

THE PERIODIC TABLE OF SEO SUCCESS FACTORS

Search engine optimization — SEO — seems like alchemy to the uninitiated. But there's a science to it. Below are some important "ranking factors" and best practices that can lead to success with both search engines and searchers.

ON-THE-PAGE SEO

OFF-THE-PAGE SEO

CONTENT		ARCHITECTURE		HTML		TRUST		LINKS		PERSONAL		SOCIAL	
Cq ⁺³ Quality	Ac ⁺³ Crawl	Ht ⁺³ Titles	Ta ⁺³ Authority	Lq ⁺³ Quality	Pc ⁺³ Country	Sr ⁺² Reputation							
Cr ⁺³ Research	Ad ⁺² Duplicate	Hd ⁺² Description	Te ⁺² Engage	Lt ⁺² Text	Pl ⁺³ Locality	Ss ⁺¹ Shares							
Cw ⁺² Words	Am ⁺² Mobile	Hs ⁺² Structure	Th ⁺² History	Ln ⁺¹ Numbers	Ph ⁺³ History								
Cf ⁺² Fresh	As ⁺¹ Speed	Hh ⁺¹ Headers	Ti ⁺¹ Identity	Vp ⁻³ Paid	Ps ⁺² Social								
Cv ⁺² Vertical	Au ⁺¹ URLs	Vs ⁻² Stuffing	Vd ⁻¹ Piracy	VI ⁻³ Spam									
Ca ⁺¹ Answers	Ah ⁺¹ HTTPS	Vh ⁻¹ Hidden	Va ⁻¹ Ads										
Vt ⁻² Thin	Vc ⁻³ Cloaking												

FACTORS WORK TOGETHER

All factors on the table are important, but those marked 3 carry more weight than 1 or 2. No single factor guarantees top rankings or success, but having several favorable ones increases the odds. Negative "violation" factors shown in red harm your chances.