# LEARNING SUMMARY

SEO: TAGS AND SITE STRUCTURE

# ACCESS YOUR SOURCE CODE TO EVALUATE WHAT THE SEARCH ENGINE SEES



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Note: Meta Tags help to guide the search engine

#### **CREATE TITLE TAGS**

## Title tags have an important role to play:

- o Provide info to the search engine
- o Appear on the search engine results pages as the title of a result
- $\circ\hspace{0.1in}$  Appear on top of the browser as the title for the viewed page

# **Best practices**

- o Accurately describe the page's content
- o Create unique title tags for each page
- $\circ$  Use brief but descriptive titles (65-70 characters)

#### CREATE META DESCRIPTION TAG

# Meta description tag:

o Provides a summary of the content on a page to search engines

# **Best practices**

- Use unique description tags for each page
- o Summarize the key information per page
- o Provide high quality, concise descriptions

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#### **CREATE ALT TAGS**

### Alt tags for Video, Images and Flash:

o Used to describe video, image and flash content not visible to the search engine

#### Best practices

- o Add a descriptive caption
- o Use an Alt Tag
- o Use a descriptive file name
- o Provide a text description/summary of video

#### **CREATE WELL STRUCTURED URLS**

http://store.example.com/topics/subtopics/descriptive-product-name#top

- 1.The Protocol
- 2.Subdomain
- 3.Domain
- 4.Top-level domain
- 5. Folders or paths
- 6.Page
- 7.Named anchor

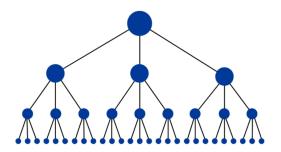
#### Best practices

- o Readable by humans
- Descriptive but not too long
- Use Keywords
- Use a directory structure

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## STRUCTURE YOUR SITE TO FACILITATE NAVIGATION



## **Best practices**

- Develop a directory structure schematic, starting with the home page
- o Ensure there are no orphaned pages