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Make Your Website Work for You

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HI, I'M CORISSA



WEBSITE

corissasaintlaurent.com

EMAIL

hello@corissasaintlaurent.com

SOCIAL

@corissasaintlaurent

The number of consumers **shopping online** increases every year, with a sharp increase over the past few months alone.



Today

more than ever, small businesses
are getting online to connect with
consumers and drive sales



NEW WAYS TO CONNECT



Video appointments



Web orders and deliveries



Online stores



Fundraisers



Contact-free payments



Gift certificates

Quick Tip:

Improve your digital shopping experience

[g.co/growmystore](https://www.google.com/growmystore)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

How do you plan to connect with your customers in new and different ways?



WHAT IS WEB DESIGN?

Graphics



Functionality

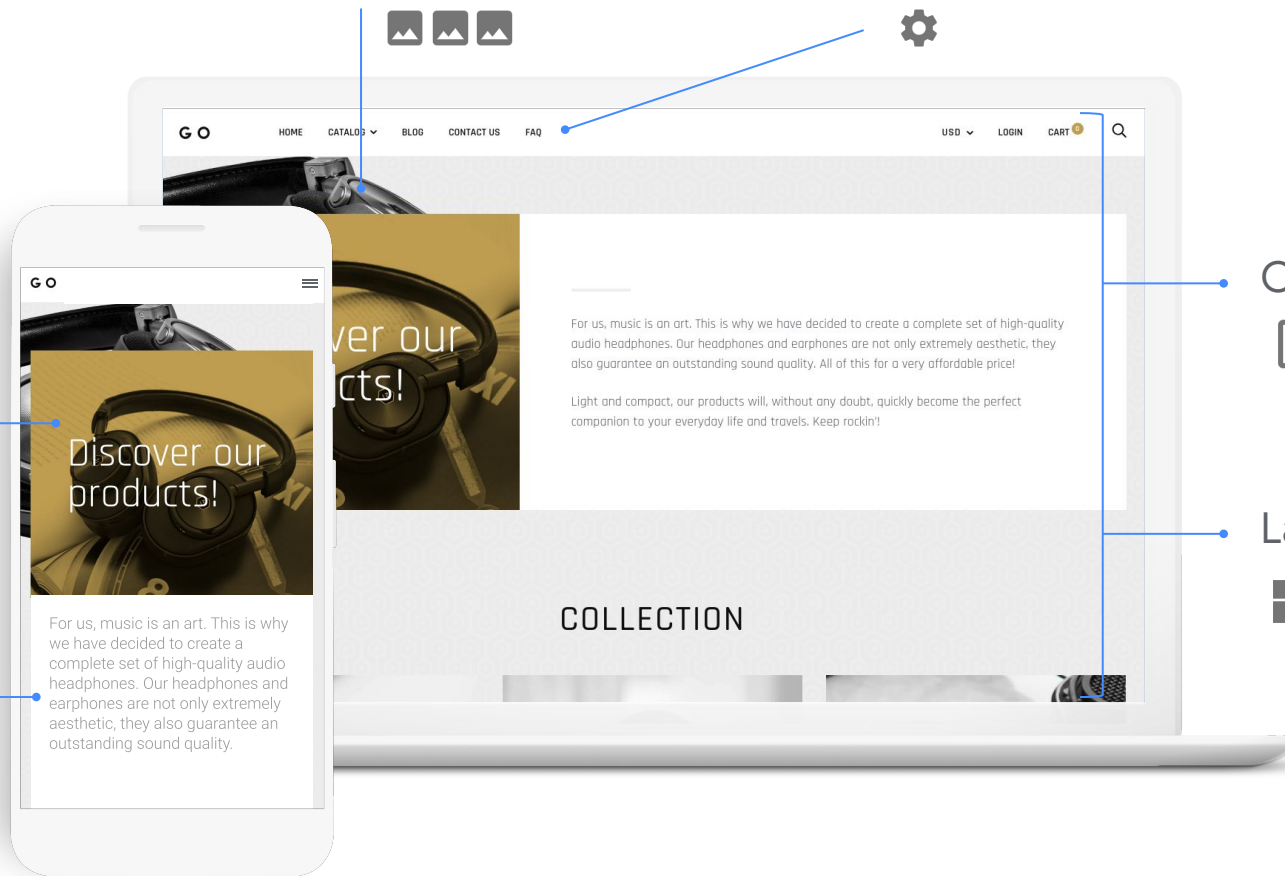


Colors



Fonts

AaBbCc



Content



Layout



A GREAT WEBSITE IS



Goal-oriented

How will your website grow your business?



Organized

Is your site easy to navigate?



Useful

Does your website provide useful content?



Functional

Does your website do useful things?



Intuitive

Is it easy to use your site on all devices?



Search-friendly

Can search engines find your website?

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WHY DO YOU WANT A WEBSITE?



Build brand



Re-engage customers



Generate leads



Attract employees



Make sales



Provide support

WHAT MAKES A “SMART” GOAL?



Specific



Measureable



Attainable



Relevant



Time-sensitive



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

What is the goal of your website?



WHO IS YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE?

Try to understand your customers.

- How they act
- How they think
- How they live

It's helpful to:

- Define audience narrowly
- See the world like them
- Understand their emotions, motivations, and desires

HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

- Track online sales
- Collect form submissions
- Monitor phone calls
- Measure engagement

Think about your existing or future website. What do you want this site to accomplish?

- Be specific
- Be realistic
- How can you track and measure success?

GOOGLE ANALYTICS

Use [Google Analytics](#) to gain valuable insights that help you to make more strategic business decisions.

Quick Tip:

Set up Google Analytics
g.co/analytics



Learn which **search terms** and sources drive the most traffic



See **demographic information** for your most profitable customers



Understand **what content** your audience is most interested in



Evaluate which **channels** drive the most conversions

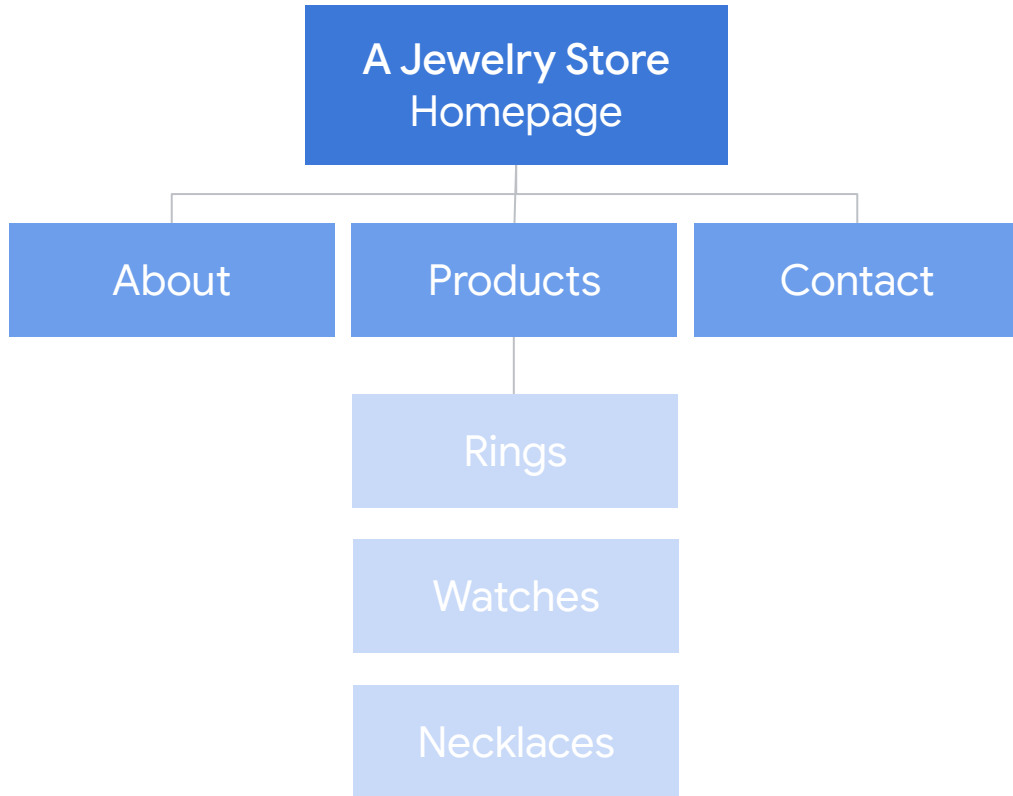
A great website is organized



START WITH A PLAN

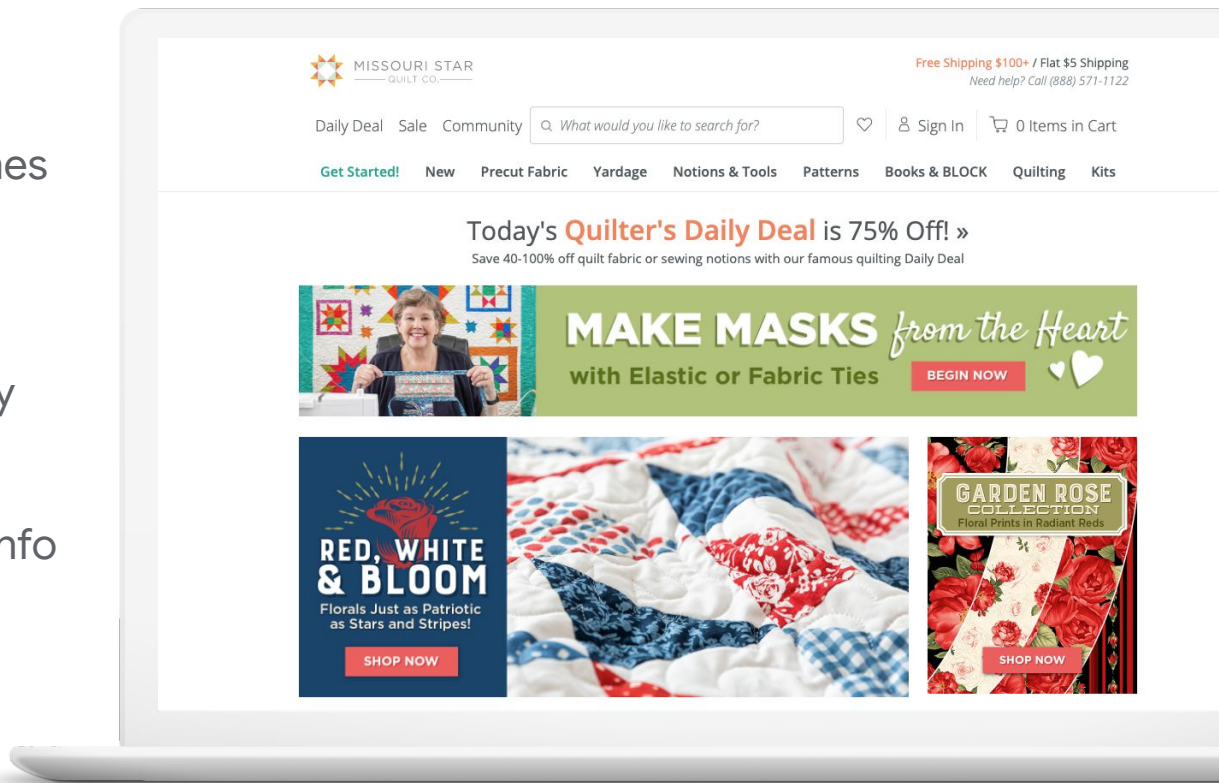
What is “information architecture,” or “IA?”

It’s a way to organize info on your site to achieve business goals.



TIPS FOR ORGANIZING YOUR WEBSITE

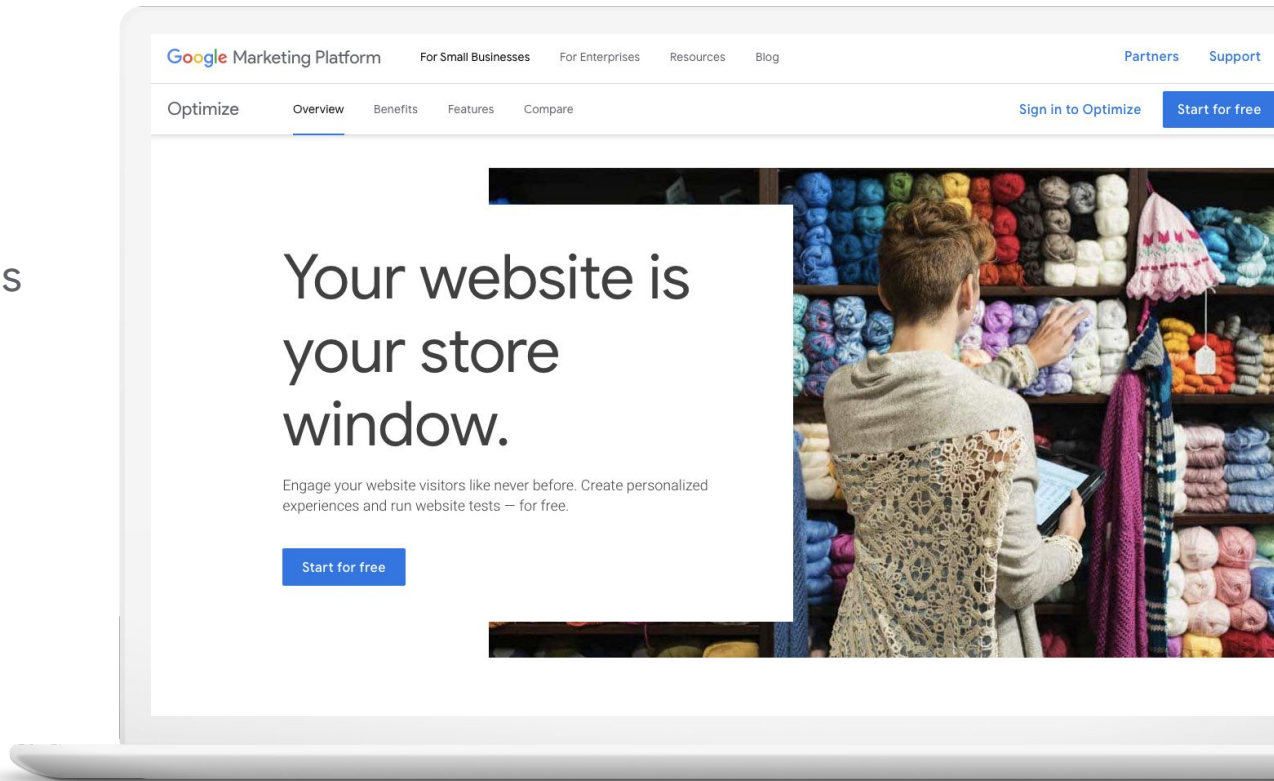
- Use short, descriptive names and labels.
- Keep site visitors in mind. Where and how would they look for info?
- Keep the most important info in main navigation.



GOOGLE OPTIMIZE

Google Optimize allows you to run experiments with website designs and real-world users to get results that are actionable, and simple to understand.

Quick Tip:
Set up Optimize
g.co/optimize



A great website is useful



A GREAT WEBSITE IS USEFUL

Try to understand your customers.

- Use short, descriptive names and labels.
- Create content that's useful for your audience.
- Think about your information architecture to organize content.
- Make content recognizable to search engines.



Text

Add headlines and bullet points for easy skimming.



Images

Add a photo gallery and before vs. after pics.

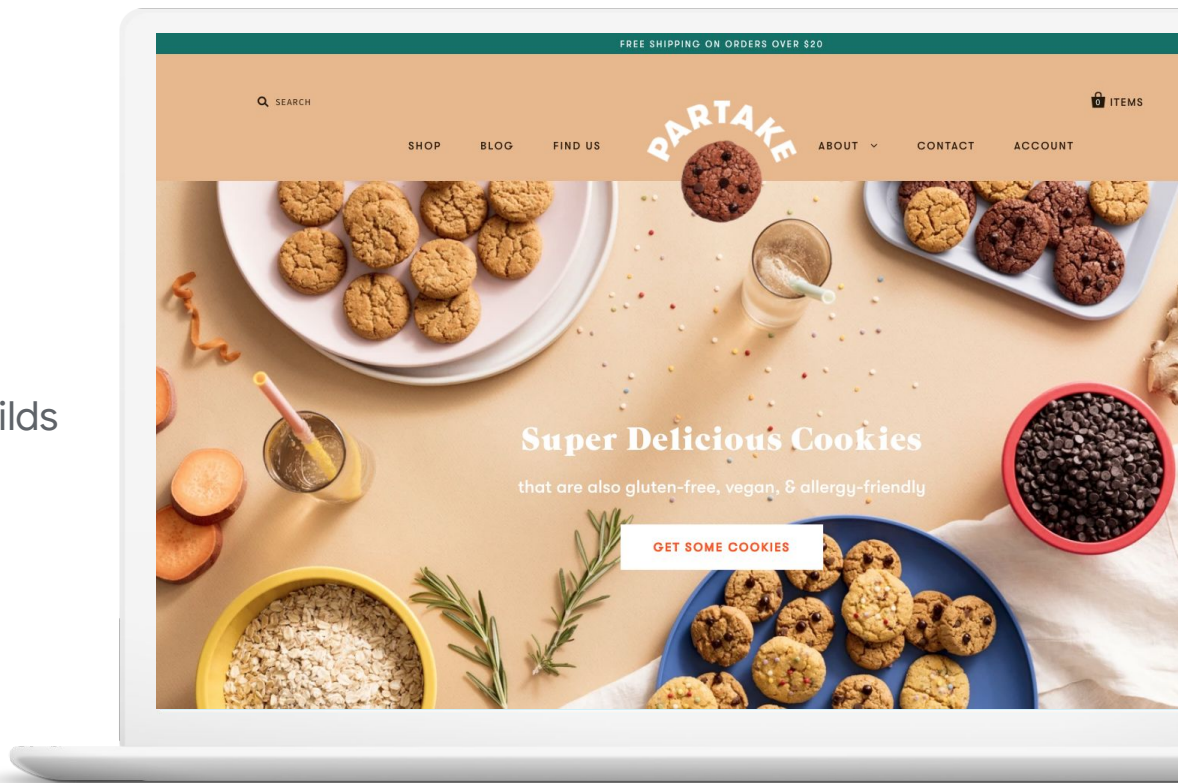


Videos

Add how-to videos to show off your product or process.

CONTENT CASE STUDY: PARTAKE FOODS

- Engaging images and logical organization to retain visitors
- Blog content with relevant keywords and targeted topics
- Compelling brand story that builds an audience connection



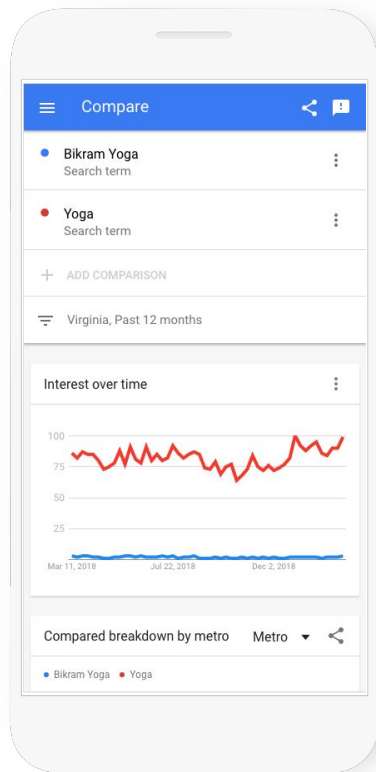
GOOGLE TRENDS

- Look up search queries and compare search volume over time
- Incorporate keywords into your website content to connect with visitors searching for those terms or phrases
- Monitor your brand's popularity across regions and time periods

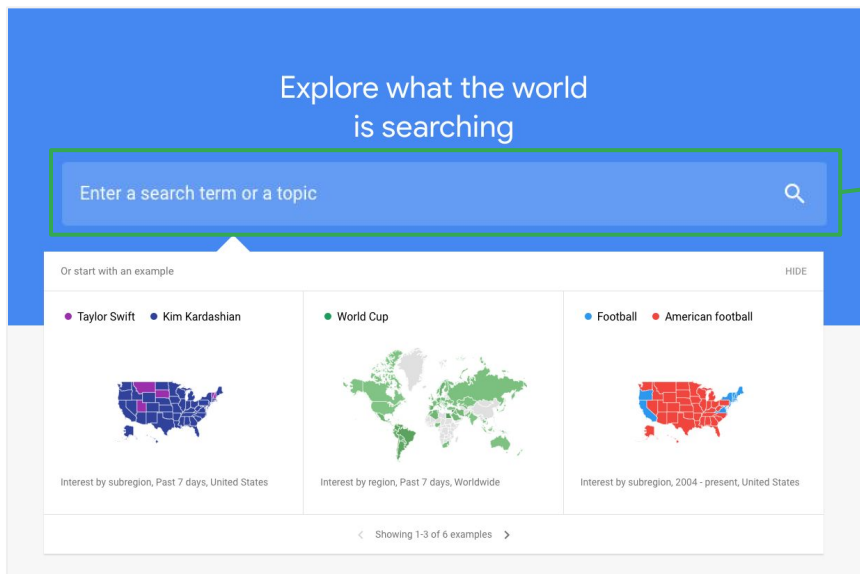
Quick Tip:

Find popular search terms on Google.

[g.co/trends](https://www.google.com/trends)



EXPLORE GOOGLE TRENDS



1

Visit [g.co/trends](https://www.google.com/trends)

2

Enter words or phrases related to your business and compare the results.

3

Narrow down results by location

4

Adjust date range

5

Explore related queries

A great website is functional



WHAT DOES “FUNCTIONALITY” MEAN?

Functionality refers to features that allow site visitors to take actions.



A site search



An online store



An online form



An online tool

HOW CAN YOUR WEBSITE HELP?

Scenario #1

You run a shoe repair business. People either call or stop by to get quotes on their repairs.

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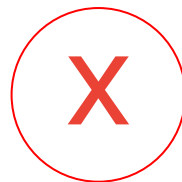


Compose a simple web page with frequently asked questions

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF FUNCTIONALITY



- **DO** think about adding functionality that your customers need and want
- **DO** minimize customer time spent in shopping carts and forms
- **DO** focus on creating an engaging and efficient user interface



- **DON'T** show automatic pop-ups as soon as visitors land on your site
- **DON'T** autoplay videos with sound
- **DON'T** sacrifice user experience for the sake of a beautiful design

A great website is intuitive

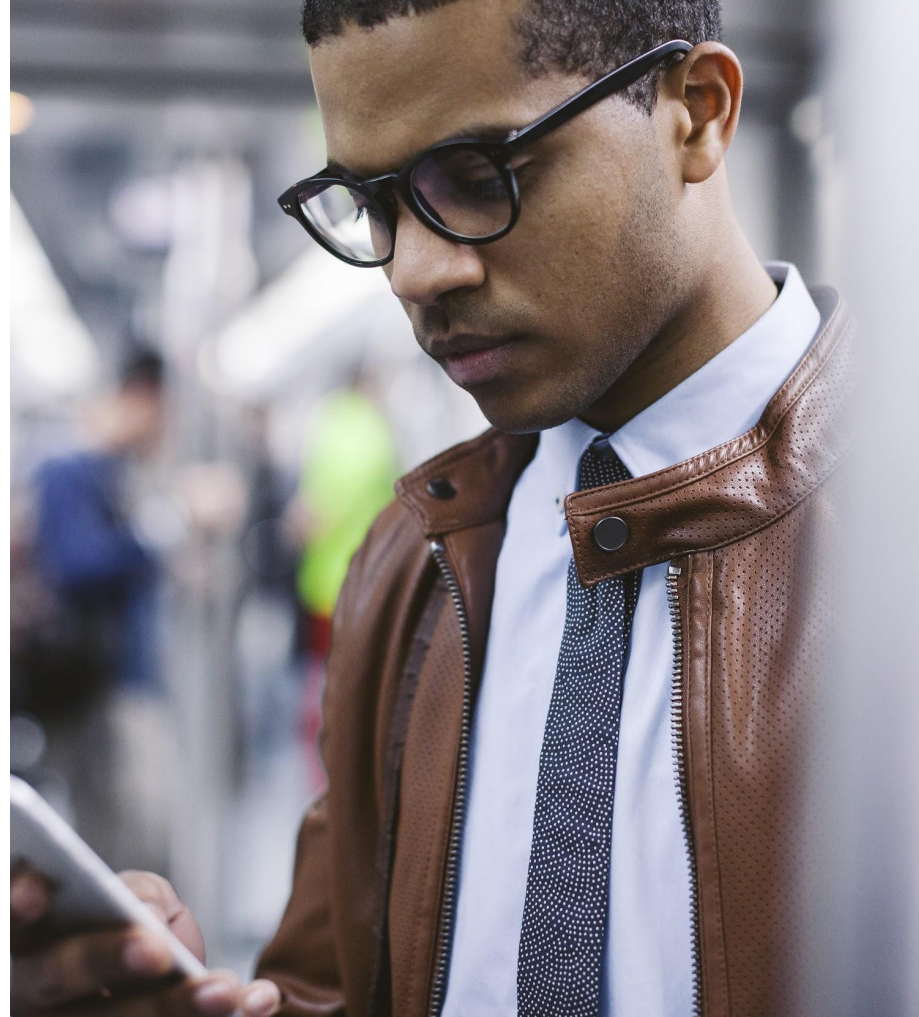


Nearly

9 out of 10

times, when people had a helpful or relevant mobile brand experience, they said they would purchase from the brand in the future.

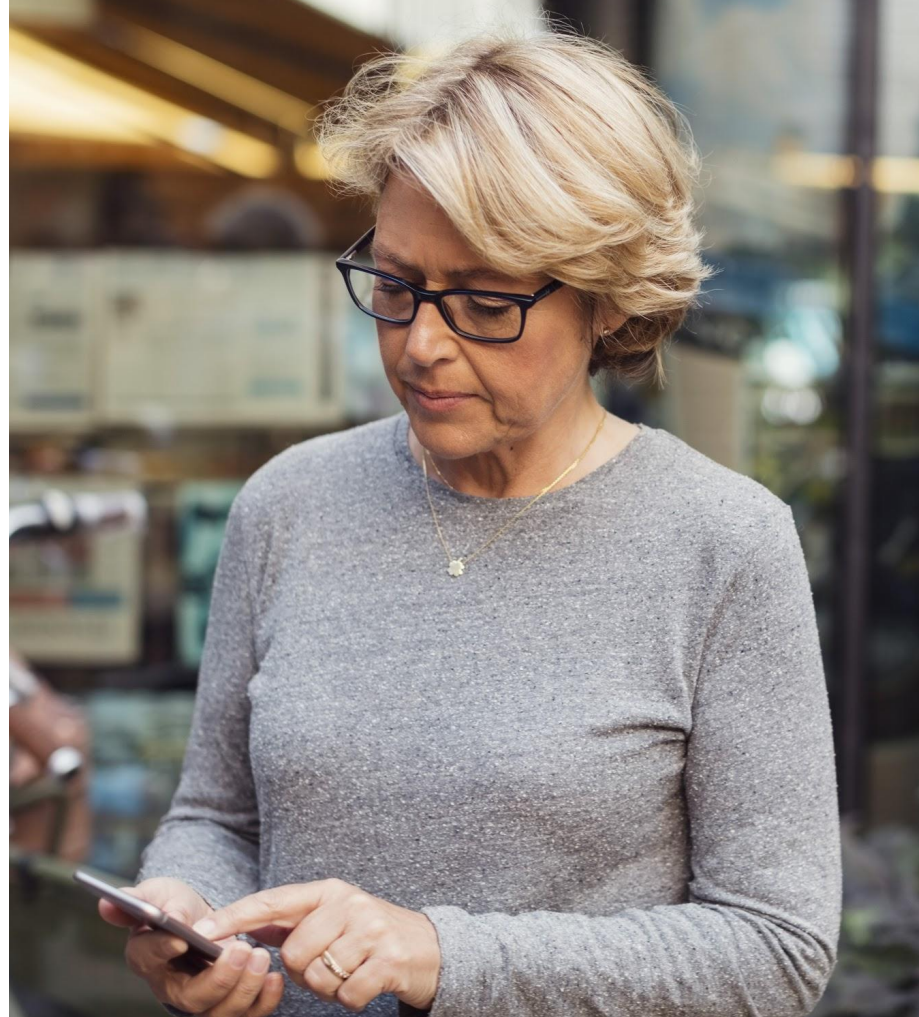
Source: SOASTA, The State of Online Retail Performance, April 2017.



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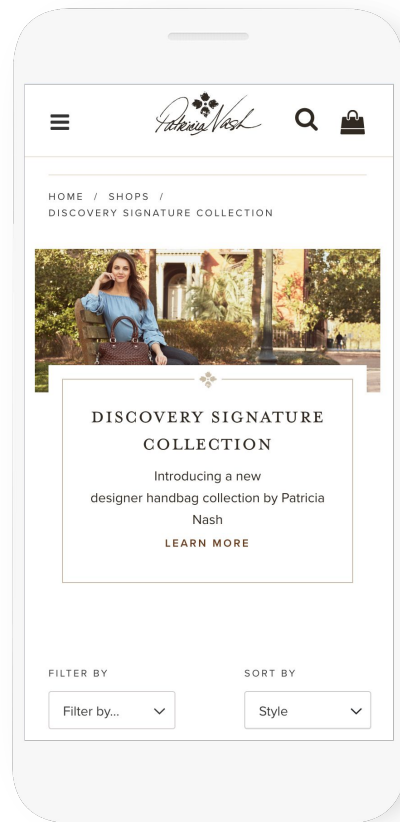
of people say they would not purchase from a brand again if they had an interruptive mobile experience.

Source: Google/Purchased, U.S., "How Brand Experiences Inspire Consumer Action," n=2,010 U.S. smartphone owners 18+, brand experiences=17,726, April 2017



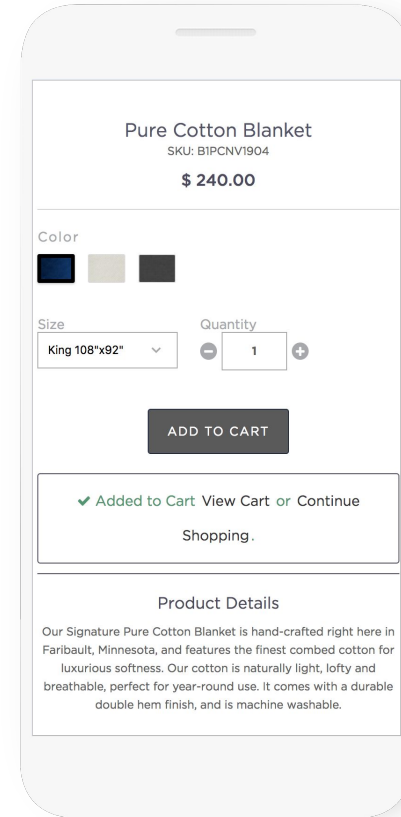
TIP #1: NAVIGATION

- Highlight selected elements
- Design site to allow plenty of space for users to tap
- Ensure that call-to-action can be tapped



TIP #2: SHOPPING

- Help them backtrack or continue shopping after a break
- Recommend similar products

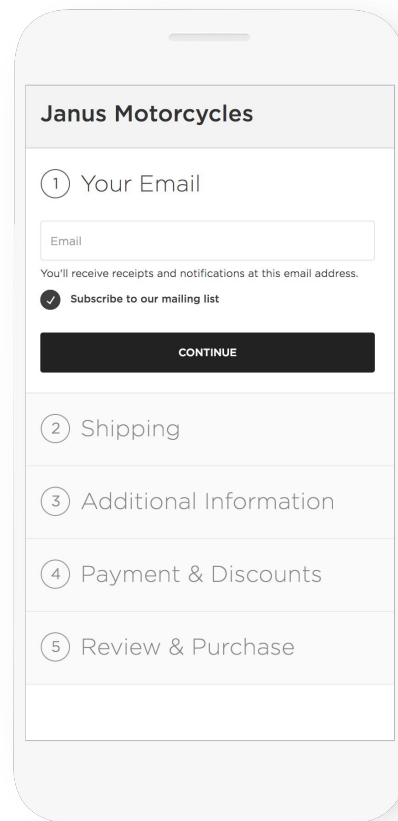


TIP #3: CHECKOUT

- Reduce checkout steps
- Show visitors their progress
- Offer guest checkout
- Enable digital wallets

Quick Tip!

For more personalized tips to improve your online store experience, check out g.co/growmystore



A great website is search-friendly



75%

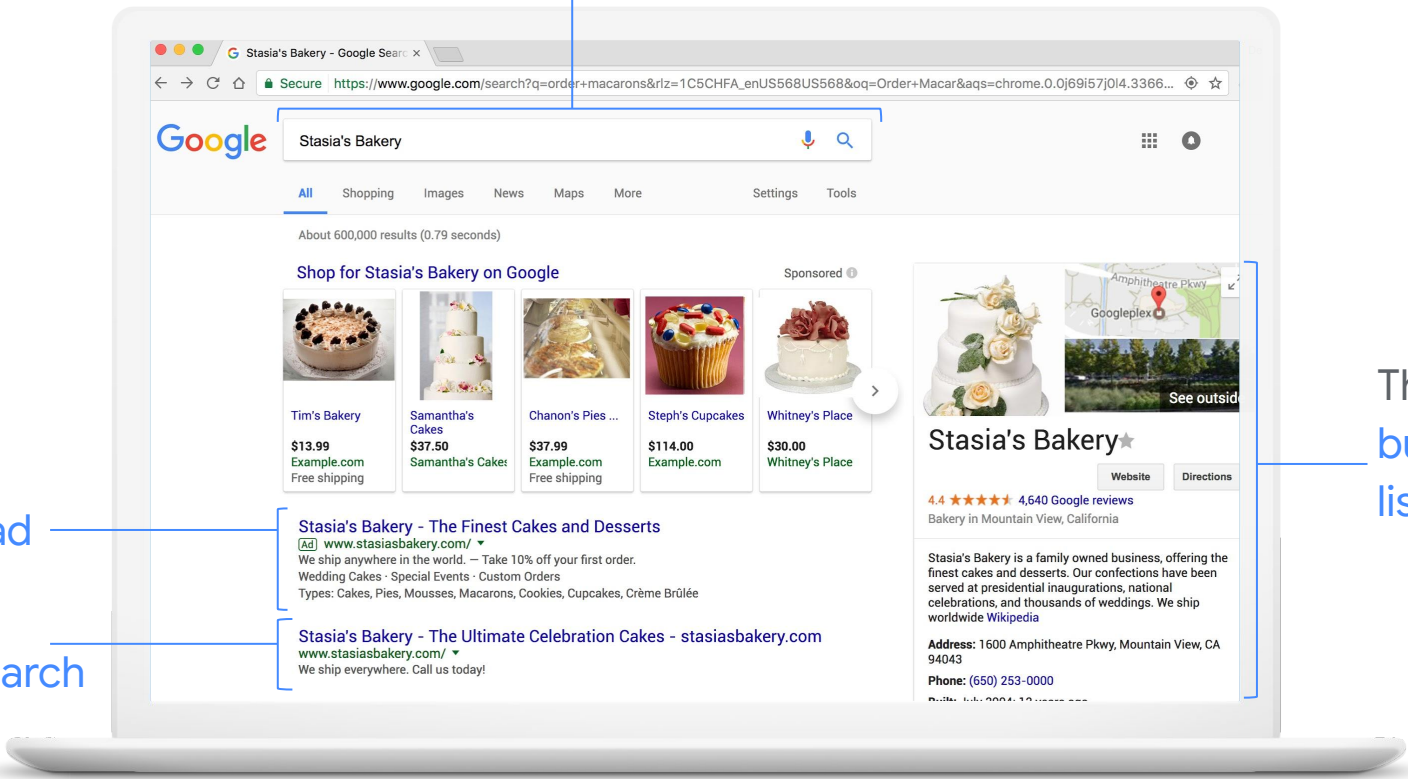
of smartphone owners turn to search first to address their immediate needs.

Source: SOASTA, How Consumers Solve Their Needs in the Moment, May 2016



HOW SEARCH RESULTS LOOK

This is the **search query**



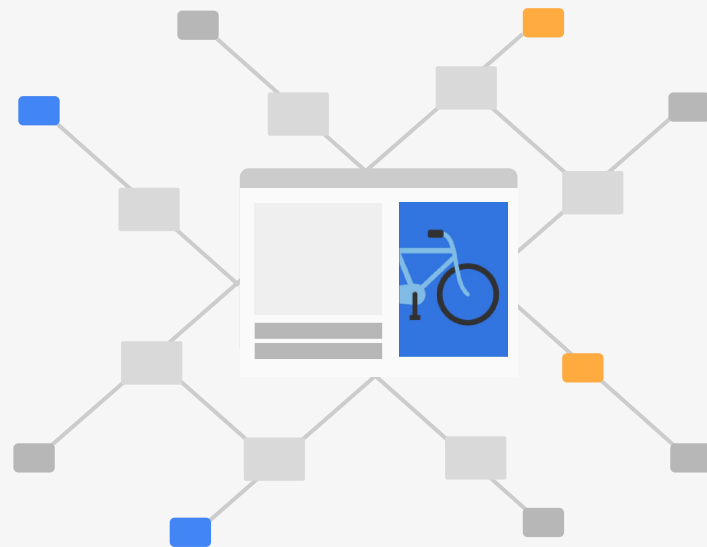
This is an **ad**

This is an **organic search result**

This is a **business listing**

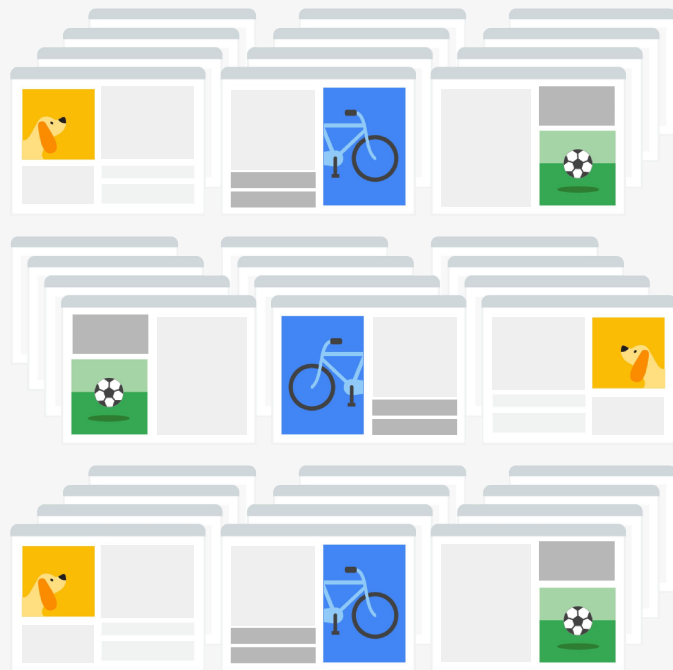
HOW GOOGLE WORKS

- A web crawler is software that fetches and indexes publicly available web pages.
- Google's crawler, called Googlebot, follows links from page to page, sending website info back to Google's servers.



GOOGLE ORGANIZES INFORMATION

- Info is stored in Google's index.
- The index organizes info by page content and other factors.



WHEN SOMEONE SEARCHES...

- Googlebot crawls and indexes billions of web pages.
- When someone searches Google, relevant and useful results—pulled from the index—are displayed in milliseconds.



BE PRESENT IN SEARCH

Search Engine Optimization (SEO) refers to the techniques that improve your website rank in Google search results, and attract higher quantity and quality website visits to grow your online presence.



Make your website more visible to those who can benefit from your product, service or brand



Connect with consumers making immediate buying decisions



Increase the number of potential customers who see your website in search results

SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION



Fast load time

Test your site speed
g.co/testmysite



Useful content

Include relevant
keywords

Create information-rich
content designed for
your target audience



Text links

Keep your
audience engaged
with internal links,
external links and
backlinks

SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION



Page titles and descriptions

Think about the keywords your target audience might use to find you and include them



Information architecture

Build an organized website that helps Google better interpret your content



All browsers and devices

Design a user experience that will translate across all types of devices

GOOGLE SEARCH CONSOLE

Use [Google Search Console](#) to monitor, maintain, and troubleshoot your site's presence in Google Search results.

Quick Tip:

Set up Google Search Console
g.co/searchconsole



Confirm that **Google can find** and crawl your site



Request **indexing** of new or updated site content

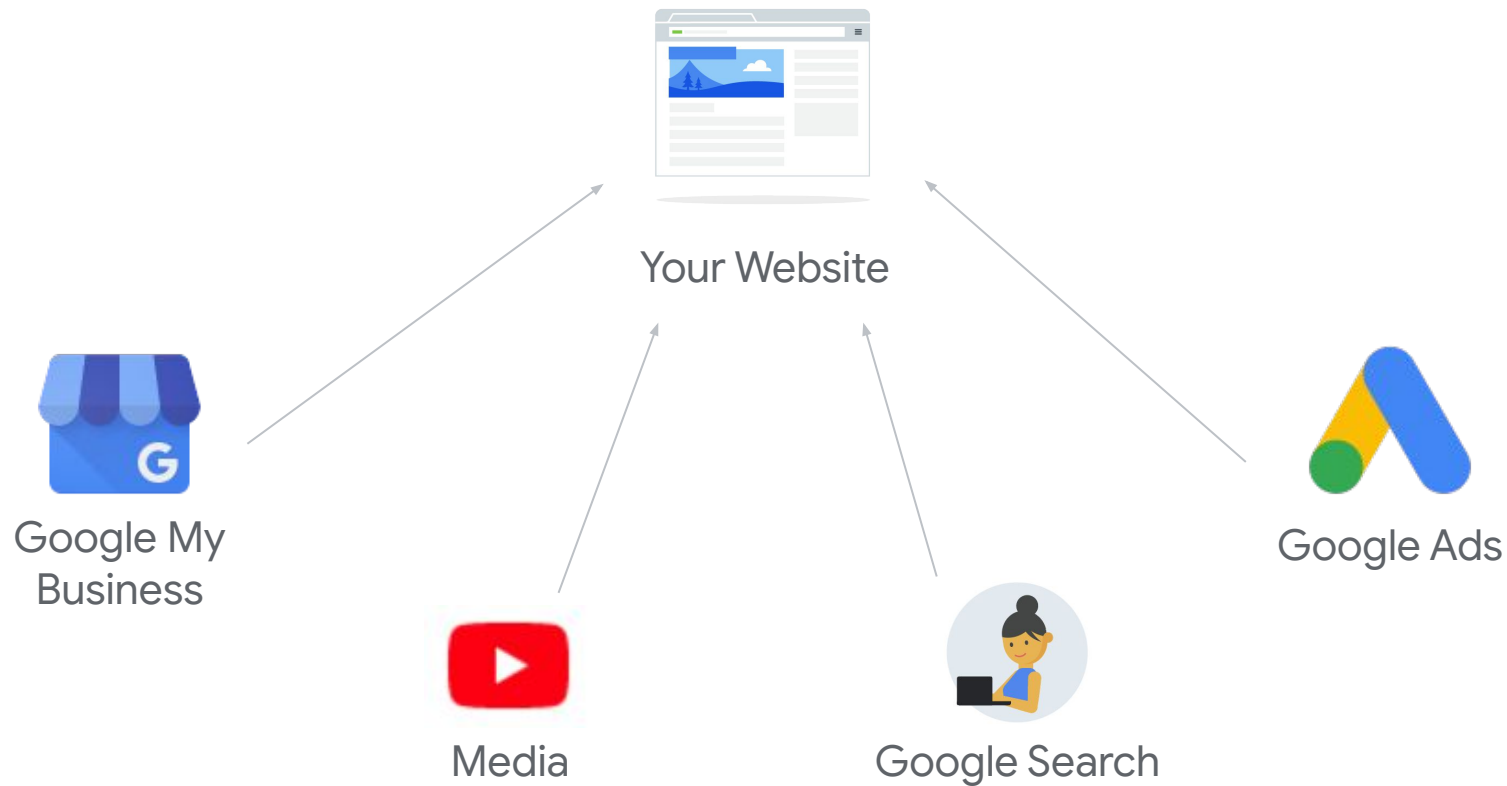


View **Google Search traffic** data for your site



Receive **email alerts** when Google encounters site issues

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK TOGETHER?



Resources



GOOGLE PRIMER: BUSINESS AND MARKETING LESSONS

- Quick, easy lessons on your phone
- Learn whenever you have a few minutes free
- Practical, personalized next steps

Google Primer Suggested Minicourses

Make Your Website Work Hard for Your Business

Get Online with a Strong Business Website

Connect with Customers by Taking Your Business Online

Quick Tip:

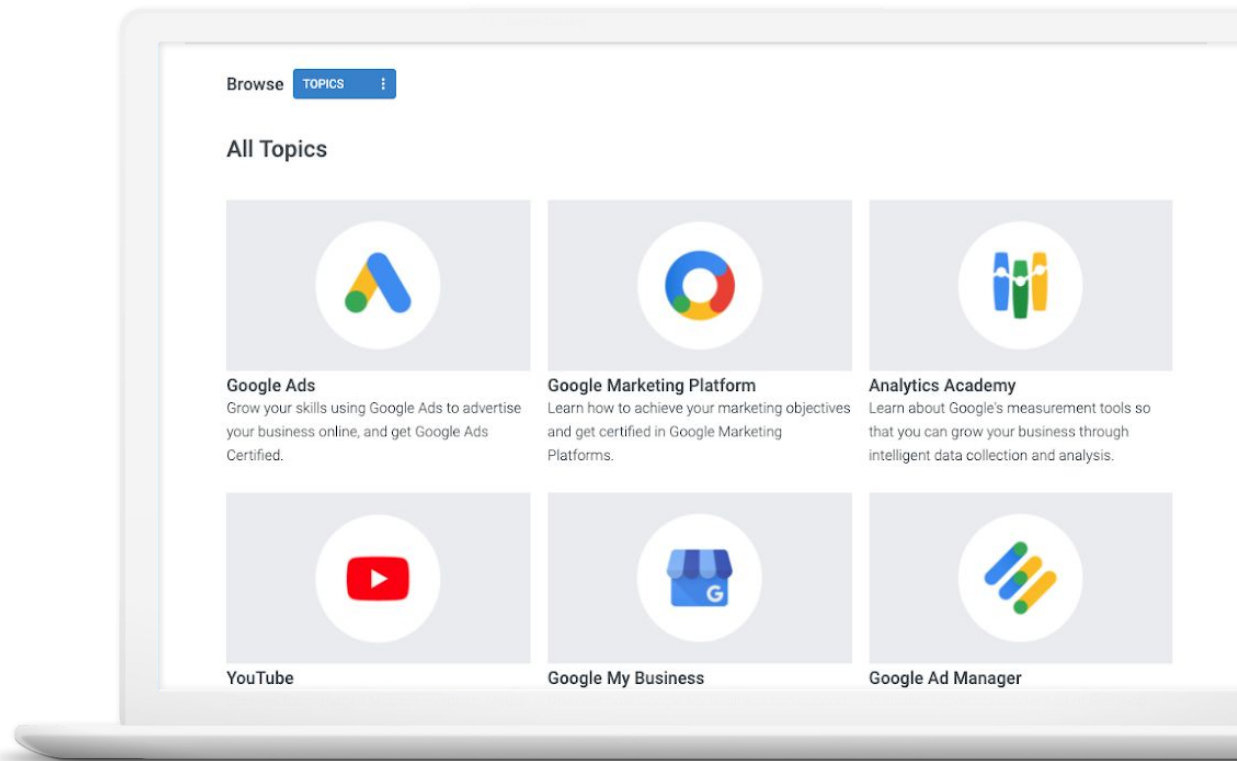
Download the Primer app

g.co/primer/fromhome



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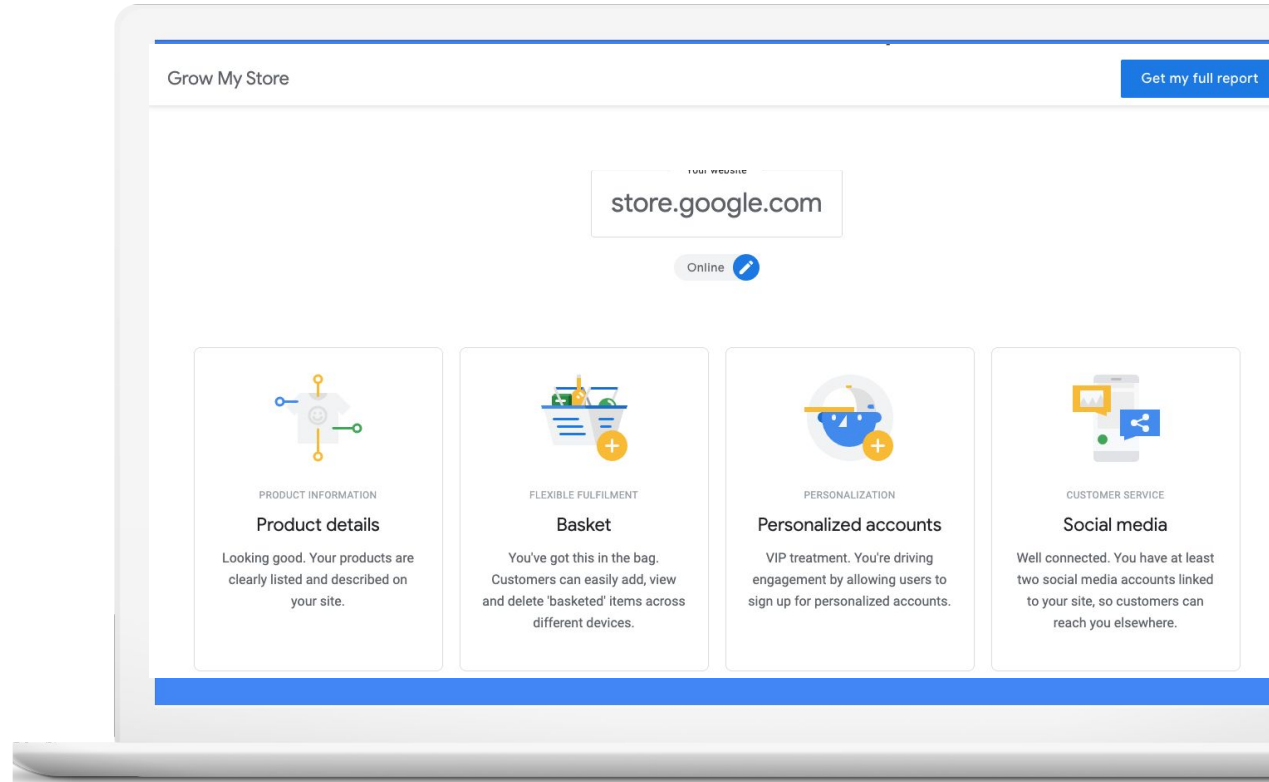
Quick Tip:

Master Google tools

g.co/skillshop

GROW MY STORE: PERSONALIZED TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR ONLINE STORE

Whether you sell online or in-store, boost your business with a quick and easy evaluation of your retail website.



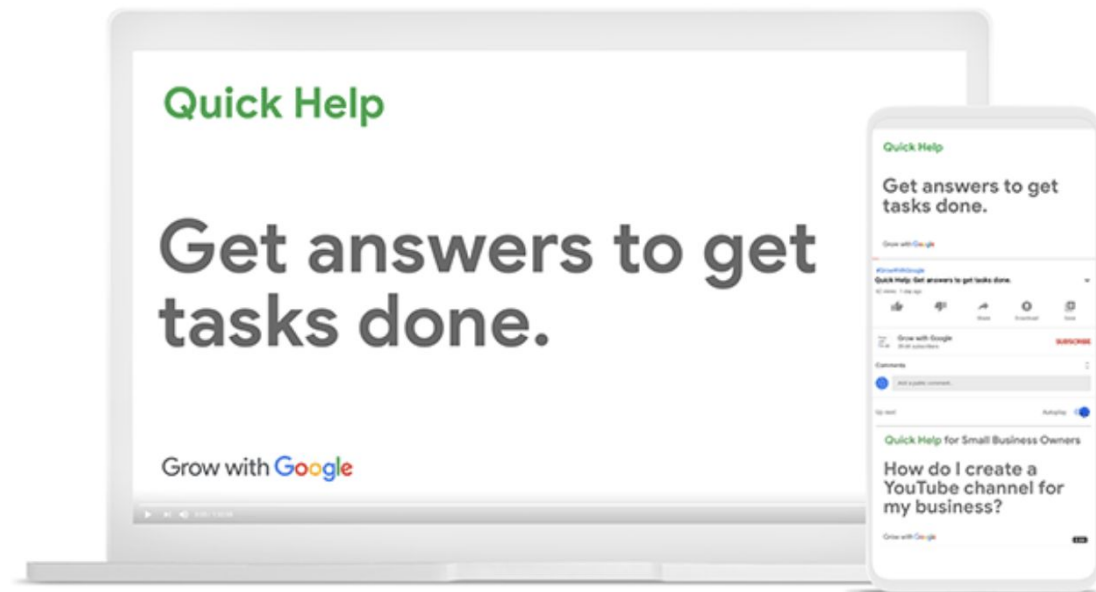
Quick Tip:

Get your report

g.co/growmystore

QUICK HELP VIDEOS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Watch short videos to learn how to use Google's tools
- Find answers to frequently asked questions
- Learn about new features



Quick Tip:

Watch on Youtube

g.co/grow/quickhelp

FREE ONLINE TRAINING AND TOOLS AT GOOGLE.COM/GROW

For teachers and students

Bring digital tools into your classroom.

For local businesses

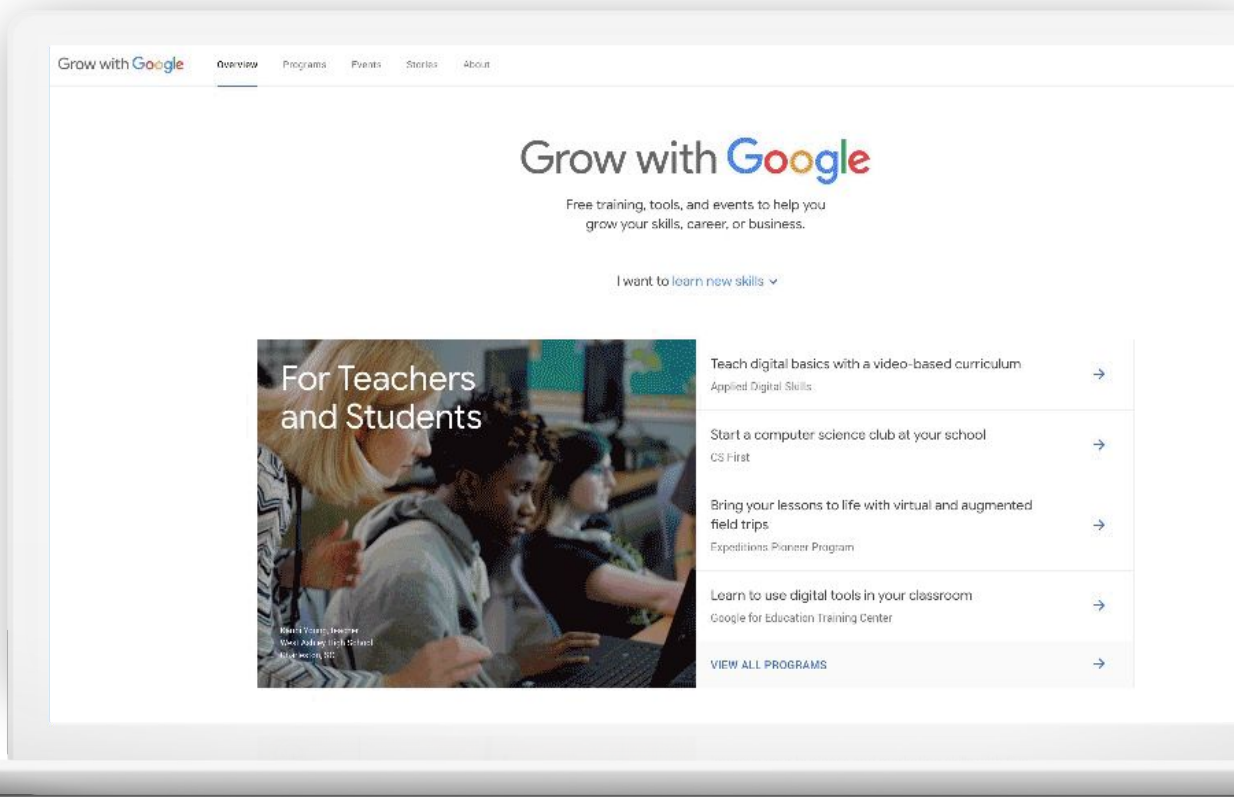
Help new customers find you online.

For job seekers

Boost your resume with a new certification.

For developers

Learn to code or take your skills to the next level.



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