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General Introduction

The synchronous VILT course titled 'Search Engine Optimization Overview' is part of a week-long course on Mastering the Search Engine offered by Company X. A demo/tutorial/Q&A session will be held the next day and will provide the practical aspects of this course. Link to the presentation:

SEO TUTORIAL - AN OVERVIEW

Recommended platform: ZOOM.

External apps used for activities and the set- up direction for them should be adjusted if other web-conferencing software is used.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Describe the goal of search engine (SEO) optimization and name ways to get to the top of Google search for a variety of keywords.
- Explain how to use a keyword research tool to find good keywords to incorporate in a website/blog and recognize the importance of long-tailed keywords.
- Summarize the steps to incorporate good keywords in a website/blog for on-page SEO optimization.
- Describe the best practices for a link building campaign.
- Explain how to tailor the link building campaign for local businesses.

EXACT PRESENTATION TIMING: 52 minutes

- ❖ Introduction (slide 1-3) 2 min
- ♦ About SEO (slide 4-8) 17 min
- ❖ SEO Tips 1 (keyword research; slide 9-17) − 14 min
- ❖ SEO Tips 2 (on-page optimization; slide 18-24) −8.5 min
- ❖ SEO Tips 3 (link building; slide 25-30) − 8.5 min
- ❖ Summary and conclusion (31-33) − 2 min

The facilitator has to finish this session in 60 min. A wiggle room of 8 min is provided.

PRODUCER JOB DESCRIPTION:

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During	the training:
a.	The producer should ensure all participants are muted and arrange them to be unmuted if necessary.
b.	The producer should record the presentation.
C.	All chat activities and technical issues, including zoom poll, word cloud, whiteboard, and so forth, should be handled by the producer.

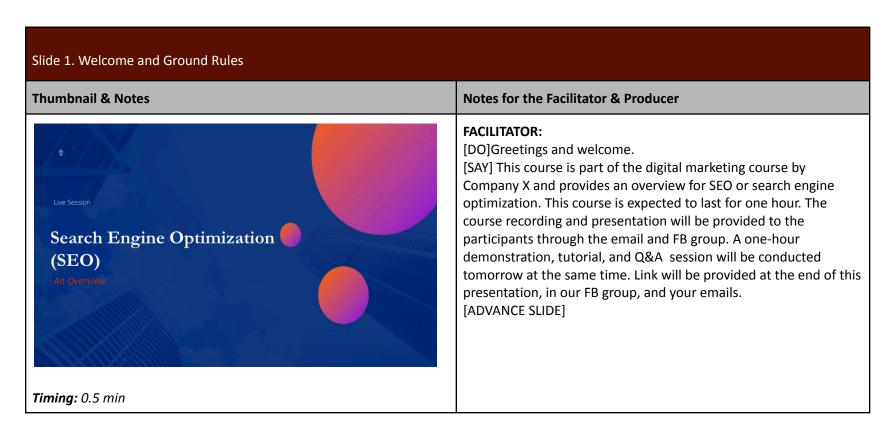
FACILITATOR JOB DESCRIPTION:

d. The producer should admit the participants.

- Pre-work:
 - a. Almost all the slides are animated; the facilitator should practice ahead of time to anticipate different animations included in this presentation.
 - b. The facilitator should also practice with the producer to ensure smooth delivery on the activity slides. Planned activities include: word cloud, poll, whiteboard, chat, interactive discussion, and breakout room.
- During the training: A facilitator should present the material. A copy of this guide is included in the presenter's notes in the presentation file for easy reference during the session.

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Section 1: Introduction



Slide 2. Ground Rules

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Any issues? Report to the producer Download the mentimeter app Link in the chat Expectations Participants should stay muted throughout unless being asked to answer questions. No Q&A session in this presentation. A Q&A session will be conducted tomorrow together with the demo and tutorial session. Timing: 0.5 min	FACILITATOR: [DO] Explain these following while referring to the presentation: - Introduce both the facilitator and producer to the audience. Participants can chat with the producer for any issues encountered during the session. - Remind the participants to download the mentimeter app for best experience. Link is provided in the chat. - Set up the ground rules: a. Participants should be muted throughout unless the producers allow them to unmute themselves, although camera/video is allowed. b. There is no Q&A session in this presentation. A dedicated Q&A/demo session will be held the next day at the same time. [ADVANCE SLIDE] PRODUCER: [DO] Type the mentimeter app download link in the chat: https://marketplace.zoom.us/apps/D6gsxPEXS8eNr9d6gNFClg

Slide 3. Session Agenda and Learning Objectives	
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Section 2: About Search-Engine Optimization.

Slide 4. Title Slide: About SEO	
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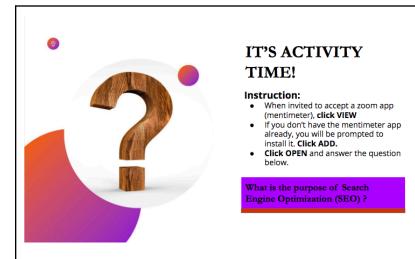
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Slide 5. The Purpose of SEO - Word Cloud Activity	
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TIMING: 3.5 min

Consists of: 0.5 min (reading instruction), 1 min (mentimeter transition, 1 min (word cloud), 1 min (debrief)

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] Before we start this session, I want to know what you know about SEO. Let's do this activity to find out.

[DO] Click and read the instruction and the question.

[DO] End the screen/presentation sharing

PRODUCER:

[DO] Take over the screen by activating the mentimeter app.

[DO] Activate the mentimeter app by selecting 'app' and send invites to participants.

[DO] Share the questions with the participant. Then share the word cloud in real time for around 1 minutes.

FACILITATOR:

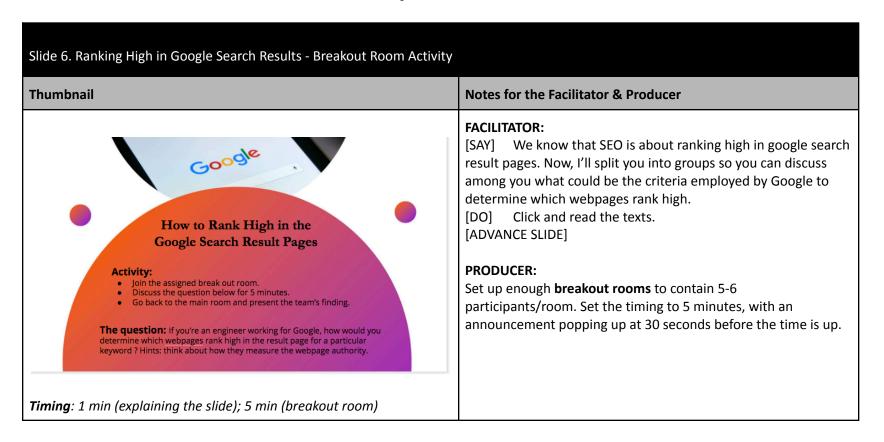
[DO] Comment on the word cloud produced by the participants as the words coming in. Debrief by emphasizing the fact that the purpose of SEO is to optimize the webpages such that the search engine would rank them high in the search result page. There are many search engines, but the most popular nowadays is Google. Therefore, today's session will only discuss how to rank high on Google.

PRODUCER:

[DO] Stop sharing the word cloud.

FACILITATOR:

[DO] Take over the screen and advance slide.



Slide 7. Plenary Discussion on How to Rank High in Google - Whiteboard Activity	
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Timing: 5 min (4 min for participants to answer the question, 1 min debrief)

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] Now that you're back here, let's see what criteria you all come up with in order for a website to score high on Google search result page.

[DO] Click and read the texts.

PRODUCER

[DO] Take over the presentation screen and switch to whiteboard mode.

[DO] Ask the team leaders to raise their hand, and ask one by one (starting from the first to raise hand) the criteria they come up with. Tell them not to duplicate other team's answers.

[DO] Write down their ideas on the whiteboard.

[DO] Save/screenshoot the whiteboard

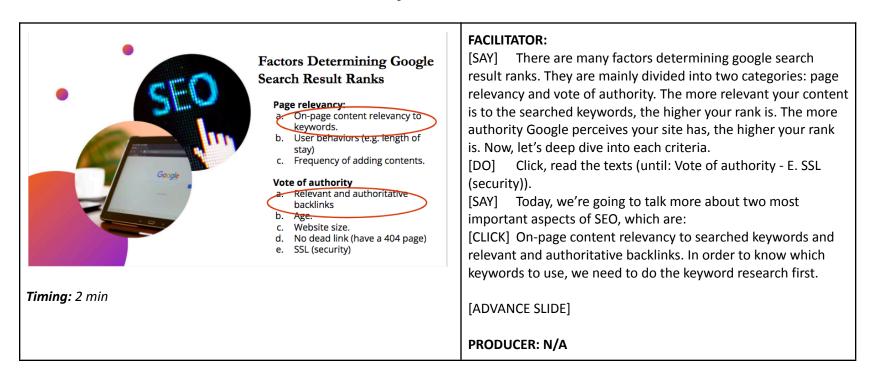
FACILITATOR:

[DO] Debrief by Summarizing the participants' findings. Emphasize that the answers fall into two categories: page relevancy and page authority.

[SAY] Let's learn more about ranking high in Google.

[ADVANCE SLIDE]

Slide 8. Debrief: Factors Determining Google Search Result Rank	
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Section 3: SEO Tips 1 - Keyword Research

Slide 9. Title Slide: Keyword Research	
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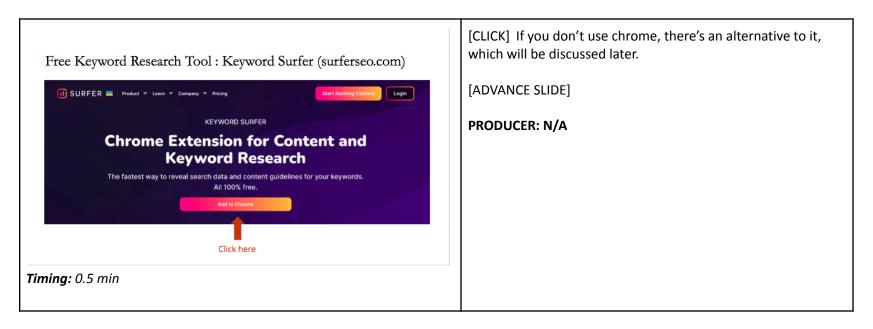


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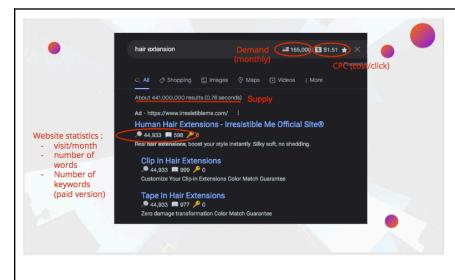
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Slide 10. Free Keyword Research Tool (SEO Surfer)	
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	FACILITATOR: [SAY] In order to find suitable keywords, we need to use a keyword research tool. A free keyword research tool that I recommend is called the Keyword Surfer, which is a Chrome extension. [CLICK] To begin using it, go to surferseo.com, and click add to chrome to install it.



Slide 11. Interpreting the Keyword Data.	
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Timing: 2.5 min

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] As you can see here, once you install the Keyword Surfer, everytime you search something in Google, several numbers come up.

[DO] Hover on the numbers that come up.

[SAY] In the example here, we investigate the keyword Hair Extension.

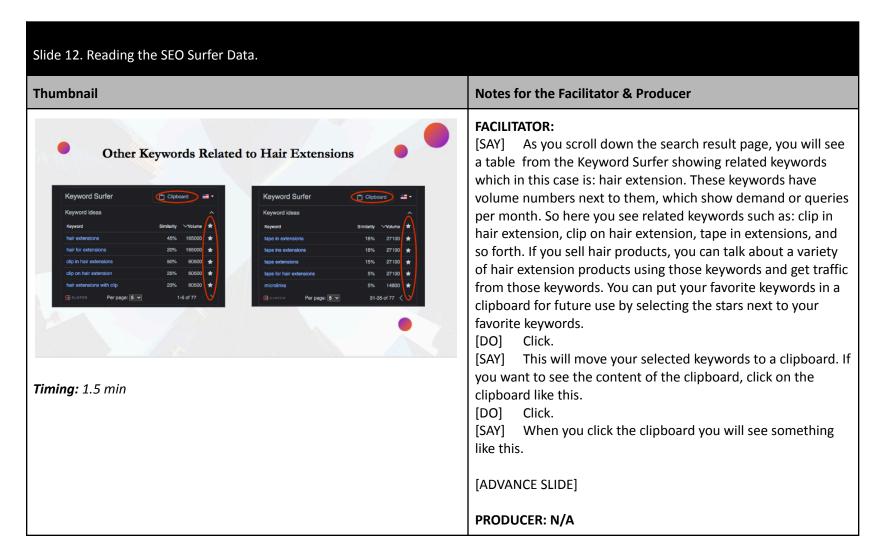
[CLICK] As you see, the number 165,000 comes up. This number shows the demand, which is the monthly search of that particular keyword

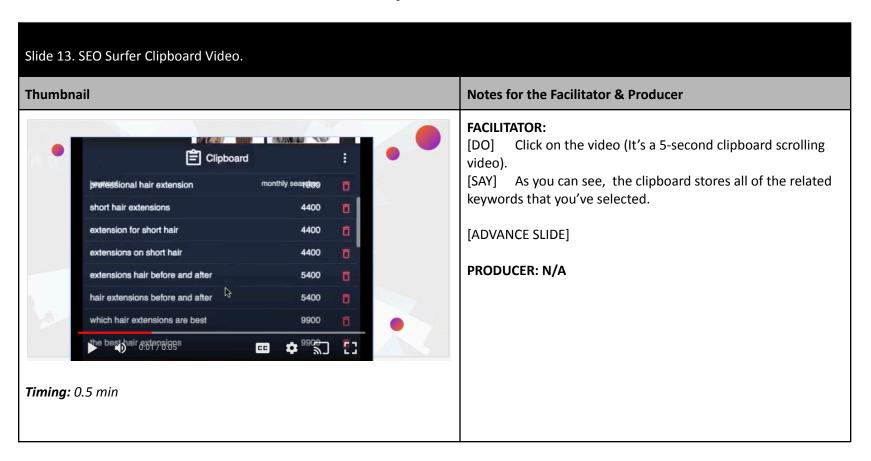
[CLICK] Here, the number \$1.51 shows the cost for advertising hair extension products. This keyword has a CPC (cost per click) of \$1.50 which means every time a surfer clicks on the advertisement for that keyword, the advertiser pays \$1.51 per click.

[CLICK] These numbers show statistics for the website Irresistibleme.

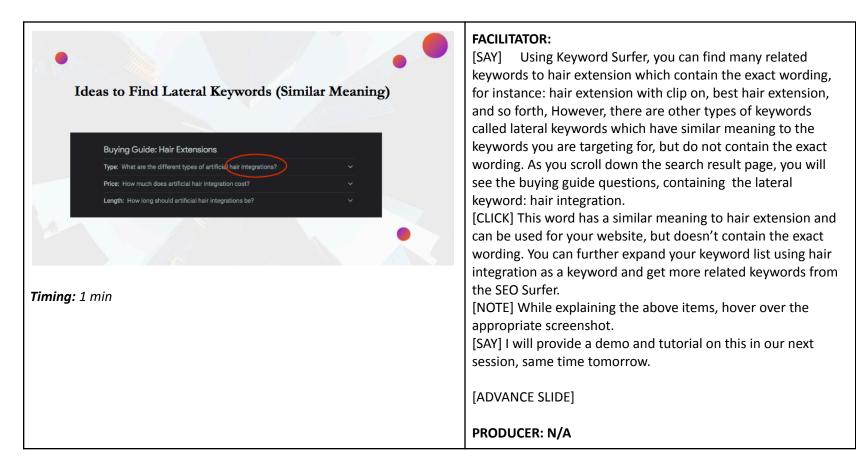
[CLICK] Finally pay attention to the number that google provides here (441 million results). This shows the supply, which is the number of webpages existed for the keyword hair extension. Please note that it only shows the number of competitors, but doesn't give any information on the strength of the competitor, especially the ones ranked on the top of Google results. In order to know the strength of the competitor, you need to use other keyword research tools.

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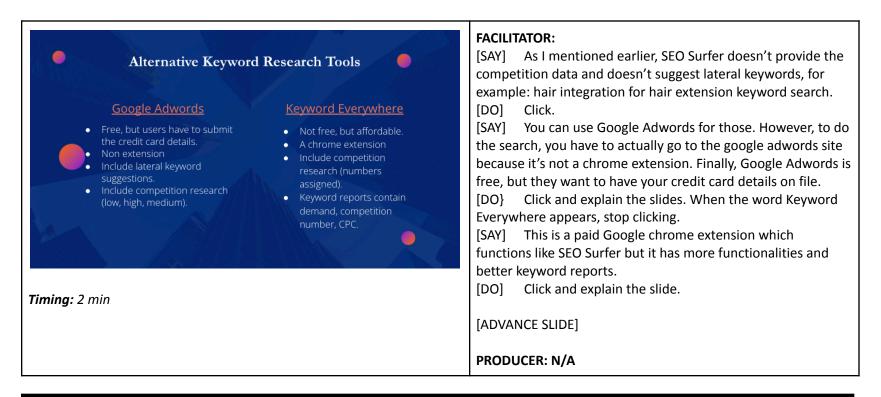




Slide 14. Finding More Related Keywords - Lateral Keywords.	
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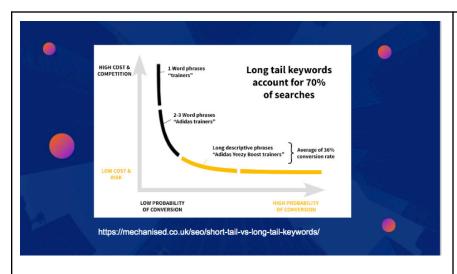


Slide 15. Alternative Keyword Research Tools	
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Slide 16. The Importance of Long-Tail Keywords	
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Timing: 1.5 min

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] People use Google to search phrases/keywords which contain only one word or many words. Sometimes people even put a sentence in a search box. One-word phrases, such as trainers are searched at a much higher volume than multiple-word phrases such as Adidas Yeezy Boost trainers. So you may have thought that you should attempt to rank high for these high-volume keywords. However, not only one-word phrases come with a large amount of competition and high cost of advertising (CPC), they are also known to have low probability of conversion. In contrast, long descriptive phrases are like low-hanging fruit; they are so specific that they are rarely used (hence low competition), but at the same time they result in high probability of conversion.

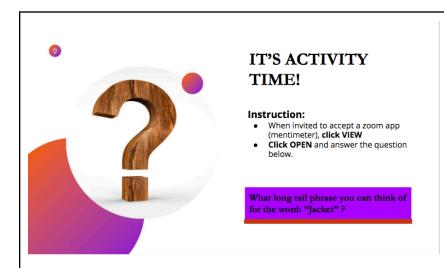
[NOTE] While explaining this, hover over the relevant facts on the slide.

[SAY] Therefore, don't discount these long tail keywords.

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Slide 17. Exercise on Finding Long-Tail Keywords - Activity	
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Timing: 3.5 min

Consists of: 0.5 min (reading instruction), 0.5 min (mentimeter

transition, 2 min (word cloud), 0.5 min (debrief)

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] Now, we're going to practice finding a long-tail phrase. Let's have a mentimeter activity again.

[DO] Click and read the instruction and the question.

PRODUCER:

[DO] Activate the mentimeter app by selecting 'app' and send invites to participants.

[DO] Share the questions with the participant. Then share the word cloud in real time for around 2 minutes.

FACILITATOR:

[DO] Comment on the word cloud produced by the participants as they come in. Debrief by emphasizing the fact that long-tail keywords are like low hanging fruit. Use those to get the best conversion of the keywords you can rank high more easily at Google.

[NOTE] At this point, the producer can stop sharing the word cloud.

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Section 4: SEO Tips 2 - On-Page SEO Optimization

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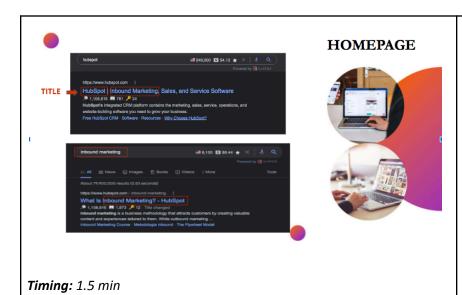
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Timing: 0.5 min

Slide 19. Homepage - Optimizing Title	
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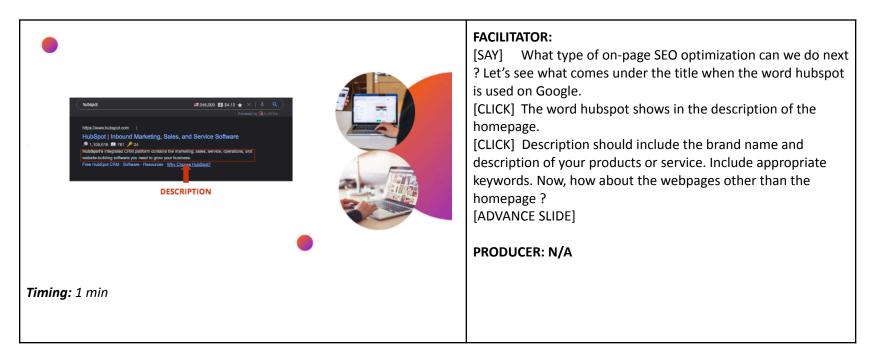
FACILITATOR:

[SAY] So, what type of on-page SEO optimization can we do? [CLICK] When Hubspot is searched, Hubspot website comes up first. Thus, the first thing we can optimize for our homepage is the title.

[CLICK] You can see that the Hubspot website title is not only optimized for the word Hubspot, but also for the word inbound marketing, as well as sales & service software.
[CLICK twice] When the users search for the word inbound marketing, hubspot turns up first in the search engine.
However, when the words like sales, and service software is searched, hubspot is not found on the first page. This is because those words have higher competition and are less specific than the words Hubspot and inbound marketing.
Therefore, you can optimize your homepage by including your brand name and one or two keywords which are specific for your products or service.

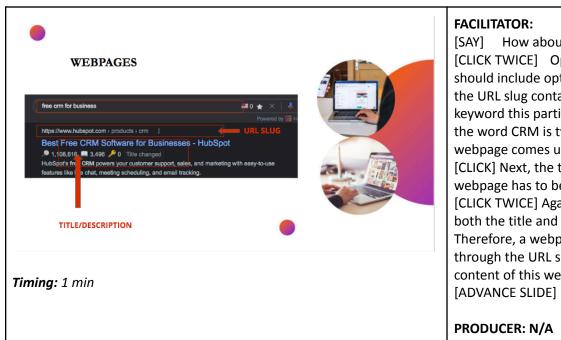
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Slide 20. Homepage - Optimizing Description	
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Slide 21. Webpages - Optimizing URL Slug, Title & Description	
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[SAY] How about other webpages?

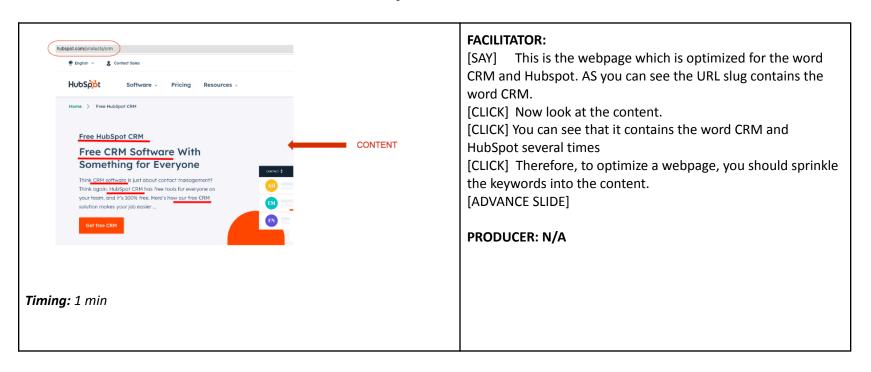
[CLICK TWICE] Optimizing webpages other than homepage should include optimizing the URL slug. Here you can see that the URL slug contains the word CRM which seems to be the keyword this particular webpage is optimized for since when the word CRM is typed on the search box, this particular webpage comes up.

[CLICK] Next, the title and the description of that particular webpage has to be optimized for specific keywords.

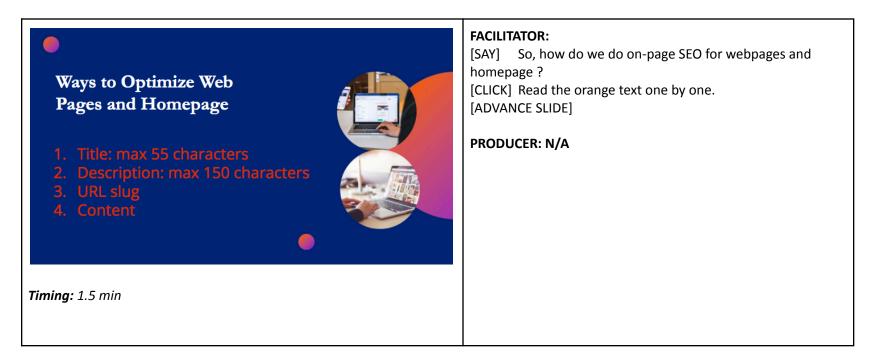
[CLICK TWICE] Again, as you can see the word CRM is used in both the title and description of that webpage.

Therefore, a webpage other than homepage can be optimized through the URL slug, title, and description. NOw, let's see the content of this webpage.

Slide 22. Webpages - Optimizing Content	
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Slide 23. Summary on Ways to Optimize Webpages	
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Slide 24. Adding Title and Description to a Website	
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Where Can We Add the
On-Page SEO?

SEO page of web builders.
All web builders can customize the URL slug
May need a SEO plug-in for a Wordpress site

TIMING: 2 min

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] How do we add the site's title and description? Type your idea in the chat.

PRODUCER:

[DO] Check on the chat and read participants' ideas.

FACILITATOR:

[CLICK] Read and explain.

[SAY] I will show how to do this in tomorrow's session in which we will do demos and tutorials for SEO-ing webpages.

[ADVANCE SLIDE]

PRODUCER: N/A

Timing: 2 min

Section 5: SEO Tips 3 - Link Building

Slide 25. Title Slide - Link Building	
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Timing: 0.5 min

FACILITATOR:

[DO] Read the orange text and explain briefly. [ADVANCE SLIDE]

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Slide 26. Types of Links and Their Importance	

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TWO TYPES OF LINKS



- Indicate the level of authority
- Have to be relevant and high quality
- Use keywords in the links

Timing: 1.5 min



INTERNAL

- · Give hierarchical structure
- Shows which pages are important in our site
- Use keywords in the links

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] There are two types of link, the external links and the internal links. Both are important for SEO. The external links, which are also called inbound links or backlinks, link other sites to ours. These links come from the other sites and therefore act as the vote of authority for our site.

[CLICK] The more inbound links a site has, the more authoritative it is from Google point of view.

[CLICK] However, the inbound links have to be of high quality and relevant. Relevancy can be shown by the keywords contained in the link. We'll talk about how to get such links later.

[CLICK] Internal links link pages within our site and give hierarchical structure for our site.

[CLICK] It shows Google which pages are important in your website and which ones are less important.

[CLICK] Again, relevancy can be shown by putting the keywords in the link.
[ADVANCE SLIDE]

Slide 27. Building Inbound Links	
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Ways to Get Inbound Links

- a. Through social media sites.
- b. Through writing articles (medium, guest writer, etc)
- c. Through answering questions (quora)
- d. By providing great contents on your website so that other websites would want to link to your site.
- e. By installing social site widgets so it's easy to share your site.
- f. Link exchange with other relevant websites.

Timing: 2 min

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FACILITATOR:

[SAY] There are many ways to get good inbound links. Can you think of any? Please raise your hand if you have any ideas.

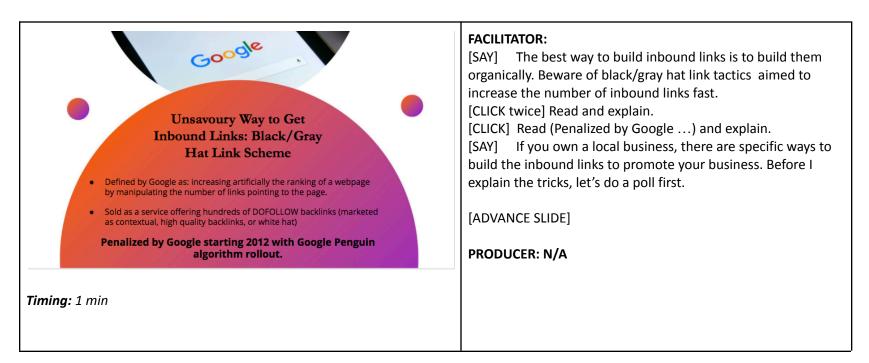
[DO] Interact with the participant and ask several people to raise their hand and answer.

[DO] Click, read, and briefly explain.

[SAY] We will talk more about this and brainstorm different ways of getting inbound links in our demo and tutorial session tomorrow.

[ADVANCE SLIDE]

Slide 28. Beware of Black Hat Link Building Scheme	
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Slide 29. Who Own a Local Business - Poll	
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FACILITATOR:

[SAY] I wonder how many of you here own a local business. Let's take a poll. Answer YES/NO to this question when the poll launches: "Do you own a local business?"

PRODUCER:

[DO] Launch the zoom poll. Close the poll after 30 seconds and share the result screen with the audience.

FACILITATOR:

[DO] Comment on the poll results.

Slide 30. Link Building for Local Business	
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Link Building for Local Businesses



- 1. Link exchange/partnership with other relevant business, preferably locals.
- 2. Get your business up in local directories or review websites such as yelp.
- Make sure you submit your business details to Google business and encourage your customers to review your business.
- 4. Social media links.
- 5. Host or sponsor local events.
- 6. Contact local bloggers/influencers for a review and backlink.
- 7. Write guest articles/post.
- Update your website contents regularly and write relevant contents (preferably local contents).

Timing: 2 min

FACILITATOR:

[SAY] Although all link building efforts are essentially similar, if you want to increase your chances to be found for keywords used for local search, you should try to get more local links. Can you think of any ideas for this? Please raise your hand if you have any ideas.

[DO] Interact with the participants and ask several people to raise their hand and answer.

[DO] Click and present the slides.

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Summary and Conclusion

Slide 31. Title Slide: Summary	
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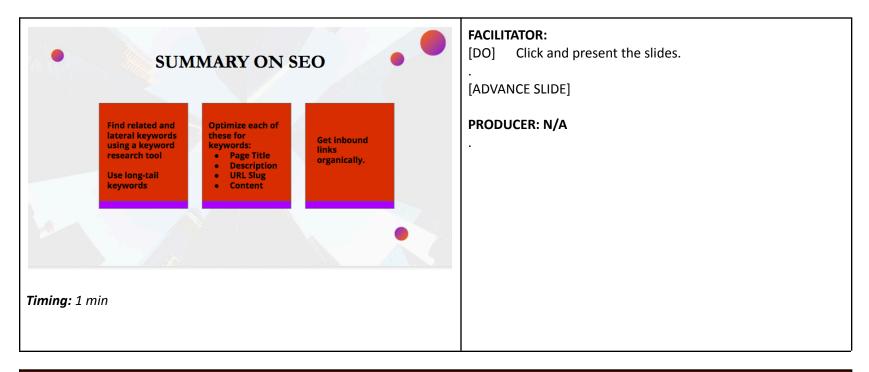
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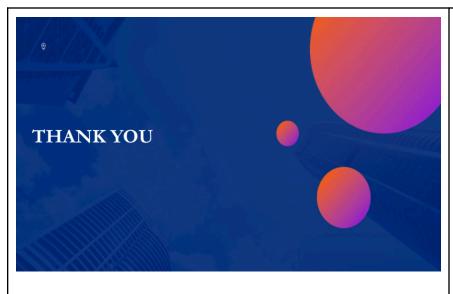
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Slide 32. Summary	
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Slide 33. Thank You	
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FACILITATOR:

[DO] Remind the participants that they will have an SEO demo/tutorial and Q&A session at the same time next day. Link is provided in the chat, FB group, and email. Thank the participants for attending today's presentation.

PRODUCER:

[DO] Type the next session link in the chat.

Timing: 0.5 min