# Build Your Web Visibility

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# Introduction

Web visibility is absolutely necessary for the connected internet savvy consumers who often choose businesses based on websites and google searches.

It can be easy to get lost in complicated terms, services, and Google infrastructure.



#### Here at EPL

# Getting Ready for Google



"Whoever you are and whatever you do, your number one job is to build your *credibility* on the Internet through native *content* and social *connections*."

MATTHEW CAPALA The Next Web

The best way to have your information, and presence be found is have valuable, relevant, and interesting content or your website, blog, or profile.

#### This includes:

Having a professional looking webpage and url "ends in .com or .org" Updated information and content (stories, posts, etc.)

This will also make it much more likely that other websites will link content to your website – making it much easier to find!



## **Content Creation**

#### TO have a website you will need

- Web hosting
- Domain name

Web Hosting stores your files and often provides templates to work in.

A Domain name is simply the address someone enters or finds through a search engine to point them to your hosted website .There are plenty of places to get both free domain names and free webhosting options but most of the time they will include the service name in the URL i.e. www.library.blogspot.com

This can look unprofessional and show users that you are unwilling to spend or unfamiliar with internet trends and practices



# **Content Creation**

If you have a blog, a yelp page, or anywhere your service is being reviewed it is often an important to interact with users on a site. This is most important for questions on a blog post or business page, and also especially important when responding to bad reviews. A bad yelp review can be turned into a potentially positive interaction with a message trying to rectify the situation. Remember to use your best judgment and never act out of haste or emotion. A nasty or rude comment can severely damage a brand.

etc. while we waited. when the paperwork was ready, Jayson left and Donald (the finance person) came out to greet us. Donald helped us carry our things back to his office and thoroughly explained all the options, and benefits of each, we had available to us.

All staff were extremely knowledgeable, respectful, and made buying a car about the easiest thing we have done. We drove from over 250 miles away and I would do it again in a heartbeat. This was about as pleasant an experience as you could have buying a car. I would recommend this dealership and this staff to anyone.

Was this review ...?









Comment from Frank C. of San Francisco Toyota Business Manager

12/4/2014 · Hi Anthony,

Thank you for visiting San Francisco Toyota and taking the time to write this outstanding... Read more



# Practice the Follow Up

Depending on the business, field, or community, there are often several different online directories which list services and websites.

These directories are typically run by outside/for-profit groups are individuals and can be submitted to for inclusion.

Making sure your website or business is included in relevant online directories helps both users and google/other search engines find your page.



# Directories

#### **Law Offices**

http://lawyers.findlaw.com/

http://www.martindale.com/

#### **Doctors**

https://www.doctordirectory.com/hcp/physician/landingpage.aspx

http://doctor.webmd.com/

http://www.healthgrades.com/specialty-directory

#### **Car Dealers**

http://www.autoblog.com/car-dealers/

http://www.new-car-dealerships.com/

http://www.autodealerdirectory.us/



### Directories

We have briefly mentioned social media throughout but the ability to interact and advertise with users directly is increasingly important to businesses. In addition like a website, social media can be an indication of how professional a business is. A lack of social media or poorly run social media can indicate to consumers a lack of professionalism. While we wont have time to go into social media consider making social media pages or profiles for the following sites:

#### **Extremely Important**

- Facebook Page
- Google Business
- Yelp

#### Less Important but beneficial

- Google+
- Twitter

\*\*If you don't have the time to create a page, specialists suggest reserving accounts so that businesses with the same or similar names can't take them



# **Use Social Media**

Maintaining a social media presence is extremely time consuming however. Thankfully there are several sites which allow you to post content in a delayed fashion – meaning that you can write several posts and set the date in which you want them to be posted and the they will automatically be put on your social media sites/pages.

Popular Social Media Management Sites include:

- Buffer
- Hootsuite



# Use Social Media

# Google



In order to categorize and find websites on the internet Google uses 'Spiders' to "crawl' the web. What that means is tiny programs which scan websites for keywords and information to then display in search results. Obviously we'll want our sites to show up and be found by Google's Spiders.





# Spiders / Crawling

To check if your site has been searched enter your site name with the 'site:' before the domain name

As an example:

"site:www.yourdomain.org"



#### Has Your Site Been Searched

Google search "add your URL"

Or go to the Google Webmaster page https://www.google.com/webmasters/

By linking your website Google offers a variety of tools to better make your website visited and available

\*\*Note you will need a Google account to perform these operations



#### Webmaster Tools

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Webmaster tools include:
Analytics about search traffic, a
more detailed report about
Google Spider crawling, Security
Issues, along with location
settings

#### Site Dashboard

Site Messages (1)

- Search Appearance ①
- Search Traffic
- Google Index
- Crawl

Security Issues

Other Resources



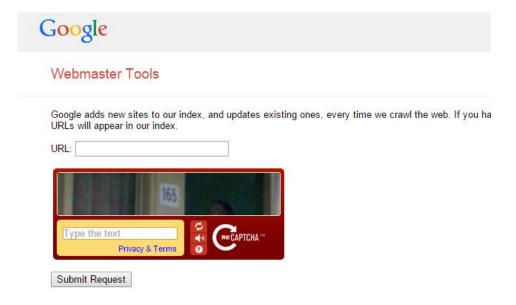
#### Webmaster Tools

If your website is not showing up in Google searches or has been updated recently

Google search "Submit URL"

Or go to <a href="https://www.google.com/web">https://www.google.com/web</a> <a href="masters/tools/submit-url">masters/tools/submit-url</a>

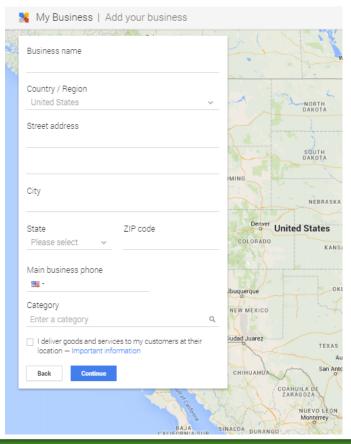
You can then submit a page to be crawled





# Submit Updates

# Google has now also combined all it's business offerings into a single location



Search for your business or manually add it, to have Google display your business on Google Maps and in Google Searches.

For business full features go to: <a href="http://www.google.com/business/">http://www.google.com/business/</a>



# Google Business

#### **Intermediate Word**

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

#### What's New With iOS 8

Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.



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http://www.optimum7.com/internet-marketing/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/eye\_spy500-300x205.jpg



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