



01

Why Are We Here?

To get much better at a critically overlooked area!

02

My Background

A rare Internet generalist

03

What to Expect

Practical insights you can build on



01

02

03

04

What is Conversion Optimization

Critical Elements

Practical Examples

Q&A



What is Conversion Optimization?

Conversion Optimization is the process of getting a visitor from one step to the next.

This might include:

- Adding to cart
- Signing up for a newsletter
- Clicking a button to sign up for a free demo
- Filling out a contact form
- Any action that you want someone to take!

It's not a new concept, just a new name – every time you go to the grocery store you see conversion optimization in action!

Do I Need To Worry About It?

If your business comes mostly from networking & referrals, it may be enough that your site represents you well and has clear contact info.

If you are leveraging advertising, SEO, Social Media or any kind of traffic-generating activity sending "new" visitors to your site you can't afford not to pay attention to it!

Why is Online Conversion Optimization So Important?

Offline, we do a great job responding to direct customer feedback, adapting and improving.

This natural process doesn't happen online so we need to learn best practices and do experimentation.

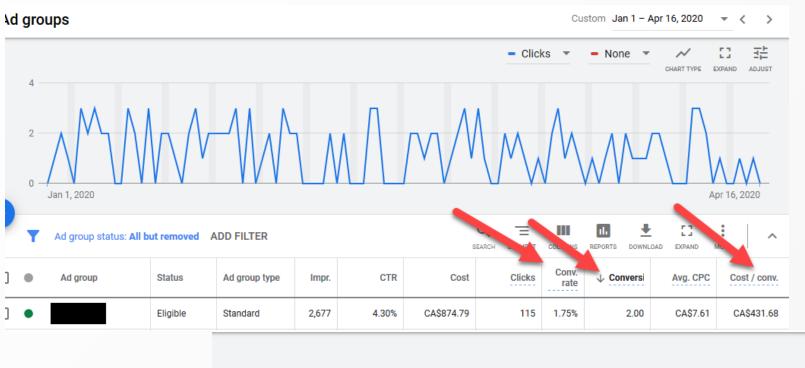
It's not uncommon to double or triple your conversion rates with conversion optimization.

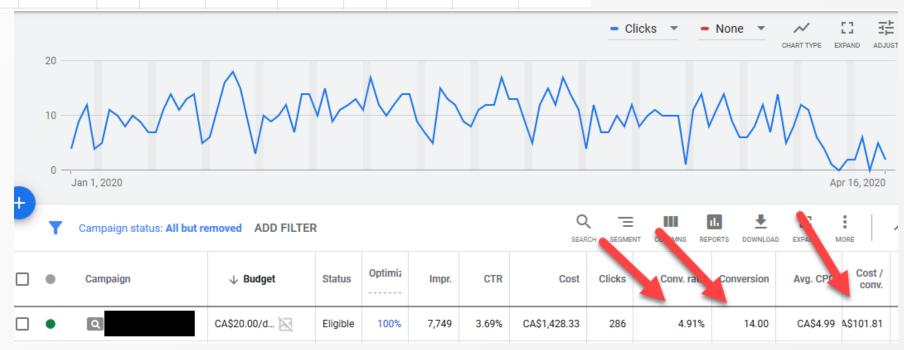
In short, it affects every other piece of marketing you do but often gets overlooked!

Challenges

Larger companies suffer from multiple conflicting priorities.

Small companies have the advantage of being nimble but often don't have enough traffic for A/B testing.





Getting Started

- 1) Learn the best practices
- 2) Find great examples in your industry to learn from
- 3) Get to work!

Any questions so far?



5 Critical Elements

- 1) Know your audience(s) & their needs/motivations
- 2) Build trust & familiarity
- 3) Prioritize your content & remove distractions
- 4) Write benefit-driven, "skimmable," visitor-focused copy
- 5) Have a clear, relevant and compelling call to action

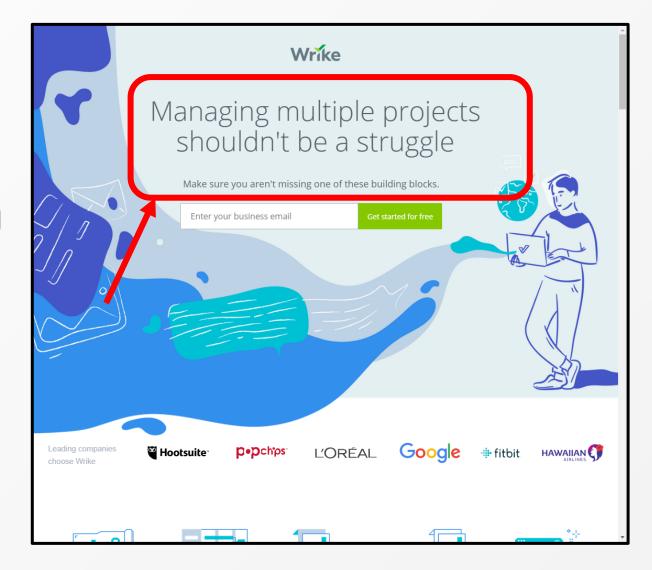
We'll use a landing page example but these principles apply to any page on your site...

Know Your Audience

Demographics are important, but more importantly, what are they seeking or struggling with?

What will they respond to (it's not necessarily what you want them to)?

What would stop them from taking action?

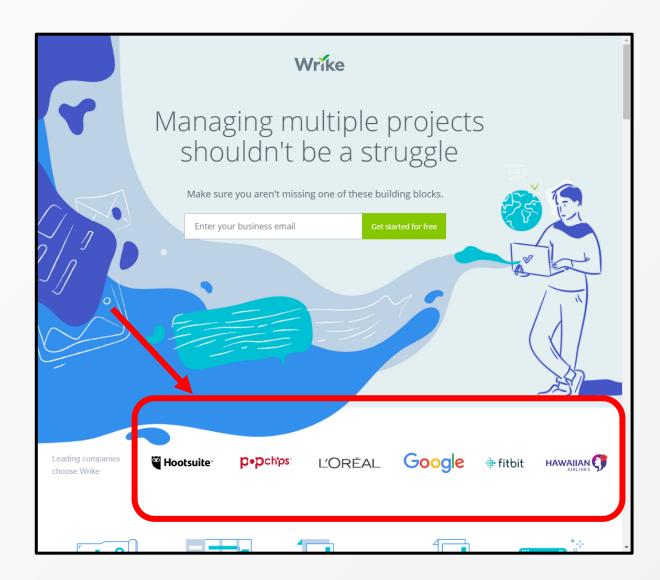


Build Trust & Familiarity

Branding, social proof, credibility indicators, imagery & photos...

NOTE: level of trust required is directly related to the commitment you're asking for.

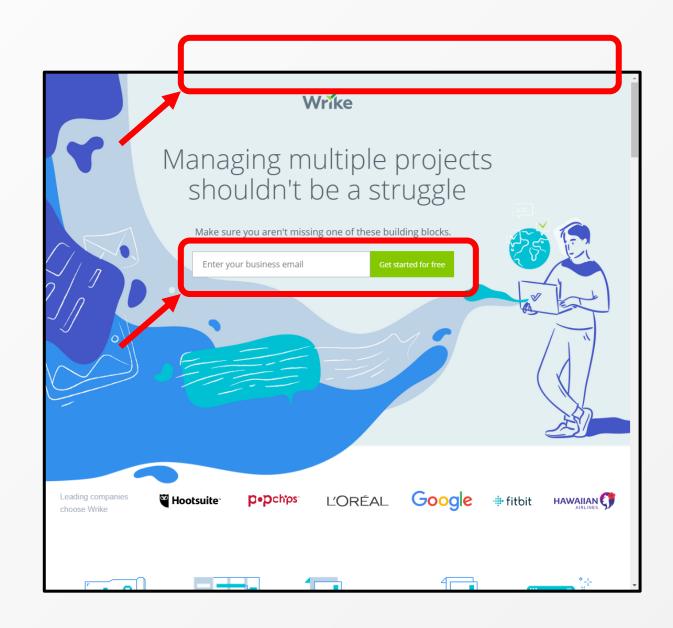
Familiarity is a bit more challenging...



Prioritization and Removal of Distractions

Limited navigation/options

Ideally, one single call to action (the one "best" thing they can do)

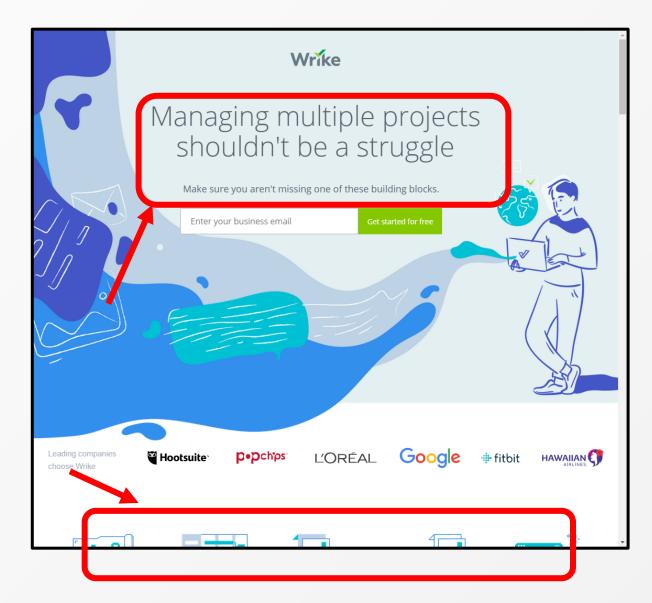


Benefit-Driven, Skimmable, Compelling Copy

Focus on the visitor

If you know their biggest pain point, ask it as a question

Long copy is okay for those who want to scroll, but include all the critical benefits and call to action "above the fold"



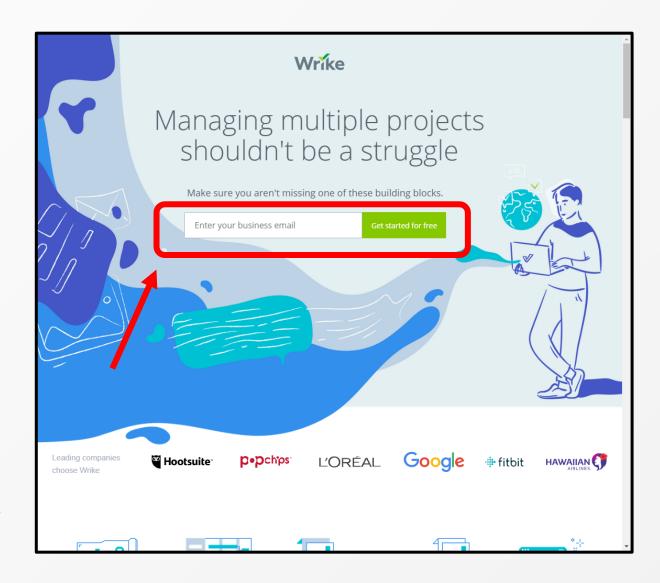
Clear and Relevant Call to Action with Compelling Offer

Don't make too big an "ask"

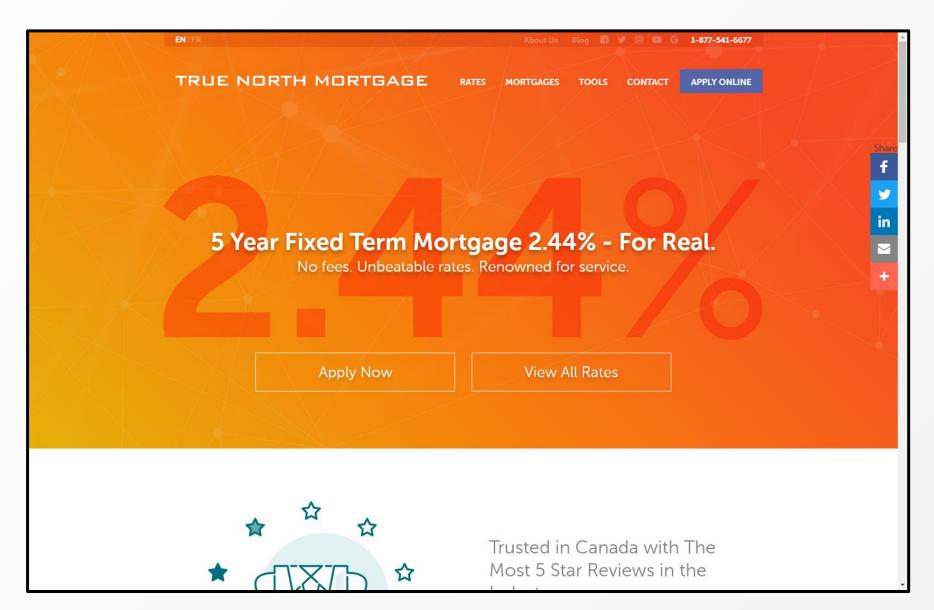
Keep forms short or break them into stages

Provide context and make it compelling

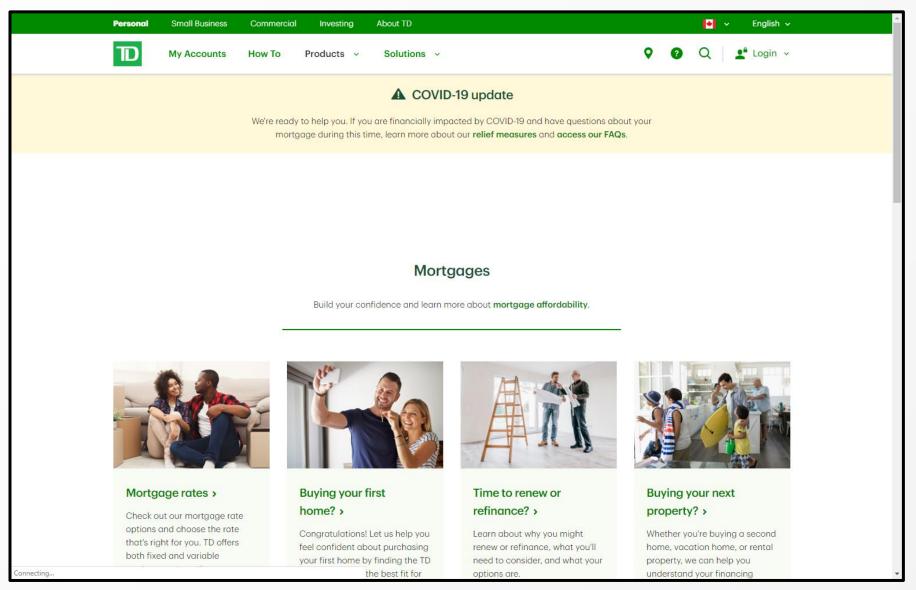
Remove all the reasons to say "no"



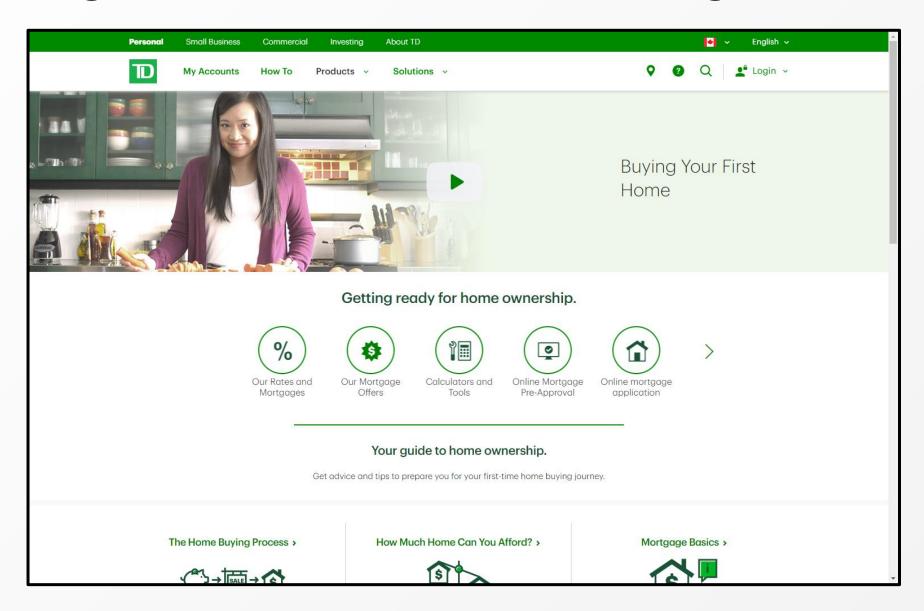
Optimized Page



Not So Optimized Page



And Many More Choices (without any benefits)



Questions on Critical Elements?



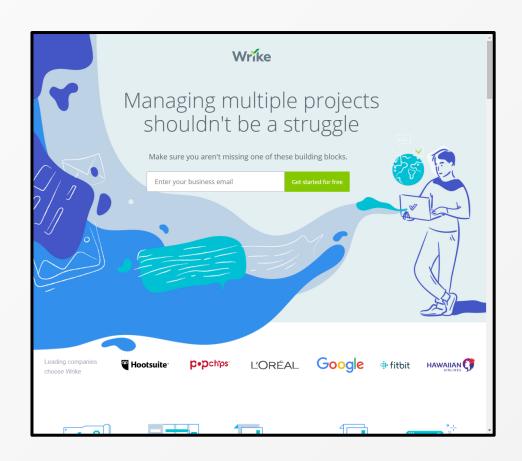
So What is a Landing Page?

A standalone page used for advertising or promotion

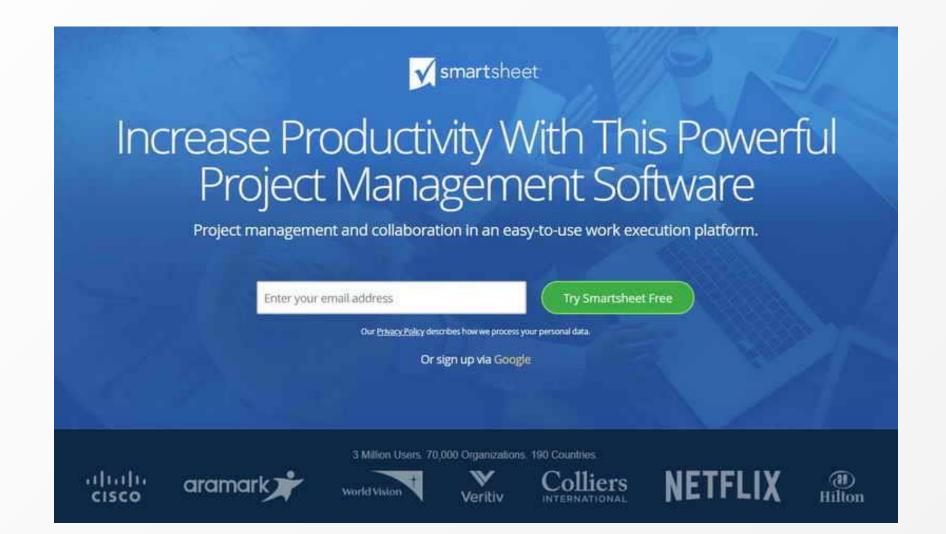
You can test multiple versions of your page without confusing your visitors (or Google)

With ads you know exactly who you are targeting so you can build a page to match (and multiple versions for similar audiences)

Generally a super-streamlined funnel.



Example – Can We Spot the 5 Elements?





Conversion Review: Multi-Step Process

Go the very start of the process (Google Search?) and walk through every step to reach the successful completion.

Capture screen shots at every step and take notes about any challenges, opportunities or potential improvements...

Example: Ecommerce (discretionary purchase)

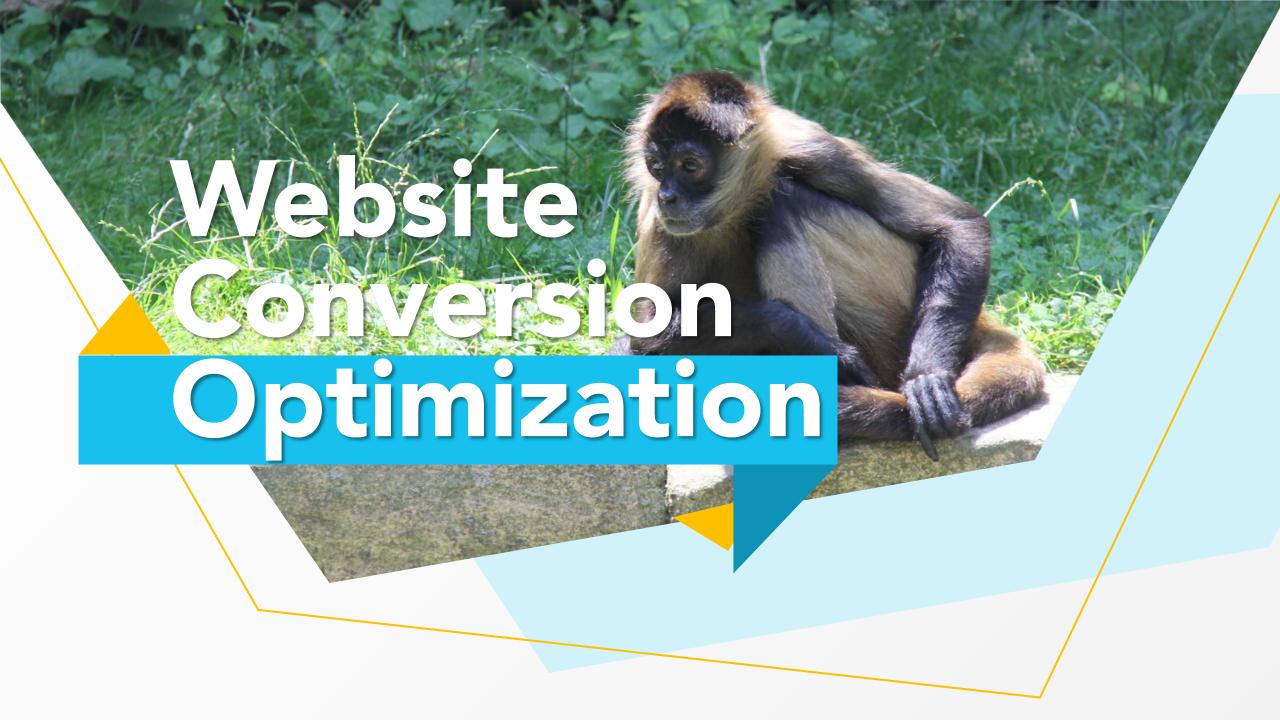
- Google Search or ad
- (maybe) land on home page
- Navigate to product page
- Ideally, review page & decide to purchase
- Add to Cart
- Shipping info
- Purchase click
- Confirmation page
- Confirmation email
- Shipped email.

Example: Trial Software Download

- Search Result
- Landing Page
- Call(s) to Action
- Registration Form
- Unlock Email
- Download Process
- Install Process
- Activation
- User Instructions
- Conversion Emails
- End of Trial Email

Ideally, you'll measure, test and optimize conversion rates for each step in the process.

A 10% improvement to each of these steps would result in a 200%+ improvement to results!



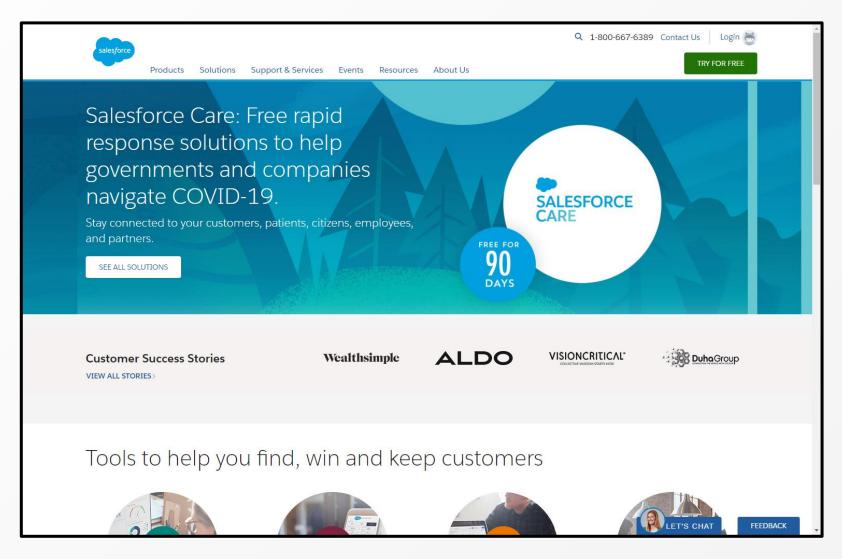
Quick Steps to Website Conversion Optimization

- 1) Prioritize your pages (Google Analytics can help here)
- 2) Starting with your most important pages, identify:
 - who will be coming to each page?
 - what is their most logical next step from each page?
- 3) Implement the 5 critical elements as appropriate!

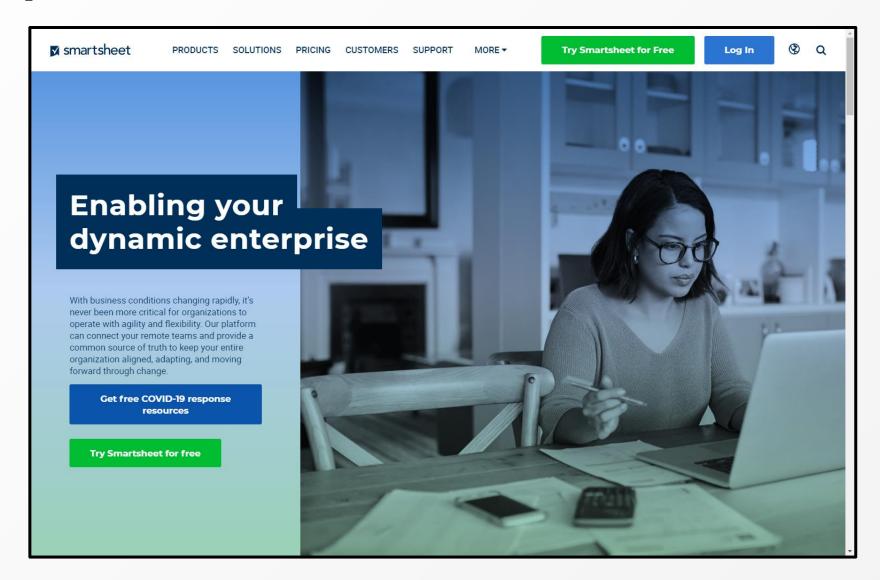
Notes on Home Page Optimization

- 1) Less is usually more on a single screen
- 2) Prioritize visitors' next steps before designing the page
- 3) Make size and placement match priorities
- 4) Rethink use of sliders (can be great for brand but bad for conversion)
- 5) Top priorities should NOT need use of top nav.

Example: Salesforce



Example: smartsheet



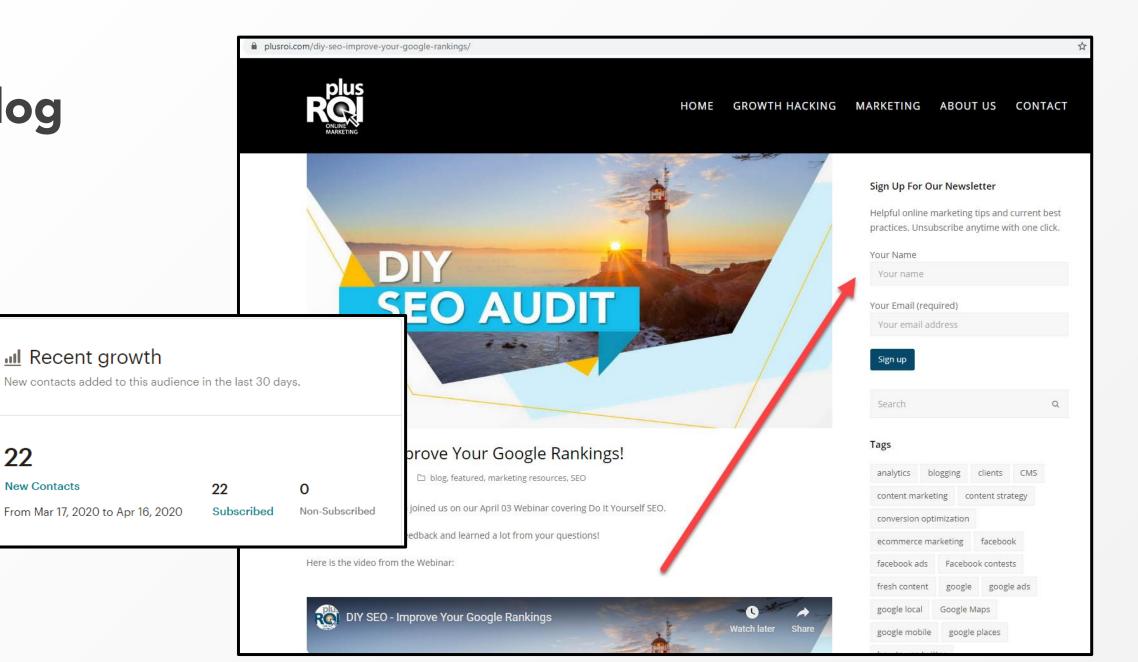
Blog

22

New Contacts

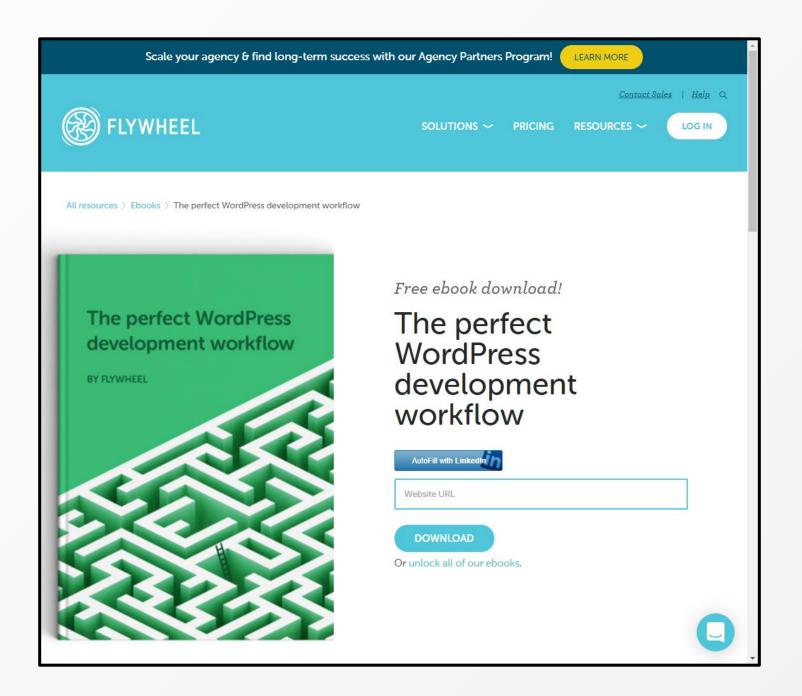
III Recent growth

From Mar 17, 2020 to Apr 16, 2020



Inbound Marketing Pages

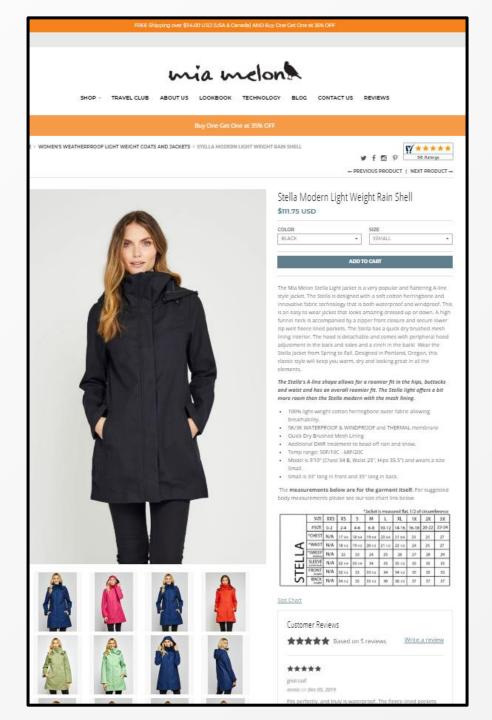
Ensure your landing pages, forms AND follow-up is optimized!



Ecommerce Product Pages

Currency, options, shipping & return policies.

Have them all readily available so folks don't need to leave the page!



Examples

https://viridianenergy.ca/

https://flathaus.com/

https://edwardstechnicalwriting.com/

https://2iiinc.com/

On to Q&A, but...





Performance-focused, multi-channel digital marketing agency

Custom Engagements including:

- Strategy
- Online Advertising
- Search Engine Optimization
- Web Development
- Email Marketing
- Blogging & Content Strategies



Streamlined industryleading advertising services

Serving professionals in legal, healthcare, automotive & retail.

Offering cost-effective packages for:

- Google, Facebook & Instagram ads
- Simple but effective websites

Rob@PlusROI.com or connect on Linkedin!

(I don't bite)

