#### Speed is a ranking factor for S.E.O.

Search engines levy a penalty on slow websites. It will directly impact your ranking in major search engines.

QUOTE: "Speed is definitely a ranking factor? YES." John Mueller, Google 2019

A VERY SLOW loading website is a NEGATIVE ranking factor.

#### **User Experience & Traffic**

Waiting for content to load becomes frustrating.

Creates a bad user experience.

Users are likely to close the window or click away.

BBC discovered that they lost 10% of their total users for every additional second it took for their pages to load.

53% of visits are abandoned if a mobile site takes longer than 3 seconds to load.

# A website receive more traffic and improves visitor satisfaction levels.

#### **User Experience & Traffic**

ls to 3s	The probability of bounce increases 32%
ls to 5s	The probability of bounce increases 90%
ls to 6s	The probability of bounce increases 106%
1s to 10s	The probability of bounce increases 123%

Source: Google/SOASTA Research, 2017.

#### Site speed affects Conversion Rate

#### Retailer "AutoAnything"

Source skilled.co

experienced a 12-13% increase in sales after cutting page load time in half.

#### Site speed affects Conversion Rate

#### "Walmart"

improved page load time by one second and increased conversions by 2%.

Source skilled co

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Amazon and Google studies show that improving a website loading time by 1 second, the conversion rate increase between 10 and 20%

#### Site speed affects Conversion Rate

# 67% of online shopper will abandon purchase in a slow website

Source: Brand Perfect Report

#### **HOW FAST YOUR WEBSITE LOADS?**

#### **Free Online Tools**

You can check how fast your website loads, and several other performance metrics with some of the most popular FREE online tools.

Webpagetest

**GTmetrix** 

**Pingdom** 

Google Page Speed Insights

Overall loading time, Time to First Byte (TTFB), page size and "First contentful paint" are areas of interest.

### External / Third-Party Script

Ads, analytic scripts, widgets, tracking, fonts, javascripts, and more...

They have a huge impact on website performance.

#### Media / Videos & Images

Images, Videos bring beauty, life, and more engagement to WordPress post and pages.

The main issues are their size, weight and too many of them in one page.

Images & Videos contribute a lot to slow page load speed.

### Coding Standards / Plugins / Themes

Plugins & Themes bring more functionalities to your blog.

But many of these plugins or themes

are not coded for performance.

They are often bloated with unused functionality

published on every page.

Poorly coded plugins can impact the speed of your website.

#### Web Hosting / Server Resources

Choice of Shared, Dedicated hosting, Virtual hosting, or Cloud provider.

Servers, CPU, Memory and Network Bandwidth.

Web Hosting is the foundation of your website.

These are just a **few** of what might be the cause of your website to load very slowly.

#### **Images Optimization**

Create smaller version (width & height)
Remove EXIF data
Lossless & lossy optimization techniques (size)
Save images for web use (png, jpg, webp)
Lazy Load Images (if applicable)

#### **Fonts Optimization**

**Google Fonts** 

Use only fonts you need Serving fonts from your own platform may help speed

**FontAwesome** 

Using only icons you need we can reduce FontAwesome size to a minimum (~6Kb)

#### **Code Optimization**

Remove Unused Code
Combine CSS & JS Files
Minify code CSS, JS, HTML
Selective dequeue scripts or plugins where not necessary
(Emoji, Elementor, WooCommerce, etc...)
Code Audit

#### **Database Optimization**

Database Engine Performance & Tuning
Database Optimization (indexes)
Database Housekeeping
Analyze, Optimize tables
Cleaning WordPress Tables
Choosing the Right Storage Engine (if applicable)

#### **Web Server Optimization**

Web Server Performance & Tuning
Fast-CGI cache Installation & Configuration
(if applicable)
Operating System Performance & Tuning (Linux)
PHP optimization, latest PHP version

#### **WooCommerce Optimization**

<u>Disabling unused functions</u>
Selective dequeue WooCommerce JS scripts

where <u>not</u> necessary

WooCommerce Database Optimization
WooCommerce Tables Optimization (indexes)
Analyze, Optimize WooCommerce tables
Cleaning WooCommerce Tables
WooCommerce Updates

#### **WordPress Optimization**

<u>Disabling unused functions</u>
Selective dequeue WordPress JS scripts, plugins, functions
where <u>not</u> necessary

WordPress Database Optimization
WordPress Tables Optimization (indexes)
Analyze, Optimize WordPress tables
Cleaning WordPress Tables
WordPress updates

#### **Page Caching**

Always the last step!

Web Server fast-CGI cache (if applicable)
PHP opcache (if applicable)
Page Fragment caching
Advanced WordPress Cache Configuration (plugin)

#### **CDN Integration**

Integrate a Content Delivery Network (if applicable)

Cloudflare, CloudFront (AWS) & Others

#### LET'S MAKE YOUR SITE INCREDIBLY FAST

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