Scaling Content Through Cross-Collaboration

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The 4 Case Studies

Leading

Consulting

Integrating

Influencing

Case #1

Product Pages

Leading the charge...



The Story

A Case for Related Links



Identified three products to test Based on feedback from CPO

Identified 10 keywords/pages per product Based on Data Science

> Set up tracking Google Analytics, BrightEdge, others

Manually hardcoded cross-links

Launched & monitored

Very publicly reported results (aka we bragged!) Traffic up 189% / Conversions up 212% / Rankings up

The Pilot



Scaled up to >1000 pages

Exported tracked keywords from BrightEdge

Queried the keywords against our semantic data to ID 3-5 related terms

UX redesigned pages with cross links

A/B tested to ensure no unintended consequences

Continued to monitor

Bragged some more

Scaling Up



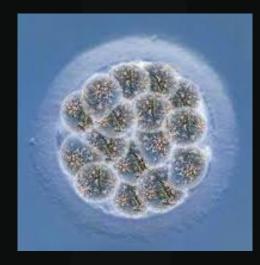
Key Stakeholders

Product Owner Engineering Lead Front-end Devs Back-end Devs UX Designer **Data Science Chief Product Officer**

...Because you can't scale up in a vacuum



Sometimes you have to start small to go big





Video Leading others...

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Starting from Scratch



The Consult

Met with video manager

Identified company's video goals

Reviewed our data

Reviewed our YouTube SEO setup

Performed keyword research

Optimized a few videos

Tracked for results



Reviewed keyword data with video manager

Reviewed SEO changes and rationale with video manager

Provided video manager with written SEO best practices for video

Set up a shared tracking dashboard for video manager

Set up weekly auto reports for video manager & SEO team

The Handoff



Key Stakeholders

SEO Director

Video Manager

...Because not everything needs to be a big deal

The Takeaway

Scalability means teaching others how to fish.







A New CMS Integrating SEO into the process

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The Story

A Startling Discovery



Discovery

Met with Product Owner Met with Engineering Lead Learned about goals Learned about timeline Met development team **Reviewed requirements Reviewed** code



Hitting Reset

Became part of the CMS team

Included in all meetings

Provided SEO requirements

Added SEO requirements into team backlog

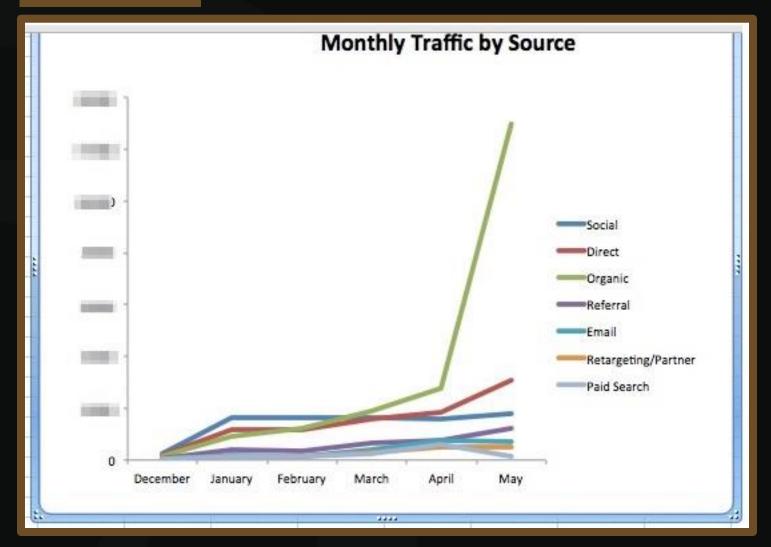
Included in "Definition of Done"

Code review required pre-launch





440% Increase



The Stakeholders

SEO Team

Product Owner

Engineering Lead

Development Team

...Because sometimes you're just part of the gang



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The Takeaway

Some things are worth fighting for





Birth of a New Page Supporting others' ideas...



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The Story

"How Can We Help?

Date: Monday, August 3, 2015 5:17 PM To: Allison Fabella <<u>Allison.Fabella@careerbuilder.com</u>> Subject: SEO possible problems for data science

Hi Allison,

We would like to meet with you to discuss a possible collaboration. We would like to hear about the problems which data scientists can tackle using machine learning and data mining techniques. We plan to start doing that as a Hackathon project, then we can extend that to long term projects.

We The Client

Reviewed SEO & company goals

Discussed current SEO pain points

Fantasized about ideal SEO solutions

Identified team collaboration opportunities

Provided technical requirements

Created mockups



Stakeholders

SEO Team

Data Science Team

User Experience

Content Teams

...Because it's nice to be asked

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The Takeaway

If you build it, they will come



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Summing up...

Invest in Relationships

Track & Report Results

Fight the Good Fights

Be a Thought Leader

Thank you.

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