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Overview: What is Search Engine Marketing?

- Search Engine Optimization (SE0) is the process of improving volume or quality of traffic to web site from search engines via "natural" or un-paid ("organic" or "algorithmic") search results.
- Pay Per Click (PPC), is a form of Internet Marketing that seeks to promote websites by increasing their visibility in search engine result pages (SERPs) through the use of paid placement advertising
- Search Engine Marketing (SEM) is the combination of both



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93% of online experience begin with a search engine

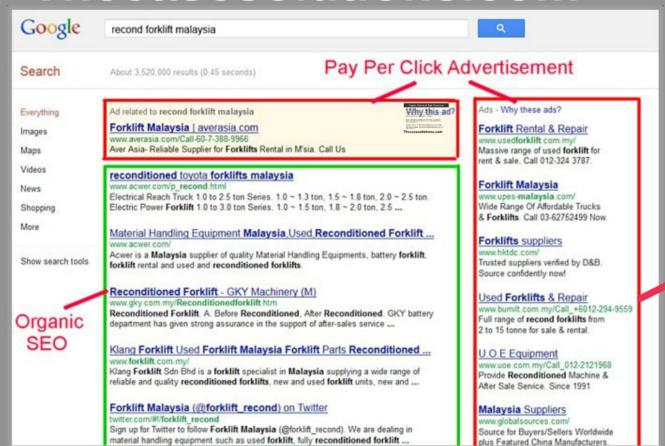
North America Search Engine Market Share:

Google - 63% Bing (formerly MSN) - 20% Yahoo - 12%

3.5 billion searches per day on Google alone

Organic Results vs. Paid Placement

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Organic Results & Paid Placement

- SEO and Paid Placement are completentary strategies.
- Utilizing both strategies increases density of listings on search results pages
- As optimization improves organic search rankings, then the cost per click on branded keywords can be reduced on the paid side
- SEO is a long term strategy, whereas paid placement campaigns will produce more immediate, measurable results through monitoring key performance indicators
- Though SEO can drive qualified traffic through the major search engines'
 main pages (Google.com, Yahoo.com, and Bing.com), paid placement has a
 much greater reach when you take into account the extended search and
 content networks

Best Practices for Organic SEO

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Keyword rich page titles and descriptions



Have crawlable text on each service page



Utilize HTML text whenever possible



Press release strategy



Source links from local sites and other relevant sites



 Make sure info across web is up to date and verified. Google Maps, My Business, Facebook, Etc

Best Practice Example: Avoid Lack of Descriptive Keywords





Best Practice Example: Avoid Overuse of Graphics and Flash

