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Aim: Introduction of SEO and google search algorithms

Task 1: SEO Terminology

1. **Alt Tags**
   Alternative text descriptions added to images in HTML. They help search engines understand image content and improve accessibility for visually impaired users.

2. **Keyword Density**
   The percentage of times a keyword appears on a webpage compared to the total number of words. Optimal density is typically 1-3%.

3. **Indexing**
   The process by which search engines collect, parse, and store webpage data to facilitate fast and accurate information retrieval.

4. **Search Query**
   The actual text that a user types into a search engine to find specific information.

5. **Anchor Text**
   The clickable text in a hyperlink. It helps search engines understand what the linked page is about.

6. **Title**
   The HTML element that defines the document's title. It appears in browser tabs and search results as the clickable headline.

7. **Link Building**
   The process of acquiring hyperlinks from other websites to your own, improving search engine rankings.

8. **SEM (Search Engine Marketing)**
   The practice of marketing a business using paid advertisements that appear on search engine results pages.

9. **Black Hat SEO**
   Unethical practices to improve search rankings that violate search engine guidelines, such as keyword stuffing or hidden text.

10. **Headline Tags (H1-H6)**
    HTML elements used to define headings and subheadings, helping search engines understand content hierarchy.

11. **Link Juice**
    The SEO value that one webpage passes to another through links.

12. **Ranking**
    A webpage's position in search engine results for specific queries.

13. **White Hat SEO**

Ethical optimization practices that follow search engine guidelines and focus on providing value to users.

14. **Inbound Links**

Hyperlinks from external websites pointing to your website, also called backlinks.

15. **Long Tail**

Longer, more specific keyword phrases that visitors are likely to use when closer to making a purchase.

16. **Backlink**

A link from one website to another, serving as a vote of confidence and affecting search rankings.

17. **Keyword**

Words or phrases that users enter into search engines to find specific information.

18. **Outbound Links**

Links from your website to other websites.

19. **No-follow**

An HTML attribute telling search engines not to pass SEO value through a specific link.

20. **SERP (Search Engine Results Page)**

The page displayed by search engines in response to a user's search query.

Task 2: Google Algorithm Analysis

1. **Panda (2011)**
    - **Focus:** Content Quality
    - **Key Features:**
        o   Targeted low-quality and thin content
        o   Penalized content farms
        o   Emphasized original, in-depth content
        o   Reduced duplicate content visibility
    - **Impact:** Affected 12% of all search results

2. **Penguin (2012)**
    - **Focus**: Link Quality
    - **Key Features:**
        o   Targeted link spam
        o   Penalized artificial link building
        o   Emphasized natural link profiles
        o   Reduced effectiveness of paid links
    - **Impact**: Affected 3.1% of search queries
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3. **Hummingbird (2013)**
   - **Focus**: Search Intent
   - **Key Features:**
     - Improved understanding of conversational searches
     - Enhanced semantic search capabilities
     - Better interpretation of context
     - Improved handling of complex queries
   - **Impact**: Complete engine overhaul affecting 90% of searches

4. **Pigeon (2014)**
   - **Focus**: Local Search
   - **Key Features:**
     - Improved local search results
     - Better distance and location ranking parameters
     - Enhanced Google Maps integration
     - More accurate local business listings
   - **Impact**: Significant changes to local search results

5. **Mobilegeddon (2015)**
   - **Focus**: Mobile Optimization
   - **Key Features:**
     - Prioritized mobile-friendly websites
     - Emphasized responsive design
     - Improved mobile user experience
     - Penalized non-mobile-friendly sites
   - **Impact**: Affected 40% of top websites

6. **Possum (2016)**
   - **Focus**: Local Search Diversity
   - **Key Features:**
     - Varied results based on searcher location
     - Filtered similar business listings
     - Improved business location accuracy
     - Enhanced local pack results
   - **Impact**: Major changes to local search rankings

7. **Fred (2017)**
   - **Focus**: Content Value
   - **Key Features:**
     o Targeted ad-heavy content
     o Penalized thin affiliate content
     o Emphasized user value
     o Reduced visibility of low-value content
   - **Impact**: Affected numerous affiliate-heavy websites
8. **BERT (2019)**
   - **Focus**: Natural Language Processing
   - **Key Features:**
     o Better understanding of search context
     o Improved handling of prepositions
     o Enhanced comprehension of nuanced queries
     o More accurate featured snippets
   - **Impact**: Affected 10% of all search queries

Conclusion

Google's search algorithms have evolved significantly over the years, moving from simple keyword matching to sophisticated understanding of user intent and content quality. Each update has pushed website owners and SEO professionals to focus more on creating high-quality, user-centric content while following ethical optimization practices.