

Industry Terminology

From website design to general marketing jargon, there are many terms thrown around in the industry. Here at Momentum, we have put together a glossary to help everyone stay in the loop every step of the process.

GENERAL MARKETING

Digital Marketing

The use of digital channels (video advertising, email, social media, etc.) to promote and sell products and services.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

A factor that helps measure a marketing campaign's overall performance and success. KPI examples include number of sales, number of leads, conversion rates, and return on investment.

Recruitment Marketing

A type of marketing campaign designed to target individuals who are interested in working for a specific organization. The goal of the campaign is to promote the company's culture, brand, and other elements that would attract qualified candidates.

Remarketing

Sometimes referred to as retargeting, remarketing refers to the practice of delivering targeted ads to online users who have already visited or interacted with a company's website.

Return on Investment (ROI)

The ratio between a company's total net earning and total investment cost. It's typically used as a performance measurement to determine the overall value of investing in a particular product or service. Typically, the higher the ROI, the better.

WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Accessibility

The development of a website, tool, or technology to be usable, understandable, and easily navigable to individuals with disabilities.

Blog

Refers to content that is regularly updated on a website, usually to inform the audience on a particular topic.

Call-to-Action (CTA)

Messaging on a website that urges the users to perform a specific action. CTAs could be in the form of online forms, buttons, or hyperlinks. Examples include "Request a Free Consultation" or "Ask a Professional."

Content Delivery Network (CDN)

A group of servers (remote computers), located in various parts of the world, that helps increase the speed of content delivery. A content delivery network makes it possible for online users around the world to quickly stream a video, download a file, or view web pages. CDNs are typically recommended for websites targeting international audiences or websites that feature dynamic content.

Content Management System (CMS)

A type of application that allows organizations to create, publish, and store content. WordPress is an example of a Content Management System.

Content Map

A more detailed version of the sitemap, which is a visual representation of where content will live on a new website.

Content Outline

A general layout of a specific piece of content. It typically includes a heading, subheadings, and specific information to better guide writers on how to create that particular piece of content.

Conversion Rate Optimization (CRO)

The practice of increasing the percentage of users who perform a desired action (purchasing a product, clicking on a link, etc.) on a website.

Domain Name

One part of the URL structure that helps servers identify websites. For example, in seekmomentum.com, "seek momentum" is the domain name, while ".com" is the top-level domain. There are several types of top-level domains (.edu, .org, .net, .com, etc.). Although servers are reading a website's IP address, the domain name is what online users see.

Hero Area

The area at the top of a website's homepage that typically features a large image along with text and/or links.

Host / Hosting

The practice of storing and maintaining files on a website.

IP Address

A unique string of characters that identifies websites and devices that are connected to the Internet. It also makes it possible for devices, servers, and websites to send and receive data back and forth.

Page Speed

How quickly a web page loads when a visitor first clicks on the link.

Plugins

An optional software "add-on" that's designed to add a unique feature to a software application.

Registrar

An organization that sells and registers website domain names.

Responsive Web Design (RWD)

A web development practice where a website is built with a flexible layout so that it can be used across multiple devices (desktop computers, tablets, mobile phones, etc.) without affecting the user experience. For example, a responsive website can identify if a person is using a phone or a computer, and then change its appearance so that all images, text, and links are displayed correctly.

Sitemap

A file that highlights the relationships between the pages, videos, and files on a website.

Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)

A technology that helps keep sensitive information (credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc.) safe from cyber criminals. A website with an SSL certificate will usually have "HTTPS" in the URL, and visitors will see a padlock in the search bar, indicating that the website is safe to use.

UI / UX:

User Interface (UI)

The device that an individual uses when they interact with an application or a website, such as a display screen, keyboard, or mouse.

User Experience (UX)

How the user perceives and interacts with the website and the elements on the website. User experience factors include utility, ease of use, and efficiency.

Web Design

Web design refers to one part of the web development process in which various aesthetic factors, including imagery and layout, are considered. The web design process primarily focuses on the user experience (UX) and how they will interact with the website.

Web Form

An element on a web page that users can fill out with specific information, which is then processed by a server. Examples of information users can fill out on a web form include their name, address, and phone number.

Wireframe

A basic visual map that represents the structure of a website.

WordPress

An open-source website builder and content management system that anyone can use to make a website.

SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION

3-Pack/Local 3-Pack

A listing that shows three or more businesses; the listing usually appears near the top of the search results after a user submits a query and will feature a large map.

Alt Text

A short, written description that explains what an image looks like to website visitors who cannot see the image.

Anchor Text

The visual and clickable text in a hyperlink, which sometimes appears blue and underlined.

Backlinks

Incoming links from one website to another website or web page.

Bounce Rate

The percentage of online users who land on one page of a website and then leave without viewing a second page.

Core Web Vitals

A set of standardized metrics from Google that help developers understand how users experience a web page.

Chrome User Experience Report (CrUX)

A report that highlights essential user experience metrics, including cumulative layout shift, first input delay, and largest contentful paint. The data in the report is pulled from various website users with certain Google Chrome features enabled.

Cumulative Layout Shift (CLS)

When web page elements, like content and images, shift unexpectedly while the web page is downloading.

Interaction to Next Paint (INP)

Introduced in March 2024 to replace FID (First Input Delay), INP, or Interaction to Next Paint measures the delay when a user clicks on a button, link, or other element or performs a keyboard interaction on site. A low INP of 200 milliseconds or less is good, while anything higher is considered poor responsiveness.

Largest Contentful Paint (LCP)

The length of time it takes to load the main content of a web page.

Crawling

The process of search engine robots, sometimes referred to as crawlers or spiders, discovering new web pages and links on a website.

Domain Authority

A search engine ranking score that predicts the likelihood of a website appearing in search engine result pages (SERPS), or the pages that a user will see after submitting a search query.

Duplicate Content

A term used to describe matching content that appears on more than one web page.

E-E-A-T

Stands for Experience, Expertise, Authoritativeness, and Trustworthiness. E-E-A-T is part of Google's Search Quality Evaluator Guidelines.

Featured Snippet

Text that appears at the top of a search results page after a user submits a query.

Google Business Profile (GBP)

A Google-powered tool that allows businesses and organizations (with physical locations) to appear in search results when a user submits a query. This tool also allows businesses to update their hours of operation and other information, respond to customer reviews and questions, and create service or product-related posts that Google users can see.

Indexing

Refers to the process of search engine crawlers/spiders storing and organizing new information that they've found on a web page or website.

Keyword Ranking

Refers to a web page's position within search results for a particular keyword or keyword phrase.

Link Equity

Considered to be a search engine ranking factor, link equity refers to the overall value of a particular domain/website and how that value may pass through internal and external linking.

Linking Domain

The main address of a website that has one page (or more) that links to another website.

Local Ranking Factors:

Distance

Where the user's search originated from and how close a business or organization is to that user's location.

Prominence

The reputation of a specific organization or brand.

Relevance

How connected the information on a web page or website is to a user's search query.

People Also Ask (PAA)

A highlighted section that appears near the top of a search results page; this section answers questions that are related to the user's initial query.

Rich Snippet

When additional information appears in an otherwise normal Google search results page; a normal Google search results page will show a headline, publication date, small meta description, and a meta image. A rich snippet may contain reviews, prices, and item availability.

Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

The long-term practice of improving the quality and quantity of unpaid "organic" traffic to a website or web page.

Search Engine Results Page (SERP)

The list of results that a user sees after they submit a search query.

Searcher Intent

A user's primary goal when submitting a search query in a search engine.

Informational

The user is looking for an answer to a question or any specific information related to a topic or subject.

Navigational

The user is searching for a specific part of a website.

Transactional

The user is looking to purchase something.

Commercial

The user is looking for more information about a business or a business's services.

SERP Features

A type of result that may appear on a Google search results page, including featured snippets, rich snippets, Google Ads, a local 3-pack, and more.

Structured Data / Schema

HTML tags and scripts that are used to help search engines understand and classify the content on a web page or website.

PAY-PER-CLICK ADVERTISING

Ad Group

A set of advertisements that share similar topics or demographics.

Ad Position

The order/ranking of an ad that appears on a search results page relative to similar ads.

Auctions

Google's process of determining which ads will appear during a user's search and the order of those ads on the search results page.

Bid

The bid, or maximum CPC, is the highest amount of money an advertiser is willing to pay for each click on their advertisement.

Keyword Match Types

Refers to the three major keyword types that an advertiser can bid on: broad, exact, and phrase, and how they relate to a search query.

Broad Match

This keyword match type opens up an ad to more keyword searches related to the keyword that the advertiser bids on. For example, if an advertiser bids on the keyword "red shoes," their ad may appear when users search for "pink shoes," as it's still related to a part of the keyword phrase.

Exact Match

A stricter keyword match type that only allows an ad to show up for terms/queries that match the *exact* meaning of the keyword the advertiser bids on. For example, if an advertiser bids on the keyword "forged components," their ad will most likely only show up if someone searches for "forged components" or an extremely close variant.

Phrase Match

This match type offers more flexibility when compared to exact match types, but not as much flexibility as a broad match keyword. For an ad to show up in search results pages, the keyword or keyword phrase that a user searches still needs to have the same meaning as the keyword or keyword phrase that the advertiser bids. For example, if an advertiser bids on the keyword "end of arm tooling," their ad could still show up when users search for "end of arm tooling for industrial robots," as long as the meaning of the keyword or keyphrase remains the same.

Clicks

The number of times a user interacts with (clicks on) an online advertisement.

Clickthrough Rate (CTR)

A metric that gauges the overall performance of an online advertisement. It's calculated by dividing the number of clicks by the number of overall impressions.

Conversion

The moment an online user responds to a specific call-to-action on a website, whether it's through downloading a free ebook, filling out an online form, or calling a phone number.

Cost-Per-Click (CPC)

Cost-per-click, or CPC, refers to how much advertisers pay for every click that their ad receives.

Impression

The moment a user sees a specific advertisement on their search results page.

Impression Share

The total number of impressions an ad has received, divided by the number of impressions that the same ad is eligible for (or how many times an ad *could* have appeared on a search results page). This metric is used to help advertisers understand the value and potential of increasing or decreasing the maximum cost-per-click or overall budget.

Negative Keywords

A keyword or phrase that an advertiser doesn't want their ad to show up for.

Pay-Per-Click Advertising (PPC)

An online advertising model that allows an advertiser to pay a publisher (usually a first-tier search engine like Google) every time a user clicks on the ad. If the advertisements are high-quality and relevant to the user's search, they may appear at the top of a search results page, which helps drive more (paid) traffic to a website or web page.

Quality Score

A diagnostic tool that ranks ads on a scale from 1 to 10. A higher score means that an advertisement is higher in quality when compared to other ads. The three major factors of the quality score include the overall user experience of the landing page for the ad, the relevancy of the ad, and the ad's average click-through-rate. Additionally, a higher quality score can lower the overall cost-per-click and make an advertisement appear more often in search results.