

KISS THE AEO



An **AEO**
Playbook for
the AI Search
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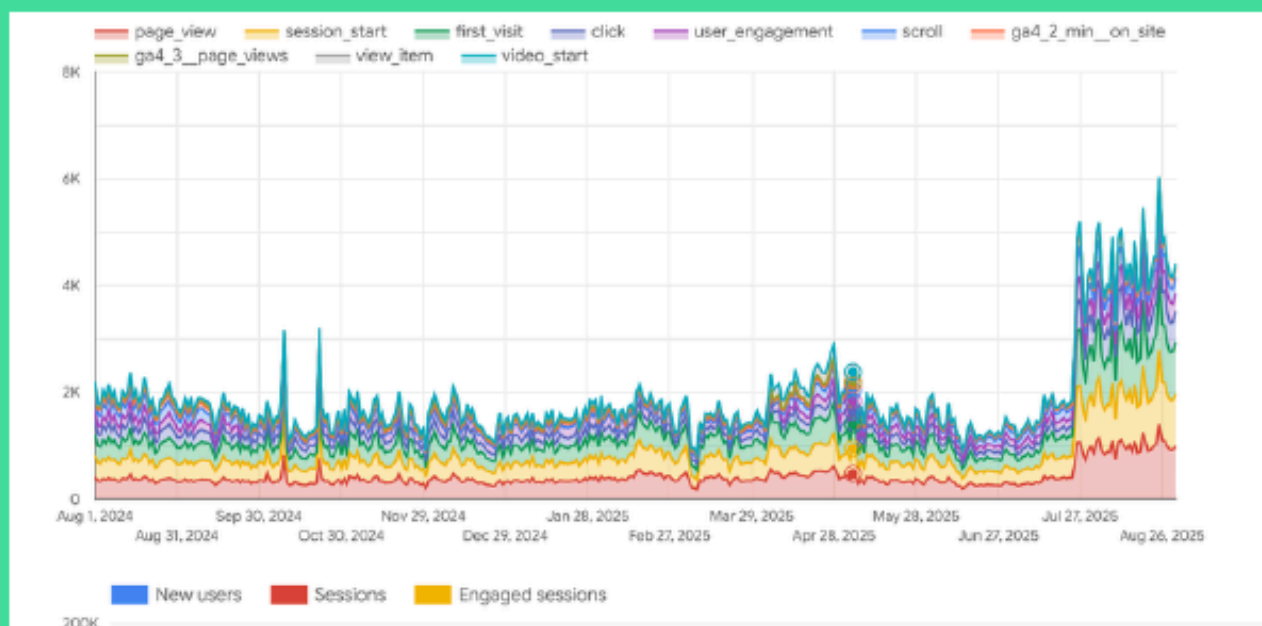
BEFORE YOU START PROOF FIRST

From Invisible to Authority in 12 Months

Before we teach you the method, let us show you the result.

A U.S. women's health startup — founded in 2021, focused on a breakthrough pelvic floor therapy for urinary incontinence — had a clearly superior product and almost no visibility. Twelve months after we layered AEO onto a disciplined SEO + SEM + CRO foundation, the brand was no longer trying to be found. It was being chosen.

The rest of this eBook is the exact playbook behind these numbers.



Proof Graph

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THE SETUP

Industry: Women's Health — Urinary Incontinence

Business Model: B2C → B2B

Location: United States

Timeline: 12 months

THE CHALLENGE

The product was clinically superior. The brand was not. Three problems were stacking on top of each other:

Audience mismatch. The B2C lens (women 18–99) was too broad. The pivot to B2B reframed the audience to physicians in the women's health space — a smaller, sharper target.

Low traffic, weak signal. Volume was thin and the audience that did arrive wasn't qualified.

Conversions without ROI. The site converted some, but acquisition costs were too high to scale.

The missing layer wasn't more spend. It was answer-engine visibility — being the source AI systems and physicians trusted when the question got asked.

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THE PLAYBOOK

A three-phase rollout, mapped to the WRRAP method.

PHASE 1 — FIX THE FOUNDATION (Reliable + Performance)

CRO fixes for stronger site performance. Baseline SEO cleanup so every later signal compounded instead of leaking. We didn't chase rankings before the engine was sealed.

PHASE 2 — SCALE SEM WITH DISCIPLINE (Performance)

CPC reduction, CTR refinement, new ad copy and builds, optimization of existing ads. Same budget, sharper aim. Lower cost per acquisition before adding new layers.

PHASE 3 — LAYER AEO (White Hat + Relevant + Amplification)

Revamped blog posts to own the questions physicians actually ask. Built answer-ready content with schema and source signals. Positioned the brand as the citable authority in its niche — the layer that compounds long after paid stops.

Integrated: SEO + SEM + CRO + Content + AEO. Sequenced, not stacked.

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THE RESULTS BOARD

AUGUST 2023 → AUGUST 2025

Headline Metrics

WEBSITE TRAFFIC: ↑ 2,176.37%

CONVERSIONS: ↑ 2,052.14%

CPL / CPA: ↓ 98.6%

REVENUE GROWTH: ↑ 2,052.10%

Supporting KPIs

ROAS: +190.3%

Purchases: +507.1%

New Users: +2,189.8%

Sessions: +2,066.3%

Ad Impressions: +24.6%

Engagement Rate: +12.3%

Bounce Rate: -29.7%

CPC: \$1.52 → \$0.77

PPC Cost: -56.9%

CTR: -4.52% (conversion quality up)

SNAPSHOT

By pivoting from B2C to B2B and embracing AEO alongside SEO and SEM, this women's health startup cut acquisition costs by 99% and achieved 2,000%+ growth in both traffic and conversions — securing its place as an emerging authority in women's healthcare.

Authority Shift

For eleven months, the client's analytics ran flat — roughly 1,500–2,000 daily events. Then, in late July 2025, every tracked event surged at once. Page views, session starts, and engaged sessions more than doubled. New users grew by over 2,000%.

“It wasn't a traffic spike. It was an authority shift.”

Engaged sessions rose in parallel with raw traffic — proof the new visitors were the right ones, interacting deeply with the site. AEO doesn't pay out on day one. It compounds. And when it tips, it tips fast.

KISS 1

Search is evolving from a list of links to a conversation. Traditional search engines return ten blue links, but modern AI-powered answer engines like Google's AI Overviews (AI Mode), Microsoft Copilot, ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Meta AI, Grok and Perplexity deliver direct answers. This shift means brands must not only rank but also be the source cited when AI responds to questions. In the past, SEO focused on keywords and ranking high on a results page. Today, Answer Engine Optimization (AEO) centers on answering the user's intent and gaining AI citations.

Early search was about getting on page one and driving clicks. Now, generative models pull facts from across the web to generate answers. Your audience no longer needs to click to learn; AI will synthesize information on their behalf. Brands that adapt to this reality will be present in answer boxes, voice responses, and conversational interfaces.

THE REVOLUTION

The way your audience searches has changed. Are you still optimizing for yesterday?

Which AI engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini) does your audience use most?

Where are you currently invisible in AI answers? List 3 brand queries.

What's one belief about SEO you need to let go of this quarter?



Then vs. Now

Then: SEO — Rank on page one, drive clicks, and win visibility. Success was measured by your position in search results.

Now: AEO — Be the answer, get cited, and own total visibility. Success is measured by how often AI models reference your brand when delivering answers.

AEO requires understanding user questions, creating structured content, and ensuring AI can trust and cite you.

KISS 2

SEO remains the foundation on which AEO stands. Strong technical SEO ensures your site can be found by humans and AI alike. This includes **site speed, crawlability, schema markup, structured data, and semantic HTML**. Without a healthy infrastructure, answer engines cannot index or trust your content.

Beyond infrastructure, search engines evaluate content authority using **E-E-A-T (Experience, Expertise, Authoritativeness, and Trust)**. Thoughtful editorial oversight, author biographies, and citations from reputable sources signal that your answers are trustworthy. Link equity from authoritative sites (earned through quality content and relationships) further communicates that your domain is credible.

Finally, organic discoverability remains key. Search engines still index and rank pages. AEO builds on this foundation, amplifying pages into answer engines once they are discoverable. When you combine **technical excellence, authoritative content, and a network of trusted links**, you provide the fertile soil for AEO's fruit.

CULTIVATING THE SOIL

Think of SEO as the soil and AEO as the fruit. Cultivating your soil requires continuous optimization. Core Web Vitals – Largest Contentful Paint (LCP), Cumulative Layout Shift (CLS), and Interaction to Next Paint (INP) – measure your site’s speed and stability. Regularly auditing your site for broken links, duplicate content, and accessibility issues ensures that both search bots and AI crawlers can navigate your content.

Structured data (using schema.org markup) gives AI machines explicit cues about what your content is. Marking up articles, FAQs, speakable, datasets, and product reviews helps answer engines extract clear answers. Finally, ongoing keyword research and content clustering help maintain relevance. When your foundation is strong, AEO becomes a natural extension rather than a replacement.



THE FOUNDATION

*AEO without SEO is a house built on sand.
How solid is your base?*

*Rate your technical SEO health 1-10. What's
the weakest link?*

*Which top-ranking pages could become AEO
citation sources?*

*What core web vitals or schema gaps need
fixing first?*

KISS 3

Answer Engine Optimization (AEO) is the practice of structuring and optimizing content so that AI-powered answer engines select, cite, and surface it as the authoritative answer. While SEO aims to rank webpages in search results, **AEO targets the conversational interfaces** — AI overviews, chat-based systems, voice assistants, and generative search — that provide direct answers without a traditional list of results.

AEO focuses on understanding the questions your audience asks and delivering concise, factual responses. It emphasizes structured data, Q&A formatting, entity-based semantics, and strong E-E-A-T signals. Answer engines such as **Google’s AI Overviews (AI Mode), Microsoft Copilot, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, Meta AI, Grok, and voice assistants** use these cues to pull answers. By aligning your content with the way AI models interpret information, you become the source that AI trusts and cites.



AEO SIGNALS

Key signals that help answer engines select your content include:

- **Structured data markup** using schema.org vocabulary (FAQPage, HowTo, Article, Organization). This helps AI understand your content's context and extract answers.
- **Question and answer format** that mirrors how users ask queries. Each page should directly address a specific question or cluster of related questions.
- **Authority and E-E-A-T** signals such as author credentials, publication dates, citations, and cross-links to supporting sources.
- **Concise, clear answers** that state the fact or advice up front, followed by supporting detail.
- **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** signals like consistent entity references, brand mentions across the web, and multi-modal content (text, audio, video) that feed large language models.

By weaving these signals throughout your content, you make it easier for AI to understand, trust, and surface your answers.

KISS 4

HOW AI SELECTS AN ANSWER

Answer engines follow a four-step process to determine what to cite. First, they **crawl the web**, indexing pages and ingesting content through search engines and direct crawlers. Next, they **evaluate sources for authority, expertise, and trustworthiness**. Signals like E-E-A-T, link equity, and update frequency contribute to this assessment.

Once a model trusts a source, it **extracts answers**. Models parse structured data and natural language to identify clear responses to specific questions. Finally, they **surface the answer**. In AI overviews (AI Mode), the model cites the source; in chat systems, it may paraphrase. If your content is not discoverable, understandable, or trustworthy, AI will use a competitor's words.



THE ANSWER

*AI doesn't pick pages — it picks passages.
What passage of yours is worth picking?*

*List your top 10 audience questions. Which
already surface in AI answers?*

*Where are competitors being cited instead of
you? Why?*

*What single 80-word answer block could you
publish this week?*

KISS 5

GEO & THE OPTIMIZATION STACK

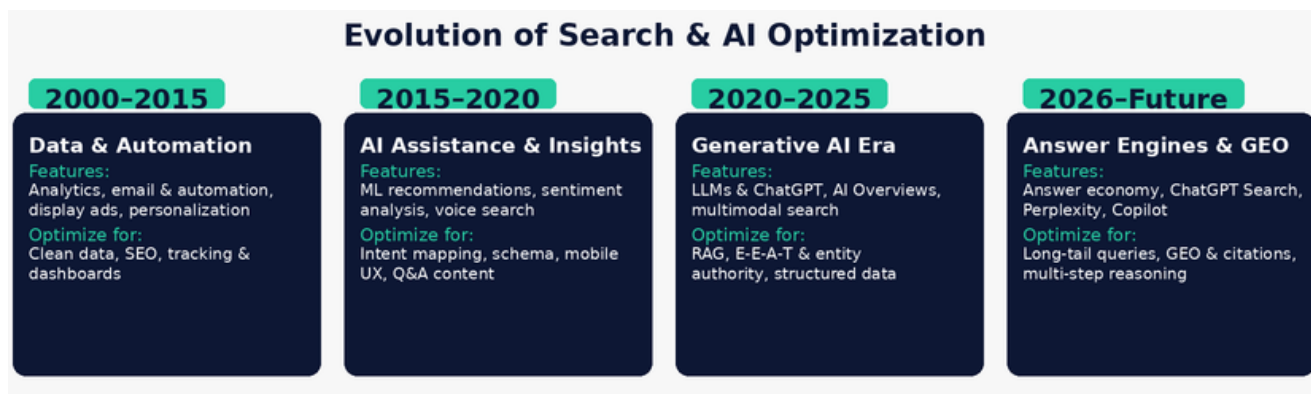
Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) goes a step beyond AEO by focusing on how large language models learn from the web over time. GEO ensures your brand is represented accurately within the training data of AI models. While AEO optimizes answers for user queries today, GEO prepares your content for the next generation of AI by building a durable knowledge graph of your brand. It's important to note that GEO and AEO are sometimes used interchangeably in industry.

In practice, GEO involves consistently mentioning your entity name, services, and unique value propositions across your content and third-party sites. It encourages earning unlinked brand mentions and citations. GEO also promotes multi-modal content—videos, podcasts, transcripts—that broaden the data points AI models ingest. By aligning your SEO, AEO, and GEO strategies, you create a virtuous loop: search ranking builds visibility, answer engines cite you, and generative models learn from those citations.

BELOW IS A COMPARISON OF SEO, AEO, AND GEO.

Optimization Type	Goal	Primary Focus	Key Techniques
SEO	Rank web pages	Keywords, backlinks, technical optimization	On-page optimization, link building, keyword research, technical audits
AEO	Provide direct answers & get cited	Structured data, Q&A, E-E-A-T	FAQ schema, concise answers, entity optimization, authority signals
GEO	Influence generative model training	Entity consistency, brand mentions	Unlinked citations, multi-channel content, knowledge graph development

Evolution



THE STACK

*SEO, AEO, GEO — three engines, one strategy.
How will yours align?*

*Map one piece of content to each: SEO target,
AEO target, GEO target.*

*Which engine offers the fastest visibility win
for your niche?*

*Where are SEO and AEO contradicting each
other in your content?*

KISS 6

The WRRAP Method is The Digital Hall's proprietary framework for achieving total visibility.

It harmonizes five pillars – **White Hat, Reliable, Relevant, Amplification, and Performance** – to ensure your content is ethical, trusted, aligned with audience intent, distributed widely, and continuously measured.

By following WRRAP, you build a sustainable authority that AEO, SEO, and GEO can amplify.



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PILLAR 1 - WHITE HAT

White Hat strategies emphasize ethical, sustainable practices that search engines and AI models trust. Avoid manipulative tactics like buying links or spinning content. Instead, earn links naturally through valuable information, create content that serves readers, and abide by Google's quality guidelines. White Hat practices build lasting authority that cannot be undone by algorithm updates.



PILLAR 2 - RELIABLE

Reliability means being a source that AI engines can depend on. Keep your content updated, accurate, and consistent. Fact-check your assertions and cite authoritative sources. Publish on a regular cadence so models learn that your answers are current. Over time, reliability compounds — both human readers and AI models will return to a source they trust.



PILLAR 3 - RELEVANT



Relevance requires matching your content precisely to what your audience is asking. Adopt a question-first mindset: identify the questions your customers ask at each stage of the journey and structure pages around them. Go deep rather than wide – cover topics comprehensively with semantic depth and related subtopics. AI prefers clarity and completeness over keyword stuffing, so ensure your answers are thorough and on-point.

PILLAR 4 - AMPLIFICATION

Amplification ensures your great content doesn't sit unseen. It includes digital PR, earning brand mentions across the web, and distributing your content on multiple channels: social media, newsletters, podcasts, and video platforms. Both linked and unlinked brand citations signal to AI models that you are a recognized authority. Multi-channel distribution also drives human engagement, which further amplifies your signal.



PILLAR 5 - PERFORMANCE



Performance is the measurement engine of WRRAP. You can't improve what you don't measure. Monitor Core Web Vitals (LCP, CLS, INP) to ensure a fast, stable experience. Use tools like **SERPfinity™** to track when and where AI cites your brand and to measure your organic share of voice against competitors. Finally, attribute conversions back to your content to prove ROI. With these metrics, you can refine and prioritize your efforts.

THE METHOD

Five pillars hold up everything. Which one is your weakest?

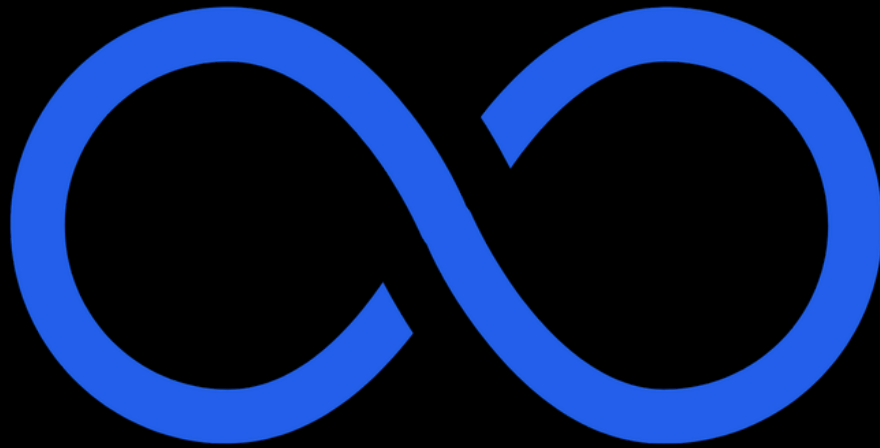
Rate brand 1-10 on each pillar: White Hat, Reliable, Relevant, Amplification, Performance.

Which pillar, if fixed, would unlock the biggest visibility gain?

What's one bad habit per pillar you need to retire?

KISS 7

SERPFINITY – TOTAL VISIBILITY INTELLIGENCE



SERPfinity™

SERPfinity™ is a platform built for the AI search era. It provides a single dashboard to analyze, monitor, and receive actionable recommendations across SEO, AEO, GEO, and content marketing.

SERPfinity Features:

- **AI Search Visibility Score** — instant insights into how AI engines rank your content across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, Meta AI, Google's AI Overviews, and other answer engines.
- **Answer Engine Optimization monitoring** — track when and how AI engines cite your content and brand.
- **SERP Feature Tracking** — monitor your presence across features such as knowledge panels, People Also Ask, local packs, and voice search.
- **AI Content Optimizer** — generate and refine content powered by the latest GPT models, tuned for AI search.
- **Entity SEO Analysis** — understand how search engines perceive your brand entity and improve your knowledge graph presence.
- **Real-Time SERP Analysis** — receive live data and competitor insights updated daily.

By leveraging SERPfinity, you can keep your finger on the pulse of AI search and adjust your strategy with confidence.

KISS 8

YOUR AEO ACTION PLAN

YOUR AEO ACTION PLAN FOLLOWS THREE STAGES:

Foundation: Audit your technical SEO base. Use SERPfinity or similar tools to perform a full technical SEO audit. Implement schema markup (FAQ, HowTo, Article, Organization) to enable answer extraction.

Content: Map questions to pages. Align every page with a real audience question and build topic clusters around core themes to establish authority. Use your expertise to craft concise answers and support them with citations.

Monitor & Grow: Track AI citations. Use SERPfinity to monitor your AI visibility and share of voice. Amplify content through digital PR and multi-channel distribution. Iterate based on data – update pages, expand clusters, and refine your strategy.

This plan creates a virtuous cycle of discoverability, authority, and amplification.

AI SEO CHECKLIST

Content Structure —AI Overviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Write with clear TL;DRs and bold takeaways<input type="checkbox"/> Use bullet points, headers, and summaries<input type="checkbox"/> Format content in Q&A or conversational style<input type="checkbox"/> Use schema markup: FAQ, How-to, Product, Review
Be the Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Publish first-party content: original data, case studies<input type="checkbox"/> Use firsthand experience language (E-E-A-T)<input type="checkbox"/> Earn high-authority mentions via PR, Qwoted, Reddit, Quora<input type="checkbox"/> Target and optimize for featured snippets
AI Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Use ChatGPT, Jasper, or Claude for drafts/outlines<input type="checkbox"/> Create keyword/topic clusters with SurferSEO, Clearscope<input type="checkbox"/> Add structured data and content schemas<input type="checkbox"/> Edit all AI content for voice and trustworthiness
Double Down on Local & Brand SEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fully optimize Google Business Profile<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage branded searches and name recognition<input type="checkbox"/> Build citations, reviews, and location signals<input type="checkbox"/> Create content for local queries + nearby intent
Technical & On- Site SEO Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fast, mobile-first site experience<input type="checkbox"/> Proper meta titles and descriptions (still matter!)<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure crawlability, internal linking, and sitemap health<input type="checkbox"/> Add alt-text and accessibility best practices
Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Track branded vs. non-branded traffic<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor SGE visibility and AI Overview mentions<input type="checkbox"/> Use heatmaps, click tracking to analyze behavior shifts<input type="checkbox"/> Update content quarterly with fresh data & AI-friendly formats
Shift in Mindset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Think visibility in AI, not just top SERP rank<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on being referenced, not just clicked<input type="checkbox"/> Blend AI automation with authentic insights<input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize content quality over keyword volume

AI SEO CHECKLIST cont.

AI Discoverability & GEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Configure robots.txt for AI crawlers (GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot, Google-Extended)<input type="checkbox"/> Publish & maintain an llms.txt file<input type="checkbox"/> Create citation-worthy content: stats, definitions, research<input type="checkbox"/> Front-load answers in the first 100 words
Multi-Engine Visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Track citations & visibility across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, Copilot<input type="checkbox"/> Use tools like Profound, AthenaHQ, Otterly.ai, or Peec AI<input type="checkbox"/> Track referral traffic from AI engines in analytics<input type="checkbox"/> Measure citation share of voice across AI answers
Entity & Knowledge Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Build & maintain Wikidata/Wikipedia entity presence<input type="checkbox"/> Use Organization, Person & sameAs schema markup<input type="checkbox"/> Create author bios with credentials & external proof<input type="checkbox"/> Cite primary sources and link out generously
Technical for AI Crawlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Server-side rendering (SSR) or pre-rendering for JS-heavy sites<input type="checkbox"/> Use chunk-friendly formatting (self-contained paragraphs)<input type="checkbox"/> Add comparison tables (heavily cited by AI Overviews)
Content Quality 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Optimize for Core Web Vitals (INP, LCP, CLS)<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain crawlability, internal linking & sitemap health<input type="checkbox"/> Treat content as a dataset for LLMs, not just pages<input type="checkbox"/> Refresh content quarterly; remove outdated info promptly
Brand & Local in AI Era	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Optimize Google Business Profile + AI-readable descriptions<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage branded searches & co-citations<input type="checkbox"/> Build reviews, citations & location signals<input type="checkbox"/> Create content for local queries + nearby intent

KISS 8.5

AEO CONTENT TEMPLATES

Principles don't rank. Pages do. The following three templates show what an AEO-ready page actually looks like on the screen. Each one is built to be crawled, parsed, trusted, and cited by answer engines — and to convert the humans who land on it. Use them as starting scaffolding, not as rigid molds.

Every template follows the same six-part anatomy:

1. Answer-First Block — the direct response to the page's core question, delivered in the first 100 words.
2. Supporting Evidence — the proof, data, or reasoning behind the answer.
3. FAQ Block — three to seven related questions, marked up with FAQPage schema.
4. Author & Credentials — a visible bio with credentials, links, and a "last updated" stamp.
5. Internal Links — two to four contextual links to related pillar or cluster pages.
6. Schema Layer — invisible to readers, essential to AI.

TEMPLATE 1 – THE “WHAT IS X” DEFINITION PAGE

Use when: you're targeting a top-of-funnel definitional query ("What is answer engine optimization?"). These pages dominate AI Overviews and ChatGPT citations because models love clean, self-contained definitions.

H1: What Is [Topic]? A [Year] Definition and Guide

Answer-First Block (first 80–100 words):

[Topic] is [one-sentence definition that a model could lift verbatim]. It works by [one sentence on mechanism]. Brands use it to [one sentence on outcome]. Unlike [adjacent concept], [Topic] focuses on [key differentiator].

Then:

- A 3–5 row comparison table (Topic vs. adjacent concepts) — AI Overviews cite these heavily
- "Why It Matters in [Year]" — 2–3 short paragraphs with one cited statistic
- "How [Topic] Works" — numbered list of 4–6 steps
- FAQ block with 5 questions
- Author bio + last updated date
- Schema: Article + FAQPage + Organization + sameAs

TEMPLATE 2 – THE B2B SERVICE / SOLUTION PAGE

Use when: you're targeting commercial-intent queries about a service you offer. The goal is to be the cited authority and convert.

H1: [Service Name] for [Audience]: [Outcome] in [Timeframe]

Answer-First Block:

[Service] helps [audience] achieve [outcome] by [mechanism]. Our approach combines [pillar 1], [pillar 2], and [pillar 3]. Typical engagements deliver [specific result] within [timeframe]

Then:

- "Who This Is For" — bulleted ideal-customer profile
- "What's Included" — scoped deliverables, ideally as a table
- "Our Process" — numbered steps with brief descriptions
- One case-study snapshot: client / challenge / result / metric
- "Results You Can Expect" — 3–5 outcome bullets with realistic ranges
- FAQ block (pricing, timeline, onboarding, guarantees)
- Author or practice-lead bio with credentials
- Schema: Service + Organization + FAQPage + Person for the lead

TEMPLATE 3 – THE PRODUCT / COMPARISON PAGE

Use when: you're targeting evaluation-stage queries (" [Product A] vs. [Product B]," "best [category] for [use case]"). These pages capture high-intent traffic and are prime citation targets.

H1: [Product/Category]: [Year] Comparison and Buyer's Guide

Answer-First Block:

The best [category] for [use case] is [recommendation], because [one-sentence reason]. For [alternate use case], consider [alternative]. Below, we compare [N] options across [criteria].

Then:

- A scannable comparison table — features, pricing tier, best-for, rating
- "How We Evaluated" — methodology paragraph (this earns trust and is increasingly required by Google)
- Individual product breakdowns: pros, cons, ideal user, pricing
- "Which Should You Choose?" — short decision tree by use case
- FAQ block
- Reviewer bio with disclosure and credentials
- Schema: Product + Review + FAQPage + Organization

THE NON-NEGOTIABLES (EVERY TEMPLATE)

Regardless of which template you use, every AEO-ready page needs:

- **Answer in the first 100 words.** Models pull from the top.
- **Self-contained paragraphs.** Each one should make sense if quoted alone.
- **A visible "Last Updated" date near the top.**
- **Author bio with credentials and at least one external proof point** (LinkedIn, published work, certifications).
- **Two to four internal links** to related pages — this builds topical authority and helps AI map your entity.
- **Outbound citations** to primary sources. Linking out generously signals confidence, not weakness.
- **Schema markup validated** in Google's Rich Results Test before publish.

THE WRRAP MAPPING

Each template element ladders up to a WRRAP pillar:

- **White Hat** — original writing, transparent methodology, honest comparisons, real author identities
- **Reliable** — last-updated dates, cited statistics, primary sources, credentialed authors
- **Relevant** — answer-first structure, FAQ blocks built from real audience questions, decision trees
- **Amplification** — internal linking, sameAs schema connecting to external profiles, shareable comparison tables
- **Performance** — clean HTML, fast-loading pages, valid schema, measurable conversions

When all five pillars show up on a single page, you're not optimizing for an algorithm. You're being the answer.

KISS 8.6

THE AEO SCHEMA CHEAT SHEET

If content is the answer, schema is the label that tells AI what kind of answer it's looking at. Without it, answer engines have to guess. With it, you hand them a clean, machine-readable summary of who you are, what you've published, and why they should trust it.

This cheat sheet covers the ten schema types that matter most for AEO in 2026, when to use each one, and a sample snippet you can adapt. All examples use JSON-LD, which is the format Google, Bing, and major AI crawlers prefer.

THE CORE TEN

1. Organization — Use on: every page, sitewide (usually in the footer or homepage). Why it matters: establishes your brand as an entity AI engines can recognize and link to a knowledge graph. Pair with sameAs to connect to your LinkedIn, Crunchbase, Wikipedia, and social profiles.

2. Person — Use on: author bios, team pages, expert quote pages. Why it matters: powers E-E-A-T signals by tying content to a credentialed human. Include jobTitle, worksFor, alumniOf, and sameAs.

3. Article — Use on: blog posts, guides, editorial content. Why it matters: tells engines this is a dated, authored piece of journalism or analysis. Always include datePublished, dateModified, and author.

4. FAQPage — Use on: any page with a Q&A block (which should be most of them). Why it matters: the single highest-ROI schema type for AEO. AI Overviews, ChatGPT, and Perplexity pull from FAQ markup constantly.

5. HowTo — Use on: step-by-step instructional content. Why it matters: signals procedural content that voice assistants and AI agents can execute or summarize. Note: Google has scaled back HowTo rich results, but AI engines still ingest the markup.

THE CORE TEN – CONT.

6. Product — Use on: product pages and e-commerce listings. Why it matters: feeds price, availability, and rating data directly into AI shopping experiences and comparison answers.

7. Review and AggregateRating — Use on: review pages, comparison pages, testimonial blocks. Why it matters: trust currency. Always include a clear rating scale and a real reviewer identity — fake reviews are now actively penalized.

8. Speakable — Use on: pages with content designed to be read aloud (news summaries, key takeaways). Why it matters: the explicit signal for voice assistants and audio-first AI interfaces. Underused, increasingly valuable.

9. Dataset — Use on: original research, statistics pages, data downloads. Why it matters: original data is the most-cited content type in AI answers. If you publish proprietary numbers, mark them up.

10. BreadcrumbList — Use on: every page below the homepage. Why it matters: gives AI a map of your site's topical hierarchy, which strengthens entity associations across your domain.

A SAMPLE JSON-LD SNIPPET

Here's a combined Article + Person + Organization block you can adapt for any authored page:

```
{
  "@context": "https://schema.org",
  "@type": "Article",
  "headline": "What Is Answer Engine Optimization?",
  "datePublished": "2026-03-15",
  "dateModified": "2026-05-10",
  "author": {
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    }
  }
}
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Drop it in the <head> of any article page, swap the values, and you've covered three of the ten types in a single block.

THE SCHEMA RULES OF THE ROAD

A handful of rules separate schema that helps from schema that hurts.

Only mark up what's visible on the page. Inventing FAQs in the markup that don't appear in the content is a manual-action risk and a trust signal failure for AI crawlers.

Validate before you publish. Run every page through Google's Rich Results Test and Schema.org Validator. Errors quietly remove you from eligibility.

Use *sameAs* aggressively. Linking your Organization and Person entities to LinkedIn, Wikipedia, Wikidata, Crunchbase, and authoritative third-party profiles is how you become a recognized entity in AI knowledge graphs.

Keep *dateModified* honest. AI engines weight freshness. Update the field only when you've meaningfully updated the content — not on every cosmetic change.

Nest, don't duplicate. A single page can carry Article + Person + Organization + FAQPage + BreadcrumbList. Nest them in one JSON-LD block rather than scattering five separate scripts.

Match schema to template. Pair your Content Templates with the right schema stack:

- *Definition Page* → Article + FAQPage + Organization + *sameAs*
- *Service Page* → Service + Organization + FAQPage + Person
- *Product / Comparison Page* → Product + Review + AggregateRating + FAQPage

THE WRRAP MAPPING

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- **Performance** — clean, validated JSON-LD that loads without errors

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KISS 8.7

THE 30/60/90-DAY AEO ROLLOUT PLAN

Frameworks are useful. Calendars are decisive. The plan below converts WRRAP into a 90-day sequence any marketing team — whether that's one founder or a ten-person department — can execute without guessing what comes next.

Each phase has a single dominant objective. Resist the urge to do everything at once. AEO compounds, but only if the foundation holds.

DAYS 1-30 – FOUNDATION

Dominant objective: make your site discoverable, crawlable, and trustworthy to AI engines. WRRAP pillars in focus: White Hat + Performance.

WEEK 1 – AUDIT

Run a full technical SEO audit (Screaming Frog, Ahrefs, or SERPfinity). Capture baseline metrics: Core Web Vitals (LCP, CLS, INP), crawl errors, indexation rate, and current AI citation count across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and AI Overviews. You cannot improve what you have not measured.

WEEK 2 – CRAWLER ACCESS

Configure *robots.txt* for the AI crawlers you want to allow: GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot, Google-Extended, and Bingbot. Publish an *llms.txt* file at your root that summarizes your site for large language models. Decide your policy deliberately — blocking AI crawlers also blocks AI citations.

WEEK 3 – SCHEMA FOUNDATION

Deploy sitewide Organization schema with full *sameAs* connections (LinkedIn, Crunchbase, Wikidata, social profiles). Add BreadcrumbList to every page below the homepage. Validate everything in Google's Rich Results Test.

WEEK 4 – CORE WEB VITALS FIX

Address the three biggest performance issues surfaced in Week 1. Compress images, defer non-critical JavaScript, and confirm mobile-first responsiveness. Target all three Core Web Vitals in the "Good" range before moving to Phase 2.

End-of-phase deliverables: baseline metrics doc, configured crawler files, sitewide Organization + Breadcrumb schema, Core Web Vitals passing.

DAYS 31-60 – CONTENT

Dominant objective: rewrite your most important pages to be citation-ready. WRRAP pillars in focus: Reliable + Relevant.

WEEK 5 – QUESTION INVENTORY

Build a question map. Mine People Also Ask, Reddit, ChatGPT itself, AnswerThePublic, your sales call recordings, and your support ticket archive. Cluster the results into pillar topics and supporting subtopics. Aim for a list of 50–100 real audience questions before you write a word.

WEEK 6 – TOP-5 PAGE REWRITES

Identify your five highest-value pages (highest traffic, highest revenue, or highest strategic priority). Rewrite each using the Definition, Service, or Product/Comparison template from Kiss 8.5. Front-load the answer in the first 100 words. Add FAQ blocks built from your Week 5 question inventory.

WEEK 7 – SCHEMA AND AUTHOR IDENTITY

Apply the appropriate schema stack to each rewritten page (Article + FAQPage + Person, or Service + Organization + FAQPage, etc.). Build out author bio pages with credentials, photo, *sameAs* links, and Person schema. Every published page should now tie back to a credentialed human.

WEEK 8 – TOPIC CLUSTER EXPANSION

Publish three to five supporting pages around each rewritten pillar page. Internal-link them tightly. This is how topical authority is built — clusters, not isolated posts.

End-of-phase deliverables: question inventory of 50+ items, five rewritten pillar pages, 15+ supporting cluster pages, author bios live with Person schema.

DAYS 61-90 – AMPLIFICATION & MEASUREMENT

WEEK 9 – DIGITAL PR AND UNLINKED MENTIONS

Pitch one piece of original data or insight to three relevant publications. Submit founder or expert profiles to two or three authoritative directories (Crunchbase, G2, industry-specific listings). Begin a podcast guest-pitch cadence — unlinked brand mentions on podcasts and transcripts are heavily weighted by AI engines.

WEEK 10 – ENTITY REINFORCEMENT

Create or update your Wikidata entry. Audit Wikipedia for accurate brand mentions (do not edit your own page, but flag inaccuracies through proper channels). Confirm every external profile uses consistent name, description, and URL — entity consistency is non-negotiable.

WEEK 11 – PROMPT-TESTING PROTOCOL.

Build a target prompt list of 15–25 queries you want to be cited for. Run them across ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews. Score each result: cited, mentioned, or neither. Record the baseline. This becomes your monthly recurring measurement ritual.

WEEK 12 – DASHBOARD BUILD AND RETROSPECTIVE.

Stand up a measurement dashboard (SERPfinity, Looker Studio, or your tool of choice) tracking the eight KPIs that matter: AI Share of Voice, citation count by engine, branded vs. unbranded AI mentions, AI referral sessions, AI-assisted conversions, schema coverage percentage, Core Web Vitals pass rate, and content freshness percentage. Hold a 90-day retrospective. Decide what to amplify, what to fix, and what to drop.

End-of-phase deliverables: three digital PR placements in motion, refreshed entity footprint, prompt-test baseline established, live AEO dashboard, retrospective document.

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WHAT HAPPENS ON DAY 91

Day 91 is not a finish line. It's the start of the second cycle, run faster because the foundation is in place. The recurring rhythm becomes:

Weekly — monitor AI citations and crawler logs; refresh one page from the question inventory.

Monthly — run the prompt-testing protocol; publish one new cluster; review the dashboard. **Quarterly** — full content refresh on all pillar pages; entity audit; competitive AI Share of Voice review. **Annually** — strategic WRRAP review and rollout plan refresh.

A NOTE ON TEAM SIZE

If you're a solo solopreneur, split the scope but keep the sequence — pick one pillar page in Phase 2 instead of five, and one digital PR pitch in Phase 3 instead of three. If you're a larger team, run the phases in parallel tracks across content, technical, and PR functions, with a single owner accountable for the WRRAP scorecard.

The mistake to avoid in both cases: jumping straight to amplification before the foundation and content are solid. ***Amplifying a weak page just teaches AI engines to ignore you faster.***

THE ROLLOUT

A plan without a date is a wish. What's your Day 1?

Days 1-30 — What foundation work must be done? Name your owner.

Days 31-60 — Which content pieces will you publish or refresh?

Days 61-90 — How will you measure amplification and authority gains?

KISS 9

THE PROMPT-TESTING PROTOCOL

You can't optimize for AI citations if you don't know whether you're being cited. The Prompt-Testing Protocol is the disciplined practice of asking the major answer engines the questions your audience asks, and recording – every month, in the same way – whether your brand shows up.

Done consistently, it becomes the most honest performance signal in your AEO program. SERPs lie. Dashboards lag. But a direct prompt to ChatGPT either names you or it doesn't.

THE PROMPT-TESTING PROTOCOL



THE FIVE-STEP PROTOCOL

Step 1 — Build your prompt set

Aim for 15 to 25 prompts that reflect real audience intent. Pull them from three sources: your Top 10 target keywords (rewritten as natural-language questions), your sales team's most-asked discovery questions, and the top "People Also Ask" results in your category. Mix three intent types:

- ✓ Definitional — "What is [topic]?"
- ✓ Evaluative — "What's the best [category] for [use case]?"
- ✓ Branded — "Is [your brand] a good [category]?" and "Who are the top [category] providers?"

The branded prompts are the truth serum. If you're not cited for your own category, the rest of the program needs attention.

THE FIVE-STEP PROTOCOL - CONT.

Step 2 — Choose your engines

Run every prompt across the five engines that matter in 2026:

- ✓ ChatGPT (GPT-5 default)
- ✓ Claude (latest Sonnet or Opus)
- ✓ Perplexity (default model)
- ✓ Google Gemini
- ✓ Google AI Overviews (logged out, incognito, fresh session)

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THE FIVE-STEP PROTOCOL - CONT.

Step 3 — Score every response.

Use a simple three-tier rubric:

- ✓ **Cited (2 points)** — your brand is named and linked as a source
- ✓ **Mentioned (1 point)** — your brand is named in the answer but not linked
- ✓ **Absent (0 points)** — neither named nor linked

Also capture: which competitors were cited, the date of the test, the model version, and a one-line note on what the answer got right or wrong about your space.

Step 4 — Log everything in one place

Maintain a single tracking sheet with one row per prompt-engine-month combination. Minimum columns: prompt, engine, model version, date, score, competitors cited, notes, follow-up action. Over six months this becomes the most valuable AEO asset you own — it shows trajectory, not just snapshots.

THE FIVE-STEP PROTOCOL - CONT.

Step 5 — Convert results to action

After each monthly run, identify the three prompts with the biggest gap between desired and actual visibility. For each, choose one tactical response:

- ✓ Absent on a definitional prompt → rewrite or publish a "What is [topic]?" page using the Definition Template
- ✓ Mentioned but not cited → add original data, citations, and stronger schema to the relevant page
- ✓ Competitor cited where you should be → audit their cited URL for what you're missing (depth, freshness, schema, entity signals)

Three improvements per month, executed well, compound faster than a vague to-do list of fifty.

CADENCE AND OWNERSHIP

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Assign a single owner. Distributed responsibility produces inconsistent scoring, which destroys the trend line that makes this protocol valuable. The owner does not need to be senior; they need to be consistent.

Time budget: a 20-prompt set across five engines takes a focused operator roughly 90 minutes. Plan accordingly.



CALCULATING AI SHARE OF VOICE

Your monthly score across all engines and prompts gives you a single composite number: AI Share of Voice.

Formula:

$$\text{AI Share of Voice} = \left(\frac{\text{Total points earned}}{\text{Total possible points}} \right) \times 100$$

With 20 prompts and 5 engines, the maximum possible score is 200 points (20 × 5 × 2). A brand cited everywhere would hit 100%. A brand absent everywhere would hit 0%. Most brands in 2026 start between 8 and 20% and grow from there.

Track this number monthly. The trend matters more than any single reading.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

Three patterns separate brands winning at AEO from brands chasing it:

- Branded prompt visibility above 60%. If AI engines can't reliably describe your own brand, your entity signals need work before anything else.
- Definitional prompt visibility above 30%. This is where most brands have the largest upside. Definition pages are the highest-leverage content type for AEO.
- A positive trend line across six months. Absolute scores matter less than direction. A brand moving from 12% to 28% is winning. A brand flat at 40% is being caught.



COMMON PITFALLS

- **Testing the wrong prompts.** Vanity queries that no real customer asks produce vanity results. Stay disciplined about pulling from real audience signals.
- **Inconsistent scoring.** Two operators score the same answer differently. Either keep one owner or write a 200-word scoring rubric the whole team uses.
- **Reacting to a single bad month.** Model updates can shift results overnight. Three data points make a trend; one does not.
- **Optimizing for the prompt instead of the audience.** The goal isn't to game a specific query. It's to be the source AI engines reach for when any version of that question is asked.



THE WRRAP X TESTING MAPPING

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- **White Hat** — testing with real audience prompts, scoring honestly, not manipulating results
- **Reliable** — same protocol, same owner, same cadence, every month
- **Relevant** — prompts grounded in actual audience questions, not invented ones
- **Amplification** — using results to identify which pages need PR, entity work, or citations
- **Performance** — AI Share of Voice as the single most direct measure of AEO success

Search results were never the destination. Citations are. The Prompt-Testing Protocol is how you know whether you're getting them.

THE PROTOCOL

You can't optimize for AI if you don't know what it's saying about you. Check Ai Engines.

List your 10 highest-stakes brand prompts. Which engines will you test?

What does "winning" look like — Definitional, Mentioned, or Absent?

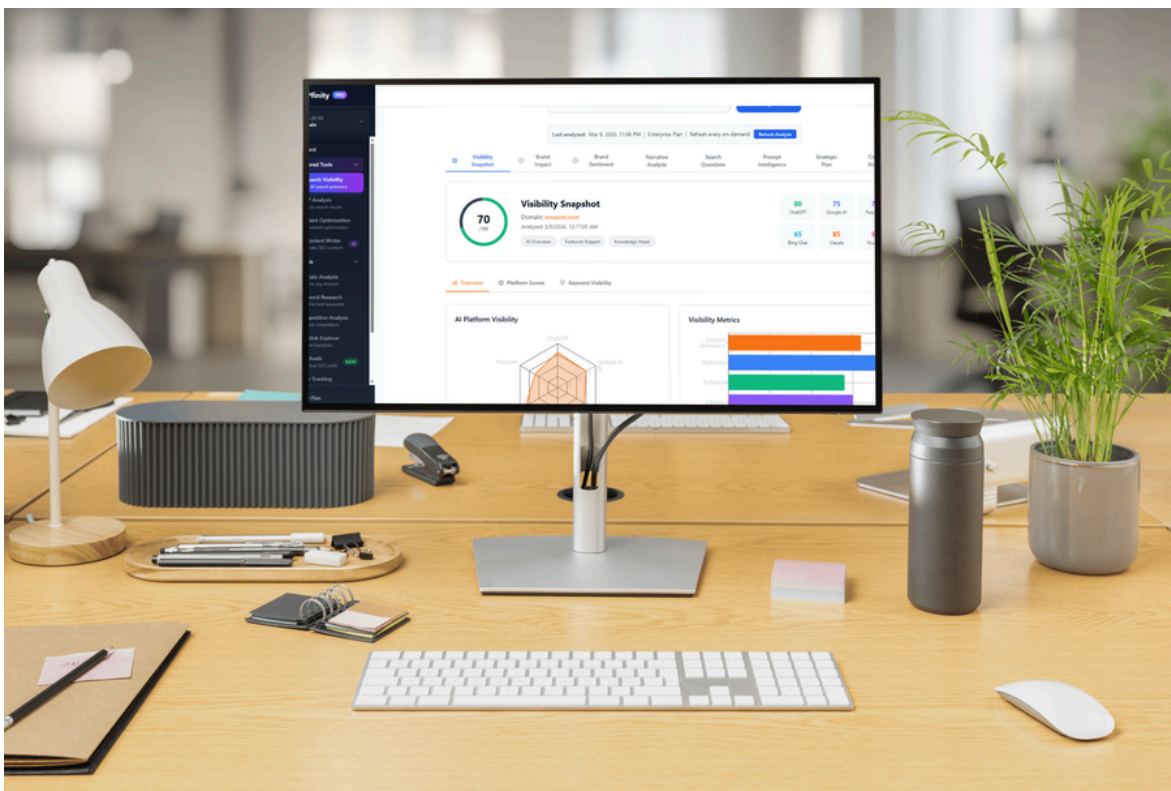
Who owns the monthly prompt audit, and where will results live?

KISS 10

THE AEO KPI DASHBOARD

If the Prompt-Testing Protocol tells you whether you're being cited, the KPI Dashboard tells you why – and what to do about it. This section specifies the eight metrics every AEO program should track, where to source each one inside SERPfinity, what a healthy range looks like, and which WRRAP pillar it serves.

Treat this as the single page your team reviews on the first Monday of every month, right after the prompt test is complete.



THE EIGHT METRICS THAT MATTER

1

AI Search Visibility Score What it measures: your brand's overall presence across ChatGPT, Google AI, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and other answer engines. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Visibility Snapshot. Healthy range: establishing a baseline in month one is the win; a positive trend line month over month is the long game. Top-quartile brands in their category sit above 40%.

WRRAP pillar: Performance.

2

AI Citation Count by Engine What it measures: how often each individual engine names or links to you. Engine-level granularity matters – a brand strong on Perplexity but absent on ChatGPT has a different problem than a brand weak everywhere. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Brand Impact and Prompt Intelligence. Healthy range: parity across the top three engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews) is the goal. A 3-to-1 spread between your strongest and weakest engine signals an entity or content gap.

WRRAP pillar: Amplification.

3

Brand Sentiment in AI Answers What it measures: whether AI engines describe your brand positively, neutrally, or negatively when they do mention you. A cited brand can still be cited poorly. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Brand Sentiment and Narrative Analysis. Healthy range: positive sentiment above 70%, neutral below 25%, negative below 5%. Any negative trend deserves a same-week response – narrative drift in AI compounds quickly.

WRRAP pillar: Reliable.

4

Branded vs. Unbranded AI Mentions What it measures: the ratio of citations triggered by branded prompts ("Is [your brand] good at X?") versus unbranded category prompts ("Who's the best at X?"). Unbranded mentions are the harder, more valuable signal. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Brand Impact and Search Questions. Healthy range: unbranded mentions should grow from near zero in month one toward 25% of total mentions by month six. Anything above 40% is excellent.

WRRAP pillar: Relevant + Amplification.

5

AI Referral Sessions and Assisted Conversions What it measures: the humans actually arriving at your site from ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and Copilot – and whether they convert. SERPfinity source: Dashboard → connected Google Analytics (via the Connect Google integration on the Overview tab). Healthy range: this is the metric most likely to grow 10x year over year for brands that take AEO seriously. Baseline in month one and watch the slope, not the absolute number.

WRRAP pillar: Performance.

6

Schema Coverage and Technical Health What it measures: the percentage of important pages carrying valid structured data, plus crawl errors, indexation rate, and Core Web Vitals. SERPfinity source: SEO Tools → Site Audit, supported by Domain Analysis. Healthy range: schema coverage above 90% on all priority templates (Definition, Service, Product). Core Web Vitals passing on at least 75% of crawled URLs.

WRRAP pillar: White Hat + Performance.

7

Competitive AI Share of Voice What it measures: your AI visibility relative to your three to five primary category competitors. Absolute scores can mislead; relative trajectory cannot. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Visibility Snapshot (compared across saved domains) and SEO Tools → Competitive Analysis. Healthy range: gaining share against at least one named competitor each quarter is a meaningful win. Holding flat while a competitor surges is an early warning.

WRRAP pillar: Amplification.

8

Content Freshness Rate What it measures: the percentage of pillar pages updated within the last 90 days. Models weight freshness, and stale content is the slowest leak in most AEO programs. SERPfinity source: AI Search Visibility → Content Strategy, paired with your own publishing log. Healthy range: 100% of pillar pages refreshed quarterly. 60% of supporting cluster pages refreshed annually.

WRRAP pillar: Reliable.

THE ONE-PAGE MONTHLY VIEW

Build your monthly dashboard view as a single page with three horizontal bands:

Top band — the headline number. AI Search Visibility Score, displayed large, with its month-over-month delta. This is the number leadership should remember.

Middle band — the four diagnostic metrics. AI Citation Count by Engine, Branded vs. Unbranded ratio, Brand Sentiment, and Competitive AI Share of Voice. These four answer the "why is the headline number moving?" question.

Bottom band — the three operating metrics. AI Referral Sessions, Schema Coverage, and Content Freshness Rate. These are the levers your team pulls between monthly reviews.

Refresh the page once per month, right after the Prompt-Testing Protocol is run, so the qualitative scoring and the quantitative dashboard tell the same story.

HOW THE METRICS CONNECT TO ACTION

Each metric should map to one or two repeatable interventions. The pattern below works as a quick-reference for your team:

AI Search Visibility Score down→

run the Prompt-Testing Protocol; identify the 3 weakest prompts; apply the relevant Content Template.

Citation Count uneven across engines→

audit entity signals (Wikidata, sameAs, third-party profiles); rebalance digital PR toward weak engines.

Branded > Unbranded ratio stuck→

publish more category-level content; expand topic clusters around unbranded queries.

Sentiment trending negative→

investigate Narrative Analysis; correct misinformation at the source; pitch corrective coverage.

AI Referrals flat with rising Visibility→

answer-first content may be over-summarizing; add genuine reasons to click (tools, data, depth).

Schema Coverage below 90%→

fix in one focused sprint; this is a one-time foundation cost.

Competitive Share losing ground→

reverse-engineer the cited competitor URL; close the gap with depth, freshness, or entity signals.

Content Freshness below 100% on pillars→

quarterly refresh ritual is failing; reassign ownership.

SETTING UP THE DASHBOARD IN SERPFINITY

To turn this spec into a live dashboard in the tool you already have open:

Connect Google. From the Dashboard Overview tab, complete the Connect Google flow to bring Search Console and Analytics data alongside **SERPfinity's** AI metrics. This is what makes the AI Referral Sessions and Assisted Conversions band possible.

Save your domain and competitors. Use the Watched Domains tab to lock in your domain plus three to five competitors, so Competitive AI Share of Voice trends are captured automatically.

Run AI Search Visibility monthly. Schedule the scan for the same day each month — the same day as your Prompt-Testing Protocol — so the qualitative and quantitative layers stay synchronized.

Save reports. Use the Saved tab and Ai-Reports tab as your month-over-month archive. Six months of saved reports is the asset that turns gut-feel decisions into trend-line decisions.

Run Site Audit quarterly. Schema coverage and Core Web Vitals don't shift weekly. A quarterly run is enough to keep the foundation metric honest.

THE WRRAP X METRICS MAPPING

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- **White Hat** — Schema Coverage and Technical Health
- **Reliable** — Brand Sentiment and Content Freshness
- **Relevant** — Branded vs. Unbranded Mention ratio
- **Amplification** — Citation Count by Engine and Competitive AI Share of Voice
- **Performance** — AI Search Visibility Score and AI Referral Sessions

Five pillars. Eight metrics. One page. Reviewed once a month. That is the entire feedback loop — and the difference between a brand that hopes it's being cited and a brand that knows.

KISS 11

FUTURE OF SEARCH & COMMON MISTAKES

As search evolves, new opportunities and pitfalls emerge. Common AEO mistakes include writing solely for keywords rather than questions, ignoring structured data, allowing content to become outdated, and relying too heavily on AI-generated copy without human review. Avoid these traps by focusing on user intent and maintaining editorial oversight.

Looking ahead, search will become multimodal. Voice and video queries will complement text, and AI agents will perform tasks on behalf of users. Answer engines will draw from not only web pages but also from podcasts, transcripts, images, and real-time data. Preparing your brand for this future means diversifying your content formats, ensuring accessibility, and continuing to invest in AEO, GEO, and SEO strategies. Those who build a holistic, ethical, and data-driven approach will thrive in the AI-driven search revolution.

“The brands that get future citations are the ones optimizing today”

~MonicaFaye Hall

THE DASHBOARD

What gets measured gets cited. What's your baseline today?

*Record your starting AI Share of Voice.
(Number + date.)*

Which 3 metrics matter most for your business model?

What's the one number you'll review every Monday?

KISS 12

RESOURCE GUIDE & ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- **The Digital Hall** — A full-service digital marketing agency based in Richmond, VA, offering SEO, AEO, PPC, CRO, and web design. The site shares insights on using AI in your SEO strategy and details their process of combining SEO, AEO, and PPC for full-funnel growth.
- **SERPfinity™** — A platform for mastering AI search visibility. SERPfinity provides AI search visibility scores, answer engine tracking, SERP feature monitoring, and AI content optimization to help brands dominate traditional and AI search.
- **Monicafayehall.com** — The personal site of digital marketing and eCommerce consultant. It offers consulting services, SEO audits, and resources on SEO, SEM, CRO, and e-commerce.

Remember: AEO isn't a campaign, it is a compounded structured system that requires strategy and your expertise at the forefront.

WRRAP

QUICK REFERENCE CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to audit your AEO strategy. Each WRRAP pillar works together to make your content discoverable, trustworthy, and citation-ready for AI answer engines.

W — White Hat: Are you using ethical, sustainable practices? No manipulative tactics or spammy content. Build authority through transparency and quality.

R — Reliable: Is your information accurate, current, and consistent? Fact-check claims, update content regularly, and align with E-E-A-T signals.

R — Relevant: Does your content match the questions your audience is asking? Adopt a question-first mindset and cover topics with depth and clarity.

A — Amplification: Is your content distributed beyond your own site? Earn citations and mentions across podcasts, news, social, and authoritative platforms.

P — Performance: Are you measuring what matters? Track Core Web Vitals (LCP, CLS, INP), AI citations, share of voice, and conversions with SERPfinity.

Quick Win: Pick one pillar each week and audit your top 5 pages against it. Small, consistent improvements compound into AI search dominance.

THE NEXT STEP

You've read it. Now run it. What's the one move you'll make this week?

What's your single most important AEO action for the next 7 days?

Which WRRAP pillar needs the most attention in your business?

Who on your team needs to read this playbook next?

SEAL IT WITH A KISS

WHERE TO START

Day 1 action plan

1. Run a schema audit.
2. Pick one KISS to implement this week.
3. Score your first 5 prompts.

You've Read It. Now Run It.



The image shows a promotional graphic for SERPfinity. At the top, it says "14-DAY FREE TRIAL" with a blue checkmark icon. Below that is the SERPfinity logo, which consists of a blue infinity symbol followed by the text "SERPfinity™". The central part of the graphic is a laptop displaying the SERPfinity website. The website has a purple and pink gradient background and features the headline "Master AI Search Visibility Dominate Every SERP". Below the headline, there is a sub-headline: "The platform built for the AI search era. Track your visibility across ChatGPT, Google AI Overview, and 20+ SERP features. Optimize content for both traditional and AI-powered search engines." There is a search input field with the placeholder text "Enter your domain (e.g., example.com)" and a yellow button labeled "Get Free AI Score". Below the input field, there are three bullet points: "No credit card required", "100% Free Analysis", and "Results in 90 seconds". At the bottom of the laptop screen, it says "Track Your Visibility Across All AI Search Engines" and "Complete coverage of the AI search ecosystem".

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