



All we hear is Radio Google: Algorithm Updates.

Understanding and preparing for them

Quick Overview

- **What's an Algorithm Update?**
- **Main Updates**
 - **Historical Data**
 - **Latest Updates - 2019**
- **Prepare Yourself**
- **The Future of Algorithm Update**

Speaker Presentation



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Company Presentation



Unik SEO

Created in 2016
based in PT & UK

Full Service SEO Agency

- Mainstream
(Tourism, Travel, Restaurant, Medical, e-Commerce, Finance, Health, etc.)
- iGaming
- Adult
- Crypto
- Google Certified Agency
 - Shopping
 - Mobile
 - Search



First !



Understand Google

- “Organize the Internet”
- User Oriented
 - Provide the best **results** possible
 - Provide the best **experience** possible
 - Provide the **fastest** answer to users queries
- Keep users “IN”
- Make \$\$\$

What's an Algorithm Update?

*“Algorithms empower Google (and other Search Engines) to measure the **level of the relevancy and quality** of the sites to rank them in the search results pages.”*

*“In its early years, Google only made a handful of updates to its algorithms. Now, Google makes **thousands of changes every year** (2 to 3 per day)”*









Different Kinds of Algorithm Updates

To Consider

- Niche / keyword related update (Payday, Medic)
- Technical update (Mobile First indexing, EMD, HTTPS)
- Country / language focused update
- Visual / appearance / layout update (local pack, Favicon)
- Ranking factors update (loading speed, Rankbrain)
- General quality / unnamed update ("Fred")
- More we probably don't know about...



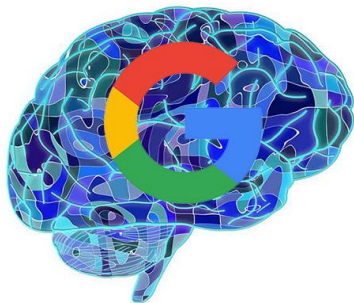
Main Known Updates – Historical Data

PANDA	PENGUIN	PIRATE	PIGEON	PAGE LAYOUT	HUMMINGBIRD
					
The Content Algorithm	The Links Algorithm	The Copyright Algorithm	The Local Search Algorithm	The Layout Algorithm	The UX Algorithm
2011	2012	2012	2014	2012	2013

Main Known Updates – Most important ones



Mobilegeddon
2015



RankBrain
2015



Fred
2015 - OnGoing



Phantom I to V
2013/15/16/17

Gambling related Updates ?

Google Core Update - March 2019
Gambling Niche Volatility Data

Gambling Niche			RankRanger
	Baseline Period	Update Period	Volatility Increase
1st Result Exact Match	96%	91%	5%
2nd Result Exact Match	88%	72%	18%
3rd Result Exact Match	83%	66%	20%
Top 3 Results Exact Match	79%	60%	24%
Top 5 Results Exact Match	62%	31%	50%
Top 10 Results Exact Match	29%	6%	79%

Gambling related Updates ?

June 2019 Core Update					RankRanger
Rank Fluctuations Increase by Niche					
	Travel	Retail	Health	Finance	Gambling
1st Result	8%	2%	11%	9%	21%
2nd Result	17%	8%	15%	25%	35%
3rd Result	13%	10%	30%	30%	36%
Top 3 Results	22%	14%	35%	41%	55%
Top 5 Results	32%	17%	46%	52%	95%
Top 10 Results	46%	33%	78%	77%	159%
Average Position Change Increase	.22 Positions	.53 Positions	.63 Positions	.96 Positions	.32 Positions

Latest Algorithm Updates (2019)

Search Review Snippet Update - 09.2019

- Before

Gaming SEO - SEO for your Gaming Website - UniK SEO

<https://www.unik-seo.com/gaming-seo/> ▼

★★★★★ Rating: 4,8 - 55 reviews

Gaming SEO - SEO for your Gaming Website - Increase your Organic Traffic & Rankings with Gaming SEO - FREE Quote for our Gaming SEO Services!

- After

Gaming SEO - SEO for your Gaming Website - UniK SEO

<https://www.unik-seo.com/gaming-seo/> ▼

By applying the best practices our **Gaming SEO** Services, we increase your organic traffic and rankings with a measurable impact on your ROI using exclusive **Gaming SEO** techniques and processes. Let us show you why our search marketing for the game industry works while taking your ...



Latest Algorithm Updates (2019)

Diversity Update - 06.2019

- SERP change
- Multiple domains (not more than 2)



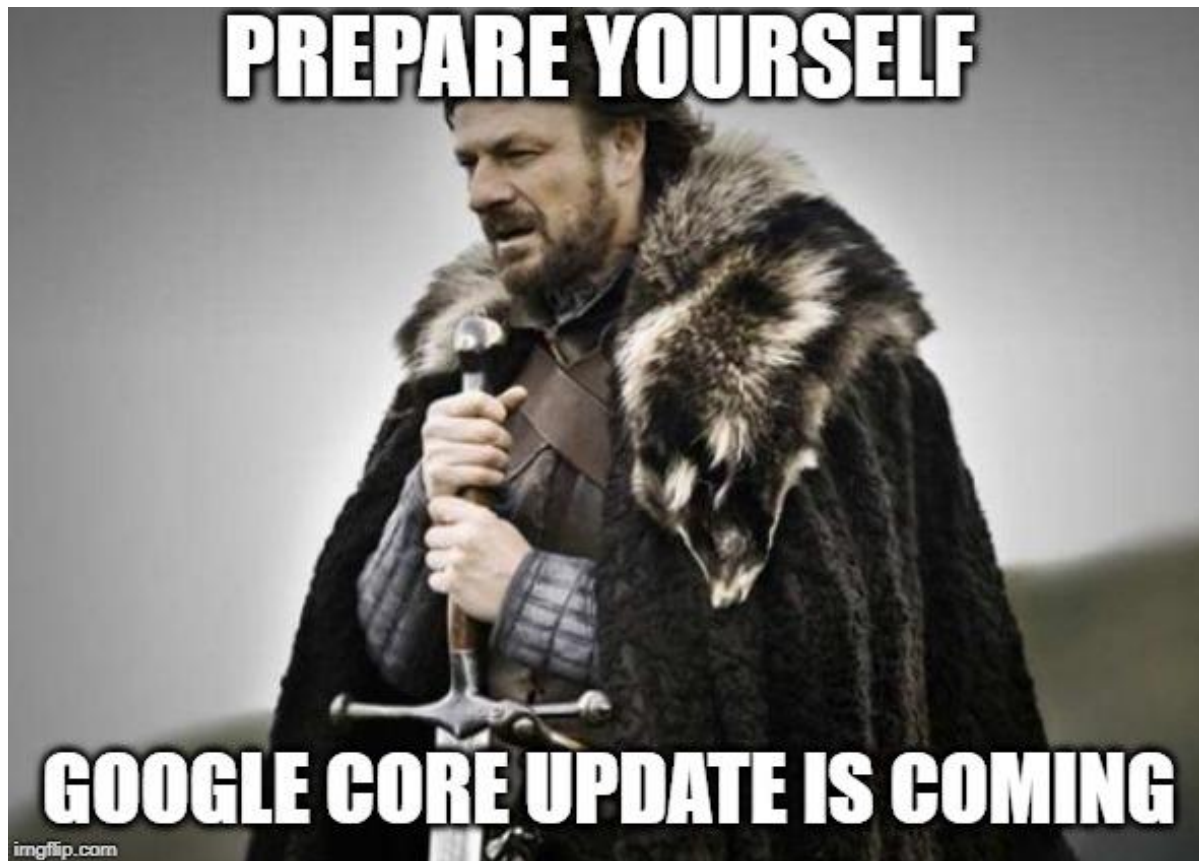
Latest Algorithm Updates (2019)

Florida 2 Update 03.2019

- “biggest updates in years”
- Favicon on mobile (ads + organic)
- No fix



Prepare Your Website



Prepare Your Website



Google SearchLiaison ✓ @searchliaison · Mar 12, 2018



Replying to @searchliaison

As with any update, some sites may note drops or gains. There's nothing wrong with pages that may now perform less well. Instead, it's that changes to our systems are benefiting pages that were previously under-rewarded....



Google SearchLiaison ✓

@searchliaison

There's no "fix" for pages that may perform less well other than to remain focused on building great content. Over time, it may be that your content may rise relative to other pages.

♥ 156 5:57 PM - Mar 12, 2018



💬 107 people are talking about this



Prepare Your Website

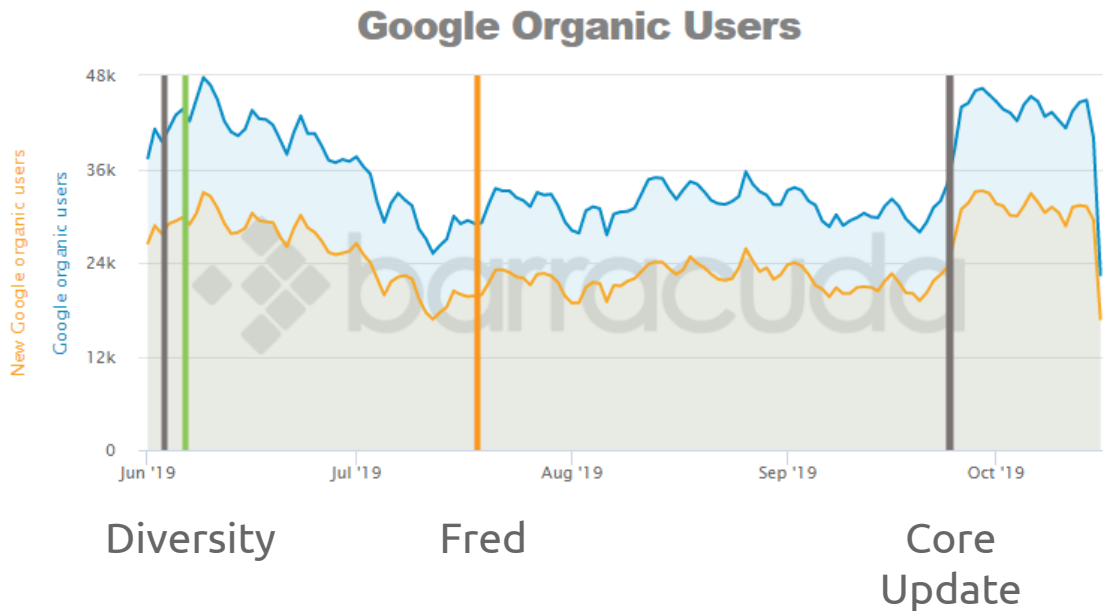


So what
now

1) Find Correlations

Organic
Users
Vs.
Google
Updates

Penguin Tool



2) Penalized by Google?



Search Console

unik-seo.com Manual actions

Overview
Performance
URL inspection

Index
Coverage
Sitemaps

Enhancements
Mobile Usability
Breadcrumbs
Logos
Sitelinks searchbox

Security & Manual Actions
Manual actions
Security issues

✔ No issues detected

IT'S ALL GOOD!

3) Technical Checklist

Website Indexability

Check how Google is crawling & indexing your website

- Robots.txt
- Sitemap Vs. "site:rootdomain.com"

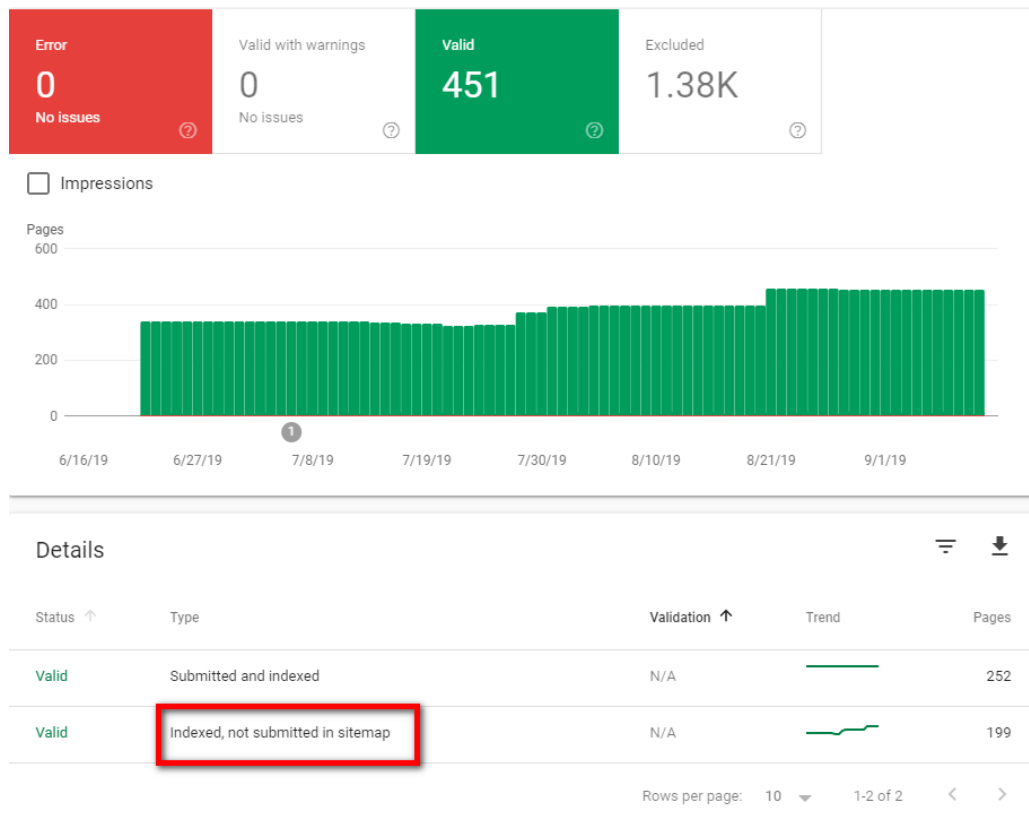
The screenshot shows a Google search for 'site:unik-seo.com'. The search bar contains the text 'site:unik-seo.com'. Below the search bar, the results show 'About 485 results (0.17 seconds)'. Below the results, there is a table of sitemaps.

Sitemap	Type	Submitted ↓	Last read	Status	Discovered URLs
https://www.unik-seo.com/sitemap_index.xml	Sitemap index	Aug 26, 2019	Sep 8, 2019	Success	257

3) Technical Checklist

Website Indexability

Check why !



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Website Indexability

Fix it

Examples ?



URL

↓ Last crawled

https://dev.unik-seo.com/	Sep 9, 2019
https://dev.unik-seo.com/pt/contactos/	Sep 9, 2019
https://www.unik-seo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Link-Building-Strategies.pdf	Sep 9, 2019
https://dev.unik-seo.com/fr/contacts/	Sep 9, 2019
https://dev.unik-seo.com/pt/novo-2/	Sep 9, 2019
https://dev.unik-seo.com/boabao/	Sep 9, 2019
https://dev.unik-seo.com/pt/recuperacao-penalizacao-google/	Sep 9, 2019
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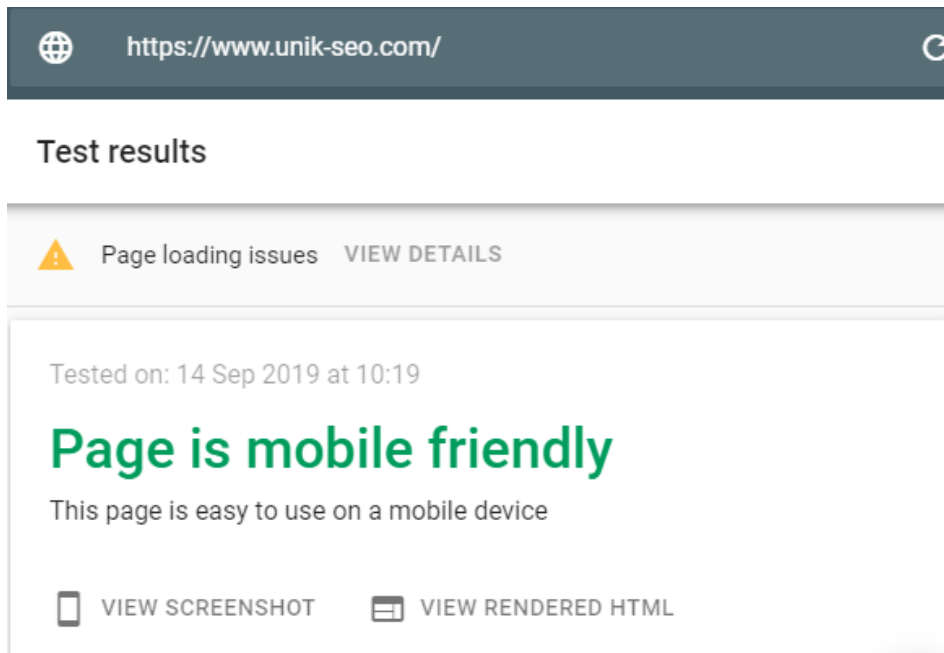


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Mobile friendliness

Easy to Test

- Google Mobile-Friendly Test



The screenshot shows the Google Mobile-Friendly Test interface. At the top, the URL <https://www.unik-seo.com/> is entered in the search bar. Below the search bar, the heading "Test results" is displayed. A warning icon (yellow triangle with an exclamation mark) is shown next to the text "Page loading issues", with a link to "VIEW DETAILS". The main result area shows the test date and time: "Tested on: 14 Sep 2019 at 10:19". The primary result is "Page is mobile friendly" in green text, followed by the subtext "This page is easy to use on a mobile device". At the bottom, there are two links: "VIEW SCREENSHOT" with a mobile phone icon and "VIEW RENDERED HTML" with a document icon.



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SSL Certificate (HTTPS)

Easy to Test

- SSL Shopper (<https://www.sslshopper.com>)
- SSL Labs (<https://www.ssllabs.com>)
- ImmuniWeb (<https://www.immuniweb.com>)
- DigiCert (<https://www.digicert.com>)

Summary of unik-seo.com:443 (HTTPS) SSL Security Test

unik-seo.com was tested 1 time during the last 12 months.

Your final score

A

Date/Time: Today, 11:26 CEST
Source IP: 209.58.128.115:443 
Type: HTTPS



Refresh test



Download report

3) Technical Checklist

SSL Certificate (HTTPS)

Reminder

- HTTP & HTTPS are 2 similar versions of your website
- Same goes for WWW
- For ALL content

`http://yoursite.com`

`https://yoursite.com`

`http://www.yoursite.com`

`https://www.yoursite.com`



`https://yoursite.com`

3) Technical Checklist

Loading speed

Confirmed Ranking Factor

- Google PageSpeed Insights
- GTMetrix (<https://gtmetrix.com>)
- WebPageTest (<https://www.webpagetest.org/>)

Performance Scores

PageSpeed Score F(48%) ▼	YSlow Score C(72%) ◆
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Page Details

Fully Loaded Time 2.0s ▲	Total Page Size 1.87MB ▲	Requests 63 ▲
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PageSpeed

YSlow

Waterfall

Timings

Video

History

RECOMMENDATION	GRADE	TYPE	PRIORITY
▼ Enable gzip compression	F (0) ▼	SERVER	HIGH
▼ Combine images using CSS sprites	D (60) ▼	IMAGES	HIGH
▼ Leverage browser caching	D (63) ◆	SERVER	HIGH
▼ Minify CSS	C (72) ▼	CSS	HIGH
▼ Specify a cache validator	A (92) ◆	SERVER	HIGH
▼ Specify image dimensions	A (95) ◆	IMAGES	MEDIUM



Test multiple pages (not just the home page)



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Loading speed

Some improvements ideas

- Use a CDN (Cloudflare gives you 1 domain for free)
- Use browser caching
- Minify JS & CSS
- Use lazy loading (especially if infinite scrolling)
- Implement pre-rendering (for JS dynamic content)
- Optimize images (vector, compress, scaled, metadata)
- Avoid redirection chains (301 redirects)



3) Technical Checklist

Multilingual websites

HREFLANG Tags

- Helps Search Engine figure out the different versions/languages of your website
- Helps Search Engine presenting the right page to users
- Can add a “x-default”
- Not the same as canonical
- Avoid duplicated content

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<link rel="alternate" hreflang="en" href="https://www.unik-seo.com/gaming-seo/" />  
<link rel="alternate" hreflang="pt" href="https://www.unik-seo.com/pt/gaming-seo/" />  
<link rel="alternate" hreflang="es" href="https://www.unik-seo.com/es/gaming-seo/" />
```



Backlinks



Black Hat **SEO**

VS.



White Hat **SEO**

Your Backlink Profile

Make Sure

- Natural link profile
- Not over optimized anchor text
- Focus on branding / brand image & trust
- From quality website



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Doing Link Building

Ideas

- Work with digital Influencers
- Don't over look social media (FB, Reddit, Insta, Quora)
- Digital PR
- Focused guest posting on authority websites
- Create reports / infographics
- Local citations



Content



E-A-T + YMYL



E.A.T.

Google's new name for what every high-quality page needs: **E-A-T.**

*A High Level of Expertise,
Authoritativeness, Trustworthiness*



Google's Search Quality
Guidelines, Section 4.1



Y.M.Y.L.

"Some types of pages could potentially impact the future happiness, health, or wealth of users. We call such pages "Your Money or Your Life" pages or YMYL."



Google's Search Quality
Guidelines, Section 2.3



Content

Review or update published content

To consider

- Author / contributor bio (description & links)
- Source the facts
- Keep it fresh & content pruning
- Accessibility & internal linking
- Spammy / link bait titles
- Aggressive or deceptive Ads

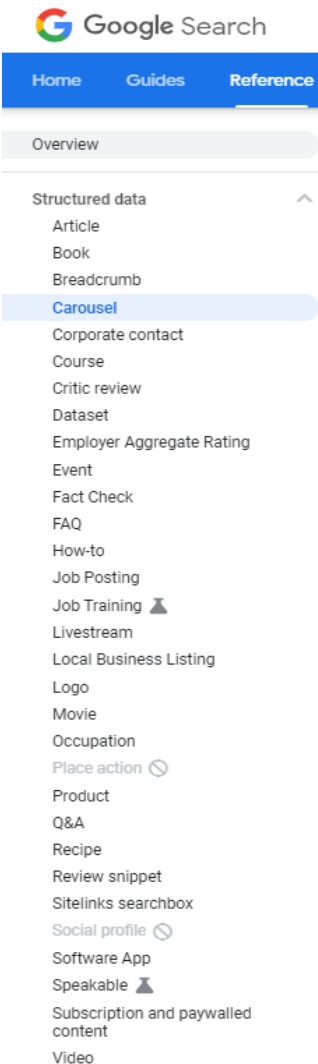
Content

Markup your content

Structured Data

- Use JSON-LD
- Check Markups & Rich Snippets available for your website
- Create content for it
- Test & validate
- Check your competition

 Structured Data Testing Tool



The screenshot shows the Google Search Reference page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Guides', and 'Reference'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Overview'. A list of structured data types is displayed, including 'Article', 'Book', 'Breadcrumb', 'Carousel' (which is highlighted), 'Corporate contact', 'Course', 'Critic review', 'Dataset', 'Employer Aggregate Rating', 'Event', 'Fact Check', 'FAQ', 'How-to', 'Job Posting', 'Job Training', 'Livestream', 'Local Business Listing', 'Logo', 'Movie', 'Occupation', 'Place action', 'Product', 'Q&A', 'Recipe', 'Review snippet', 'Sitelinks searchbox', 'Social profile', 'Software App', 'Speakable', 'Subscription and paywalled content', and 'Video'.

Content

Duplicated content

Canonicals

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<link rel="canonical" href="https://www.unik-seo.com/" />
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- Avoid duplicated content
- Helps search engines understand which pages to index and rank
- Use Crawler to find potencial errors (ScreamingFrog)
- Check page source code
- Implement on all your web pages



The Future of Google Updates



The Future of Updates

Who Knows?

- Still focus on E.A.T
- UX oriented
- Counter “new” black-hat technics
- Answering questions FAST
- Voice search related update ?



Stay Alert



How?

- Follow @searchliaison on Twitter
- Audit your website organic traffic often
- Check Search Console (penalty)
- Follow your rankings
- Read the main news related sources
(searchengineland.com, moz.com, searchenginejournal.com, etc.)

Summary



- Don't think you are "safe"
- Create great content / UX
- Build natural backlinks (or not)
- Audit regularly your website
- Follow up news



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Thank you!