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The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: in section 2 we discuss the classic model for information retrieval; section 3 introduces a taxonomy of web searches; section 4 presents some statistics extracted from AltaVista surveys and logs regarding the prevalence of various types of searches; section 5 analyzes the evolution of search engines in light of this taxonomy; section 6 discusses some related work; finally, section 7 draws certain conclusions and points to some further directions for research.

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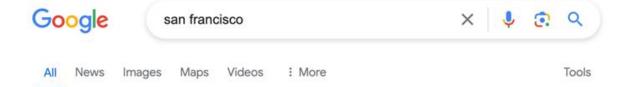
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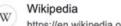
THIRD GENERATION SEARCH ENGINES ...SOUND FAMILIAR?

Third generation -- emerging now, attempts to blend data from multiple sources in order to try to answer `the need behind the query". For instance on a query like San Francisco the engine might present direct links to a hotel reservation page for San Francisco, a map server, a weather server, etc.



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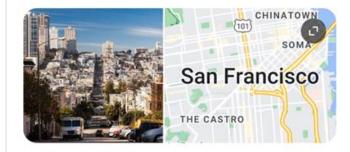
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About



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CONVERSION

ADVOCACY

NO MENTION OF THIS OBVIOUS PARALLEL.

THESE CONCEPTS HAVE LONG-STANDING TRACTION IN SEO.



By: Rand Fishkin

May 13, 2007

Segmenting Search Intent

Keyword Research

The author's views are entirely their own (excluding the unlikely event of hypnosis) and may not always reflect the views of Moz.

Today I'd like to take a deep look inside the minds of the billion worldwide search engine users and share a more comprehensive understanding of their motivations. This pseudo-psychological perspective can help us gain perspective on targeting, click-through rates, ad-serving and even relative value.



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GOOGLE'S KNOW, GO, DO, BUY.



I-want-to-know moments

65% of online consumers look up more information online now versus a few years ago.²

66% of smartphone users turn to their phones to look up something they saw in a TV commercial.³



I-want-to-go moments

2X increase in "near me" search interest in the past year.4

82% of smartphone users use a search engine when looking for a local business.⁵



I-want-to-do moments

91% of smartphone use to their phones for

100M+
hours of "how-to" content
have been watched on



I-want-to-buy moments

82% of smartphone users consult their phones while in a store deciding what to buy.8

29% increase in mobile conversion rates in the past year.9

THESE INTENTS WERE ALSO MENTIONED IN THE FIRST QRG IN 2012.

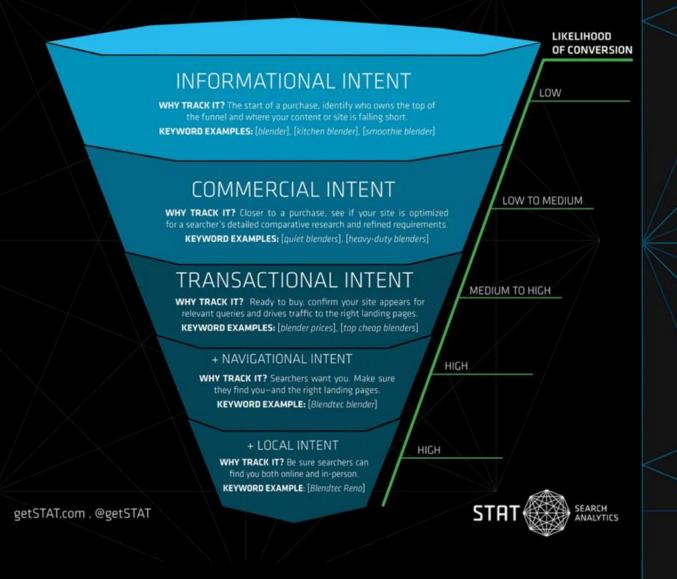
2.4 Classification of User Intent: Action, Information, and Navigation – "Do-Know-Go"

Sometimes it is helpful to classify user intent for a query in one or more of these three categories:

- Action intent Users want to accomplish a goal or engage in an activity, such as download software, play a
 game online, send flowers, find entertaining videos, etc. These are "do" queries: users want to do something.
- Information intent Users want to find information. These are "know" queries: users want to know something.
- Navigation intent Users want to navigate to a website or webpage. These are "go" queries: users want to go to a specific page.

An easy way to remember this is **Do-Know-Go**. Classifying queries this way can help you figure out how to rate a webpage. Please note that many queries fit into more than one type of user intent.

TRACKING THE SEO FUNNEL

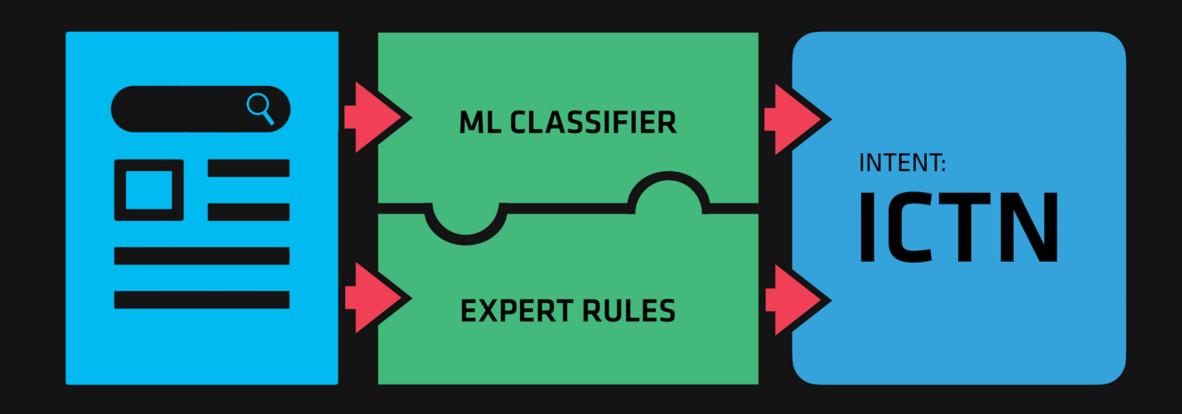


MANY SEOS DID SEE THE LINK WITH A TRADITIONAL MARKETING FUNNEL.

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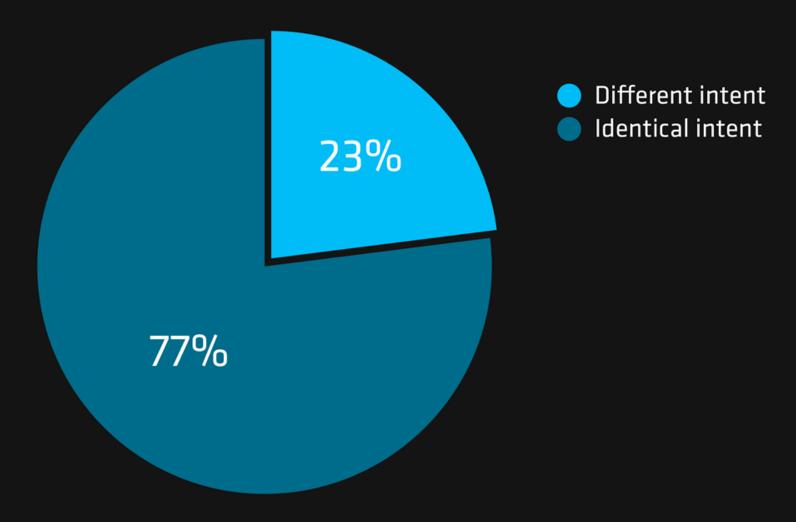
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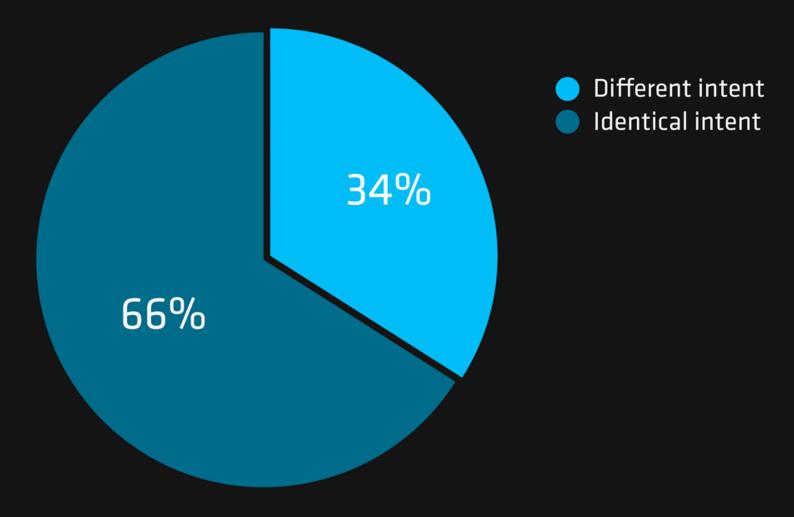
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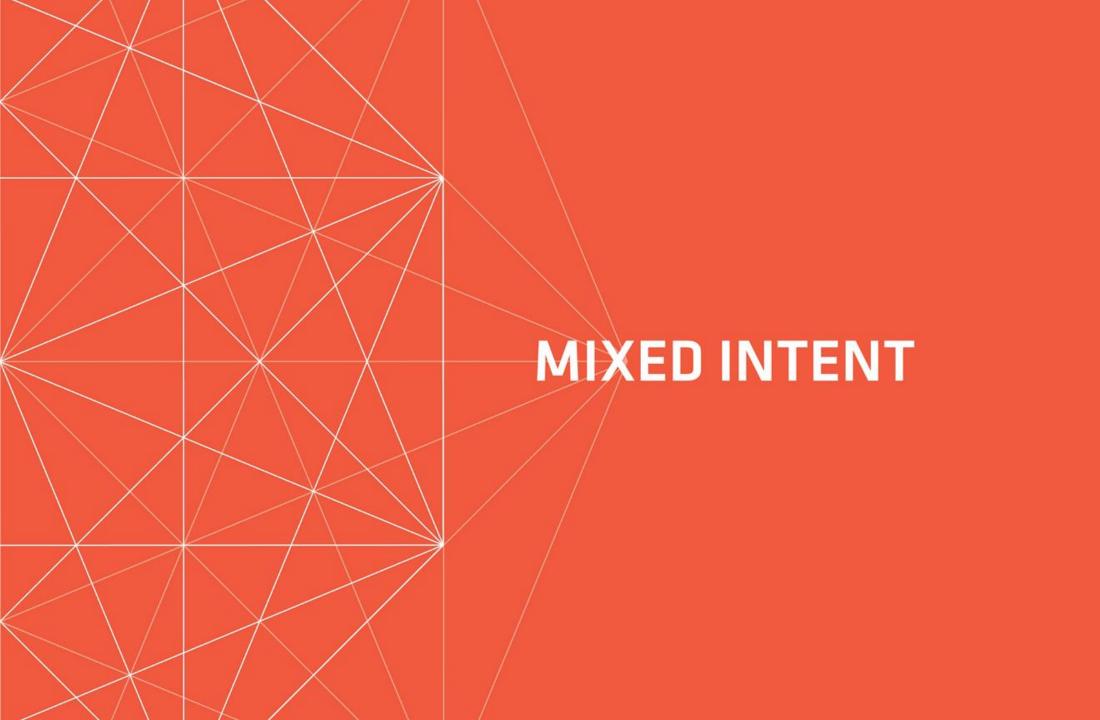
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Desktop vs. mobile keywords

ONE KEYWORD, ONE INTENT?







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Ramen

It consists of Chinese-style wheat noodles (中華麺, chūkamen) served in a broth; common flavors are soy sauce and miso, with typical toppings including sliced ...





Pinch of Yum

https://pinchofyum.com > Recipes > Vegetarian

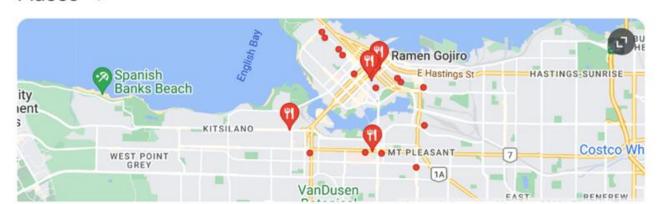


This quick homemade **ramen** is a delicious way to make **ramen** a little more healthy! Fresh veggies and herbs take the usual **ramen** up a notch.











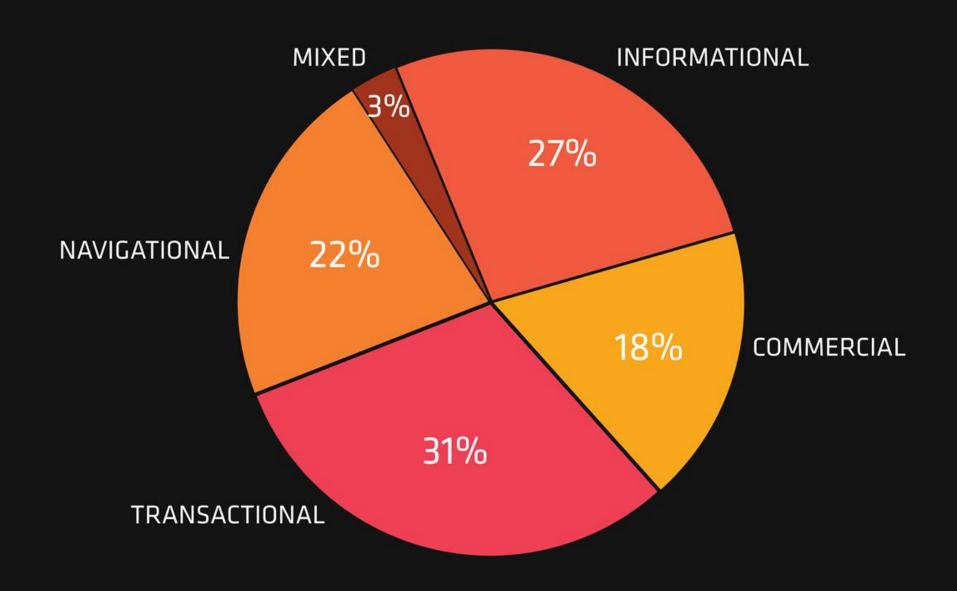
Ramen

Dish:

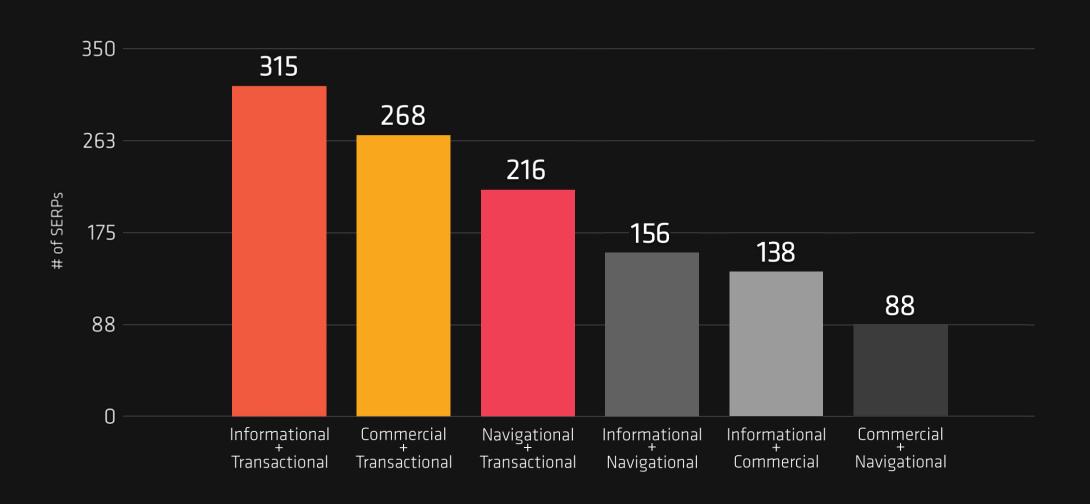
Ramen is a Japanese noodle dish of Chinese origin. It consists of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in a broth; common flavors are soy sauce and miso, with typical toppings including sliced pork, nori, menma, and scallions. Ramen has its roots in Chinese noodle dishes and is a part of Japanese Chinese cuisine. Wikipedia

Origins: Japan, China

INTENTS IN THIS DATA



TOP 3 INTENT MIXES TRANSACTIONAL IS A COMMON THEME



MIXED INTENT SERPS HAVE LESS OPPORTUNITY.

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Twiddlers can offer category constraints, meaning diversity can be promoted by specifically limiting the type of results. For instance the author may decide to only allow 3 blog posts in a given SERP. This can clarify when ranking is a lost cause based on your page format.

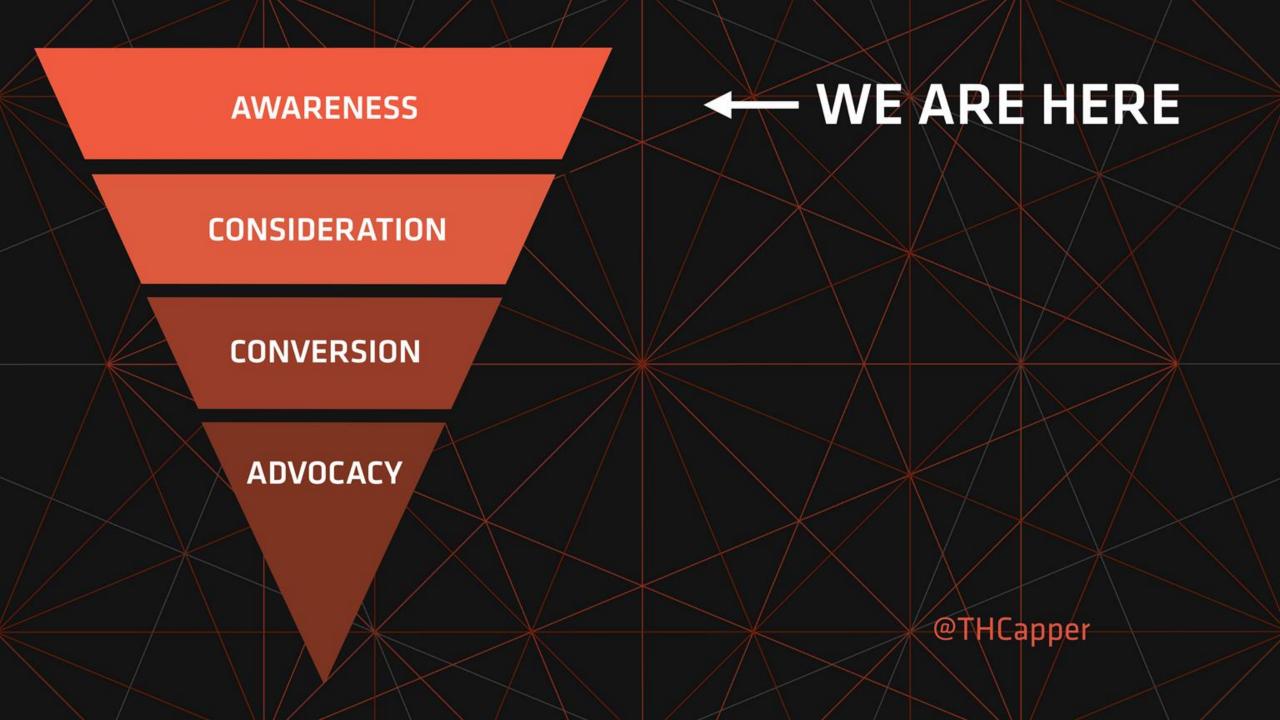
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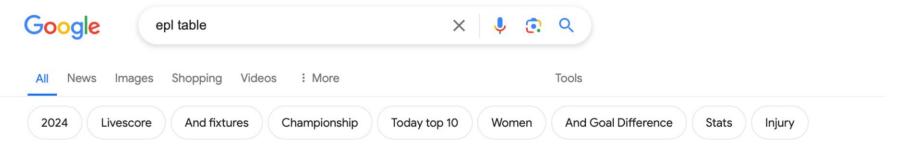
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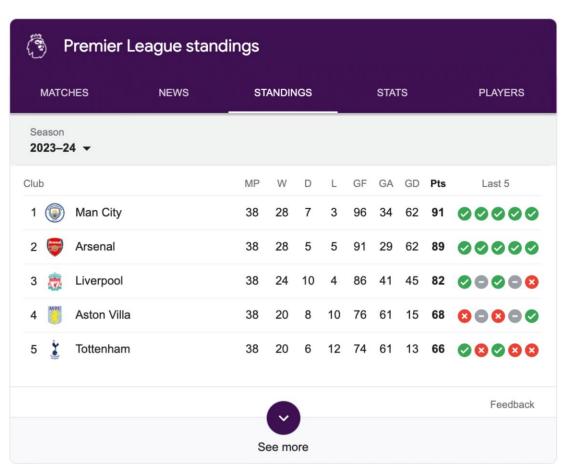
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- Tracked on smartphone and desktop, in Portland,
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- Categorized using Moz's search intent model



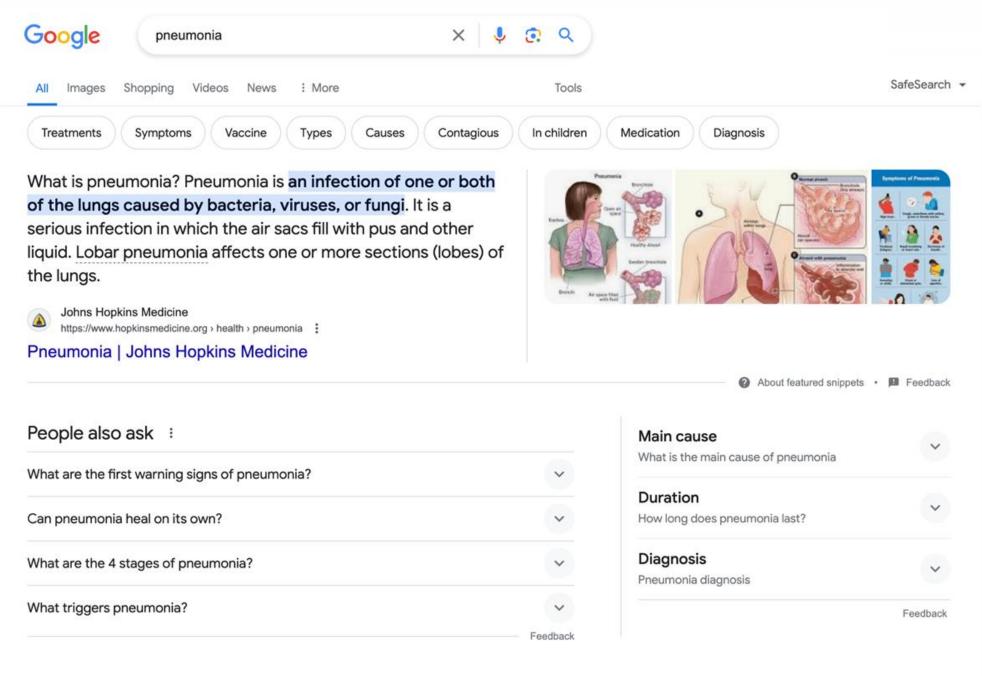






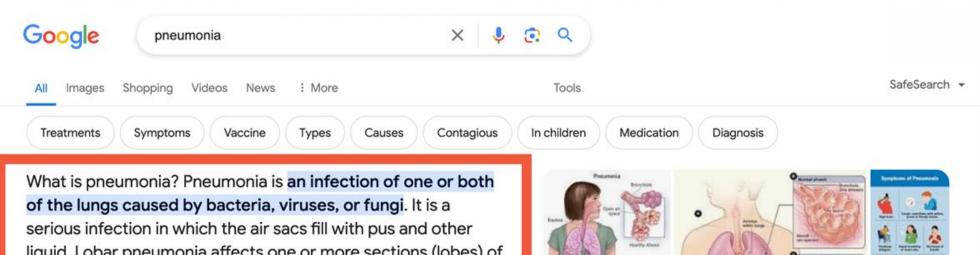


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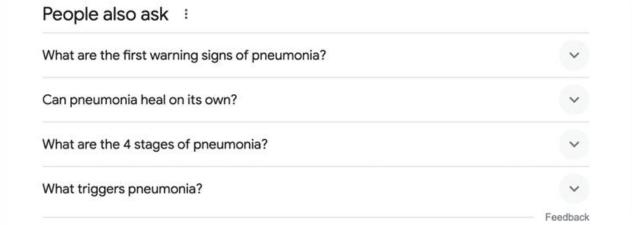


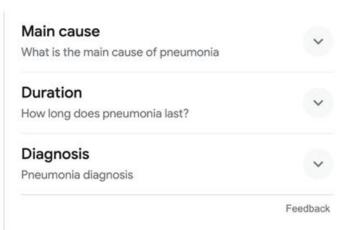


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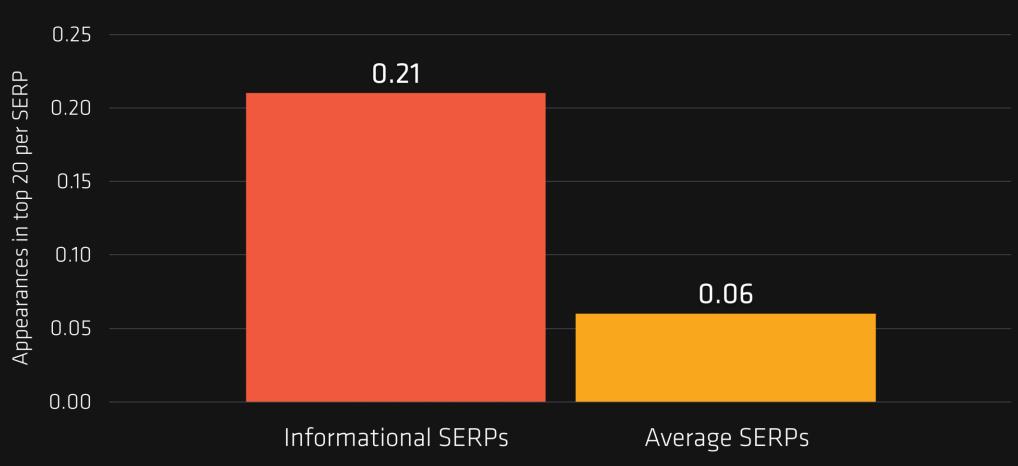




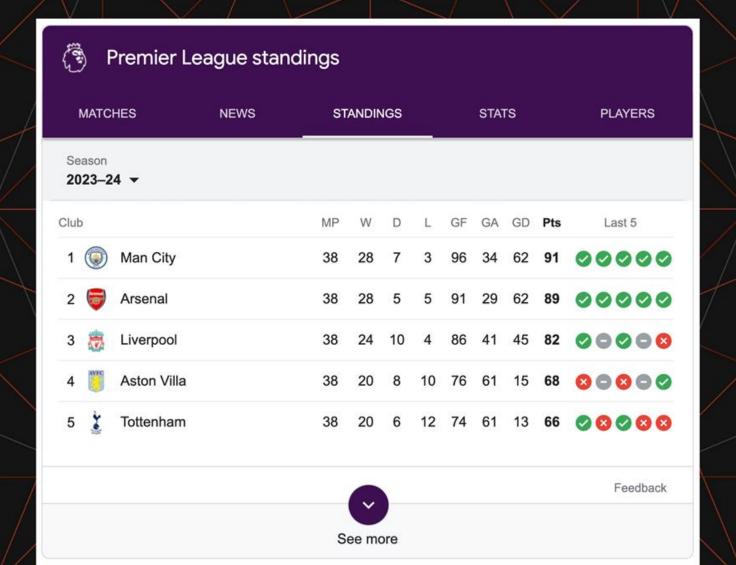


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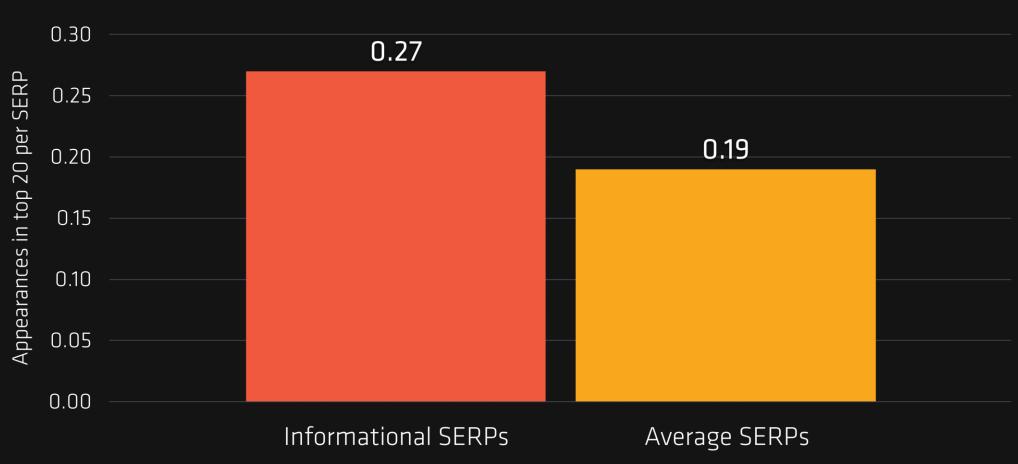
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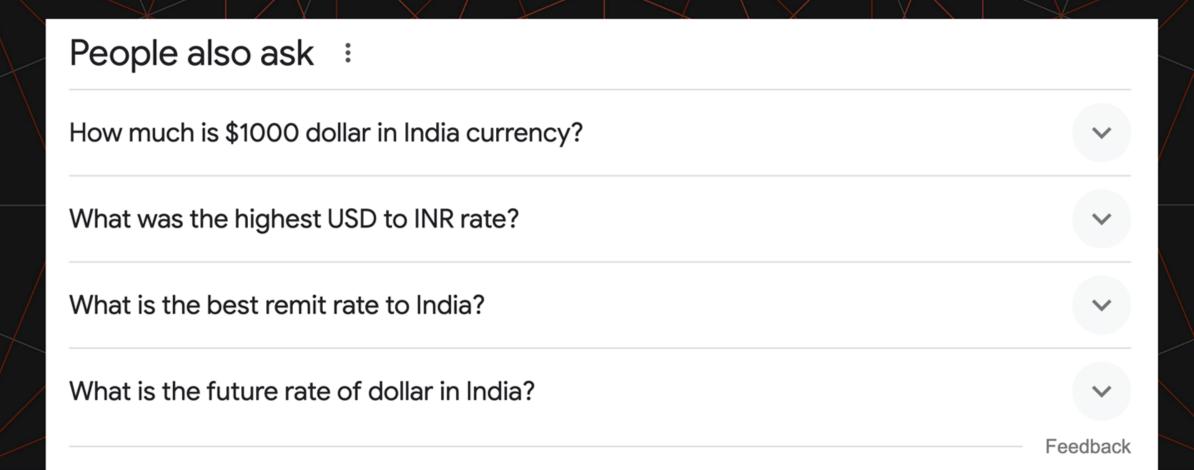
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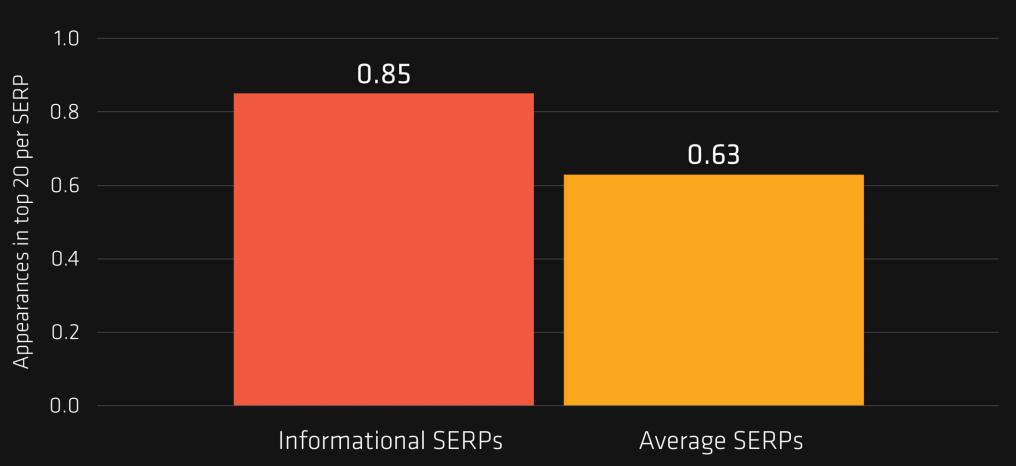
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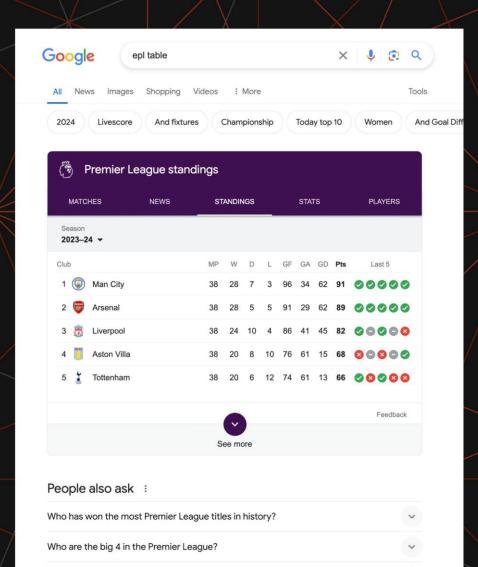
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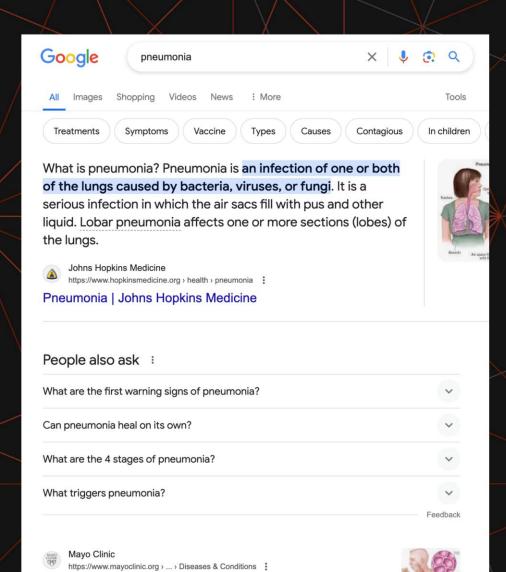


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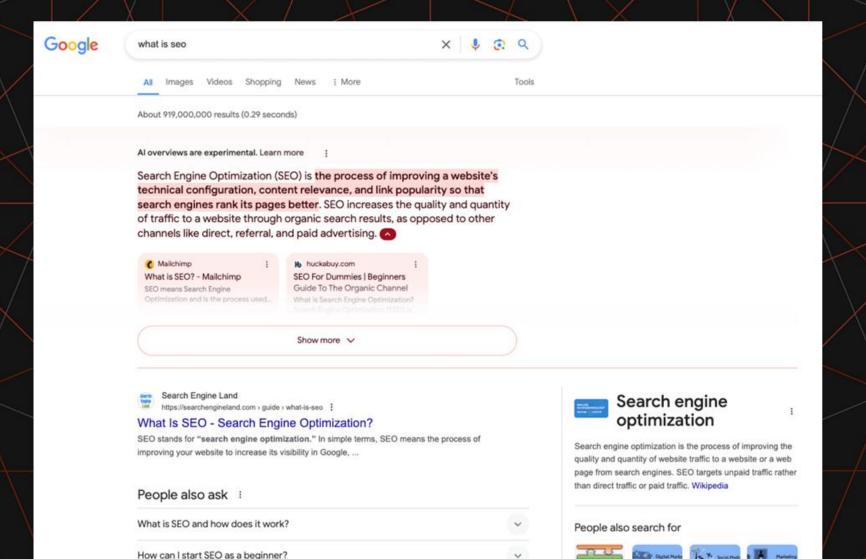


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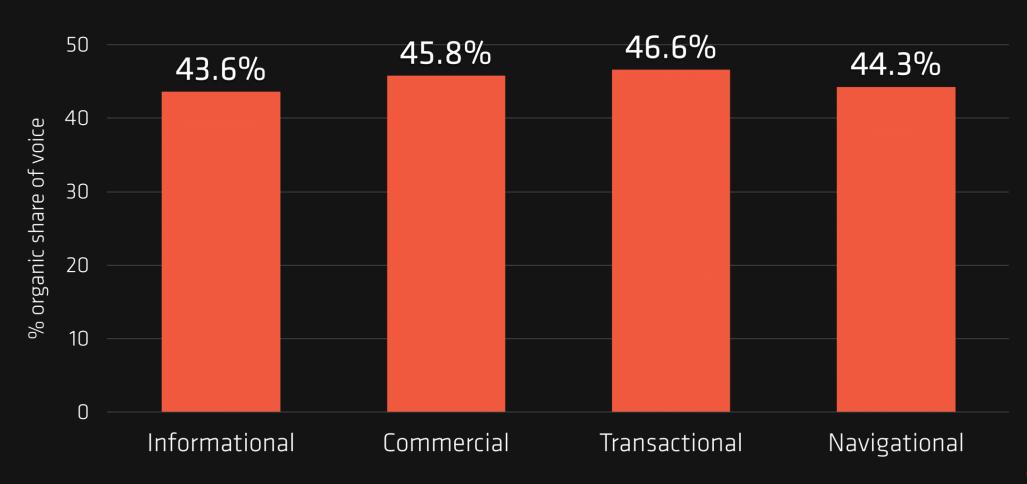




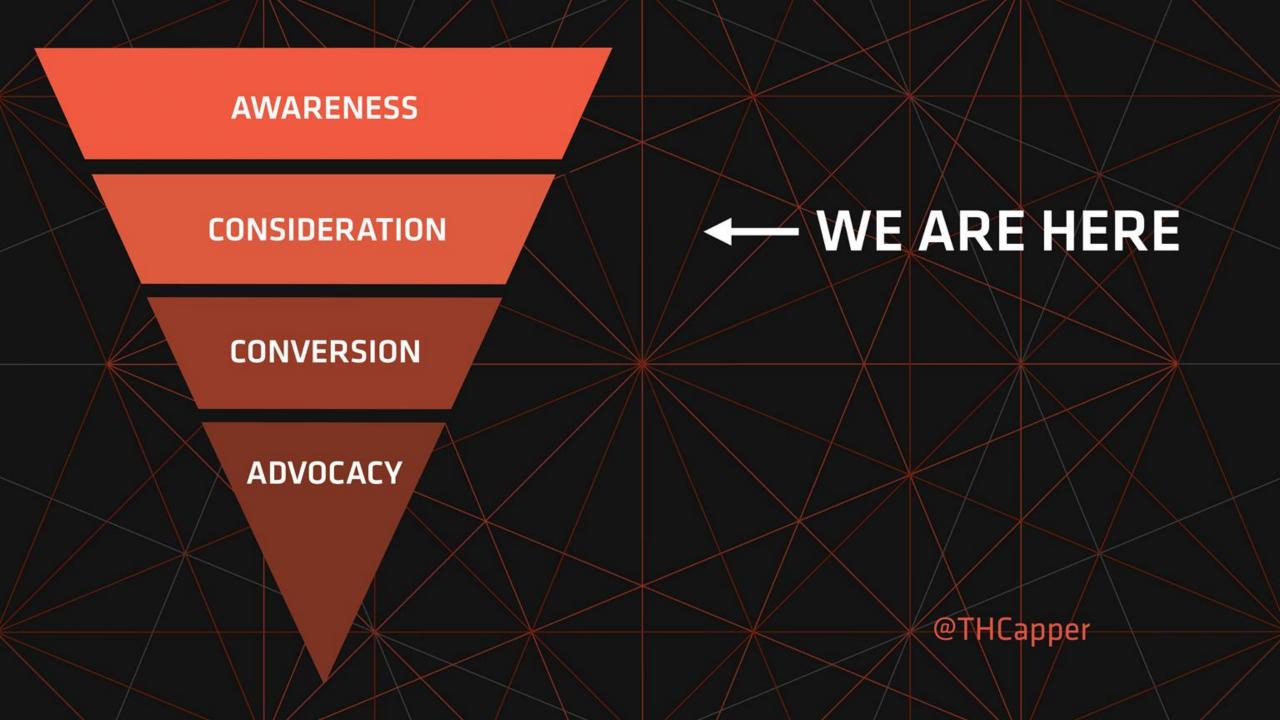
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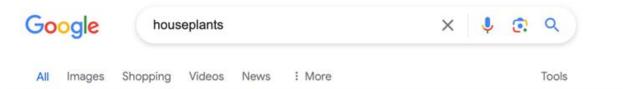
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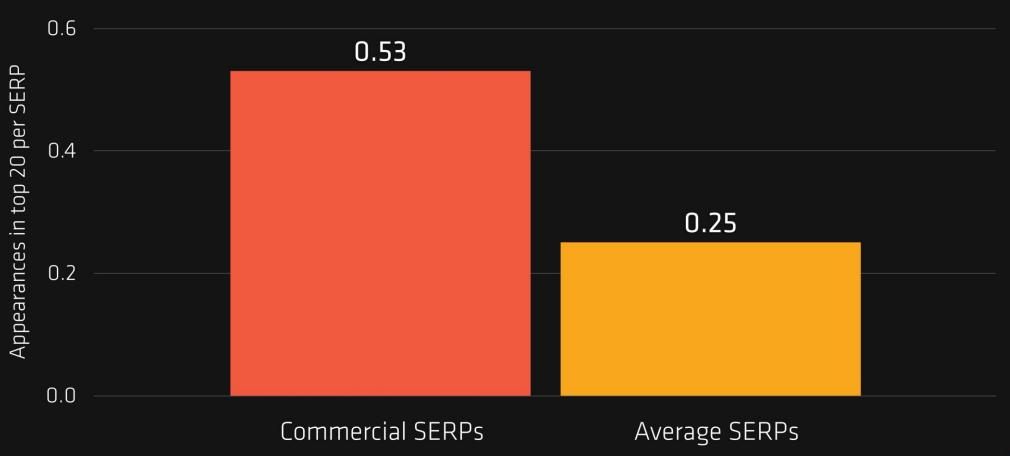


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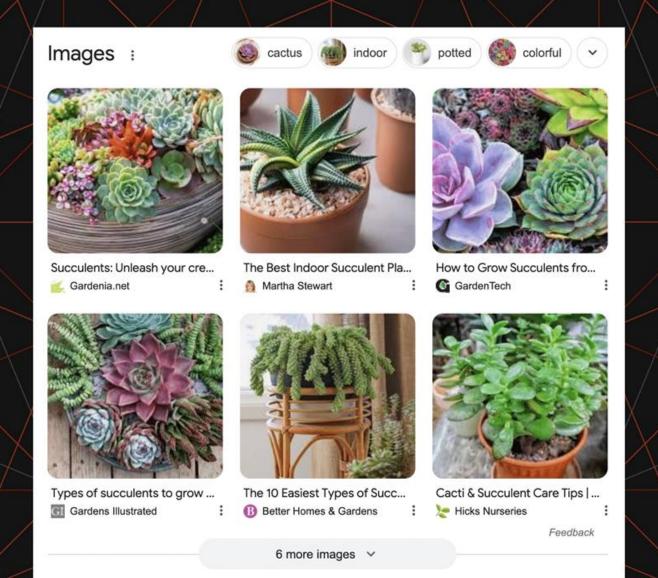


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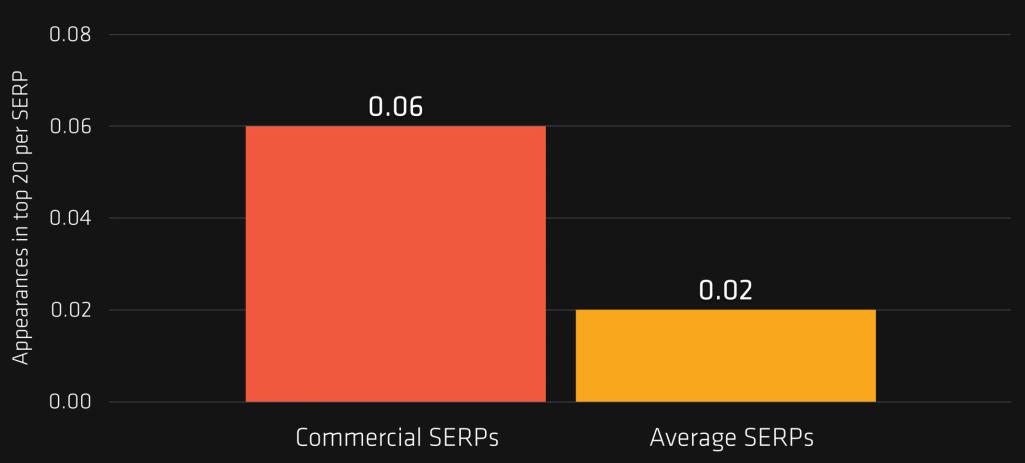
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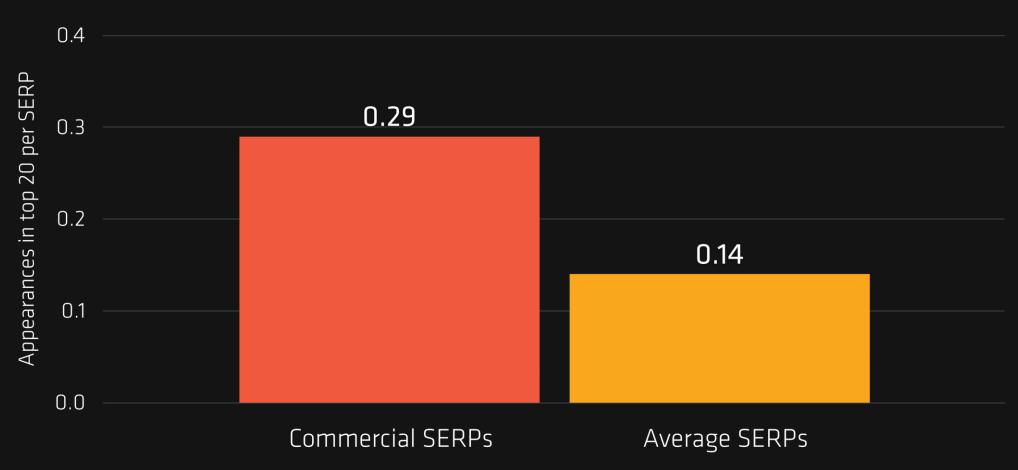
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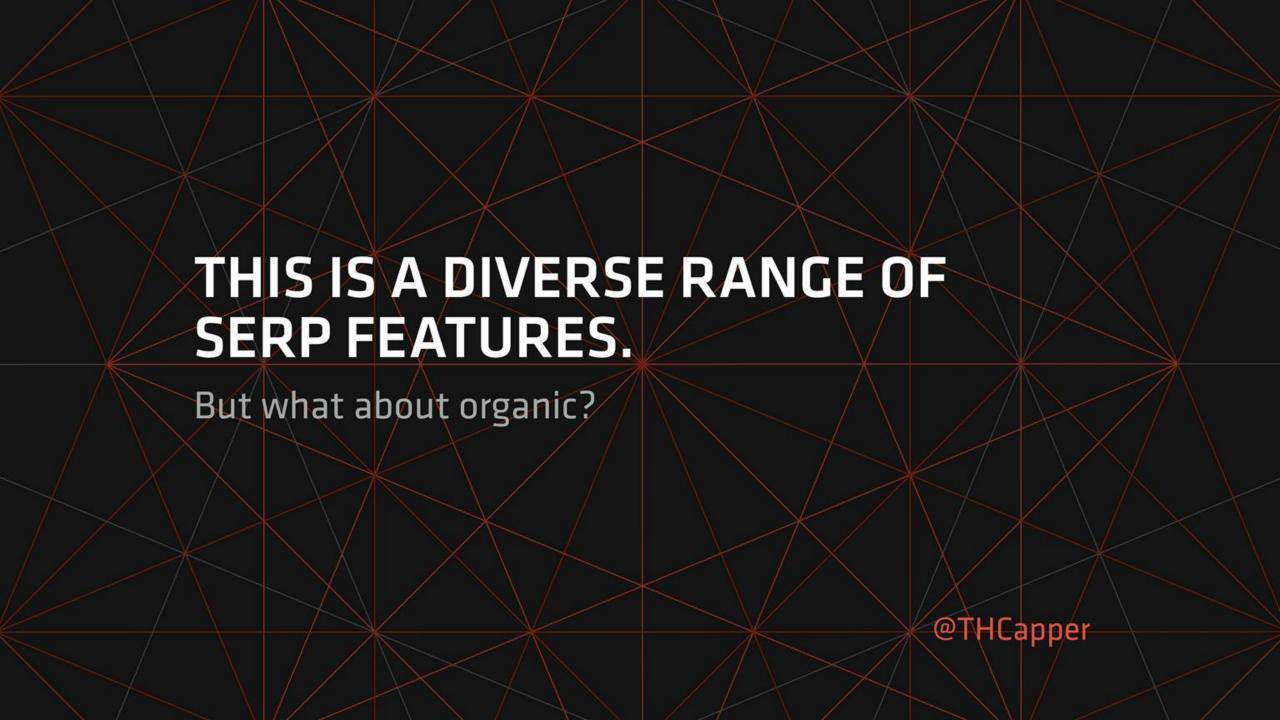
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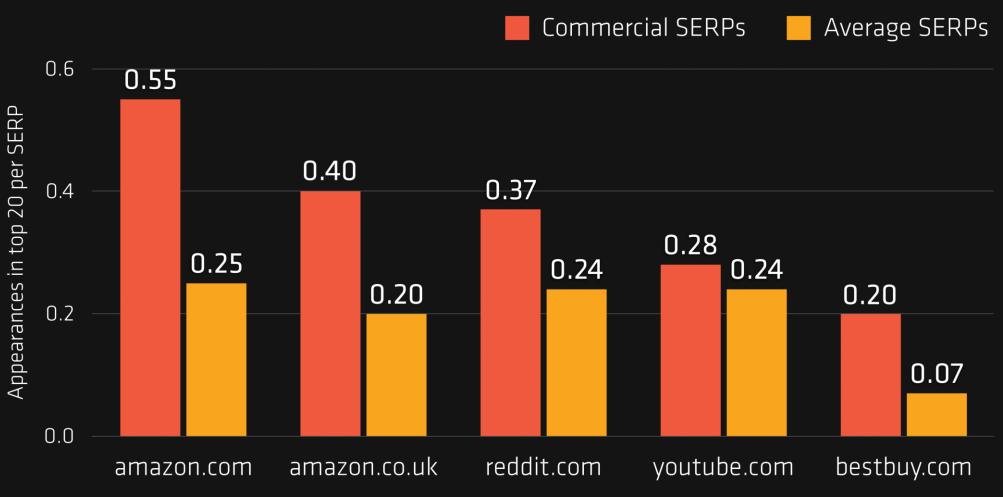
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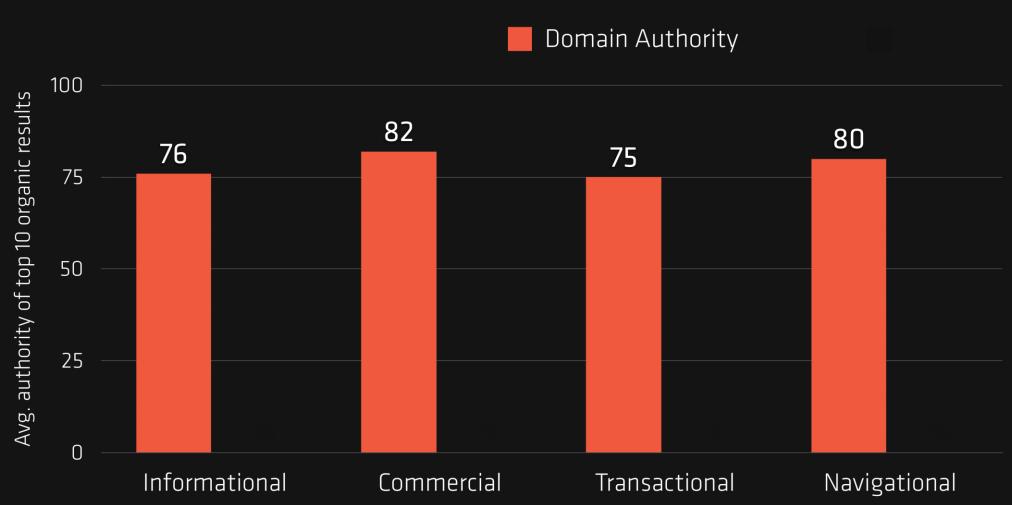




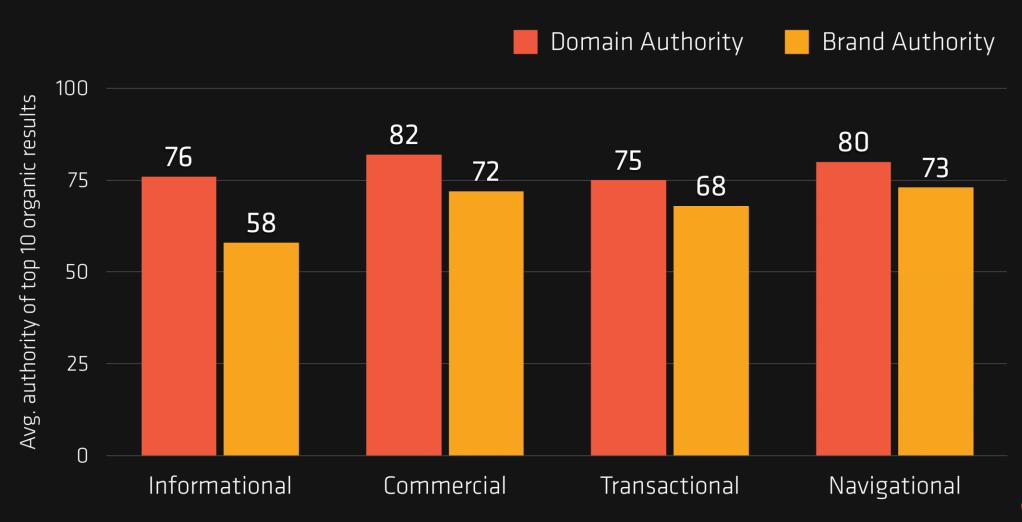
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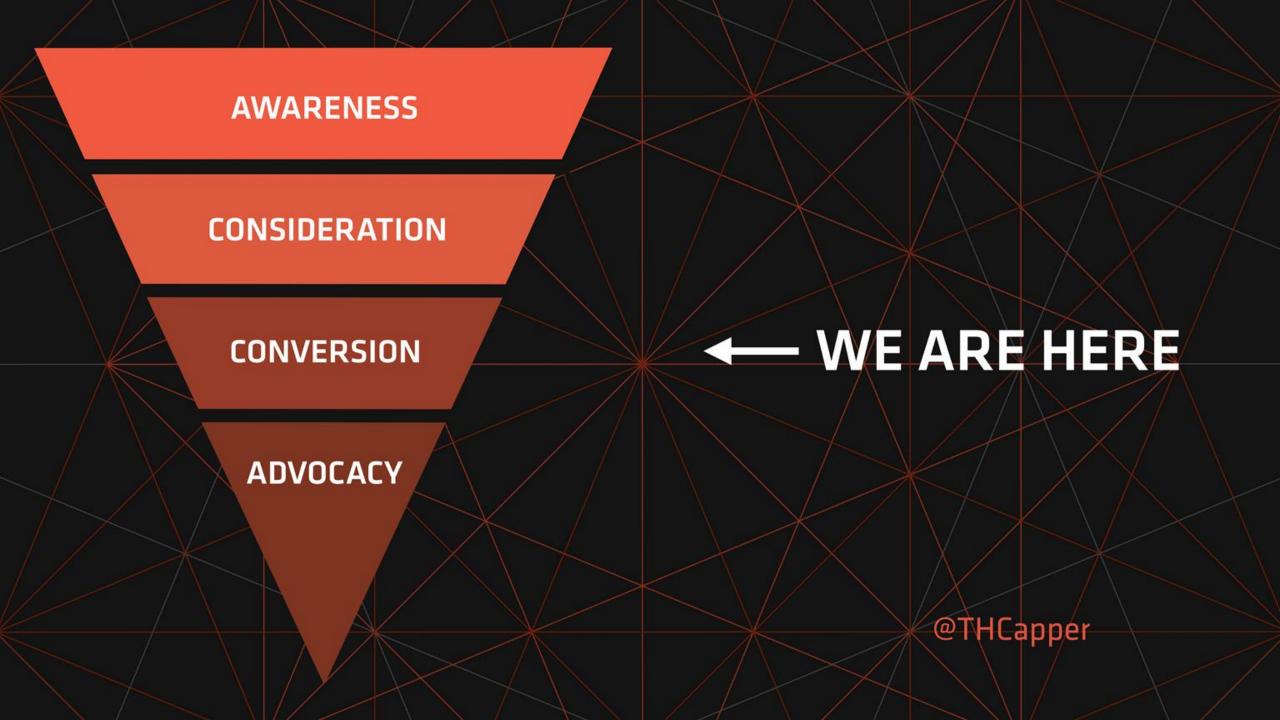
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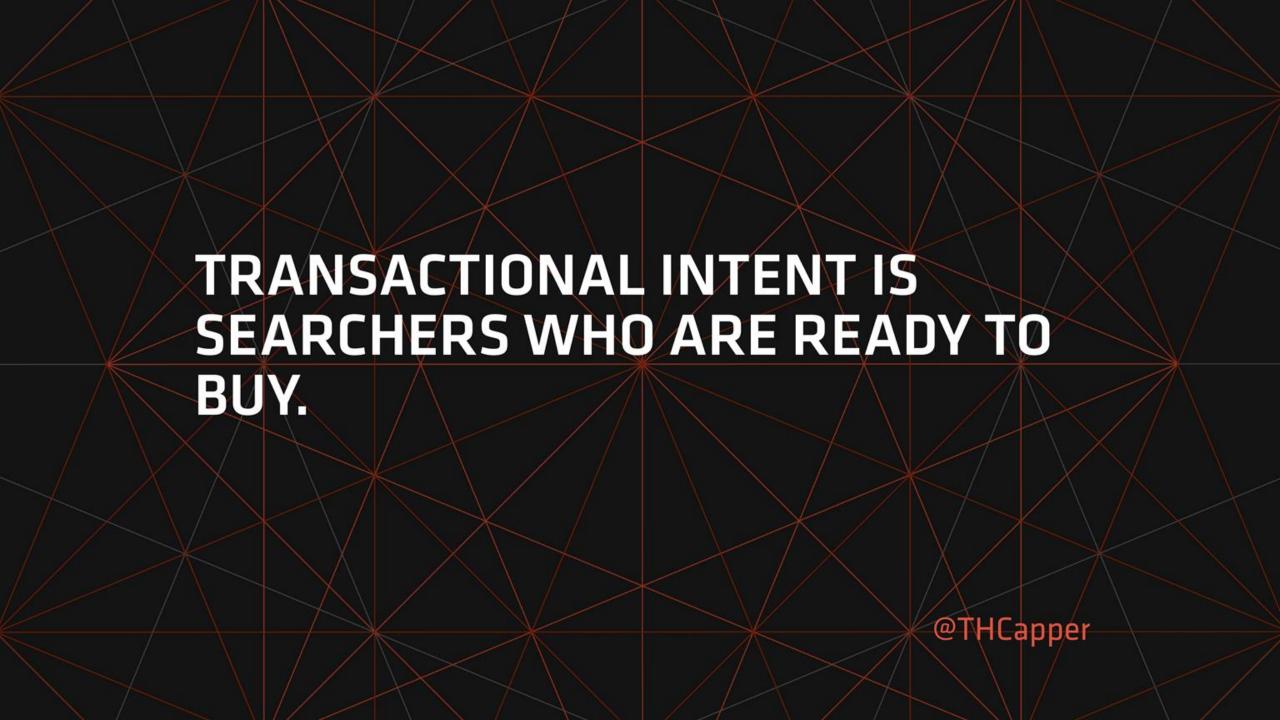


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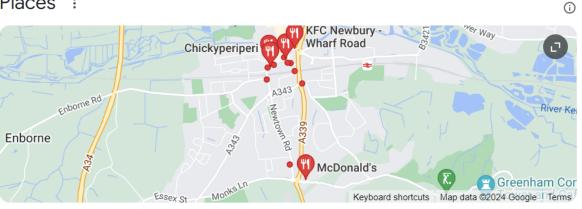
THE 10 BEST Restaurants &...



Just Eat Fast Food Takeaways and...



Places :



McDonald's

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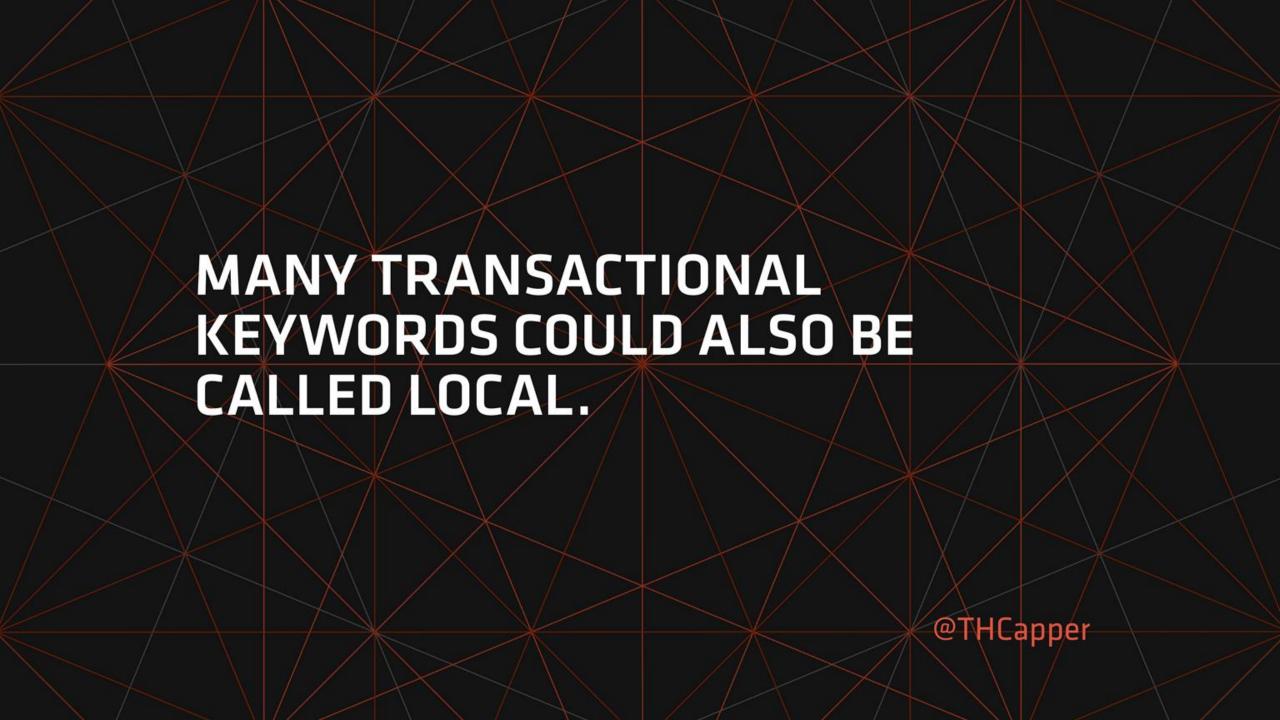
Newbury

Iconic fast-food burger & fries chain









LOCAL PACKS





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Rio's burgers

4.6 ★★★★★ (596) · £1–10 · Hamburger

Newbury

Closed · Opens 4 pm Wed

Dine-in · Takeaway · Delivery



KFC Newbury - Wharf Road

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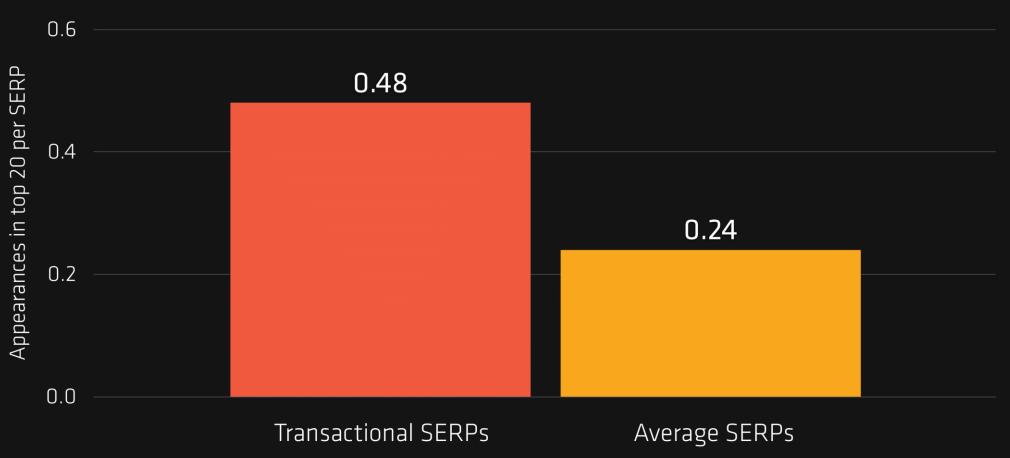
Newbury

Closes soon · 11 pm

Fried chicken restaurant chain



LOCAL PACKS OFTEN INDICATE TRANSACTIONAL INTENT.



"FIND RESULTS ON" = EUROPEAN LEGAL SHENANIGANS

Find results on



Tripadvisor

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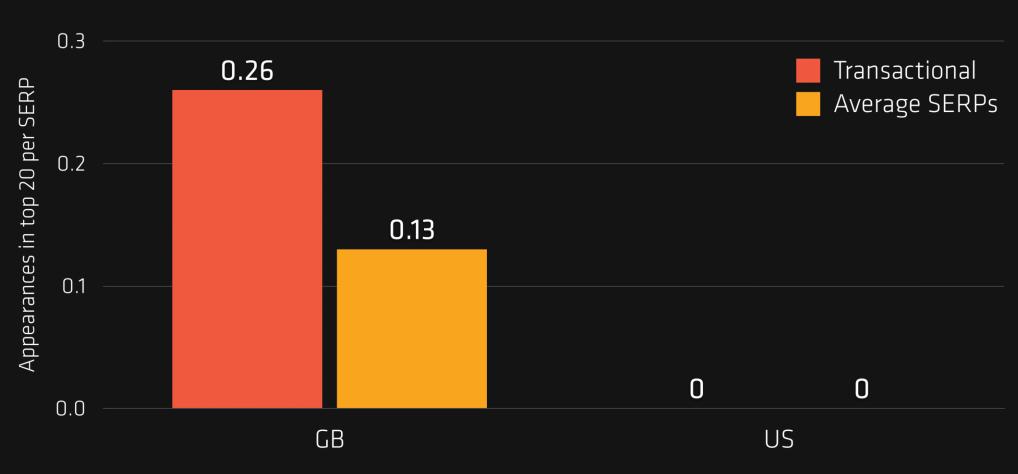






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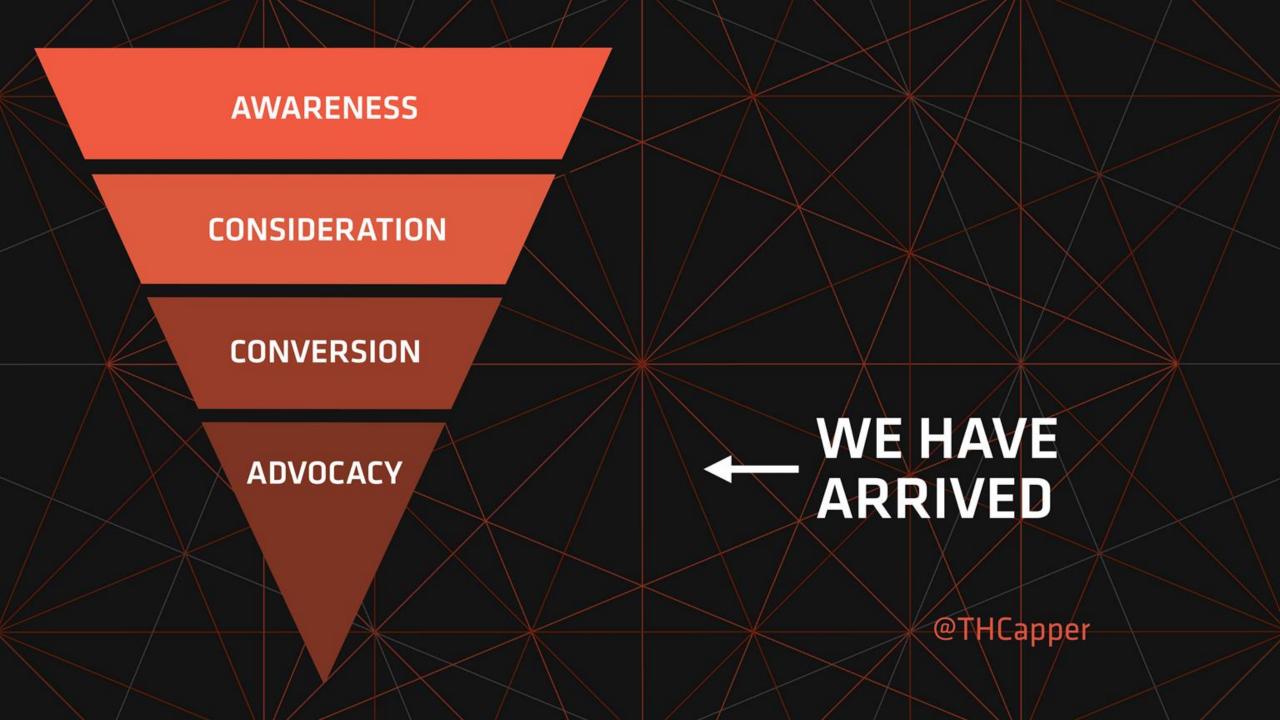
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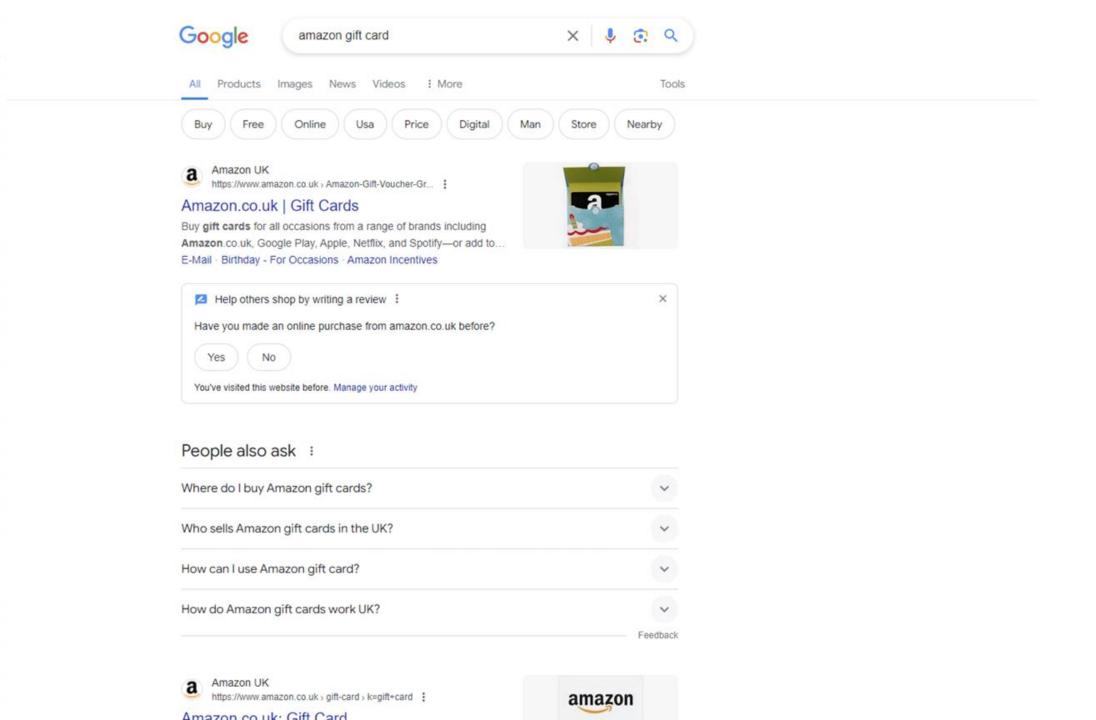
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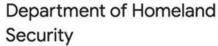
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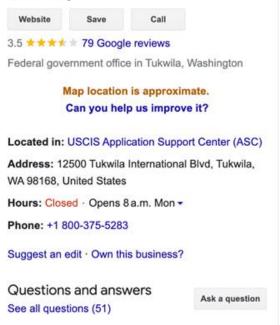
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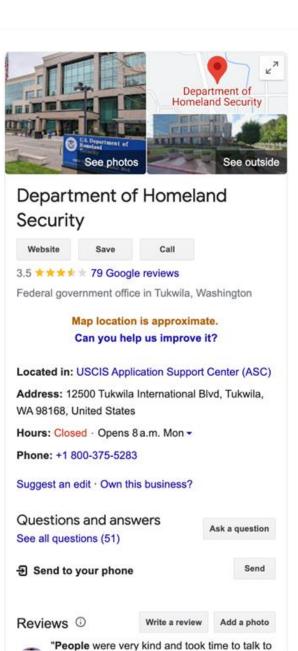
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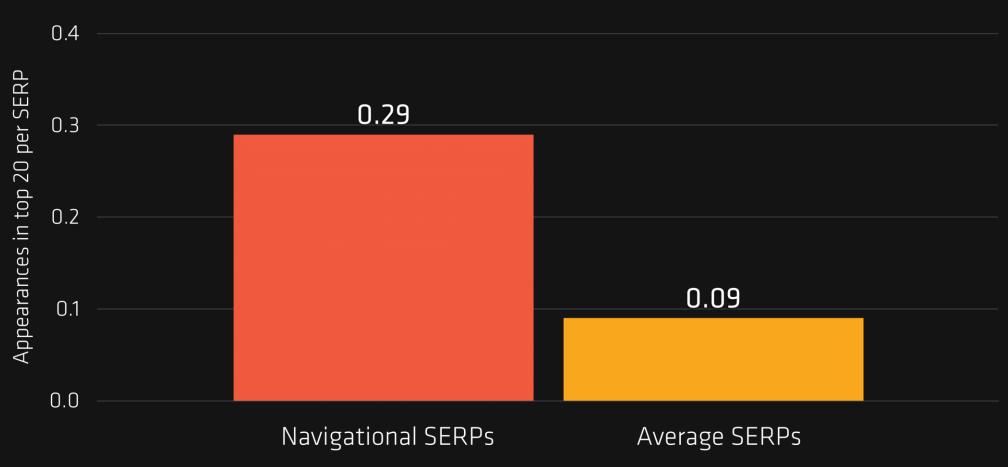
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TWITTER BOX



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We're serving up tips on how to leverage data to break free from your content strategy slump.

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New SGE type spotted on the SERP ...

Could this be the more realistic SGE rollout we've been waiting for? What do you think?

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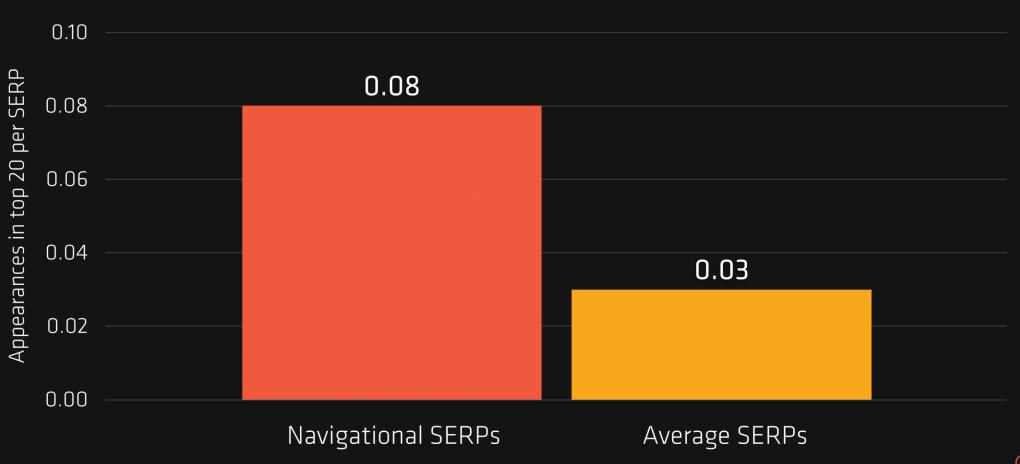
Raise your hand if you're feeling a bit lost in the ever-changing flux of SERP features 4

We've been busy digging into the data to uncover the behavior of SERP features across different platforms and markets in 2024.

Here's our findings: bit.ly/3vBOIQU 👀

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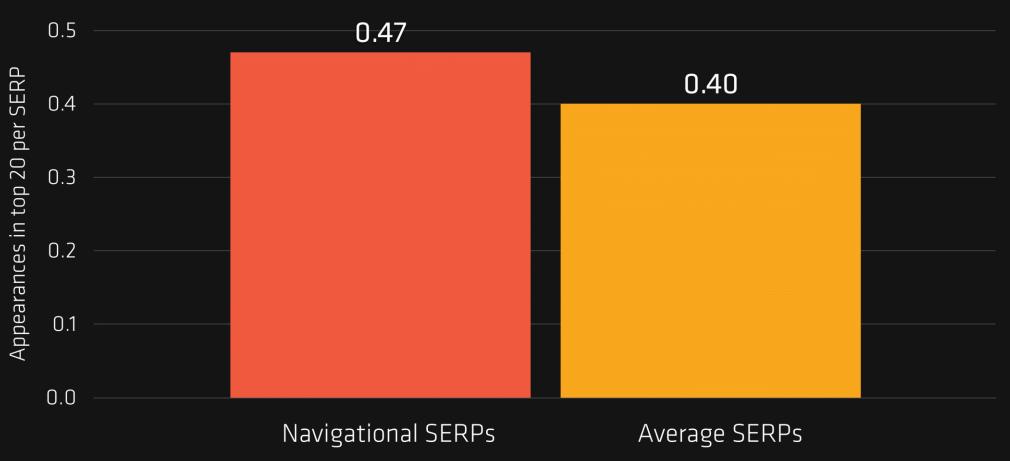
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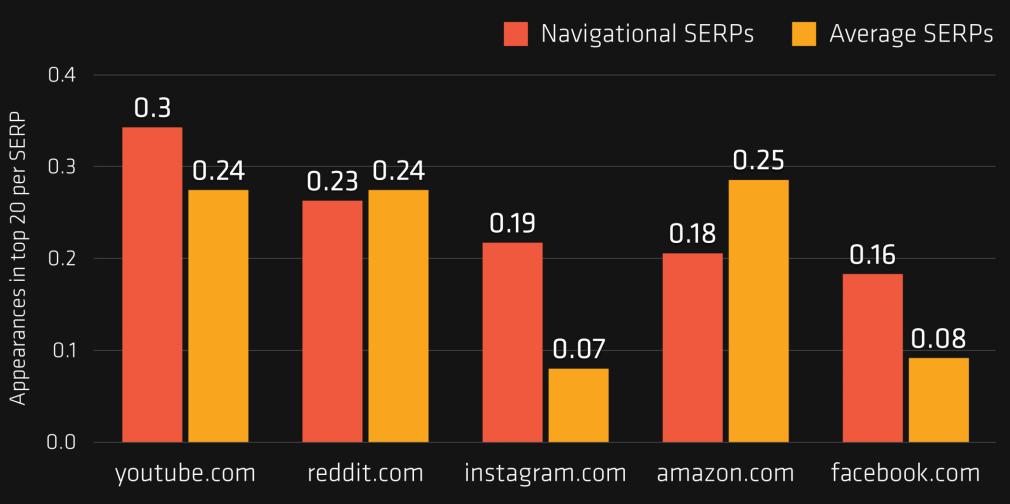
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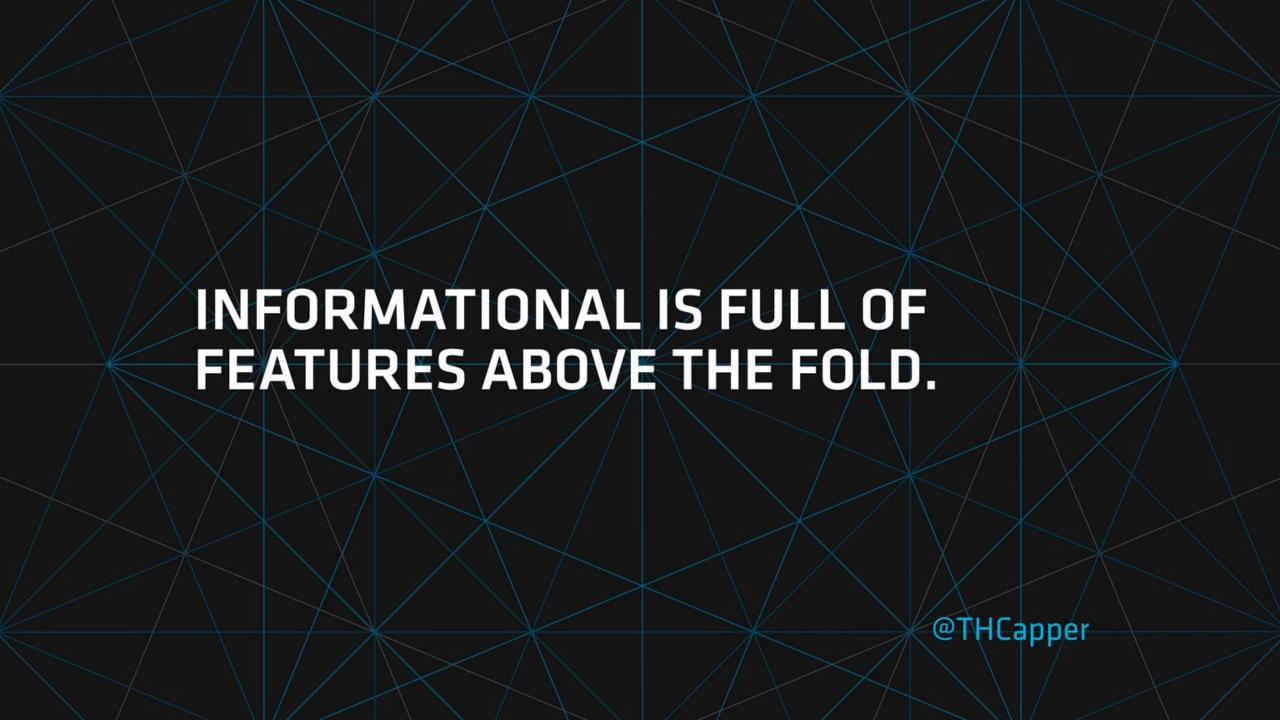
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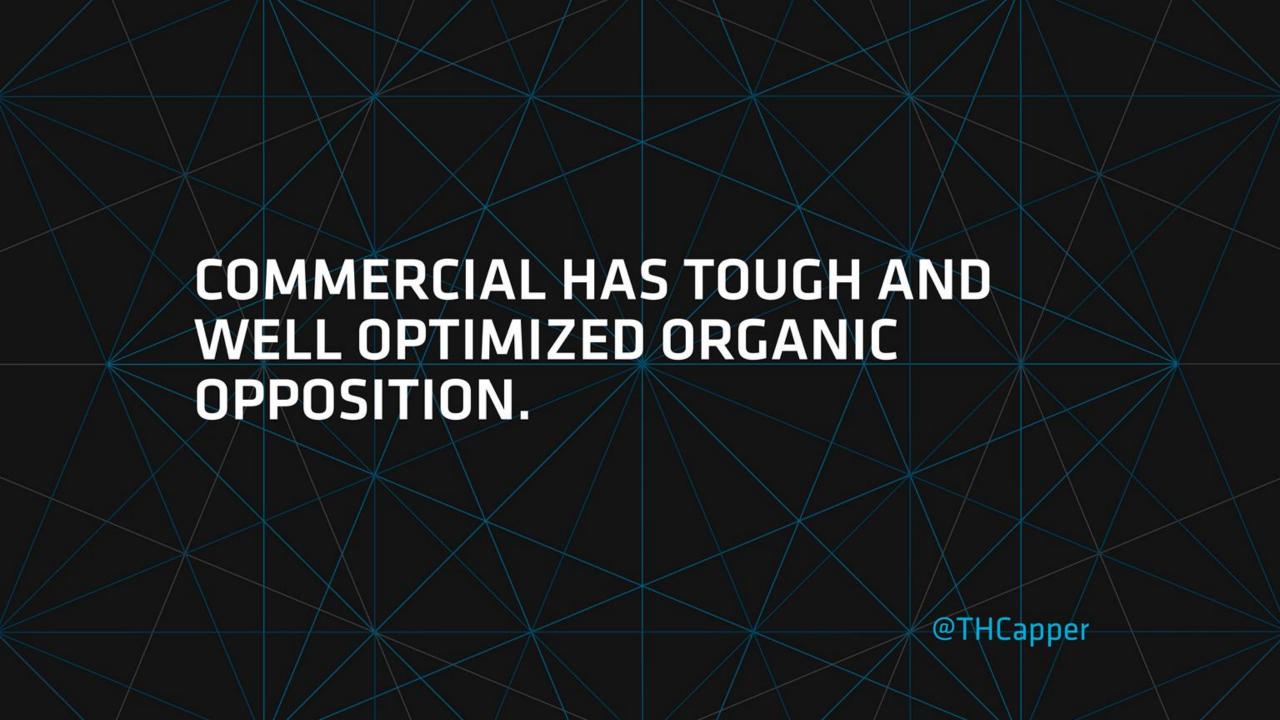
And the kind you should try to own for your own brand.

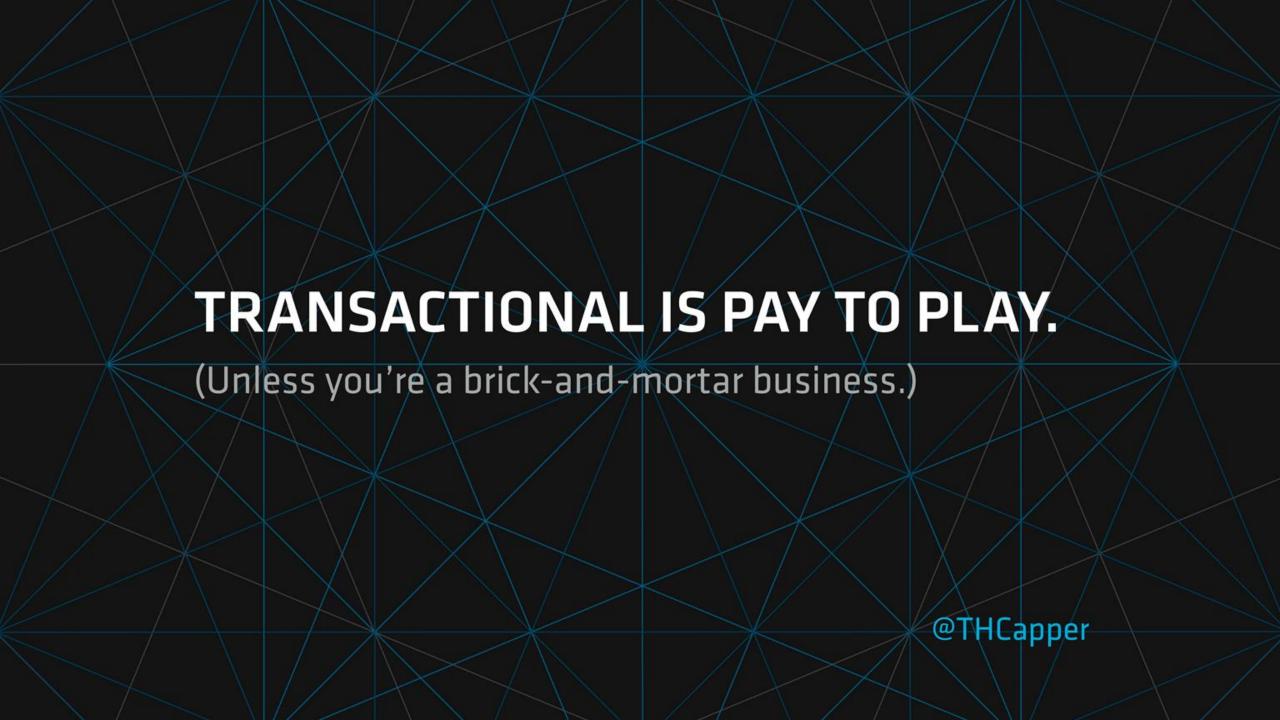
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FULL-FUNNEL ORGANIC IS HARD.

For many or most sites, at least one step in their funnel needs to involve other channels. This is probably not news.

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO USE MULTIPLE CHANNELS TO FILL OUT YOUR FUNNEL.

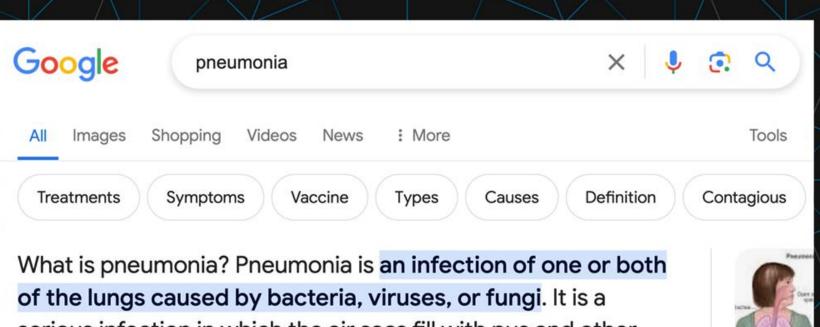


Depending on your vertical and strengths, there are opportunities.



Especially when it's less crowded with ads.

YOU CAN APPEAR IN FEATURED SNIPPETS.



of the lungs caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi. It is a serious infection in which the air sacs fill with pus and other liquid. Lobar pneumonia affects one or more sections (lobes) of the lungs.

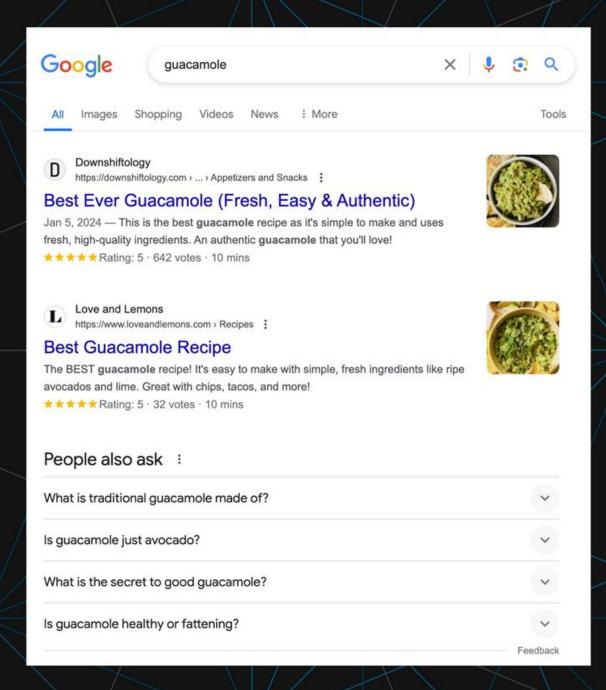




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https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org > health > pneumonia

Pneumonia | Johns Hopkins Medicine

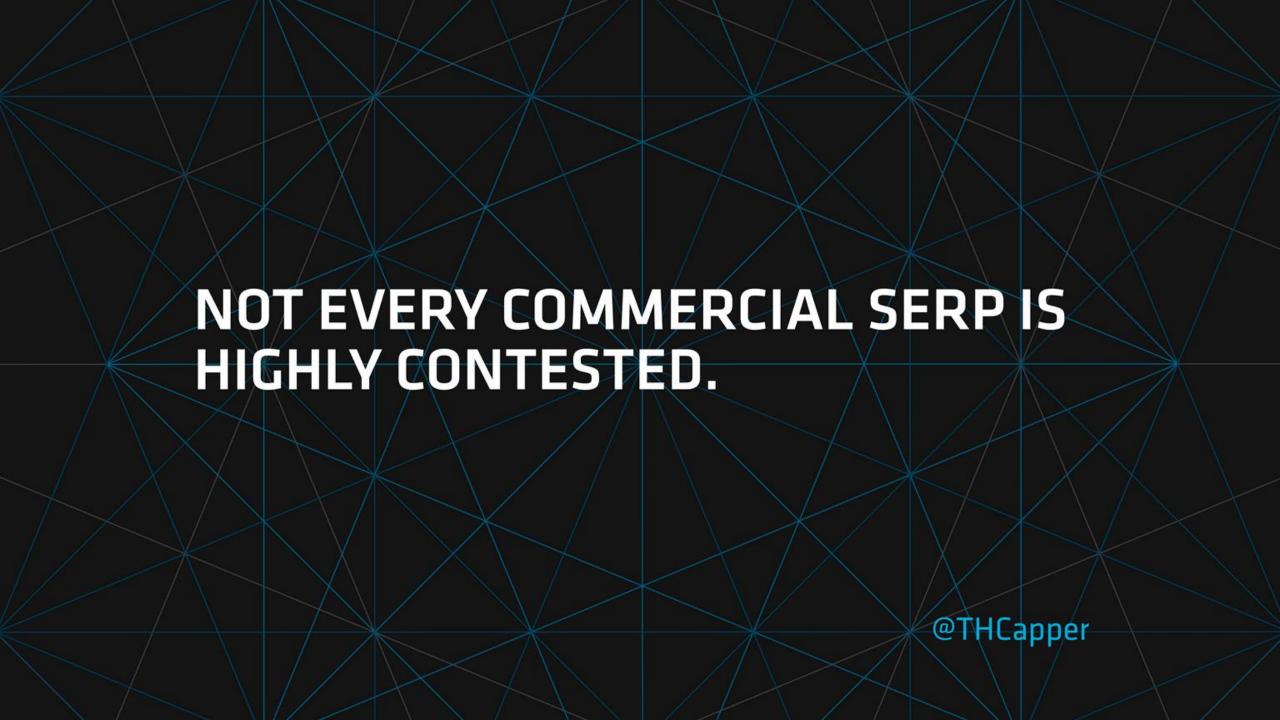


OR FIND INFORMATIONAL KEYWORDS WITHOUT THEM.

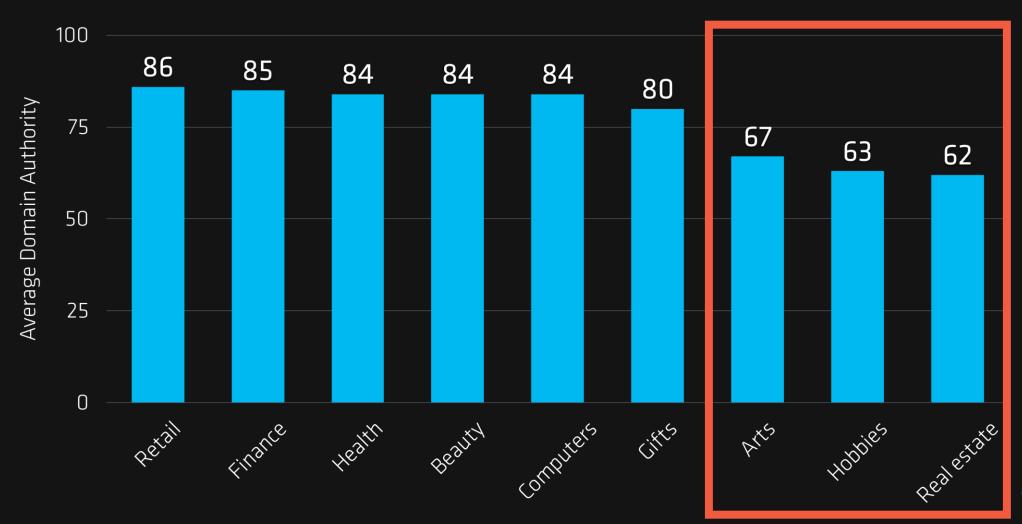
Look for information keywords where regular organic is in position 1.



Especially when combined with SERP features.

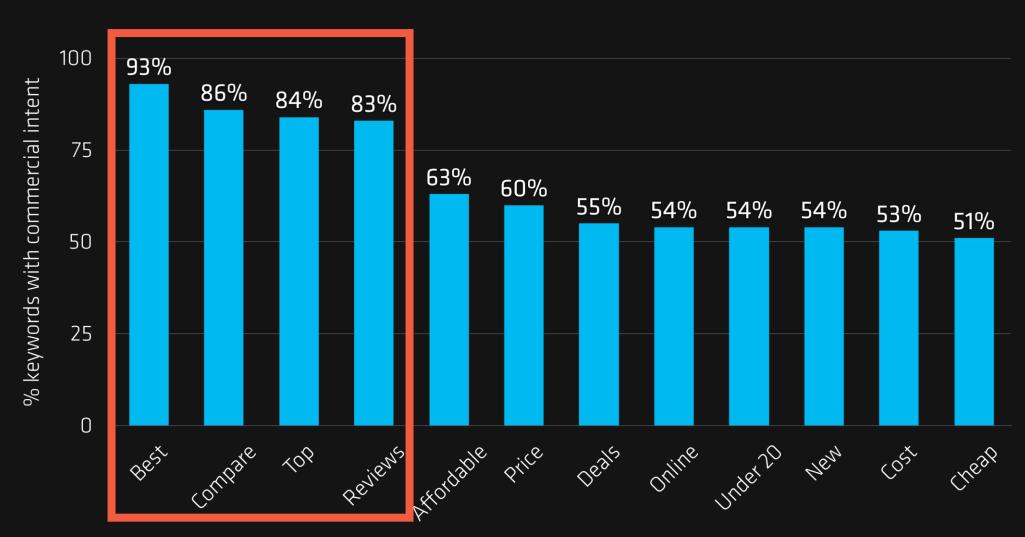


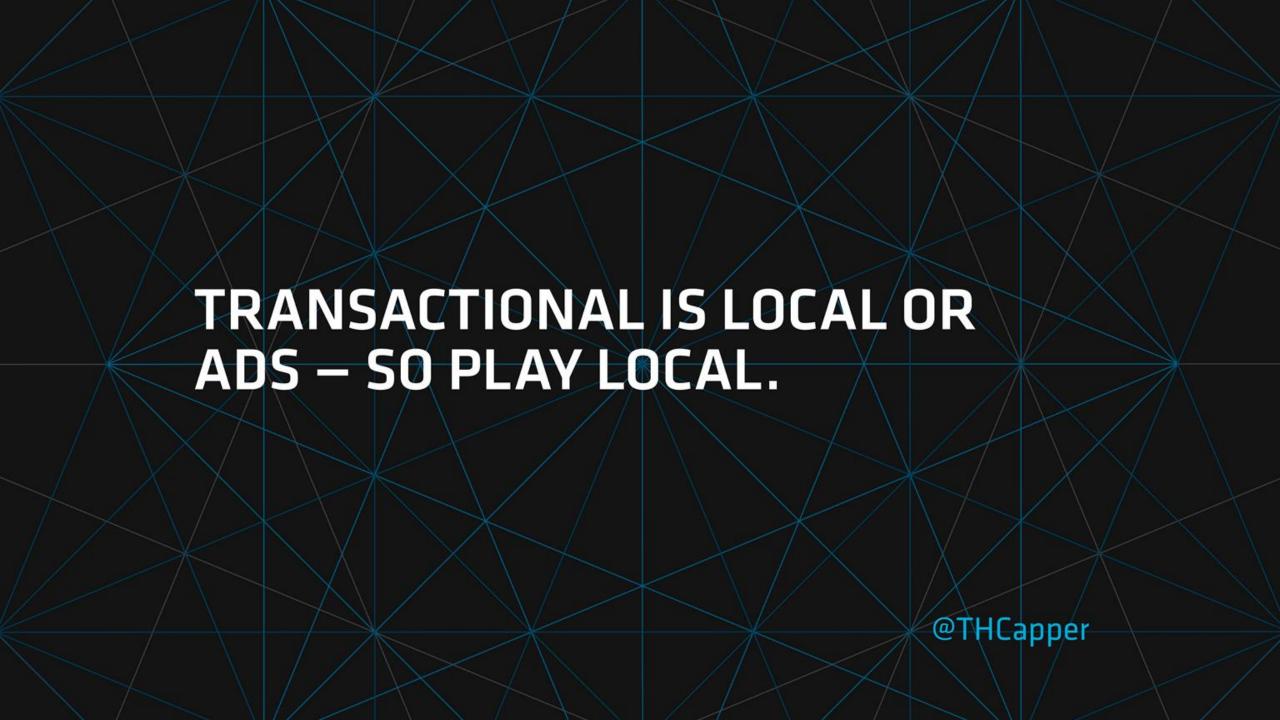
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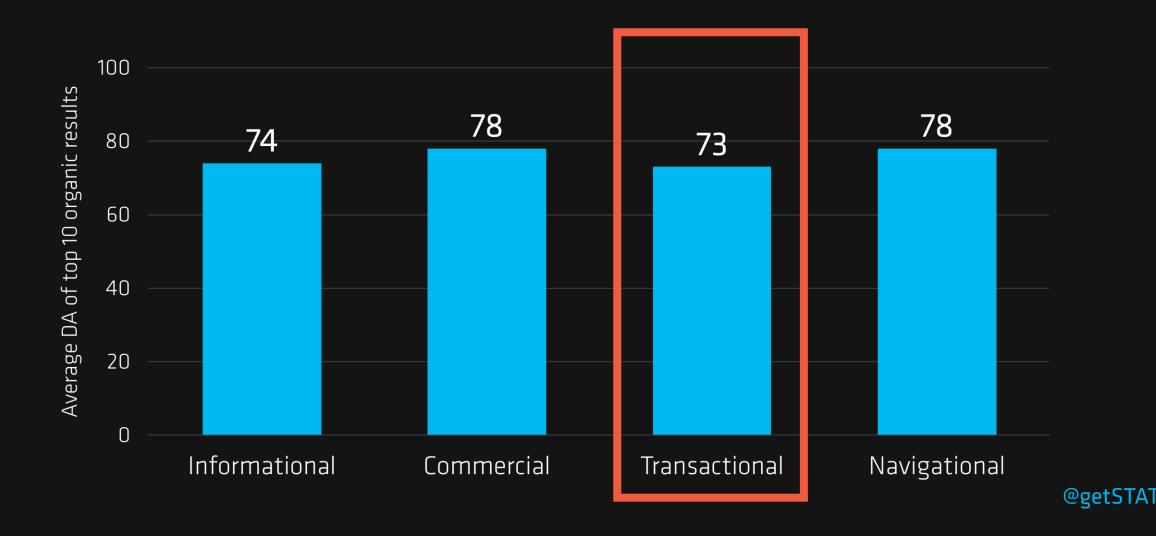
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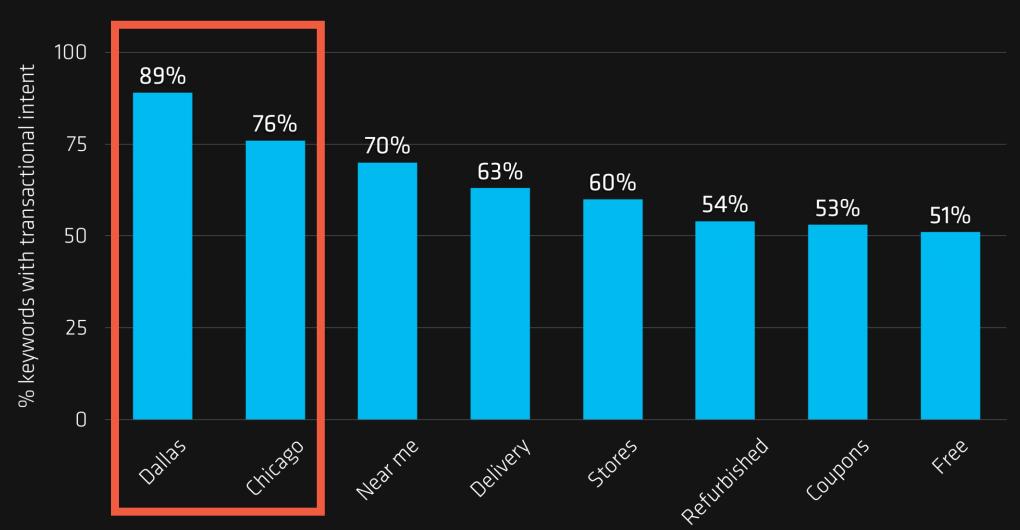




LOCAL TRANSACTIONAL SERPS ARE A LONG-TAIL KEYWORD OPPORTUNITY.



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Weather, conversions, etc

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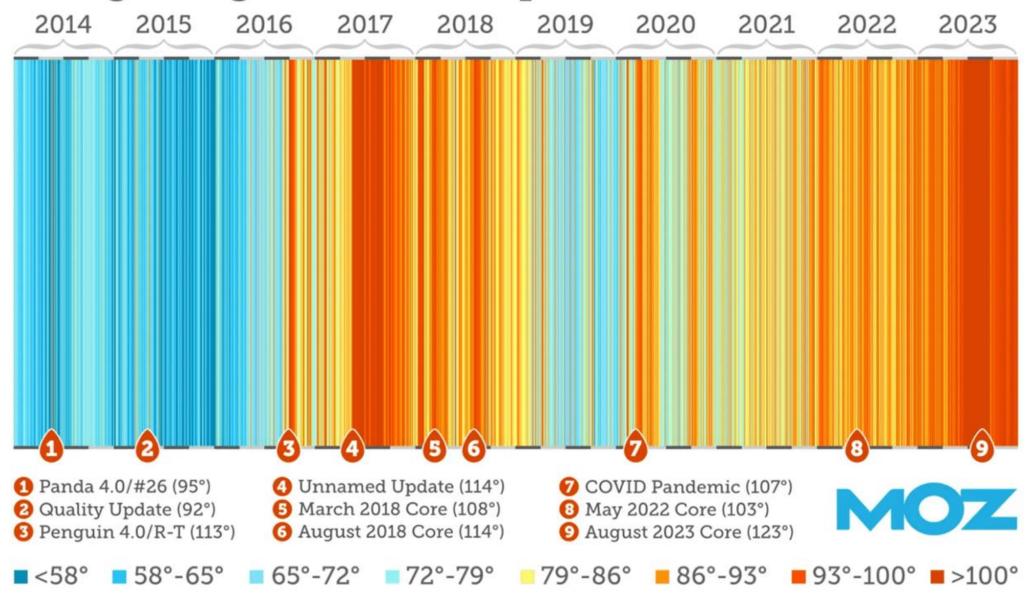
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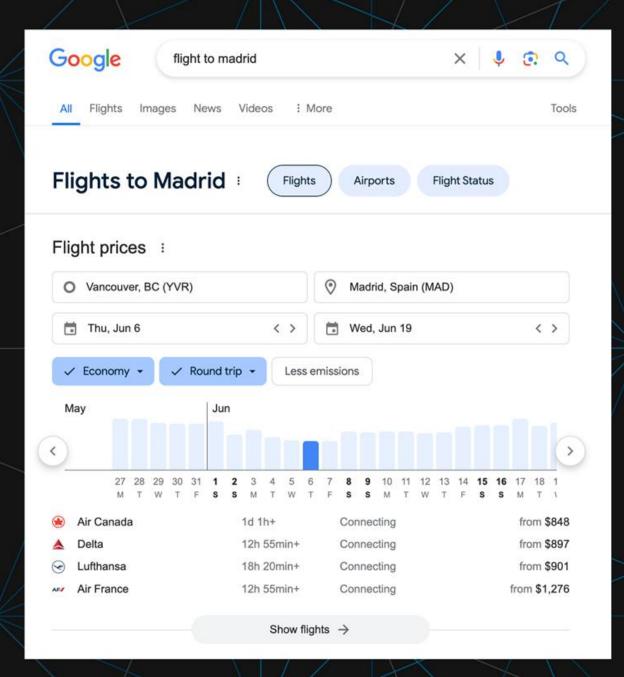
Featured snippets



- High organic share of voice
- SERP features you can appear in (for free!)
- Big opportunities in many verticals

Google Algorithm Temperatures (2014–2023)





TRANSACTIONAL - CAN GOOGLE TAKE EVEN MORE?

WHEN ALOVERVIEWS WERE TRANSACTIONAL, THEY WERE LOCAL.



Generative Al is experimental. Info quality may vary.

There are many coffee shops near Mozcon, including drive-thru chains, coffeehouses with baked goods, and other top options:



Scooter's Coffee

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Caffee shop Caffeyville Chain serving espresso and other coffee drinks, plus smoothies and pastries



Terebinth Coffee House ...

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Coffee sho

Coffee and sandwich shop with its own line of beans, plus light bites



Best coffee

Mudhouse Coffee Spring...

4.7 ★ (1.5K) Coffee shop

Downtown Springfield

Coffeehouse with a long list of beverages, baked goods, soup, and sandwiches



Best coffee

Oddly Correct Coffee Bar

1.6 ★ (822)

Coffee shop Manheim Park Rustic-chic coffeehouse with its own line of beans, plus espresso drinks and light bites



Homey coffee house with house-roasted brews, pastries, and light breakfast and lunch

Scooter's Coffee

Drive-thru chain serving espresso & other coffee drinks, plus a variety of...

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Terebinth Coffee House...

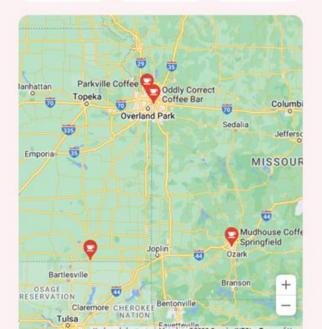
Coffee shop that has an average rating of 4.8 based on 117 reviews. Located at 232 W...

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The 12 Coolest Coffee Shops in Missouri!

Missouri



4 KEYWORD RESEARCH CONSIDERATIONS FOR LATER:

- Informational + organic in position 1
- Commercial + low difficulty
- Commercial + winnable SERP features
- Transactional + local long-tail keywords

SEARCH INTENT IN MOZ PRO

Keyword ▼	Relevancy ψ	Search Intent (i) 💠 :
university of wisconsin	••••	Navigational
badger football recruiting news and rumors	••••	Informational
badger football tickets	••••	Transactional
wisconsin basketball	••••	0 0
badgers game score	••••	Navigational
wisconsin badger game	••••	Navigational
american badger size	••••	Informational
wisconsin badger game today	••••	Transactional

SEARCH INTENT COMING TO NEW-UI STAT

