

## **GAINING BUSINESS ONLINE**

DAY 1 OF 3

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# AGENDA & INTRODUCTIONS



#### **Agenda**

- Introduction to Digital Marketing
- Planning

#### **BREAK**

- Branding building your brand
- Web Design What makes a good website, landing pages & CTAs

#### **LUNCH**

- Getting Your Website Found choosing keywords
- Google Advertising

#### **BREAK**

- Search Engine Optimisation
- Actions for Day 2



## INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL MARKETING



## Digital Marketing will allow you and your business to...

- Build a brand
- Sell your product/service
- Reach international prospects
- Talk directly to your current/previous customers
- Connect with personal and business contacts
- Respond to customer queries/complaints
- Manage PR stories
- Recruit staff
- Get referrals from people who have used your business

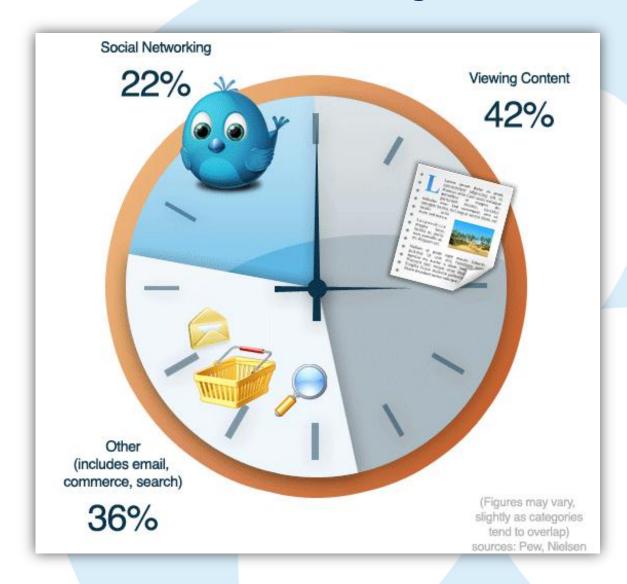


## **Be Integrated!**



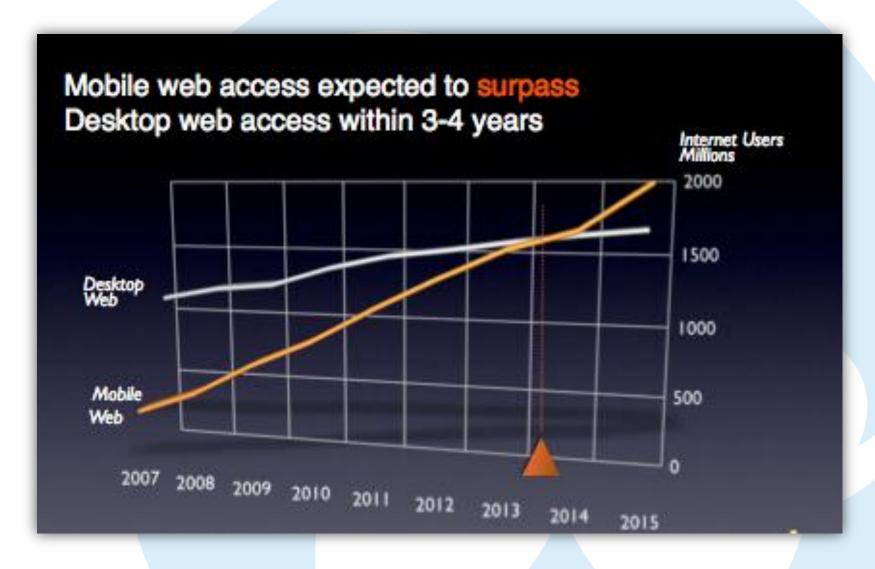


#### Know what consumers are doing online





#### Be aware of new trends





### **Digital Marketing Trends**

- Move from passive advertising to active engagement
- With social networking pages, its quality rather than quantity
- Social media opens you and your brand up to feedback and potentially criticism
- Digital marketing gives the control back to the consumer



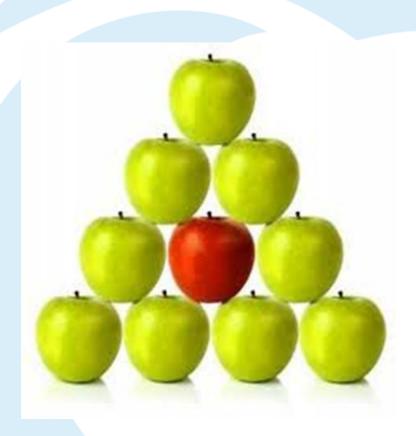
## **DIGITAL STRATEGY INGREDIENTS**



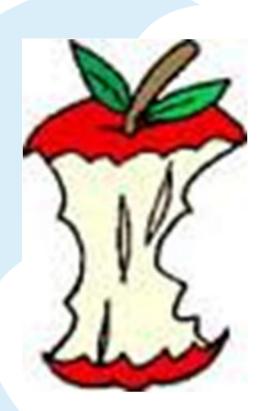
## You need a plan...





















#### Your business USP's

What are the elements of your business that make you different to your competition?



#### Your business USP's

## Why are these relevant to your customer/prospect?



#### Your business USP's

## Where can you communicate each USP?



#### Your online USP's

What are the top 3 benefits to buying online directly with your business?









### **Core & Support Channels**

Website SEO

Mobile site PPC

Apps Affiliate marketing

Facebook Banner advertising

Twitter Social Media advertising

LinkedIn Group deals

Email newsletter Location based advertising



#### **Action Plan**

- Decide on your 'Core' digital assets
- Decide which other digital channels you are going to use as marketing support
- 3. Weight them in terms of importance/focus
- For each site/channel decide in advance what the key objectives are (be specific!)



## **Exercise -> complete the following:**

CORE: SUPPORT:



#### Weighting

Weight them in terms of future business importance:

#### **CORE:**

Website - 80%

Mobile site – 20%

#### **SUPPORT:**

SEO - 30%

Facebook - 30%

Email Newsletter – 20%

Twitter - 10%

LinkedIn - 5%

PPC - 5%



#### **Setting Objectives**

#### Some objectives you might have:

- Increase website sales by 5%
- Improve website conversion by 1%
- Increase newsletter open rate by 5%
- To get 20% of all customers to become a 'fan' on Facebook (over
- next 6-12 months)
- To convert 30% of current email database to 'followers' on Twitter
- To get an average of 10 Likes/Comments on each post on FB



## **BRANDING**





## **Branding**

- Think of a well known brand
- What are the elements that make up that brand?



#### **Branding**

## "A brand is all about communicating your small business's reputation - its 'personality'."

What personality does your website communicate?

- Exciting and innovative?
- Bland and unexciting?
- Friendly and personal?
- Cheap and amateurish?

Successful branding is about **promoting your strengths**. Start by thinking about what your business is good at and what you believe in as a business. Review customer comments, as you want to reflect the positive themes that are mentioned again and again.

Your brand will encompass your **logo**, the **colours** and **fonts** you use, the **style of copy** you write and the **sty** 



## **Web Design**





#### **Web Design**

#### Design

- visually appealing uncluttered
- clear calls to action

#### **Content**

- valuable, interesting
- delivered in manageable chunks
- community driven
- optimised for search

#### **Navigation**

easy to navigate and find relevant information



## A Horse designed by a Committee





## Planning a new or redeveloped website

- Objectives
- Review analytics (existing site)
- USP's & Benefits
- Navigation
- Goals & CTA's
- Internal linking
- Wire frame
- Briefing a web developer



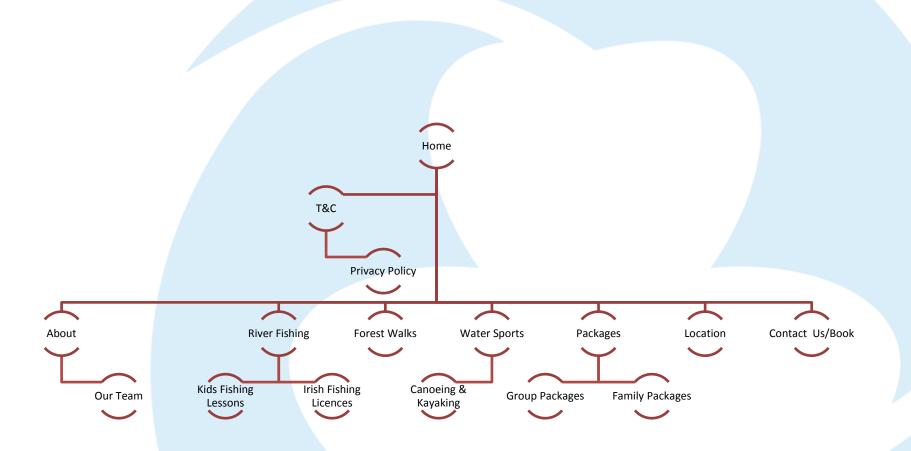
## **Reviewing Analytics**

#### How is your existing site performing

- Visitor numbers
- Bounce rate
- On page analytics
- Keyword
- Goal conversions
- 301 redirects

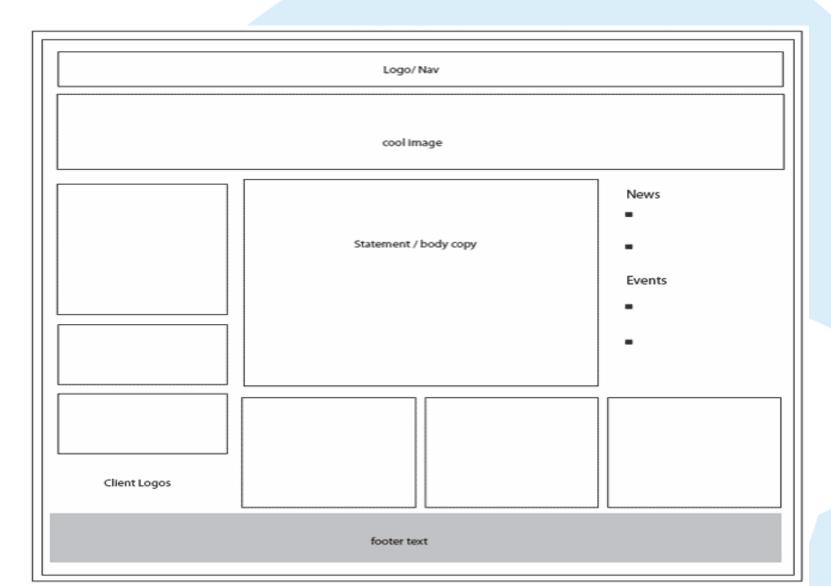


## **Define Navigation**





## **Simple Wireframe**





#### **Understand Colors**

Blue - (most popular) trust, reliability, coolness

Red - (most noticeable) excitement, strength, passion, danger

Yellow - warmth, sunshine, cheer, happiness

Orange - playfulness, warmth, vibrant

Green - nature, fresh, cool, growth, abundance

Purple - royal, spirituality, dignity

Pink - soft, sweet, nurture, security

White - pure, clean, youthful, mild

Gold - prestige, expensive, elite

Silver - prestige, cold, scientific

Black - sophistication, elegant, seductive, mystery, of a sexual nature



## **First Impression counts**

#### Good first impression

- Images & colours
- Fast to download
- Strong landing pages
- 3 clicks
- Trust (about us page & legal requirements)
- KISS
- Up to date content
- Strong CTA's
- Interaction
- It's not all me me me



### **Writing for the Web**

- Above the fold
- Scanning vs. reading
- Short sentences and paragraphs
- Avoid technical jargon
- Headings & sub headings
- Bullet points
- Three screens max
- Benefits/USP's vs. features

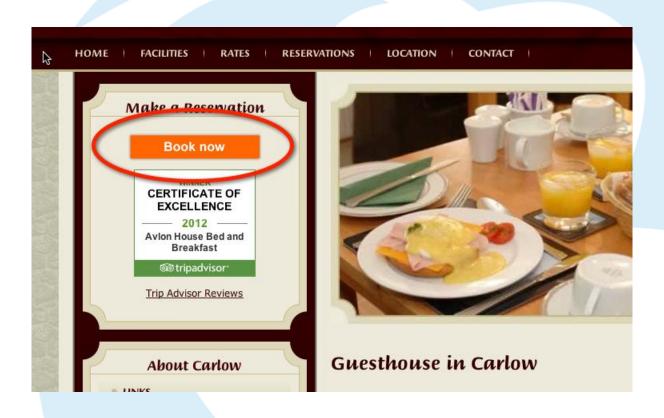


# **LANDING PAGES AND CTA'S**





#### Call to Action...





## **Conversion Components for a Landing Page**

- Heading
- Offer
- Lead (first paragraph) need strong benefits
- Benefits Bullet list, strongest first
- Images
- Look and feel



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#### Example..

#### CALL TO ACTION TEXT HERE

"BEST CALL TO ACTION HEADER"

- . KEY POINT ONE
- KEY POINT TWO
- . KEY POINT THREE
- . KEY POINT FOUR

**CALL TO ACTION HERE** 



SOME TYPE OF REMINDER OR LIMITED TIME PROMOTION TEXT

[LEGITIMACY IMAGE OR "AS SEEN ON"]

TESTIMONIAL TEXT OR PRODUCT INFORMATION

CALL TO

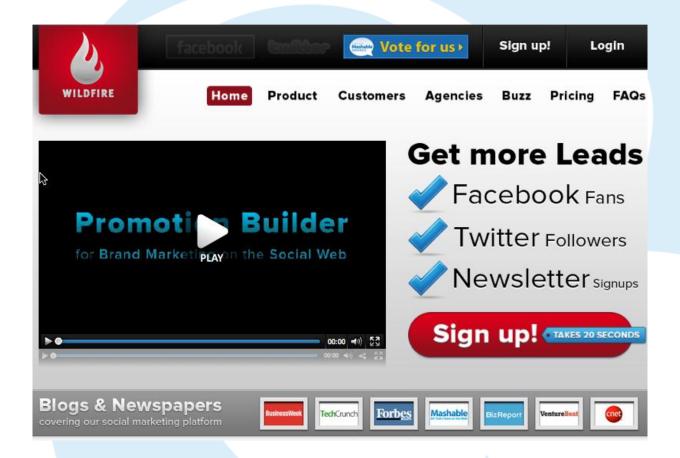
**ACTION IMAGE** 

TESTIMONIAL PICTURE
OR PRODUCT PLACEMENT HERE

REASON TO PURCHASE OR ACT NOW! - Try It FREE Now

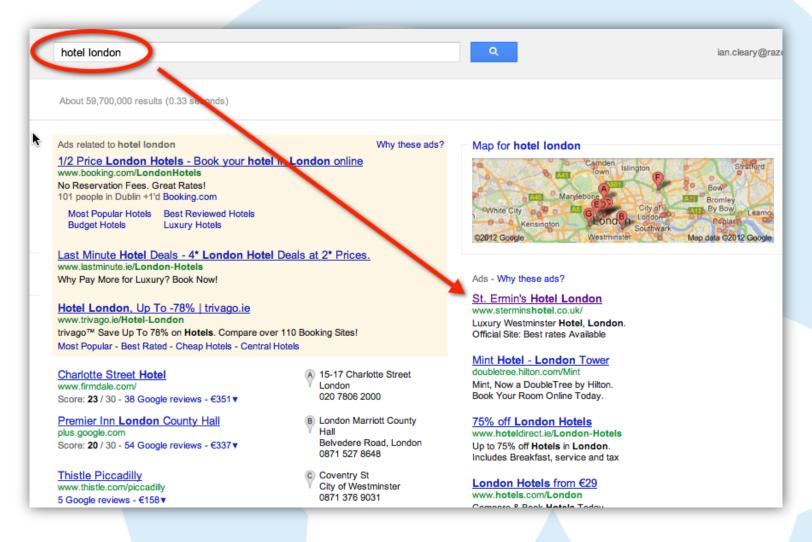


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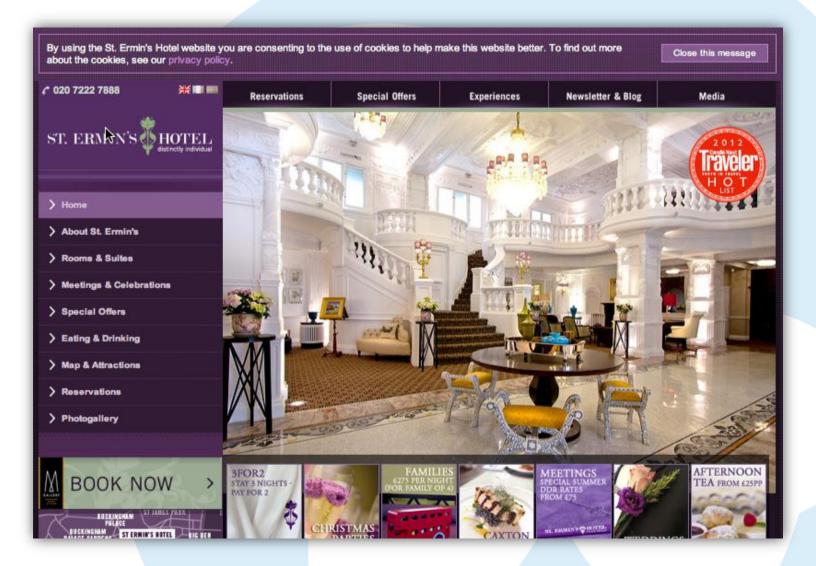


#### Check out an example page...



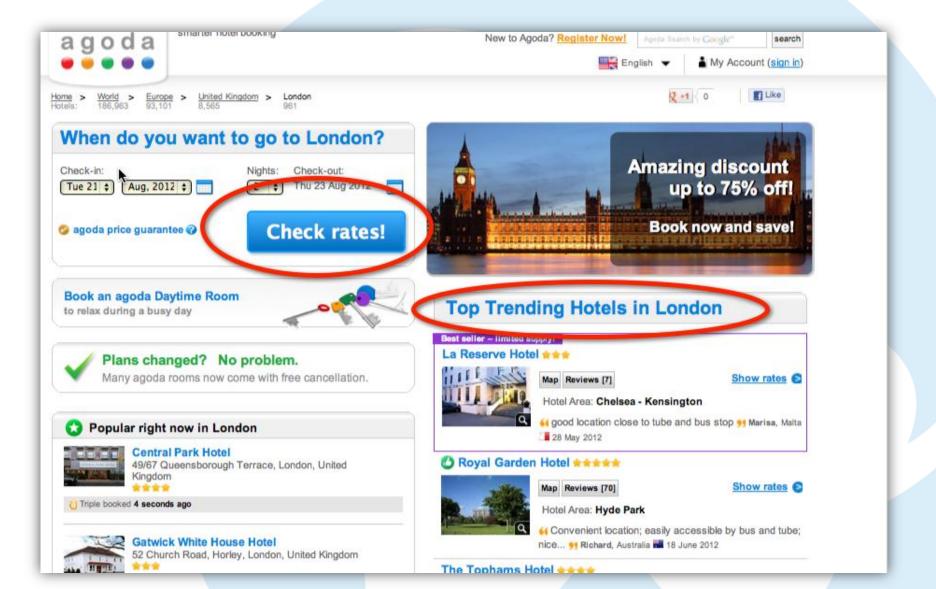


## Poor landing page...





#### Better...





## **Exercise..** Design a landing page

- What elements will be on the page
- What are the calls to action
- What are the headings that are going to stick out
- What colors are you going to use?



## **Group exercise**

What factors could you improve to change conversion?

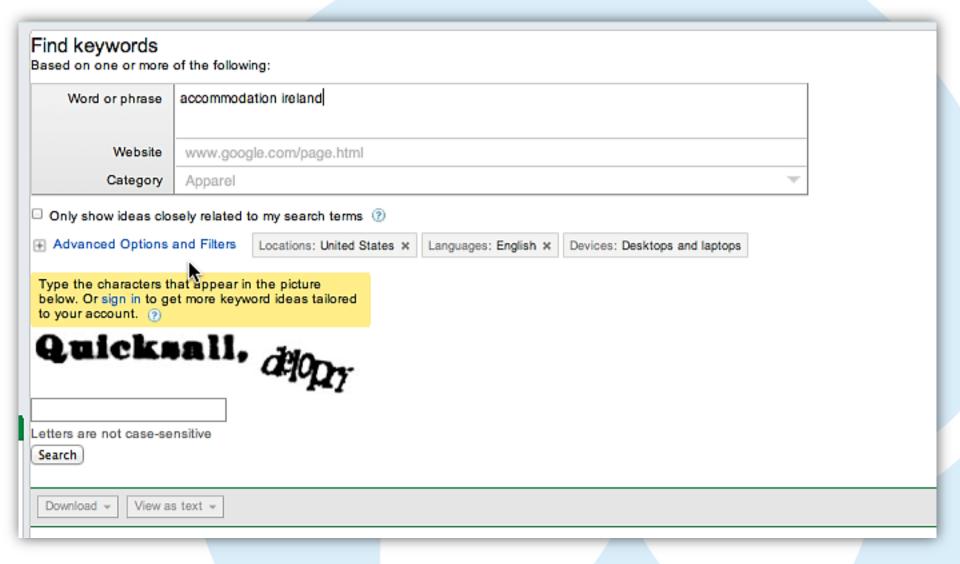


# GOOGLE KEYWORD TOOL – FOR SEO AND FOR ADWORDS...





### **Google Keyword Tool**





## **Explanation..**

#### Word or Phrase

- Accommodation Ireland
- "Accommodation Ireland" Phrase match
- [Accommodation Ireland] Exact match



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#### Website

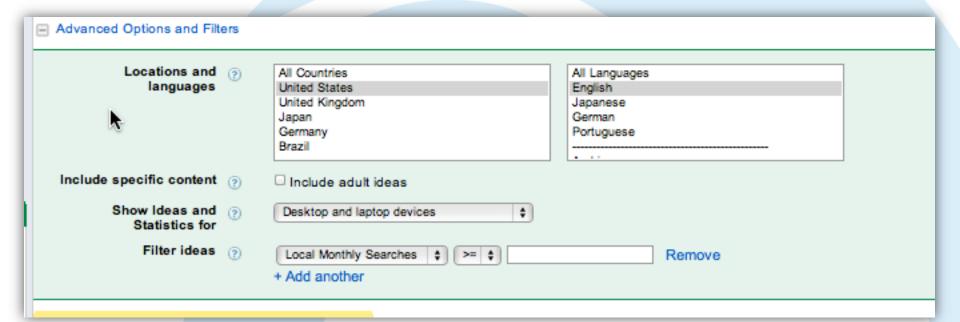
Display relevant keywords based on content in a website

#### Category

Display relevant keywords based on category



## **Advanced Options**





## Results...

	Keyword	Competition	Global Monthly Searches 7	Local Monthly Searches 7
3	accommodation ireland -	High	165,000	60,500
-	✓ Save all Keyword ideas (100)			1 - 50 of 100 🔹 🔇 🔾
	Keyword	Competition	Global Monthly Searches 7	Local Monthly Searches 7
3	Commodation in ireland -	High	165,000	60,500
3	holiday accommodation ireland -	High	18,100	8,100
3	cheap accommodation ireland -	High	8,100	2,400
3	accommodation northern ireland -	High	22,200	18,100
3	self catering accommodation ireland -	High	4,400	1,900
3	castle accommodation ireland -	High	8,100	1,600
3	holiday accommodation in ireland -	High	18,100	8,100
3	cheap hotels in ireland ~	High	9,900	2,900
3	luxury accommodation ireland -	High	8,100	1,900
3	pub accommodation ireland -	High	480	170
3	hotels ireland -	High	246,000	74,000
3	holiday accommodation in northern ireland ~	High	1,900	1,600
3	ireland hotels -	High	246,000	74,000
3	hotel ireland -	High	301,000	74,000
3	carlingford accommodation ireland -	High	260	140
3	lighthouse accommodation ireland -	High	210	46
3	ireland b&b -	High	40,500	8,100
3	holiday accommodation northern ireland -	High	1,900	1,600
3	self catering accommodation in northern ireland -	High	590	480
3	select hotels ireland +	Medium	1,600	1,000
3	cheap breaks in ireland -	High	9,900	4,400
3	visiting ireland -	Low	3,600	880
3	places to stay in ireland -	High	4,400	1,600
3	ireland accommodation -	High	165,000	60,500



### **Explanation..**

- Keyword Relevant keywords that match
- Competition Adwords competition
- Global monthly searches average monthly over the previous 12 months
- Local monthly searches local based on country specified. Average monthly over 12 months.



#### **Exercise**

- Do some keyword research based on your business.
- List out the keywords that you are going to focus on
- What other competitors are including these keywords in their page titles (remember previous commands we used).



# **GOOGLE ADVERTISING...**





### **Searching on Google...**

Web

**Images** 

Videos

News

More

Dublin

Change location

The web

Pages from Ireland

More search tools

Ads related to hotel ireland

Why these ads?

1750 Hotels in Ireland - Lowest price guarantee | booking.com

www.booking.com/Ireland-Hotels

Book your Hotel in Ireland online

101 people in Dublin +1'd Booking.com

Most Popular Hotels Best Reviewed Hotels

Budget Hotels Luxury Hotels

Hotel in Ireland - Find a Great Value Hotel | DiscoverIreland.ie

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www.irelandhotels.com/HotelsIreland --

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Hotels Ireland is a guide to accommodation and places to stay in Dublin and throughout Ireland. Hotels Ireland features accommodation and lodgings in hotels, ...

Search By County - Hotels - Hotels - Hotels in - Kerry Hotels - Galway Hotels

Hotels Ireland, Hotel Breaks Ireland, Hotel Deals Ireland ...

www.irelandhotels.com/

Welcome to the official website of the Irish **Hotels** Federation where you can book over 600 **hotels** and guesthouses with great value **hotel** breaks and deals.

Dublin Hotels - Gift Vouchers - Galway Hotels - Hotels Kildare

Hotels in Ireland from Hotel-Ireland.Com: Based in Dublin, Ireland

Hotels in Ireland from Hotel-Ireland.Com. One of the first & best online reservations services for hotels in Ireland. Based in Dublin, Ireland.

Cork Hotels - Galway Hotels - Belfast Hotels - Shannon Hotels

Ads - Why these ads?

**Ireland Hotels** 

www.hotels.com/ireland

Browse Hotels in Ireland Cities.

Read Guest Reviews. Book online!

Hotel Ireland, Up To -78%

www.trivago.ie/Hotel-Ireland

trivago™ Save Up To 78% on **Hotels**. Compare over 110 Booking Sites!

Hotels in Ireland www.travelrepublic.ie/Ireland

Book a great value hotel.

Lowest prices guaranteed. ABTA

Cheap Dublin Hotels

www.laterooms.com/Dublin-Hotels

179 Cheap **Hotels** in Dublin. Up to 75% off if you book online!

Low Rate Dublin Hotels

www.jurysinns.com/DublinHotels

Jurys Inn 3\* City Centre Hotels 3 Great Locations. Rooms From €49!

Hotels & Hostels Ireland

www.lateroomsireland.com/

Compare Hostels&Hotels, Book Online Great Value **Hotel** Breaks

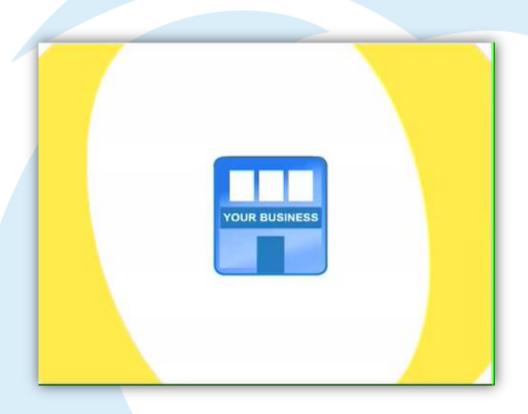
**Hotels Ireland** 

www.goireland.com/IrelandHotels

Ireland Hotels - 1,000s Of Rooms! Instant Bookings And No Booking Fee



# **Google Adwords**



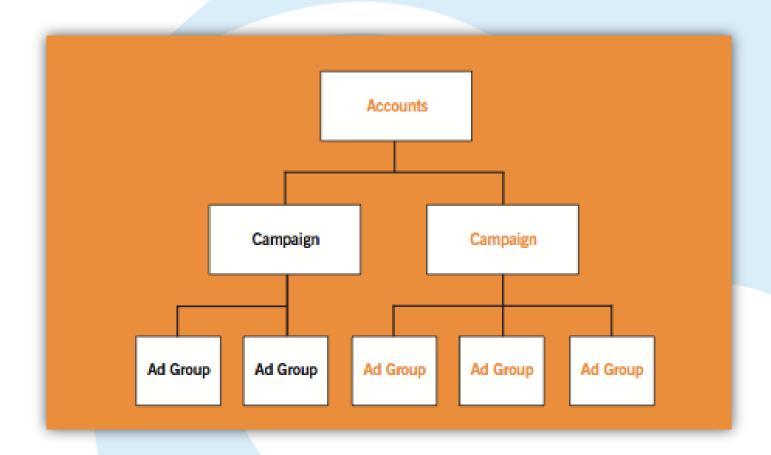


# **Targeted AdWords Campaign**





## **Ads and Ad Groups**





## **Steps Involved**

- 1. Keywords
- 2. Landing Pages
- 3. Create your campaign
- 4. Create Groups
- 5. Create your ads
- 6. Track Conversions
- 7. Monitor results



## Keywords...



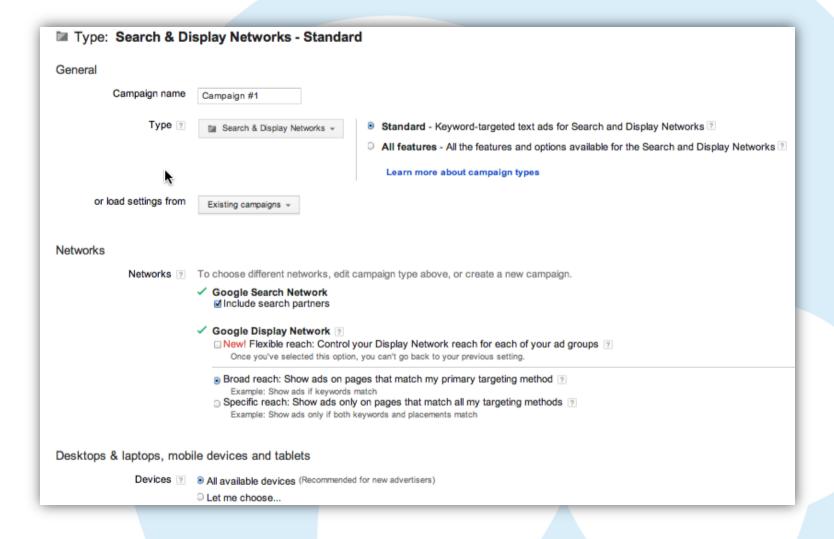


#### **Create the Ads**





#### Creating a campaign





# **Creating a campaign**

Locations		
Locations ?	What locations would you like to target (or exclude) in  All countries and territories  Ireland  Let me choose  Enter a location to target or exclude.  For example, a country, city, region or postcode.	your campaign?  Advanced search
Bidding and budget		
Bidding option 2	Basic options   Advanced options  • I'll manually set my bids for clicks	
	You'll set your maximum CPC bids in the next s  Ad-Words will set my bids to help maximise clicks we	
Default bid ?	€  This bid applies to the first ad group in this campaign, which y	
Budget 🤋	€ per day  Actual daily spend may vary. ?	
Ad extensions		
You can use this optional featu	re to include relevant business information with your a	ds. Take a tour.
Location ?	<ul> <li>Extend my ads with location information</li> </ul>	
Sitelinks ?	☐ Extend my ads with links to sections on my site	
Call ?	Extend my ads with a phone number	
Social 7	☐ Increase the social relevance of my ads by associ	ciating them with my Google+ Page



### **Example Extension**



## Hotels Dublin City Fr €99

www.ocallaghanhotels.com/Hotels\_Dublin

4\* Fantastic Hotels Dublin City
Hotels Dublin City Direct Fee Free

Dublin 2 (01) 607 3900 - Directions

#### The Central Hotel Dublin™

www.centralhoteldublin.com/

Official Website. 3\* Central Hotel

Dublin. Rooms From €29.50 pps!

Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin

(01) 679 7302 - Directions



# **Ad Group and Ad**

	ngs Create ad group			
Type: Search 8	k Display Networks - Star	ndard		
Name this ad group				
An ad group contains or	ne or more ads and a set of related k	keywords. For best results, try to focus all the	ads and keywords in this ad group or	n one product or service. Les
Ad Group name:	Ad Group #1			
Create an ad				
To get started, just write	your first an below. Remember, you	u can always create more ads later. Help me w	vrite a great text ad.	
Headlin	e	Ad previe	w: The following ad previews may be	e formatted slightly differently
Description line	1	Side ad	New York Budget Hotel	
Description line	2		Clean and close to underground.	
Display URL	?		Students save 20%! www.example.com	
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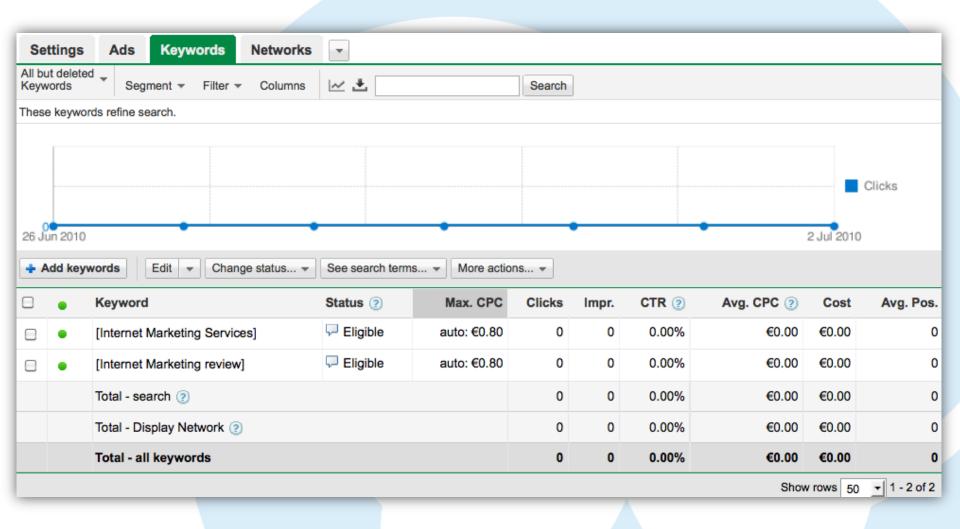


# **Keywords**

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Select keywords	
Your ad can show on on the Display Netwo	n Google when people search for things related to your keywords, or browse relevant sites ork.
Tips	
Start with 10-20 k     Be specified avoid	eywords. I one-word keywords Choose phrases that customers would use to search for your
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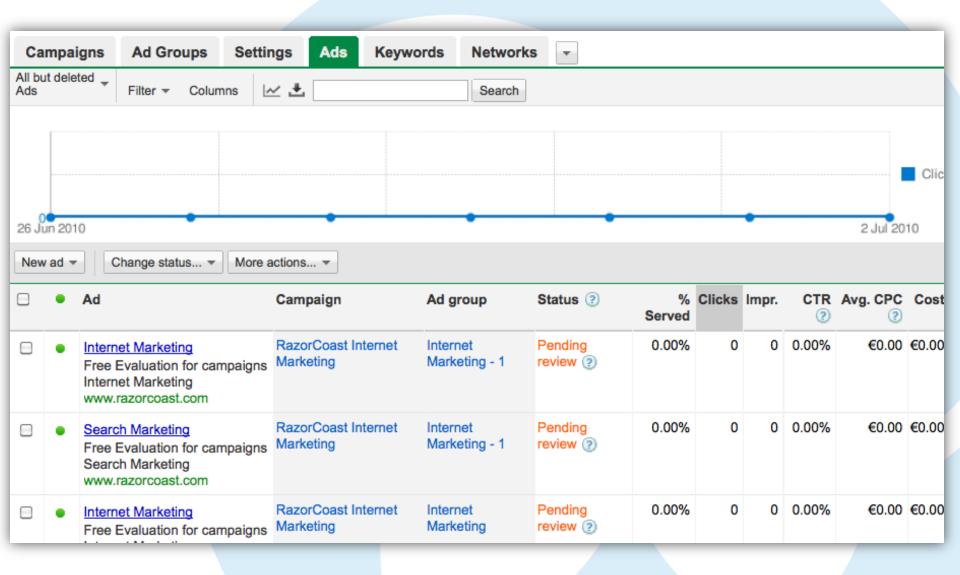


#### **Advertisement Statistics**



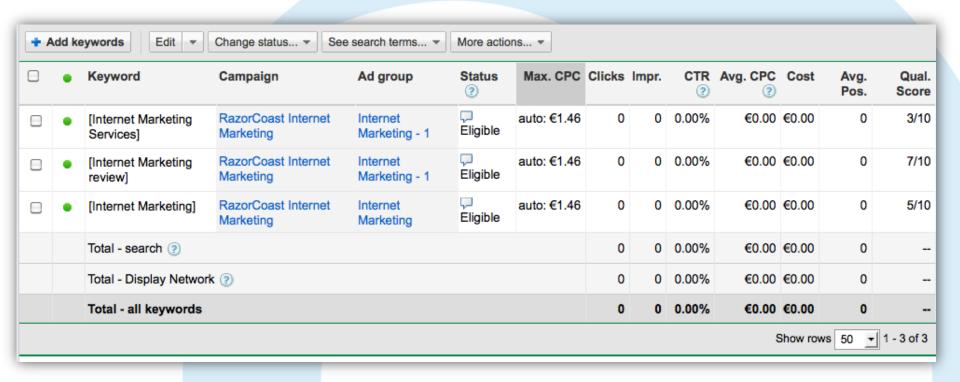


#### **Ads and Ad groups**





### **Quality Score**





## **Quality Score**

- Click through rate
- Ad text relevance
- User experience landing page
- Historical performance on Google





## SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMISATION

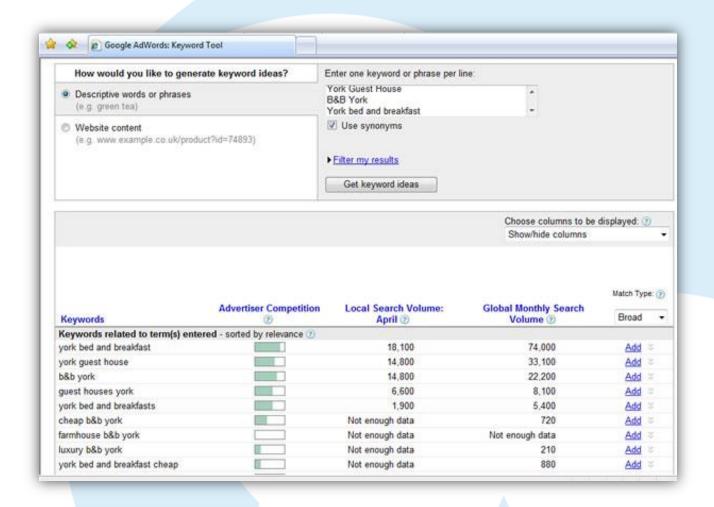


## **Getting Found on Google**

- **Step 1:** Write down the 'priority search phrases' you'd like to be found in Google for
- **Step 2:** Include those search phrases in the text on your website
- **Step 3:** Write a header (H1 tag) which also incorporating your most important search phrases
- **Step 4:** Write your meta-tags (title, keywords, description) incorporating your most important search phrases
- **Step 5:** Generate a site map which will ensure Google finds each page on your website
- **Step 6:** Ask other people and businesses to link to your website (these are called 'inbound' links) this process never stops!
- **Step 7:** Keep updating your website on an ongoing basis



## 1. Choosing your Search Phrases





## 2 & 3 - Add Phrases and a Header

- Phrases or similar phrases
- Headings
- Naming of Pictures



## 4- Title and Description

- Unique Title for every page The most important words at the start. Google uses this for indexing content.
- Description A longer version of the title. This is what entices people to click on the link displayed in search results.

**Title tag:** most important and should be around 10 words, e.g.

<title>York B&B | York Bed and breakfast | York Guest house | Queen Anne's guesthouse</title>

**Description tag**: keep simple and to around 20 words, adding in search phrases but making sure it still reads ok e.g.

<meta name="description" content="Queen Annes Guest House is a York Bed & Breakfast offering 3
star B&B accommodation in Bootham, close to York's city walls, York Minster and York Castle Museum.
The B&B is family run and comfortable, as well as being a great base from which to explore York.">



## 5 - Creating a sitemap in XML

- XML sitemaps allow Google to easily find all of the pages on your website.
- Go to www.xml-sitemaps.com and download the sitemap for your site.
- Add this to the root directory of your website files.



### **Exercise**

A Bed and Breakfast in Galway wants to optimise their web presence. They have 20 rooms and are well known for great food. Do the following for them:

- What keywords are they going to target
- What are they going to do to ensure they optimise these keywords on their website.



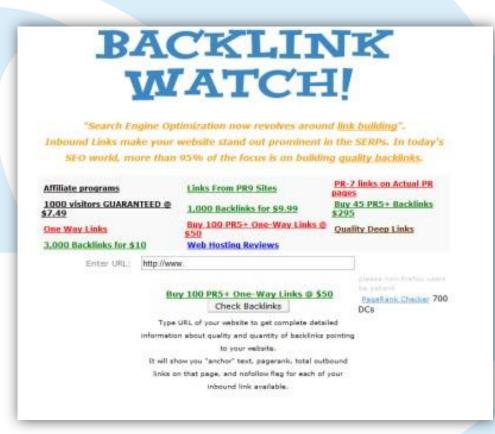
## **Step 6 – Link Building**

- Link building is a crucial, but often ignored part of the search engine optimisation process
- All of the previous hard work can mean nothing without building these inbound links to your site
- Website traffic via these links [people clicking through] can account for over 75% of traffic to your website
- The links can offer the added bonus of boosting your position in Google for key search phrases



# Step 6 – Link Building - Review your current links

- Go to www.backlinkwatch.com
- Close pop-up box and enter website address
- Click on the 'check backlinks' button (avoiding adverts!)
- All of the links found by this website will be displayed below





## **GOOGLE ALERTS ...**





## **Summary**

- Email alert based on keywords specified
- Delivered according to your preference
- Can restrict alerts based on domains (e.g. Ireland domains only)
- It's FREE!



## **Setting up Alerts**

Search query:	
Result type:	Everything ▼
How often:	As-it-happens ▼
How many:	Only the best results ▼
Deliver to:	•
	CREATE ALERT Manage your alerts



## Exercise...

What alerts would you set up for your business?

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  - **Expand your Marketing Toolkit**
  - **Promote Your Business Online**
  - Social Media
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Micro blogging

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Or browse to http://bit.ly/NZktCv

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- Managing TripAdvisor and your Online Reputation
- Getting the Most out of Google Tools
- Finding and Converting your Website Visitors to Sales
- Create Engaging Content that Sells
- Using Email Marketing to Generate Business
- Managing the Relationship with OTAs
- Web Gain (website review and workshop)
- Gaining Business Online (3 day programme)
- Using Mobile Technology to grow Your Business
- Building and Effective Digital Marketing Strategy
- Social & Search Engine Optimisation (SEO)