

Training Day18 Report

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Keys Takeways:

1. Creating a Sitemap

- **Purpose:**
 - Helps search engines index the site more effectively.
 - Enhances navigation for users and search engines.
- **Types:**
 - XML Sitemap: For search engines.
 - HTML Sitemap: For users.
- **Creation Steps:**
 - List all URLs on the website.
 - Use tools like XML-Sitemaps.com, Screaming Frog, or Yoast SEO (for WordPress) to generate an XML sitemap.
 - Ensure the sitemap adheres to the Sitemap Protocol.
- **Location:**
 - Save the XML sitemap as sitemap.xml in the root directory.
 - Example: abc.com/sitemap.xml.
- **Submission:**
 - Submit the sitemap to search engines via tools like Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools.

2. Creating a 404 Page

- **Purpose:**
 - Informs users that the requested page does not exist.
 - Maintains a consistent user experience.
- **Design Considerations:**

- Simple and clear message indicating the page is not found.
- A friendly and helpful tone.
- Links to navigate back to the homepage or other useful pages.

- **HTML Example:**

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<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

  <meta charset="UTF-8">

  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initialscale=1.0">

  <title>404 Not Found</title>

  <style>    body { font-family: Arial, sans-serif; text-align: center;
backgroundcolor: #f8f8f8; color: #333; }
    .container { max-width: 600px; margin: 100px auto; }    h1 {
font-size: 48px; }    p { font-size: 18px; }    a { color:
#007BFF; text-decoration: none; }    a:hover { text-decoration:
underline; }
  </style>
</head>

<body>

  <div class="container">

    <h1>404</h1>

    <p>Oops! The page you're looking for doesn't exist.</p>    <p>It might
have been removed, renamed, or did not exist in the first place.</p>

    <p><a href="/">Go back to the homepage</a></p>

  </div>

</body>

</html>
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- **Implementation:**

- o Save the HTML file as 404.html in the root directory.
- o Configure the web server to serve this file when a 404 error occurs.

3. Creating Robots.txt

- **Purpose:**
 - o Provides instructions to web crawlers about which pages to index or not.
- **Syntax:**
 - o User-agent: Specifies the web crawler.
 - o Disallow: Blocks crawlers from accessing specified paths.
 - o Allow: Grants access to specific paths (overrides disallow rules).
 - o Sitemap: Specifies the location of the sitemap.

- **Example:**

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User-agent: *

Disallow: /private/

Allow: /public/

Sitemap: https://abc.com/sitemap.xml

- **Creation Steps:**
 - o Open a text editor and create the robots.txt file with the appropriate rules.
 - o Save the file as robots.txt.
 - o Place the file in the root directory of the website.
- **Validation:**
 - o Use tools like Google's Robots.txt Tester to ensure the syntax is correct.