Optimize Your Website's Content

for Visitors and Search Engines



Your Site Is Not Delivering Results

Why is this?

- Getting the wrong visitors
- Too much "inside jargon" will draw your competitors instead of your customers
- The visitors you are getting are leaving out of frustration





Solution:

Put Your Audience First!



Approach

- 1. Get In the Mindset
- 2. Identify Content Needs
- 3. There's a Page for That
- 4. Write the Content



Get In the Mindset

First, identify audiences and needs. Then business goals.



Get In the Mindset:

Identify Audiences

- Eliminate the tendency to think of company needs only
- Instead put your audience first
- Start by listing audiences

A Cleaning Company

- New Visitor
- Potential Customer
- Previous Customers





Get In the Mindset:

Add Prioritized Needs

A Cleaning Company

New Visitor

- What services do you offer?
- Are your services for me?

Potential Customer

- Are you good at this?
- Can I trust you to be left alone in my home?
- How much does it cost?
- Do you have any specials?
- How do I get your services?

Previous Customers

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Get In the Mindset:

What do you want them to do?

- Identify your business goals for each audience
- Increase value of your website by increasing conversions

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Identify Content Needs

What content does your site need?



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Develop a List of Content Needs

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- Pricing

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Assign content needs to web pages.



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Web Pages

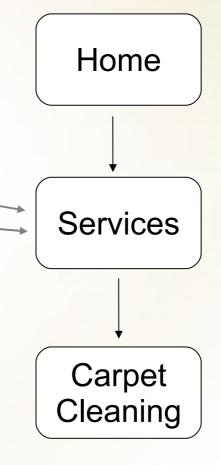




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There's a Page for That: Web Pages

Home **Content Needs** Service Information List of services Service details - Pricing \ Services Customer Testimonials and Reviews A variety of testimonials for different areas and types of customers using an array of services Carpet Positive service reviews Cleaning



Quickly outline each page before writing.
Always keep your audience needs in mind.



Write the Content: Quickly Outline

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Fill In the Blanks

Carpet Cleaning

- Summarize the service
 - Fastest carpet cleaning in the metro area
- Price
 - New customer special \$30/room
- Unique selling points
 - Guaranteed to be in an out in one hour
 - Chemical free sanitizing
- Review and testimonials
 - Use Jane's testimonial
- Call to action
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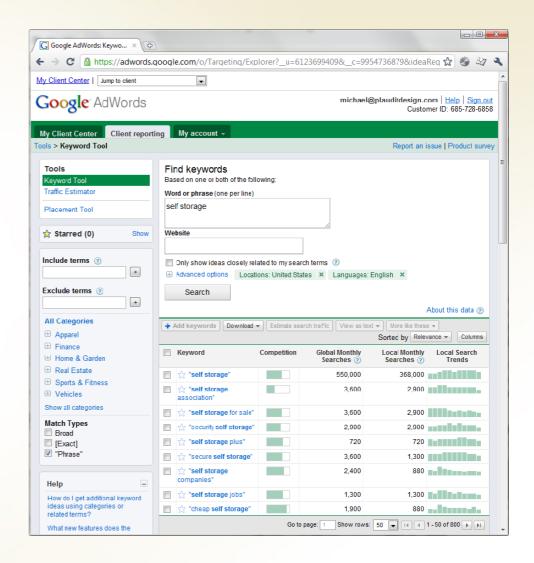
Time to Write

- Use your outline
- Standard rules apply:
 - Grammar and spelling count
- Keep focused on audience needs and then your business goals
- Pages should only be as long as necessary

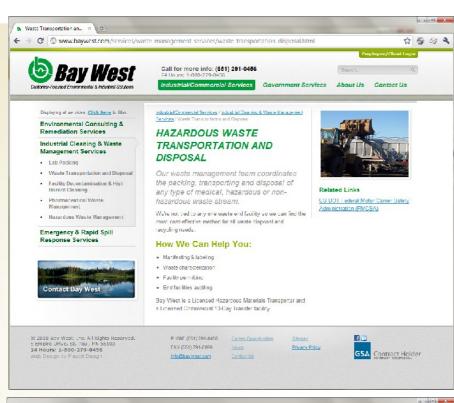


Write the Content: Pointers (1/4)

 Use your audiences language









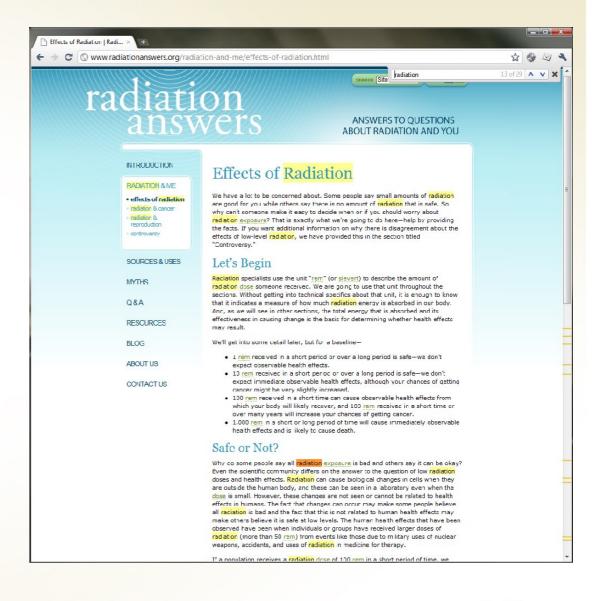
Write the Content: Pointers (2/4)

- Good web content can be skimmed
 - Put the most important information near the top
 - Headers, larger lead in text, pull quotes, etc.
 - Use lists
 - Use visuals (e.g images and diagrams)

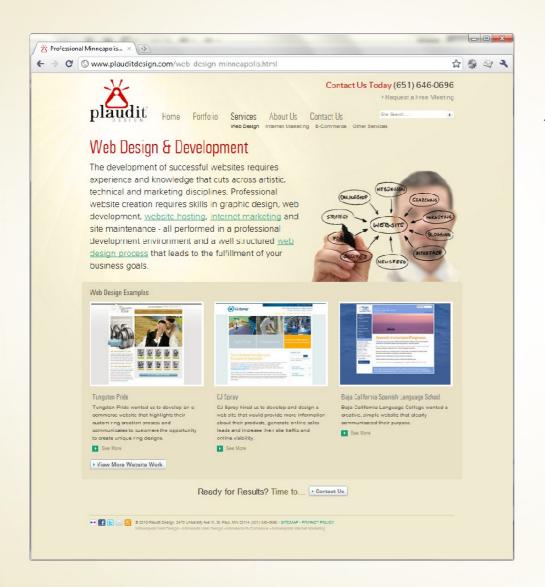


Write the Content: Pointers (3/4)

 Position and density of keywords for search engine optimization (SEO)







Write the Content: Pointers (4/4)

- Calls To Action
 - Buttons or text
 - End with and weave into text
 - Avoid "click here" link text



Common Mistakes

- Plagiarism and duplication
- Keyword stuffing
- Too much detail
 - Writing for the sake of writing (every page, sentence and word should have a purpose)



Copywriters Rock!

- Fresh and external perspective helps to clearly and quickly identify important information
- Focus on talking points instead of grammar
- Reduce time commitment
- Decrease turnaround time and keep projects on schedule
- SEO and media appropriate





Summary

- Put your audience first and you will be rewarded with:
 - Increased search engine traffic;
 - And increased conversions.
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- Remember, it's the web. Its more like an Etch A Sketch than a permanent marker.
 - You can learn from feedback and improve your site's structure and content quickly over time.

Any Questions?

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