



Template: Content Planning Tool Implementation Checklist

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A practical checklist to help you evaluate and implement content planning tools for successful blogging.

Checklist Items:

- ☐ **1. Document Your Content Strategy**
Ensure you have a clear and documented content strategy or editorial brief to guide your planning efforts.
Reference Section: Why Content Planning Tools Matter
- ☐ **2. Gather Team Access**
Share access to your CMS and analytics tools, like GA4, with all relevant team members to facilitate collaboration.
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- ☐ **3. Centralize Idea Capture**
Create a centralized location (like a spreadsheet or a lightweight tool) to capture and manage content ideas.
Reference Section: Common pain points these tools solve
- ☐ **4. Select a Content Planning Tool**
Choose a content planning tool that meets your team's needs; consider features like an editable editorial calendar, SEO data, and integrations.
Reference Section: Core Features to Look For in a Planning Tool
- ☐ **5. Implement an Editorial Calendar**
Set up an editable editorial calendar that supports 'drag-and-drop' functionality to facilitate scheduling and conflict detection.
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- ☐ **6. Integrate SEO Signals**
Ensure the planning tool integrates built-in SEO data to assist with keyword selection and topic mapping.
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- ☐ **7. Establish Content Workflows**
Create reusable brief templates and define workflows for content creation, including stages such as Draft, Review, Approve, and Publish.
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☐ **8. Set Up Performance Tracking**

Utilize analytics and reporting features within your planning tool to track content performance and refine your strategy.

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☐ **9. Monitor and Iterate**

Regularly review performance metrics linked to publish dates to prioritize high-impact topics and iterate your content strategy.

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