## Building Links Stinks!

## How To Build a Culture of Link Building

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# Link Building 2011 It's Complex!



Ultimate Backlinks Service - 1,000 + Links!

#### Niche Backlinks Service

Every site needs its share of backlinks. Google rankings rely heavily on the number of backlinks that a site has within its index. Their are many factors that go into the value of a backlink but its best to have a significant number of backlinks relevant to your niche.

This is a blog commenting service where you'll receive backlinks within the comments of blogs that are related to your niche. All comments are top quality and relevant to the niche-related blogs.

1,000 links - \$25 2,000 links - \$49

5,000 links - \$79



Google webmaster tools





It's Time Consuming!





It Can Be Expensive!





## Create a Link Building Culture

### Data-Driven Internet Marketing

Know who is searching for your brand. Which message speaks to them. How they connect with you. What persuades them to action.

Data-driven marketing provides the power. The power to understand. We drive an engaged audience to your online presence. We uncover what really matters. To them. And, to your bottom line.

Understand.

Brands We Work With













Google – The Game-Changer

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### Google's mission:

To organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful.

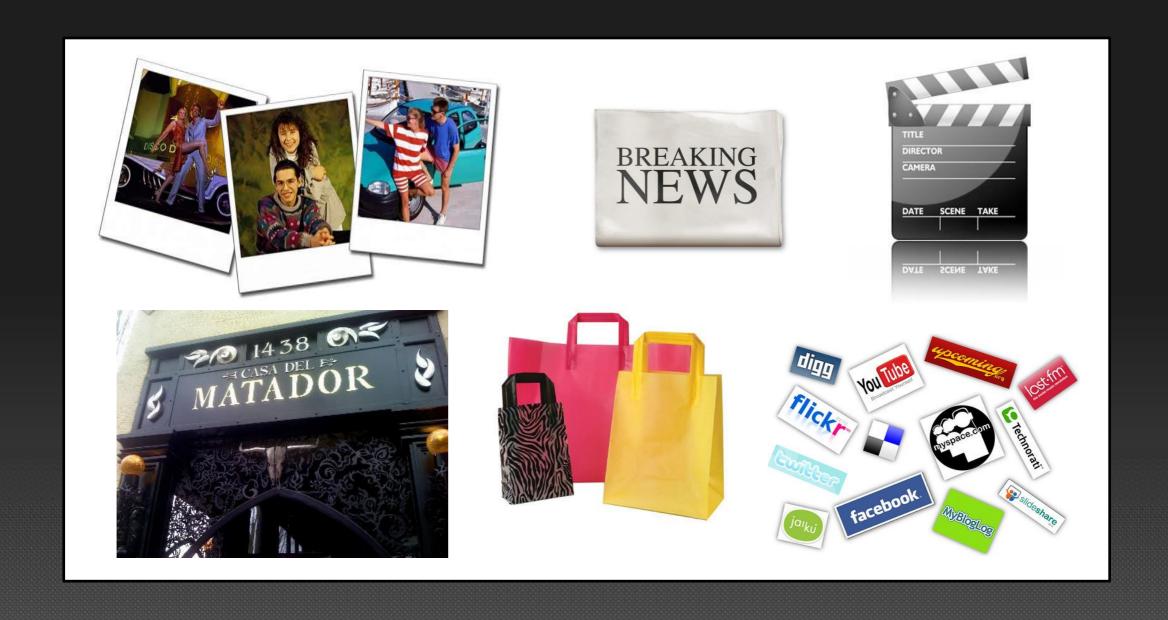


How to get Coveted Leads

Targeted Keyword Research, Universal Search, Social Graphs, Instant Search, Real-Time Search Keyword Research, On-Page Optimization, Site-Wide Considerations, Alternative Optimization For Images & Videos, Local Optimization, Local Partnerships, Off-Page Optimization Through Link Building, Off-Page Optimization Through Reviews, Micro Formats, Custom Reporting, Paid Search Placement Options, Advanced PPC Bidding, Customized Ad Copy & Creative, PPC & SEO Landing Page Optimization, Smart Budget Allocation, Real-Time Social Media Interactions, Strategic Thinking & Positioning.



### **Universal Search Elements**





# Link Building 2011 Social Graphs

1998

Links from Hobbyist & Niche Sites

2003

Links from Blogs & Forum Sites

2009

Links from Twitter & Facebook Updates

2001

Links from Big Brand & Media Sites

2006

Links from Social News Sites 2011

Links & Data from Location Based Sites

### Important "Graphs" To Watch

- ✓ Social Media Twitter / Facebook
  - TrustRank & Real Time Search
    - Niche Link Information



### **Embrace Link Building**

- Get Your PR Team Involved
- Educate Your Sales Team About SEO
- Teach Staff to Look For Opportunities
- Utilize Company Assets
- Bring Educational Tools Into The Forefront
- Raid Your Customer Service Department
- Track Link Building Activity



### Caution! (Paid/Sponsored Links)

#### The Good

- Great for mid/long tail keywords
- Evens the playing field
- Ability to rank for competitive keywords
- Advertise in places normally unavailable
- Advertorial opportunities

#### The Bad

- Performance = Monthly/Yearly Fees
- Against Google's Webmaster Guidelines
- Can put your entire site at risk of penalty

The Ugly...Matt Cutts: How To Report Paid Links



# Link Building 2011 Involve Your PR Team

- Fresh, Unique, Trusted Content Ranks Well
- Articles Should be well Organized
- Treat Articles as "Information Hubs"
- Distribute For Online Vs. Offline Inclusion

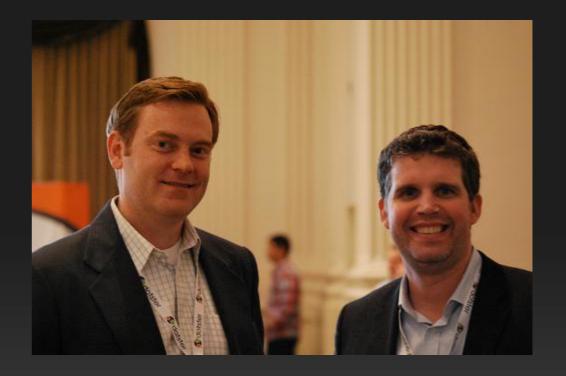
#### Give Press Releases an "SEO Review"

- Does the release contain deep links?
- Does the release target long-tail keywords?
- Did you create 2 versions of the press release
  - Traditional Press
  - Bloggers, Social Media Channel



# Link Building 2011 Educate Your Sales Team

- Speaking Engagements
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Potential Industry Trade Partnerships



#### Search Position = Sales Proposition

If your company's website ranks well for keywords, this may give your sales team a unique sales proposition.

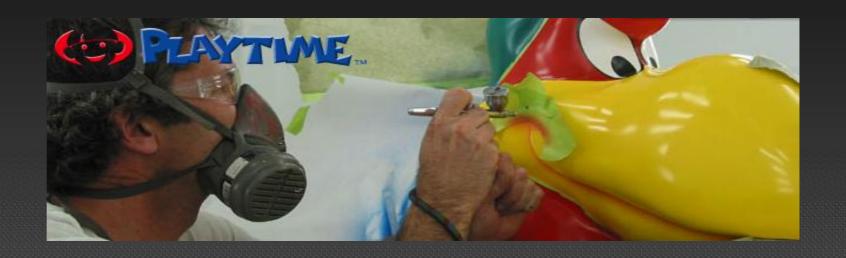


## Teach Staff to Look for Opportunities

- Local Search
- Social Media
- Industry Blogs, Technical Blogs/Websites

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- Design Process
- Manufacturing Process
- Safety Issues





# Link Building 2011 Utilize Company Assets

- Interesting Videos about Your Product/Service
- Turn Written Content Into Infographics

#### **Employees Know Your Business**

Let them write!

- Hotel Concierge
- Hotel Event Planners
- Hotel Chef & Sommelier





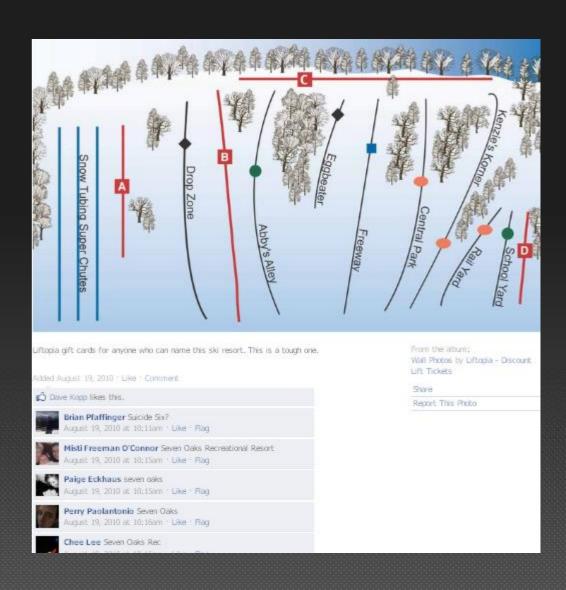
# Link Building 2011 Emphasize Educational Tools

#### Great Content = Great Links!

- E-Commerce: Sizing Charts / Color Charts
- Law Firm: Case Studies, Case Briefs, Analysis
- Any Company: Bi-Weekly Video Series

### Liftopia.com

- Facebook contest to guess the ski run
- 20+ Responses for each Run posted



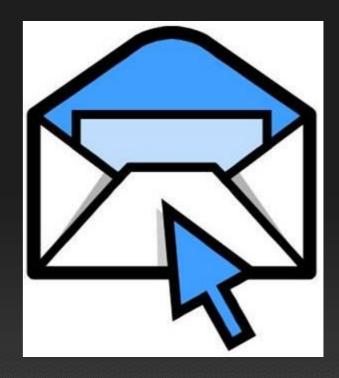


# Link Building 2011 Raid Your Customer Service Dept.

#### Content Is Created Daily By Your Company

- Who Responds to Client Questions?
- What Questions Does Sales Answer?
- Facebook & Twitter Questions/Comments
- LinkedIn & other Q/A Sites
- Set up Google Alerts to find bloggers discussing your product, then respond directly on your company's blog with a link to the blogger.

GM's Fastlane blog generated \$240,000 worth of free publicity for the company by having the blog featured by the press. – *Groundswell* 

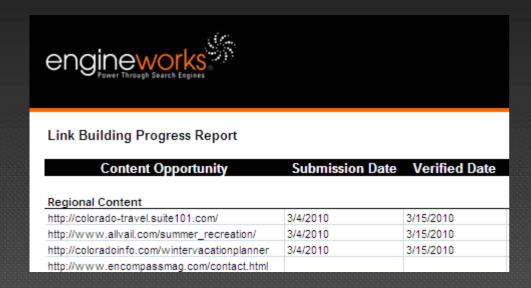




# Link Building 2011 Track Link Building Activity

#### Plan, Track, Refine.

- Make your list of employees that can influence your link building strategies.
- Distribute a company-wide strategy document outlining action Items.
- Determine which links gained over time are most beneficial by monitoring the associated pages and keyword rankings.



#### Build a Spreadsheet to track your progress:

- Match your opportunities to content.
- Build a 'hit list' of current links to refine.
- Give employees a role in the process



# Link Building 2011 Thank You!



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