

20 POINTS ONPAGE SEO CHECKLIST FOR 2023

- 1) Identify and eliminate **technical errors** (so called *validation errors*).
- **2) Content.** Create individual landing pages for the keywords you want to rank for. Each landing page should have content in the form of text with a minimum length of 600-800 words, better more than 2000 words. Avoid keyword stuffing. Target keywords should be found in the first sentences of the texts. Write the keywords a few times in bold and italics. Use synonyms. Ensure that your text is informative, well-structured, and easy to understand.
- **3)** Check the **heading tags**. Put the page title (with your target keyword) in the H1 tag. You should use a maximum of one H1 tag per page. Your H2 to H6 tags should include secondary keywords and variations.
- 4) Check the keyword density of your texts.
- **5)** Check the **meta descriptions** on all important pages. It should be a maximum of 160 characters long and should entice the reader to visit your page. Each page should have its own meta description.
- **6)** Check your website for **duplicate content**. Use the canonical tag to avoid duplicate content issues.
- **7)** Check the **internal linking** of your website. All important pages should be linked to each other. Check the anchor texts of the individual links: These should contain keywords that are relevant, but also appropriate to the topic of the target page.
- **8)** Link to other popular websites (so called **trust links**) at least 1-2 times in each longer article on your website using the follow-attribute. Be strategic with your linking, maintaining a natural balance and avoiding excessive or irrelevant links.
- **9)** Add **images**, screenshots, and if possible and appropriate, **videos** and (info) graphics to your articles/pages.
- **10) Optimize** Your **Images**. Use descriptive file names, ALT tags of the images should include your target keywords. Compress your images to reduce loading time without compromising quality.
- **11)** Create search engine friendly **URLs** (relevant keywords instead of numbers in URLs). Use hyphens instead of underscores as word separators in URLs. Avoid using generic terms or excessively long URLs.
- 12) Insert Call-To-Actions (CTAs).
- **13)** Add **social share buttons** to your blog articles and other important pages so that readers can share the content quickly and easily.

- 14) Improve the loading time of your website.
- **15)** Create and upload the **XML sitemap** to your root domain.
- **16)** Create and upload a **robots.txt** file.
- **17)** Make your website fit for **mobile devices**.
- 18) Leverage Schema Markup.
- **19)** Check that all important pages are **indexed by Google** either by entering site:yourdomainname.xyz in Google search bar or under "URL inspection" in Google Search Console.
- 20) Merge your site with Google Analytics and Google Search Console.