



Template: Technical SEO Checklist for Content Optimization

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Based on Article: "The Role of Technical SEO in Your Content Optimization Strategy"

A practical checklist to implement technical SEO and enhance content visibility and performance.

Checklist Items:

- 1. Ensure Crawlability**
Check your robots.txt file to ensure it allows search engines to crawl important pages. Remove any accidental 'noindex' tags that might prevent indexing.
Reference Section: Site Architecture, Crawlability & Indexing
- 2. Optimize Site Indexing**
Use canonical tags to avoid duplicate content issues and ensure only preferred URLs are indexed. Regularly inspect your content in Google Search Console to identify indexing problems.
Reference Section: Core components explained
- 3. Improve Page Speed**
Optimize images, enable compression, and defer JavaScript to enhance loading performance. Aim for a loading time under 3 seconds for improved user experience.
Reference Section: Performance & Core Web Vitals
- 4. Enhance Site Architecture**
Organize content into topic clusters by adding hub pages and improving internal linking to boost authority flow and discoverability of high-value content.
Reference Section: Site Architecture, Crawlability & Indexing
- 5. Implement Structured Data**
Add schema markup to your pages to enhance SERP presentation and potentially gain rich results like FAQ snippets.
Reference Section: Core components explained
- 6. Audit XML Sitemap**
Submit a clean XML sitemap that includes only canonical URLs. Split larger sitemaps if necessary and update it when adding new content.
Reference Section: Sitemaps, Robots.txt and Crawl Budget
- 7. Optimize Robots.txt File**
Ensure your robots.txt file is properly configured to allow essential resources (like CSS and JS) to be crawled, and check for syntax errors.
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8. Monitor Core Web Vitals

Regularly check your Core Web Vitals scores, which influence both user experience and search rankings, using tools like Lighthouse or PageSpeed Insights.

Reference Section: Performance & Core Web Vitals

9. Conduct Regular Technical Audits

Integrate technical SEO audits into your editorial workflow to identify and resolve technical issues rapidly as part of your content strategy.

Reference Section: How technical SEO differs from on-page/content SEO