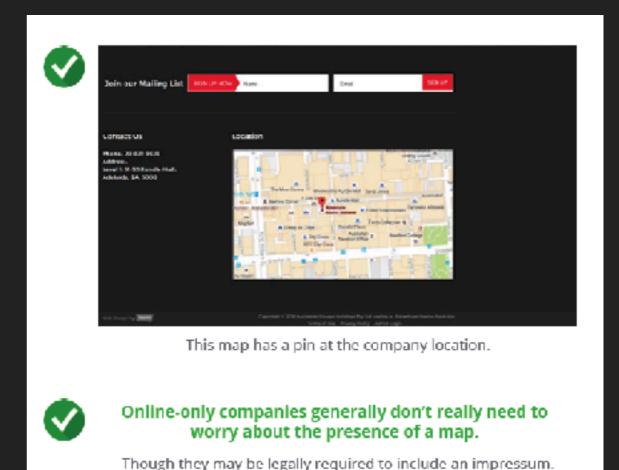
- Easy: The best way to check this is to simply click on as many links and buttons as you can see and keep an eye out for "404 Not Found" pages.
- Advanced: Use the middle-click on your mouse to pop open the links in a new tab, without navigating away from the original website.

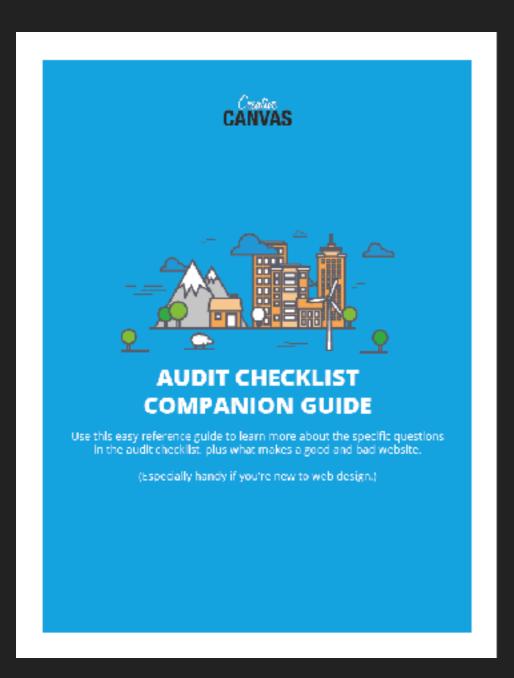
X: IS THERE A MAP PRESENT ON THE WEBSITE?

A Google location map is critical for smaller local businesses.

Broadly speaking, businesses with high ranking have multiple inward links, usually from industry websites (e.g. restaurant review sites).

Ensure that each of these industry websites have exactly the same street location for your business as your Google location map - it's absolutely worth the effort!





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HOTSEAT: ARTIST SITE EVALUATION

ART BY TIF CHOATE

ART OF MODELING





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Tif Choate, artist

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Dogs and Cats are my most requested commissions, but I can render just about anything you can imagine! I'd love to hear your ideas for a painted masterpiece.

How do Commissions Work? CLICK HERE to find out more.









Here's What Others are Saying...

Hove Grover and am happy with the quality, thank you. Beautiful piece of art that reminds us of our beloved Eddie :)" -Barbara W.

"I bought end fremed this exact print for my daughter. It makes her smile each day! Art is powerful." - Peggy Burns Kruger

LOVE! Thank you Art T. Choate! It's PERFECT! - Sami Caroll

"Your paintings are amazing! I love the color and expressions of each puppy. So great!" - Julie Lewis

"Thank you so much for creating this beautiful piece of art. I love it so much!" - Janie Tulle



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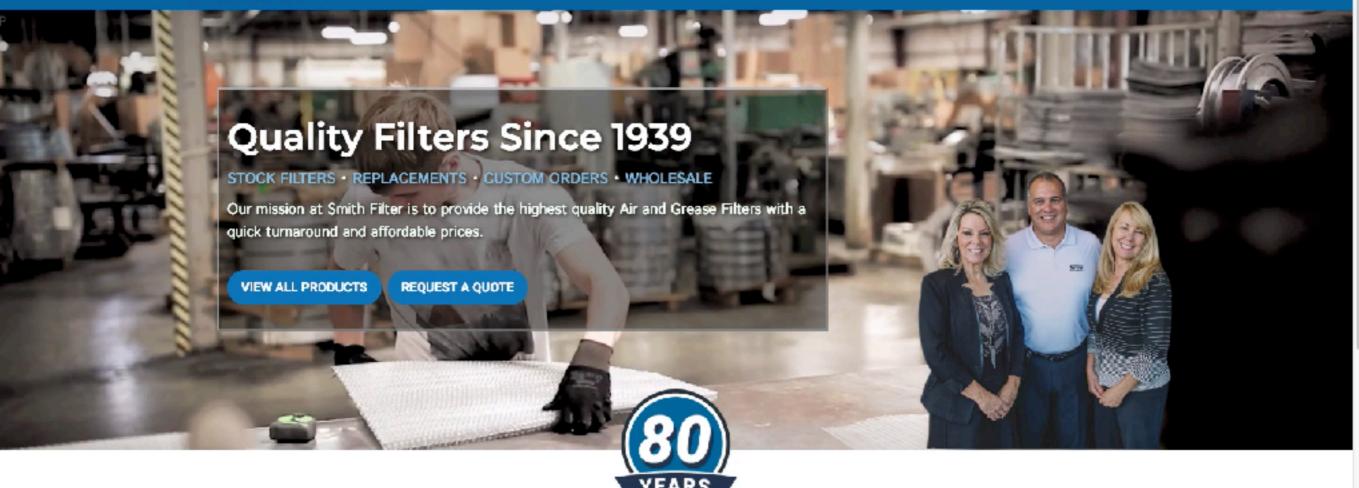
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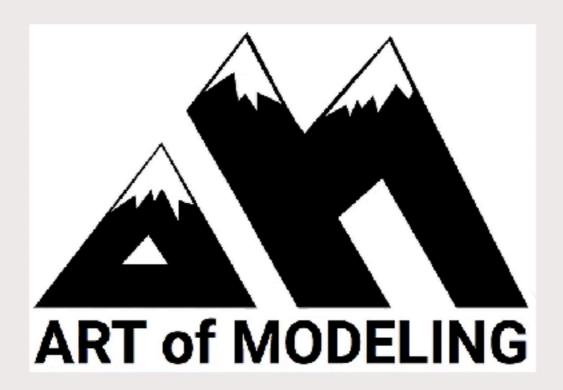
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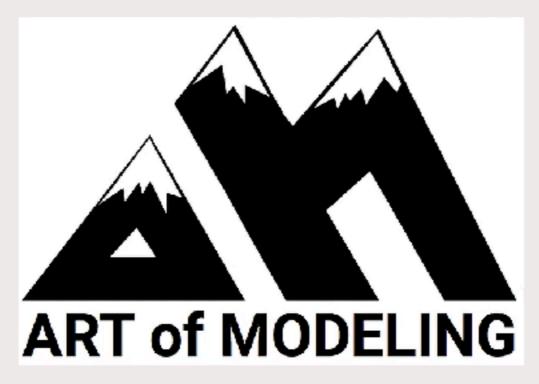


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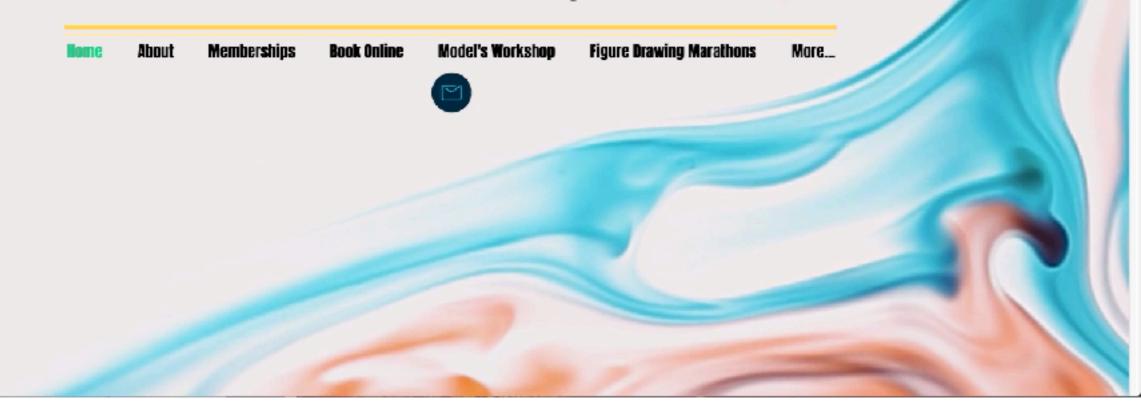
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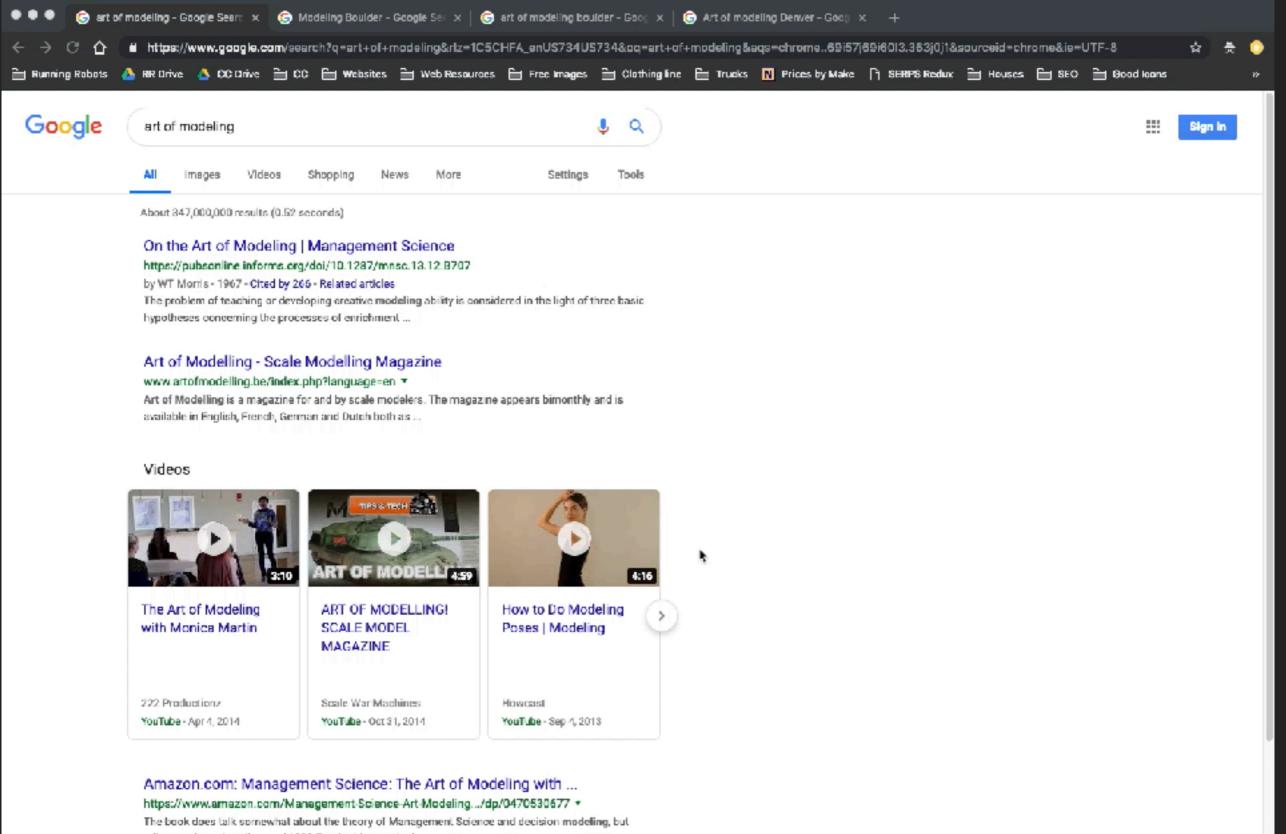






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A Lecture on the Art of Modeling - acm sigsim

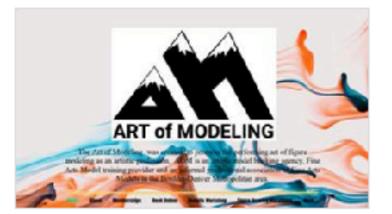
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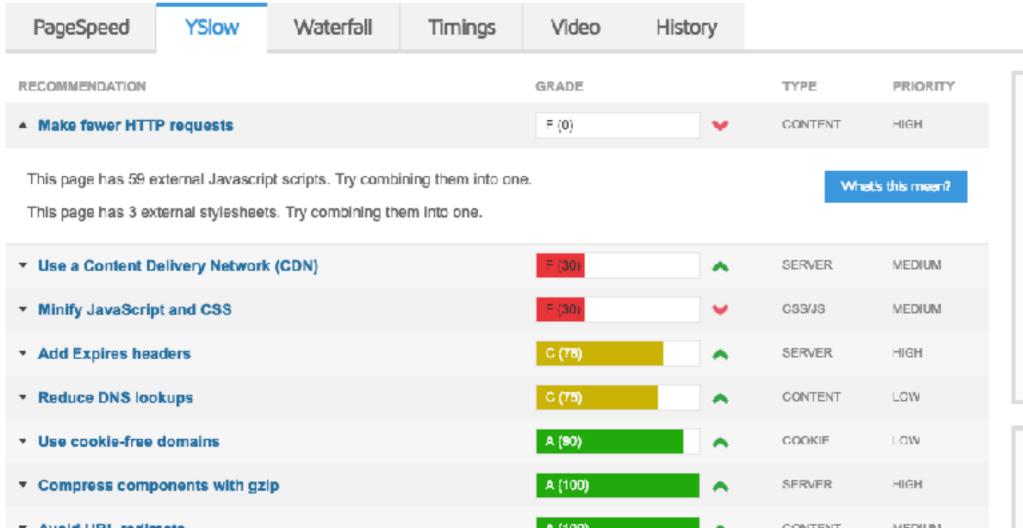
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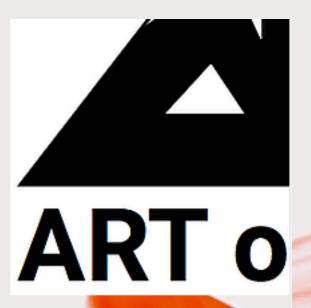
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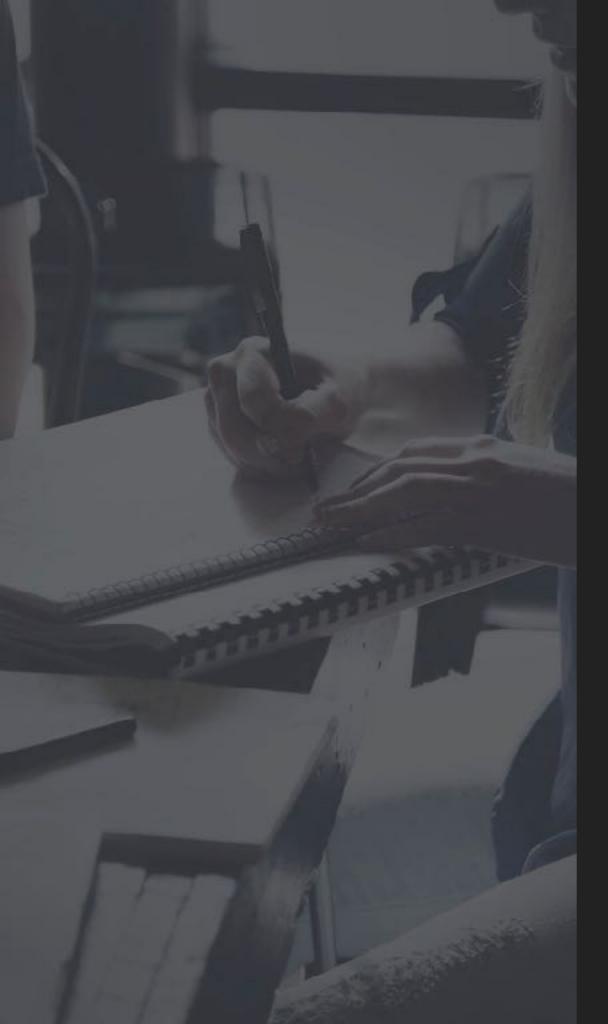
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