

# Search engine optimization



## Background

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The leading search engines, such as [Google](#), [Bing](#) and [Yahoo!](#), use programs called [crawlers](#) to find pages for their algorithmic search results. Google offers [Google Search Console](#), for which an XML [Sitemap](#) feed can be created and submitted for free to ensure that all pages are found.

[Search engine](#) crawlers may look at a number of different factors when [crawling](#) a site. Not every page is indexed by the search engines. Distance of pages from the root directory of a site may also be a factor in whether or not pages get crawled

Today, most people are searching on Google using a mobile device. In November 2016, Google announced a major change to the way crawling websites and started to make their index mobile-first, which means the mobile version of your website becomes the starting point for what Google includes in their index.

## Your Question

**Are search engine optimization programs are worth spending money on?**

You do not need to spend money on SEO, if you are willing to do some work. However spending money for SEO registration will be more effective (complete)

than “Do-It-Yourself”.

*You can cut your hair or change car oil at home but most people elect to pay a professional.*

I recommend that you pay for professional SEO registration. I offer SEO services as part of my web design service so if you are already using a web design professional SEO may be included.

You can help search engines by

- Add search terms to meta-data
- Added captions and Alt-text Attributes to Images
  - Search engines aren't able to fully interpret the content of images without textual support. That's why using Alt text to describe your images is important: it allows search engines to understand the image content.
  - *Adding Captions and alt-text to images* is a major step toward making a website vision impaired accessible.