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PERFORMANCE

20% of visitors will leave your website if it takes longer than **three seconds** to load.

Here are our favorite tips to improve your page load speed:

1. OPTIMIZE IMAGES

Compress photos and remove metadata to reduce PNG file size by up to 75%.

2. UPGRADE HOSTING



A virtual private server (VPS) can offer a **62% improvement in page load speed** over cheap, shared hosting.

3. USE A CDN



Of the top 10,000 websites, **48.3% use** a worldwide content delivery network 4. MINIFY JAVASCRIPT AND CSS





Remove unnecessary code—like spaces, indents and comments—to **make a script up to 20% smaller.**

Stats from Kissmetrics, ImageOptim, Search Engine Journal, BuiltWith, Clean CSS.

CTAs



A decent-performing CTA still only gets clicked **1-2% of the time**.

Here are our favorite tips to improve your click-thru rate:

5. MOVE UP YOUR CTA

6. USE AN IN-TEXT CTA

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Only 20% of readers finish a blog post, so don't hide your only CTA at the very bottom of the page.



A mid-post anchor text CTA averages **8-15x more clicks** than an end-of-post CTA graphic.

7. WRITE IN FIRST PERSON

One study saw a whopping **90% increase in CTR** by changing "Start <u>your</u> free 30-day trial" to "Start <u>my</u> free 30-day trial."



Stats from HubSpot, Content Marketing Institute, Unbounce.



On average, it takes **4-6 months** to rank higher in organic search results.

Here are our favorite tips to make sure your **campaign is on track:**

SEO

8. MONITOR KEYWORD COMPETITIVENESS



Try to find longtail keywords with a **difficulty score under 60.**

9. BLOG FREQUENTLY



B2B companies that blogged 11+ times per month had almost 3x more traffic than those blogging 0-1 times per month.

10. COUNT YOUR WORDS

Aim for **300-700 words** of copy on each page of your website.



11. OBTAIN HIGH-QUALITY BACKLINKS



Increase your domain's **trust/authority** with high-quality backlinks, a factor that accounts for an estimated **24%** of Google's ranking algorithm.

Stats from Forbes, HubSpot, Copyblogger, Yoast SEO.

BONUS TIP



92.3% of HubSpot users have seen increased web traffic since implementing an inbound marketing program.



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