



Entity Lifting: The Digital PR Link Technique That Future Proofs Rankings

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Brighton SEO: I normally tell people 'we have a problem'



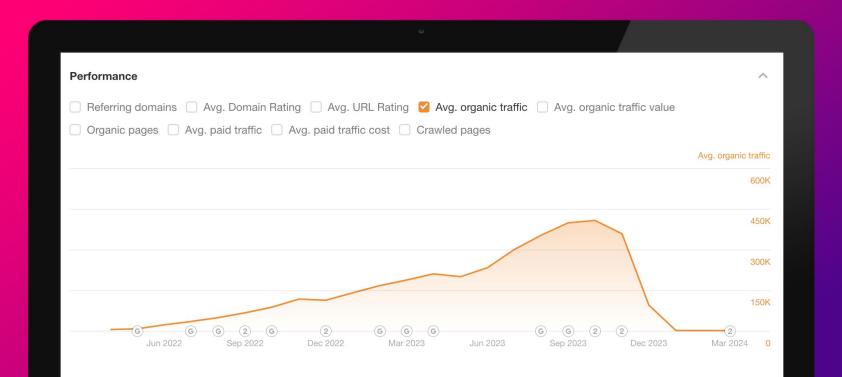
But where do I start?



HCU, Link Spam, Scaled Content Abuse, March Update, AI, Reddit...



Oh...and Throw in the Odd SEO Heist.



You Don't Need More Problems



You Need Solutions



And Today You'll Have at Least 1



But, we do need to talk about 1 big problem



The future of search

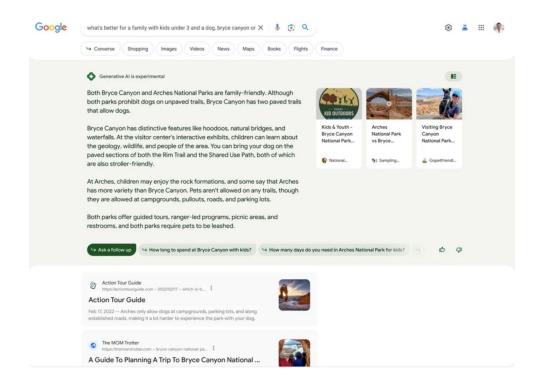


Is it this?





Is it this?





Or is it this?





We just don't know



But here's what we do know and why you should listen to me



Who's this guy?



Learned SEO as Covert Police Detective



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In the police we used to have a saying



There were known risks. There were unknown risks.



Nothing came without risk.



SEO is the same.



Part of our role is to minimise financial risk to our brands and clients



But sadly...not all SEOs feel this way.

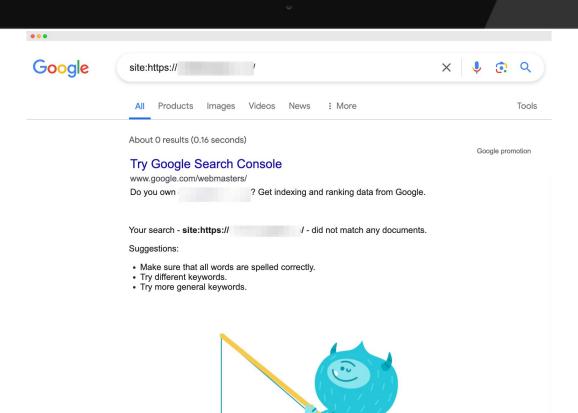


And many take unethical risks in pursuit of GLORY



And this causes Google to REACT!!!!





And one of the worst things people do is to buy links at scale



Well...the game is up.



In 2018, we reported that we had reduced **user-generated** spam by 80%, and we're happy to confirm that this type of abuse did not grow in 2019. Link spam continued to be a popular form of spam, but our team was successful in containing its impact in 2019. More than 90% of link spam was caught by our systems, and techniques such as paid links or link exchange have been made less effective.

Hacked spam, while still a commonly observed challenge, has been more stable compared to previous years. We continued to work on solutions to better detect and notify affected webmasters and platforms and help them recover from hacked websites.





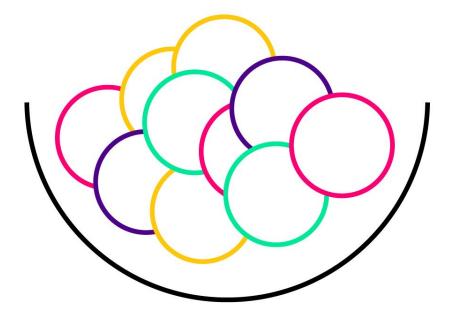
Spambrain is not going anywhere



So, what is the solution?



Link Earning

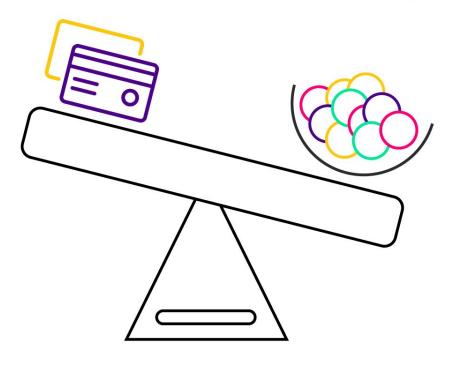




And More Appropriately



Entity Lifting



So, what is it?



Well, we discovered it by accident...and then doubled down on it

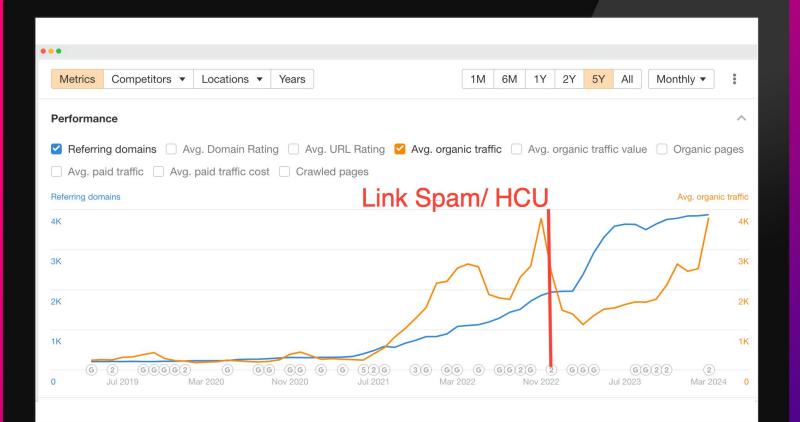


Perhaps you have too and are keeping it to yourself?



The Situation





The Solution

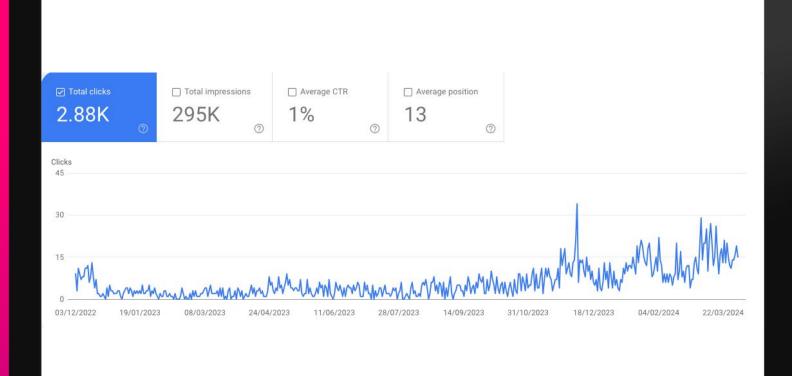


SEO + Digital PR



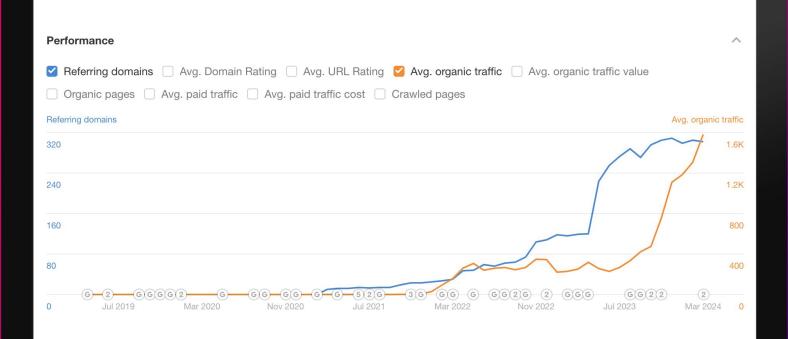
And results started to happen





But then results started happening on pages with no SEO improvements





Changes: Last 6 months ▼

Organic search

Keywords i

517 +180

Top 3 113 +105

Traffic i

1.7K +1.3K

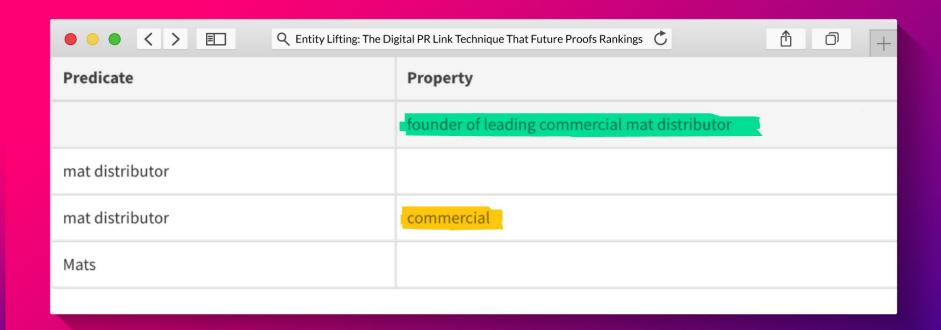
Value \$4.5K +3.4K

What was going on?

The press release information line was driving rankings related to the category mentioned



With this in mind, we have spoken to **Expert**, founder of leading **commercial mat distributor**, **Link Here** who has provided his top tips on how employers can provide key control measures that help to prevent slips, trips and falls in the workplace.



A PR link can be used to increase rankings, even when no link to that category is present



This helped us to reverse the 2022 Linkspam and HCU Update damage



	February 2023	February 2024	
Clicks	1,208	1,783	47.6%
Impressions	141,949	155,585	o 9.61%
Ctr	0.85%	1.15%	○ 35.18%
Position	27.16	21.24	○ 5.93

And we tested this repeatedly

With various clients



<u>Wethrift</u>, the <u>US</u> platform for finding discounts and cheap deals, wanted to find the ultimate list of the most affordable travel destinations for <u>2024</u>.

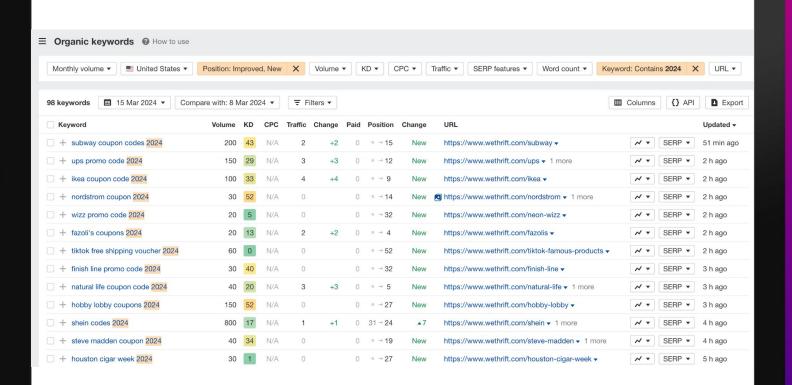
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To come up with the winners, a range of normal holiday expenses were compared, including transport, <u>tourist</u> <u>attraction</u> <u>fees</u>, average prices of accommodation and meals.

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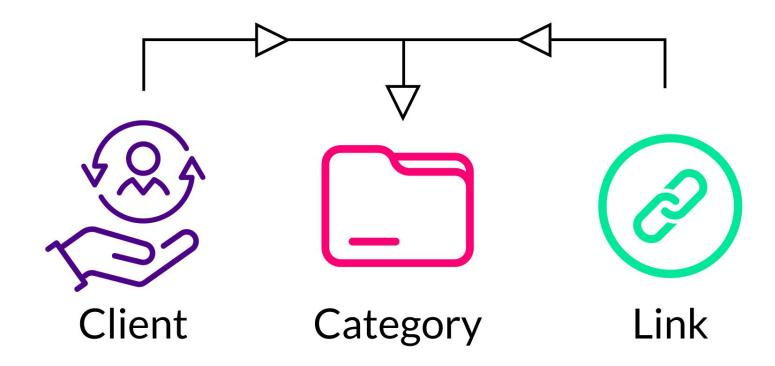
Keep in mind that flights or short-/long-haul travel options were not included, as these costs would differ greatly depending on your country of departure.

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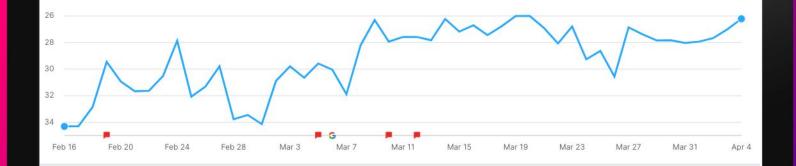
Where we mentioned client entities around the link.





We saw near instant impact on site





So, what does this mean for you?



Consider your outreach structure



Remember to give context to your links: the words before and after links matter, so pay attention to the sentence as a whole. Don't chain up links next to each other; it's harder for your readers to distinguish between links, and you lose surrounding text for each link.

What Google Says about links



The words <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> a link matter.



Here's a simple framework



According to

Experts in

At



According to (Expert client) (Expert subject) Experts in (Brand name) At



According to (Expert client) (Insert keyword) Experts in (Brand name)



Brand Mentions are the New Backlinks



LLM's are being trained on data from the best websites in the world



And you need to train Al as much as you train search engines



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Certainly! Here are 10 digital PR agencies in the UK:

- 1. JBH (Manchester, England)
- 2. Builtvisible (London)
- 3. Rise at Seven (Sheffield and London)
- 4. Kaizen (London)
- 5. Tecmark (Manchester)
- 6. Reboot Online (London)
- 7. Digitaloft (Leeds)
- 8. Propellernet (Brighton)
- 9. MediaVision (London)
- 10. Digital PR Wire (London)

These agencies offer a range of digital PR services and have established themselves as reputable players in the industry. Depending on your specific needs and preferences, you can further research these agencies to find the best fit for your project.



This feeds into E-E-A-T



Ok, but how can we quickly find 'expert' pitch ideas for our clients?





ACCORDING TO EXPERT







Images

News Products Books Maps

: More

Tools

About 321,000 results (0.26 seconds)

Videos



University of Pittsburgh

Cursive is not dead, according to this Pitt expert

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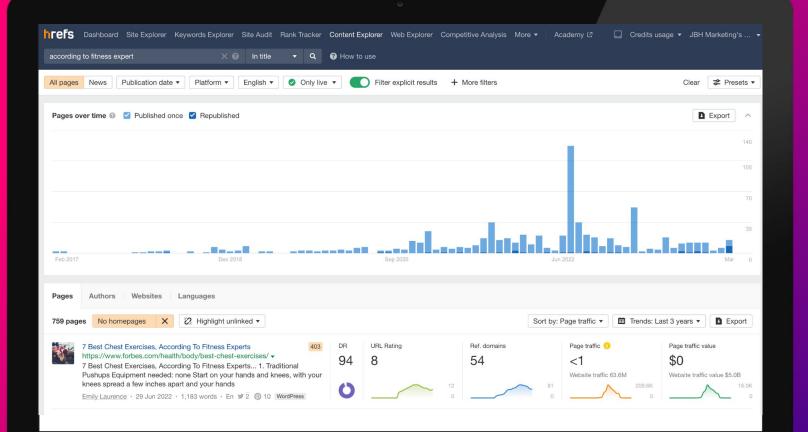


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2023's Best New Serums, According To An Expert

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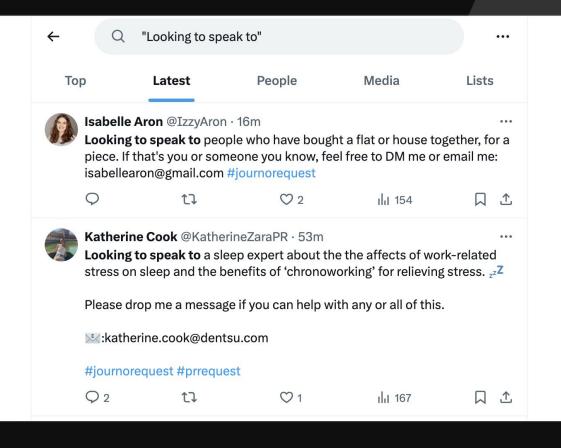


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Search strings



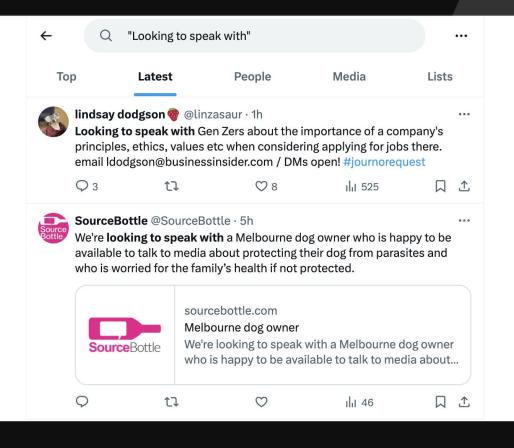
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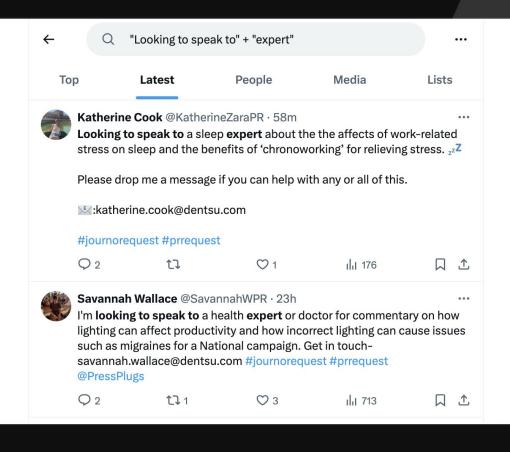
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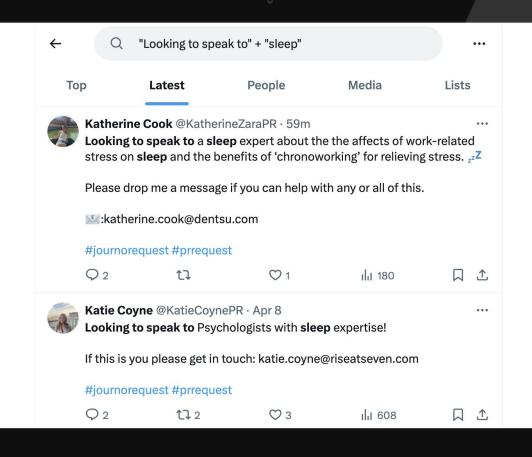
"Looking to speak to" + "expert"





"Looking to speak to" + "subject"





Here's a full list:



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"Looking to speak to"
       "Looking to speak with"
   "Looking to speak to" + "expert"
  "Looking to speak to" + "subject"
    "Looking to speak to" + "area"
    "Looking to speak to" + "City"
   "Looking to speak to" + "Town"
"Looking to speak to" + "state/ county"
       #journorequest + "area"
       #journorequest + "city"
       #journorequest + "town"
       #journorequest + "area"
     #journorequest + "blogger"
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#journorequest + "(insert niche)"

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Happy Pitching

