

# Site Audit 2017

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# **Site Audit: Issues**





# 10 issues with duplicate title tags

About this issue: SEMrushBot reports pages that have duplicate title tags only if they are exact matches. Duplicate <title> tags make it difficult for search engines to determine which of a website's pages is relevant for a specific search query, and which one should be prioritized in search results. Pages with duplicate titles have a lower chance of ranking well and are at risk of being banned. Moreover, identical <title> tags confuse users as to which webpage they should follow. How to fix: Provide a unique and concise title for each of your pages that contains your most important keywords.

# 5 pages have duplicate meta descriptions

About this issue: SEMrushBot reports pages that have duplicate meta descriptions only if they are exact matches. A <meta description> tag is a short summary of a webpage's content that helps search engines understand what the page is about and can be shown to users in search results. Duplicate meta descriptions on different pages mean a lost opportunity to use more relevant keywords. Also, duplicate meta descriptions make it difficult for search engines and users to differentiate between different webpages. It is better to have no meta description at all than to have a duplicate one. How to fix: Provide a unique, relevant meta description for each of your webpages.

#### 3 internal links are broken

About this issue: Broken internal links can cause a webpage to return an error status. This can occur due to an incorrect or malformed URL, or because the page the link is leading to is broken or no longer exists, etc. Multiple broken internal links may discourage users from visiting other pages of your website. Also, broken links prevent crawlers from indexing your site properly. As a result, your website rank may be downgraded. Please note that SEMrushBot may detect a working link as broken if your website blocks our crawler from accessing it. This may happen due to the following reasons: 1. DDoS protection system. 2. Overloaded or misconfigured server. 3. "Disallow" entries in your robots.txt. How to fix: Please follow all the links reported as broken. If a webpage returns an error, remove the link leading to the error page or replace it with another resource. If the links reported as broken do work when accessed with a browser, you may try either of the following: 1. Contact your web hosting support team. 2. Instruct search engine robots not to crawl your website too frequently by specifying the "crawl-delay" directive in your robots.txt.

#### 3 pages returned 4XX status codes

About this issue: A 4xx error means that a webpage cannot be accessed. This is usually the result of broken links. These errors prevent users and search engine robots from accessing your webpages, and can negatively affect both user experience and search engine crawlability. This will in turn lead to a drop in traffic driven to your website. Please be aware that SEMrushBot may detect a working link as broken if your website blocks our crawler from accessing it. This usually happens due to the following reasons: 1. DDoS protection system. 2. Overloaded or misconfigured server. 3. "Disallow" entries in your robots.txt. How to fix: Please follow all links reported as 4xx. If a webpage returns an error, remove the link leading to the error page or replace it with another resource. If the links reported as 4xx do work when accessed with a browser, you can try either of the following: 1. Contact your web hosting support team. 2. Instruct search engine robots not to crawl your website too frequently by specifying the "crawldelay" directive in your robots.txt 100

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# 2 pages have duplicate content issues

About this issue: Webpages are considered duplicate if they contain identical or nearly identical content. Excessive duplicate content may confuse search engines as to which page to index and which one to prioritize in search results. Using duplicated content across multiple pages may lead to traffic loss and poor placement in search results, and it may even provoke search engines to ban your page. Please note that SEMrushBot may flag your webpages as duplicates if there is too much text in your website's navigation compared to the amount of unique text on your page. How to fix: Here are a few ways to fix duplicate content: 1. Provide some unique content on the webpage. 2. Remove duplicate content. 3. Add a rel="canonical" link to one of your duplicate pages to inform search engines which page to show in search results.

# 1 wrong page found in sitemap.xml

About this issue: A sitemap.xml file makes it easier for crawlers to discover the pages on your website. Only good pages intended for your visitors should be included in your sitemap.xml file. This error is triggered if your sitemap.xml contains URLs leading to webpages with the same content. Populating your file with such URLs will confuse search engine robots as to which URL they should index and prioritize in search results. Most likely, search engines will index only one of those URLs, and this URL may not be the one you'd like to be promoted in search results. How to fix: Review your sitemap.xml for any URLs pointing to copies of original webpages, and remove all of them except the one you'd like to be recognized by search engines as the preferred version.

# 1 page doesn't have a title tag

About this issue: A <title> tag is a key on-page SEO element. It appears in browsers and search results, and helps both search engines and users understand what your page is about. How to fix: If you don't want to miss the opportunity to rank high in search results and gain a higher click-through rate, you should ensure that each of your website's pages has a unique and concise title containing your most important keywords.

0 issues with incorrect hreflang links	0 0
0 hreflang conflicts within page source code	00
0 issues with hreflang values	00
0 AMP pages have no canonical tag	00
0 pages have too large HTML size	00
This page has no viewport tag	0 0



0 pages have a WWW resolve issue	00
0 sitemap.xml files have format errors	00
Robots.txt file has format errors	00
0 external images are broken	00
0 internal images are broken	00
0 external links are broken	00
0 pages couldn't be crawled (incorrect URL formats)	00
0 pages couldn't be crawled (DNS resolution issues)	00
0 pages couldn't be crawled	00
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### 93 pages don't have meta descriptions

About this issue: Though meta descriptions don't have a direct influence on rankings, they are used by search engines to display your page's description in search results. A good description helps users know what your page is about and encourages them to click on it. If your page's meta description tag is missing, search engines will usually display its first sentence, which may be irrelevant and unappealing to users. How to fix: In order to gain a higher click-through rate, you should ensure that all of your webpages have meta descriptions that contain relevant keywords.

# 37 images don't have alt attributes

About this issue: Alt attributes within <img> tags are used by search engines to understand the contents of your images. If you neglect alt attributes, you may miss the chance to get a better placement in search results because alt attributes allow you to rank in image search results. Not using alt attributes also negatively affects the experience of visually impaired users and those who have disabled images in their browsers. How to fix: Specify a relevant alternative attribute inside an <img> tag for each image on your website, e.g., "<img src="mylogo.png" alt="This is my company logo">".

# 34 pages have too much text within the title tags

About this issue: Most search engines truncate titles containing more than 75 characters. Incomplete and shortened titles look unappealing to users and won't entice them to click on your page. How to fix: Try to rewrite your page titles to be 75 characters or less.

# 31 pages have a low word count

About this issue: This issue is triggered if the number of words on your webpage is less than 200. The amount of text placed on your webpage is a quality signal to search engines. Search engines prefer to provide as much information to users as possible, so pages with longer content tend to be placed higher in search results, as opposed to those with lower word counts. How to fix: Improve your on-page content and be sure to include more than 200 meaningful words.

# 29 pages have low text-HTML ratio

About this issue: Your text to HTML ratio indicates the amount of actual text you have on your webpage compared to the amount of code. This warning is triggered when your text to HTML is 10% or less. Search engines have begun focusing on pages that contain more content. That's why a higher text to HTML ratio means your page has a better chance of getting a good position in search results. Less code increases your page's load speed and also helps your rankings. It also helps search engine robots crawl your website faster. How to fix: Split your webpage's text content and code into separate files and compare their size. If the size of your code file exceeds the size of the text file, review your page's HTML code and consider optimizing its structure and removing embedded scripts and styles.

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### 3 pages have temporary redirects

About this issue: Temporary redirects (i.e., a 302 and a 307 redirect) mean that a page has been temporarily moved to a new location. Search engines will continue to index the redirected page, and no link juice or traffic is passed to the new page, which is why temporary redirects can damage your search rankings if used by mistake. How to fix: Review all pages to make sure the use of 302 and 307 redirects is justified. If so, don't forget to remove them when they are no longer needed. However, if you permanently move any page, replace a 302/307 redirect with a 301/308 one.

# 2 pages have duplicate H1 and title tags

About this issue: It is a bad idea to duplicate your title tag content in your first-level header. If your page's <title> and <h1> tags match, the latter may appear over-optimized to search engines. Also, using the same content in titles and headers means a lost opportunity to incorporate other relevant keywords for your page. How to fix: Try to create different content for your <title> and <h1> tags.

# 2 pages don't have an h1 heading

About this issue: While less important than <title> tags, h1 headings still help define your page's topic for search engines and users. If an <h1> tag is empty or missing, search engines may place your page lower than they would otherwise. Besides, a lack of an <h1> tag breaks your page's heading hierarchy, which is not SEO friendly. How to fix: Provide a concise, relevant h1 heading for each of your page.

# Homepage does not use HTTPS encryption

About this issue: Google considers a website's security as a ranking factor. Websites that do not support HTTPS connections may be less prominent in Google's search results, while HTTPS-protected sites will rank higher with its search algorithms. How to fix: Switch your site to HTTPS.

#### Sitemap.xml not indicated in robots.txt

About this issue: If you have both a sitemap.xml and a robots.txt file on your website, it is a good practice to place a link to your sitemap.xml in your robots.txt, which will allow search engines to better understand what content they should crawl. How to fix: Specify the location of your sitemap.xml in your robots.txt.

#### 1 page doesn't have doctype declared

About this issue: A webpage's doctype instructs web browsers which version of HTML or XHTML is being used. Declaring a doctype is extremely important in order for a page's content to load properly. If no doctype is specified, this may lead to various problems, such as messed up page content or slow page load speed, and, as a result, negatively affect user experience. How to fix: Specify a doctype for each of your pages by adding a <!Doctype> element (e.g., "<!Doctype HTML5>") to the very top of every webpage source, right before the <html> tag.

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### 1 page has no hreflang and lang attributes

About this issue: This issue is reported if your page has neither lang nor hreflang attribute.When running a multilingual website, you should make sure that you're doing it correctly. First, you should use a hreflang attribute to indicate to Google which pages should be shown to visitors based on their location. That way, you can rest assured that your users will always land on the correct language version of your website.You should also declare a language for your webpage's content (i.e., lang attribute). Otherwise, your web text might not be recognized by search engines. It also may not appear in search results, or may be displayed incorrectly. How to fix: Perform the following: 1. Add a lang attribute to the <html> tag, e.g., "<html lang="en">". 2. Add a hreflang attribute to your page's <head> tag, e.g., <link rel="atternate" href="http://example.com/" hreflang="en"/>

# 1 page has slow load speed

About this issue: Page load speed is one of the most important ranking factors. The quicker your page loads, the higher the rankings it can receive. Moreover, fast-loading pages positively affect user experience and may increase your conversion rates. Please note that "page load speed" usually refers to the amount of time it takes for a webpage to be fully rendered by a browser. However, SEMrushBot only measures the time it takes to load a webpage's HTML code - load times for images, JavaScript and CSS are not factored in. How to fix: The main factors that negatively affect your HTML page generation time are your server's performance and the density of your webpage's HTML code. So, try to clean up your webpage's HTML code. If the problem is with your web server, you should think about moving to a better hosting service with more resources.

Sitemap.xml not found	00
0 internal links contain nofollow attributes	00
0 pages have underscores in the URL	00
0 pages contain frames	00
0 pages use Flash	00
0 pages don't have character encoding declared	00
0 pages have too many parameters in their URLs	0 0
0 pages have too many on-page links	0 0



0 pages have more than one h1-heading



0 pages don't have enough text within the title tags



