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01 Read

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02 Apply

Follow five evidence-based chapters and six implementation worksheets.

03 Review

Document decisions and compare outcomes using a stable baseline.

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Find the competitors for each search task

Competitive SEO analysis starts with the pages visible for the questions your customers ask. Your business competitors and your search competitors may differ. A marketplace, a publisher or a local directory can compete for attention even when it does not sell the same service. Group queries by the task behind them and record which page formats appear repeatedly. Keep country, language and device consistent when comparing results.

Do not create one competitor list for every service. A company may be strong for definitions and weak for purchase comparisons, or visible nationally but less relevant in a city-specific result. Record the query group, the competing URL and the reason that page appears useful to the searcher. This creates an evidence base for an editorial decision rather than a list of domains to copy.

Separate replicable strengths from historical advantages

Review how a competing page explains the subject, supports its claims and helps the reader make a decision. Look for useful examples, original evidence, clear comparison criteria and accessible navigation. These are different from historical advantages such as long-standing brand recognition or a large archive of references. A young website cannot reproduce those historical signals simply by matching a page's headings or word count.

Record what you can improve directly and what requires longer-term work. A missing implementation example can be addressed in a draft; a lack of recognized expertise may require subject review, original research and sustained distribution. Avoid using a third-party authority score as the sole explanation for a ranking. Its relationship to a search engine's evaluation is indirect and should not replace page-level analysis.

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Compare intent and information architecture

Map the purpose of your target page against the purpose of the pages appearing in the results. If searchers want a practical comparison, a short service pitch may leave their main question unanswered. If local options dominate, a generic national article may have a different role. Examine whether important supporting questions belong on the same page or in a distinct guide with a clear internal link.

Check your existing content inventory before proposing new URLs. Several near-identical pages can make ownership of the topic unclear. Differentiate useful pages by audience and task, and consolidate only when the evidence supports it. Internal links should explain relationships in normal language rather than force the same exact-match anchor into every page.

Turn observations into bounded experiments

Write each opportunity as a testable change: the page, the missing decision support, the intended reader benefit and the method of review. Prioritize high-value gaps with strong evidence and reasonable implementation effort. Keep technical accessibility in the plan; a strong answer is difficult to evaluate if the intended URL is blocked, miscanonicalized or hard to discover. Assign one owner to each change and preserve the initial page state.

Use competitor pages to identify missing decisions rather than to reproduce their wording. An original example based on your own process is more useful than a paraphrase of a rival's checklist. Ask a reviewer to verify factual claims and explain where conclusions rely on inference. Make the next action concrete enough that another editor could implement it without repeating the entire research process.

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Measure the effect without claiming certainty

Track the affected page and query group against a consistent baseline. Review impressions, clicks, selected landing pages and useful business outcomes where available. Competitors may publish or change offers while your work is in progress, so annotate external developments as well as your own releases. A before-and-after change is an observation; it does not prove that one edit caused the difference.

At the next review, identify which hypothesis gained support and which did not. Keep the roadmap open to revision when the result set changes or the original assumption proves weak. Competitive analysis should leave the team with a clearer audience model, a differentiated page and a defensible next decision, rather than a large backlog of copied features.

Implementation review checklist

- Preserve the original source and observation dates.
- Define one useful reader task or testable question.
- Assign an owner and a clear completion criterion.
- Verify the implementation before interpreting performance.
- Record outcomes, uncertainty and the next action.

Measurement and review

Signal	Interpretation	Next review
Impressions	Recorded exposure for the selected report scope	Compare the same query and page groups
Clicks	Recorded visits initiated from search results	Review result context and destination usefulness
CTR	Clicks divided by impressions	Inspect intent and result-layout changes
Average position	An aggregate across recorded impressions	Avoid treating a sitewide average as one fixed rank

Impressions

The number of times a result was shown in the selected Search Console report.

Clicks

The clicks recorded for results in the same Search Console report scope.

Visual implementation workbook

Competitive seo analysis: baseline capture

Scope: Record the property, intent group, audience and target market. Window: Choose comparable dates and preserve the observation method. Export: Keep the original evidence before making changes.

Competitive seo analysis: evidence register

Observation: Write what the source or test actually shows. Hypothesis: Keep a possible explanation separate from a fact. Next test: State which finding would support or reject the explanation.

Competitive seo analysis: priority and ownership

Value: Focus on useful customer journeys and important pages. Confidence: Fix demonstrated issues before speculative refinements. Responsibility: Assign an owner and a clear completion criterion.

Competitive seo analysis: controlled release

Preserve: Retain the original content and technical configuration. Change: Make a bounded update that can be checked independently. Recover: Document the rollback path before deployment.

Competitive seo analysis: monitoring record

Date: Record release dates and observation dates separately. Cohort: Compare the same pages, queries, locations and devices. Context: Annotate demand changes and other concurrent releases.

Competitive seo analysis: outcome review

Verify: Confirm that the intended implementation is present. Evaluate: Compare outcomes against the preserved baseline. Decide: Keep, refine or reverse the change using the evidence.

Frequently asked questions

What is the first step for competitive seo analysis?

Competitive SEO analysis starts with the pages visible for the questions your customers ask.

Should every keyword have a separate page?

No. Group variations that serve the same reader task. Create a new URL when the audience or purpose is meaningfully different.

Which evidence should I preserve?

Keep the original exports, observation dates, affected URLs, implementation log and review decision.

How do I judge an improvement?

Use a consistent baseline and page/query cohort, then distinguish completed implementation from observed search outcomes.

Does this guarantee a ranking position?

No. Use accountable work, accurate reporting and useful page content as the basis for decisions.

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[Request image reuse permission](#)

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Contact and next steps

Preserve the baseline, identify the affected pages and share the specific question before requesting a review.

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