

## Lesson no. 3: HOW TO SUBMIT WEBSITE ON GOOGLE

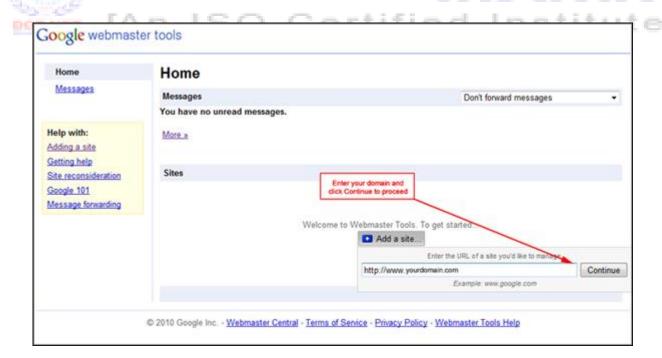
## **Using Google Web Master Tool & Website Verification**

One of the most powerful tools a website owner has at their disposal is Google Webmaster Tools. This is a free service that Google offers to help domain owners optimize their sites for search engine rankings as well as detecting issues and unknown errors that may be present on the site.

When you add your domain to Google Webmaster Tools, Google first needs to verify you as the domain owner. This is to ensure they are giving you analytical information properly for your proper domain.

### **Google Webmaster Tools**

- a) Sign into <u>Google Webmaster Tools</u>, (or create an account if you do not have one already.)
- b) Click "Add Site" and enter your domain or 3dcartstores address in the box
- c) Click Continue



You will now be taken to the "Verify Your Site" page. This is where you will be able to select the verification method to use. Google gives you three options, but the most common is Meta tag - which we will be concentrating on here. With the Meta tag method, Google will



provide you with a code that will need to be placed on your site's main header. When you verify the site with Google, they will look at the site and reference this specific coding to complete the process.

- d) Choose your verification method by selecting Add a meta tag from the drop down box.
- e) Copy the code provided. Make sure that you select and copy everything in the box:



Adding the code to your 3dcart site

Now open up a new browser window and perform the following:

- a) Log into your 3dcart Online Store Manager
- b) Go to Marketing =>SEO Tools
- c) On the right hand side of the page, look for and click on the "Google Analytics" link

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- d) Scroll down to the "Google Webmaster Tools Verification Meta Tag" section
- e) Add your code there and Save the page.
- f) Go back to Google and verify your site.

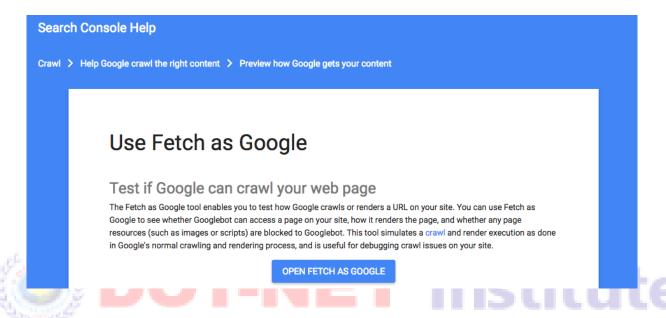


i. Google's Webmaster Tools

Cost: Free

Purpose: Site Analysis

Perhaps the best way to understand the way Google sees your site is to ask Google. <u>Google's Webmaster Tools</u> are novice-friendly resources that explain the fundamentals of Google search.



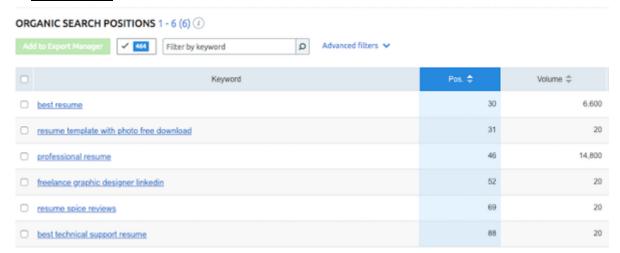
ii. SEMrush

Cost: Free

Purpose: Keyword Research

SEMrush is a super elaborate dashboard that reports on the performance of domains as a whole and their specific pages. The website offers numerous toolkits, one of which is an <u>SEO toolkit</u>.

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iii. HubSpot's Website Grader

Cost: Free

Purpose: Site Analysis

Back in 2007, HubSpot released a tool called <u>Website Grader</u> that helped businesses uncover search engine optimization opportunities. Because a lot has changed since then, the company has released a new and improved version of the tool.



iv. Check My Links

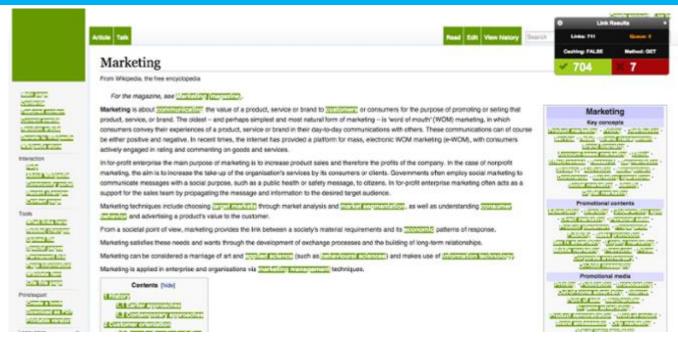
Cost: Free

Purpose: Link Optimization

To ensure that your links on a webpage -- whether external or internal -- actually work, consider <u>Check My Links</u>.

This broken-link checker makes it easy for a publisher or editor to make corrections before a page is live. Think about a site like Wikipedia, for example. The Wikipedia page for the term "marketing" contains a whopping 711 links. Not only was Check My Links able to detect this number in a matter of seconds, but it also found (and highlighted) seven broken links.





The tool highlights all the good links in green, and those that are broken in red, making it easy to spot the ones that don't work or are no longer active.

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## v. BuzzStream

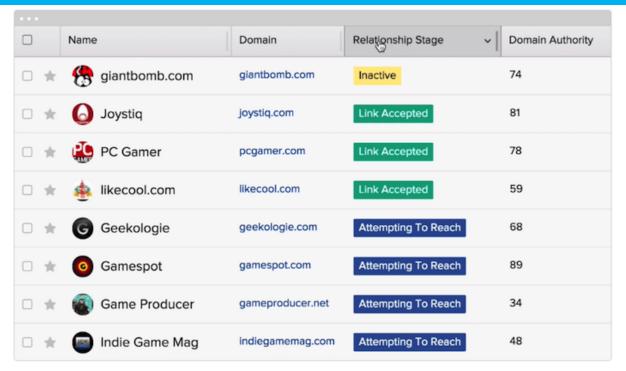
Cost: Free 14-day trial, then paid plans from \$24/mo

Purpose: Link Building

BuzzStream might be the most inexpensive way to manage your outreach to the people who can provide inbound links to your website.

Although backlinks to your website are critical to ranking well on Google, the outreach you do while link building can feel a lot like cold calling. BuzzStream makes it easy to research the appropriate people, come up with effective email messages, and track who's accepted each link request. Your link building queue looks like this:





#### vi. Moz's Pro Tools

Cost: Free 30-day trial, then paid plans from \$99/mo

Purpose: Site Analysis

The Moz Pro subscription serves as an all-in-one tool for increasing your business' search ranking. Moz's collection of research tools provides subscribers with the resources they need to identify SEO opportunities, track growth, build reports, and optimize their overall efforts.



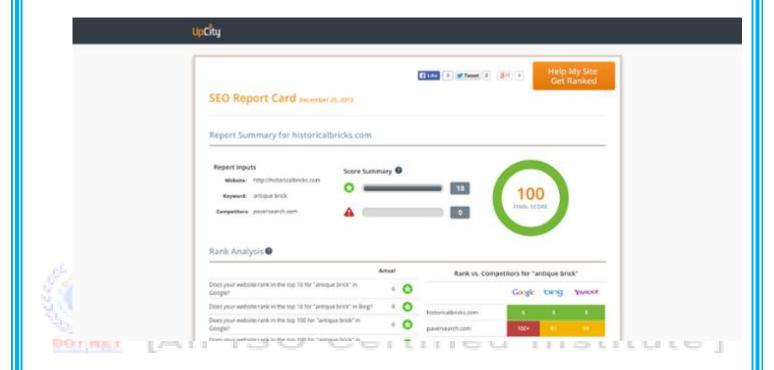


vii. UpCity's SEO Report Card

Cost: Free

Purpose: Share of Voice

<u>SEO Report Card</u> by UpCity lets you analyze your website to determine how it stacks up against your competitors.



viii. Woorank

Cost: Free 14-day trial, then \$49/mo for a Pro Plan or \$149/mo for a Premium Plan

Purpose: Site Analysis

<u>Woorank</u>'s in-depth site analysis helps marketers reveal opportunities for optimization and improvement. This analysis takes into account the performance of existing SEO initiatives, social media, usability, and more.





ix. Screaming Frog's SEO Spider

Cost: The LITE version is free (with limitations\*), and the paid plan is \$160/year

Purpose: Site Analysis

The Screaming Frog SEO Spider is a search marketer's best friend.

Designed specifically for the SEO-minded, this program crawls the websites you specify, examining the URLs for common SEO issues. This program simplifies and expedites an otherwise time-consuming process -- especially for larger websites. It could take hours or days to manually evaluate the same URLs.

x. Found's SEO Audit Tool

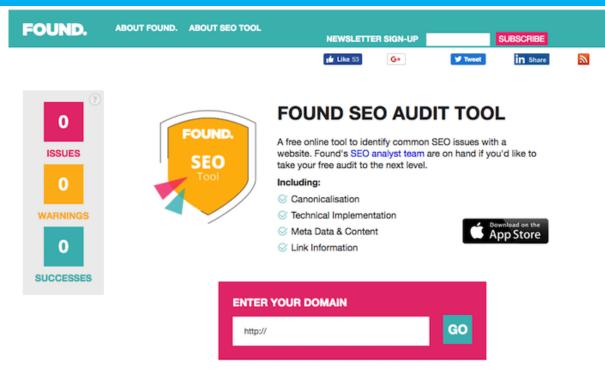
Cost: Free

Purpose: Site Analysis

Want to rise above your competitors on search engine results pages?

(Who doesn't?)

The SEO Audit Tool by Found is an easy-to-use tool for marketers looking to identify (and solve) common SEO errors on a website.



#### xi. Remove'em

Cost: \$249 per domain or a subscription option starting at \$99/mo

Purpose: Link Building

Have you ever purchased links? Spammed the comments section on a string of blogs using the same message and link? If so, we'll forgive your bad judgment just this once ... but Google won't.

Artificial or unnatural links have the potential to seriously hurt your search ranking. To clean them up, check out Remove'em

xii. Varvy's SEO Overview Tool

Cost: Free

Purpose: Site Analysis

This <u>SEO auditing tool provides</u> users with information regarding their domain strength, links, image SEO, social counts and mentions, page/<u>technical SEO</u>, page speed, and more.

The comprehensive report is prepared in less than a minute, and dives deep into different aspects of your website's performance. You'll notice that the tool employs green checks, red Xs, and yellow exclamation points to denote the severity of the issue.



One the our favorite features is the detailed image overview:



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### Sitemap creation & submission in website & webmasters

4 Easy steps for creating a XML Sitemap:

- a) Go to xml-sitemaps
- b) Enter your full website URL. Choose your other options:

Enter the frequency your website is usually updated from the drop-down list.

- Choose an option under 'Last modification'. This is the time the URL was last modified.
- Leave the Priority at Automatic.
- c) Click 'Start'. Wait while your sitemap is being generated.
- d) Click the link to download the .xml file.

Now you can upload the sitemap.xml file to the root directory of your website and you can submit your sitemap URL to Google Webmaster Tools.