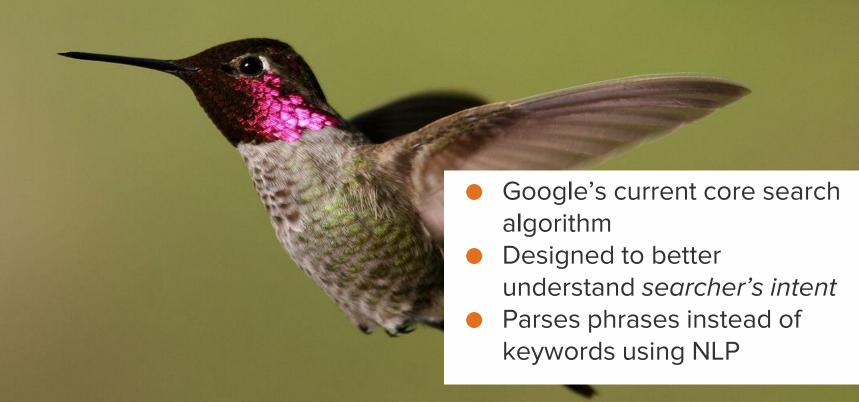
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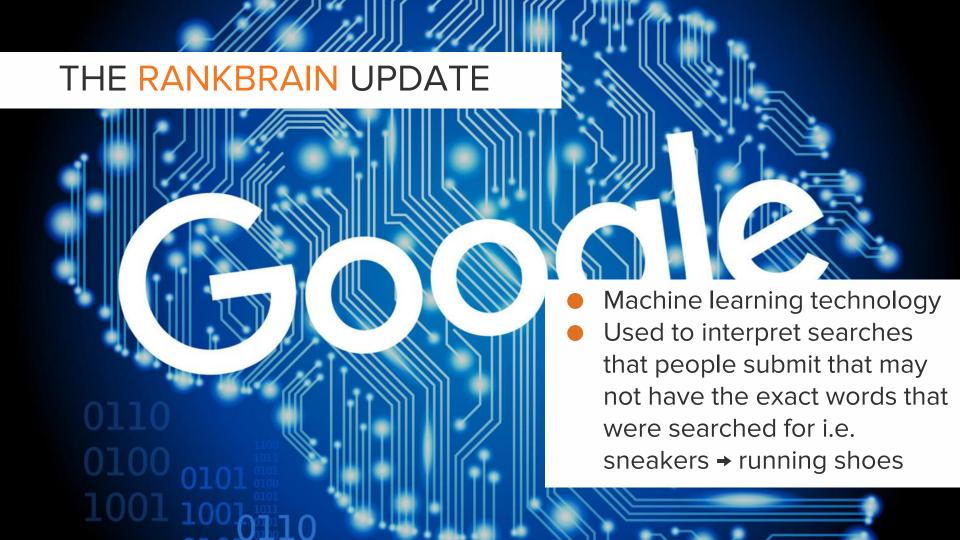
Learn how to craft a content marketing strategy that both humans and search engines will love

BY THE END OF TODAY'S TRAINING, YOU WILL

- Learn about Topic Cluster Methodology, a new approach to SEO
- Understand how to build a pillar page
- Know how to use HubSpot's new Content Strategy tool

THE HUMMINGBIRD UPDATE





WHAT TOP SEOs DO DIFFERENTLY

- Moved away from only optimizing around exact match keywords
- Produce comprehensive & semantic-rich content around specific topics
- Emphasize SEO-friendly site architecture and consistent internal linking
- Aggressively promote their content through link building, repurposing, paid channels etc.

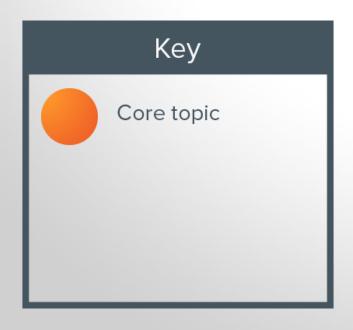
Think of your content like a series of pillars, a stabilizing foundation for your marketing strategy.



PILLAR CONTENT (aka pillar page)

A website page that covers a topic in depth and is linked to a cluster of related content.

TOPIC CLUSTER METHODOLOGY

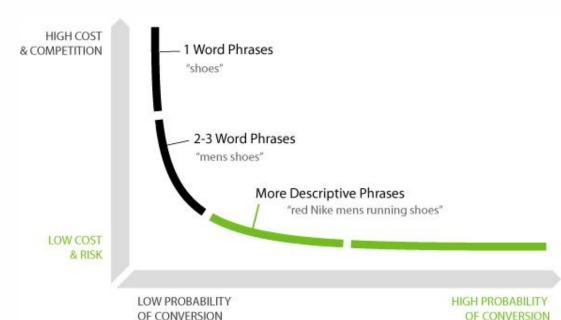




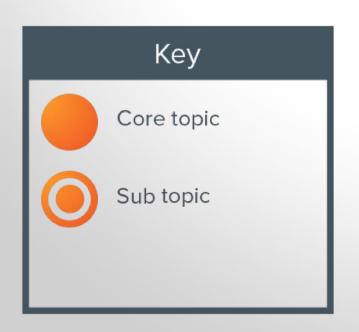
Core topic should be a **broad term**.

The term:

- Between 2-4 words in length
- Industry specific, educational
- Supports product or service
- "Head tail" keyword



TOPIC CLUSTER METHODOLOGY





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BENEFITS OF UNGATING CONTENT

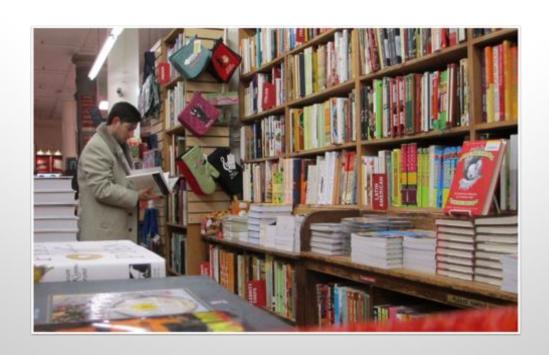
- Attracts organic traffic
- Increase in quality conversions

90% of website visitors prefer to read from a PDF as opposed to a website page.

BENEFITS OF UNGATING CONTENT

- Attracts organic traffic
- Increase in quality conversions
- Solves for the person visiting your page

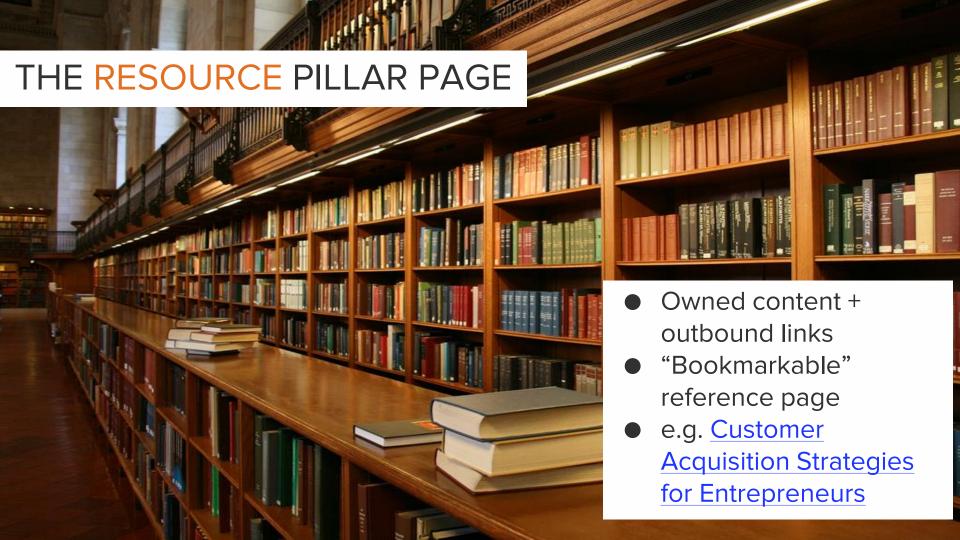
Ungating premium content and offering a relevant download solves for the human experience

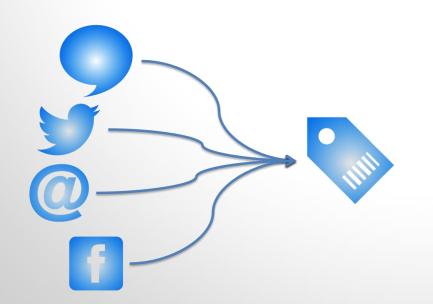


THE 10X CONTENT PILLAR PAGE



- Mostly owned content
- Deep dive on core topic
- Format is similar to an ungated eBook
- e.g. <u>Beginner's Guide to SEO</u>





Etuma helps businesses transform unstructured text data into business decision-making information.

PILLAR PAGE LAYOUT TIPS

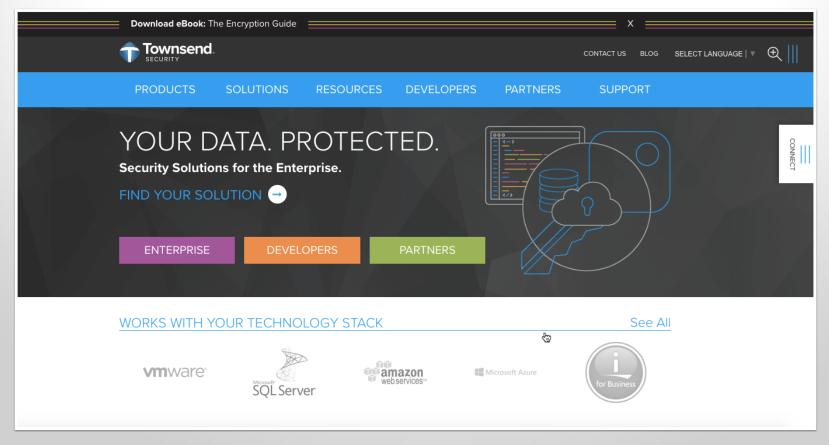
- Core topic referenced in page title
- Core topic referenced in URL
- Top navigation
- Core topic referenced in H1 tag
- Definition of core topic (if applicable)
- Conversion-focused landing page elements

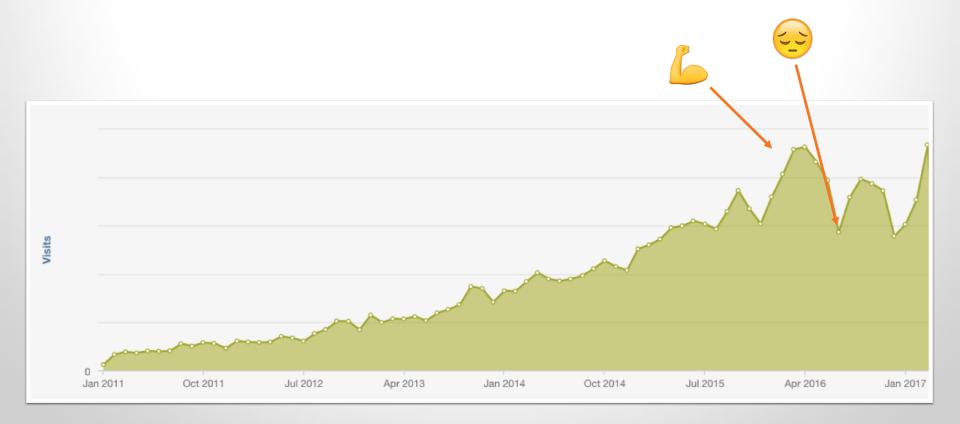
- Anchor-linked table of contents
- Images with core topic referenced in alt text
- H2 tags for section headers
- Related core topic terms throughout the page's content
- Links to relevant internal resources
- Links to relevant external resources
- Back to top button

"We are receiving about 4x leads (if you measure by quality) compared to before the text analysis content pillar."

- Matti, Etuma

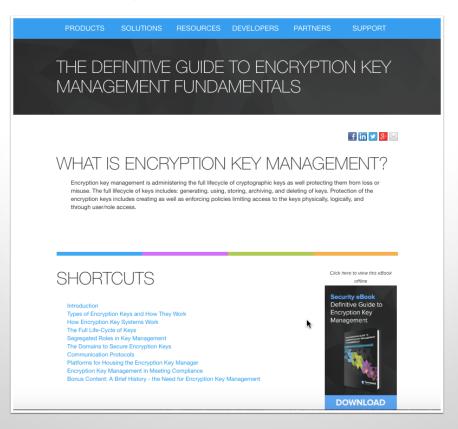
Townsend Security is a full-service software security provider.



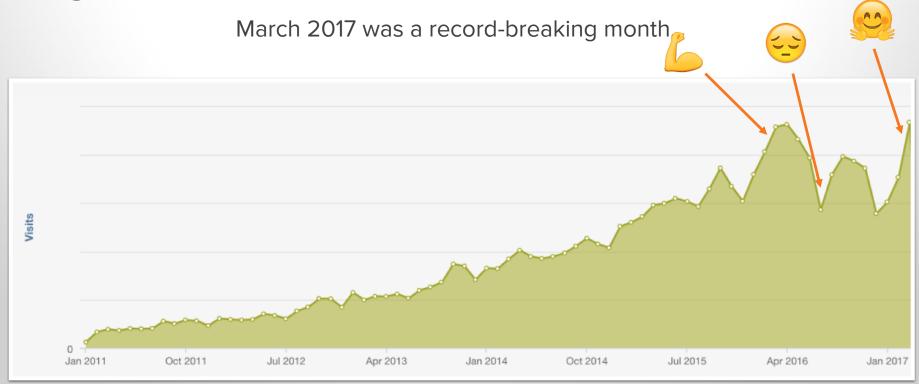


Townsend Security decided to fight back by creating an ungated, comprehensive resource content pillar page around a broad topic.

Goal: become thought leader on encryption key management.



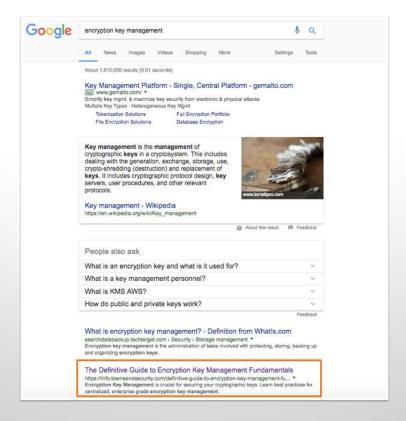
Unpaid, organic traffic coming from search engines increased 40% in less than 3 months.





of people who visited the encryption key management content pillar downloaded the guide.

Townsend also claims the **#2 listing on Google** for 'Encryption Key Management'.



Townsend's CEO stepped up to create their next pillar page.

Content is becoming a business-wide initiative, not just a marketing initiative.



Your subtopics might become strong enough to take the shape of a topic cluster and pillar page



CONTENT MARKETING'S DIRTY LITTLE SECRET



CONTENT PROMOTION CHECKLIST

Short-term tactics to do for every piece of content

- Send email series to current contacts
- Upload relevant emails to Facebook and create look-alike audience
- Create a series of social posts using interesting snippets from content
- Outreach to people who linked to similar content
- Answer five questions on Quora
- Comment on five blog posts on relevant, authoritative sites

Strategic tasks to achieve in the long term

- Build relationships with industry influencers
- Contribute on industry newsletters
- Guest blog on authoritative websites
- Become active on industry communities
- Boost top-performing content on social media
- Launch remarketing ad campaign
- Syndicate your content
- Update/expand top-performing content
- Repurpose content into new formats
- Continue creating content to support topics

