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Revamping Search Experiences & Rankings with Technical SEO

Google has offered three extremely valuable tips that focus on the technical SEO of your website and will help refine user interactions and your site performance.



Critical WordPress Plugin Security Issue – 200,000+ Websites Affected

A major security red flag has been raised for WordPress users utilizing the popular MW WP Form plugin. Let's break down what this means for your website's security in this newsletter.

This flaw allows unauthorized users to upload harmful files to your website, paving the way for remote code execution. In simple terms, hackers could take control of your site.



GOOGLE INTRODUCES GEMINI AI MODEL

A GAME-CHANGER IN AI TECHNOLOGY

Google Gemini

In the latest and almost revolutionary (we HAVE to say it is) development, **Google has introduced Gemini**, its most advanced multimodal AI model, which is set to revolutionize AI capabilities. This deep learning API allows it to effectively process and combine various types of informational **inputs like text, video, audio, and images**.

Gemini has been released in three variants by Google: **Ultra, Pro, and Nano**. Each one is optimized for different tasks and applications: Ultra for highly complex tasks, Pro for completing routine tasks, and Nano for most efficient on-device tasks.

Additionally, Google has also upgraded and **incorporated Bard with Gemini Pro**. These developments mark a huge advancement in AI technology and offer new possibilities while pushing competitors to keep improving their own AI models.

A race against time for perfection has just started.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- **Improved User Experience:** You can expect more intuitive and responsive AI interactions while you are using voice assistants, search engines, or any other AI-driven platforms.
- **Broader Content Creation:** Imagine AI that understands context from images and text combined. Gemini is just that and its capabilities in understanding and integrating different data types can lead to richer content creation in all forms be it in writing or multimedia. Amazing, isn't it?



GOOGLE'S TECHNICAL SEO INSIGHTS

REVAMPING SEARCH EXPERIENCES



SEO

Google has been pretty active in creative brainstorming these previous few months and has recently come forward with a video to give us some **tips related to technical SEO** to refine user interactions and site performance. Here's a deep dive into their latest guidance:

- **Indexing Checks:** Determine if your page is correctly indexed by Google. This will involve you to verify whether Google has crawled and stored your page in its database or not.
- **Duplicate Content & Canonicalization:** Identify if your page is considered a duplicate. Google makes unique content a priority so it's crucial to avoid content duplication.
- **Rendered HTML Review:** Inspect the rendered HTML of your page to identify any code-related issues that might impact its performance.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

These updates give a way forward to all the website owners, bloggers and SEO professionals. Ensuring your **pages are correctly indexed, avoiding duplicate content** issues, and **resolving HTML problems** are now more crucial than ever. These technicalities can significantly impact your website's visibility and ranking on Google.



🔥 PROGRAMMATIC BIDDING FOR ADS



As per the latest news in the digital marketing world, Google is now going to introduce **programmatic bidding for limited ads**. Starting in Q1 2024, Google will introduce programmatic bidding as a response to the growing demand for user privacy.

This feature will allow you to show ads **without having to collect personal data** to personalize the ads for your audience. It will keep a balance between the effectiveness of ads and the privacy choices of users.

The audience will have the **option to opt out** of personalized ads and data collection. This will **limit data collection** and usage and ensure that the ads comply with user preferences and privacy regulations.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU?

This update is a game-changer for advertisers and publishers. It makes sure that user privacy is being given its due respect without compromising on ad revenue. As a website owner, you'll need to **evaluate how this fits into your ad strategy**. You will also be able to opt-out if it does not align with your audience's privacy expectations.



CRYPTOCURRENCY ADVERTISING IN 2024

POLICY CHANGES & UPDATES



The policy is specifically intended for Cryptocurrency Coin Trusts. If that's your advertising space, this is for you. **Starting on January 29th, 2024**, Google is set to introduce crucial updates to its cryptocurrency advertising policy.

And this will directly affect the digital marketers in the crypto space significantly. The new policy will require advertisers to **be compliant with Google's** updated requirements and also obtain certification for advertising Cryptocurrency Coin Trusts.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU?

- **Adaptation and Compliance:** It's crucial that you now understand these changes to make sure that your cryptocurrency-related content management lifecycle follows Google's new policies.
- **Certification is Key:** You, as an advertiser, must be certified with Google under the new guidelines with a fresh certification process even if you were previously approved.
- **Global Impact:** The policy changes aren't limited to the United States; they're applicable globally. This will affect everyone who advertises Cryptocurrency.
- **Plan Ahead:** Develop a strategy that complies with the new guidelines while keeping your campaigns engaging and effective.



🔒 CRITICAL WORDPRESS SECURITY ISSUE

WP PLUGIN BREACHED – SECURE YOUR SITE



Security researchers at Wordfence identified a **critical security flaw in the MW WP Form plugin** that has started to affect over 200,000 WordPress installations (versions 5.0.1 and earlier). As communicated by professionals, it allows unauthenticated threat actors to **upload arbitrary, harmful files**, including malicious PHP backdoors.

Rated a whopping 9.8 out of 10, this vulnerability is not something that you should take lightly. It is related to the plugin's file upload feature which is supposed to check file types. With these issues, the **plugin is failing to block dangerous files** effectively.

This could lead to malicious PHP backdoors being installed by the hackers on your website for any remote code execution. In simple terms, hackers could take control of your site.

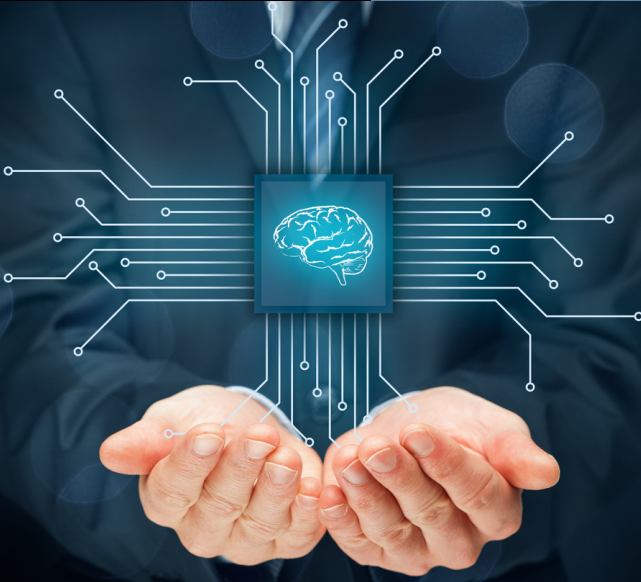
YOUR ACTION PLAN TO SECURE YOUR SITE

If you're using the MW WP Form plugin, **update it to the latest version** as soon as possible. In addition to that, start implementing routine checks on your WordPress plugins while staying updated with the latest versions.

Keep an eye out for unusual activities and **make sure that you have recent backups** of your site. If things go south, you'll have a safety net. Last but not least, make sure that everyone managing your site is aware of these risks and understands the importance of updates and security practices.



💡 WRAP-UP: KEEP EVOLVING & GROWING



Remember, in the dynamic world of SEO and digital marketing, change is the only constant. Use these updates and insights to **fuel your growth**, adapt to new trends, stay secure, and **keep your content fresh and relevant**. Your journey is unique – let's **make it a successful one**.

Until our next newsletter, keep making waves in the digital realm. Happy optimizing with **ContentERP – your guide to digital success**.

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