Make Your Website Work for You

It’s more important than ever to have a professional website. A website can promote products and services, create brand visibility, drive online customers to your store, and build strong connections with your audience.

- Responsive design
- Organized content
- Simple payment process
- Personalization

A website should be goal-oriented, search-friendly, convenient, organized, and trustworthy.

- SSL certificate
- Secure payments
- Ratings and reviews
- Contact information
Five Characteristics of a Great Website

Goal-Oriented  A site should support business goals. SMART goals are: specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound.

Search-friendly  Your site can be found when people search. Create a site that loads quickly and shares useful, relevant content.

Convenient  Consumers want ease and convenience, on all devices. Use a responsive design with a simple checkout process.

Organized  It should be easy for customers to find what they are looking for. Make a plan to organize your website.

Trustworthy  Your site should inspire trust and protect customer data. Build trust with ratings, reviews, and contact info.

Additional resources from Grow with Google

Google Career Certificates  Prepare for a new career in six months or less with professional training designed by Google. Learn at your own pace and get a certificate to help you stand out to employers.

grow.google/certificates

YouTube Channel  Subscribe to the Grow with Google YouTube Channel for expert tips to grow your skills, career, or business.

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Map a SMART Goal

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My first website improvement will be:


For additional resources check out google.com/grow
Elevate Your Website with Google Tools

There are many no-cost Google tools that can help you build, grow, and maintain a professional website that helps you meet your business goals.

**Google Analytics**
View reports that help you understand visitor behavior and evaluate the performance of your site or app. [g.co/analytics](http://g.co/analytics)

**Google Optimize**
Run tests on your website’s content to learn what works best, including A/B, multivariate, and redirect tests. [g.co/optimize](http://g.co/optimize)

**Google Search Console**
Monitor your website’s traffic and performance in Google Search and fix issues. [g.co/searchconsole](http://g.co/searchconsole)

**Mobile-Friendly Test**
Be sure your website looks good and performs well on mobile devices. [g.co/mobilefriendly](http://g.co/mobilefriendly)

**Google Trends**
Learn what words and phrases are popular on Google Search and create content that connects with searchers. [g.co/trends](http://g.co/trends)
Mobile-Friendly Test

1. Visit g.co/mobilefriendly
2. Enter the webpage URL you want to test.
3. Test results show how the page looks on a mobile device, and a list of potential mobile usability issues.
4. Link to Search Console so that you can view additional reports.

Google Trends

1. Visit g.co/trends
2. Search for a keyword or topic.
3. Use filters to refine results, like geographical location, timeframe, category, and search type.
4. Compare the relative popularity of words and phrases and use this information to develop ideas for new content.

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