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General Guidelines Overview

Welcome to the Search Quality Rating Program!

As a Search Quality evaluator, you will work on many different types of rating projects. The General Guidelines primarily cover Page Quality (PQ) rating and Needs Met (NM) rating; however, the concepts are also important for many other types of rating tasks.

For brevity, we refer to “Search Quality Evaluators” as “raters” in these guidelines.

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0.0 Introduction to Needs Met Rating

0.1 The Purpose of Search Quality Rating

Your ratings will be used to evaluate search engine quality around the world. Good search engines give results that are helpful for users in their specific language and locale.

0.2 Raters Must Represent the User

It is very important for you to represent users in the locale you evaluate. You must be very familiar with the task language and location in order to represent the experience of users in your locale. If you do not have the knowledge to do this, please inform your vendor.

0.3 Browser Requirements

Check with your vendor for browser requirements.

You may use helpful browser add-ons or extensions, but please do not use add-ons or extensions which interfere with or alter the user experience of the page.

0.4 Ad Blocking Extensions

Do not use add-ons or extensions that block ads for Needs Met rating or Page Quality rating. These add-ons or extensions may cause you to give incorrect ratings.

As a rater, only use an ad blocking extension or add-on if specifically instructed to do so in the project-specific instructions.

0.5 Internet Safety Information

In the course of your work, you will visit many different webpages. Some of them may harm your computer unless you are careful. Please do not download any executables, applications, or other potentially dangerous files, or click on any links that you are uncomfortable with.

It is strongly recommended that you have antivirus and antispyware protection on your computer. This software must be updated frequently or your computer will not be protected. There are many free and for-purchase antivirus and antispyware products available on the web.

See here for a Wikipedia page on antivirus software and here for a Wikipedia page on spyware.

We suggest that you only open files with which you are comfortable. The file formats listed below are generally considered safe if antivirus software is in place.

- .txt (text file)
- .ppt or .pptx (Microsoft PowerPoint)
- .doc or .docx (Microsoft Word)
- .xls or .xlsx (Microsoft Excel)
- .pdf (PDF) files

If you encounter a page with a warning message, such as “Warning-visiting this web site may harm your computer,” or if your antivirus software warns you about a page, you should not try to visit the page to assign a rating.

You may also come across pages that require RealPlayer or the Adobe Flash Player plug-in. These are safe to download.

0.6 Releasing Tasks

Most raters have difficulty rating some tasks now and then. Some queries are about highly technical topics (e.g., computer science or physics) or involve very specialized areas of interest (e.g., gaming or torrents). Please release the task if, after research, you don't understand the query or user intent for the task or the content of the landing page (LP).

You may release tasks for these reasons:

- **Lack expertise**: You feel that you personally can't rate the query.
- **Suspicious files**: The task contains unknown or suspect file formats.
- **Offensive content**: You believe that the LP will be offensive to you or you feel uncomfortable visiting the LP.
- **Technical problem**: The query/instructions/results have obvious rendering or formatting issues.
- **Wrong language**: The query/task is in the wrong language, i.e., it cannot be understood by users in the locale you are rating.

Part 1: Page Quality Rating Guideline

1.0 Introduction to Page Quality Rating

A Page Quality (PQ) rating task consists of a URL and a series of questions designed to guide your exploration of the landing page and the website associated with the URL. Ultimately, the goal of Page Quality rating is to evaluate how well the page achieves its purpose. Because different types of websites and webpages can have very different purposes, our expectations and standards for different types of pages are also different.

Here's what you'll need to be a successful Page Quality rater:

- Your experience using the web as an ordinary user in your rating locale.
- In-depth knowledge of this guideline.
- And most importantly—practice doing PQ rating tasks!

The examples in this guideline are very important. Please view each one. Webpages and websites change rapidly, so we use images or "snapshots" of webpages in most of our examples.

2.0 Understanding Webpages and Websites

PQ rating requires an in-depth understanding of websites. We'll start with the basics. Along the way, we'll share important information about Page Quality rating, so please read through this section even if you are a website expert!

2.1 Important Definitions

We will try to avoid using technical jargon, but here are some important definitions:

A **webpage** is a document which is part of the World Wide Web. Webpages can be viewed or "visited" with a web browser such as Chrome. In the 1990s, webpage content was mostly text and links. Today, webpage content includes many forms of media (such as images, videos, etc.) and functionality (such as online shopping features, email, calculator functionality, online games, etc.).

A **URL** is a character string which your web browser uses to “find” and display a webpage. Page Quality rating doesn't require you to have in-depth understanding of the structure of URLs, i.e., you don’t need to know the difference between host, domain, etc. But if you are interested, see here to read more.

A **website** or **site** is a group of World Wide Web pages usually containing hyperlinks to each other and made available online by an individual, company, educational institution, government, or organization. Popular websites include Facebook, Wikipedia, Yahoo, YouTube, etc.

Note: In this guideline, we will use the word “website” to refer to a collection of pages owned and controlled by a single entity (individual, business, etc.). But we will also use “website” to refer to major “independent” sections (or hosts) of some websites which were created to achieve separate purposes. For example, the Yahoo website is organized into different sections (or hosts), such as Yahoo Finance (finance.yahoo.com), Yahoo Mail (mail.yahoo.com), Yahoo Sports (sports.yahoo.com), etc. Each of these has its own purpose. It’s OK to refer to each of these sections as a website; for example, the Yahoo Finance website and the Yahoo Sports website. You may also refer to pages on Yahoo Finance or Yahoo Sports (even the main entry pages) as belonging to the Yahoo website.

A **homepage** of a website is the main page of the site. It is usually the first page that users see when the site loads. For example, http://www.apple.com is the homepage of the Apple computer company site, http://www.yahoo.com is the homepage of the Yahoo company site, and http://finance.yahoo.com is the homepage of Yahoo Finance. You can usually find the homepage of a website by clicking on a “home” link or logo link on subpages of a website.

A **subpage** on a website is any page on the site other than the homepage. For example, http://www.apple.com/iphone is a subpage on the Apple website, and http://finance.yahoo.com/options is a subpage on the Yahoo Finance website.

A **webmaster** is the person who designs, develops, and/or maintains a website.

Important*:* You don't have to be an expert in URLs, webpages, or website design. But you do need to be very comfortable exploring websites, both by clicking links and modifying URLs in the address bar of your web browser. Become a website detective and explorer!

2.2 What is the Purpose of a Webpage?

The purpose of a page is the reason or reasons why the page was created. Every page on the Internet is created for a purpose, or for multiple purposes. Most pages are created to be helpful for users. Some pages are created merely to make money, with little or no effort to help users. Some pages are even created to cause harm to users. The first step in understanding a page is figuring out its purpose.

Why is it important to determine the purpose of the page for PQ rating?

- The goal of PQ rating is to determine how well a page achieves its purpose. In order to assign a rating, you must understand the purpose of the page and sometimes the website.
- We have very different standards for different types of pages. By understanding the purpose of the page, you'll better understand what criteria are important to consider when evaluating that particular page.
- Websites and pages should be created to help users. Websites and pages which are created with intent to harm users, deceive users, or make money with no attempt to help users, will receive a very low PQ rating. More on this later.

As long as the page is created to help users, we will not consider one particular purpose or type of page to be higher quality than another. For example, encyclopedia pages are not necessarily higher quality than humor pages.

Important: There are highest quality and lowest quality webpages of all different types and purposes: shopping pages, news pages, forum pages, video pages, pages with error messages, PDFs, images, gossip pages, humor pages, homepages, and all other types of pages. Each of these types of pages can have highest quality ratings and lowest quality ratings.

Our expectations are different for different kinds of websites. Imagine a website called “Uncle Alex’s Family Photos” (a hypothetical **High** quality example) created with much time and effort for the purpose of sharing photos with relatives. Compare that to the website of a multimillion dollar corporation which exists to sell products. Page quality rating is not “one size fits all.” You have to think about the purpose of the page and website.

Common helpful page purposes include (but are not limited to):

- To share information about a topic.
- To share personal or social information.
- To share pictures, videos, or other forms of media.
- To express an opinion or point of view.
- To entertain.
- To sell products or services.
- To allow users to post questions for other users to answer.
- To allow users to share files or to download software.

Here are a few examples where it is easy to understand the purpose of the page:

Type of Page	Purpose of the Page
News website homepage	To display news.
Shopping page	To sell or give information about the product.
Video page	To allow users to watch a video.
Currency converter page	To calculate equivalent amounts in different currencies.

Here are two examples of helpful pages where the purpose of the page is not as obvious:

Page with a Non-Obvious Purpose	Discussion
Christopher Columbus Page Example	This page looks as though the purpose is to share factual information, but the page starts with the text "Christopher Columbus was born in 1951 in Sydney, Australia." This is obviously inaccurate! Was this page created to help users or to trick and confuse users? In this case, exploring the website can help us understand the purpose of the page. This website was built by educators to teach about interpreting information found on the Internet. After reading about the website on the About This Site page, it should be clear that the purpose of the page is to serve as an educational tool. The information on the page is deliberately inaccurate so that it can be used as an example of misinformation on the Internet. This page and website do have a helpful and beneficial purpose.
OmNomNomNom Page Example	At first glance, this page may seem pointless or strange. However, it is a page from a humorous site that encourages users to post photos with mouths drawn on them. The purpose of the page is humor or artistic expression. This page has a helpful or beneficial purpose. Even though the About page on this website is not very helpful, the website explains itself on its FAQ page.

2.3 Your Money or Your Life (YMYL) Pages

Some types of pages could potentially impact the future happiness, health, or wealth of users. We call such pages "Your Money or Your Life" pages, or YMYL. The following are YMYL pages:

- Shopping or financial transaction pages: webpages which allow users to make purchases, transfer money, pay bills, etc. online (such as online stores and online banking pages).
- Financial information pages: webpages which provide advice or information about investments, taxes, retirement planning, home purchase, paying for college, buying insurance, etc.
- Medical information pages: webpages which provide advice or information about health, drugs, specific diseases or conditions, mental health, nutrition, etc.
- Legal information pages: webpages which provide legal advice or information on topics such as divorce, child custody, creating a will, becoming a citizen, etc.
- Other: there are many other topics which you may consider YMYL, such as child adoption, car safety information, etc. Please use your judgment.

We have very high Page Quality rating standards for YMYL pages because low quality YMYL pages could potentially negatively impact users' happiness, health, or wealth.

2.4 Understanding Webpage Content

All of the content on a webpage can be classified as one of the following: Main Content (MC), Supplementary Content (SC), or Advertisements/Monetization (Ads). In order to understand the purpose of a webpage and do PQ rating, you will need to be able to distinguish among these different parts of the page.

Webpage design can be complicated, so make sure to click around and explore the page. See what kind of content is behind the tabs and test out the interactive page features. Content behind the tabs may be considered part of the MC, SC, or even Ads, depending on what the content is.

2.4.1 Identifying the Main Content (MC)

Main Content is any part of the page that directly helps the page achieve its purpose. MC can be text, images, videos, or page features such as calculators, games, etc. MC can be user generated content such as videos, reviews, articles, etc. which users have added or uploaded to the page. Note that tabs on some pages lead to even more information, for example, customer reviews. In some cases, you can consider the content under or behind tabs to be part of the MC of the page. Keep in mind that webmasters directly create and/or control the MC of the page.

Type of Page and Purpose	MC Highlighted in Yellow
News website homepage: the purpose is to display news.	MC - News Homepage
News article page: the purpose is to display a news article.	MC - News Article
Store product page: the purpose is to sell or give information about the product. • Content behind the Reviews, Shipping, and Safety Information tabs are considered to be part of the MC	MC - Shopping Page
Video page: the purpose is to allow users to view a video.	MC - Video Page
Currency converter page: the purpose is to calculate equivalent amounts in different currencies.	MC - Currency Converter
Blog post page: the purpose is to display a blog post.	MC - Blog Post Page
Search engine homepage: the purpose is to allow users to enter a query and search the Internet.	MC - Search Engine Homepage
Bank login page: the purpose is to allow users to log in to bank online.	MC - Bank Login Page

2.4.2 Identifying the Supplementary Content (SC)

Supplementary Content contributes to a good user experience on the page, but does not directly help the page achieve its purpose. SC is created by webmasters and is an important part of the user experience. One common type of SC is navigation links which allow users to visit other parts of the website. Note that in some cases, content behind tabs may be considered part of the SC of the page.

Sometimes the easiest way to identify SC is to look for the parts of the page which *are not* MC or Ads.

Type of Page and Purpose	SC Highlighted in Blue
News website homepage: the purpose is to display news.	SC - News Homepage
News article page: the purpose is to display a news article.	SC - News Article
Store product page: the purpose is to sell or give information about the product.	SC - Shopping Page
Video page: the purpose is to allow users to view a video.	SC - Video Page
Currency converter page: the purpose is to calculate equivalent amounts in different currencies.	SC - Currency Converter
Blog post page: the purpose is to display a blog post.	SC - Blog Post Page
Search engine homepage: the purpose is to allow users to enter a query and search the Internet.	SC - Search Engine Homepage
Bank login page: the purpose is to allow users to log in to bank online.	SC - Bank Login Page

2.4.3 Identifying Advertisements/Monetization (Ads)

Advertisements/Monetization (Ads) is content and/or links that are displayed for the purpose of monetizing (making money from) the page. There are several different ways to monetize a webpage, including advertisements and affiliate programs. See here for more information on website monetization.

The most common type of monetization is advertisements. Ads may be labeled as "ads," "sponsored links," “sponsored listings,” “sponsored results,” etc. Usually, you can click on the links or mouse over the content to determine whether they are Ads. Ads may change when you reload the page, and different users may see different Ads on the same page.

Webmasters can choose to display Ads on their page (for example by joining an advertising network), but they may not always directly control the content of the Ads. However, we will consider a website responsible for the overall quality of the Ads displayed.

Important: For the purpose of this guideline, we will consider monetized links of any type to be “Ads.” See here for different types of website monetization.

Important: Without advertising and monetization, some webpages could not exist because it costs money to maintain a website and create high quality content. The presence or absence of Ads is not by itself a reason for a **High** or **Low** quality rating.

Type of Page and Purpose	Ads Highlighted in Red
News website homepage: the purpose is to display news.	Ads - News Homepage
News article page: the purpose is to display a news article.	Ads - News Article
Video page: the purpose is to allow users to view a video.	Ads - Video Page
Currency converter page: the purpose is to calculate equivalent amounts in different currencies.	Ads - Currency Converter
Blog post page: the purpose is to display a blog post.	Ads - Blog Post Page
Store product page: the purpose is to sell or give information about the product.	No ads
Search engine homepage: the purpose is to allow users to enter a query and search the Internet.	No ads
Bank login page: the purpose is to allow users to log in to bank online.	No ads

2.4.4 Summary of the Parts of the Page

Let's put it all together.

Main Content (MC) is any part of the page that directly helps the page achieve its purpose. MC is (or should be!) the reason the page exists. The quality of the MC plays a very large role in the Page Quality rating of a webpage.

Supplementary Content (SC) is also important. SC can help a page better achieve its purpose or it can detract from the overall experience.

Many pages have advertisements/monetization (Ads). Without advertising and monetization, some webpages could not exist because it costs money to maintain a website and create high quality content. The presence or absence of Ads is not by itself a reason for a **High** or **Low** quality rating.

On some pages, reviews may be considered MC, and on other pages they may be considered SC. Use your best judgment and think about the purpose of the page.

Do not worry too much about identifying every little part of the page. Carefully think about which parts of the page are the MC. Next, look for the Ads. Anything left over can be considered SC.

Type of Page and Purpose	MC, SC, and Ads Highlighted
News website homepage: the purpose is to display news.	Summary - News Homepage
News article page: the purpose is to display a news article.	Summary - News Article
Store product page: the purpose is to sell or give information about the product.	Summary - Shopping Page
Video page: the purpose is to allow users to view a video.	Summary - Video Page
Currency converter page: the purpose is to calculate equivalent amounts in different currencies.	Summary - Currency Converter
Blog post page: the purpose is to display a blog post.	Summary - Blog Post Page
Search engine homepage: the purpose is to allow users to enter a query and search the Internet.	Summary - Search Engine HP
Bank login page: the purpose is to allow users to log in to bank online.	Summary - Bank Login Page

2.5 Understanding the Website

Pages often make more sense when viewed as part of a website. Some of the considerations in Page Quality rating are based on the website the page belongs to.

In order to understand a website, look for information about the website on the website itself. Websites are usually very eager to tell all about themselves!

You must also look for reputation information about the website. We need to find out what outside, independent sources say about the website. When there is disagreement between what the website says about itself and what independent sources say about the website, we'll trust the independent sources. See Section 2.7 for more information.

2.5.1 Finding the Homepage

The homepage of a website usually contains or has links to important information about the website. Webmasters usually make it easy to get to the homepage of the website from any page on the site.

Here's how to find the homepage of a website:

- Examine the landing page of the URL in your PQ rating task.
- Find and click on the link labeled “home” or “main page.”
- Having trouble finding it? Try using “Ctrl-F” (“command-F” on a Mac) to search the page for the text “home” or “main.” You may also try clicking on the website logo, which is usually at the top of the page.

Sometimes, you may be given a webpage or website that appears to have no navigation links, no homepage link, and no logo or other means to find the homepage. Even some **High** or **Highest** quality pages lack a way to navigate to the homepage. If you can't find a link to the homepage, modify the URL by removing everything to the right of “.com,” “.org,” “.net,” “.info,” etc. and refresh the page.

Occasionally, your rating task will include a URL for which there are two or more justifiable “homepage” candidates. For example, you may not be sure whether the homepage of the URL http://finance.yahoo.com/news/category-stocks is http://finance.yahoo.com or http://www.yahoo.com.

Important: When you have more than one homepage “candidate,” please use whichever one offers the most information about the specific webpage in the URL rating task. Use your judgment. The goal is to understand the webpage and the website(s) it is associated with, not find the one unique, correct homepage.

In the following examples, we have included the URL of the page to be evaluated in the rating task, as well as the URL of its associated homepage. We have also included an image that shows where to click on the landing page to navigate to the homepage. In the image, you will see a red box around the link or the logo you would click to navigate to the homepage.

URL of the Task Page	Homepage of the Website	Image that shows where to click to get to the homepage
http://www.williams-sonoma.com/products/shun-premier-7-piece-knife-block-set	http://www.williams-sonoma.com	Williams-Sonoma Homepage WILLIAMS-SONOMA This “WILLIAMS-SONOMA” logo shown in the upper left part of the page is clickable and takes users to the homepage of the website.
http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index;_ylt=AnAYEU1fED6ncg1jRCFy30kk5XNG;_ylv=3?qid=20091214193523AAQqHQS	http://answers.yahoo.com In this case, we will consider http://answers.yahoo.com the homepage, rather than http://www.yahoo.com. Why? Because clicking on the logo takes the user to http://answers.yahoo.com. In addition, http://answers.yahoo.com has information about the Yahoo Answers website. It is very difficult to find specific information about http://answers.yahoo.com on the http://www.yahoo.com homepage.	Specific Yahoo Answers Page YAHOO! ANSWERS This “YAHOO ANSWERS” logo in the upper left part of the page is clickable and takes users to the homepage of the website.

URL of the Task Page	Homepage of the Website	Image that shows where to click to get to the homepage
http://hms.harvard.edu/about-hms/facts-figures	http://hms.harvard.edu In this case, we will consider the Harvard Medical School page at http://hms.harvard.edu to be the homepage, rather than http://www.harvard.edu (which is the homepage of Harvard University). Clicking the logo at the top of http://hms.harvard.edu/about-hms/facts-figures takes users to http://hms.harvard.edu, not to http://www.harvard.edu.	Harvard Medical School Facts and Figures Page HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL This "Harvard Medical School" logo in the upper left part of the page is clickable and takes users to the homepage of the Harvard Medical School website.
https://www.facebook.com/oprahwinfrey	http://www.facebook.com In this case, we will consider http://www.facebook.com the homepage. Clicking the "facebook" logo at the top of https://www.facebook.com/oprahwinfrey takes users to http://www.facebook.com	Oprah Winfrey's Facebook Page facebook The "facebook" logo in the upper left part of the page is clickable and take users to the homepage of the Facebook website.
http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/mideast/arbwomn.htm	http://www.library.cornell.edu/ This is the library website of Cornell University.	"Arab Women" article on the Cornell Library website This page does not have any links to the homepage of the Cornell University Library website. The only way to get to the homepage is to modify the URL by removing everything to the right of "library.cornell.edu": http://www.library.cornell.edu/~~colldev/mideast/arbwomn.htm~~
https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/boot/syslinux/ Note: The rating for this page is discussed in Section 5.4 on examples of **Highest** quality pages	http://www.kernel.org This is the website of an organization which helps Linux users. Limited navigation links is not a problem for this technically savvy audience.	Kernel.org Directory Page This page does not have any links to the homepage of the Kernel website. The only way to get to the homepage is to modify the URL by removing everything to the right of "kernel.org": https://www.kernel.org/~~pub/linux/utils/boot/syslinux/~~

2.5.2 Finding Who is Responsible for the Website and Who Created the Content on the Page

Every page belongs to a website, and it should be clear:

- Who (what individual, company, business, foundation, etc.) is responsible for the website.
- Who (what individual, company, business, foundation, etc.) created the content on the page you are evaluating.

Websites are usually very clear about who created the content on the page. There are many reasons for this:

- Commercial websites may have copyrighted material they want to protect.
- Businesses want users to know who they are.
- Artists, authors, musicians, and other original content creators usually want to be known and appreciated.
- Foundations often want support and even volunteers.
- High quality stores want users to feel comfortable buying online.

Most websites have "contact us" or "about us" or "about" pages which provide information about who owns the site. Many companies have an entire website or blog devoted to who they are and what they are doing, what jobs are available, etc. Google and Marriott are both examples of this, and there are many others:

- Google Official Blog
- Marriott Blog
- Southwest Airlines Blog
- Dell Blog

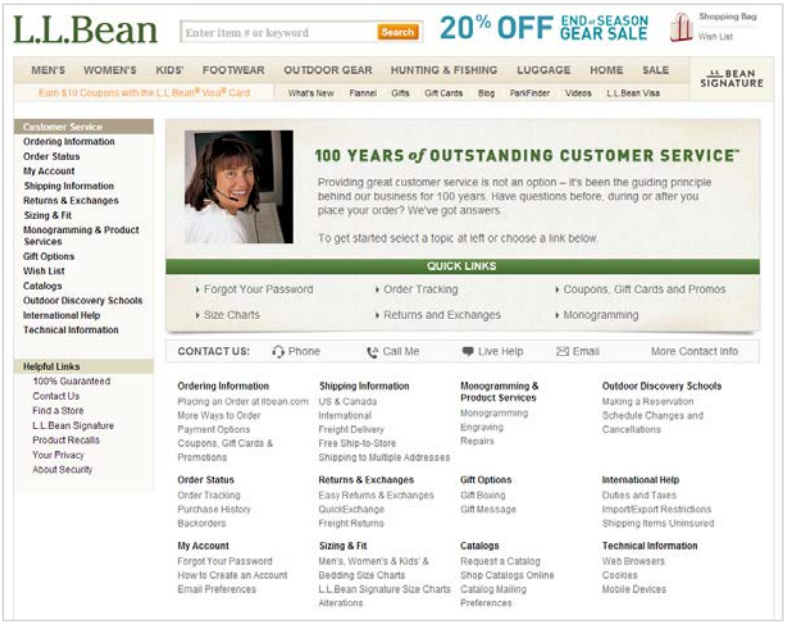
Often a business or organization is responsible for the content of a website, not an individual person. The IBM Corporation is responsible for the content on ibm.com. The Cleveland Clinic is responsible for the content on clevelandclinic.org. An individual is not responsible for the content on these websites, even though many individuals contributed to creating and maintaining the content. In these cases, we will view the business or organization as responsible for the content on every single page, as well as maintenance of the website.

On some websites, users create the MC of many pages, while the business or organization itself maintains the website. For these websites, you must look at each page to determine the author(s) or creator(s) of the content on that page. For example, the company Facebook is responsible for the Facebook website, but individuals create the content on their personal Facebook pages. Other websites with user-generated content include YouTube, Twitter, other social networking websites, article publishing websites, Q&A websites, forums, etc.

Finally, there are some websites which show licensed or syndicated content. This means that the website has paid money or has some business relationship with the creator of the content. In these cases, we will consider the website itself to be responsible for the licensed or syndicated content, even if it wasn't created by the website.

2.5.3 Finding About Us, Contact Information, and Customer Service Information

Many websites are interested in communicating with their users. There are many reasons that users might have for contacting a website, from reporting problems such as broken pages, to asking for content removal. Many websites offer multiple ways for users to contact the website: email addresses, phone numbers, physical addresses, web contact forms, etc. Sometimes, this contact information is even organized by department and provides the names of individuals to contact.



The types and amount of contact information needed depend on the type of website. Contact information and customer service information are extremely important for websites that handle money, such as stores, banks, credit card companies, etc. Users need a way to ask questions or get help when a problem occurs.

For shopping websites, we'll ask you to do some special checks. Look for contact information—including the store's policies on payment, exchanges, and returns. Sometimes this information is listed under "customer service."

Some kinds of websites need fewer details and a smaller amount of contact information for their purpose. For example, humor websites may not need the level of detailed contact information we would expect from online banking websites.

Occasionally, you may encounter a website with a legitimate reason for anonymity. For example, personal websites may not include personal contact information such as an individual's home address or phone number. Similarly, websites with user-generated content may allow the author to identify him/herself with an alias or username only.

To find contact or customer service information for a website, start with the homepage. Look for a "contact us" or "customer service" link. Explore the website if you cannot find a "contact us" page. Sometimes you will find the contact information on a "corporate site" link or even on the company's Facebook page. Be a detective!

Note that different locales may have their own specific standards and requirements for what information should be available on the website.

2.6 Website Maintenance

Webmasters are responsible for updating and maintaining sites they create. Most websites add or change content over time. Web browsers, such as Chrome, update with new versions. Webmasters need to make sure their websites function well for users as web browsers change.

How can you tell that a website is being maintained and cared for? Poke around: Links should work, images should load, content should be added and updated over time, etc.

Exercise caution relying on dates: Some webpages automatically display the current date. Rather than just looking for a recent date, search for evidence that effort is being made to keep the website up to date and running smoothly.

Finally, the types of updates needed depend on the purpose of the website and type of content. We expect news websites to add articles very frequently and to date each article. Typically, published news article content doesn't change (unless to correct for errors), but new articles are added. On other websites, individual pages created on a topic are updated as new information becomes available. Wikipedia is an example of this. For these kinds of sites, we would expect individual pages to be updated as information changes.

2.7 Website Reputation

A website's reputation is based on the experience of real users, as well as the opinion of people who are experts in the topic of the website.

Many websites are eager to tell users how great they are. But for Page Quality rating, you must also look for outside, independent reputation information about the website. When the website says one thing about itself, but reputable external sources disagree with what the website says, trust the external sources.

Your job is to truly evaluate the Page Quality of the site, not just blindly accept information on one or two pages of the website. Be skeptical of claims that websites make about themselves.

Keep in mind that websites often represent real companies, organizations, and other entities. Therefore, reputation research applies to both the website and the actual company, organization, or entity that the website is representing.

Note: Some webmasters have read these rating guidelines and have included information on their sites to influence your Page Quality rating!

2.7.1 Reputation Research

Use reputation research to find out what real users, as well as experts, think about a website. Look for reviews, references, recommendations by experts, news articles, and other credible information created/written by individuals about the website.

Stores frequently have user ratings, which can help you understand a store's reputation based on the reports of people who actually shop there. We consider a large number of positive user reviews as evidence of positive reputation.

Many other kinds of websites have reputations as well. For example, you might find that a newspaper website has won journalistic awards. Prestigious awards, such as the Pulitzer Prize award, are strong evidence of very positive reputation.

When a high level of authoritativeness or expertise is needed, the reputation of a website should be judged on what expert opinions have to say. Recommendations from expert sources, such as professional societies, are strong evidence of very positive reputation.

Reputation research is necessary for all websites you encounter. Do not just assume websites you personally use have a good reputation. Please do research! You might be surprised at what you find.

2.7.2 Sources of Reputation Information

Look for information written by a person, not statistics or other machine-compiled information. News articles, Wikipedia articles, blog posts, magazine articles, forum discussions, and ratings from independent organizations can all be sources of reputation information. Look for independent, credible sources of information.

Sometimes, you will find information about a website which is not related to its reputation. For example, pages with information about Internet traffic to the website do not provide evidence of positive or negative reputation. You can ignore this information since it's not helpful for Page Quality rating.

2.7.3 Customer Reviews of Stores/Businesses

Customer reviews can be helpful for assessing the reputation of a store or business. However, you should interpret these reviews with care, particularly if there are only a few. Be skeptical of both positive and negative user reviews. Anyone can write them, including the creator of the website or someone the store or business hires for this purpose. See here for a New York Times article on fake reviews and here for a Guardian article on fake reviews.

When interpreting customer reviews, try to find as many as possible. Any store or website can get a few negative reviews. This is completely normal and expected. Large stores and companies have thousands of reviews and most receive some negative ones.

It is also important to read the reviews because the content of the reviews matter, not just the number. Credible, convincing reports of fraud and financial wrongdoing is evidence of extremely negative reputation. A single encounter with a rude clerk or the delayed receipt of a single package should not be considered negative reputation information. Please use your judgment.

2.7.4 How to Search for Reputation Information

Here is how to research the reputation of the website:

1. Identify the "homepage" of the website. For example, for the IBM website, ibm.com is the homepage.

2. Using ibm.com as an example, try one or more of the following searches on Google:

    - [ibm -site:ibm.com]: A search for IBM which excludes pages on ibm.com.
    - ["ibm.com" -site:ibm.com]: A search for "ibm.com" which excludes pages on ibm.com.
    - [ibm reviews -site:ibm.com] A search for reviews of IBM which excludes pages on ibm.com.
    - ["ibm.com" reviews -site:ibm.com]: A search for reviews of "ibm.com" which excludes pages on ibm.com.

3. Look for articles, reviews, forum posts, discussions, etc. written by people about the website. For businesses, there are many sources of reputation information and reviews. Here are some examples: Yelp, Better Business Bureau (a nonprofit organization that focuses on the trustworthiness of businesses and charities), Amazon, and Google Product Search. You can try searching on specific sites to find reviews. For example, you can try [ibm site:bbb.org] or ["ibm.com" site:bbb.org].

    Note: You will sometimes find high ratings on the Better Business Bureau (BBB) website because there is very little data on the business, not because the business has a positive reputation. However, very low ratings on BBB are usually the result of multiple unresolved complaints. Please consider very low ratings on the BBB site to be evidence for a negative reputation.

4. See if there is a Wikipedia article or news article from a well-known news site. Wikipedia can be a good source of information about companies and organizations. For example, try [ibm site:en.wikipedia.org] or ["ibm.com" site:en.wikipedia.org]. News articles and Wikipedia articles can help you learn about a company and may include information specific to reputation, such as awards and other forms of recognition. Note that some Wikipedia articles include a message warning users that there are disagreements on some of the content, or that the content may be outdated. This may be an indication that additional research is necessary.

Here are some examples of reputation information:

Website	Reputation Information About the Site	Description
annualcreditreport.com	Search results for [annualcreditreport.com -site:annualcreditreport.com] Wikipedia article about annualcreditreport.com Wall Street Journal article about annualcreditreport.com	**Positive reputation information**: Users in the U.S. can obtain free credit reports on this website by providing their Social Security Number. Notice that this Wikipedia article tells us that "AnnualCreditReport.com is the only federally mandated and authorized source for obtaining a free credit report."

Website	Reputation Information About the Site	Description
clevelandclinic.org	Search results for [clevelandclinic.org] Wikipedia article about clevelandclinic.org US News & World Report article about the best hospitals in the U.S.	**Positive reputation information**: According to Wikipedia, the Cleveland Clinic "is currently regarded as one of the top 4 hospitals in the United States as rated by U.S. News & World Report," which you will also find in the article on the best hospitals in the U.S. Users can trust medical information on this website.
csmonitor.com	Search results for [csmonitor.com - site:csmonitor.com] Wikipedia article about The Christian Science Monitor	**Positive reputation information**: Notice the highlighted section in the Wikipedia article about The Christian Science Monitor newspaper, which tells us that the newspaper has won seven Pulitzer Prize awards. From this information, we can infer that the csmonitor.com website has a positive reputation.
llbean.com	Search results for [llbean.com reviews – site:llbean.com] LL Bean positive reviews 1 LL Bean positive reviews 2 LL Bean positive reviews 3	**Positive reputation information**: From the numerous positive reviews, we can infer that llbean.com has a positive reputation.
kernel.org	Search results for [kernel.org – site:kernel.org] Wikipedia article about kernel.org	**Positive reputation information**: We learn in the Wikipedia article that "Kernel.org is a main repository of source code for the Linux kernel, the base of the popular Linux operating system. It makes all versions of the source code available to all users. It also hosts various other projects, like Google Android. The main purpose of the site is to host a repository for Linux kernel developers and maintainers of Linux distributions."
Site selling children's jungle gym	Search to find reputation information Search to find reviews BBB negative review TrustLink negative reviews Negative news article	**Extremely negative reputation information**: This business has a BBB rating of F. There is a news article about financial fraud. There are many reviews on websites describing users sending money and not receiving anything.
Site selling products related to eyewear	Search to find reputation information BBB page Wikipedia article New York Times article	**Extremely negative/malicious reputation information**: This website engaged in criminal behavior such as physically threatening users.

Website	Reputation Information About the Site	Description
Organization serving the hospitalized veteran community	Search to find scams related this organization Negative review 1 Negative review 2 Negative review 3 Negative review 4	**Extremely negative reputation information**: There are many detailed negative articles on news sites and charity watchdog sites about this organization describing fraud and financial mishandling.

2.7.5 What to Do When You Find No Reputation Information

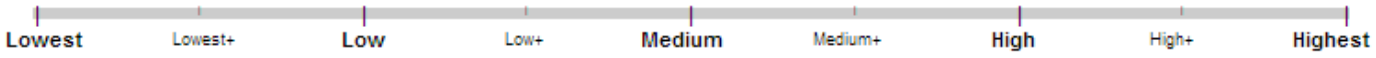
You should expect to find reputation information for large businesses and websites of large organizations.

Frequently, you will find little or no information about the reputation of a website for a small organization. This is not indicative of positive or negative reputation. Many small, local businesses or community organizations have a small "web presence" and rely on word of mouth, not online reviews. For these smaller businesses and organizations, lack of reputation should not be considered an indication of low page quality.

3.0 Overall Page Quality Rating Scale

The Overall Page Quality Rating Scale offers five rating options: **Lowest**, **Low**, **Medium**, **High,** and **Highest**.

On Page Quality rating tasks, you will use the Page Quality sliding scale (slider) to assign the overall PQ rating. The slider looks like this:



You may also use the in-between ratings of **Lowest+**, **Low+**, **Medium+**, and **High+**. Please interpret the "+" as "+ ½," meaning that the **Lowest+** rating is halfway between **Lowest** and **Low**, the **Low+** rating is halfway between **Low** and **Medium**, etc.

In the following sections, you will learn about characteristics of **Lowest**, **Low**, **Medium**, **High,** and **Highest** quality pages.

4.0 High Quality Pages

In this section, we will describe characteristics of **High** quality pages and give many examples. Examples help calibrate your ratings, so please review each one.

4.1 Characteristics of High Quality Pages

High quality pages are satisfying and achieve their purpose well. **High** quality pages exist for almost any purpose, from giving information to making you laugh.

What makes a **High** quality page? A **High** quality rating requires at least one of the following high quality characteristics:

- A satisfying amount of high quality MC.
- The page and website are expert, authoritative, and trustworthy for the topic of the page.
- The website has a good reputation for the topic of the page.

In addition, the page and website should have most of the following:

- A satisfying amount of website information, for example, About Us information, Contact or Customer Service information, etc.
- SC which contributes to a satisfying user experience on the page and website.
- Functional page design which allows users to easily focus on MC and use SC as desired.
- A website which is well cared for and maintained.

4.2 A Satisfying Amount of High Quality Main Content

The quality of the MC is one of the most important considerations in Page Quality rating. For all types of webpages, creating high quality MC takes a significant amount of at least one of the following: time, effort, expertise, and talent/skill.

For each page you evaluate, spend a few minutes examining the MC before drawing a conclusion about it. Read the article, watch the video, examine the pictures, play with the calculator, play the online game, etc. Remember that MC also includes page features and functionality, so test the page out. For example, if the page is a product page on a store website, put at least one product in the cart to make sure the shopping cart is functioning. If the page is an online game, spend a few minutes playing it.

The purpose of the page will help you determine what high quality content means for that page. For example, High quality encyclopedia articles should be factual, accurate, clearly written, and comprehensive. High quality shopping content should allow you to find the products you want and to purchase the products easily. High quality humor content should be entertaining.

The amount of content necessary for the page to be satisfying depends on the topic and purpose of the page. A **High** quality page on a broad topic with a lot of available information will have more content than a **High** quality page on a more narrow topic. Here are some examples of pages with a satisfying amount of high quality MC.

Webpage	Discussion
Siberian Husky Information Page	The Siberian Husky (a breed of dog) is a narrow topic. Although this encyclopedia landing page has less MC than some encyclopedia pages on broader topics, it has a satisfying amount of clearly written, high quality MC.
Kitchen Stand Mixer Shopping Page	This shopping page on a reputable shopping website has a satisfying amount of high quality MC. The page provides the manufacturer's product specs, as well as original product information, over 90 user reviews, shipping and returns information, multiple images of the product, etc. Note: Some of the MC is behind links on the page ("item details," "item specifications," "guest reviews," etc.). Even though you have to click these links to see the content, it is still considered MC.
Movie Review Page	This movie review written by a movie critic has a satisfying amount of high quality MC. Time, effort, and talent/skill when into writing this movie review.

4.3 A High Level of Expertise/Authoritativeness/Trustworthiness (E-A-T)

High quality pages and websites need enough expertise to be authoritative and trustworthy on their topic. Keep in mind that there are "expert" websites of all types, even gossip websites, fashion websites, humor websites, forum and Q&A pages, etc. In fact, some types of information are found almost exclusively on forums and discussions, where a community of experts can provide valuable perspectives on specific topics.

- High quality medical advice should come from people or organizations with appropriate medical expertise or accreditation. High quality medical advice or information should be written or produced in a professional style and should be edited, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis.
- High quality financial advice, legal advice, tax advice, etc., should come from expert sources and be maintained and updated.
- High quality advice pages on topics such as home remodeling (which can cost thousands of dollars) or advice on parenting issues (which can impact the future happiness of a family) should also come from "expert" sources which users can trust.
- High quality pages on hobbies, such as photography or learning to play a guitar, also require expertise.

Some topics require less formal expertise. Many people write extremely detailed, helpful reviews of products or restaurants. Many people share tips and life experiences on forums, blogs, etc. These ordinary people may be considered experts in topics where they have life experience. If it seems as if the person creating the content has the type and amount of life experience to make him or her an "expert" on the topic, we will value this "everyday expertise" and not penalize the person/page/website for not having "formal" education or training in the field.

It's even possible to have everyday expertise in YMYL topics. For example, there are forums and support pages for people with specific diseases. Sharing personal experience is a form of everyday expertise. Consider this example. Here, forum participants are telling how long their loved ones lived with liver cancer. This is an example of sharing personal experiences (in which they are experts), not medical advice. However, specific medical information and advice (rather than descriptions of life experiences) should come from doctors or other health professionals.

Think about the topic of the page. What kind of expertise is required for the page to achieve its purpose well? The standard for expertise depends on the topic of the page.

4.4 Positive Reputation

Reputation is an important consideration when using the **High** rating. While a page can merit the **High** rating with no reputation, the **High** rating cannot be used for any website that has a convincing negative reputation. A very positive reputation can be a reason for using the **High** rating for an otherwise **Medium** page.

4.5 Helpful Supplementary Content

Supplementary Content can be a large part of what makes a **High** quality page very satisfying for its purpose. Features designed to help shoppers find other products they might also like can be as helpful as the MC on the page. Ways to find other cool stuff on entertainment websites can keep users browsing happily. Helpful SC on a recipe webpage can make the difference between whether the recipe is a success or a failure.

Helpful SC is content that is specifically targeted to the content and purpose of the page. For example, very helpful SC on a recipe page might be a feature to multiply or divide the recipe to make the right quantity of food for a given number of people. Very helpful SC content on a shopping page might be other popular makers or models of the same kind of product featured on the page.

Large websites with many pages benefit from helpful, specialized SC. SC allows users to find related and interesting content on websites with many pages. Smaller websites such as websites for local businesses and community organizations, or personal websites and blogs, may need less SC for their purpose. A page can still receive a **High** or even **Highest** rating with no SC at all.

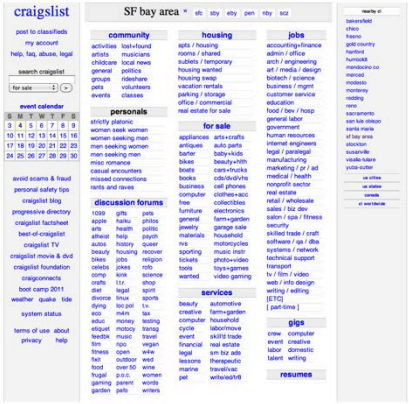
4.6 Functional Page Design

High quality pages are designed to achieve their purpose: they are well organized, use space effectively, and have a functional overall layout. While every page is different, functional pages should have the following characteristics:

- The MC should be prominently displayed “front and center.”
- The MC should be immediately visible when a user opens the page.
- It should be clear what the MC actually is. The page design, organization, and use of space, as well as the choice of font, font size, background, etc., should make the MC very clear.
- Ads and SC should be arranged so as not to distract from the MC—Ads and SC are there should the user want them, but they should be easily “ignorable” if the user is not interested.
- It should be clear what parts of the page are Ads, either by explicit labeling or simply by page organization or design.

Like everything else, functional page design depends on the purpose of the page. What constitutes functional design for a shopping page may be very different from what constitutes functional design for an informational page.

Important: Some pages are “prettier” or more professional looking than others, but you should not rate based on how “nice” the page looks. A page can be very functional and achieve its purpose without being “pretty.” Here are some examples of functional (but perhaps not “pretty”) page design. You can click the examples to make them larger.

Classified Advertising Website Example	US Naval Clock Page Example
	

US Naval Observatory Master Clock Time

Jan. 07, 21:16:20 UTC	Universal Time
Jan. 07, 04:16:20 PM EST	Eastern Time
Jan. 07, 03:16:20 PM CST	Central Time
Jan. 07, 02:16:20 PM MST	Mountain Time
Jan. 07, 01:16:20 PM PST	Pacific Time
Jan. 07, 12:16:20 PM AKST	Alaska Time
Jan. 07, 11:16:20 AM HAST	Hawaii-Aleutian Time

US Naval Observatory

4.7 A Satisfying Amount of Website Information

Websites frequently include the following information:

- About Us information.
- Contact or Customer Service information.
- Information about who is responsible for the content and maintenance of the website.

Think about the purpose of the website and the type of content that might be available when considering what website information would be expected or demanded. High quality websites provide clear and satisfying information for their purpose. YMYL websites demand a high degree of trust and need satisfying website information.

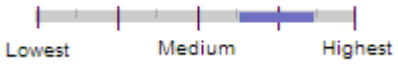
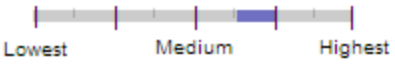
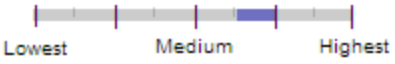
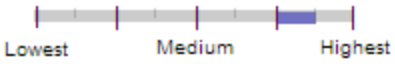
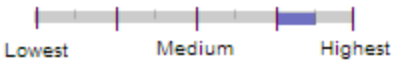
Other non-YMYL websites may need far less website information depending on their purpose. For example, an email address may be sufficient for some **High** or even **Highest** quality pages.

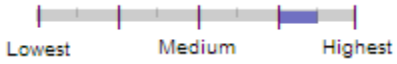
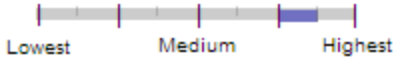
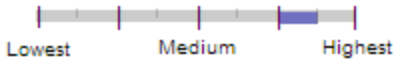
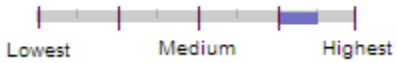
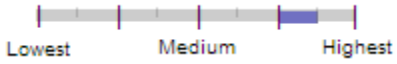
4.8 A Well Cared For and Maintained Website

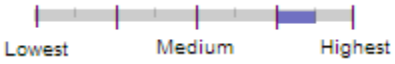
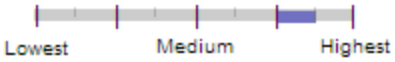
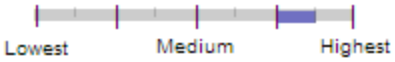
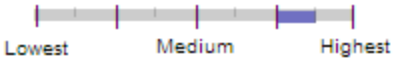
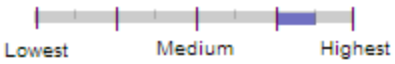
High quality large news websites are frequently updated, often adding news articles many times a day. **High** quality medical advice websites keep all of their informational pages current. Other websites, such as websites for small businesses, may be updated less frequently since addresses and store hours rarely change.

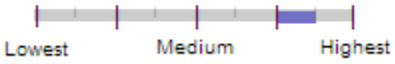
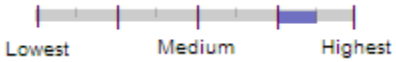
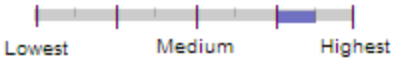
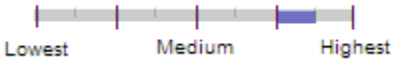
How frequently a website should be updated depends on its purpose. However, all **High** quality websites are well cared for, maintained, and updated appropriately.

4.9 Examples of High Quality Pages

Webpage/Type of Content	High Quality Characteristics/PQ Rating	PQ Rating and Explanation
High: Government agency US Naval Observatory Master Clock page	• Functional page design • Highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 The purpose of this page is to display the official US Naval Observatory Master Clock time in 7 different time zones. The page displays the clock information in a clear, easy-to-read format. The Naval Observatory is highly trustworthy and authoritative for this type of information.
High: Humor Article on a humor website	• High quality humorous MC • Positive reputation as a humor website	 This website is well known for its humorous, satirical articles. This is a cute example of a satisfying and funny article.
High: Small business 1 Local fish & chips restaurant	• Authoritative for the topic of the page	 This is an “about us” page on a restaurant website. This page provides information on when the restaurant opened and what visitors can expect. Other pages on the website provide information about the restaurant including the address, menu, other contact information, etc. This website is highly authoritative because it is about itself.
High: Small business 2 Local preservation center	• Authoritative for the topic of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This is the News and Updates section of a local preservation center selling poultry, vegetables, and more. While the 2007 copyright date is outdated, most of the pages, including this one, have recent updates from 2014. For this small business, the page design is functional for the purpose of the page.
High: News 1 Homepage of a newspaper	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Positive reputation	 This newspaper has won seven Pulitzer Prize awards.

Webpage/Type of Content	High Quality Characteristics/PQ Rating	PQ Rating and Explanation
High: News 2 Article on a newspaper website	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Positive reputation for the website	 This is an article on a newspaper website which has won nine Pulitzer Prize awards. There is a satisfying amount of high quality MC. While there are Ads on the page, the MC is easy to find and the Ads are clearly labeled as Ads.
High: Blog post Parenting article about strollers	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Very positive reputation for the website • Positive reputation for this specific blog and author	 This is a blog post on a newspaper which has won over 100 Pulitzer Prize awards. The author of this blog post has become known as an expert on parenting issues. She is a regular contributor to this and other media websites.
High: Shopping 1 Backpack shopping page on a popular store website (YMYL)	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Positive reputation • Very helpful SC	 The purpose of this page is to allow users to buy a school backpack. The page provides a lot of different backpack options, and some of them have user reviews. This is a well-known, reputable merchant, with detailed Customer Service information on the site. The SC features are particularly helpful. For example, the filters allow users to show results by categories such as color, style, and price.
High: Shopping 2 Bathroom décor page on a store website (YMYL)	• Satisfying amount of high quality MC • Expertise in the type of merchandise they are selling • Positive reputation	 This company sells its own line of high end, fashionable baby and children's furniture and accessories. It has a positive reputation as well as expertise in these specific types of goods. Many products sold on the site are unique to this company.
High: Shopping 3 TomTom GPS page on an electronics website (YMYL)	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Expertise in the type of merchandise they are selling • Positive reputation	 There is a very large quantity of MC on this page. Note that the tabs on the page lead to even more information, including many customer reviews. The tabs should be considered part of the MC.

Webpage/Type of Content	High Quality Characteristics/PQ Rating	PQ Rating and Explanation
High: Video 1 Saturday Night Live video on a video website	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very helpful SC	 The MC of this video page is an episode of Saturday Night Live, a very popular television show. Below the main video, there are many other videos that users may also be interested in. This SC is very helpful.
High: Video 2 "An Engineer's Guide to Cats" video	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Everyday expertise in the topic of cat ownership • Very helpful SC	 This is a humorous, high quality, well produced video with more than 6.5 million views (and counting), illustrating the proper care and practical benefits of cats. The two engineers in the video have everyday expertise on cat ownership. For a humorous video like this one, expertise does not have to be in the form of a trained veterinarian. Also, this video is part of a humorous series of cat care videos and the SC includes many other cute and funny cat videos.
High: Financial Financial Markets page on a newspaper website (YMYL)	• High quality MC • Helpful SC • Authoritative and trustworthy	 This newspaper has won two Pulitzer Prize awards and has a positive reputation, though it is not an acknowledged expert in financial news.
High: Game Online game	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Positive reputation	 Highly engaging game with multiple levels that could entertain a child for hours. This website has a positive reputation for educating children about animals.
High: Q&A 1 How long do cancer patients live	• Everyday expertise • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 The question on the page asks how long people live with cancer. There are many results describing how long a loved one lived after diagnosis. There is very little medical advice and the focus of the page is sharing personal experience. Many results are heartfelt and well written.

Webpage/Type of Content	High Quality Characteristics/PQ Rating	PQ Rating and Explanation
High: Q&A 2 Q&A page on which Hillary Clinton asks users for their personal opinions	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 Since the question asks for ordinary people's opinions, everyday expertise is desired. Many of the answers are well written and thoughtful. It is clear that many people spent time answering this question, doing their best to help Hillary Clinton understand their perspectives. Web research can help confirm that it was really Hillary Clinton asking the questions. Keep in mind that for any type of page, including Q&A pages, there may be a range of highest quality to lowest quality pages. Therefore, it's important to evaluate the page using the same criteria as all other pages, regardless of what type of page it is.
High: Encyclopedia Encyclopedia article about the American Civil War	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of high quality MC • Positive reputation for accurate information	 This is a comprehensive article about the American Civil War. The website has a good reputation for accuracy. In addition to the article itself, there are many helpful references and citations to support the content.
High: Forum 1 Authenticating a luxury designer purse	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This forum is well known for discussions on luxury designer purses. On this particular forum page, members are consulting forum experts who have expertise authenticating bags from this brand. These experts can tell if a particular bag is authentic or fake. While there is an ad at the top and a few ads within the forum message, it does not distract from the MC, which is easy to find.
High: Forum 2 Landscaping an aquarium	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This discussion focuses on the landscaping for a particular paludarium (an aquarium with terrestrial and aquatic elements). There is a lot of discussion and interaction between forum members about the types of materials and species used in the aquarium. The posts show expertise in a niche topic aquarium landscaping.

5.0 Highest Quality Pages

Highest pages are very satisfying pages which achieve their purpose very well. The distinction between **High** and **Highest** is based on the quality of MC as well as the level of E-A-T and reputation of the website.

What makes a page **Highest** quality? We require at least one of the following:

- Very high or highest quality MC, with demonstrated expertise, talent, and/or skill.
- Very high level of expertise, authoritativeness, and trustworthiness (page and website) on the topic of the page.
- Very good reputation (website or author) on the topic of the page.

5.1 Very High Quality MC

We will consider the MC of the page to be very high or highest quality when it is created with a high degree of time and effort, and in particular, expertise, talent, and skill. Very high quality MC may be created by experts, hobbyists, or even people with everyday expertise. Our standards depend on the purpose of the page and the type of content. The **Highest** rating may be justified for pages with a satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC.

5.2 Very High Level of E-A-T

Highest quality pages and websites have a very high level of expertise or are highly authoritative or highly trustworthy.

Formal expertise is important for topics such as medical, financial, or legal advice. Expertise may be less formal for topics such as recipes or humor. An expert page on cooking may be a page on a professional chef's website, or it may be a page on the blog of a home cooking enthusiast. Please value life experience and "everyday expertise." For some topics, the most expert sources of information are ordinary people sharing their life experiences on personal blogs, forums, reviews, discussions, etc.

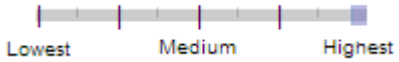
Think about what expertise, authoritativeness, and trustworthiness mean for the topic of the page. Who are the experts? What makes a source trustworthy for the topic? What makes a website highly authoritative for the topic?

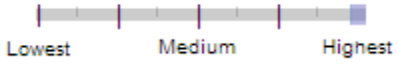
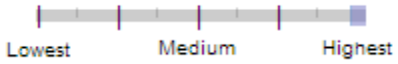
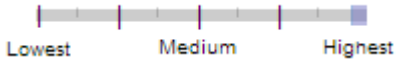
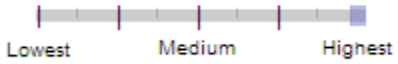
5.3 Very Positive Reputation

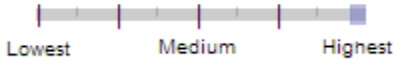
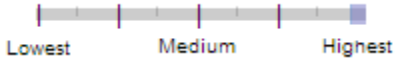
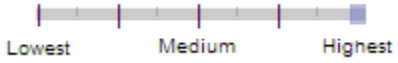
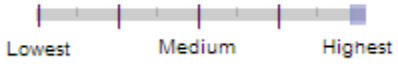
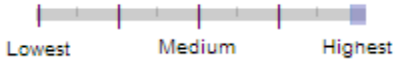
Reputation research is important when giving **Highest** ratings. Very positive reputation is often based on prestigious awards or recommendations from known experts or professional societies on the topic of the website. Wikipedia and other informational sources can be a good starting point for reputation research.

For some topics, such as humor or recipes, less formal expertise is OK. For these topics, popularity, user engagement, and user reviews can be considered evidence of reputation. For topics which need less formal expertise, websites can be considered to have a positive reputation if they are highly popular and well-loved for their topic or content type, and are focused on helping users.

5.4 Examples of Highest Quality Pages

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Technical 1 Software tips	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 This page offers a satisfying amount of helpful and very high quality MC for the purpose of the page. Because the page is on the official website of the company that produces the software, it is highly authoritative.

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Technical 2 Linux Kernel archives	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 From this Wikipedia article, we learn that "Kernel.org is a main repository of source code for the Linux kernel, the base of the popular Linux operating system. It makes all versions of the source code available to all users... The main purpose of the site is to host a repository for Linux kernel developers and maintainers of Linux distributions." This website is the most authoritative source for information about Linux.
Highest: Financial 1 Credit report information website (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation	 Users in the U.S. can obtain free credit reports on this website by providing their Social Security Number. This Wikipedia article tells us that this website is "the only federally mandated and authorized source for obtaining a free credit report."
Highest: Financial 2 Tax forms page (YMYL)	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC for the purpose of the page • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 The purpose of the page is to provide income tax forms and publications. The website represents an agency of the U.S. federal government that handles taxes, so the page and forms are highly authoritative and trustworthy.
Highest: Government agency Yosemite National Park information	• A satisfying amount of very high quality MC for the purpose of the page • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 This page has a highly satisfying amount of helpful information about Yosemite National Park, including traffic alerts and links to other parts of the website with additional information. Since the page is on the official national park website, it is highly authoritative.

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Medical 1 BMI calculator (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 The purpose of this page is to provide an online BMI (Body Mass Index) calculator. The calculator is functional and easy to use. There is nice SC in the form of helpful articles on the left, as well as an app to download. The website represents an institute that is part of the National Institutes of Health. It has an extremely good reputation and is an expert in medical topics.
Highest: Medical 2 Page about meningitis (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation	 This is a meningitis reference page on a trustworthy and authoritative medical website. This website has a reputation of being one of the best web resources for medical information of this type.
Highest: Medical 3 Health information on a hospital page (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation	 According to this Wikipedia article, this hospital is "currently regarded as one of the top 4 hospitals in the United States as rated by U.S. News & World Report." Users can trust medical information on this website.
Highest: Medical 4 Page about seasonal flu (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation	 This is an influenza reference page on a trustworthy and authoritative medical website. This website has a reputation of being one of the best web resources for medical information of this type.
Highest: Entertainment Humor website	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very positive reputation	 This comedian has won multiple prestigious awards for his TV show. This is the homepage of his official website. Keep in mind that for any type of page, including humor websites, there may be a range of highest quality to lowest quality pages. Therefore, it's important to evaluate the page using the same criteria as all other pages, regardless of what type of page it is.

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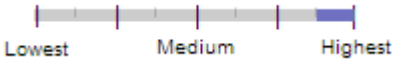
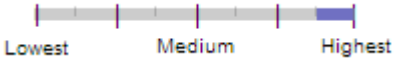
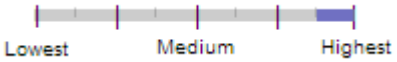
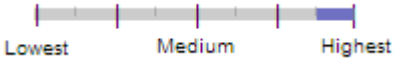
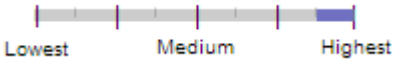
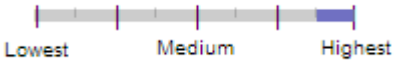
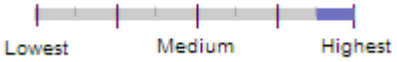
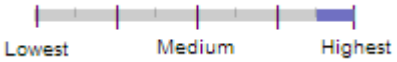
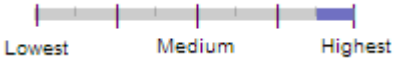
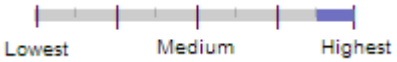
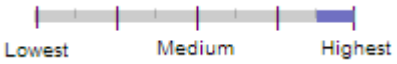
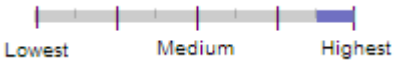
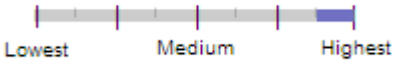
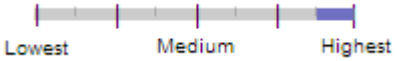
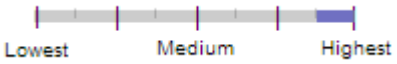
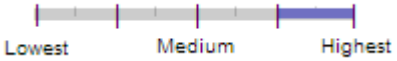
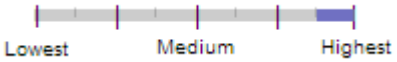
Highest: Shopping Backpack shopping page (YMYL)	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation	 The purpose of this page is to provide information about, and allow users to buy, a specific type of school backpack. The page provides a lot of helpful product information, as well as 600 user reviews. Since the store produces this backpack, they are experts on the product, making the page on their own website authoritative. In addition, this store has a reputation for producing one of the highest quality and most popular school backpacks on the market.
Highest: Login Online banking login page (YMYL)	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC for its purpose • Positive reputation • Very helpful SC which contributes to a highly satisfying user experience • Highly satisfying website contact information	 This page has login functionality, as well as clear information about what the user is logging into. This is a large, popular bank with a good reputation.
Highest: Page with Error Message “Custom 404” page	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC for its purpose • Very positive reputation • Helpful SC which improves the user experience	 This is an example of a “custom 404” page. These pages are designed to alert users that the URL they are trying to visit no longer exists. The MC of this page is the cartoon, the caption, and the search functionality, which is specific to the content of the website. It is clear that time, effort, and talent was involved in the creation of the MC. This publication has a very positive reputation and is specifically known for its cartoons. Keep in mind that for any type of page, including pages with error messages, there may be a range of highest quality to lowest quality pages. Therefore, it’s important to evaluate the page using the same criteria as all other pages, regardless of what type of page it is.
Highest: Recipes 1 Pumpkin pie recipe	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very helpful SC which contributes to a highly satisfying user experience	 The website is one of the most popular recipe websites. The page design allows users to easily find the recipe. There are Ads, but it does not interfere with the MC on the page. In addition, this page has a large number of user reviews of the recipe and other very helpful SC, including detailed preparation time information, a “recipe box” feature, etc.

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Recipes 2 Basic pizza dough recipe	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very helpful SC which contributes to a highly satisfying user experience	 The website is one of the most popular recipe websites. The page design allows users to easily find the recipe. There are Ads, but it does not interfere with the MC on the page. In addition, this page has a large number of user reviews of the recipe and other very helpful SC, including detailed nutrition information, a "recipe box" feature, etc.
Highest: Recipes 3 Clam Chowder recipe	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very helpful SC which contributes to a highly satisfying user experience	 The website is one of the most popular recipe websites. The page design allows users to easily find the recipe. There are Ads, but it does not interfere with the MC on the page. This page has a very large number of user reviews of the recipe and other very helpful SC, including a shopping list, a "recipe box" feature, etc. Even though this user does not seem to be a professional chef, recipes are an example of everyday expertise, and this particular recipe is highly rated by many people.
Highest: Recipes 4 Chocolate chip cookie recipe on a recipe blog	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 Even though this user does not seem to be a well-known professional chef, recipes are an example of everyday expertise. The author of this blog has documented her extensive experimentation with a chocolate chip cookie recipe, and her expertise is demonstrated in the large quantity of high or highest quality MC.
Highest: Video 1 The band OK Go's music video for the song "This Too Shall Pass"	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy	 This is a high quality, professionally produced video on the band's official channel.
Highest: Video 2 "Henri 2, Paw de Deux" video	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very positive reputation for this particular video	 This is a high quality, popular video. It won the "Golden Kitty Award" for "Best Cat Video On The Internet" at the Walker Art Center's Internet Cat Video Film Festival.

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Video 3 Saturday Night Live video on the TV network's website	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 The MC of this video page is an episode of Saturday Night Live on the TV network's official website, making it highly authoritative and trustworthy. Below the main video, there are many other videos that users may be interested in.
Highest: Charity Homepage of a charity (YMYL)	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation, and the website is responsible for all content on the website	 This is a highly reputable charity according to multiple charity rating organizations.
Highest: Q&A Q&A page on abbreviations	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation, and the website is responsible for all content on the website	 The purpose of the page is to answer questions about the usage of abbreviations. This website has a very good reputation as a reference for information on writing, publishing, etc. It is considered highly authoritative and trustworthy for the topic of the page.
Highest: Informational 1 Ball gown wedding dress page	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Positive reputation	 This page has a very satisfying amount of MC for users interested in ball gown wedding dresses. An abundance of pictures, plus options to view by price range, style, etc., are part of what makes this page so satisfying. This page is on a popular wedding planning website.
Highest: Informational 2 Haunted hotel in Texas	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • High level of expertise; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 There is no formal recognition of expertise or authority for this topic. However, this page has extensive information and a very detailed account of how this place is haunted, including a history of the hotel. It's clear that time, effort, and expertise went into writing the content on this page. Although the only contact information for the website is a phone number and contact form, it is sufficient for this type of website.

Webpage/Type of Content	Highest Quality Characteristics of the Page	PQ Rating and Explanation
Highest: Magazine Article titled “Secret Fears of the Super-Rich”	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very Positive reputation	 This is a very high quality and in-depth article on an award winning magazine website.
Highest: Article Interview with musical artist	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • Very positive reputation and the website is responsible for the MC on the page • This magazine is very well known and well regarded for content about artists and bands	 This magazine has a positive reputation for interviews with musicians. There is a large quantity of high quality MC.
Highest: PDF File Campus map	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of very high quality MC • High or very high level of expertise; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 This PDF file is a detailed campus map of a major univeristy, which is hosted on the official university website. This is a highly authoritative source for this information. The map includes a listing of the all the buildings, parking structures, parking lots, construction areas, etc.

6.0 Low Quality Pages

In this section, we will describe characteristics of **Low** quality pages.

Low quality pages are unsatisfying or lacking in some element that prevents them from achieving their purpose well.

If a page has one of the following characteristics, the **Low** rating is usually appropriate:

- The quality of the MC is low.
- There is an unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page.
- The author of the page or website does not have enough expertise for the topic of the page and/or the website is not trustworthy or authoritative for the topic. In other words, the page/website is lacking E-A-T.
- The website has a negative reputation.
- The SC is distracting or unhelpful for the purpose of the page.

In addition, any of the following characteristics by itself may be a reason for a **Low** rating. Occasionally, these characteristics may be true of **Medium** or **High** quality small, amateur, or personal websites. For example, "Uncle Alex's Family Photos" website (a hypothetical **High** quality example) may have slightly odd page design or be updated infrequently, but the website still achieves its purpose well. Please use your judgment and think carefully about the purpose of the page.

- There is an unsatisfying amount of website information.
- The page is lacking helpful SC.
- The page design is lacking. For example, the page layout or use of space distracts from the MC, making it difficult to use the MC.
- The website is lacking maintenance and updates.

6.1 Low Quality Main Content

One of the most important considerations in PQ rating is the quality of the MC. The quality of the MC is determined by how much time, effort, expertise, and talent/skill have gone into the creation of the page.

Consider this example: Most students have to write papers for high school or college. Many students take shortcuts to save time and effort by doing one or more of the following:

- Buying papers online or getting someone else to write for them.
- Making things up.
- Writing quickly with no drafts or editing.
- Filling the report with large pictures or other distracting content.
- Copying the entire report from an encyclopedia, or paraphrasing content by changing words or sentence structure here and there.
- Using commonly known facts, for example, "Argentina is a country. People live in Argentina. Argentina has borders. Some people like Argentina."
- Using a lot of words to communicate only basic ideas or facts, for example, "Pandas eat bamboo. Pandas eat a lot of bamboo. It's the best food for a Panda bear."

Unfortunately, the content of some webpages is similarly created. We will consider content to be **Low** quality if it is created without adequate time, effort, expertise, or talent/skill. Pages with low quality MC do not achieve their purpose well.

Important: Low quality MC is a sufficient reason to give a page a **Low** quality rating.

6.2 Unsatisfying Amount of Main Content

Some **Low** quality pages are unsatisfying because they have a small amount of MC for the purpose of the page. For example, imagine an encyclopedia article with just a few paragraphs on a very broad topic such as World War II.

Important: An unsatisfying amount of MC is a sufficient reason to give a page a **Low** quality rating.

6.3 Lacking Expertise, Authoritativeness, or Trustworthiness (E-A-T)

Some topics demand expertise for the content to be considered trustworthy. YMYL topics such as medical advice, legal advice, financial advice, etc. should come from authoritative sources in those fields. Even everyday topics, such as recipes and housecleaning, should come from those with experience and everyday expertise in order for the page to be trustworthy.

You should consider who is responsible for the content of the website or content of the page you are evaluating. Does the person or organization have sufficient expertise for the topic? If expertise, authoritativeness, or trustworthiness is lacking, use the **Low** rating.

A warning about user-contributed content: Many websites allow almost anyone to publish pretty much anything. Contributors choose their own topics with no oversight. Contributors may have very poor writing skills or may have absolutely no expertise in the topic of the page. Contributors may be paid per article (in some cases they may be paid per word), and may even be eligible for bonuses based on the traffic to their pages. Depending on the topic, pages on these websites may not be trustworthy.

However, some types of user-generated content have a high level of expertise. There are forums of experts on topics ranging from sewing to car repair to do-it-yourself home improvement projects. User-posted content can be highly trustworthy for many everyday topics. In fact, for some unusual hobbies, the most expert advice may exist on blogs, forums, and other user-generated content websites. For such topics, try to gauge the experience and expertise of the author(s) to decide if the page is trustworthy. Please value everyday expertise and experience for everyday topics.

Important: Lacking appropriate E-A-T is sufficient reason to give a page a **Low** quality rating.

6.4 Negative Reputation

Reputation research is required for all PQ rating tasks unless you have previously researched the reputation of the website. Extremely negative, malicious, or financially fraudulent reputation information should result in a **Lowest** rating. Credible negative (though not malicious or financially fraudulent) reputation is a reason for a **Low** rating, especially for a YMYL page.

Please exercise care when researching the reputation of businesses. Most businesses have some negative reviews, especially for customer service. Try to find as many reviews and ratings as possible and read the details of negative reviews and low ratings before inferring that the business has a negative reputation.

Important: Negative reputation is sufficient reason to give a page a **Low** quality rating. Evidence of truly malicious or fraudulent behavior warrants the **Lowest** rating.

6.5 Characteristics Which May Be Evidence of Low Quality

We have very different standards for pages on large, professionally-produced business websites than we have for small amateur, hobbyist, or personal websites. The type of page design and level of professionalism we expect for a large online store is very different than what we might expect for a small local business website.

All PQ rating should be done in the context of the purpose of the page and the type of website.

The following sections discuss page characteristics which may be evidence of **Low** quality. Occasionally, these same characteristics may be present on smaller amateur or personal websites and are not a concern. Please use your judgment when deciding whether these characteristics are evidence of low quality on the page you are evaluating, or merely a sign of non-professional but acceptable small, amateur, or personal website design, for example, “Uncle Alex’s Family Photos” website (a hypothetical **High** quality example).

6.5.1 Unhelpful or Distracting Supplementary Content

Some webpages are designed to encourage users to click on SC that is not helpful for the purpose of the page. This type of SC is often distracting or prominently placed in order to lure users to highly monetized pages.

Sometimes, distracting and unhelpful SC is actually Ads. We can consider this both unhelpful/distracting SC as well as deceptive/misleading page design. Here is an example of a page with highly distracting SC in the right-hand column under the label “Top Posts & Pages.”

As another example, porn ads on non-porn pages can be very distracting and potentially provide a poor user experience. Please refresh the page a few times to see the range of Ads on that page, and also use your knowledge of the locale and cultural sensitivities to make your rating. For example, an ad for a model in a revealing bikini is probably acceptable on a site that sells bathing suits, however, an extremely distracting and graphic porn ad may warrant a **Low** rating.

Look carefully at the SC. If it is unhelpful or distracting, think about why it is included on the page. Unhelpful or distracting SC that benefits the website rather than helping the user is a reason for a **Low** rating.

6.5.2 Lacking Supplementary Content

Some pages have a small amount of SC and other pages have no SC at all. You must use your judgment when deciding whether such pages should receive the **Low** rating.

Some "webpages" are actually PDF files or image files (such as PNG or JPEG files) which many browsers now display. We would not expect a PDF page or an image file to have any SC at all.

Other types of pages may have a small amount of SC. Local libraries, small local businesses, small community organizations, etc. often exist to benefit the local community, and may not have a professional web designer for their website. A lack of SC on these types of small, local websites may not be an issue since the purpose of the page is often to provide information to a small community of users.

For example, Uncle Alex created "Uncle Alex's Family Photos" website (a hypothetical **High** quality example) to share photos with family and friends. There is not a large amount of MC and not a lot of content to navigate, therefore, a small amount or even no SC is acceptable.

However, we do expect websites of large companies and organizations to put a great deal of effort into creating a good user experience on their website, including having helpful SC. For large websites, SC may be one of the primary ways that users explore the website and find MC, and a lack of helpful SC on large websites with a lot of content may be a reason for a **Low** rating.

To summarize, a lack of helpful SC may be a reason for a **Low** quality rating, depending on the purpose of the page and the type of website. We have different standards for small websites which exist to serve their communities versus large websites with a large volume of webpages and content. For some types of "webpages," such as PDFs and JPEG files, we expect no SC at all. Please use your judgment.

6.5.3 Poor Page Design

Sometimes, amateur websites have less professional looking page design. A page that looks like it was created in the 1990s is OK if the page is functional for its purpose. "Uncle Alex's Family Photos" website (a hypothetical **High** quality example) may have an unusual choice of font color or background, but it still functions well for its intended audience.

However, some pages are deliberately designed to shift the user's attention from the MC to the Ads, monetized links, or SC. In these cases, the MC becomes difficult to read or use, resulting in a poor user experience. These pages should be rated **Low**.

Here are some examples of pages with poor page design, organization, layout, or use of space, which should be rated **Low**:

- Many Ads or highly distracting Ads on the visible part of the page when it first loads in the browser (before you do any scrolling), making it difficult to read the MC.
- Repeated insertion of Ads between sections of the MC, so that the page jolts the user back and forth between MC and Ads in a way that makes the MC difficult to read.
- Invasive Ads, such as popups that cannot be closed.
- A large quantity of Ads with a relatively small amount of helpful MC.
- Text ads, placed beside or within the site's navigation links, which may confuse users.

If a page seems poorly designed, take a good look. Ask yourself if the page was deliberately designed to draw attention away from the MC. If so, the **Low** rating is appropriate. Not sure? Keep looking for other **High** or **Low** quality characteristics.

6.5.4 Lacking Care and Maintenance

Sometimes a website may seem a little neglected: links may be broken, images may not load, and content may feel stale or outdated.

Irregular or infrequent updates may be OK for some websites; it depends on their purpose. For example, sometimes ordinary people set up family photo websites or personal blogs, but rarely update them. We would usually not consider such websites to be inadequately updated or maintained.

Websites with medical information, legal information, tax information, etc. must be updated frequently. Users expect information about the most current medical thinking, current laws, this year's tax information, etc.

Other types of websites need frequent updates as well, for example, websites with sports information, celebrity gossip, news, etc. Note that we are describing websites, not individual articles. Typically, news organizations publish "new" news articles as a way to keep their site up-to-date. Other types of websites update content on individual pages as a way to keep their site up-to-date, for example, encyclopedia websites.

Important: The date on an individual news article is not a reason for a **Low** page quality rating. However, if a website is not being maintained and updated enough for its purpose, that is a reason for a **Low** page quality rating.

If a website feels neglected, look carefully. Think about the purpose of the website. A year without updates for "Uncle Alex's Family Photos" website (a hypothetical **High** quality example) is fine. A few days without new articles on a major national news website is not acceptable. Use your judgment. If the website feels inadequately updated and inadequately maintained for its purpose, the **Low** rating is probably warranted.

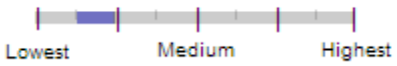
6.5.5 Unsatisfying Amount of Information about the Website

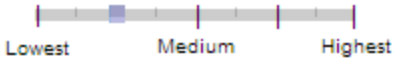
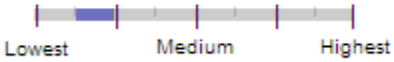
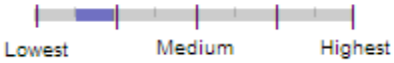
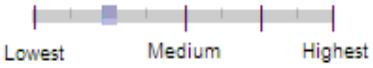
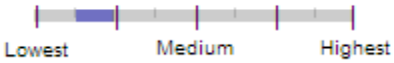
We expect some form of website information for many or most websites. However, the amount of website information needed depends on the purpose of the website. For personal websites, an email address alone may be sufficient.

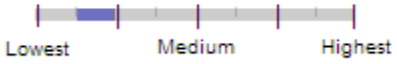
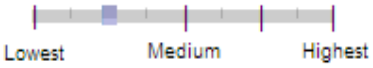
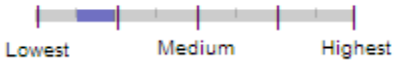
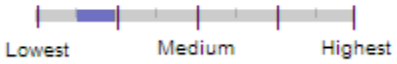
Stores and websites which process financial transactions require a high level of user trust. If a store or financial transaction website has just an email address and physical address, it may be difficult to get help if there are issues with the transaction. Likewise, many other types of YMYL websites also require a high degree of user trust. Just an email address and a physical address may not give users enough information to feel the website can be trusted.

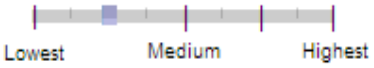
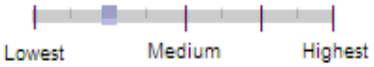
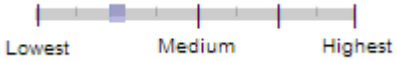
Important: For YMYL pages and other pages which require a high level of user trust, an unsatisfying amount of any of the following is a reason to give a page a **Low** quality rating: customer service information, contact information, or information about who is responsible for the website. For other types of websites, use your judgment.

6.6 Examples of Low Quality Pages

Type of Webpage/Content	Low Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Low: Informational 1 40th birthday party food ideas	• Low quality MC • Poor page design • The website may be abandoned	 This page and website have many of characteristics of **Low** quality pages. Close observation shows MC which contains mostly commonly known information and poor quality writing. The MC is broken up by large Ads.

Type of Webpage/Content	Low Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Low: Informational 2 Q&A unanswered question	• Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 Some websites rely on users to create virtually all of their MC. In this case, the MC is the user's question. If there are no answers, the amount of MC on the page is unsatisfying.
Low: Article 1 Article with tips for dressing for the office	• Low or lowest quality MC • Poor page design	 This content has many problems: poor spelling and grammar, complete lack of editing, inaccurate information. The poor quality of the MC is a reason for the **Lowest+** to **Low** rating. In addition, the popover ads (the words that are double underlined in blue) can make the main content difficult to read, resulting in a poor user experience.
Low: Article 2 Using ginger for your health	• Low or Lowest quality MC • Poor page design • Lacking E-A-T	 This article is so poorly written that it is difficult to understand. There is no evidence of expertise or even accuracy. In addition, a large amount of SC and popover Ads interrupt the MC.
Low: News Article about the 2010 Forbes list of the most powerful women in the world	• Low quality MC	 Due to lack of care in the creation of this content, the page does not warrant a rating higher than **Low**. For example, there are multiple misspellings (Bracak Obama, Hilary Clinton).
Low: Recipes 1 Apple pie recipe	• Low quality MC • Lacking SC • Poor page design	 This page and website have many of characteristics of **Low** quality pages. The MC is low quality and lacks important information. For example, it gives no indication of how to make a crust and doesn't list a pre-made crust as an ingredient. This page is lacking the kind of helpful SC we expect in recipe pages, such as user reviews or comments. Without such information, it's hard to tell if the recipe is any good. There is mild keyword stuffing (in pink text) at the top: "best homemade apple pie recipe, easy apple pie recipe, apple pie filling recipe, moms apple pie." This small pink text is not helpful for users, and is included to manipulate search engine ranking.

Type of Webpage/Content	Low Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Low: Recipes 2 Gluten-free New York cheesecake recipe	• Very distracting and unhelpful SC • Poor page design	 This is an example of poor page design. There are large Ads in the main column pushing down the MC. On the side are highly distracting SC that are labeled “Top Posts & Pages.” It is unclear whether these are SC or Ads.
Low: Q&A1 Page about Native American customs	• Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 There are 94 answers to this question with a few results that seem helpful. Many of the posts are deliberately incorrect or misleading, including the top answer, which is labled the “best answer.”
Low: Q&A 2 Page about a 2002 Volvo part	• Misleading page design • Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 Please read the MC (areas with red boxes around it), including the completely unhelpful "answer." This answer is so unhelpful, we can consider this question to be unanswered. This page has an unsatisfying amount of MC. In addition to a very unhelpful “answer,” the page design makes it difficult to distinguish the MC from Ads. For example, below the answer, we see a "sponsored answer," which has the same format as the real answer, but is actually an Ad and not an answer to the question. This page design is somewhat misleading or mildly deceptive.
Low: Q&A 3 Page about water and soil	• Misleading or potentially deceptive page design • Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 This is a page from a Q&A site with an unanswered question. Q&A pages exist to answer user questions. Pages with unanswered questions should generally be rated **Low** because they have little MC (just a question and no answer) and don’t achieve their purpose well. Misleading or potentially deceptive design makes it hard to tell that there’s no answer, making this page a poor user experience. In addition to having no answer, this page has Ads and links to other questions (misleadingly labeled as “Relevant answers”) displayed prominently, which users may mistake for answers to the question. It takes a moment to notice that this page actually has no answer.

Type of Webpage/Content	Low Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Low: Financial Page with advice on picking a quality stock for investment (YMYL)	• Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 This is a page on a website which allows anyone to write about anything. There is no evidence that the author(s) have financial expertise. The article has grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.
Low: Medical Page with information about how long the flu lasts (YMYL)	• Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 There is no evidence that the author has medical expertise. Because this is a YMYL medical article, lacking expertise is a reason for a **Low** rating.
Low: Article 3 How to adopt children from Iraq (YMYL)	• Low quality MC (commonly known information only) • Lacking E-A-T • Lacking SC • Poor page design	 This is a YMYL topic. However, the steps listed here are merely commonly-known information which would be of little benefit to someone interested in adopting a child from Iraq. For example, step 1 says “Choose an adoption agency” and suggests looking in a phone book. There is almost no information specific to Iraq. There is no evidence of expertise on adoption from the description about the author. In addition, there is little helpful SC. Finally, there are a large number of Ads on this page, many of which interrupt the MC. Some Ads have the same format as links to other articles on this website.

7.0 Lowest Quality Pages

This section describes **Lowest** quality pages. The examples at the end in Section 7.9 are critical for understanding these concepts, so please review those carefully.

Remember that websites and pages should be created to be helpful for users.

Important: Websites and pages which are created to harm users, deceive users, or only make money with no attempt to help users should be rated **Lowest**.

Here is a checklist of types of pages or websites which should always receive the **Lowest** rating:

- Harmful or malicious pages or websites.
- True lack of purpose pages or websites.
- Deceptive pages or websites.
- Pages or websites which are created to make money with little to no attempt to help users.
- Pages with extremely low or lowest quality MC.
- Pages on YMYL websites with completely inadequate or no website information.
- Pages on abandoned, hacked, or defaced websites.
- Pages or websites created with no expertise or pages which are highly untrustworthy, unreliable, unauthoritative, inaccurate, or misleading.
- Websites which have extremely negative or malicious reputations.

Also use the **Lowest** rating for violations of the Google Webmaster Quality Guidelines.

Finally, **Lowest+** may be used both for pages with many low quality characteristics and for pages whose lack of a single Page Quality characteristic makes you question the true purpose of the page.

7.1 Harmful or Malicious Pages

Some pages are harmful or malicious. For example, pages designed to "phish" for the user's government-issued identification number (such as a Social Security Number), bank account information, or credit card information are harmful because the purpose is to steal private information. Malicious download pages are another type of harmful page.

Harmful or malicious pages should be rated **Lowest**.

7.2 Lack of Purpose Pages

Sometimes it is impossible to figure out the purpose of the page despite your best effort to do so. Such pages serve no real purpose for users. Lack of purpose pages should be rated **Lowest**.

7.3 Deceptive Pages

We will consider a page to be "deceptive" if it is designed to deceive users or trick search engines, rather than to help users. The following sections in 7.3 describe several types of deceptive pages. Note that some pages may use a variety of these techniques. All deceptive pages should be rated **Lowest**.

For more information on deceptive pages, see the Google Webmaster Quality Guidelines.

7.3.1 Deceptive Page Purpose

Deceptive webpages appear to have a helpful purpose (the stated purpose), but are actually created for some other reason. Use the Lowest rating if a webpage page is deliberately created to deceive and potentially harm users in order to benefit the website.

Here are some examples of **Lowest** websites or webpages with deceptive page purpose:

- A website pretends to be or mimics the look of a well-known store, bank, online service, or social network, but instead exists to "phish" or steal passwords or personal information (for example, government ID number, bank account information, personal medical data, etc.). We also consider this type of website to have a malicious purpose.
- A webpage claims to be a survey, perhaps offering money or a prize, but instead exists to steal passwords or personal information (for example, government ID number, bank account information, personal medical data, etc.). We also consider this type of website to have a malicious purpose.
- A webpage claims to offer an independent review or share other information about a product, but is in fact created to make money for the owner of the website without attempting to help users. For example, the MC may contain intentionally misleading or inaccurate information created with the sole purpose of getting users to click on monetized links.
- A website claims to be the personal website of a celebrity, but the website is actually created to make money for the owner of the website without the permission of the celebrity. For example, the page may have false testimonials for a product and is created for the sole purpose of getting users to click on monetized links.

Sometimes it is difficult to determine the real purpose of a page. Look carefully and use your judgment. If you believe the webpage or website was created deliberately to deceive users for the benefit of the website, and with the potential to cause harm to the user, use the **Lowest** rating.

7.3.2 Deceptive Page Design

Some pages are designed to manipulate users into clicking on certain types of links through visual design elements, such as page layout, organization, link placement, font color, images, etc. We will consider these kinds of pages to have deceptive page design. Use the **Lowest** rating if the page is deliberately designed to manipulate users to click on Ads, monetized links, or suspect download links with little or no effort to provide helpful MC.

Pages may use a variety of "tricks" or deceptive page design techniques. Here are two common types of pages with deceptive page design:

- A fake search page is a page with a list of links that looks like a page of search results. If you click on a few of the links, you will see that the page is just a collection of Ads disguised as search engine results. A "search box" is present on the page, but if you submit a new query in the search box, you just get a different page of Ads disguised as search results. "Fake search" pages are examples of deceptive page design.
- A fake directory page looks like a personally curated set of helpful links, possibly with unique descriptions. In reality, the links are Ads or links to other similar pages on the site. Fake directory pages are examples of deceptive page design.

There are other examples of deceptive page design. For example, some pages are deliberately designed to have a large amount of Ads at the top so that the MC is not visible unless a user scrolls a lot to see the content at the very bottom of the page. In other words, some users may not even realize the MC is on the page. Another example of deceptive page design is to make Ads look like navigation links or SC links, or even part of the MC.

Take a good look at the page and use your judgment. If you believe the page was deliberately created to manipulate users to click on Ads, monetized links, or suspect download links through deceptive page design, the page should be rated **Lowest**.

7.3.3 Sneaky Redirects

Redirecting is the act of sending a user to a different URL than the one initially requested. There are many good reasons to redirect from one URL to another, for example, when a website moves to a new address.

However, some redirects are designed to deceive search engines and users. These are a very poor user experience, and users may feel tricked or confused. We will call these "sneaky redirects."

Sneaky redirects are deceptive and should be rated **Lowest**.

How to recognize sneaky redirects:

- While being redirected, you notice that the page redirects through several URLs before ending up on the landing page.
- You notice that clicking the same URL several times takes you to different landing pages on a rotating set of domains.
- You notice that you are redirected to well-known merchant websites, such as Amazon, eBay, Zappos, etc. to complete a transaction.
- The URL of the landing page is different than the URL in the rating task. You should compare the two URLs to see if it makes sense that one would redirect to the other. A redirect from a company's old homepage to its new homepage on a different domain is not sneaky. Redirects from one page on one website to another page on the same website are also not sneaky. However, unexpected redirects from one website to a completely unrelated website should be considered deceptive.

7.4 Lowest Quality Main Content

The quality of the MC is one of the most important considerations in PQ rating. In this guideline, we'll judge the quality of the MC by thinking about how much time, effort, expertise, and talent/skill was involved in content creation.

If very little or no time, effort, expertise, or talent/skill has gone into creating the MC, use the **Lowest** quality rating.

All of the following should be considered either lowest quality MC or no MC:

- No helpful MC at all or so little MC that the page effectively has no MC.
- MC which consists almost entirely of "keyword stuffing."
- Gibberish or meaningless MC.
- "Auto-generated" MC, created with little time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users.
- MC which consists almost entirely of content copied from another source with little time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users.

Finally, the distinction between low and lowest quality MC is often human effort and manual curation. If you are struggling between "low quality MC" and "lowest quality MC," please consider how much human effort and attention the page has received.

Pages with lowest quality MC should be rated **Lowest**.

7.4.1 No Main Content

If a page is deliberately created with no MC, use the **Lowest** rating. Why would a page exist without MC? Pages with no MC are usually lack of purpose pages or deceptive pages.

Webpages that are deliberately created with a bare minimum of MC, or with MC which is completely unhelpful for the purpose of the page, should be considered to have no MC

Pages deliberately created with no MC should be rated **Lowest**.

7.4.2 "Keyword Stuffed" Main Content

Pages may be created to lure search engines and users by repeating keywords over and over again, sometimes in unnatural and unhelpful ways. Such pages are created using words likely to be contained in queries issued by users. Keyword stuffing can range from mildly annoying to users, to complete gibberish.

Pages created with the intent of luring search engines and users, rather than providing meaningful MC to help users, should be rated **Lowest**.

7.4.3 Gibberish or Meaningless Main Content

Pages may be deliberately created with gibberish or meaningless (nonsense) text.

Gibberish text may be generated by computer algorithms; for example, it may be created by copying text from many webpages and combining it with no attempt to produce something meaningful. Another way to create gibberish text is through translation tools, where text is copied from a foreign language page, run through a freely available translator, and then used without any human review or editing.

No matter how they are created, gibberish pages with meaningless content are useless for users and should be rated **Lowest** quality.

7.4.4 Automatically-Generated Main Content

Entire websites may be created by designing a basic template from which hundreds or thousands of pages are created, sometimes using content from freely available sources (such as an RSS feed or API). These pages are created with no or very little time, effort, or expertise, and also have no editing or manual curation.

Pages and websites made up of auto-generated content with no editing or manual curation, and no original content or value added for users, should be rated **Lowest**.

7.4.5 Copied Main Content

Every page needs MC. One way to create MC with no time, effort, or expertise is to copy it from another source.

Important: We do not consider legitimately licensed or syndicated content to be "copied" (see here for more on web syndication). Examples of syndicated content in the U.S. include news articles by AP or Reuters.

The word "copied" refers to the practice of "scraping" content, or copying content from other non-affiliated websites without adding any original content or value to users (see here for more information on copied or scraped content).

If all or most of the MC on the page is copied, think about the purpose of the page. Why does the page exist? What value does the page have for users? Why should users look at the page with copied content instead of the original source?

Important: The **Lowest** rating is appropriate if all or almost all of the MC on the page is copied with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users. Such pages should be rated **Lowest**, even if the page assigns credit for the content to another source.

7.4.6 More About Copied Content

All of the following are considered copied content:

- **Content copied exactly from an identifiable source.** Sometimes an entire page is copied, and sometimes just parts of the page are copied. Sometimes multiple pages are copied and then pasted together into a single page. Text that has been copied exactly is usually the easiest type of copied content to identify.

- **Content which is copied, but changed slightly from the original.** This type of copying makes it difficult to find the exact matching original source. Sometimes just a few words are changed, or whole sentences are changed, or a "find and replace" modification is made, where one word is replaced with another throughout the text. These types of changes are deliberately done to make it difficult to find the original source of the content. We call this kind of content "copied with minimal alteration."

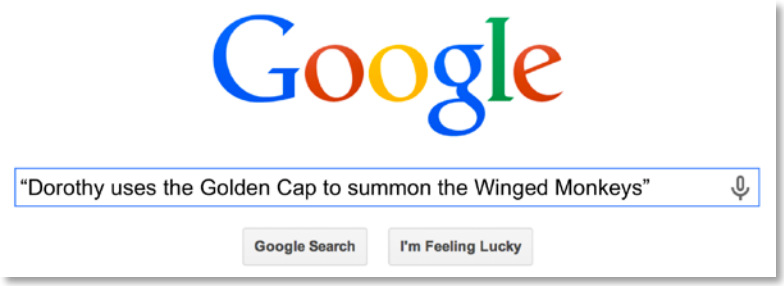
- **Content copied from a changing source, such as a search results page or news feed.** You often will not be able to find an exact matching original source if it is a copy of "dynamic" content (content which changes frequently). However, we will still consider this to be copied content.

Important: The **Lowest** rating is appropriate if all or almost all of the MC on the page is copied with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users. Such pages should be rated **Lowest**, even if the page assigns credit for the content to another source.

7.4.7 How to Determine if Content is Copied

How do you determine whether all or most of the MC is copied? How do you identify the original source of the content? These things can be difficult to determine, but the following steps may help.

1. Copy a sentence or a series of several words in the text. It may be necessary to try a few sentences or phrases from the page just to be sure. When deciding what sentence or phrase to copy, try to find a sentence or series of several words without punctuation, unusual characters, or suspicious words that may have replaced the original text.
2. Search on Google by pasting the sentence or phrase (surrounded by quotation marks) inside the Google search box.



Here are some sentences and phrases from this page about "The Wizard of Oz" film and how to search for them.

Sentence or Phrase From a Sentence	Query to Find the Sentence or Phrase
A sentence on the page: *All are convinced by Dorothy that the Wizard can help them too*	Query with quotation marks around the sentence: **["All are convinced by Dorothy that the Wizard can help them too"]** Query without quotation marks around the sentence: **[All are convinced by Dorothy that the Wizard can help them too]**
A phrase on the page: *Dorothy uses the Golden Cap to summon the Winged Monkeys*	Query with quotation marks around the phrase: **["Dorothy uses the Golden Cap to summon the Winged Monkeys"]** Query without quotation marks around the phrase: **[Dorothy uses the Golden Cap to summon the Winged Monkeys]**
A different phrase on the page: *revealing an old man who had journeyed to Oz from Omaha long ago in a hot air balloon*	Query with quotation marks around the phrase: **["revealing an old man who had journeyed to Oz from Omaha long ago in a hot air balloon"]** Query without quotation marks around the phrase: **[revealing an old man who had journeyed to Oz from Omaha long ago in a hot air balloon]**

3. Compare the pages you find that match the sentence or phrase. Is most of their MC the same? If so, does one clearly come from a highly authoritative source which is known for original content creation (newspaper, magazine, medical foundation, etc.)? Does one source appear to have the earliest publication date? Does one source seem to reasonably be the original?

Use your best judgment. Sometimes it is clear that the content is copied from somewhere, but you cannot tell what the original source is. Other times the content found on the original source has changed enough that searches for sentences or phrases may no longer match the original source. For example, Wikipedia articles can change dramatically over time. Text copied from old copies may not match the current content. If you strongly suspect the page you are evaluating is not the original source, consider it likely to be copied.

We have confirmed that the above text (the text in the sentence and phrases in the table) comes from an older version of a Wikipedia article about "The Wizard of Oz," which can be found using the Internet Archive Wayback Machine. Please note that searching for the above sentence and phrases will not lead you to a current Wikipedia article about "The Wizard of Oz," which demonstrates how confirming that the MC of a page contains copied content can sometimes be difficult.

Important: The **Lowest** rating is appropriate if all or almost all of the MC on the page is copied with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users. Such pages should be rated **Lowest**, even if the page assigns credit for the content to another source.

7.5 No Website Information

As discussed in Section 2.5.3, we expect most websites to have some information about who is responsible for the website, as well as some contact information. For websites with YMYL pages, such as online banks, we expect to find a lot of information about the site, including extensive customer service information.

Think about the purpose of the website and the type of website information users would expect or demand.

YMYL pages with absolutely no website information, or other pages where the available information is completely inadequate for the purpose of the website (for example, an online bank with only an email address), should be rated **Lowest**.

7.6 Highly Untrustworthy, Unreliable, Unauthoritative, Inaccurate, or Misleading

Sometimes, pages just don't "feel" trustworthy. Use the **Lowest** rating for any of the following:

- Pages or websites which you strongly suspect are scams (see these links for more information about Internet scams: Avoid Scams 1, Avoid Scams 2, Internet Fraud).
- Pages which ask for personal information without a legitimate reason (for example, pages which ask for name, birthdate, address, bank account, government ID number, etc.).
- Websites which "phish" for passwords to Facebook, Gmail, or other popular online services. See here for information about "phishing" fraud.
- Pages with suspicious download links, which may be malware.

If you suspect a link is malicious, please do not click on it. You do not need to personally experience a malicious download in order to confirm that a website is harmful. Likewise, if you feel strongly a website is a scam, you do not need to engage with it to get proof.

Pages which appear highly untrustworthy should be rated **Lowest**, even if you're not able to completely confirm their lack of trustworthiness. Please exercise caution and practice good Internet safety skills.

7.7 Abandoned Websites or Spammed Pages on a Website

Some websites are not maintained or cared for at all by their webmaster. These "abandoned" websites, especially websites which have become hacked or defaced, should be rated **Lowest**.

A hacked or defaced website is a site which has been modified without permission from the website owner(s). Responsible webmasters should regularly check their websites for suspicious behavior and take steps to protect their users. Note: You will very rarely see hacked or defaced websites because most webmasters act very quickly to undo the damage to their website.

However, you may encounter pages with a large amount of spammed forum discussions or spammed user comments. We'll consider a comment or forum discussion to be "spammed" if someone posts unrelated comments which are not intended to help other users, but rather to advertise a product or create a link to a website. Frequently these comments are posted by a "bot" rather than a real person. Spammed comments are easy to recognize. They may include Ads, download, or other links, or sometimes just short strings of text unrelated to the topic, such as "Good," "Hello," "I'm new here," "How are you today," etc. Webmasters should find and remove this content because it is a bad user experience.

While a specific page on a website may have a large amount of spammed forum discussions or spammed user comments, it does not mean that the entire website contains only spam.

Pages on websites which are not maintained or cared for at all should be rated **Lowest**. Pages with a large amount of distracting, unhelpful spammed user comments should be rated **Lowest**.

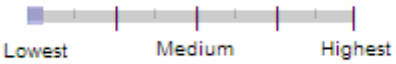
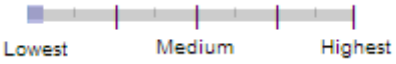
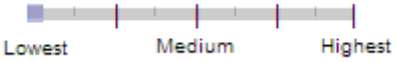
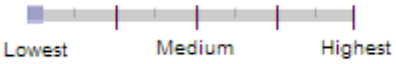
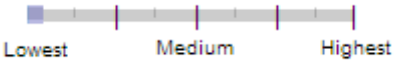
7.8 Extremely Negative or Malicious Reputation

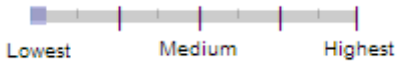
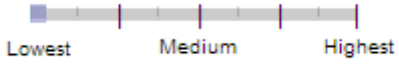
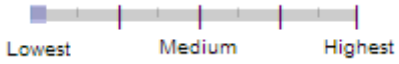
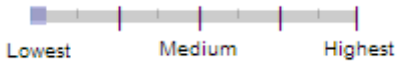
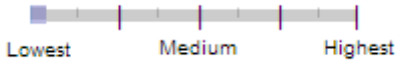
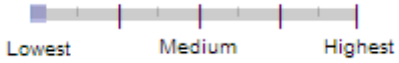
Use the **Lowest** rating for websites with extremely negative reputations. Here are some examples originally shown in Section 2.7.4. All pages on these websites should be rated **Lowest** because of the extremely negative or malicious reputation of these websites.

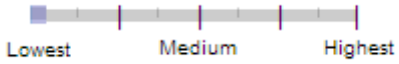
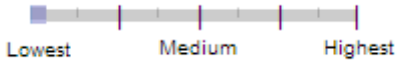
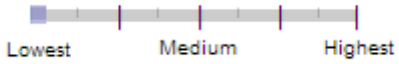
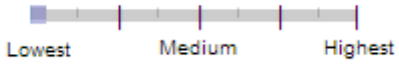
Website	Description
Site selling children's jungle gym	**Extremely negative reputation information**: This business has a BBB rating of F. There is a news article about financial fraud. There are many reviews on websites describing how users sent money and did not receive anything in return.

Website	Description
Site selling products related to eyewear	**Extremely negative/malicious reputation information**: This website engaged in criminal behavior such as physically threatening users.
Organization serving the hospitalized veteran community	**Extremely negative reputation information**: There are many detailed negative articles on news sites and charity watchdog sites describing fraud and financial mishandling about this organization.

7.9 Examples of Lowest Quality Pages

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Forum page – Watch RoboCop online	• The page has a large amount of spammed comments	 This is an example of a spammed forum page, where the goal is to try and get users to watch a movie online, which has nothing to do with the purpose of the site.
Lowest: Copied content – Wizard of Oz	• Lowest quality MC (copied content with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users)	 All MC is a copy of an old Wikipedia article. See Section 7.4.7. The current Wikipedia page offers much more content, links, references, etc. This page doesn't add much value for users.
Lowest: Copied content – "Flowers" replaced by "Fs"	• Lowest quality MC (copied content with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users)	 In this article, the word "flowers" is replaced by "fs" throughout, which makes it difficult to find the original source of the article. The original source may be this page. The modifications make it very difficult to read and are a poor user experience.
Lowest: Unsatisfying amount of MC – Wedding dresses	• An unsatisfying amount of MC for the topic of the page • Poor page design • Lacking helpful SC for the purpose of the page	 This page exhibits many **Lowest** quality characteristics.
Lowest: Malicious, harmful, or deceptive – Asks for personal information (YMYL)	• Malicious, harmful, or deceptive	 This is a shopping checkout page, but it asks for the user's government ID number, driver's license number, ATM pin number, bank account information, etc.

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Autogenerated content – About LG imprint lock code	• Lowest quality MC (autogenerated content)	 This page was created to get users to click on Ads. All content is copied from other sources, and the page is auto-generated. The fact that users are told that the page is auto-generated does not change the rating.
Lowest: Fraudulent – Charity (YMYL)	• Extremely negative or malicious reputation	 There are many claims of fraud and financial problems about this organization on reputable news sites and charity watchdog sites: Negative review 1, Negative review 2, Negative review 3, and Negative review 4.
Lowest: No website information – About dry sockets (YMYL)	• No website information for YMYL website • Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 There is no information about who created this website, no contact information, and no authorship information. Medical pages require a high degree of user trust. Because there is no information about who owns this website and who created this content, we will consider this an untrustworthy website.
Lowest: Fake directory page - Mesothelioma (YMYL)	• Deceptive page design (Ads disguised as MC) • No website information for YMYL topic	 The links on the page appear to link to helpful articles, but in fact the links are Ads that do not go to articles. This is a YMYL topic, but there is no indication about who is responsible for this content or website.
Lowest: Fake search page – Chicken recipes	• Deceptive (fake search page)	 Advertising should never disguise itself as the MC of the page. Pages with Ads that are designed to look like MC should be considered deceptive.
Lowest: Fake search page – Chairs	• Deceptive (fake search page)	 This page was created to make money from clicks on Ads rather than to help users.

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose – Viagra (YMYL)	• Lowest quality MC (copied content with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users) • No website information for YMYL website	 This looks like an information website for a drug. The real purpose of this page is to get users to this website, and then get them to click on the "order now" link, which takes users to another website. All MC on this page is copied with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users. Here is the original source.
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose – Walmart gift card survey	• Deceptive purpose • Highly untrustworthy	 This page leads users to believe that they may qualify for a $1000 Walmart Gift Card. They have to take a lengthy survey which is designed to get them to install a shopping toolbar, purchase products, and sign up for paid trials. The only "way out" or to continue after a certain point is to provide credit card information. Despite appearances, there is no affiliation with Amazon.
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose and design – Emery cat toy page	• Deceptive page design and deceptive purpose	 This page claims to be an independent review of a product, but the only links on the page are prominent monetized links to purchase this product on another website. This page deliberately lacks SC so that the only "way out" is to click on a monetized link. This is a deceptive page design because it is designed to get users to click on the prominent links.
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose and design – Washing machine reviews	• Purpose of the page to make money with very little or no attempt to help users • Lowest quality MC (copied content with little or no time, effort, expertise, manual curation, or added value for users)	 This page is titled "Washing Machine Reviews," but there are no reviews on the page and the content is copied from another website. The links all go to a single Internet retailer selling washing machines. This is a deceptive page design because it is designed to get users to click on the prominent links.

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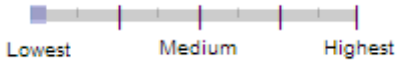
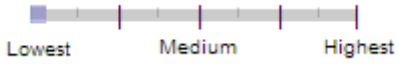
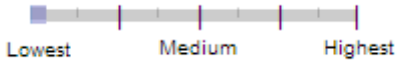
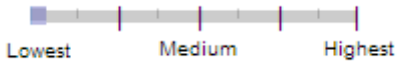
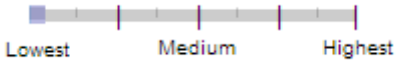
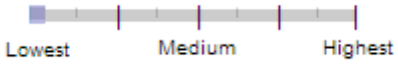
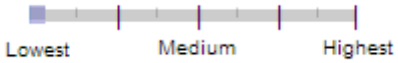
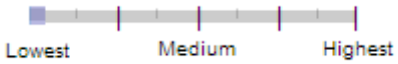
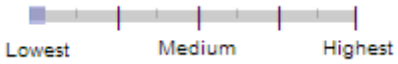
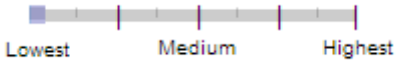
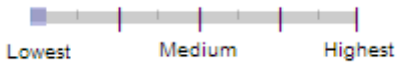
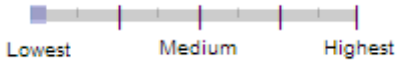
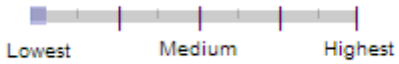
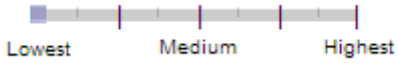
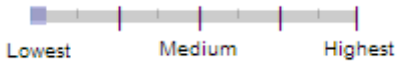
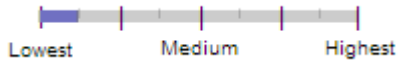
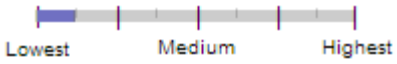
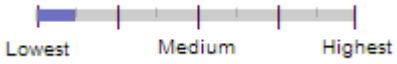
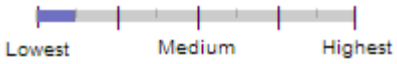
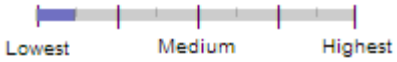
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose – Fake survey page	• Deceptive purpose • Highly untrustworthy	 This page contains a fake survey, which appears to promise users the opportunity to win an Apple MacBook Air, an iPhone 5c, or a Galaxy S4. However, after completing some survey questions and selecting the product the user would like to win, the user is redirected to website after website to complete more and more survey questions, while being asked to supply more and more personal information, including medical information and bank account information. There is no information about who is responsible, even though this website asks for highly personal information such as bank account numbers. Despite appearances, there is no affiliation with Google.
Lowest: Deceptive page purpose – Rachael Ray Diet Blog	• Deceptive purpose and deceptive content	 The title of this page is “Rachael Ray Diet Blog,” but the page has nothing to do with Rachael Ray or her diet or her products. This page exists to sell products using Rachael Ray’s name and image. In fact, there is a brown-text-on-brown-background section at the bottom of the page (which we consider to be hidden text) that says “Disclaimer: Rachael Ray is not affiliated with nor does she sponsor or endorse this blog.” This page is deceptive in spite of the disclaimer! This example has been annotated with red text at the top to point out deceptive aspects of this page.
Lowest: Deceptive page design – Javascript alert box	• Deceptive or misleading page design	 Some users might not even notice the MC because it is under a long list of Ads. Users may mistake the Ads for MC.
Lowest: Keyword stuffing – Imodium for dogs	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish, keyword stuffing)	 This page has no helpful MC and no helpful purpose.

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Unmaintained YMYL page – Medical information website (YMYL)	• The website appears to be not maintained or updated • No website information for YMYL website • Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page • Difficult to distinguish MC from SC, Ads	 The homepage of this website indicates it was last updated in 2005. Additionally, using the Internet Archive Wayback Machine, we can see that this page hasn't changed since 2005. That is cause for concern on a medical website, which needs a high degree of trust as medical advice changes over time. Unmaintained medical information can be dangerous. There is no information about who created or is responsible for this content. There is no evidence of E-A-T. Also, the page design makes it very difficult to tell which links are SC and which are actually Ads.
Lowest: Malicious website – Site selling products related to eyewear	• Very negative, malicious, or financially fraudulent reputation	 This website took users' money and physically threatened users who complained. These articles on Wikipedia and the New York Times describe the deceptive techniques used by this website and provide other negative information about the website and its owner.
Lowest: Gibberish – Celebrity site	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish)	 This page has no helpful MC and no helpful purpose.
Lowest: Gibberish – PDF file	• Lowest quality MC (gibberish) • Lack of purpose	 This is a gibberish PDF file. We don't have any idea why this was created. There are no links or Ads. This page has no purpose and no reason to exist.
Lowest: Gibberish – Flu treatment	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish)	 This page has no helpful MC and no helpful purpose.
Lowest: Gibberish – NFL jerseys	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish)	 This page appears to have been created just to link to other pages.

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Gibberish– Acai berry cleanse	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish, keyword stuffing)	 This page appears to have been created to lure users interested in “acai berry” to the page so they will click on the top links. The text is gibberish and full of keyword stuffing.
Lowest: Lack of purpose – Free credit report	• Lowest quality MC (gibberish) • Highly untrustworthy	 This page has deceptive features, such as a friend request, a prize alert, and a download button.
Lowest: Lack of purpose – Las Vegas gambling terms	• Lacking in purpose • Lowest quality MC (gibberish, keyword stuffing)	 This page has no MC and no helpful purpose.
Lowest: Highly untrustworthy – Article about how to cure stomach flu	• Highly untrustworthy, unreliable, unauthoritative, inaccurate or misleading • No website information for YMYL topic	 This content is poorly written and uses a lot of words to say very little. There is no information about who is responsible for the content and no contact information for this YMYL medical topic.
Lowest: Highly untrustworthy – Download page	• Highly untrustworthy (suspect download)	 This is a download website with only one page – this page. There is a lot of text (with grammar and spelling errors) promising that users will make money from this free download. The purpose of the page seems to be to entice users into clicking on the links with the promise of making money.
Lowest: Low quality MC – Article about popping pimples	• Lowest quality MC • Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 This content has many problems: poor grammar, and sentences which are meaningless or state something obvious. For example: "Popping pimples could be or could be not the new trend of getting rid of them." In addition, the “About the Author” section of the page has an Ad, but no information about the author.

Type of Webpage/Content	Lowest Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Lowest: Low quality MC – Article about getting a mortgage in Texas	• Lowest quality MC • Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 The level of expertise of the author of this content is not clearly communicated. Providing this background information is particularly important for medical, financial, or other topics for which expertise is needed. This is a YMYL page.
Lowest: YMYL page with inaccurate information – Chest pains and smoking (YMYL)	• YMYL page with inaccurate potentially dangerous medical advice	 We must evaluate this page from the point of view of a user visiting this page from a search engine, rather than a participant. The question is poorly worded and difficult to understand. The answers are poorly worded and have incorrect and potentially dangerous medical advice. The MC is low quality.
Lowest: YMYL page with bad information – Paying off loans (YMYL)	• YMYL page with potentially damaging financial advice • Highly untrustworthy, unreliable, unauthoritative, inaccurate or misleading	 This page gives loan advice which can be potentially damaging, for example, instructing people not to pay back their loans. The article has grammar and spelling errors, and the page is highly untrustworthy.
Lowest: Potentially untrustworthy shopping page with insufficient contact info – (YMYL)	• Highly untrustworthy, unreliable, unauthoritative, inaccurate or misleading • Completely inadequate or untrustworthy customer service information for a shopping website	 This page is selling Nike Air Jordan shoes. When you look at the "Contact Us" page, it does not give the name of a company or a physical adress, which also cannot be found anywhere else on the website. This amount of contact information is not sufficient enough for a shopping website. In addition, the "Shipping and Returns" page has the name of another company that seems to be unrelated. There are also official looking logos at the bottom of the homepage, including the Better Business Bureau logo and Google Checkout logo, that don't appear to be affiliated with the website.

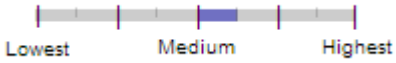
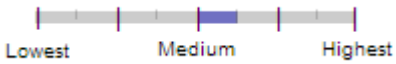
8.0 Medium Quality Pages

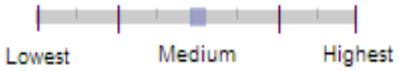
In this section, we will describe pages that should get the **Medium** quality rating. **Medium** pages achieve their purpose. However, Medium pages lack the characteristics which would support a higher quality rating. Occasionally, you will find a page with a mix of high and low quality characteristics. In those cases, the best page quality rating may be **Medium**.

Type of Medium Page	Discussion
Nothing wrong, but nothing special	The page achieves its purpose, however, it does not merit a **High** quality rating, but there is nothing to indicate that a **Low** quality rating is appropriate.
Mixed, but with redeeming qualities	The page or website has some characteristics of both **High** and **Low** quality pages, but the low quality characteristics are mild enough that the convincing high quality aspects make it difficult to rate the page **Low**. For example, a page with a large quantity of helpful MC, but which has somewhat poor page design and is lacking in SC, may be considered overall **Medium** quality.

8.1 Examples of Medium Quality Pages

Webpage/Type of Content	Medium Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Medium: Encyclopedia Wikipedia article about baroque pearls	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This is a short Wikipedia article about baroque pearls, a fairly narrow topic. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Humor Page from a humorous site	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This page is from a humorous site that encourages users to post photos with mouths drawn on them. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Entertainment 1 Article about "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" show	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This page is on a website dedicated to entertainment news. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Entertainment 2 Article about Miley Cyrus	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This page is from a news/entertainment website. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.

Webpage/Type of Content	Medium Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Medium: Page with Error Message “Custom 404” page	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This is an example of a “custom 404” page. These pages are designed to alert users that the URL they are trying to visit no longer exists. Some websites do a nice job of not only alerting users about a problem, but also giving them help. This page is on a well-known merchant website with a good reputation. However, this particular page displays the bare minimum of content needed to explain the problem to users, and the only help offered is a link to the homepage.
Medium: Q&A Q&A page where a user is looking for advice on where to buy high-quality women's clothing online	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This Q&A page has a discussion of different online merchants. There is some everyday expertise, but it doesn’t display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Informational Page about propulsion on the “Quality Reasoning Group” section of a university’s website	• Mixed, but with some redeeming qualities • Website has a good reputation • Content is likely to be accurate and trustworthy because of the website, though no reference links are provided • It’s not clear who is responsible for the content and whether it is being maintained	 Although this is a well-known, highly-respected university with a high quality site, this page is on a very specialized section of the university website. No author is listed and the page may have been a one-time project, possibly from a student, which is no longer maintained.
Medium: News Article about a Maui woman’s death	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This page is from a TV news website. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn’t display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Forum 1 Forum page on an online auction website. A user is looking for help choosing a product category.	• Mixed, but with some redeeming qualities	 The relative lack of MC is balanced a bit by the expertise of this forum. This forum is dedicated to this kind of question.

Webpage/Type of Content	Medium Quality Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Medium: Forum 2 Forum page on a dance website. A user is looking for advice on how to wash ballet shoes.	• Mixed, but with some redeeming qualities	 This forum is about dance topics. Many participants have everyday experience washing ballet shoes and make recommendations based on their experience. This page is "mixed" because there is distracting content which makes it hard to read the MC, potentially because the page uses an older and/or outdated design. The page also has distracting buttons and Ads. On the other hand, there is some valuable everyday expertise and helpful MC, making Medium a good rating for this page.
Medium: Lyrics Song lyrics for the song "Never You/Fear Love"	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 There are many lyrics websites which have similar content. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Video Video of a kitten meowing a lot	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This is a professionally-created video of a cute kitten meowing. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Recipe 1 Mexi-Chicken Casserole on a newspaper website	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This recipe was contributed by an author of cookbooks. However, the page has no SC related to the purpose of the page, such as reviews or links to other recipes, etc. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.
Medium: Recipe 2 Recipe for cherry-topped cake	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This website is known for high quality content about animals and the environment. This particular page has a recipe for kids. There isn't much MC or SC. This page is OK for its purpose, but it doesn't display characteristics associated with a **High** rating.

9.0 Page Quality Rating: Important Considerations

At first, PQ rating may seem difficult. There are several aspects of the page and the website to look at and think about. This type of rating takes practice. Rereading sections of these guidelines and thinking about the examples may help when you encounter difficult rating tasks.

Important: Do not struggle with each PQ rating. Please give your best rating and move on. If you are having trouble deciding between two ratings, please use the lower rating. If you are torn between three ratings, choose the one in the middle.

Do not consider the country or location of the page or website for PQ rating. For example, English (US) raters should use the same PQ standards when rating pages from other English language websites (UK websites, Canadian websites, etc.) as they use when rating pages from U.S. websites. In other words, English (US) raters should not lower the PQ rating because the page location (UK, Canada) does not match the task location.

These guidelines are specific to “regular” webpages. Occasionally, you may be asked to rate a landing page which is not a webpage. For example, you may be asked to rate a PDF file, a PNG or JPEG image file, etc. When the landing page of the URL is not a webpage, some of the considerations in these guidelines may not apply. In this case, please use your judgment.

Finally, this Page Quality Rating Guideline does not completely cover every aspect of page quality. If you find pages which you truly believe to be **High** or **Low** quality, please rate them as such, even if the reason is based on something not covered in this document. Please use the comment section to explain your reasoning. As always, we ask you to use your judgment.

9.1 Instructions for Rating Page Quality Tasks

The Page Quality task page is broken up into several parts:

1. Some initial questions about the task landing page.
2. A “PQ grid” to record your observations about PQ characteristics of the landing page.
3. The Overall PQ rating slider which records your Overall PQ rating.
4. A comment box to explain your rating.

Some results to the initial questions will end the task early. If the page is Porn, Foreign Language, or Didn’t Load, you will not fill in the PQ grid or assign an overall rating. Didn’t Load should be used for pages where there is absolutely no content on the page created by the website. There is no MC, SC, or Ads on the page. You can see this Wikipedia article for descriptions of different types of error messages.

Similarly, if you respond that the page is malicious, harmful, deceptive, or lacking in purpose, you will also not fill in the PQ grid or assign an overall rating.

The PQ grid is designed to be your "note pad." It allows you to record your observations about the landing page and the website it belongs to.

9.2 The Top Three PQ Considerations

The top three most important PQ considerations are:

- **Quality and quantity of Main Content**. Examine the MC carefully. Given the purpose of the page, evaluate the quality and quantity of MC.
- **Level of expertise, authoritativeness, and trustworthiness (E-A-T) of the page and the website**. The level of E-A-T is extremely important for YMYL pages.
- **Reputation of the website**. The reputation of a website is very important when the website demands a high level of trust.

These “top three” considerations will help you rate many or most pages. **High** or **Highest** quality ratings must be supported by evidence from at least one of these top three considerations.

9.3 E-A-T: Page or Website?

Several PQ characteristics are based on the landing page by itself, such as considerations about MC, SC, and page design, etc. Some PQ characteristics are assessed at the website level, such as contact information, reputation, and website maintenance.

However, E-A-T may be based on either the page alone, or the website, or even both.

Page level checks for E-A-T are important when a website has different authors on different pages. This is the case for article websites or websites like YouTube, which have user-generated content.

Website level checks for E-A-T are important in the following situations:

- All content on the website is produced by the same person or organization. An example is a medical website which is produced by a reputable physician group.
- The content of the website is produced by different authors or organizations, but the website has very active editorial standards. An example of this is a science journal with very high standards for publication.
- The website has an extremely positive reputation from experts in the topic of the website, i.e., the website is acknowledged to be one of the most expert, authoritative, or trustworthy sources on the topic.

10.0 Page Quality Considerations for Specific Types of Pages

10.1 Ratings for Encyclopedia Pages

There are many encyclopedia-type websites. Some are highly-respected publications which are standard references. Some are websites with content created and edited by anonymous users with no editorial oversight or fact checking.

In many cases, we may not know the specific author of the encyclopedia article, and must rely on results from reputation research of the encyclopedia when judging the expertise of an article. **High** and **Highest** quality ratings can only be used for encyclopedias with very good reputations for accuracy and expertise.

As a rater, you will frequently encounter Wikipedia pages. In general, Wikipedia does have a good reputation. Wikipedia is a very popular resource and is generally valued for accuracy. However, there is no single author or organization that vouches for the accuracy of Wikipedia articles. Individual Wikipedia articles should be evaluated on the basis of page level checks because the quality of pages on Wikipedia varies.

A Wikipedia article with a lot of detailed, information-rich MC, and external references can usually be rated in the **High** range. Some Wikipedia articles may even be rated as high as **Highest**, although this rating is usually considered too high for an article on a medical, financial, or legal topic, which requires an extremely high level of expertise. Wikipedia articles can get PQ ratings up to **High** if they have a lot of high quality MC, are well-researched, and do a good job citing their resources. Otherwise, a PQ rating in the **Medium** range is often appropriate. Naturally, Wikipedia articles with very little MC should get lower PQ ratings.

10.2 Ratings for Pages with Error Messages or No MC

Some pages load with content created by the webmaster, but have an error message or are missing MC.

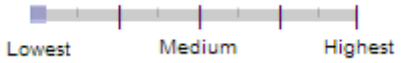
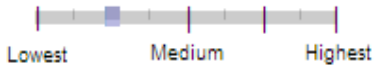
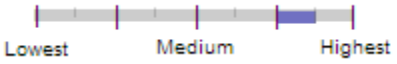
Pages may lack MC for various reasons. Sometimes, the page is “broken” and the content does not load properly or at all. Sometimes, the content is no longer available and the page displays an error message with this information.

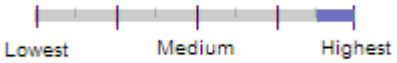
Many websites have a few “broken” or non-functioning pages. This is normal, and those individual non-functioning or broken pages on an otherwise maintained site should be rated **Low** quality. This is true even if other pages on the website are overall **High** or **Highest** quality.

Sometimes exploring a website reveals that the individual page is not an isolated example, but rather a symptom of an unmaintained site (or possibly a deceptive or malicious site). When that is the case, the page should be rated **Lowest** quality.

However, not all pages with error messages are **Low** or **Lowest** quality pages. If the purpose of the page is to communicate that content has been removed or is no longer available, and the page does a good job of communicating this message, the overall PQ rating may be higher; it may be **Medium** or even **High**. The Page Quality rating will depend on the website level checks and the content of the page.

Here are some examples of "broken" or "error message" pages, as well as pages which are missing MC:

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Discussion
Deliberately created with no MC	• Large amount of prominent Ads and no attempt to help users	 This is an example of a page with no MC. You might think that the MC is "missing" due to a problem with this particular page, but in fact, this website has hundreds of pages that look the same way—no MC, just Ads. This website shows Ads with little or no attempt to help users, and should be rated **Lowest** quality.
Page didn't fully load and has no MC	• No MC (probably due to a temporary technical error) • Sufficient SC • Positive reputation	 This page has no MC and no error message. It is an isolated example of a page with no MC or error message on a website for a reputable newspaper for a town in Michigan. All of the navigation links work, and the page was later fixed.
Error page with custom 404 message 1	• Nothing wrong, but nothing special	 This is an example of a "custom 404" page, alerting users that the URL they are trying to visit no longer exists. Some websites do a nice job of alerting users about a problem and providing helpful tips. This page is on a well-known merchant website with a good reputation. However, this particular page displays the bare minimum of content needed to explain the problem to users, and the only helpful content is a link to the homepage.
Error page with custom 404 message 2	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC for its purpose • Helpful SC which improves the user experience • Positive reputation	 This is an example of a "custom 404" page, alerting users that the URL they are trying to visit no longer exists. This website does a nice job of explaining the issue and providing helpful tips, including a search box.

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Discussion
Error page with custom 404 message 3	• A satisfying amount of high quality MC for its purpose • Helpful SC which improves the user experience • Very positive reputation	 This is an example of a "custom 404" page. These pages are designed to alert users that the URL they are trying to visit no longer exists. The MC of this page is the cartoon, the caption, and the search functionality, which is specific to the content of the website. It is clear that time, effort, and talent was involved in the creation of the MC. This publication has a very positive reputation and is specifically known for its cartoons, which allows us to go as high as **High+** to **Highest**.

10.3 Ratings for Forums and Q&A pages

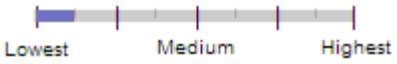
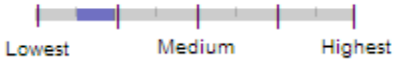
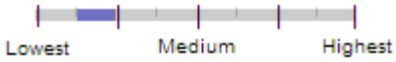
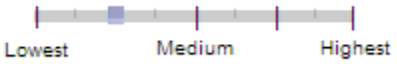
Ratings for forum and Q&A pages can be challenging. Keep in mind the following:

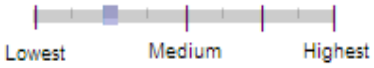
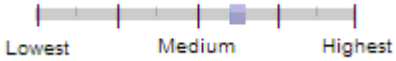
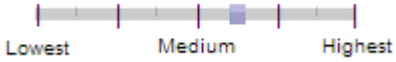
- The Main Content on forum and Q&A pages includes both the question as well as the results and resulting discussions.
- PQ ratings for a forum or Q&A page should include assessments of the expertise involved in the discussion on the page, as well as the reputation and expertise of the website itself.
- Rate forum and Q&A pages from the point of view of a user who visits the page, rather than a participant involved in the discussion.

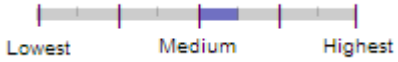
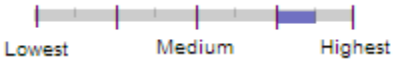
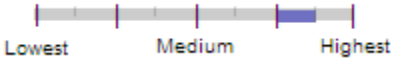
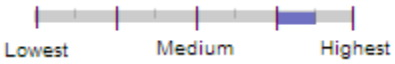
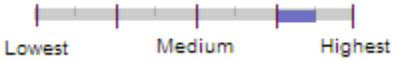
Assessing expertise for discussion pages can be difficult. Forums and Q&A websites can be expert sources of information on a wide variety of topics. In fact, some types of information are found almost exclusively on forums and discussions, where a community of experts can provide valuable perspectives on very specific topics. When evaluating a forum or Q&A website, do reputation research. Also look for evidence of an active community with a high level of expertise that's appropriate for the discussion topic. Participation, in-depth discussions, and new threads are signs of an active and engaged community.

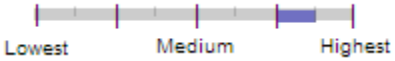
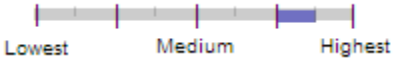
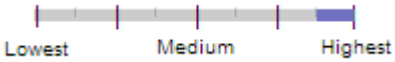
On forum and Q&A pages, you should accept claims of everyday expertise and experience unless you have reason to be suspicious of the page. Please value everyday expertise and experience, especially when there are no formal or authoritative sources of information. Keep in mind that everyone is an expert in his or her own life experience. On the other hand, there are many forum or Q&A pages with low quality, untrustworthy MC written by people with little expertise or experience. If the advice or information is not obviously based on life experience or personal expertise, think about how trustworthy the information is.

For example, a patient describing his or her experience with a disease may be considered an expert in his or her own personal experience, but only doctors or other medical experts should offer medical advice to others. "I had the flu for two weeks and felt miserable" is likely an accurate report of a real life experience. However, "You should eat three pounds of chocolate every day that you have the flu, because it made me feel better" is untrustworthy advice.

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Q&A page about chest pains and smoking (YMYL)	• YMYL page with inaccurate potentially dangerous medical advice	 We must evaluate this page from the point of view of a user visiting this page from a search engine, rather than a participant. The question is poorly worded and difficult to understand. The answers are poorly worded and have incorrect and potentially dangerous medical advice, making it lowest quality MC.
Q&A page with unanswered question	• Misleading page design • Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 In addition to having no answer, this page has Ads and links to other questions (misleadingly labeled as “Relevant answers”) displayed prominently, which users may mistake for answers to the question. It takes a moment to notice that this page actually has no answer. Deceptive design and lack of an answer make this page a frustratingly poor user experience and cause this page to completely fail to achieve its purpose.
Q&A page about a 2002 Volvo part	• Misleading page design • Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 In this example, the MC is boxed in red. Please read the MC, including the completely unhelpful "answer" to the question in the red box. This answer is so unhelpful, we can consider this question to be unanswered. This page has an unsatisfying amount of MC. In addition to a very unhelpful “answer,” the page design makes it difficult to distinguish the MC from Ads. For example, below the answer, we see a "sponsored answer," which has the same format as the real answer, but is actually an Ad and not an answer to the question. This page design is somewhat misleading or mildly deceptive.
Q&A page about a game console issue	• Unsatisfying amount of MC for the purpose of the page	 Some websites rely on users to create virtually all of their MC. In this case, the MC is the user’s question. If there are no answers, the amount of MC on the page is unsatisfying.

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Q&A page about Native American customs	• Lacking expertise; not very trustworthy or authoritative for the purpose of the page	 There are 94 answers to this question with a few results that seem helpful. Many of the posts are wrong or misleading, including the top answer, which is labled the "best answer."
Forum page on how to wash ballet shoes	• Mixed, but with some redeeming qualities	 This forum is about dance topics. Many participants have everyday experience washing ballet shoes and make recommendations based on their experience. This page is "mixed" because there is distracting content which makes it hard to read the MC, potentially because the page uses an older and/or outdated design. The page also has distracting buttons and Ads. On the other hand, there is some valuable everyday expertise and helpful MC, making Medium a good rating for this page.
Q&A page about whether a Roomba will work	• Everyday expertise for the purpose of the page	 Many participants share their personal experiences with these products, giving details such as how well certain models work with pet hair. There are many descriptions of participants' own experiences with this product and how well it works for them.
Q&A page about interviewing at Build-A-Bear	• Everyday expertise for the purpose of the page	 The answer on this page is written by an employee of Build-A-Bear, so it offers a somewhat unique and presumably somewhat expert answer. The page design allows users to read the MC as the Ads are clearly labeled, as well as both the question and answer.

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Forum post on the magic loop technique in knitting	• High level of expertise; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 The person who posted the first message on this forum page provides a helpful resource on how to master the magic loop technique in knitting. She also shares pictures of her own version using an old pair of blue jeans. With over 20 years of experience knitting socks, we would consider her to be an expert on the topic.
Q&A page about how long most cancer patients live	• Everyday expertise • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 The question on the page asks how long people live with cancer. There are many results describing how long a loved one lived after diagnosis. There is very little medical advice and the focus of the page is sharing personal experience. Many results are heartfelt and well written.
Forum page on authenticating a purse	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This forum is well known for discussions on luxury designer purses. On this particular forum page, members are consulting forum experts who have expertise authenticating bags from this brand. These experts can tell if a particular bag is authentic or fake. While there is an ad at the top and a few ads within the forum message, it does not distract from the MC, which is easy to find.
Forum page on KPIs to track	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This forum is well known for its community of experts on quailty assurance. The responses are authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page. While there are Ads on the page, it is easy to find the MC and they are clearly labeled as “Sponsored Link.”
Forum page on landscaping an aquarium	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 This discussion focuses on the landscaping for a particular paludarium (an aquarium with terrestrial and aquatic elements). There is a lot of discussion and interaction between forum members about the types of materials and species used in the aquarium. The posts show expertise in a niche topic aquarium landscaping.

Webpage/Type of Content	Characteristics of the Page	Explanation
Forum page on cloth diapers	• High level of expertise for this topic; authoritative and trustworthy for the purpose of the page • A satisfying amount of high quality MC	 Many participants share advice and personal experiences on how to clean cloth diapers, including their own specific washing routine. This forum site is an excellent resource for this type of expertise.
Q&A page where Hillary Clinton asks users for their personal opinions	• A satisfying or comprehensive amount of high quality MC • Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page	 Since the question asks for ordinary people's opinions, everyday expertise is OK. Many of the answers are well written and thoughtful. It is clear that many people spent time answering this question, doing their best to help Hillary Clinton understand their perspectives.
Q&A page on abbreviations	• Very high level of expertise, highly authoritative/highly trustworthy for the purpose of the page • Very positive reputation, and the website is responsible for all content on the website	 The purpose of the page is to answer questions about the usage of abbreviations. This website has a very good reputation as a reference for information on writing, publishing, etc. It is considered highly authoritative and trustworthy for the topic of the page.

11.0 Page Quality Rating FAQs

Question	Answer
Why do we have to do all these steps? This takes a long time!	With practice, the amount of time needed for accurate PQ ratings will decrease. The steps are important and are designed to help you assess many different aspects of PQ. You may be surprised by what you find. Pages which initially look **Low** quality may turn out to be **Medium** or **High** quality with careful inspection. The reverse may happen as well. We want your most informed, thoughtful opinion.
Are we just giving High quality ratings to pages that "look" good?	No! The goal is to do the exact opposite. These steps are designed to help you analyze the page without using a superficial "does it look good?" approach.
You talked about expertise when rating MC. Does expertise matter for all topics? Aren't there some topics for which there are no experts?	Remember that we are not just talking about formal expertise. **High** quality pages involve time, effort, expertise, and talent/skill. Sharing personal experience is a form of everyday expertise. Pretty much any topic has some form of expert, though there are some topics or types of pages where expertise is less important than other aspects for MC quality rating. For most page purposes and topics, you can find experts even when the field itself is niche or non-mainstream. For example, there are expert alternative medicine websites with leading practitioners of acupuncture, herbal therapies, etc. There are also pages about alternative medicine written by people with no expertise or experience. The MC quality ratings should distinguish between these two scenarios.

Question	Answer
Aren't there some types of pages that always have Low quality content?	For almost any type of page, there is a range of content quality. Remember that high quality content is defined as content that takes time, effort, expertise, and talent/skill. For example, there are both **High** and **Low** quality celebrity gossip pages. Often, the purpose of these pages is to share scandalous, but potentially true personal information about celebrities. We can consider the MC of a gossip page to be high quality if it is interesting information from a somewhat plausible source.
I've never seen a High quality page of type X. If there are no high quality pages of this type, why are we giving existing pages a Low quality rating?	For some topics or types of pages, there may not be many (or any!) **High** quality pages **now**, but there may be in the future. We need a uniform set of standards that apply to all pages, even for pages that have not yet been created.
Some of these criteria seem unfair. For example, some art pages do not have a purpose. Are these pages Low quality?	Art pages do have a purpose: artistic expression. Pages created for artistic expression do not deserve the **Low** quality rating simply because they have no other purpose. Artistic expression, humor, entertainment, etc. are all valid page purposes.
Are forum pages always Low quality?	No. Forum pages vary. We need to evaluate forum pages using the same criteria as all other pages. There are some forum pages with detailed information on specific issues written by people who are experts in the topic being discussed. There are also shallow discussion threads with very little content. No type of page (shopping, news, forum, video, encyclopedia, etc.) is automatically **High** or **Low** quality.
Are Q&A pages necessarily Low quality?	No. Q&A pages vary. We need to evaluate Q&A pages with the same criteria as all other pages. Sometimes, it can be difficult to assess the accuracy of the information or the expertise/knowledge of the person answering the question. In these cases, you may need to do some research. If the page is asking for medical advice, be skeptical about the expertise of the participants in the discussion. If the question is asking about something related to daily life, then it is far more likely that the participants in the discussion have the necessary experience/expertise. Some Q&A pages are detailed and have accurate and reliable information. Many others have little participation or inaccurate/incomplete information. We must evaluate Q&A pages from the perspective of web users, not the participants in the discussion. Remember that no type of page (shopping, news, forum, video, encyclopedia, etc.) is automatically **High** or **Low** quality.
This page has multiple ads on the right, in the middle, and at the bottom. Does that make it a Low quality page?	Not necessarily. Many **High** or **Highest** quality websites are supported by Ads. Without advertising and monetization, some webpages could not exist because it costs money to maintain a website and create high quality content. The presence or absence of Ads is not by itself a reason for a **High** or **Low** quality rating. We have to look at many factors when rating Page Quality and page design is just one aspect to consider. Think about whether the page is functional and whether the MC is easy to find. Think about whether the Ads interfere with the MC or if the Ads can be mistaken for the MC.

Part 2: Understanding Mobile User Needs

12.0 Understanding Mobile Users, Mobile Queries, and Mobile Results

What do you do on your mobile smartphone?

People rely on their phones for many different tasks in different environments. Users may want to search the web or may want to tell the phone to do something specific. Keep in mind that tasks can be simple or complex, and may take multiple steps to complete. For example, a simple task may be to find the director of a movie. A complex task may be to find a movie's showtimes nearby, purchase tickets, get directions, and then use the phone's navigation to go to the theater.

We expect our phones to do a lot. At the same time, phones can be challenging to use, especially compared to a desktop computer or laptop:

- **Entering data may be cumbersome**: typing is difficult on mobile smartphones, and when users speak to their phones instead of typing, voice recognition may not always be accurate.
- **Small screen sizes** make it difficult to use some phone features, apps, and webpages.
- **Some webpages are difficult to use on a mobile phone**. Website navigation can be difficult as menus and navigation links may be small. Webpages may require left-to-right scrolling to read text. Images may not fit on the screen. In addition, many mobile devices cannot access webpages with Flash or other similar features.
- **Internet connectivity can be slow and inconsistent** for mobile users going in and out of networks. App opening, recognition of voice commands, and webpage load times can be very slow on a mobile phone.

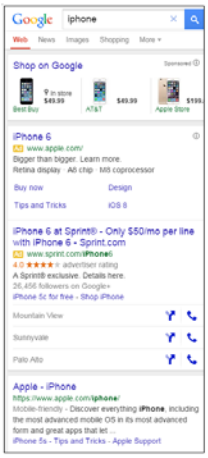
Important: Mobile smartphones should make tasks easy, even for mobile users with a small screen device (i.e., size of smartphone, not a tablet). Users want results right away, at that moment, and may not be able to spend a lot of time to find what they are looking for.

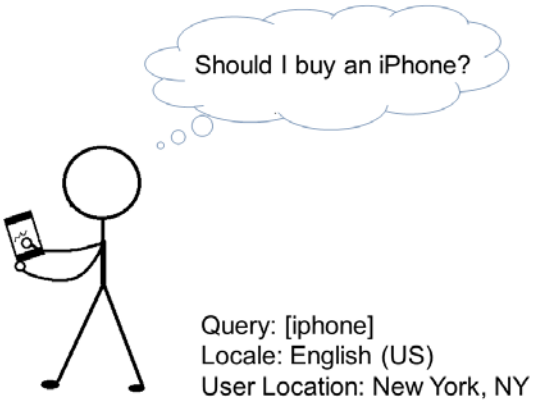
In order to do mobile rating tasks, you must have experience using a mobile smartphone, which we'll also refer to as a mobile phone in these guidelines. If you are not familiar with voice commands, device actions, or phone features, please take some time to experiment on a mobile smartphone. For example, you can try some of these voice commands:

- iPhone Siri voice commands
- Android voice commands, or say "OK Google" and then "Help" on an Android device

12.1 Important Rating Definitions and Ideas

SERP for [iphone]





Query: This refers to the word(s) and/or number(s) that a user types or speaks into a mobile phone. In these guidelines, queries have square brackets around them. If a user says "navigate home," we display: [navigate home]. If a user types "iPhone" in the search box, we display: [iphone].

There are many different types of queries because users ask their phones to do many things, from opening an app to calling a friend to searching the web.

User: The user is the person trying to accomplish something by typing or speaking into a mobile phone with a small screen (i.e., size of a smartphone, not a tablet).

User Intent: When a user types or speaks a query, he or she is trying to accomplish something. We refer to this goal as the user intent.

Locale: All queries have a locale, which is the language and location for the task. Locales are represented by a two-letter country code. For a current list of country codes, click here. We sometimes refer to the locale as the task location.

User Location: This tells us where the user is located.

Search Engine Results Page (SERP): The page a search engine shows after a user enters a query in the search box. The SERP is made up of **result blocks**.

Result: We will use the word **result** to refer to the result block *and* the landing page.

- **Result Block:** This is an individual "block" which appears on the user's phone in response to the query. The result block may display information in the block itself or contain links, or may do both.

- The **Landing Page** (**LP**) is the page you see after you click a link in the result block.

Device Actions: Mobile phones and other devices can respond to voice commands to perform many actions, such as setting an alarm or opening an app. This is a specific type of query which we'll refer to as a **Device Action** query.

- **Device Action query:** Specific type of query where users ask their phone to perform an action. These are frequently spoken commands used to complete actions which would normally require interaction with the screen or the device's controls.

- **Device Action result:** The phone may respond to a **Device Action** query by performing an action, such as calling a phone number, etc.

12.2 Understanding the Query

Understanding the query is the first step in evaluating the task. Remember, a query is what a user types or speaks into a mobile phone.

If you don't understand the query or user intent, do web research using the Google search engine or an online dictionary or encyclopedia. If you still don't understand the query or user intent, please release the task.

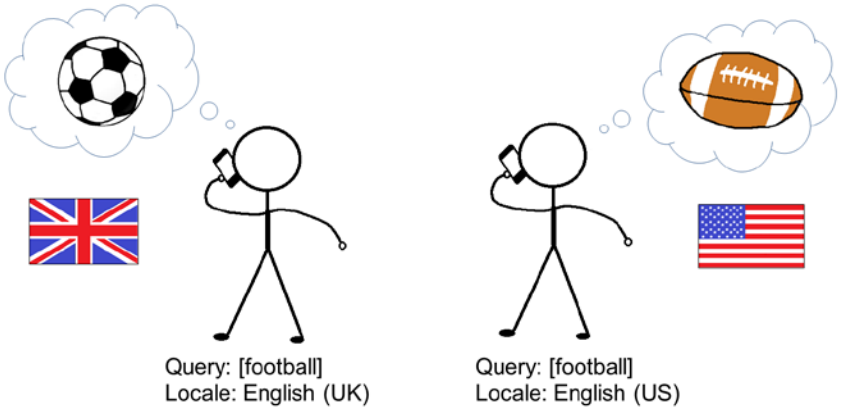
Important: If you research the query on Google, please do not rely on the top results on the SERP. A query may have other meanings not represented on Google's search results pages. Do not assign a high rating to a webpage just because it appears at the top of a list of search results on Google.

Think about users in your locale typing or speaking the following queries into their phone.

Query	Likely User Intent
[population of paris], English (US)	Find the current population of Paris, France.
[starbucks near me], English (US)	Find the nearest Starbucks location.
[weather], English (US)	Find weather information in the user location right now.
[call mom], English (US)	Call/dial the number stored for the contact "Mom" on the device.

12.3 Task Location (Locale) and User Location

All queries have a task language and task location (locale). The locale is important for understanding the query and user intent. Users in different locations may have different expectations for the same query. Each rating task will show you the User Location information: some tasks have an approximate user location area and some tasks have a very specific user location.

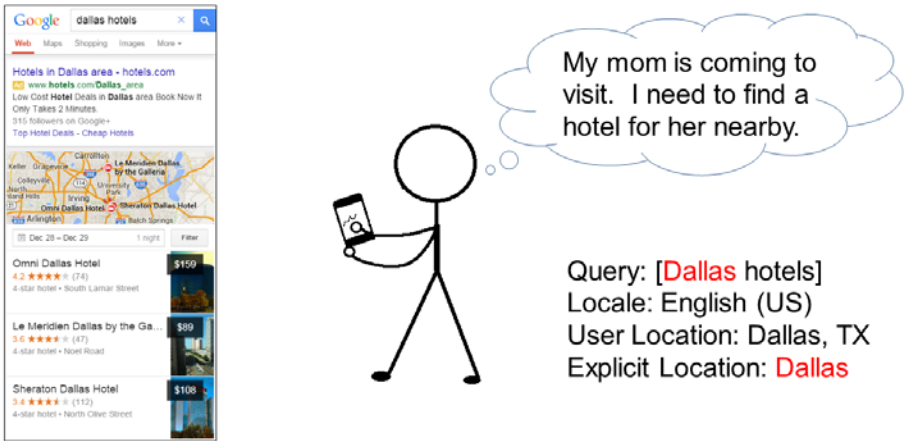


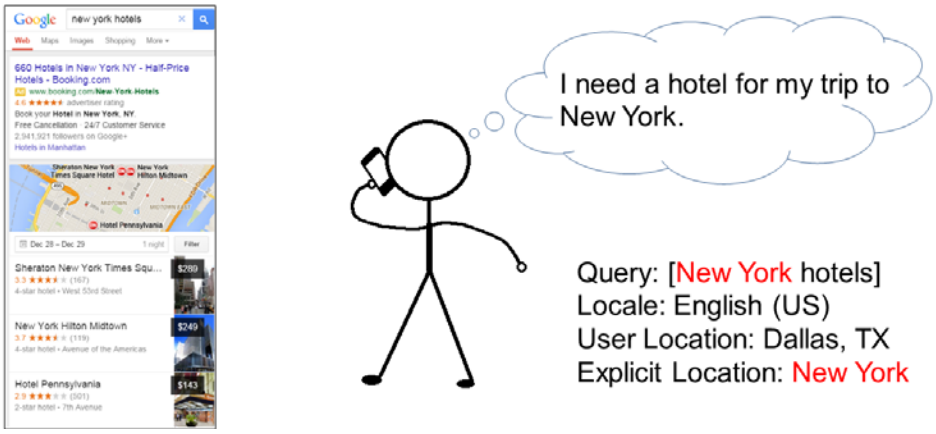
For many or most queries, the user location does not change our understanding of the query and user intent. Here are some examples: [facebook.com], [pictures of kittens], [distance between the earth and the moon], [call mom]. If the task does not display a user location, please evaluate it as a query where the location does not matter and use your judgment.

When is the user location important in understanding query interpretation and user intent? Please use both web research and your personal judgment to answer this question. Ask yourself, “Would users in one city or country be looking for something different than users in another city or country?”

12.4 Queries with an Explicit Location

Sometimes users tell search engines exactly what kinds of results they are looking for by adding the desired location in the query, regardless of their user location. We'll call this location inside the query the “explicit location.” The explicit location makes queries much easier to understand and interpret.





Sometimes the explicit location matches the user location or locale, and sometimes it doesn't.

When there is an explicit location in the query, pay attention to it! Users use explicit locations to indicate exactly what they are looking for.

12.5 Queries with Multiple Meanings

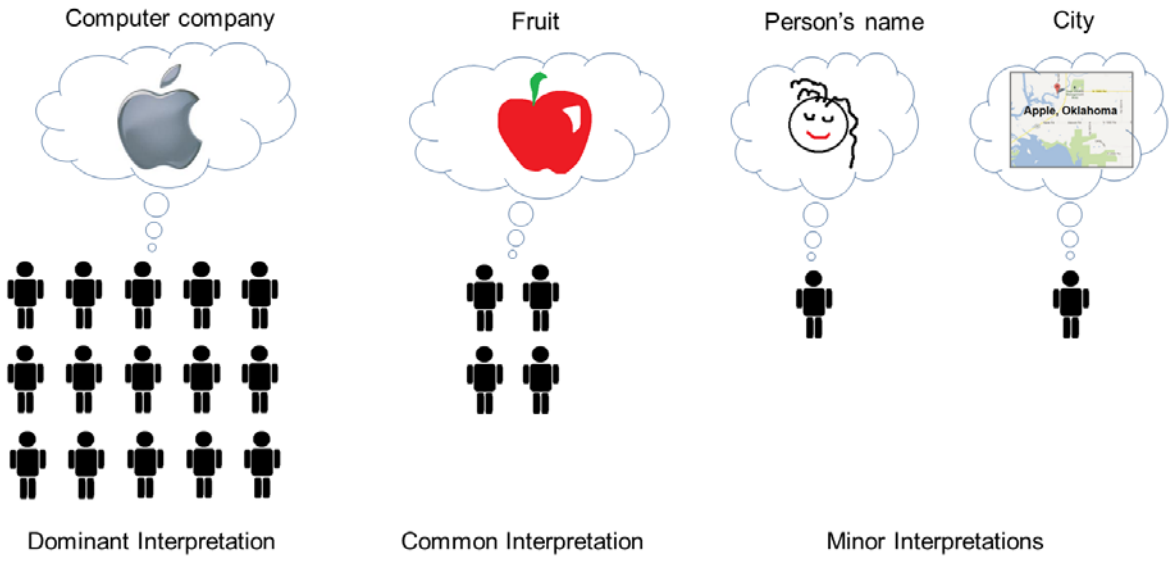
Many queries have more than one meaning. For example, the query [apple] might refer to the computer brand or the fruit. We will call these possible meanings **query interpretations**.

Dominant Interpretation: The *dominant interpretation* of a query is what most users mean when they type the query. Not all queries have a dominant interpretation. The dominant interpretation should be clear to you, especially after doing a little web research.

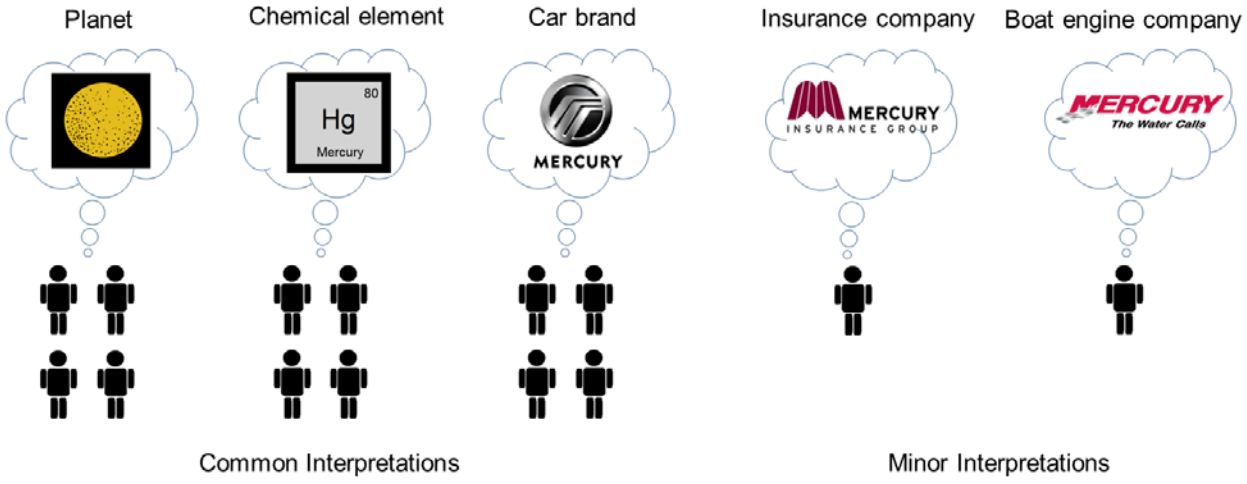
Common Interpretation: A *common interpretation* of a query is what many or some users mean when they type a query. A query can have multiple common interpretations.

Minor Interpretations: Sometimes you will find less common interpretations. These are interpretations that few users have in mind. We will call these *minor interpretations*.

Query: [apple]
Locale: English (US)

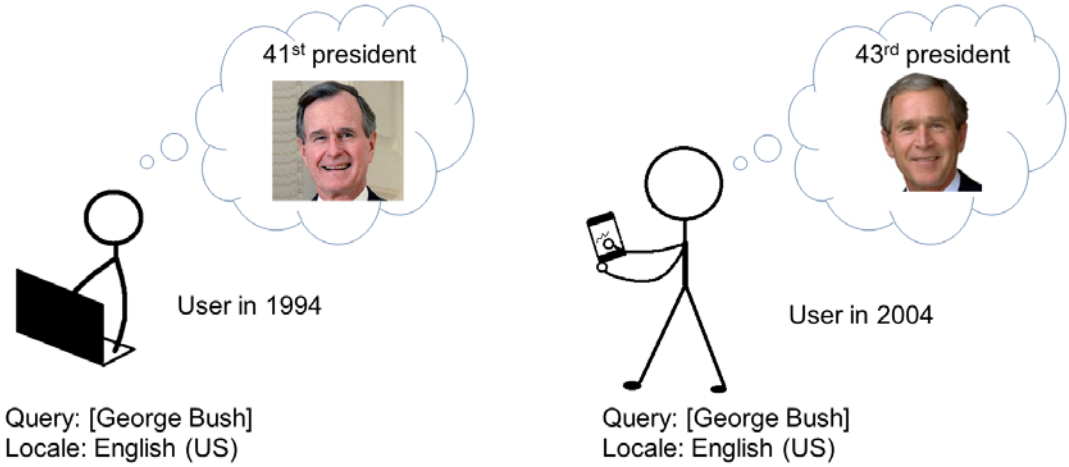


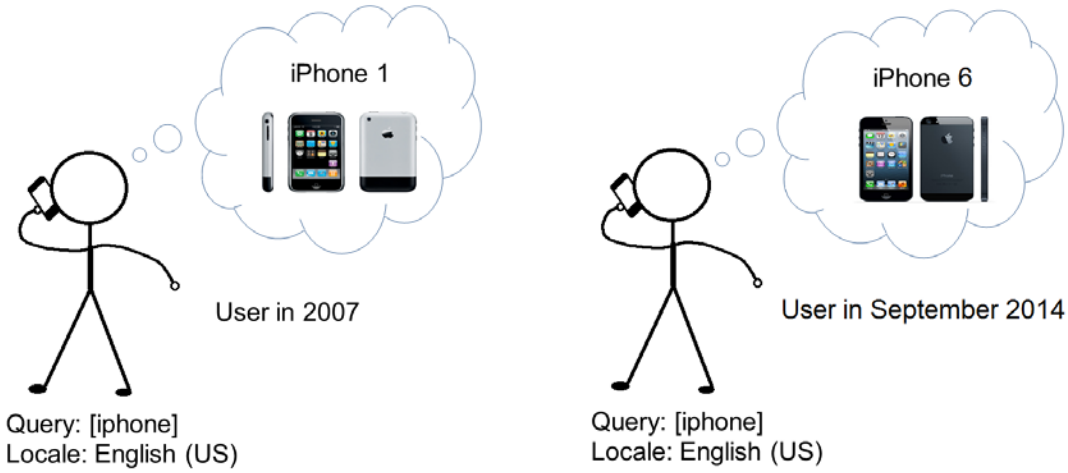
Query: [mercury]
Locale: English (US)



12.6 Query Meanings Can Change Over Time

Remember to think about the query and its current meaning as you are rating. We will assume users are looking for current information about a topic, the most recent product model, the most recent occurrence of a recurring event, etc., unless otherwise specified by the query.





The interpretation of the query [iphone], English (US) has changed over time as new iPhone models are released. The first iPhone was introduced in 2007. Users searching for [iphone], English (US) at that time were looking for the new (at the time) first iPhone model. Most users now are looking for the most recent or upcoming iPhone model. In the future, new models will come out and the dominant interpretation will change again.

12.7 Understanding User Intent

It can be helpful to think of queries as having one or more of the following intents.

- **Know** query, some of which are **Know Simple** queries
- **Do** query, some of which are **Device Action** queries
- **Website** query, when the user is looking for a specific website or webpage
- **Visit-in-person** query, some of which are looking for a specific business or organization, some of which are looking for a category of businesses

12.7.1 Know and Know Simple Queries

The intent of a **Know** query is to find information on a topic. Users want to **Know** more about something.

Know Simple queries are a special type of **Know** query. **Know Simple** queries seek a very specific answer, like a fact, diagram, etc. This answer has to be correct and complete, and can be displayed in a relatively small amount of space: the size of a mobile phone screen. As a rule of thumb, if most people would agree on a correct answer, and it would fit in 1-2 sentences or a short list of items, the query can be called a **Know Simple** query.

Know Simple queries may be questions such as [how tall is barack obama]. Frequently, **Know Simple** queries do not have question words. For example, [barack obama height] has the same user intent as [how tall is barack obama], but is not in a question format.

Most queries are *not* **Know Simple** queries, such as:

- Broad, complex, and/or in-depth informational queries that do not have a short answer
- Ambiguous or unclear informational queries
- Informational queries on controversial topics
- Informational queries with no definitive "right answer"
- Queries where different users may want different types of information, or different sources of information

Here are some examples where the **Know Simple** query asks for a simple fact, which can be answered correctly and completely in a small amount of space, and the **Know** query answer is more complex.

Know Simple Query	Know Query	Explanation
[barack obama height] [how tall is obama]	[barack obama]	The **Know** query is a broad information query and different users may be looking for different things (e.g., biography, books, social media posts, etc.).
[new york city population 2013]	[new york city]	The **Know** query is a broad information query and different users may be looking for different things (e.g., tourist and trip planning information, facts, photographs, history).
[who is graves disease named after]	[graves disease]	The **Know** query is a broad query for medical information and different users may have different needs. There is no single "answer" for this query.
[macy's store hours]	[macy's gift wrap options]	The **Know** query is a broad query for a particular service offered by a department store, and does not have a short answer.
[what is the symbol for the element nickel]	[what nickel is used for]	The **Know** query is a broad query and there is no short, complete answer.
[who won the 2014 bcs national championship game]	[who is going to win the bcs national championship game]	The **Know** query asks for an opinion and there is no definitive answer.
[what is starbucks stock price]	[should i invest in starbucks stock]	Even though the **Know** query is theoretically a yes/no question, there is not a single answer that everyone would agree on.

Raters must think about mobile users when deciding if queries are **Know Simple**. Use your judgment here.

Important Rating Example: The query [weather] may seem like a broad information query, but most mobile users likely have a fairly simple informational need: to find the current or upcoming temperature, and the chance of local weather events, such as rain or snow. Therefore, we will consider queries like [weather], [weather today], [weather tomorrow], [weather this week] to be **Know Simple** queries for mobile phone users.

12.7.2 Do and Device Action Queries

The intent of a **Do** query is to accomplish a goal or engage in an activity on a phone. The goal or activity may be to download, to buy, to obtain, to be entertained by, or to interact with a website or app. Users want to **Do** something. Here are some examples.

Query	Likely User Intent
[get candy crush game]	Install the Candy Crush game.
[online personality test]	Take an online personality test.
[what is my bmi?]	Calculate BMI (body mass index).
[buy citizen kane dvd]	Purchase this DVD.
[bubble spinner]	Play Bubble Spinner online or download/open the app.

Device Action queries are a special kind of **Do** query. Users are asking their phone to do something for them. Users giving **Device Action** queries may be using phones in the hands-free mode, for example, while in a car. It's very important for mobile phones to accommodate **Device Action** queries, and we have a high standard for rating these results.

A **Device Action** query usually has a clear action word and intent. The verb or action word is often at the beginning of the query, but a query might start with "OK Google" or "Google" or "Siri" or "I want to." Use your judgment.

Here are some examples of **Device Action** queries.

Type of Action	Device Action Query Examples (verb or action shown in bold)
Call someone	[**call** mom's mobile phone], [place a **call** to anne jones], [ok google, could you please **call** my mom]
Send a message	[**send** a text to john smith], [**text** john smith], [**sms** john smith]
Get map information (e.g., directions, traffic, etc.)	[**navigate** to central park], [**show** me traffic], [**show** me a map]
Open an app or webpage, or install an app	[**go** to amazon.com], [**open** facebook app], [**open** facebook.com], [**open** the business section of the new york times], [siri, would you **open** facebook for me], [**get** candy crush app]
Play or view media	[**play** me songs from the white album], [**watch** the life of pi], [**show** me cute kittens], [i want to **look** at cute kittens], [i want to **listen** to imagine dragons radioactive]
Schedule a meeting	[**schedule** a meeting for 9am]
Set an alarm or timer	[**set** an alarm for 6am], [alarm for 6am], [countdown timer for 30 secs]

Here are some examples of queries that are **not Device Action** queries.

Query	Query is NOT a Device Action Query: Explanation
[phone number empire state building]	There is no action word. The user may be looking for the phone number without the intention of calling the number. We'll consider this a **Know Simple** query.
[facebook.com]	There is no action word, such as "open." We will consider this a **Website** query.
[amazon.com]	There is no action word, such as "open." We will consider this a **Website** query.
[anne jones]	There is no action word, such as "call" or "text." We will consider this a **Know** query for information.

12.7.3 Website Queries

The intent of a **Website** query is to locate a specific website or webpage which users have requested. This single webpage is called the **target** of the query.

One type of **Website** query is a URL Query, which can be:

- Exact, perfectly-formed, working URLs, such as [http://www.ibm.com] or [www.ibm.com] or [ibm.com].
- Imperfect URL queries: Queries that look like URL queries, but are not "working URL" queries. These URLs do not load if you type or paste them into your browser address bar. Even so, we believe users have a specific page in mind.

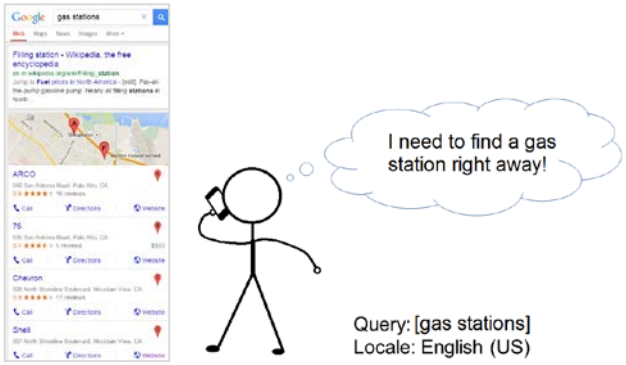
Here are some examples.

Query	Likely User Intent
[kayak], English (US)	View the Kayak website.
[youtube], English (US)	View the YouTube website.
[ebay], Italian (IT)	View the Italian eBay website.
[new york time health section], English (US)	View the Health section of the New York Times website.
[canon.com eos digital camera], English (US)	View the EOS digital cameras page on the Canon website.

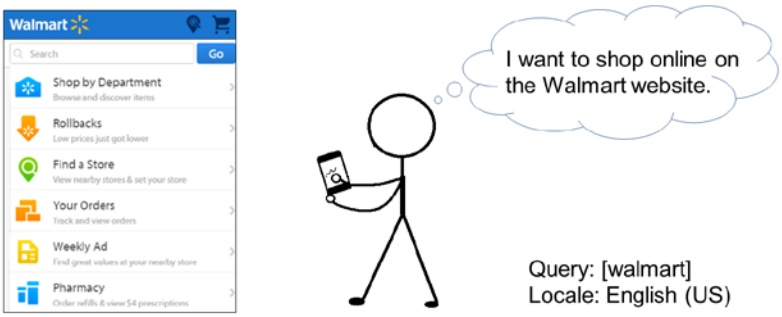
12.7.4 Visit-in-Person Queries and User Location

Users carry mobile phones with them throughout the day, for example, at work, to school, to restaurants, or running errands. One reason to carry a mobile phone is to have help with **Visit-in-Person** queries, such as finding coffee shops, gas stations, ATMs, restaurants, etc. Because mobile phones are often used for **Visit-in-Person** queries, make sure to consider visit-in-person intent as a possibility for mobile phone users.

Some queries clearly "ask" for nearby information or nearby results (e.g., businesses, organizations, other nearby places). Some queries are not asking for nearby information or nearby results. Here are some examples.

Queries with Visit-in-Person Intent	Query with Non-Visit-in-Person Intent
	
More examples: [pizza], [yoga class], [coffee shops], [movie showtimes], [car repair], [dentists], [bank of america atm locations], [starbucks near me]	**More examples**: [boston red sox], [washington post], [scrabble cheat], [definition of sedentary], [aapl], [beyonce], [angry birds], [small dog breeds], [dance videos], [oscars 2012], [pick up lines], [bank of america login]

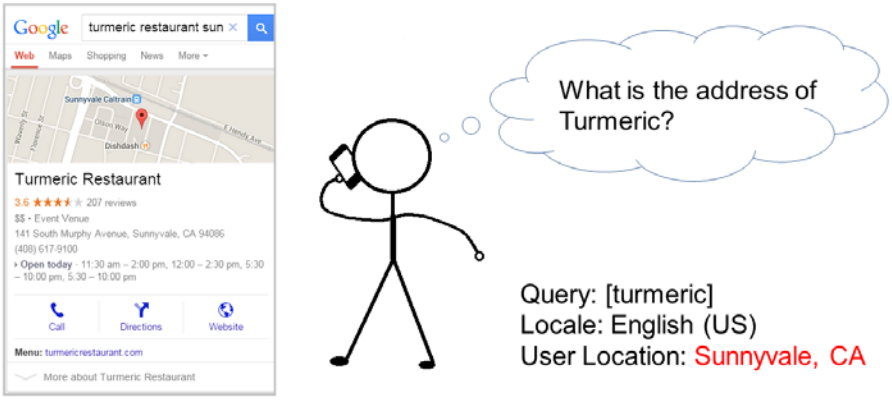
And some queries could go either way. Some users may want nearby results and others may not.

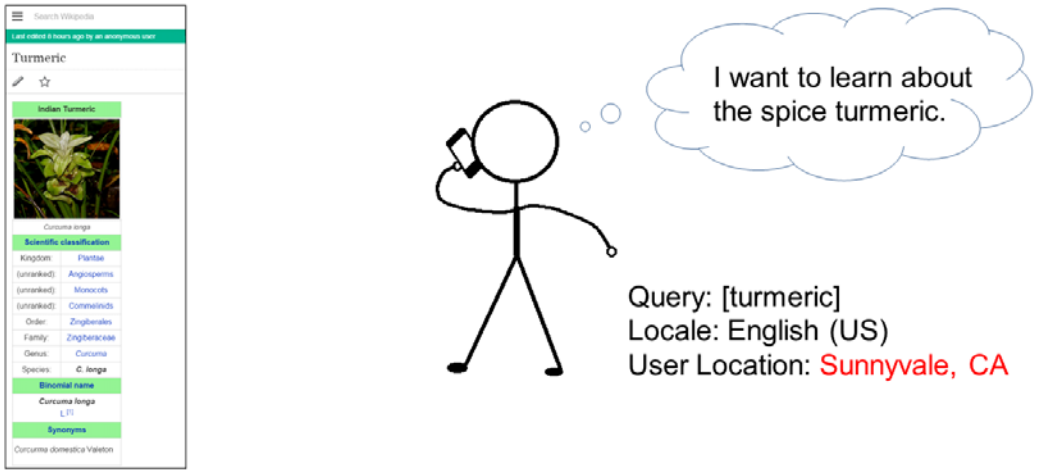


Here are some examples of queries with both visit-in-person and non-visit-in-person intent:

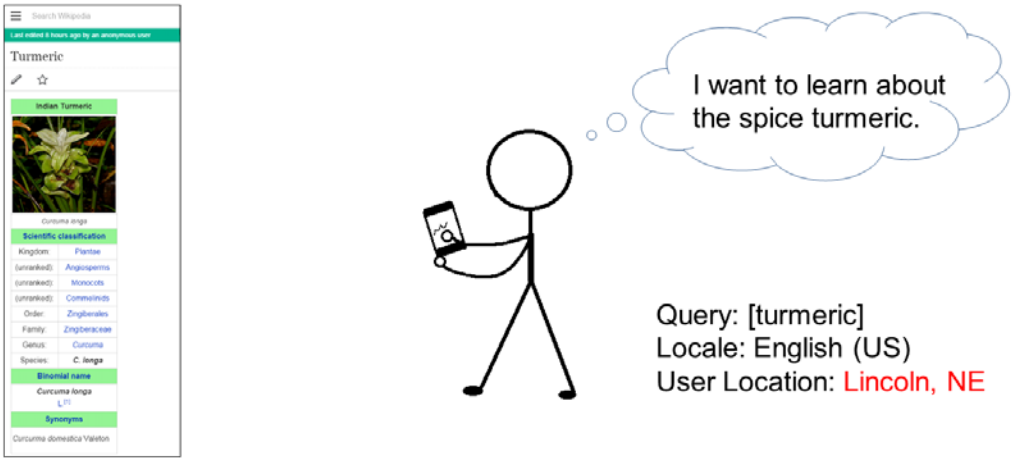
- [hotels]
- [post office]
- [apple store]
- [citibank]
- [best buy]
- [office depot]
- [target]
- [library]
- [bank of america]
- [the gap]

Sometimes, the user location can change our understanding of the query. For users close to Sunnyvale, California, the query [turmeric] could have two different interpretations: a popular restaurant named Turmeric or the spice turmeric.





In most other user locations, there is no restaurant (or anything else) named Turmeric and there is just one interpretation of the query [turmeric]: the spice. The Sunnyvale restaurant is not well known outside of Sunnyvale, California.



Use your common sense when thinking about queries and whether they have possible visit-in-person intent.

12.7.5 Queries with Multiple User Intents

Many queries have more than one likely user intent. Please use your judgment when trying to decide if one intent is more likely than another intent.

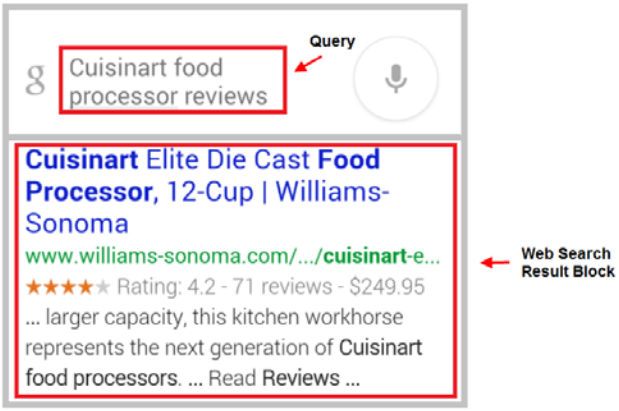
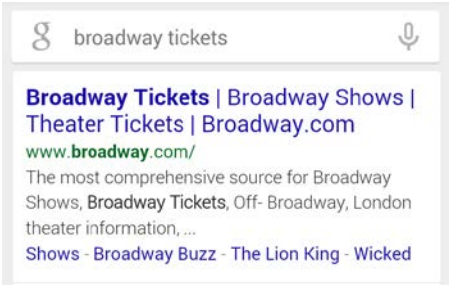
Query	Likely User Intent
[harvard]	Depending on the user need and location, users may want to visit the official homepage (**Website**), get directions (**Visit-in-Person**), or learn more about the school (**Know**).
[walmart]	Most users want to go to a nearby Walmart (**Visit-in-Person**) or view the homepage to shop online (**Website**). Some or few users may want to learn more information about the company (**Know**).

12.8 Understanding Result Blocks

The following sections contain examples of different types of queries and results. In these guidelines, please assume that the result blocks and pages are easy to use on the phone, unless otherwise noted.

12.8.1 Web Search Result Block Examples

Web Search Result Blocks typically have a title link, a URL and a "snippet" of text describing the page. For many queries, Web Search Result Blocks are the most helpful type of result.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Web Search Result Block
Query: [cuisinart food processor reviews] **User Location:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma **User Intent:** This is a **Know** query. The user wants to find recent reviews of Cuisinart food processors. **Result:** This is a Web Search Result Block which has a link to a landing page with Cuisinart reviews.	
Query: [broadway tickets] **User Location:** New York City, New York **User Intent:** This is a **Know** query or **Do** query. The user wants to search prices and/or purchase tickets to a Broadway show in New York City.	

12.8.2 Special Content Result Block Examples

Special Content Result Blocks (SCRBs) appear in the search results page, along with Web Search Result Blocks. They are frequently, but not always, the first result on the search results page.

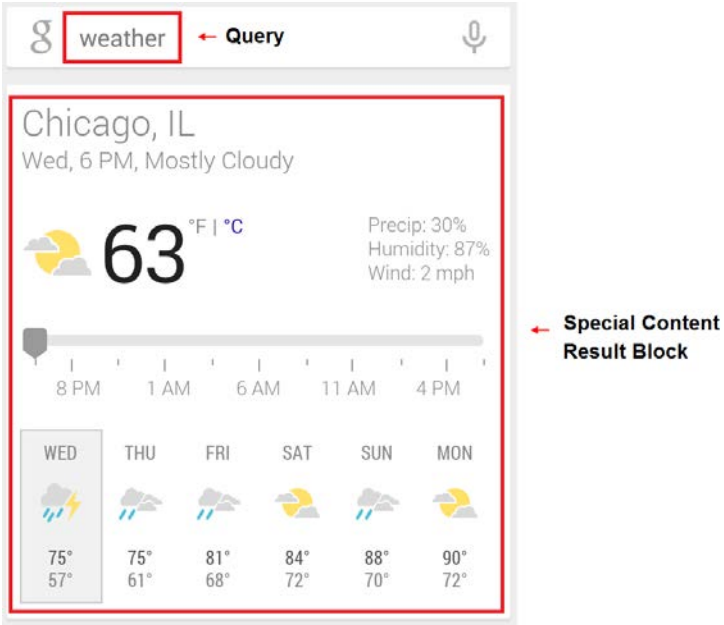
Special Content Result Blocks are designed to show content directly to users on the search results page. From working calculators to playable videos to interactive weather information, these results help users immediately get information or content, and may not require additional “clicks” or page loads.

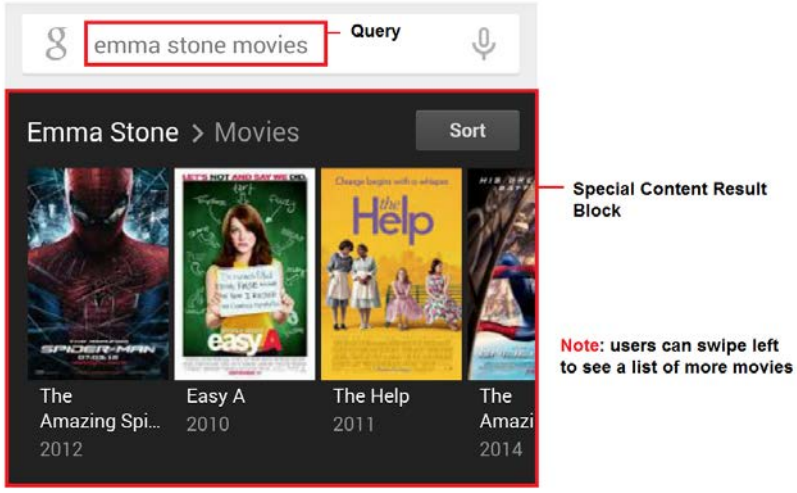
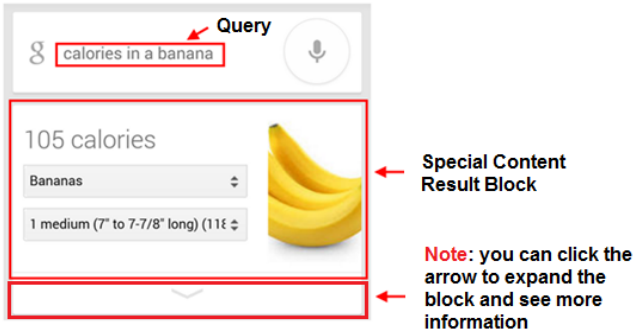
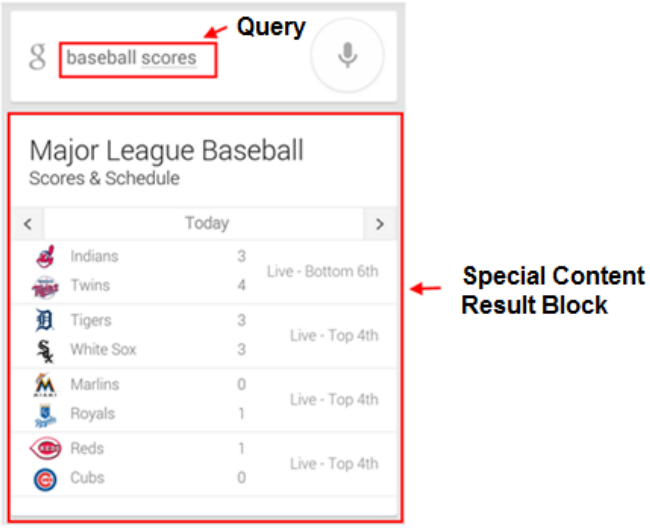
Because mobile phones can be difficult to use, SCRBs can help mobile phone users accomplish their tasks very quickly, especially for certain **Know Simple**, **Visit-in-Person**, and **Do** queries.

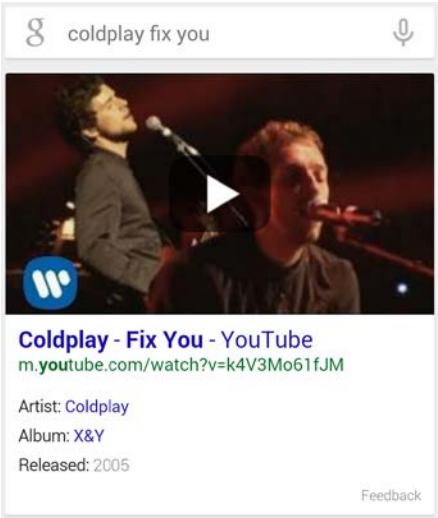
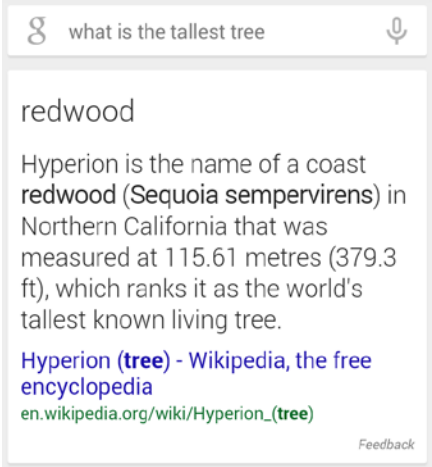
Important: Please assume that any interactive features work and function properly. Some notes:

- All result blocks are “screenshots” or images of search results with prominent links enabled. Unfortunately, a screenshot or image of an interactive result block will not function as it would for a real user. **For the purpose of rating, please assume that interactive result blocks do function as intended**, even though you are unable to use the buttons, tabs, or other features in the result block.

- There may be a delay between when the rating task is created and when you actually rate the block, causing some information in special content result blocks to be a few hours or even days out of date. Stock price or weather informational blocks are designed to give users extremely current and timely information. However, due to a delay in rating time, the information may no longer be accurate. Don’t penalize a special content result block for being out of date. **Assume that the blocks show current information for users, unless instructed otherwise.**

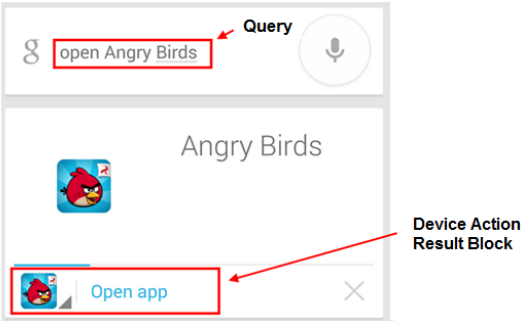
Query, User Location, User Intent	Special Content Result Block
Query: [weather] **User Location:** Chicago, Illinois **User Intent:** This is a **Know Simple** query since mobile users have a fairly simple informational need: find the current temperature and chance of rain or snow. The user wants to know the weather for the User Location. Note: Assume the block shows current information for users.	

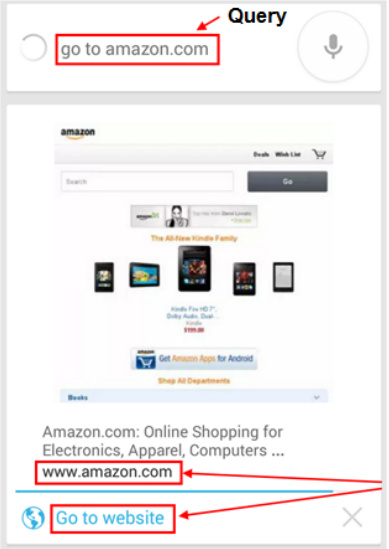
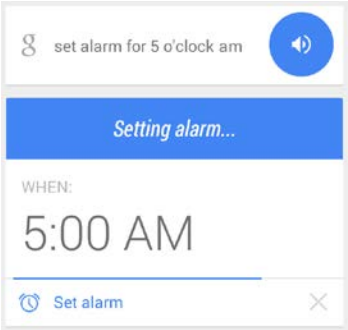
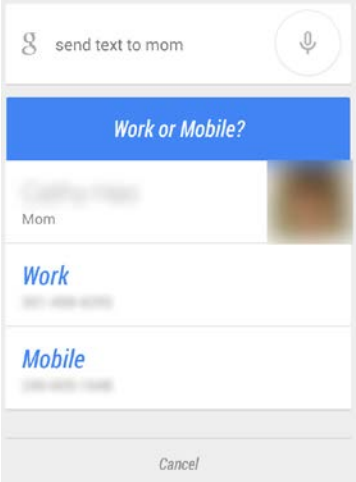
Query, User Location, User Intent	Special Content Result Block
Query: [emma stone movies] **User Intent:** This is a **Know** query. The user wants to get information on movies with Emma Stone. **User Location:** Des Moines, Iowa **Result:** In this result block, users can immediately see some popular movies starring Emma Stone, with an option to click on the links to learn more about each movie. Users can also swipe to see a list of more movies.	
Query: [calories in a banana] **User Location:** Oakland, California **User Intent:** This is a **Know Simple** query. The user wants to find out how many calories are in a banana.	
Query: [baseball scores] **User Location:** Wichita, Kansas **User Intent:** This is a **Know** query. The user wants to find the most recent Major League Baseball scores.	

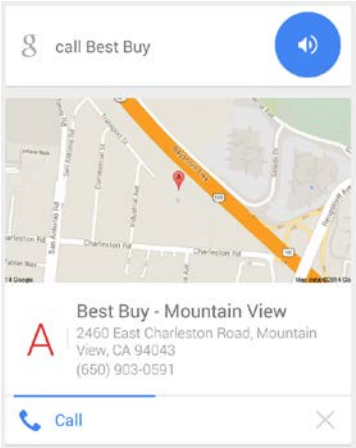
Query, User Location, User Intent	Special Content Result Block
Query: [coldplay fix you] **User Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana **User Intent:** This is a **Do** query. The user probably wants to listen to the song by Coldplay called "Fix You." **Note:** In this result block, users can immediately play the song on their phone, or click the links to learn more about the artist or album.	
Query: [what is the tallest tree] **User Location:** Boise, Idaho **User Intent:** This is a **Know Simple** query. The user wants to know what type of tree is the tallest.	

12.8.3 Device Action Result Block Examples

A mobile phone should respond to a **Device Action** query and do what the user is asking. If the block is a **Device Action** query to open an app, please assume that the user has the app installed on their phone. If the query is to download the app, please assume that the user does not have the app installed on their phone.

Query, User Location, User Intent, Result	Device Action Result Block
Query: [open angry birds] **User Location**: Little Rock, Arkansas **User Intent:** This is a **Device Action** query. The user wants the device to open the Angry Birds app so he/she can play the game. **Result:** In this result block, users can click the link to open the app.	

Query, User Location, User Intent, Result	Device Action Result Block
Query: [go to amazon.com] **User Location**: Glendale California **User Intent:** This is a **Device Action** query. The user wants to go to amazon.com to interact with the website. **Result:** In this result block, users can click the links to go directly to the website.	
Query: [set alarm for 5 o'clock am] **User Location**: Tacoma, Washington **User Intent:** This is a **Device Action** query. The user wants to set the device's alarm to go off at 5:00 AM. **Result:** In this result block, the query has initiated the alarm on the phone to be set for 5:00 AM.	
Query: [send text to mom] **User Location**: Tacoma, Washington **User Intent:** This is a **Device Action** query. The user wants to send a text message to a contact nicknamed "Mom." **Result:** In this Device Action Result Block, the query has initiated a text to the contact nicknamed "Mom," with an option to text either the work or mobile number.	

Query, User Location, User Intent, Result	Device Action Result Block
Query: [call best buy] **User Location**: Mountain View, California **User Intent:** This is a **Device Action** query. The user wants to call the nearest Best Buy store. **Result:** In this Device Action Result Block, the query has initiated a call to the nearest Best Buy location.	

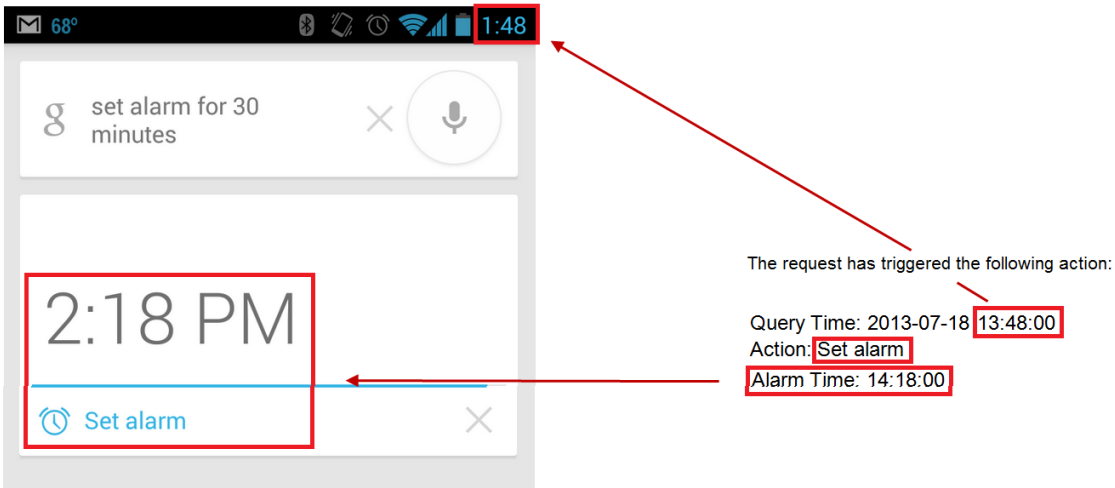
12.8.4 How Device Action Results are Displayed in Rating Tasks

Important note: Users issuing queries actually experience the phone's response to the query, while raters are given a description of it. If an iPhone user says "Siri, call Mom," the iPhone displays a visual prompt to show that it's dialing a phone number. In these rating tasks, you will see a description of this action.

Please also assume that the phone successfully performs the action in a fully satisfying way.

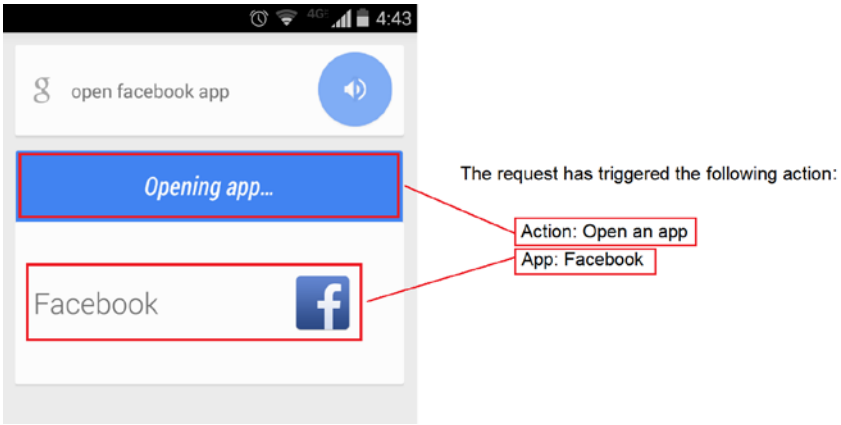
Below are some additional examples of **Device Action** queries, along with the corresponding "action text" displayed in the rating task.

This is what the **user** sees on his or her phone for the **Device Action** query	This is what **you (the rater)** might see in the rating task

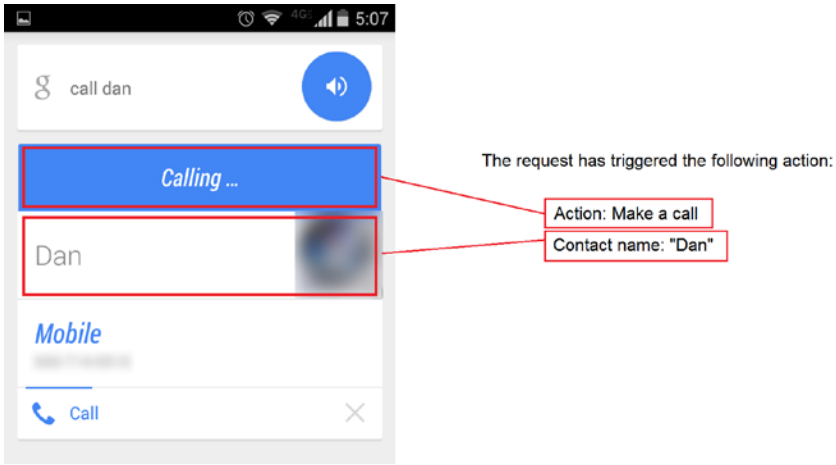


The left side shows what the user sees on the phone for the query [set alarm for 30 mins], while the right side shows the "action text" that you (the rater) might see in the rating task. The text on the right indicates that the user issued the query at 1:48 PM (13:48:00), and the device has set its alarm to go off 30 minutes later at 2:18 PM (14:18:00).

This is what the **user** sees on his or her phone for the **Device Action** query	This is what **you (the rater)** might see in the rating task

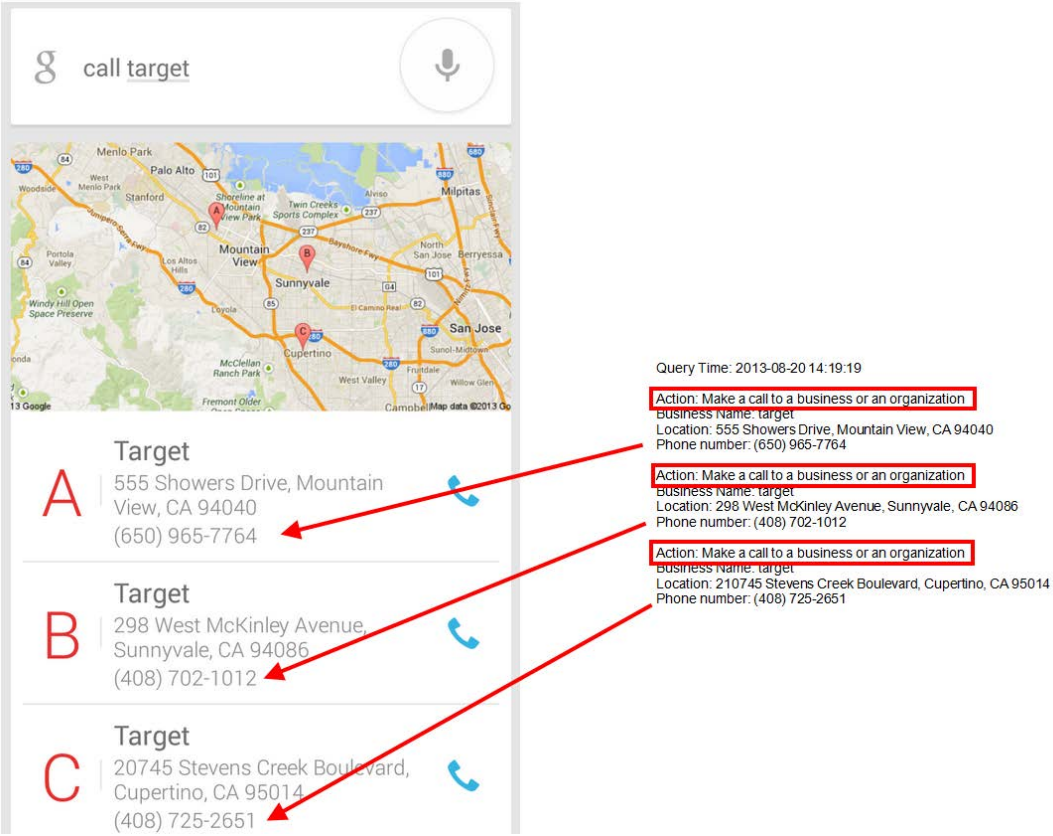


The left side shows what the user sees on the phone for the query [open facebook app]. In this case, the phone shows an "Opening app" message and then opens the app. The right side shows the "action text" that you (the rater) might see in the rating task. The text indicates that the device responded by opening the Facebook app on the user's phone.

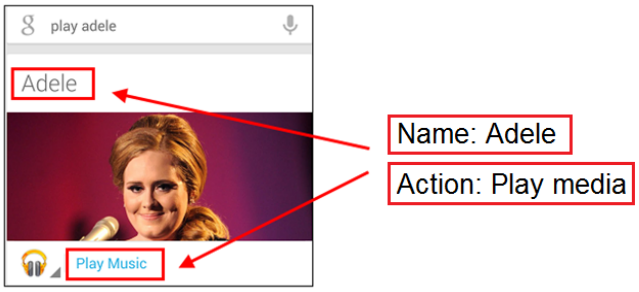


The left side shows what the user sees on the phone for the query [call dan], while the right side shows the "action text" that you (the rater) might see in the rating task. The user wants to dial the number stored for the contact "Dan" on the device. This text indicates that the device responded by displaying the contact's phone number and dialing the number.

This is what the **user** sees on his or her phone for the **Device Action** query	This is what **you (the rater)** might see in the rating task



For some **Device Action** queries, the device displays a list of options to choose from before it can respond to the **Device Action** query. Here is an example for the query [call target]. The user is shown a list of Target stores in the area to choose from. This example shows that the Device Action result taken by the device will be to call the desired Target store after the user makes his/her selection.



Here is an example for the query [play adele]. The user is shown a "Play media" type of result. In this case, since the user wants to play music, the Device Action result shown is a "Play Music" button to click. Clicking this button will play the specified song if the user has the song on his/her device. If not, clicking the result box will give the user options to hear the specified song online.

12.9 Rating on Your Phone Issues

We understand that raters using different phones, operating systems, and browsers may have different experiences. In general, do what you would do naturally, and rate based on your experience. Here are some additional points to keep in mind when you are rating on your phone:

- If you see one of these messages when you open a landing page on your phone:
    - Asks whether you want to open the page in the browser or the website's app: select and evaluate the webpage. However, if the result automatically opens an app by default based on your phone's settings (e.g. some users have set all YouTube pages to automatically open the result in the YouTube app), you should rate your natural app experience—you do not have to change your phone's default settings.
    - Asks whether you want to visit the mobile page or desktop page: it is fine to select the mobile page as long as the landing page is the same. Sometimes, the mobile option will bring you to the mobile homepage instead of the specific URL in the task. You may need to check that the mobile page is in fact the same URL as the desktop page.

- Please open and look at PDF files. Your experience may be easier or harder than other users depending on your phone and browser, but you should still open the PDF file and look at it.

- Occasionally, you may be assigned some of these rating tasks on a desktop computer, but please rate from the perspective of a mobile user unless otherwise instructed.

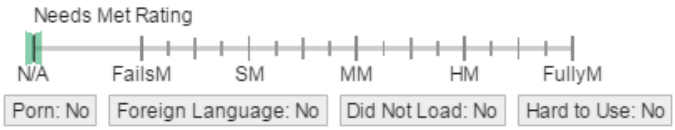
- When rating Device Action queries and Device Action Result Blocks, including queries for installing or opening apps, please assume that queries were issued on an Android device unless explicitly stated otherwise in the instructions.

Part 3: Needs Met Rating Guideline

13.0 Rating Using the Needs Met Scale

There are many different kinds of queries and results, but the process of rating is the same: **Needs Met rating tasks ask you to focus on mobile user needs and think about how helpful and satisfying the result is for the mobile users**.

This is what the Needs Met rating slider looks like:



Rating	Description
Fully Meets (FullyM)	A special rating category, which only applies to certain queries and results. All or almost all mobile users would be immediately and fully satisfied by the result and would not need to view other results to satisfy their need.
Highly Meets (HM)	Very helpful for many or most mobile users. Some users may wish to see additional results.
Moderately Meets (MM)	Helpful for many users OR very helpful for some mobile users. Some or many users may wish to see additional results.
Slightly Meets (SM)	Helpful for fewer mobile users. There is a connection between the query and the result, but not a strong or satisfying connection. Many or most users would wish to see additional results.
Fails to Meet (FailsM)	Completely fails to meet the needs of the mobile users. All users would wish to see additional results.

Please note that you may assign **in-between** ratings. Use in-between ratings if you think the rating of a result falls between two labels. You can either drag the slider or click on the point that you want the slider to land on.

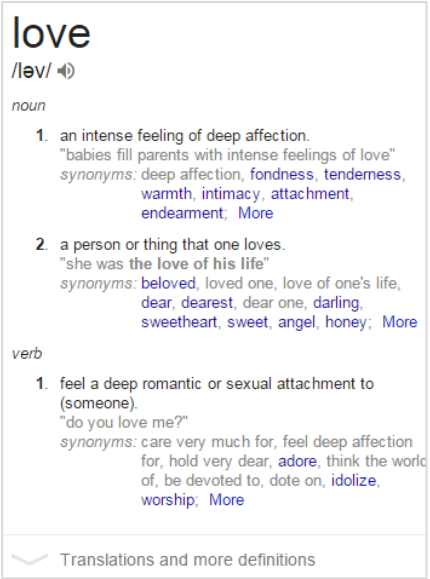
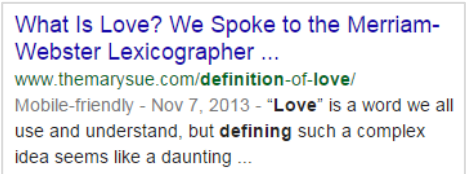
13.1 Rating Result Blocks: Block Content and Landing Pages

For Needs Met rating, you will assign a rating to each result. Each result includes the content inside the result block and landing pages associated with the result.

Which part of the result do you rate? It depends on both the query and the result block:

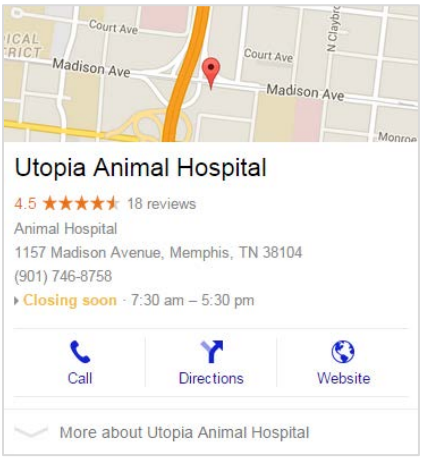
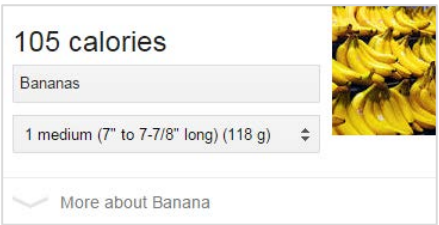
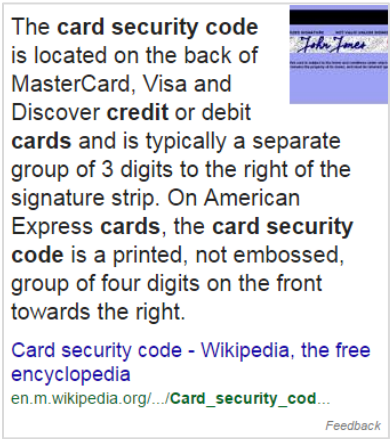
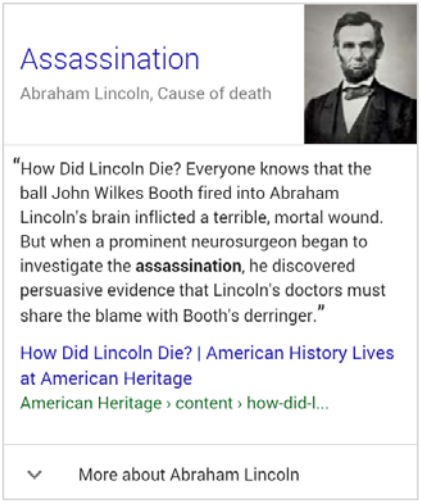
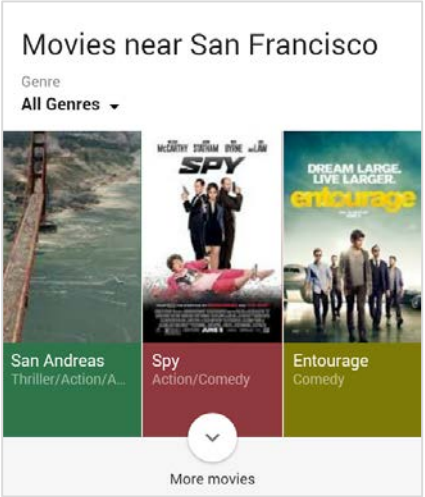
Type of Block	What to Rate
Special Content Result Block (SCRB) Note: assume that interactive result blocks function as intended, even though you are unable to use the buttons, tab, or other features in your rating task.	The content inside this type of block should always play a large role in your rating. In addition, think about whether a user would click on the link(s) if available, in order to satisfy their user need. • If most users would not click, rate the Special Content Result Block based on the block content alone. • If some or many users would click, you may consider the helpfulness of the landing page(s) in addition to the content in the block. In this case, *both* need to be helpful to justify a high rating. If either the content in the block or on the landing page is unhelpful, give a low rating.
Web Search Result Block	In most cases, a click is required and you should evaluate the landing page.
Device Action Result Block	Base your rating on the helpfulness of the action itself.

For example, think about the query [what does love mean].

Result Block	Query: [what does love mean]	Rating
Special Content Result Block		Most users would probably not click on the Special Content Result Block, because the block contains a large amount of helpful content and has no obvious landing page link associated with it. Therefore, base your rating on the content inside the block itself.
Web Search Result Block		In this case, users would have to click on the web search result in order to get an answer to the question. Therefore, base your rating on the content of the landing page.

Result Block	Query: [what does love mean]	Rating
Special Content Result Block	**Love** is a Choice. **Do** you ever wonder what it **means** to really **love** someone? We're bombarded today with movies and videos and romance novels that give us a false image of what it **means** to **love**. What does it mean to really love someone? - Living on the Edge livingontheedge.org/.../**what-does**-it-**mea**... Feedback	While the block content may be helpful, this question may require a more in depth answer for some users. Some or many users might click on the link, in addition to looking at the content in the block itself. Therefore, base your rating on both the block and the landing page.

Here are some examples of Special Content Result Blocks where the block should be rated primarily on the content inside the block itself. As always, please use your judgment.

Query and Special Content Result Block		
Query: [utopia animal hospital]  	**Query**: [chicago weather] 	**Query:** [calories in a banana] 
Query: [how to find security code on visa]  	**Query**: [how did Lincoln die]  	**Query**: [movies san francisco] 

13.2 Fully Meets (FullyM)

Fully Meets is a special rating category, which can be used in the following situations:

- The query and user need must be specific, clear, and unambiguous.
- The result must be fully satisfying for mobile users, requiring minimal effort for users to immediately get or use what they are looking for.
- All or almost all users would be completely satisfied by the result—users issuing that query would not need additional results to fully satisfy the user intent.

In other words, the **Fully Meets** rating should be reserved for results that are the "complete and perfect response or answer" so that no other results are necessary for all or almost all users to be fully satisfied.

You will need to use your judgment to decide whether a result block can **Fully Meet** the user need. Here are some scenarios when the **Fully Meets** rating is appropriate:

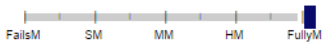
- The user is clearly looking for a specific webpage or website and the result block is the specific result the user is looking for.
- The user is trying to complete a device action and the result block accomplishes the desired request.
- The user is looking for a very specific fact or piece of information and the result block provides the information immediately, thoroughly, and clearly. No other results would be needed.

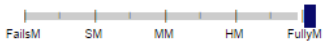
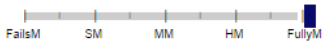
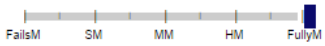
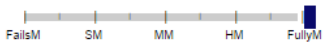
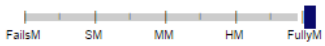
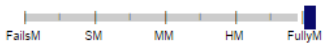
Fully Meets may apply in other situations as well. Ask yourself whether the result block alone is the perfect and complete result that would fully satisfy all or almost all users. Be conservative when using the **Fully Meets** rating. When in doubt, consider a lower rating.

Note: If a result block is very close to being fully satisfying, but the block alone may not be sufficient in order to fully satisfy all or almost all users, a rating of **Highly Meets+** may be appropriate.

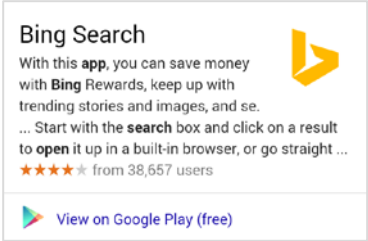
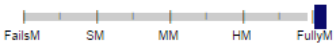
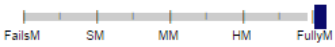
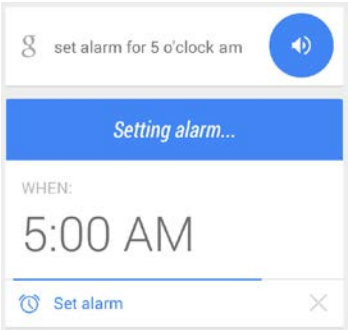
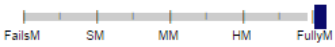
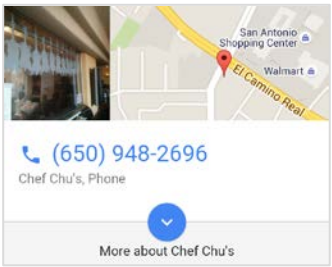
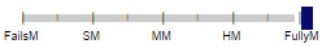
Sometimes you have to think about how specific the user need is and will need to make a judgment call on whether it is specific enough to possibly have a **Fully Meets** rating.

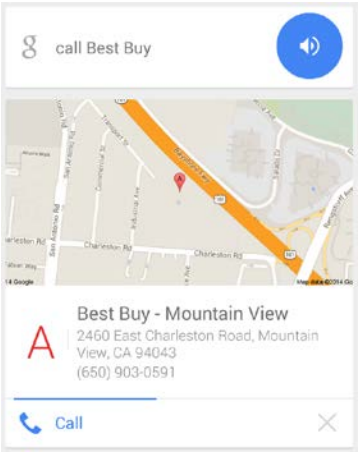
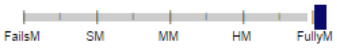
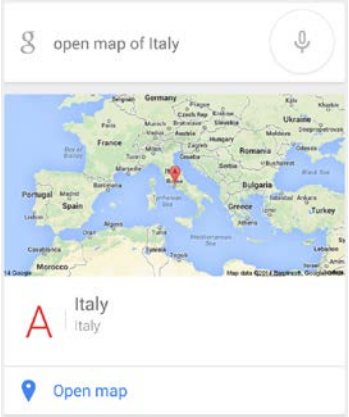
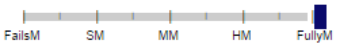
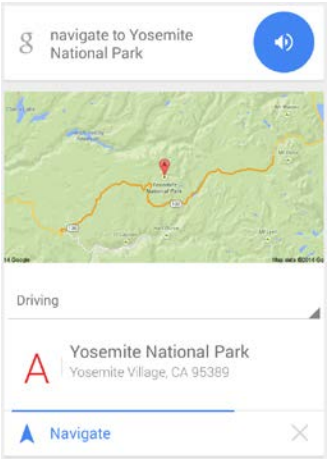
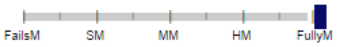
13.2.1 Examples of Fully Meets (FullyM) Result Blocks

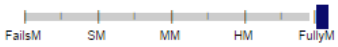
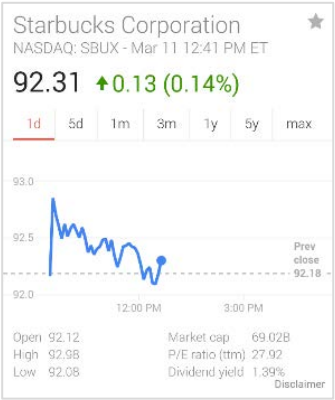
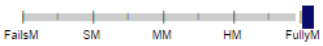
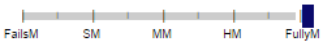
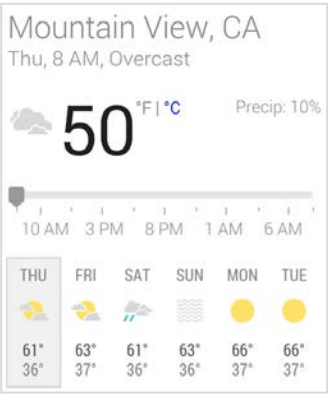
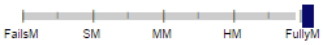
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [amazon.com] **User Location**: Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Go to amazon.com.		 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Open a specific webpage URL: http://www.amazon.com/ Website Name: Amazon.com: Online Shopping for Electronics, Apparel, Computers ...	The query has clear intent to go to amazon.com and the phone is opening the specified website.

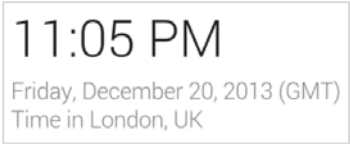
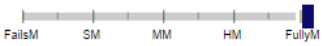
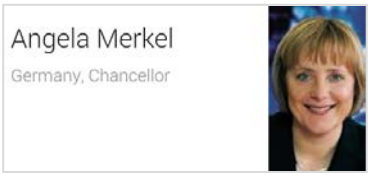
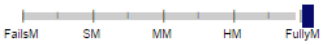
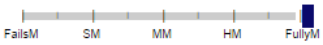
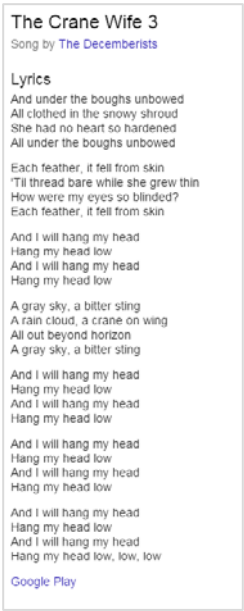
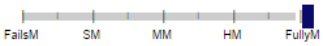
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [amazon] **User Location**: Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Go to the Amazon website.	Amazon.com www.amazon.com Mobile-friendly - Online retailer of books, movies, music and games along with electronics, toys, apparel, sports, tools, groceries and ...		The query has clear intent to go to the amazon.com website. While there may be other interpretations for the query, the dominant one is by far the website.
Query: [target website] **User Location**: Jacksonville, Florida **User Intent:** Go to the Target website.	**Target** : Expect More. Pay Less. www.**target**.com/ Spend $50 and get free shipping on over 500K items. Choose from a wide selection of furniture, kids ... Mountain View Target Find Store Women's Electronics Home : Decor, Furn... Weekly Ad		The query has clear intent to go to target.com.
Query: [shop nordstrom online] **User Location:** Monterey, California **User Intent:** Go to the Nordstrom website for online shopping.	Nordstrom m.shop.nordstrom.com/ Mobile-friendly - Shop online for shoes, clothing, jewelry, dresses, makeup and more from top brands. Make returns in store or by mail.		The query has clear intent to go to the Nordstrom website.
Query: [titanic imdb] **User Location:** Lexington, Kentucky **User Intent:** Go to the IMDb page for Titanic.	Titanic - IMDb m.imdb.com/title/tt0120338/ ★★★★☆ Rating: 7.7/10 - 663,660 votes Mobile-friendly - Titanic -- Experience James Cameron's Titanic like never before. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet Titanic -- Jack ...		The query has clear intent to go to the IMDb page for Titanic.
Query: [www.yahoo.c0m] **User Location:** Denver, Colorado **User Intent:** Go to the Yahoo website.	Yahoo https://www.**yahoo**.com/ Mobile-friendly - A new welcome to **Yahoo**. The new **Yahoo** experience makes it easier to discover the news and information that you ...		Even though this is an imperfect URL query, it's clear the user wants to go to the Yahoo website.
Query: [cnn health] **User Location:** Annapolis, Maryland **User Intent:** Go to the Health section of cnn.com.	Health News - Medical, Mental and Dental ... www.**cnn**.com/**HEALTH**/ Mobile-friendly - Discover the latest news and video about **health** at **CNN**. **CNN** covers diet, fitness , parenting, conditions and more, ...		The query has clear intent to go to the Health section of the cnn.com webpage.

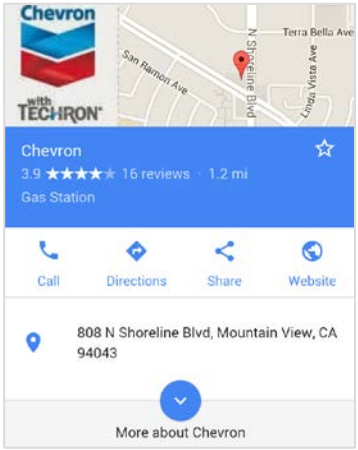
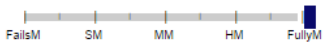
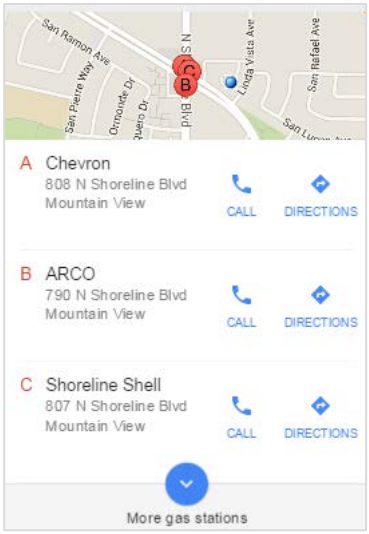
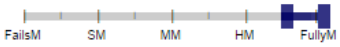
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [cnn] **User Location:** Annapolis, Maryland **User Intent:** Go to the CNN website.	CNN.com www.cnn.com/ Mobile-friendly - **CNN**.com delivers the latest breaking news and information on the latest top stories, weather, business, entertainment, ...	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The query has clear intent to access CNN news and content. It is not clear whether the user has the app installed, but the website has the content the user is searching for, and fully satisfies the user intent.
Query: [yelp] **User Location**: Raleigh, North Carolina **User Intent:** Open the Yelp app or go to the website at yelp.com.	Yelp Yelp app - Installed People use **Yelp** to search for everything from the city's tastiest ... Open on yelp.com	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This result **Fully Meets** the user need whether they want the Yelp app or the Yelp website, which are both popular. **Note**: If you see this kind of result, assume that the user has the app installed on their phone. Clicking on the Yelp link above the logo opens the app directly, and clicking on the "Open on yelp.com" link gives the option of opening the app or website. *opens Yelp app directly* Yelp Yelp app - Installed People use **Yelp** to search for everything from the city's tastiest ... Open on yelp.com *gives option of opening app or website*
Query: [lebron james stats basketball-reference.com] **User Location**: Miami, Florida **User Intent:** Go to the player statistics page for LeBron James on a specific website.	**LeBron James** NBA & ABA **Stats** | Basketball-Reference.com www.basketball-reference.com › ... › J 6/19 Factory of Sadness: Intel: **LeBron James** Opting in or Signing With Cavs: Just following the NBA Finals we wrote that ..... Well, that's the latest talk, as noted by **ESPN** and others.	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The query has clear intent to go to the player statistics page for LeBron James on a specific website, basketball-reference.com.
Query: [open instagram] **User Location**: Laguna Beach, California **User Intent:** Open the Instagram app on the user's device.	**What the user sees:** open Instagram *Opening app...* Instagram	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Open an app App: Instagram	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to open the Instagram app. The result block shows the phone in the process of opening the specified app—it **Fully Meets** the user need.

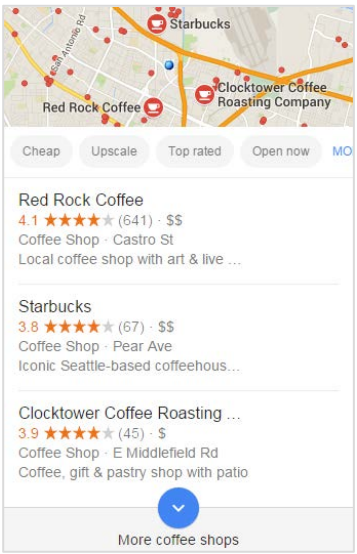
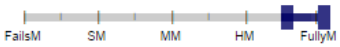
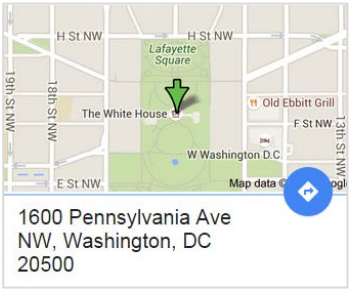
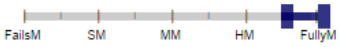
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [open bing search app] **User Location**: Dallas, Texas **User Intent:** Open the Bing Search app on the user's device.			The result block shows that the phone has detected that the app is not installed and gives the option of downloading the app. This result **Fully Meets** the user need. **Note**: Remember that you should assume that queries were issued on an Android device when rating Device Action Result Blocks, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the instructions. Therefore, the Google Play result for this query is appropriate.
Query: [open facebook app] **User Location**: Richmond, Virginia **User Intent:** Open the Facebook app on the user's device.	**What the user sees:** 	 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Open an app App: Facebook	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to open the Facebook app. The result block shows the phone's confirmation that it is opening the app—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [set alarm for 5 o'clock am] **User Location**: Tacoma, Washington **User Intent:** Set the device's alarm to go off at 5:00 AM.	**What the user sees:** 	 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Set alarm Alarm Time: 5:00 AM	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to set the phone's alarm clock for 5:00 AM. The result block shows the phone in the process of setting the alarm at the specified time—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [chef chu phone number] **User Location:** Los Altos, California **User Intent:** Find the phone number for the restaurant called Chef Chu's.			Chef Chu's is a Chinese restaurant located in the user location. This result block immediately shows the phone number with the option to call the number directly on the device—it **Fully Meets** the user intent.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [call best buy] **User Location**: Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Call the nearest Best Buy store. Note that there is only one Best Buy store located in Mountain View.	**What the user sees:**  	 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Make a call Business Name: Best Buy Location: 2460 E Charleston Rd, Mountain View, CA 94043 Phone number: (650) 903-0591	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to call the nearest Best Buy store. The result block shows the phone in the process of calling the store—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [open map of italy] **User Location**: Baltimore, Maryland **User Intent:** Open a map of Italy on the user's device.	**What the user sees:**  	 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Open map Location: Italy	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to see a map of Italy. The result block shows a map with a link to open it in Google Maps—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [navigate to yosemite national park] **User Location:** Seattle, Washington **User Intent:** Navigate to Yosemite National Park from the user's location.	**What the user sees:**  	 **What you might see in the rating task:** Action: Navigation Destination: Yosemite National Park Destination Address: Yosemite Village, CA 95389	This **Device Action** query is clear and specific: the user wants to navigate to Yosemite National Park. The result block shows the phone in the process of opening up the Navigation app, which will give the user turn-by-turn directions from the user's location—it **Fully Meets** the user need.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [how to find security code on visa] **User Location:** Chicago, Illinois **User Intent:** Find out how to locate the security code on a Visa card.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read. The block also includes an image showing users exactly where to find the code, and the block Fully Meets the user need.
Query: [starbucks stock price] **User Location:** Alexandria, Virginia **User Intent:** Find the current stock price for Starbucks.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read—it **Fully Meets** the user need. **Note**: Assume that the result shows current information for users.
Query: [new york city population 2012] **User Location:** Pasadena, California **User Intent:** Find the population of New York City back in 2012.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [what is the weather forecast for today] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find weather forecast information for the current day in Mountain View, California.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read—it **Fully Meets** the user need. Remember that we consider weather queries, like this one, to be a **Know Simple** query for mobile phone users. **Note**: Assume the result shows current information for users.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [london time] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find the current time in London.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read—it **Fully Meets** the user need. **Note**: Assume that the result shows current information for users.
Query: [who is the chancellor of germany] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find the name of the current Chancellor of Germany.			The result block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read—it **Fully Meets** the user need.
Query: [argo trailer] **User Location:** Madison, Wisconsin **User Intent:** Watch the trailer for Argo.			This query can be considered a **Know** query with a specific intent or a **Do** query—regardless of the query type, the user is asking for a very specific thing: the trailer for Argo. The result has exactly what the user wants, displaying the trailer clearly and prominently inside the result block. The video is immediately presented and the user can click on the video to show the exact information that was requested.
Query: [decemberists crane wife 3 lyrics] **User Location:** Long Beach, California **User Intent:** See the lyrics to The Decemberists song called "Crane Wife 3."			The result has exactly what the user wants, displaying the lyrics to the specified song clearly and prominently inside the result block. **Note:** The lyrics posted on Google Play are licensed.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [chevron at shoreline and middlefield] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find the specific gas station specified by the user in order to visit the location in person.			The intent is to visit the specific gas station specified by the user. This result block is for the specified Chevron location, with information to visit this location in person.
Query: [gas stations near me] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find gas stations near the user location. Note that this may be an urgent query.			The intent is to find gas stations near the specific user location, represented by the blue dot on the map. This result block has a very satisfying list of nearby, popular, and prominent options within one mile of the specific location. This kind of block is especially helpful for users who want to visit the business in person. This result would be very convenient for mobile users who need gas immediately, especially for those who are driving and cannot easily use their phone. **Note:** A range is included because some users would be fully satisfied with these selections, while some users would want more information (e.g., gas prices, hours, distance from location, longer list of options).

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Fully Meets Explanation
Query: [nearby coffee shops] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find coffee shops near the user location.			The intent is to find coffee shops near the specific user location, represented by the blue dot on the map. This result block has a very satisfying list of nearby, popular, and prominent options within a few miles of the specific location. This kind of block is especially helpful for users who want to visit the business in person. Note that these blocks are interactive—clicking on a coffee shop will give options to call the business, get directions, read reviews, etc. **Note:** A range is included because some users would be fully satisfied with these selections, while some users would want more information (e.g., hours, distance from location, longer list of options).
Query: [1600 pennsylvania ave washington dc] **User Location:** Bakersville, California **User Intent:** Find a map, directions, information about what is located at this address, etc.			This block contains a map with the queried address, link to get directions, and specifies the landmark at the well-known address on the map ("The White House"). It's not unusual to search for an address (or business) that is far from the user location. Here, the user has explicitly asked for a specific address in a far away place, and this result is very satisfying. For a query this specific, the user location does not change the rating. **Note:** A range is included because some users would be fully satisfied with this result, while some users would want more information (e.g., photos, a brief description).

13.2.2 Examples of Result Blocks that Cannot be Fully Meets

There are some queries which *cannot* have a **Fully Meets** result. Here are some examples.

Type of Query	Example	No Fully Meets Result: Explanation
Broad queries where no single result could fully satisfy all users	[knitting]	This is a broad informational query. Knitting is an activity anyone can do and that anyone can create a website for. Different users may want different types of content: videos, instructions, patterns, etc. There is no one official source for knitting information and no one result could satisfy most users. Therefore, no **Fully Meets** result is possible for this query.
	Famous names e.g., [barack obama]	This is a broad informational query and it is impossible to know exactly what the user is looking for.
Ambiguous queries without a clear user intent or dominant interpretation	[ada]	There is no dominant interpretation for this query. The following entities are all common interpretations: Americans with Disabilities Act, American Dental Association, and American Diabetes Association. While each interpretation has an official homepage, none is **Fully Meets** since there is no dominant interpretation.
	Non-famous people names e.g., [sam wen]	Queries for people's names can be tricky. Many or most people queries do not have a dominant interpretation. Even unusual sounding name queries may not have a dominant interpretation. For example, the queries [sam wen], [tran nguyen], and [david mease] can have no **Fully Meets** result because there are multiple people with each of these names, and it is not clear that most users are looking for any one particular individual.

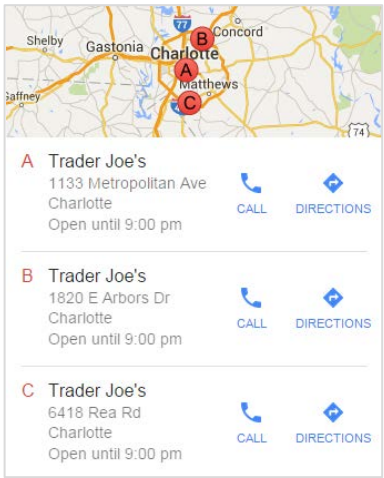
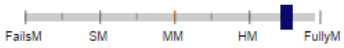
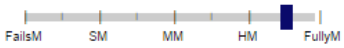
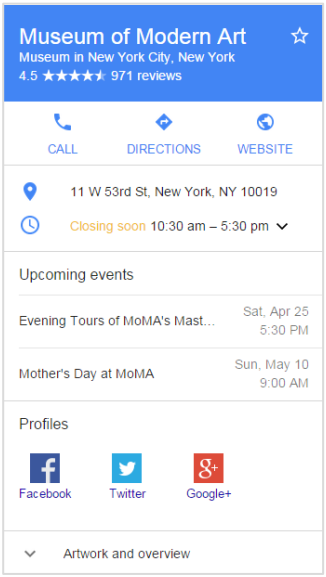
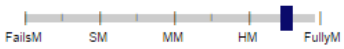
13.3 Highly Meets (HM)

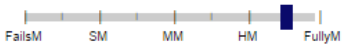
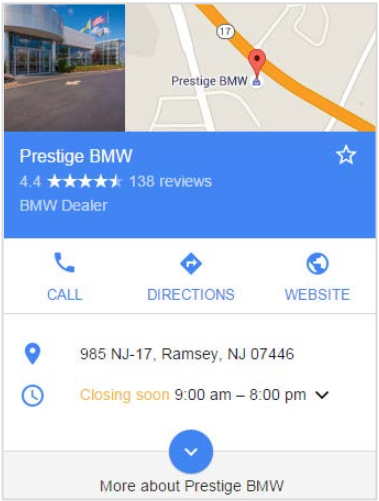
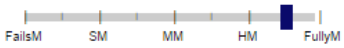
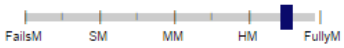
A rating of **Highly Meets** is assigned to results that meet the need of many or most users. **Highly Meets** results are highly satisfying and a good "fit" for the query. In addition, they often have some or all of the following characteristics: high quality, authoritative, entertaining, and/or recent (e.g., breaking news on a topic).

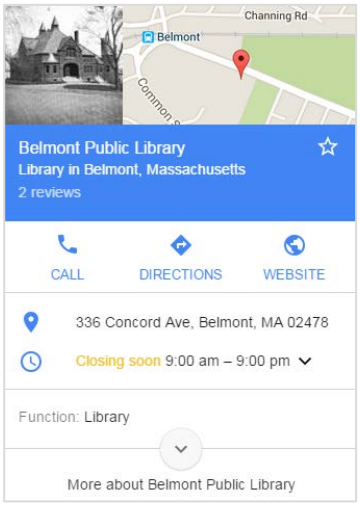
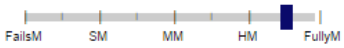
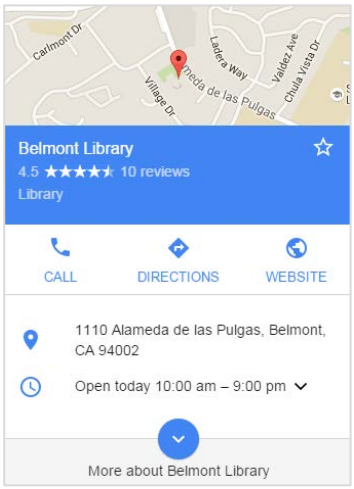
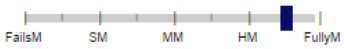
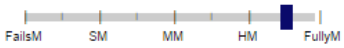
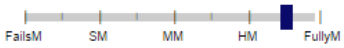
A query can have many **Highly Meets** results.

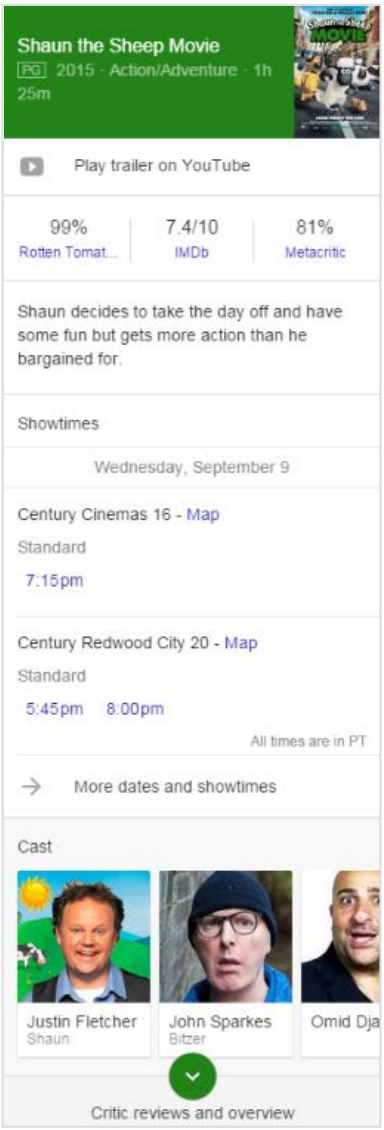
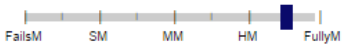
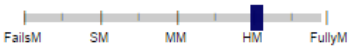
Have high standards for using the **Highly Meets** rating. This is especially important for queries with many, many on-topic results.

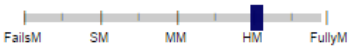
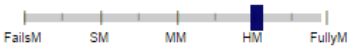
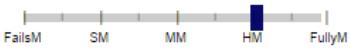
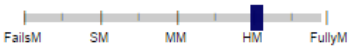
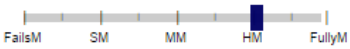
13.3.1 Examples of Highly Meets (HM) Result Blocks

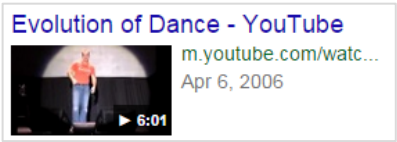
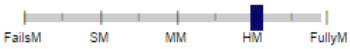
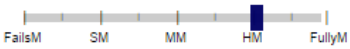
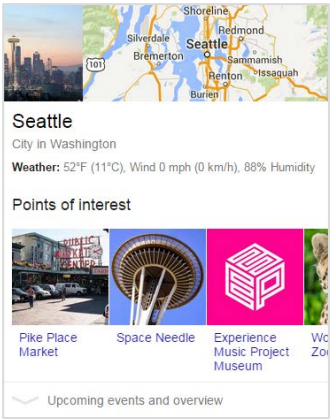
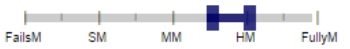
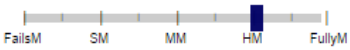
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [trader joes] **User Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby location or go to the website.			This result shows a complete list of all three locations in the Charlotte area, with information that is especially helpful for users who want to visit the store. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets because users who want to go to the website to see coupons, promotions, etc. would have to see additional results.
Query: [trader joes] **User Location:** Charlotte, North Carolina **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby location or go to the website.			This is the official website for Trader Joe's, which has highly authoritative information on the businesses' stores, promotions, recipes, news, etc. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets because users who want information to visit the store have to do a bit of work to find that information— it is not immediately available.
Query: [museum of modern art] **User Location:** Manhattan, New York **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit the museum (note that the user is located in NYC where the museum is located) or go to the website.			The result block shows information about the museum, and is especially helpful for users who want to visit the museum. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets— even though there is a website link, it is not very satisfying for users who want to go to the website because it is not as informative as a web search result block with a title, snippet, and URL.

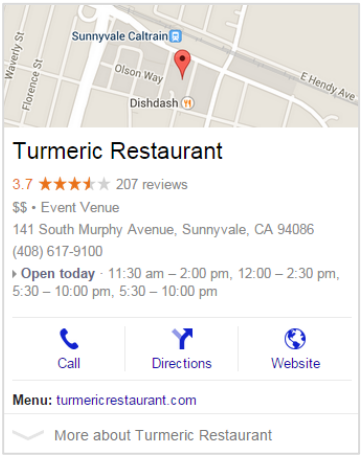
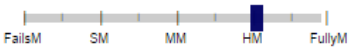
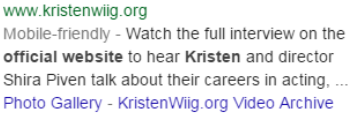
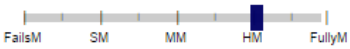
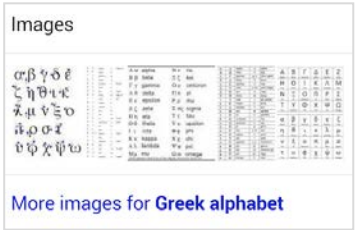
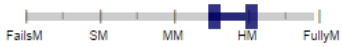
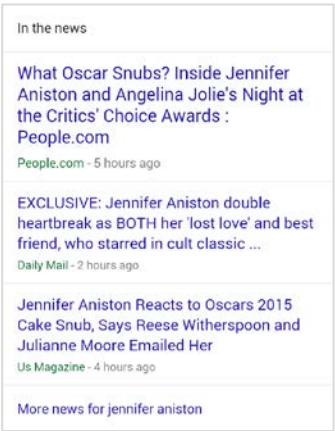
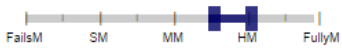
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [museum of modern art] **User Location:** Manhattan, New York **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit the museum (note that the user is located in NYC where the museum is located) or go to the website.	MoMA | Museum of Modern Art Museum of Modern Art › ... Mobile-friendly - The **Museum of Modern Art** (**MoMA**) is a place that fuels creativity, ignites minds, and provides inspiration. Hours & Admission - Calendar - Buy Tickets		This is the museum's official website and has very helpful information about exhibits, membership, the store, etc. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets because users who want information to visit the museum have to do a bit of work to find that information—it is not immediately available.
Query: [prestige bmw] **User Location:** Ramsey, New Jersey **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit the car dealership or go to the website.			The query is the name of a car dealership in New Jersey, which is the only dealership with that name in the user location (Ramsey, New Jersey). The result block shows information about the dealership, and is especially helpful for users who want to visit the business. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets— even though there is a website link, it is not very satisfying for users who want to go to the website because it is not as informative as a web search result block with a title, snippet, and URL.
Query: [prestige bmw] **User Location:** Ramsey, New Jersey **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit the car dealership or go to the website.	Prestige BMW www.prestigebmw.com Mobile-friendly - **Prestige BMW** is the new, used & CPO BMW dealership in **Ramsey**, **NJ** near New York. We serve the area's BMW lease, ...		This is the car dealership's official website and has very helpful information about inventory, financing, etc. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets because users who want information to visit the dealership have to do a bit of work to find that information—it is not immediately available.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [belmont library] **User Location:** Belmont, Massachusetts **User Intent:** Find information about this library or go to the website.			There is only one library in the **user location (Belmont, Massachusetts)**. The result block shows information about the library, and is especially helpful for users who want to visit the location. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets— even though there is a website link, it is not very satisfying for users who want to go to the website because it is not as informative as a web search result block with a title, snippet, and URL.
Query: [belmont library] **User Location:** Belmont, California **User Intent:** Find information about this library or go to the website.			There is only one library in the **user location (Belmont, California)**. The result block shows information about the library, and is especially helpful for users who want to visit the location. **Note:** This result block is not Fully Meets— even though there is a website link, it is not very satisfying for users who want to go to the website because it is not as informative as a web search result block with a title, snippet, and URL.
Query: [decemberists] **User Location:** Long Beach, California **User Intent:** Learn more about the band, The Decemberists.	The Decemberists www.decemberists.com/ Mobile-friendly - New album - What A Terrible World, What A Beautiful World - coming January 20, 2015. Pre-order now. On-Tour - Discography - "V is for Victory" Benefit ...		The user intent is too broad to have a Fully Meets result. However, this is The Decemberists' official website and has a lot of content including tour dates, music videos, the latest album, etc. The result is uniquely authoritative and most users would be very satisfied by this website.
Query: [celine dion] **User Location:** Bellevue, Washington **User Intent:** Learn more about the singer Celine Dion.	Celine Dion | The Official Celine Dion Site www.celinedion.com/ Celine Dion's official website featuring Celine news, music, videos, album info and more! Videos - What's Goin' - TeamCeline account		The user intent is too broad to have a Fully Meets result. However, this is Celine Dion's official website and has a lot of content including recent news, show information, music, photos, videos, etc. The result is uniquely authoritative and most users would be very satisfied by this website.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [shaun the sheep movie] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find a movie summary, showtimes, cast information, etc.			The user intent is too broad to have a Fully Meets result. However, this interactive block has a large amount of helpful content, showing a summary of the movie, nearby showtimes, ratings, cast information, etc.—most users would be very satisfied by this result.
Query: [manresa reviews] **User Location:** San Jose, California **User Intent:** Find reviews for this restaurant located in Los Gatos, California.			The LP for this web result has 122 reviews for the restaurant, and is easy to use on a mobile phone. The first three reviews show automatically, and then you can click to see more. This result would be very helpful for many or most users.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [broadway tickets] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Research prices and/or purchase tickets to a Broadway show.	**Broadway tickets**, show dates, calendar. Official Ticketmaster site. www.**ticket**master.com/**broadway** Find and buy broadway show tickets at Ticketmaster.com.		The LP for this web result offers many Broadway tickets for sale, from a highly trustworthy source. While you have to zoom in and scroll to navigate the site, this result would be very helpful for many or most users because it is so highly trustworthy.
Query: [kids backpacks] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Research prices and/or purchase backpacks for kids.	**Kids**' School **Backpacks** & Messenger Bags | Free Shipping from L.L. **...** www.llbean.com/llb/.../818?...**backpacks** Our durable kids' backpacks are loaded with pockets and features - like padded shoulder straps, nighttime reflective ...		The LP for this mobile-friendly web result offers many kids backpacks for sale. The company is well known for manufacturing and selling high quality backpacks for kids of different ages. There is a lot of product information and many user reviews for each backpack, in addition to filter options that are easy to use on a phone. This result would be very helpful for many or most users.
Query: [poison ivy] **User Location:** Atlanta, Georgia **User Intent:** Find pictures of poison ivy plants, information about how to treat poison ivy, etc.	Outsmarting **Poison Ivy** and Other Poisonous Plants www.fda.gov/.../ucm049342.htm Sep 2, 2008 - Poison ivy and other poisonous plants are a hazard all year round. Here are tips for preventing and ...		The LP for this mobile-friendly web result is part of an authoritative government website and provides a lot of helpful information about poison ivy. This result would be very helpful for many or most users. A few or some users may wish to see additional results.
Query: [michael jordan] **User Location**: Boston, Massachusetts **User Intent:** Find information, news, images, etc. about Michael Jordan.	**Michael Jordan** - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia en.wikipedia.org/wiki/**Michael_Jordan** Michael Jeffrey Jordan (born February 17, 1963), also known by his initials, MJ, is an American former professional ...		The LP of this web result is a mobile-friendly Wikipedia article about Michael Jordan. This result would be helpful for many or most users.
Query: [who is the chancellor of germany] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** The user wants to find the name of the current Chancellor of Germany.	**Chancellor** of **Germany** - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia en.m.wikipedia.org/.../**Chancellor_of_Ge**... The current Chancellor is Angela Merkel, who is currently serving her third term in office. She is the first female ... List of Chancellors of Germany		This is a specific **Know Simple** query for the name of the current Chancellor of Germany. While the answer is in the description of the web result, it is not displayed prominently in a way that is very easy for mobile users to read.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [dance video] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find a dance video to watch.			Users are looking for good or entertaining dance videos and there are many options online. There are many on-topic results for this query and this is one very popular video of a comedian demonstrating dance styles from previous decades.
Query: [purple coneflowers] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find images of or information about purple coneflowers.			This block contains many helpful images, and the landing page shows even more images—it **Highly Meets** the user intent.
Query: [seattle, washington] **User Location:** Arlington, Texas **User Intent:** Find information, news, maps, etc. related to Seattle, Washington.			This is a broad query for a city. Different users may be looking for different things. The result contains a wide variety of helpful information such as a map, weather information, several points of interest, and has an option to see more information containing nearby events and facts about the city. **Moderately Meets+** to **Highly Meets** is an appropriate rating for this result.
Query: [invasive species] **User Location:** St. Louis, Missouri **User Intent:** Find more information about invasive species.			The result block has a good summary of what invasive species are, but some users would probably want to see more information like examples, impact, etc.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [turmeric] **User Location:** Sunnyvale, California **User Intent:** Find information about the spice or the restaurant in Sunnyvale.			For users in Sunnyvale, California, the query [turmeric] could have two different interpretations: a popular restaurant named Turmeric or the spice turmeric. Because the user location for this query is in Sunnyvale, many mobile users are probably looking for the restaurant. However, it is not completely clear because some users may want to find information about the spice. This result about the restaurant has satisfying information for users who want to visit —it **Highly Meets** the most likely user need.
Query: [kristen wiig] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find more information about the actress, comedian, writer, and producer.			This is a fan site dedicated to Kristen Wiig. The website has comprehensive info including over 50,000 pictures and 300 video clips, interviews, articles, and more. This website **Highly Meets** the need of many or most users.
Query: [greek alphabet] **User Location:** Albany, New York **User Intent:** Find historical information about the Greek alphabet, the names of the letters in the Greek alphabet, images of the letters, etc.			This is a broad query. Different users may be looking for different things. This result shows multiple tables of images with the letters in the Greek alphabet. This result would be helpful for many users. Some users may wish to see additional results.
Query: [jennifer aniston] **User Location:** Dover, Delaware **User Intent:** Find images, recent news, gossip, information, etc. about Jennifer Aniston.			This is a broad query for an actress. Different users may be looking for different things. This result shows recent news about Jennifer Anniston. The articles are timely (at the time this was written) and relatively interesting, and not just common everyday news about the actress. Many users would be satisfied with the result and some users may wish to see more results.

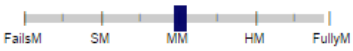
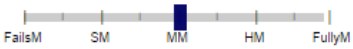
13.4 Moderately Meets (MM)

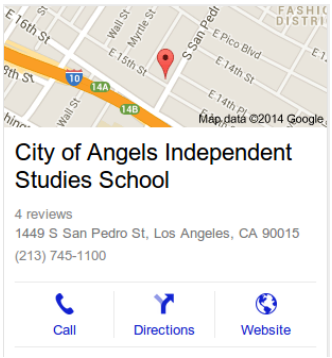
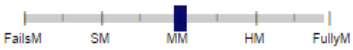
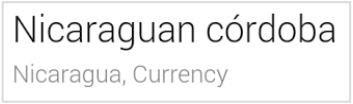
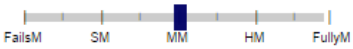
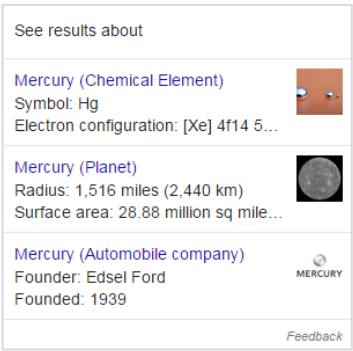
A rating of **Moderately Meets** is assigned to results that are helpful and satisfying for many users or very satisfying for some users.

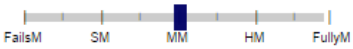
Moderately Meets results have fewer valuable attributes than **Highly Meets** results. **Moderately Meets** results should still "fit" the query, but they might be less comprehensive, less up-to-date, come from a less authoritative source, etc.

Moderately Meets results generally are not clearly low quality, out-of-date, or inaccurate. **Moderately Meets** results are generally average to good.

13.4.1 Examples of Moderately Meets (MM) Result Blocks

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [shutterfly] **User Location:** Boise, Idaho **User Intent:** Go to the Shutterfly website or find information about the company.	**Shutterfly** | CrunchBase www.crunchbase.com/.../**shutterfly** **Shutterfly** is a manufacturer and digital retailer, offering personalized stationery and other related products and services.		The LP for this web result is a high-quality page on crunchbase.com—a member site on the TechCrunch network—with a profile of Shutterfly. The MC has a lot of helpful information about the company and is easy to read on a mobile device. This result would be helpful for many users or very helpful for some users.
Query: [tom cruise] **User Location:** Scottsdale, Arizona **User Intent:** Find biographical information or current news/celebrity gossip about Tom Cruise.	**Tom Cruise** Pictures, Biography, Filmography, News ... - **Starpulse**.com www.**starpulse**.com/Actors/**Cruise_Tom**/ Tom Cruise Pictures, Biography, Filmography, News, Box Office, Videos, Awards.		The LP for this web result contains information about Tom Cruise, which would be helpful for many users or very helpful for some users. The photos and main links can easily be accessed on a phone. Note that there are many, many pages about Tom Cruise and this result is not helpful enough for a rating of **Highly Meets**.
Query: [seattle, washington] **User Location**: Denver, Colorado **User Intent**: Find information, news, maps, etc. related to Seattle, Washington.	 Seattle, WA		This is a broad query for a city. Different users may be looking for different things. The result shows a map of Seattle, Washington and clicking on the map brings up a more detailed map. This result may be helpful for some users.

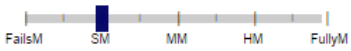
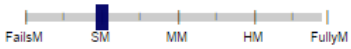
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [city of angels] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** Find information about the movie, song, musical, school, or some other entity by this name.			This result reflects one of several possible user intents, as the query is also the name of a movie, song, musical, and more. However, since the user location is near the school, this result would be very helpful for some users—specifically, users who are looking for the school.
Query: [nicaraguan money] **User Location:** Miami, Florida **User Intent:** Find out what Nicaraguan currency is called, what it looks like, the exchange rate, etc.			This result displays the name of Nicaraguan currency. Some users may have their need met by learning the name of the currency, but many users may want images, know the exchange rate, etc. This result would be helpful for many users or very helpful for some users.
Query: [where is virginia in the us] **User Location:** Louisville, Kentucky **User Intent:** Find where the state of Virginia is located in the United States.			The description in this result block may be helpful for users who are already familiar with this area in the United States. Many or most users would probably want to see a map or a clearer description.
Query: [mercury] **User Location:** New Haven, Connecticut **User Intent:** Find information on the chemical element, the planet, or the automobile company.			This block contains a brief description of different interpretations for mercury. Clicking on the links will take the user to the search results page for that interpretation. The links may save users from doing follow-up searches to clarify the correct interpretation, but this can be difficult on a mobile phone. While the descriptions are brief, the links are a helpful feature, so the result **Moderately Meets** the user intent.

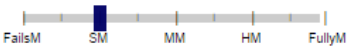
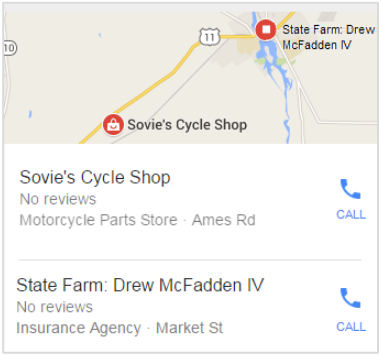
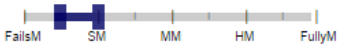
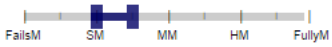
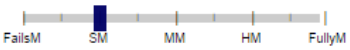
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [every breath you take lyrics] **User Location:** Fort Davis, Texas **User Intent:** Find the lyrics to the song "Every Breath You Take," which was written by Sting.	STING LYRICS - Every Breath You Take - A-Z Lyrics www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/sting/everybreat... Lyrics to "Every Breath You Take" song by STING: Every breath you take Every move you make Every bond you break ...		The LP for this lyrics website page has the requested lyrics. There are many lyrics websites on the web and many pages are not 100% accurate. **Moderately Meets** is an appropriate rating for average pages with the requested lyrics.
Query: [kristen wiig] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find more information about the actress, comedian, writer, and producer.	Kristen Wiig! The Official Website of Kristen Wiig. kristenwiig.com Mobile-friendly - The **official website** of **Kristen Wiig**. **Kristen Wiig** is not on Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, or any other social networking ...		This is Kristen Wiig's official website, but the only content are links to her talent and PR agencies, along with a note that says she is not on any social networking sites. While this information is helpful, many users would want to see more.

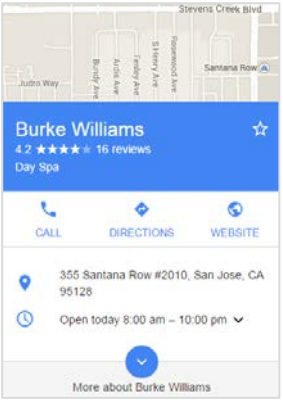
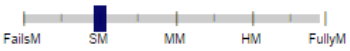
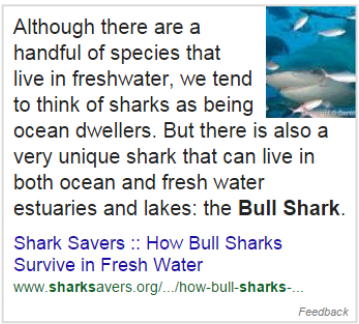
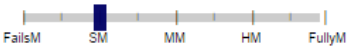
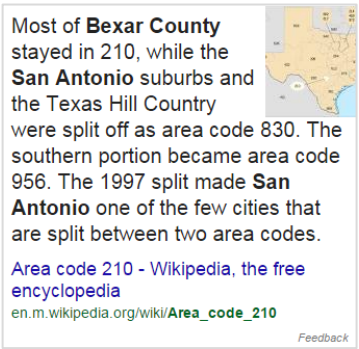
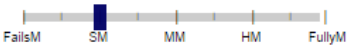
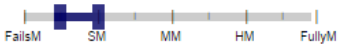
13.5 Slightly Meets (SM)

A rating of **Slightly Meets** is assigned to results that are helpful and satisfying for some or few users. **Slightly Meets** results may serve a minor interpretation, be low quality, have stale or outdated information, be too specific, too broad, etc. to receive a higher rating.

13.5.1 Examples of Slightly Meets (SM) Result Blocks

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [britney spears] **User Location:** Baltimore, Maryland **User Intent:** Find information about Britney Spears (e.g., current news, pictures).	**Britney Spears Files for Divorce** | TMZ.com www.tmz.com/.../**britney-spears-files-for-**... Nov 7, 2006 - **Britney Spears** has **filed** a petition for **divorce** from Kevin Federline. TMZ obtained the legal papers, ...		The LP of this mobile-friendly web result has a 2006 article about Britney Spears filing for divorce. This is very old, stale news, making the result helpful for few users.
Query: [honda odyssey] **User Location:** Miami, Florida **User Intent:** We will assume that users are interested in the current Honda Odyssey model, unless specified otherwise.	**2010 Honda Odyssey** - Kelley Blue Book www.kbb.com/**honda/odyssey/2010-hon**... Review by KBB.com Editors - Jan 6, 2010 Learn more about the **2010 Honda Odyssey** with Kelley Blue Book expert reviews. Discover information including ...		Although the LP has comprehensive information from a reputable source, and is easy to use on a mobile device, the information is about the 2010 Honda Odyssey. This information would be considered stale for the query today, making this result helpful for some or few users.

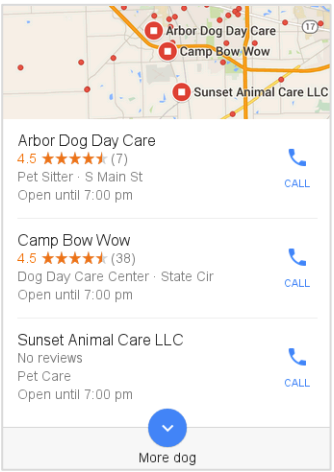
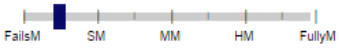
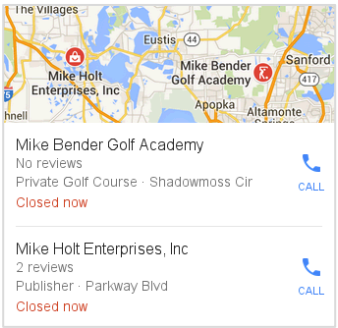
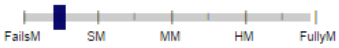
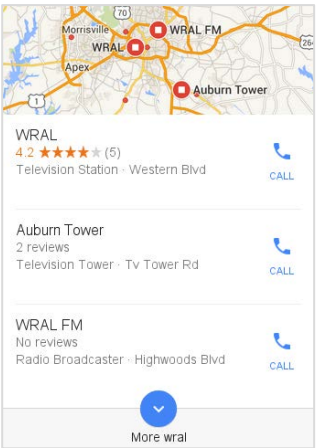
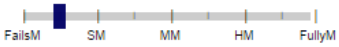
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [hot dog] **User Location:** Sunnyvale, California **User Intent:** Find information about hot dogs, such as recipes or nutrition information.	**Hot Dog**... The Movie (1984) - IMDb www.imdb.com/title/tt0087425/ Directed by Peter Markle. With David Naughton, Patrick Houser, Tracy Smith, John Patrick Reger. Naive corn-pone ...		The LP of this web result is about the movie "Hot Dog," which came out in 1984 and is a minor interpretation of this query. Because this is an unlikely interpretation, this web result would be helpful for few users, even though the landing page has good content from a reputable source, and is easy to use on a mobile device.
Query: [motorcycles] **User Location:** Potsdam, New York **User Intent:** Find information about motorcycles.			This result provides contact information for one of the two motorcycle shops in Potsdam, New York. It is possible this would be helpful for some users, but many users would be looking for information. Additionally, there is a distracting information (a listing for an insurance agent).
Query: [abe lincoln's birthday] **User Location:** Fort Davis, Texas **User Intent:** Find this specific piece of information.	List of Presidents of the United States by date of birth - Wikipedia ... en.m.wikipedia.org/.../**List**_of_**Presidents**... Mobile-friendly - The following is a **list** of U.S. **Presidents**, organized by **date of birth**, plus additional **lists** of birth related statistics. United States Presidents by ...		This is a Wikipedia page that has birthdays for all U.S. presidents, including Abraham Lincoln. However, his birthday is not prominently displayed and it is not obvious that the answer is there—users have to do some work and search around on the page to find the answer, making **SM** to **SM+** an appropriate rating.
Query: [lack of sex and problems with my marriage] **User Location:** Waco, Texas **User Intent:** Find help for marital issues.	5 Tips to Fix a Sexless Marriage Or Relationship - Ezine Articles ezinearticles.com › ... › Marriage Mobile-friendly - Feb 25, 2008 - Look to the past - Sexless marriages don't just spring up out of thin air. They are just symptoms of other ...		The quality of writing in this article, which was created by a person without expertise in marriage or relationship counseling, is poor. Even though the article is about the query, the page is low quality and untrustworthy. It would be helpful for few users.

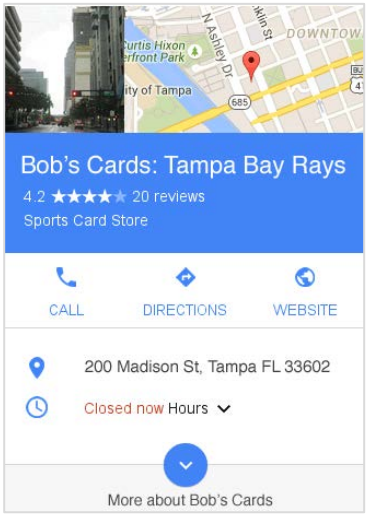
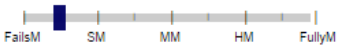
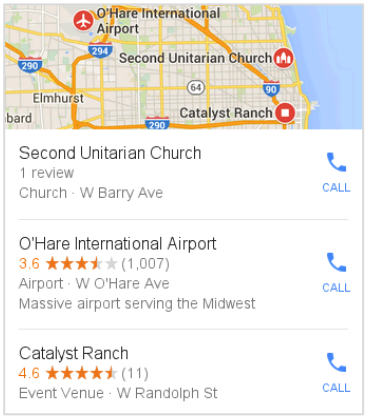
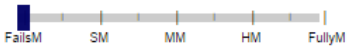
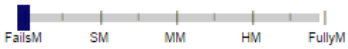
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [nail spa] **User Location:** San Jose, California **User Intent:** Find a nail spa in or near San Jose.			Burke Williams is a day spa that offers many treatments like massage therapy, skin care, etc. While it does have nail care options, it is not a dedicated nail spa.
Query: [what type of sharks live in rivers] **User Location:** Tucson, Arizona **User Intent:** Find information about what types of sharks live in rivers.			This result block does not contain enough information to be fully satisfying and mentions only one type of shark. Most users would need to do further research.
Query: [210 area code] **User Location:** Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Find what area uses the 210 area code for phone numbers.			The answer in this result block is really confusing. Even if users can figure it out, they would likely still have to click on the link, or go to another website, to confirm the information. While there is a map, you would have to expand or click on it to see the details, so it is not that helpful.
Query: [ibm] **User Location:** Rockville, Maryland **User Intent:** Go to the IBM website or find information about the company.			This block contains images of the logo for IBM, but these images are not particularly helpful for this query.

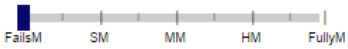
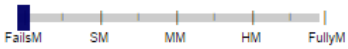
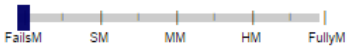
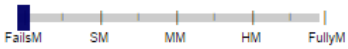
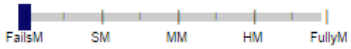
13.6 Fails to Meet (FailsM)

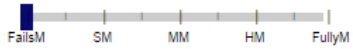
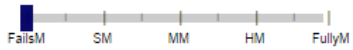
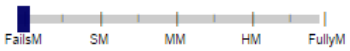
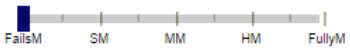
A rating of **Fails to Meet** should be assigned to results that are helpful and satisfying for no or very few users. **Fails to Meet** results are unrelated to the query, factually incorrect (please check for factual accuracy of answers), and/or all users would want to see additional results. These results completely fail to meet the user intent, such as a lack of attention to an aspect of the query (or user location) that is important for satisfying user intent. **Fails to Meet** may also be used for results which are extremely low quality, have very stale or outdated information, be nearly impossible to use on a mobile device, etc.

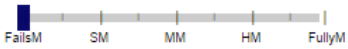
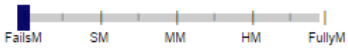
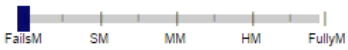
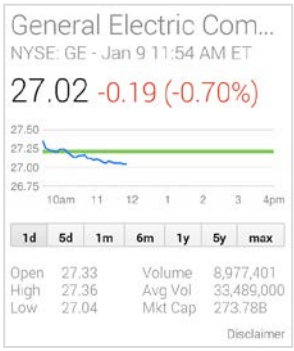
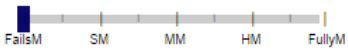
13.6.1 Examples of Fails to Meet (FailsM) Result Blocks

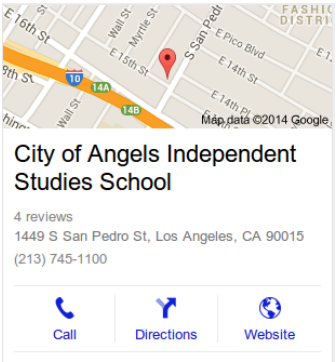
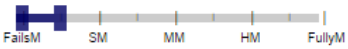
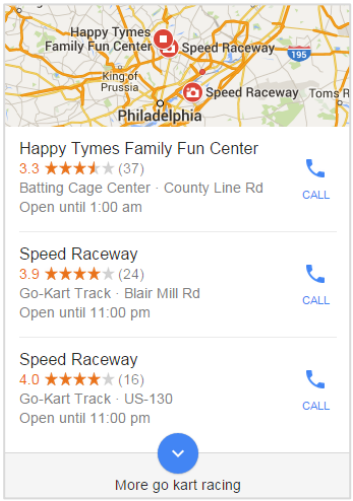
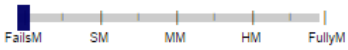
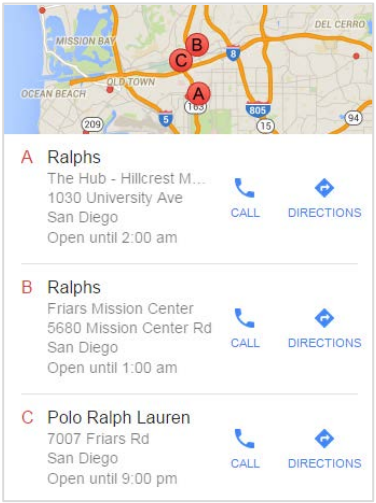
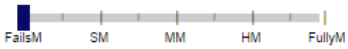
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [dogs] **User Location:** Pittsfield Charter Township, Michigan **User Intent:** Find information (e.g., pictures, breeds, training details, etc.) related to dogs. *Note:* For this query, it is very unlikely users want to go anywhere in person.			This is a broad informational query for an animal. Different users may be looking for different things. This result block shows visit-in-person information for three different dog care providers near the user location. However, the query is very broad and it is unlikely users want to go anywhere in person.
Query: [mike] **User Location:** Eustis, Florida **User Intent:** Find information about something related to Mike. *Note:* For this query, it is unlikely users want to go anywhere in person.			This is a broad query and it is unclear exactly what the user is looking for. This result block shows visit-in-person information for two businesses which contain the name Mike. However, the query is very broad and it is very unlikely these businesses are what users seek given the query.
Query: [wral] **User Location:** Wake County, North Carolina **User Intent:** Go to the WRAL website or find other information about the news station in North Carolina. *Note:* Users generally would not go to a news station in person.			WRAL is a television news station in North Carolina. Users want to go to the website or find information about the station. In this example, clicking on the blocks show information about the businesses' corporate headquarters. It is very unlikely that anyone would want to visit the station in person. Note that the same applies to newspapers, radio stations, etc., where companies often have special contact information for the public that is different than their corporate headquarter information.

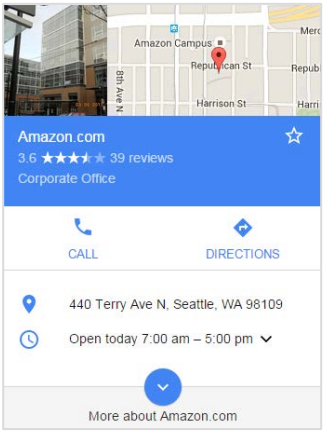
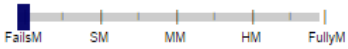
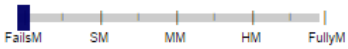
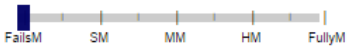
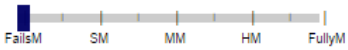
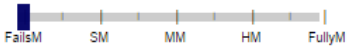
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [tampa rays] **User Location:** Tampa, Florida **User Intent:** Find information (e.g., scores, roster, recent news) about a professional baseball team in Florida called Tampa Bay Rays. *Note:* For this query, it is unlikely users want to go anywhere in person.			This result block shows information to visit a sports card store in person, which happens to have the baseball team in the name. However, remember that for this query, it is unlikely users want to go anywhere in person. Note: this business was fabricated for the purposes of this example, and does not exist in real life.
Query: [united 656] **User Location:** Skokie, Illinois **User Intent:** Find information about flight 656 operated by United Airlines (e.g., whether the flight is on time, what gate it is departing from).			This result shows information for a church, an event venue, and the closest airport. However, users clearly want to know details about a specific flight, and there is absolutely no information in the block about the flight. This result **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [texas farm fertilizer] **User Location:** Dallas, Texas **User Intent:** Find information about, or where to buy, fertilizer from the company Texas Farm.			This result block shows the Texas Farm corporate office, which is not helpful given the user intent—users could not physically go to the company's corporate office to buy or learn about the product. Fertilizer is the kind of product that you would have to buy at a store.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [german cars] **User Location:** Toledo, Ohio **User Intent:** Find information about German cars or go to the official homepage of a German automaker	**Subaru** of America: **Subaru** Cars, Sedans, SUVs, Crossovers, Wagons https://www.**subaru**.com/ Visit Subaru of America for reviews, pricing and photos of Subaru Cars, Sedans, Wagons, Crossovers & SUVs.		This LP is the homepage of Subaru, a Japanese car company, not a German car company. The page completely **Fails to Meet** the user intent and would be helpful for no or very few users.
Query: [company to get rid of the possum in my attic] **User Location:** Naperville, Illinois **User Intent:** Find a company to trap and remove a possum from the attic.	Complete **Pest Control** - **Adelaide** South Australia | Adelaide Pest ... complete**pest**.com.au/ Our family owned business has been delivering professional pest control services to metropolitan Adelaide since 1988. Termite Treatments · Pest Specials		This LP is the homepage of a pest control company in Australia. U.S. users would need a U.S. company to take care of this problem. There is a mismatch between the page and the locale that makes this result helpful for no users—it completely **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [starting jets quarterback 2001] **User Location:** Chicago, Illinois **User Intent:** Find the name of the starting quarterback for the New York Jets football team in 2001.	**New York Jets** 2013 Team Player **Roster** - ESPN espn.go.com/nfl/.../**roster**/_/.../**new-york-j**... Complete New York Jets team roster on ESPN.com, including all players, positions, and jersey numbers.		Although this is a trustworthy website for information about NFL football, this LP does not contain the information requested by the user. This result completely **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [navigate to yellowstone national park] **User Location:** Denver, Colorado **User Intent:** Navigate to Yellowstone National Park from the user's location.	Yellowstone National Park (U.S. National Park Service) www.nps.gov/yell/ National Park Service official site with useful information for the park visitor and background on the natural and scientific ... 4.6 ★★★★½ 602 reviews Plan Your Visit - Webcams - Park Roads		This web result (the official homepage of Yellowstone National Park) completely fails to respond to the specific **Device Action** query: to navigate to the park.
Query: [symptoms of cancer] **User Location:** Miami, FL **User Intent:** Find out about the symptoms of cancer.	It is important to note that some types of cancer do not present any symptoms until they are in advanced stages. This is why cancer screening and risk ... Symptoms of cancer cancershield.net/id80.html		This result block does not provide any useful information and the landing page is a parked domain with low page quality.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [doctor salary] **User Location**: San Francisco, California **User Intent:** Find information about doctor salaries.	In 2013–2014, annual tuition and fees at public medical schools averaged approximately **$31,783** for state residents and **$55,294** for non-residents. At private schools, tuition and fees averaged **$52,093** for residents and **$50,476** for non-resident students. How Do I... Pay for Medical School? - Pay for Med School - Aspiring ... https://www.aamc.org/.../pay-**med-school**... Feedback		The answer in this block is about the cost of education, not salary, which is misleading and doesn't answer the user's query.
Query: [stony child development center west point phone number] **User Location**: West Point, New York **User Intent:** Find the telephone number for the Stony Child Development Center in West Point, New York.	(845) 446-5504 West Point Club, Phone		The answer in this block provides the phone number for the West Point Club, not the Stony Child Development Center located in West Point, New York. This result **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [send text message to john that i'm running late] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Send a text message to a contact named John with the message "I'm running late."	Action: Send an email Subject: Recipient: John Body: I'm running late		The user clearly wants to send a text message. The **Device Action** result to "Send an email" is incorrect and completely **Fails to Meet** user intent.
Query: [weather] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Find current weather information for Mountain View, California.	Query Time: 2013-4-23 6:00:12 Action: Set alarm Alarm Time: 22:43:00		The user clearly wants weather information. The **Device Action** result to set an alarm is inappropriate (and even absurd) for this information query. This result completely **Fails to Meet** the user intent.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [batman] **User Location:** Anaheim, California **User Intent:** Find information about the fictional superhero that appears in American comic books, movies, and television shows.			It is extremely unlikely (potentially a no-chance interpretation) that this query is looking for information on a city in Turkey called Batman, given that the user is located in the United States. No or almost no users would be satisfied with this result.
Query: [obama] **User Location:** Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Find information about Barack Obama.			It is extremely unlikely (potentially a no-chance interpretation) that this query is looking for information on a city in Japan called Obama, given that the user is located in the United States. No or almost no users would be satisfied with this result.
Query: [weather paris, texas] **User Location:** Paris, Texas **User Intent:** Find current weather information for Paris, Texas.			This result completely fails to satisfy the user intent, which is to find weather information for Paris, Texas, and *not* Paris, France. No users would be satisfied with this result.
Query: [what is the third quarter earnings for ge] **User Location:** New York, New York **User Intent:** Find this most recent third quarter earnings information for General Electric.			This result does not answer the user's question to show third quarter earnings for GE. No users would be satisfied with this result.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [city of angels] **User Location:** Chicago, Illinois **User Intent:** Find information about the school, a movie by this name, or some other entity by this name.			This result reflects one of several possible user intents, as the query is also the name of a movie, song, musical, and more. Since the user location is in Chicago, very few or no users would be interested in seeing information about a school by this name in Los Angeles that is not well known outside of this city. It is very unlikely that people outside of Los Angeles would use this query to search for this school.
Query: [go kart for sale] **User Location:** Warrington, Pennsylvania **User Intent:** Find go karts for sale in the Warrington, Pennsylvania area.			This result block shows a go kart arcade in Warrington, Pennsylvania, and two other go kart arcades in the surrounding area. These arcades are places to go ride go karts, not purchase them, so the result completely **Fails to Meet** the user intent. No users would be satisfied with this result.
Query: [ralphs] **User Location:** San Clemente, California **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby Ralphs location or go to the website.			Ralphs is a nationwide supermarket chain. These locations are all in San Diego, California, which is a major city south of the user location (about 60 miles away). These results are too far to be helpful.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [amazon] **User Location:** Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Go to the Amazon website.			Users issuing this query want to go to the Amazon website. Showing information about how to visit or call the corporate office for an online company would not be helpful. Very, very few people ever go to an Amazon corporate office, which is not open to the public. If someone needed to go to the office for an interview or business visit, they would need to get that information from someone at the company.
Query: [what is the closest large city] **User Location:** Myrtle Beach, South Carolina **User Intent:** Find the closest large city to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.	News for **large city** County expanding use of **large** recycling bins, which **city** continues to study The State - 12 hours ago Murray, Sawant sworn in before **large** crowd... The Seattle Times (blog) - 8 hours ago		A news result is inappropriate and completely unhelpful for this query. No users would be satisfied with this result.
Query: [australian open mens singles result 2008] **User Location:** Kent, Washington **User Intent:** Find a page that displays the 2008 men's singles result for this tennis tournament.	2004 Australian Open – Men's Singles - Wikipedia, the free ... en.m.wikipedia.org/.../**2004_Australian**_... Mobile-friendly - Roger Federer defeated Marat Safin 7–6(7–3), 6–4, 6–2 in the final to win the **Men's Singles** title at the **2004 Australian** ... Seeds - Draw - References - External links		This LP is about the 2004 Australian Open, not the 2008 Australian Open. It does not pay attention to an aspect of the query that is important for satisfying user intent (i.e., 2008). The result **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [tooth loss five years old] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Find information about tooth loss in a five-year-old child.	Gallery of Pennsylvania Fishes - Chapter 16, Pikes and Mudminnows fishandboat.com/pafish/.../chap16pikes.ht... Pikes and Mudminnows. Family Esocidae. Family overview: Pike are long, slender, "duck-billed" predator fish, popular ...		This LP has information about tooth loss in pike fish and has the words "five years old" on the page. This result **Fails to Meet** the user intent because it has keyword matches only and would be helpful for no users.
Query: [what is wedding in spanish] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Find how to say the word "wedding" in Spanish.	mañana Translate "wedding" to Spanish		The translation in the result block is completely wrong and inaccurate. Mañana means "tomorrow," not "wedding."

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [american express] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Go to the American Express card website or get information about the company and its products and services.	The Lipstick Chronicles: November 2007 thelipstickchronicles.typepad.com/.../11/ Nov 30, 2007 - ... of infected machines to mount a brute force attack against, say, American Express or Wells Fargo.	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The LP is a humorous blog post about a wife helping her husband to buy a suit. The page mentions "American Express," but is insufficiently related to the query to be helpful for users, so it **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [zoo atlanta] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Go to the Zoo Atlanta website.	More Reasons to Become a Louisville Zoo Member louisville.about.com › ... › Blog › Bl2010 Mobile-friendly - Feb 12, 2010 - But if that's not enough, here are a few more good reasons to buy your zoo membership this month.	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This LP on about.com has a short article about the Louisville Zoo. The page has a link in the SC titled "Visit Zoo Atlanta On The Cheap Atlanta." The MC of this page is not about Zoo Atlanta. The link to an article about Zoo Atlanta is in the SC and many users would never notice this link. This result should not be rated above **Fails to Meet**.
Query: [how to quit smoking] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Find information on ways to quit smoking.	How to type a cigarette - ws.gy xe4c.ws.gy/fo The eGo is one of the most popular models in the e-cigarette industry. It's affordable, provides great battery life, has an .	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This LP has gibberish text. Read this sentence: "How do you make a cigarette symbol on the keyboard? In." The quality of the landing page is so low that the page **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [american beauty] **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Learn more about the movie called American Beauty.	**American Beauty** - DreamWorks Animation www.dreamworks.com/ab/ Official Dreamworks web site. Trailer, reviews, and credits.	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This is the official website of the movie American Beauty. However, the landing page is extremely difficult to use (even seems broken on a mobile phone) and there is no satisfying or helpful content on the page—it **Fails to Meet** the user intent. QR Code to view the page:

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result	Rating	Explanation
Query: [starting order for today's nascar race] **User Location:** Denton, Texas **User Intent:** Find information about the starting order of the Nascar race that day.	NASCAR Schedule **Sprint Cup Series**-Nationwide Series-Camping World Truck Series \# Date Race Winner/Time (*) – Feb 16 The Sprint Unlimited 5:29 PM – Feb 21 Budweiser Duel 1 11:19 – Feb 21 Budweiser Duel 2 1:00 PM 1 Feb 24 Daytona 500 10:30 2 Mar 3 Subway Fresh Fit 500 12:14 + Show more *All times are in PT	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This result shows a NASCAR schedule, but does not have the starting order. The content is not what the user is looking for and **Fails to Meet** the user intent.
Query: [air canada phone number] **User Location:** Seattle, Washington **User Intent:** Find the customer service phone number for the airline Air Canada.	1 (888) 247-2200 Air Canada, Customer service AIR CANADA More about Air Canada	FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	Remember that you should check for the factual accuracy of answers. For this result, go to the company's page at www.aircanada.com/en/customercare/int/ and select USA to check the number shown here. According to the airline's website, the correct phone number is 1-888-247-2262. Because this answer is factually incorrect, it should be rated **Fails to Meet**.

14.0 Rating Porn, Foreign Language, Didn't Load, and Hard to Use Results

You will assign **Porn**, **Foreign Language**, **Didn't Load**, and **Hard to Use** flags to result blocks when appropriate. All flags are query-independent, meaning that they do not depend on the query. Here is a screenshot of what the flags look like:

Porn: No | Foreign Language: No | Did Not Load: No | Hard to Use: No

Click on the flag name to select it. The flag block will turn red and change the "No" to "Yes." For example, here is a result that shows when the **Porn** flag should be used.

Query and User Intent	Result Block, Flag, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [freeones], English (US) **User Location:** Mountain View, California **User Intent:** Go to the Freeones website.	Freeones www.freeones.com/ Freeones; biggest resource to find porn stars and famous hot babes. ... www. freeones.com. Babes | Links | Videos | Porn: Yes | Foreign Language: No | Did Not Load: No | Hard to Use: No FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This LP is the homepage of the Freeones website, a porn site. This result merits a **FullyM** rating and the **Porn** flag.

14.1 Porn Flag

Please assign the **Porn** flag to all porn pages, whether the query is porn-seeking or not. The **Porn** flag does not depend on the query or user intent.

A page will be considered porn if it has pornographic content, including porn images, links, text, pop-ups, and/or prominent porn ads. An image may be considered porn in one culture or country, but not another. Please use your judgment and knowledge of the locale.

Remember: The **Porn** flag is used to indicate that the result is porn. It doesn't matter whether the query "asks for porn" or not.

14.2 Needs Met Rating for Porn Results

14.2.1 Needs Met Rating for Clear Non-Porn Intent Queries

If the user intent behind a query is clearly **not** porn-seeking, a landing page that has porn for its MC should be rated **Fails to Meet**.

- When the user intent is clearly not porn, a porn result should be considered unhelpful or useless.
- Uninvited porn is a very bad experience for many users.

Remember to assign the **Porn** flag for all porn pages.

Query	User Intent	Landing Page	Rating	Porn Flag?
[toys], English	Find toys to buy.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**FailsM**	Yes
[how tall is a camel], English (US)	Find the answer to this question about camels.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**FailsM**	Yes
[car pictures], English (US)	Find pictures of cars.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**FailsM**	Yes

Sometimes, the MC of a landing page *is* helpful for the query, but the page happens to display porn ads or porn links outside the MC, which can be very distracting and potentially provide a poor user experience. The query and the helpfulness of the MC have to be balanced with the user experience of the page. Use your judgment and represent users in your locale**.**

14.2.2 Needs Met Rating for Possible Porn Intent Queries

Some queries have both non-porn and porn interpretations. For example, all of the following English (US) queries are possible porn intent queries, but they also have a non-porn intent: [girls], [gay], [thong], [breast], [sex], [spanking]. We will call these queries "possible porn intent" queries.

For these queries, please rate as if the non-porn interpretation is dominant, even if you think users are looking for porn. For example, please rate as if a likely intent of [bikini], English (US) is shopping. Rate the porn interpretation as a minor interpretation, even if you think most users are looking for porn.

Query	User Intent	Landing Page	Rating	Porn flag?
[breasts], English (US)	Find anatomy or health information about breasts.	Example	**HM**	No
[breasts], English (US)	Find anatomy or health information about breasts.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**SM**	Yes
[pictures of girls], English (US)	Find pictures of girls.	Example	**HM**	No
[pictures of girls], English (US)	Find pictures of girls.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**SM**	Yes

14.2.3 Needs Met Rating for Clear Porn Intent Queries

For very clear porn queries where no other intent is possible, assign a rating to the porn landing page based on how helpful it is for the user. Even though there is porn intent, the page should still be assigned a **Porn** flag.

Do not simply rate all porn pages for porn queries as **MM** or **HM**. Even though the query is porn and the result is porn, the page must fit the query and be helpful to get a high Needs Met rating.

Pages that provide a poor user experience, such as pages that try to download malicious software, should also receive low ratings, even if they have some images appropriate for the query.

Query	User Intent	Landing Page	Rating	Porn Flag?
[freeones], English (US)	Navigate to the Freeones homepage.	Example: http://www.freeones.com Warning – this page is porn.	**FullyM**	Yes
[freeones], English (US)	Navigate to the Freeones homepage.	Example: http://www.baberoad.com Warning – this page is porn.	**FailsM**	Yes
[anime sex pictures], English (US)	Find anime sex pictures.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**HM** to **MM**	Yes
[cheerleader porn], English (US)	Find porn pictures of cheerleaders.	Example Warning – this page is porn.	**HM** to **MM**	Yes

14.3 Reporting Illegal Images

Child Pornography and Bestiality

When working on rating projects in any task location or locale, you must follow United States federal law, which considers child pornography and bestiality to be illegal.

Definition of Child Pornography

An image is child pornography if it is a visual depiction of someone who appears to be a minor (i.e., under 18 years old) engaged in sexually explicit conduct (e.g., vaginal or anal intercourse, oral sex, bestiality or masturbation as well as lascivious depictions of the genitals), or sadistic or masochistic abuse. The image of sexually explicit conduct can involve a real child; a computer-generated, morphed, composite or otherwise altered image that appears to be a child (think of images that have been altered using "Photoshop"); or an adult who appears to be a child; and the image can be nonphotographic (e.g., drawings, cartoons, anime, paintings or sculptures) so long as the subject is engaging in sexually explicit conduct that is obscene. If it is indistinguishable from child pornography, it is child pornography.

Even if the image has literary (think of the famous book "Lolita"), artistic, political (think of political cartoons), or scientific (think of images for a medical text book) value, please send the link to your vendor, as instructed below.

Depiction of the genitals does not require the genitals to be uncovered. Thus, for example, a video of underage teenage girls dancing erotically, with multiple close-up shots of their covered genitals, or images of children with opaque underwear that focus on the genitalia could be considered child pornography.

An image of a naked child (e.g., in the bathtub or at a nudist colony) is not considered child pornography as long as the child is not engaging in sexually explicit conduct, or the focus is not on the child's genitalia. Visual depictions of adults who look like children (e.g., a 35-year-old man play-acting in diapers, or an obvious woman dressed as a school girl) are not child pornography. If you don't think it's a minor, it probably isn't child pornography. However, if you cannot tell that the person in the image is over 18 (e.g., an under-developed 18-year-old whose body hair has been waxed), that is child pornography.

Definition of Bestiality

Bestiality or zoophilia is defined as human-animal sexual interaction.

Reporting Instructions

Please report illegal and offensive images as instructed by your vendor.

14.4 Foreign Language Flag

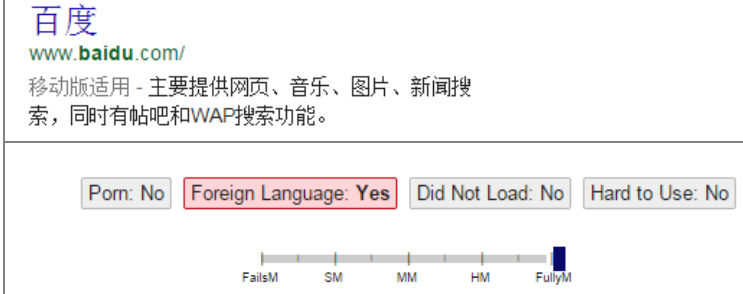
14.4.1 Using the Foreign Language Flag

Please assign a **Foreign Language** flag when the language on the landing page is *not* one of the following:

- The task language
- English
- A language which is commonly used by a significant percentage of the population in the task location

For example, most users in Ukraine speak Russian. Therefore, landing pages in the Russian language *should not* be assigned the **Foreign Language** flag for rating tasks in Ukrainian (UA).

Here is a screenshot of a result block that shows when the **Foreign Language** flag would be used.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Flag, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [baidu] **User Location:** Anchorage, Alaska **User Intent:** Go to the Baidu website.		This LP is the homepage of the Baidu website. The result is the target page of the query, but is in a foreign language (Chinese). This result merits a **FullyM** rating and the **Foreign Language** flag.

Important:

- Please assign the **Foreign Language** flag even if you personally understand the language, but most users in your locale do not.
- Please remember to flag all foreign pages with the **Foreign Language** flag, even if the query "asks" for a foreign language page.
- Assign the **Foreign Language** flag based on the language of the landing page, not the appearance of the result block.
- Sometimes it is difficult to determine what language the landing page is in. The LP may have multiple languages or no words at all. In these cases, try to represent users in your locale. Does it feel like a foreign language page? You may look at MC, SC, Ads, and even the website the page is on. When in doubt, don't use the **Foreign Language** flag.

14.4.2 Needs Met Ratings for Foreign Language Results

You must assign a Needs Met rating for all result blocks in your task, even if the result blocks have a foreign language landing page.

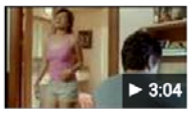
In most cases, pages you flag as **Foreign Language** should be rated **FailsM**, because they cannot be understood by most users in your locale and are therefore useless. Remember that if users in your locale can read the language, then you shouldn't be using the **Foreign Language** flag. Occasionally, you will encounter helpful **Foreign Language** pages.

If the query is clearly "asking" for a foreign language result, then the Needs Met rating of the foreign language page should *not* be **FailsM**. For example, please assign the **FullyM** rating and **Foreign Language** flag for baidu.com if the query is [baidu.com], English (US).

Videos are often an example where foreign language pages are helpful and desired. Think about user intent and what pages are good for users. If the query "asks" for a foreign language song, band, film, sporting event, etc., then a video of the song, band, film, sporting event, etc. is helpful since it can probably be understood or enjoyed even though it is in a foreign language. For these types of queries, foreign language results are often expected.

If the video is someone talking about the song, band, film, or event, the result probably cannot be understood or enjoyed and should be assigned a **FailsM** rating and the **Foreign Language** flag.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [video of celine dion singing s'il suffisait d'aimer] **User Location:** Lansing, Michigan **User Intent:** Watch a video of Celine Dion singing this song.	Celine Dion - S'il Suffisait D'aimer Live - YouTube YouTube app Sep 2, 2011 Open on youtube.com Link to view the video FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This video is just what English (US) users are looking for, even though the video is not in English. The language of the LP is mostly English (even though the video is in French), so the **Foreign Language** flag is not needed.
Query: [alex c] **User Location:** Davenport, Iowa **User Intent:** Watch a video or listen to a song by this German composer or find information about him.	Alex C ft. Yass- Doktorspiele - YouTube YouTube app Mar 26, 2011 Open on youtube.com Link to view the video FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The query is for the German composer, Alex C. The landing page has a video with one of his songs sung by Y-ass (misspelled as "Yass" in the YouTube title) in German. It would be helpful for some or many English (US) users who type the query, even though it is not in English. The language of the landing page isn't clear. Use your judgment when deciding whether to assign the **Foreign Language** flag.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [kasal, kasali, kasalo] **User Location:** Daly City, California **User Intent:** Watch a trailer of this Filipino film or find information about it.	Kasal Kasalo Kasali - YouTube  m.youtube.com/watc... Apr 8, 2007 Link to view the video FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The query is for "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," a Filipino film. The LP is a clip from the movie in Filipino (Tagalog), the language spoken in the Philippines. It would be helpful for many English (US) users who type the query, even though it is not in English. Use your judgment when deciding whether to assign the **Foreign Language** flag.

14.4.3 English Language Results

The following rating guidance is for raters in non-English locales. You may stop reading this section if the language spoken in your locale is English!

Your Needs Met ratings need to reflect how helpful the result is for users in your locale.

We know that **you** can read English (you are reading this document!), but you should only give high Needs Met ratings to English results if users in your locale would expect or want them. Unless requested by the query, English results should be considered useless if most users in the locale can't read them.

Here are some examples using Korean (KR) as the task language. In Korea, most users don't read English. Unless the query "asks for" English results, we will consider them unhelpful or even useless (**FailsM**):

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [버락 오바마] **User Location:** Seoul, Korea **User Intent:** 버락 오바마 is Barack Obama in Korean, so the user wants to find information about Barack Obama.	버락 오바마 - 위키백과, 우리 모두의 백과사전 ko.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/버락_오바마 Mobile-friendly - **버락** 후세인 **오바마** 2세 대통령(영어: Barack Hussein **Obama**, Jr., 문화어: 버라크 **오바마**, 1961년 8월 4일 ~ , 미국 하와이 ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This Korean language Wikipedia page on Barack Obama is very helpful for Korean (KR) users.
	Barack Obama - Wikipedia en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama Mobile-friendly - Barack Hussein Obama II is the 44th and current President of the United States, and the first African American to hold ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This English Wikipedia page about Barack Obama has similar content to the Korean Wikipedia page. Although there are some helpful images on the page, very few users would be able to read this page. **Note**: this query does not "ask for" English language results.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [titanic 1997] **User Location:** Seoul, Korea **User Intent:** The user wants to purchase a DVD or find information about the movie "Titanic," released in 1997.	타이타닉 – Daum 영화 m.movie.daum.net/m/detail/main.daum?... 모바일 지원 - 1912년 북대서양의 차가운 바닷물 속에서 당대 꿈의 배라고 불렸던 '타이타닉 호'가 탐사대들에 의해 세상에 발견되면서 ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	Although the query was typed in English, most Korean users would expect to see Korean language reviews or Korean stores for purchasing the movie. This Korean result on a Korean website is very helpful.
	Titanic - IMDb m.imdb.com/title/tt0120338/ ★★★★☆ Rating: 7.7/10 - 640,553 votes Mobile-friendly - Titanic -- This made-for-TV movie is the tale of the famous · Titanic -- Jack discusses his view of the world with the first ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This English language landing page has helpful content for users who can read English. Although there are some helpful images on the page, very few users would be able to read this page. **Note**: this query does not "ask for" English language results.
Query: [samsung tablet] **User Location:** Seoul, Korea **User Intent:** The user wants to purchase, find information, or go to the Galaxy tablet page on the Samsung website.	삼성 갤럭시 탭 www.samsung.com/.../tablet/.../SHW-M3... 모바일 지원 - SAMSUNG 휴대폰,SKT,SHW-M380SFK3SC, Samsung GALAXY Tab 10.1 갤럭시탭10.1 스펙 - 특장점 - 고객지원 - 이미지 FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	Although the query was typed in English, most Korean users would expect to see the Korean page on the Samsung website. This Korean result is very helpful.
	Galaxy Tab: Android Tablet - Portable & Light Tablet| Samsung www.samsung.com/us/mobile/galaxy-tab/ Mobile-friendly - Meet the Samsung Galaxy Tab family including Galaxy Tab 10.1, 8.9 and 7.0 Plus. Sort by size or carrier and find the ... Galaxy Tab - WiFi Tablets FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This English page on the website of Samsung, the company that makes this tablet, has helpful content. Although there are some helpful images on the page, very few users would be able to read this page. **Note**: this query does not "ask for" English language results.

In some locales, English is one of the official languages or a commonly spoken language. In these locales, English websites are easy to use and could be helpful, depending on the query.

For example, the Singapore government recognizes four official languages: English, Malay, Chinese, and Tamil, but English is the first and most dominant language in Singapore.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [barack obama] **User Location:** Singapore, Singapore **User Intent:** Find information about Barack Obama.	Barack Obama - Wikipedia en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama Mobile-friendly - Barack Hussein Obama II is the 44th and current President of the United States, and the first African American to hold ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This Wikipedia page in English about Obama would be very helpful to users in Singapore.
	贝拉克·奥巴马- 维基百科，自由的百科全书 - Wikipedia zh.m.wikipedia.org/zh-cn/贝拉克·奥巴马 移动版适用 - 贝拉克·奥巴马（英语：Barack Obama，1961年8月4日 – ），本名贝拉克·侯赛因·奥巴马二世（Barack Hussein Obama II；US ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This Wikipedia page in Chinese about Obama would also be very helpful to users in Singapore.

14.5 Didn't Load Flag

14.5.1 Using the Didn't Load Flag

Didn't Load is used to indicate technical problems that prevent you from viewing any LP content.

Use the **Didn't Load** flag when:

- The MC of the landing page is a web server or web application error message and there is no other content on the page: no navigation links, no home link, no SC, and no Ads. See here for a Wikipedia page on different types of error messages.
- The landing page is completely blank: no MC, no SC, and no Ads.

Assign the **Didn't Load** flag based on the landing page, not the result block.

Here is an example of a **Didn't Load** landing page. You cannot tell that the landing page doesn't load by looking at the result block.

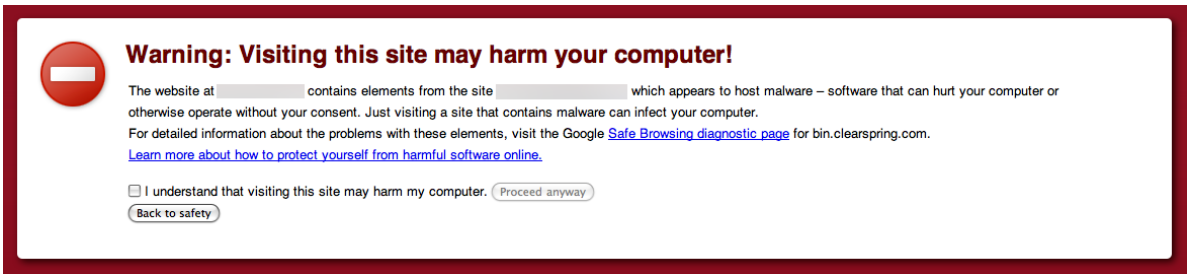
Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Flag, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [douglas instruments] **User Location:** South Bend, Indiana **User Intent:** Navigate to the homepage of this website.	Douglas Instruments Success in Protein ... www.douglas.co.uk/ Douglas Instruments designs and manufactures robots for protein crystallization. Our systems are setting new standards ...	This page displays a generic 404 message. There is no MC, SC, or Ads on the page. This result merits a **FailsM** rating and the **Didn't Load** flag.
	Porn: No Foreign Language: No Did Not Load: **Yes** Hard to Use: No FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	

Here are screenshots of other types of landing pages that should be assigned the **Didn't Load** flag: D1, D2, D3.

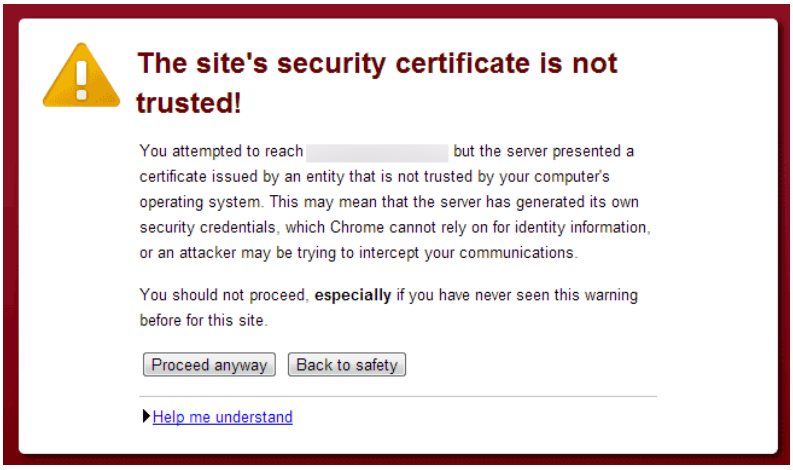
Additionally, use the **Didn't Load** flag for

- Malware warnings, such as "Warning – visiting this web site may harm your computer!"
- Pages that solicit certificate acceptance requests.

Here is an example of a malware warning:



Here is an example of a certificate acceptance request:



14.5.2 Needs Met Rating for Didn't Load Results

All result blocks must be given a Needs Met rating. If the landing page truly doesn't load, assign the **Didn't Load** flag and rate the page **FailsM**. True **Didn't Load** pages are useless.

Sometimes the page partially loads or has an error message. Give Needs Met ratings based on how helpful the result is for the query. Error messages can be customized by the webmaster and are part of a well-functioning website. Sometimes these pages are helpful for the query.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [boys pink snow shoes] **User Location:** South Bend, Indiana **User Intent:** Find information about or purchase boys' snow shoes.	Boys' Snow Boots & Winter Socks | Nordstrom m.shop.nordstrom.com › Kids › Boys Mobile-friendly - Shop online for boys' snow boots & winter socks at Nordstrom.com. Browse cold-weather boots, waterproof boots ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The MC has an error message, but the LP has a lot of SC. However, the page has no information about boys pink snow shoes and is unhelpful for the query. Do not assign the **Didn't Load** flag.

Query and User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [bible passages] **User Location:** South Bend, Indiana **User Intent:** Find specific passages in the bible.	Bible Gateway https://www.biblegateway.com/ Mobile-friendly - Unlock your own digital study library on Bible Gateway. Browse Products. Our Blog. Daily Bible-focused news, articles, ... FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	In spite of the customized "No results found" message on the LP, it has links to all passages in the bible, organized by book. It would be very helpful for most users. Do not assign the **Didn't Load** flag.

14.6 Hard to Use Flag

14.6.1 Using the Hard to Use Flag

For mobile tasks, you will also have the option of selecting a Hard to Use flag. Please assign this flag for landing pages that are so difficult to use on the small screen of a mobile device that the usefulness of the result is diminished. Here are some examples of landing pages that are **Hard to Use** on a mobile device.

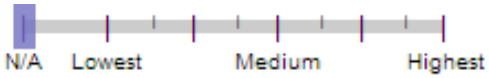
Remember that this flag only applies to mobile rating. We encourage you to check out these pages for yourself.

Query	QR Code and Link for the Result	Explanation for Hard to Use Flag
Query: [maryland teachers] **User Location:** Silver Spring, Maryland	Link to view the page	This page is very difficult or nearly impossible to read on the phone.
Query: [weather] **User Location:** San Francisco, California	Link to view the page	This page is extremely hard to navigate on a mobile phone. In order to view content, you have to answer a series of questions. Data entry on this page is extremely hard to do on a mobile phone.
Query: [american beauty] **User Location:** San Francisco, California	Link to view the page	The landing page is extremely difficult to use and even seems broken on a mobile phone. Some parts of the page do not load and clicking the links is not helpful.

15.0 The Relationship between E-A-T and Needs Met

The Needs Met rating is based on *both* the query and the result. You must carefully think about the query and user intent when assigning a Needs Met rating.

The E-A-T rating slider does *not* depend on the query. Do not think about the query when assigning a E-A-T rating to the LP.



Some results don't have a E-A-T slider. If a result block has no E-A-T rating slider, you do not have to give a E-A-T rating. If there is a E-A-T slider, please assign a E-A-T rating based on the landing page. If you are unable to evaluate the E-A-T rating of a **Foreign Language** or **Didn't Load** result, you should assign a **Medium** rating.

Here is some guidance about assigning Needs Met and E-A-T ratings:

- Useless results should always be rated **FailsM**, even if the landing page has a high E-A-T rating. Useless is useless.

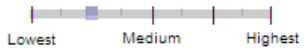
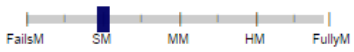
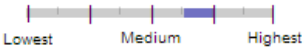
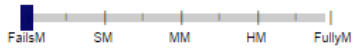
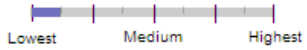
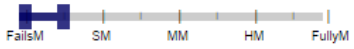
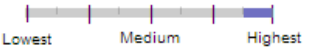
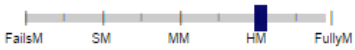
- On-topic, helpful, but low E-A-T results should get lower Needs Met ratings than on-topic, helpful, and high E-A-T results. The Needs Met scale encompasses all aspects of "helpfulness," and many users find low E-A-T results less helpful than high E-A-T results. Your ratings should reflect this.

- The **HM** rating should be given to helpful, high E-A-T pages which are a good fit for the query. The **HM** rating may also be used for results which are very helpful, medium quality, and have other very desirable characteristics, such as very recent information.

- Do not use the **HM** rating if a page has low E-A-T or has any other undesirable characteristic, such as outdated information, or if it is a poor fit for the query. We have very high standards for the **HM** rating.

- **SM** is often a good rating for low quality but on-topic pages. However, a page can have such low E-A-T that it is useless for any query. Gibberish pages are a good example of this and should be rated **FailsM**.

- Remember that inaccurate, misleading, wrong, deceptive, or malicious result blocks should be rated **Lowest** E-A-T. Highly authoritative, expert, and the most trustworthy result blocks should be rated **Highest** E-A-T. Result blocks with "average" or "nothing special" expertise, authoritativeness, or trustworthiness should be rated **Medium** E-A-T.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [how do electric cars work] **User Location:** Dallas, Texas **User Intent:** Find information about how electric cars work.	Electric Car Motors - How Do Electric Car Motors ... - Ezine Articles ezinearticles.com/?...Motors...Motors... Mobile-friendly - Oct 10, 2008 - This engine which runs on gasoline principally has dominated the world of automobiles until recently.  	**E-A-T**: Read this content out loud. The article on the LP is shallow and unintentionally humorous. There are four paragraphs of text, but it basically says that electric cars use electricity and have to be charged. **Needs Met**: This page would be helpful for few users.
	Mobility scooter - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobility_scooter Mobile-friendly - ... configured like a motorscooter. It is often referred to as a power-operated vehicle/scooter or electric scooter as well.  	**E-A-T**: There is a lot of helpful MC on the landing page on Wikipedia.org. **Needs Met**: The query asks how electric cars work, but the article on the LP is about mobility scooters.
Query: [symptoms of dehydration] **User Location:** Memphis, Tennessee **User Intent:** Find information about the symptoms of dehydration.	Symptoms of Dehydration www.symptomsofdehydration.com/ What are the symptoms of dehydration? Learn about the signs you can expect when dehydration begins and also as it ...  	**E-A-T**: This is a YMYL topic. The page has many characteristics of a low quality site: no contact information, no indication of who wrote the content, no evidence of medical expertise/authority, and heavy monetization from Ads which distract from the MC. Therefore, this page is not trustworthy. **Needs Met**: Even though the article is topical, the information is not reliable and potentially misleading or dangerous.
	Dehydration Symptoms - Diseases and Conditions - Mayo Clinic www.mayoclinic.org/.../dehydration/.../sy... Mobile-friendly - Severe dehydration, a medical emergency, can cause: • Extreme thirst • Extreme fussiness or sleepiness in infants and children; irritability and confusion in adults • Very dry mouth, skin and mucous membranes • Little or no urination — any urine that is produced will be darker than normal • Sunken eyes 8 more items  	**E-A-T**: This is a YMYL topic. This page is on a highly authoritative medical website and has a lot of reliable and accurate MC. This page is very trustworthy. **Needs Met**: This result would be very helpful for most users.

16.0 Rating Queries with Multiple Interpretations and Intents

Some queries really only have one meaning. Consider the query [iphone], English (US). There may be different user intents for this query (research iPhones, buy an iPhone, go to the iPhone page on Apple's website), but all users are basically referring to the same thing: the phone made by Apple, Inc.

Some queries truly have different possible meanings. Consider the query [apple], English (US). Some users may want to find more information on the computer brand or the fruit. We refer to these different meanings as query interpretations.

When giving Needs Met ratings for results involving different query interpretations, think about how likely the query interpretation is and how helpful the result is.

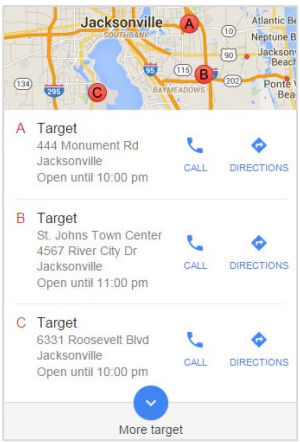
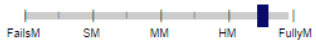
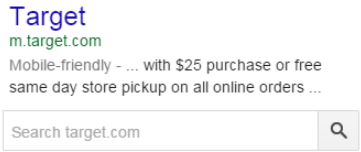
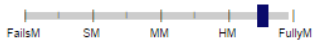
- A very helpful result for a **dominant interpretation** should be rated **Highly Meets**, because it is very helpful for many or most users. Some queries with a dominant interpretation have a **FullyM** result.
- A very helpful result for a **common interpretation** may be **Highly Meets** or **Moderately Meets**, depending on how likely the interpretation is.
- A very helpful result for a very **minor interpretation** may be **Slightly Meets** or lower because few users may be interested in that interpretation.
- There are some interpretations which are so unlikely that results should be rated **FailsM**. We call these "no chance" interpretations.

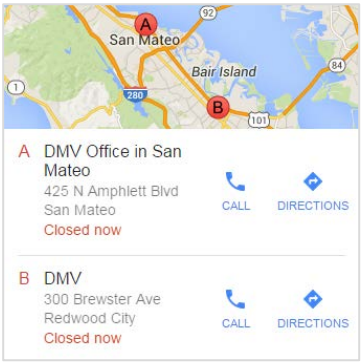
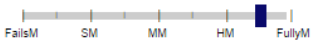
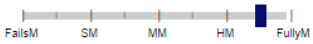
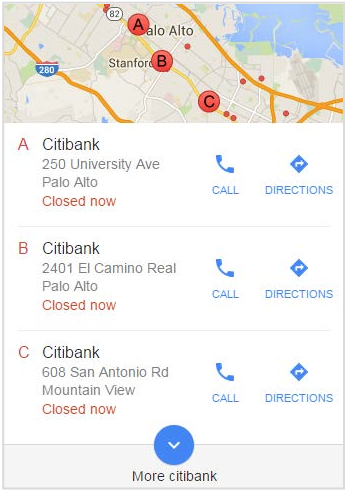
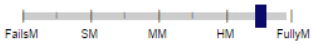
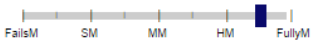
16.1 Rating Queries with Both Website and Visit-in-Person Intent

Some queries have two strong intents:

1. **Go to the website** intent: in order to, for example, find out information, buy something online, make a reservation, schedule an appointment, interact with customer support, or fulfill some other need that can be satisfied online
2. **Visit-in-person** intent: user wants to visit the store, business, etc. in person

We know the user intent is to accomplish one or the other, but it is unclear which one the user wants. For these queries, result blocks that only satisfy one intent should NOT get a **Fully Meets** rating.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP	Needs Met Rating and Explanation
Query: [target] **User Location:** Jacksonville, Florida **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby Target location or go to the website to shop online, research products, find prices, etc.		 The result block shows three popular Target locations in Jacksonville, with information that is especially helpful for users who want to visit the store. This fulfills the user intent to find a nearby Target location.
		 The result is very satisfying and fulfills the user intent to shop online or otherwise use the website.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP	Needs Met Rating and Explanation
Query: [dmv] **User Location:** Belmont, California **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby DMV location or go to the DMW website to renew a license, pay a fee, find some information, etc.		 The result block shows two nearby DMV locations, with information that is especially helpful for users who want to visit the locations. This fulfills the user intent to find a nearby DMV location.
	DMV - State of California https://www.dmv.ca.gov California **DMV** Home Page is available for customers to check out publications, download forms, brochures, FAQs, ...	 The result is very satisfying and fulfills the user intent to find information or otherwise use the website (e.g., to review a license, pay a fee).
Query: [citibank] **User Location:** Palo Alto, California **User Intent:** There are two possible user intents: most users probably want to visit a nearby Citibank location or go to the website to bank online.		 The result block shows three nearby Citibank locations in the user location of Palo Alto. The information is especially helpful for users who want to visit the bank. This fulfills the user intent to find a nearby Citibank location.
	Citibank: Sign On https://online.citibank.com Mobile-friendly - Discover financial services tailored to your life from **Citibank**®. Learn more about our full range of banking products, ... Citi® Credit Cards - Login - Sign On	 The result is very satisfying and fulfills the user intent to do online banking or otherwise use the website.

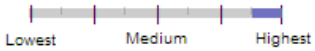
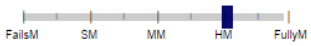
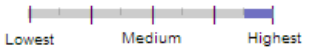
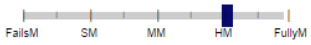
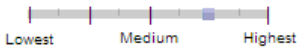
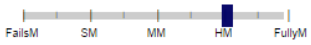
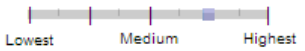
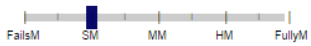
17.0 Specificity of Queries and Landing Pages

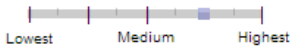
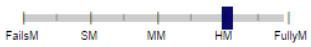
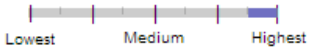
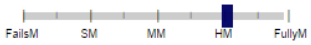
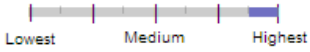
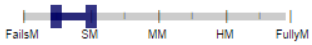
Some queries are very general and some queries are specific. Here are some examples that compare levels of specificity of English (US) queries:

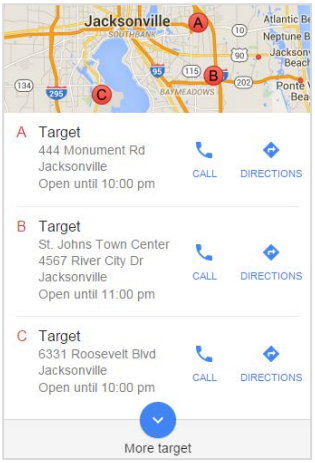
Query	More Specific Query	Even More Specific Query
[chair]	[dining room chair]	[ikea “henriksdal” highback upholstered chair]
[library]	[harvard library]	[harvard anthropology library]
[interview questions]	[interview questions for teachers]	[practice interview questions used for teach for america]
[restaurants]	[chinese restaurants]	[takeout chinese restaurants in downtown Austin]
[coffee shops]	[starbucks]	[red rock coffee mountain view]

Results for specific queries are easier to rate on the Needs Met scale because we know more about what the user is looking for. Giving a Needs Met rating for results for general queries can be difficult. As always, your rating is based on how helpful the result is for the query, not the specificity fit.

When the query is a broad category, such as [cafes] [restaurants] [hotels] [books] [tourist attractions in paris] etc., popular and prominent examples may be considered very helpful. Please do web research to help you understand what is popular and prominent in different locations.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [credit cards] **User Location:** Phoenix, Arizona **User Intent:** Users are probably looking to sign up for a credit card online, or want to research credit cards before signing up.	Credit cards & Rewards credit cards | Visa USA usa.visa.com/...cards/credit-cards/index.js... Mobile-friendly - Whether you are looking for a premium rewards card or a traditional credit card, Visa has something to fit your needs. Apply for a Credit Card - Apply  	Even though there are many options, a page for an individual company that offers different cards could be very helpful. **E-A-T**: Visa is a well-known credit card company with a good reputation. **Needs Met**: This LP is more specific than the query, but it would still be helpful for many or most users because Visa is a popular credit card company.
	Credit Cards and Credit Card Offers - Apply Online | Discover Card https://www.discover.com/credit-cards/ Mobile-friendly - See all the ways you can earn and enjoy credit card rewards with the Discover it credit card, the game changing cash ...  	Even though there are many options, a page for an individual company that offers different cards could be very helpful. **E-A-T**: Discover is a well-known company that offers services for credit cards, banking, and loans, and has a good reputation. **Needs Met**: This LP is more specific than the query, but it would still be helpful for many or most users because Discover is a popular credit card company.
	Best Credit Cards of 2015: Reviews, Rewards and Offers - NerdWallet www.nerdwallet.com/the-best-credit-cards Mobile-friendly - NerdWallet's credit card experts rank the best credit cards out there. Offers include no fee cash back cards with up to 5% ...  	This page offers a list of top credit cards in a variety of categories. **E-A-T**: This website helps consumers make money decisions. It has a good reputation and has been recommended by CNNMoney and The New York Times. **Needs Met**: This LP fits the query. It would be helpful for most users.
	Union Plus Credit Card for Union Members www.unionplus.org/...credit/credit-card Mobile-friendly - The Union Plus Credit Card is designed for union members. The credit card offers financial hardship assistance, strike ...  	This page describes a credit card that requires union membership. **E-A-T**: This company is an expert on its own credit card, which is issued by HSBC Bank, a well-known financial services organization. **Needs Met**: Since the credit card requires union membership, the page would be helpful for some users.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [hotels] **User Location:** Jacksonville, Florida **User Intent:** Users are probably planning a trip, but this query is very general and vague.	Hotels, Hotel Rooms, Discount Hotel Rates & Cheap Motels on Orbitz www.orbitz.com/hotels/ Mobile-friendly - Find discount hotels, motels, and cheap hotel rooms with hotel reviews on Orbitz. Get our lowest hotel rates on our ...  	This is a popular travel aggregator website, and the hotel page on the site can help users find hotels in the U.S. Users can read reviews, compare hotels, or make a reservation. **E-A-T**: Orbitz is a popular website with a good reputation. **Needs Met**: This LP fits the query. It would be very helpful for most users.
	Marriott www.marriott.com/default.mi Mobile-friendly - Browse and book hotel rooms that suit your needs and style and start your next adventure with Marriott.  	This is a very popular hotel chain with hotels available in the majority of the U.S. at many different price points. Even though the list of possible hotel chains is long, the homepage of an individual chain that offers different prices, features, and location options could be very helpful. **E-A-T**: The Marriott website gives information on Marriott hotels, a popular chain of hotels. Marriott is an expert on Marriott hotels and the information is highly authoritative. **Needs Met**: This LP is more specific than the query, but it would still be helpful for many or most users because the Marriott is a popular chain of hotels.
	Emeryville Hotels near Berkeley CA | Courtyard Hotel in ... - Marriott www.marriott.com/hotels/.../oakmv-court... Mobile-friendly - 4 days ago - This Emeryville, CA hotel near Berkeley offers a modern lobby with flexible work spaces, free Wi-Fi ... Hotel Details - 5555 Shellmound Street ...  	This is the webpage of the Marriott Courtyard hotel in Emeryville, California. **E-A-T**: The Marriott website gives information on Marriott hotels, a popular chain of hotels. This page is professional, well designed, and functions well. Marriott has a good reputation and is an expert on Marriott hotels, making the information on this page highly authoritative. **Needs Met**: The LP is too specific for the query, but this is a well-known brand and users can navigate to other Marriott hotels from this page. Few users would find this page helpful.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [target] **User Location:** Jacksonville, Florida **User Intent:** Go to target.com or find a nearby Target store.		**Needs Met**: The result block shows three popular Target locations in Jacksonville, with information that is especially helpful for users who want to visit the store.
	No E-A-T rating required for this block FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	
	Target m.target.com Mobile-friendly - ... with $25 purchase or free same day store pickup on all online orders ... Search target.com Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The LP is the Target website. **E-A-T**: The Target website offers many different categories of products to buy online, as well as coupons, store information, and more topics that they are the experts on. **Needs Met**: The result is very satisfying for mobile users that want to go to the website.
	Find Store - Target m.target.com/store-locator/find-stores Mobile-friendly - find a store. Target; find a store ... search for a store ... -or- view all stores by state. Only show stores with: Apple Store Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The LP is the "store locator" page on the Target website. **E-A-T**: Target is the expert about where its stores are located. This page is the most authoritative page on this topic. **Needs Met**: The LP is more specific than the query, but many or most users would be interested in this page.
	Electronics : Target m.target.com/c/electronics/-/N-5xtg6 Mobile-friendly - Buy electronics online from the top brands at Target, from TVs and cameras to computers and tablets. Free shipping on ... TVs & home theater - Computers & Office Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The LP is the "electronics" page on the Target website. **E-A-T**: Target has a good reputation, but is not an expert or authority on much of what it sells. **Needs Met**: The LP is more specific than the query, but many or most users would be interested in this page.

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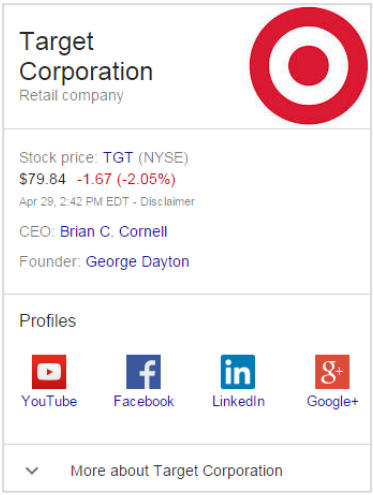
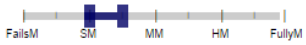
User Location: Jacksonville, Florida

User Intent: Go to target.com or find a nearby Target store.</td><td colspan="2"> 
</td><td rowspan="2">Needs Met: While this result block has some helpful content, most people searching for Target are not looking for the stock price or the names of the CEO and Founder. A rating of Slightly Meets to Slightly Meets+ is appropriate.</td></tr>
<tr><td>No E-A-T rating required for this block</td><td> 
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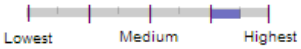
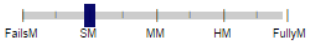
m.target.com/.../women...jegging-black-c...
Mobile-friendly - Jan 4, 2015 - Find product information, ratings and reviews for a Women's Jegging Black - Cherokee.</td><td rowspan="2">The LP on the Target website is for a specific type of women's pants.

E-A-T: Target has a good reputation, but is not an expert or authority on much of what it sells.

Needs Met: The LP is much more specific than the query and would be helpful for very few users.</td></tr>
<tr><td> 
</td><td> 
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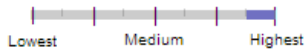
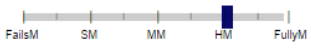
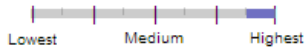
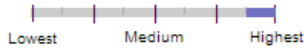
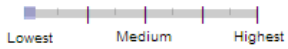
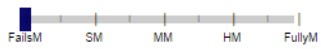
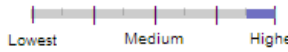
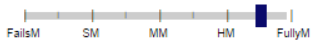
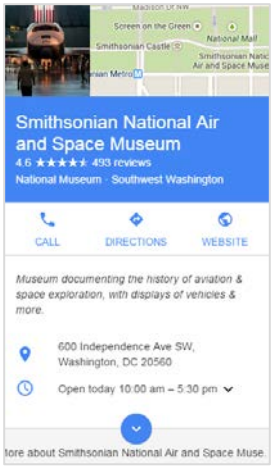
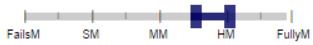
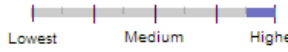
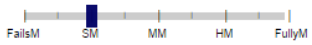
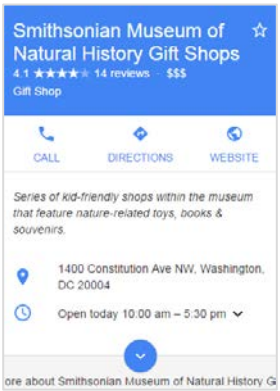
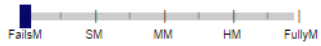
Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [chicken recipes] **User Location:** Austin, Texas **User Intent:** Users probably want to make a chicken dish and are looking for some recipes to choose from. Users probably expect and want a list of recipes.	Chicken Recipes: Food Network : Recipes and Cooking : Food ... www.foodnetwork.com/.../chicken.html Results 1 - 10 of 5500 - Find chicken recipes, videos, and ideas from Food Network.  	This LP has many chicken recipes (with reviews) on a popular recipe website. **E-A-T**: Food Network is a popular website with a good reputation for providing high quality recipes and cooking information. **Needs Met**: This LP fits the query. It would be very helpful for most users.
	Chicken Parmesan Recipe : Tyler Florence : Food Network www.foodnetwork.com/.../ty... ★★★★★ Rating: 5 - 427 reviews - 1 hr 5 mins Mobile-friendly - Get Tyler Florence's classic Chicken Parmesan recipe from Food 911.  	This LP has a single recipe for chicken parmesan. **E-A-T**: Food Network is a popular website with a good reputation for providing high quality recipes and cooking information. **Needs Met**: This is a popular type of chicken recipe on a popular website, but the LP is more specific than the query. Some or few users would find this page helpful.
	Fried Chicken Recipes - Allrecipes.com m.allrecipes.com/recipes/.../chicken/fried-... Mobile-friendly - See more than 80 delicious authentic fried chicken recipes with photos and tips. ... Staff Picks. Honey Fried Chicken ...  	This LP has over 25 recipes for fried chicken, a popular chicken dish. **E-A-T**: Allrecipes.com is a popular website with a good reputation for providing high quality recipes with lots of reviews. **Needs Met**: Even though there are over 25 different recipes on the LP, they are all for the same basic dish. Therefore, this LP is also more specific than the query. Some or few users would find this page helpful.
	Chickenrecipes www.chickenrecipes.com/ chickenrecipes.com has been informing visitors about topics such as Chicken Breast Recipes, Easy Chicken Dishes ...  	This is a fake search page for chicken recipes. **E-A-T**: Ads should never disguise themselves as the MC of the page. Pages with Ads that are designed to look like MC should be considered deceptive, making this fake search untrustworthy. **Needs Met**: It should be rated **FailsM** as it would be helpful for no users.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [smithsonian air and space museum store] **User Location:** Washington, DC **User Intent:** Go to the store website or find information, such as opening hours, about the museum's store in Washington, DC.	Museum Store | National Air and Space Museum Smithsonian Institution › airandspace › ... Bring home a memento of your **Museum** visit or find the perfect gift for someone special. The **Museum store** offers a ...  	This LP is the official website for the museum store. **E-A-T**: The museum is the expert on information about the store, including hours, phone numbers, membership information, etc. **Needs Met**: The result is very satisfying for mobile users that want to go to the website.
	 No E-A-T rating required for this block 	**Needs Met**: While the result is about the museum, the hours, address, and directions are the same as the museum store. This information is helpful for users searching for the store.
	Volunteer | National Air and Space Museum Smithsonian Institution › airandspace › v... Mobile-friendly - Support the **Museum** by **volunteering** your time. Work as a ... **Smithsonian Air and Space Museum**.  	This LP has information about how to volunteer at the museum. **E-A-T**: The museum is the expert on their own volunteer opportunities. This page is the most authoritative page on this topic. **Needs Met**: The LP is more specific than the query and would be helpful for few users.
	 No E-A-T rating required for this block 	**Needs Met**: This is not the museum requested in the query so the result **Fails to Meet** the user intent.

18.0 Needs Met Rating and Freshness

Some queries demand very recent or "fresh" information. Users may be looking for "breaking news," such as an important event or natural disaster happening right now. Here are different types of queries demanding current/recent results.

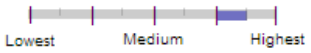
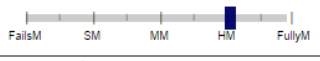
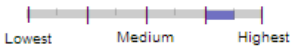
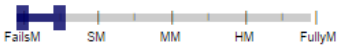
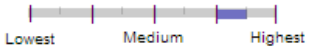
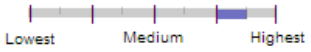
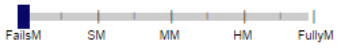
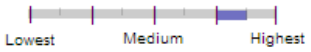
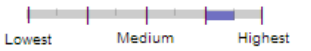
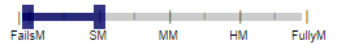
Type of Query	Example Queries	Explanation
"Breaking news" queries	[tornado], [tsunami]	Assume users need the information right away. Imagine someone who needs immediate weather information because a big storm is coming. Information about last year's weather would not be helpful.
Recurring event queries, such as elections, sports events, TV shows, conferences, etc.	[olympics], [american idol], [redsox schedule], [tax forms], [elections]	Assume users are looking for the most recent or current information about the event. For example, if the Olympics are happening right now, users searching [olympics] want information about the current Olympics, not results from years ago. If the next Olympics are a few months away, users are probably interested in the upcoming Olympics.
Current information queries	[population of paris], [amount of u.s. debt], [airfare from ny to sfo], [next federal holiday]	Assume users are looking for the most current information, such as prices or airfare.
Product queries	[iphone], [toyota camry], [windows operating system]	Assume users are looking for information about the most recent model/version for these product queries.

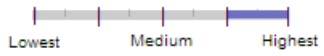
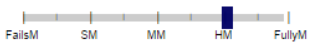
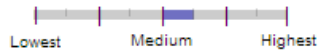
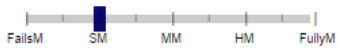
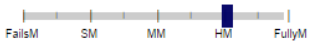
When a query demands recent content, only pages with current, recent, or updated content should get high Needs Met ratings. For these queries, pages about past events, old product models and prices, outdated information, etc. are not helpful. They should be considered "stale" and given low Needs Met ratings. In some cases, stale results are useless and should be rated **FailsM**.

For some queries, there may be "newsy" or recent information user intent, as well as more "timeless" information user intent. Users issuing queries for celebrities or politicians may be interested in biographical information, or users may be looking for the latest news or gossip.

Freshness is generally less of a concern for E-A-T rating. "Stale" pages can have high E-A-T ratings. For example, some highly reputable news websites maintain "archival" content. However, unmaintained/abandoned "old" websites or unmaintained and inaccurate/misleading content is a reason for a low E-A-T rating.

Note: The date the page was created may be different from when the content was last updated or modified. When content is updated, the page will sometimes show the date of the update, not the date the page was created. Some websites always show the current date, regardless of when the content was last updated. If you are curious about the content of a page, see here to try the "Wayback Machine" on the Internet Archive. Not all pages are available, but this tool may help you understand how some pages were created and how their content has changed over time.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [nasa mars landing] **User Location:** San Francisco, California **User Intent:** On the date this example was written, NASA had just landed the "Curiosity" rover on Mars. Most users are probably looking for breaking news and pictures about the event.	Curiosity Rover Lands Safely on Mars - NYTimes.com mobile.nytimes.com/.../curiosity-rover-la... Mobile-friendly - Aug 6, 2012 - One of the first test images from NASA's Mars Curiosity rover that helped signal that everything was ...  	This LP has an article about the "Curiosity" rover landing, published on the same day as the landing, which is the day this example was written.
	NASA's Curiosity Rover Sets Off for Mars Mission - NYTimes.com www.nytimes.com/.../nasas-curiosity-rov... Nov 26, 2011 - NASA Launches Sophisticated Rover on Journey to Mars. NASA/Reuters. A rendering of the Mars ...  	This LP has an article about the launching of the "Curiosity" rover, published nine months before its landing on Mars. The content on this page would be considered stale for the query.
Query: [los angeles traffic] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** Users are looking for **current** information about traffic conditions in Los Angeles. Even pages about traffic conditions the day before would be considered stale for the query.	Your commute: Live L.A. traffic conditions | L.A. NOW | Los Angeles ... latimesblogs.latimes.com/.../2012/.../your... Mobile-friendly - Your commute: Live L.A. traffic conditions. August 7, 2012 | 4:30 pm. Los Angeles . Traffic Report by Sigalert.com. 	This LP shows traffic conditions in Los Angeles on August 7, 2012, which is the day this example was written.
	Your commute: Live L.A. traffic conditions | L.A. NOW | Los Angeles ... latimesblogs.latimes.com/.../2012/.../your... Mobile-friendly - Your commute: Live L.A. traffic conditions. August 6, 2012 | 6:30 am. Los Angeles . Traffic Report by Sigalert.com.  	This LP shows traffic conditions in Los Angeles on August 6, 2012. It is stale and useless for the query even though it is only one day old.
Query: [nobel peace prize winner] **User Location:** San Diego, California **User Intent:** Find the name of the most recent winner of this prize. This is a **Know Simple** query. At the time this example was originally written, 2011 was the most recent year that the Noble Peace Prize was awarded.	Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Three Activist Women www.nytimes.com/2011/.../nobel-peace-... Published: October 7, 2011 ... Among 3 Women Awarded Nobel Peace Prize, a Nod to the Arab Spring (October 8, 2011) ... 	This LP on the New York Times website has information about the most recent winner of this prize, based on the date when this example was written.
	BBC NEWS | Europe | Nobel for anti-poverty pioneers news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/6047020.stm Oct 13, 2006 - Muhammad Yunus of Bangladesh and the Grameen Bank have been jointly awarded the 2006 Nobel ...  	This LP on the BBC website has information about the 2006 winner of this prize. This page is stale for the query.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [arthritis] **User Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **User Intent**: Users are looking for information about this disease. Because there is ongoing research done on treatments and cures for most diseases, users are probably looking for authoritative, up-to-date information on arthritis.	Arthritis: MedlinePlus m.medlineplus.gov/arthritis.html If you feel pain and stiffness in your body or have trouble moving around, you might have arthritis. Most kinds of arthritis ...  	Medline Plus is an authoritative website that regularly updates its content.
	Arthritis Drug Approved for Expanded Use - New York Times www.nytimes.com/2006/05/.../20drug.ht... May 20, 2006 - Federal regulators approved wider use of Johnson & Johnson's drug Remicade but also said that a ...  	This 2006 article would be considered stale for this medical query.
Query: [when was franklin d roosevelt born] **User Location:** Chicago, Illinois **User Intent:** Users want to find this well understood fact.	Franklin D. Roosevelt - Biography - U.S. President - Biography.com www.biography.com/.../franklin-d-roose... Born on January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio in 1921. He became the 32nd U.S. president in 1933, and was the only president to be elected four times. 	This LP has the information users are looking for.
	We couldn't find a stale page for this query.	

19.0 Misspelled and Mistyped Queries and Results

19.1 Misspelled and Mistyped Queries

You will notice that some queries are misspelled or mistyped. Here are some examples of queries that are obviously misspelled:

Misspelled Query	Query Interpretation
[federal expres], English (US)	The only reasonable query interpretation is the company named Federal Express.
[new england patroits], English US)	The only reasonable interpretation is the NFL football team.
[byonce knowles], English (US)	The only reasonable interpretation is the famous singer/actress, Beyonce Knowles.

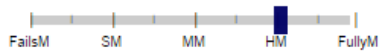
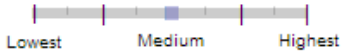
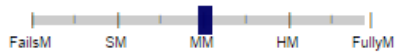
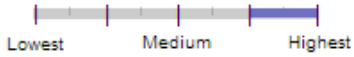
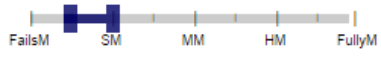
Some misspelled or mistyped queries are more difficult to interpret. Use your judgment and do query research.

For **obviously** misspelled or mistyped queries, you should base your rating on user intent, not necessarily on exactly how the query has been spelled or typed by the user.

For queries that are **not** obviously misspelled or mistyped, you should **respect the query as written,** and assume users are looking for results for the query as it is spelled.

19.2 Name Queries

Consider the query [john stuart], English (US). There is a very famous Jon Stewart, the comedian and host of a popular U.S. television show. However, we should not assume that the query [john stuart] has been misspelled. There are many people named John Stuart. We will respect the query as written and assume the user is looking for someone named "John Stuart."

Query, User Location, Possible User Intents	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [micheal jordan], English (US) **User Location:** San Francisco, California **User Intent:** There are many people named "Micheal Jordan." Helpful results for more prominent people named Micheal Jordan should receive higher ratings than helpful results for less prominent people named Micheal Jordan. Because Michael Jordan is such a famous athlete/celebrity, we will consider Michael Jordan to be a minor interpretation.	Micheal Jordan profiles | LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/.../Micheal/Jor... Mobile-friendly - View the profiles of professionals named Micheal Jordan on LinkedIn. There are 25 professionals named Micheal ... 	The page lists all members of the LinkedIn site named "Micheal Jordan." LinkedIn is a very popular social networking website for professionals in the U.S. This result would be very helpful for many or most users trying to find information about someone named "Micheal Jordan."
	Micheal Jordan | LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/.../micheal-jordan/.../... Atlanta, Georgia - Facilities Services Professional Office Supporter at Fort Street U.M. Church; Administrater/Facilitator at Fort Street United Methodist Church; Supervisor ...  	LinkedIn page for Micheal Jordan, a facilities services professional in Atlanta, Georgia.
	NBA.com: Michael Jordan Career Stats www.nba.com/history/.../jordan_stats.htm... Full Name: Michael Jeffrey Jordan Born: 2/17/63 in Brooklyn, N.Y. High School: Laney (Wilmington, N.C.) College: North ...  	Michael Jordan's player profile page on the NBA basketball website.

19.3 Spelling Suggestion Result Blocks

When a user misspells or mistypes a query, search engines may display spelling suggestions.

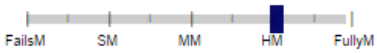
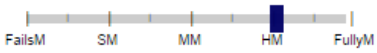
Users rely on "Did you mean" suggestions to tell them when they might be spelling something incorrectly and as a way to get better search result pages. "Did you mean" type result blocks are Special Content Result Blocks, but they do have a prominent link to a page of search results for the suggested spelling.

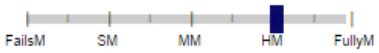
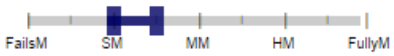
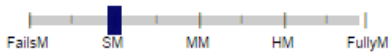
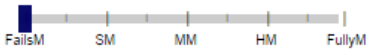
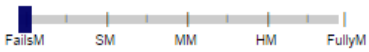
Your Needs Met rating should reflect both the helpfulness of the suggestion itself and the helpfulness of the LP of the suggestion. For every spelling suggestion, please be sure to look at the suggestion *and* click through to the landing page of the suggestion before rating. Sometimes, you will find it helpful to compare the landing page of the suggestion to the landing page of the original query.

Here is some specific guidance on assigning Needs Met ratings to spelling suggestion result blocks:

Rating	Use this rating when:
Fully Meets	Do *not* use the **FullyM** rating for spelling suggestion result blocks. It doesn't make sense for this type of result block.
Highly Meets	The result is very helpful for many or most users because: • The query is clearly and severely misspelled. • The spelling suggestion is very likely or exactly what users are looking for. • The landing page of the suggestion is very helpful.
Moderately Meets	The result is very helpful for some users or helpful for many users because: • The query is likely or very likely misspelled. • The spelling suggestion is the correct spelling for a likely or somewhat likely intent of the original query. • The landing page of the suggestion is helpful.
Slightly Meets	The result is helpful for few users. One or more of the following apply: • It is likely that the query is not misspelled. • The spelling suggestion represents an unlikely interpretation. • The spelling suggestion is trivial, such as adding or deleting a space which makes little difference to the query and/or the results on the landing page of the suggestion. • The landing page of the suggestion is less helpful.
Fails to Meet	The result is unhelpful or useless. One or more of the following apply: • The query is clearly not misspelled. • The spelling suggestion itself is misspelled. • The spelling suggestion changes the meaning of the query. • The spelling suggestion is clearly not what the user is looking for. • The spelling suggestion is offensive (e.g., uninvited porn, racial slurs). • The landing page of the suggestion is unhelpful (e.g., the results are useless for the original query).

Here are some examples.

Query, User Location, Possible User Intents	SERP for the Query, SERP for the Spelling Suggestion, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [irratated] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query has one reasonable interpretation: the word "irritated."	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: ***irritated*** 	The query is clearly misspelled. The suggestion is the correct spelling of the query, and the LP of the suggestion is very helpful.
Query: ["jack angle" scrap metal] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query has one interpretation: Jack Engle & Co., a scrap metal company in Los Angeles.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: "jack ***engle***" scrap metal 	The query is clearly misspelled. The suggestion is the correct spelling of the query, and the LP of the suggestion is very helpful.

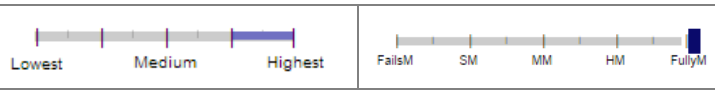
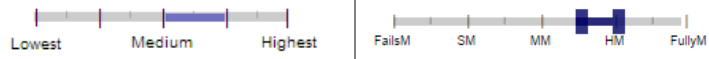
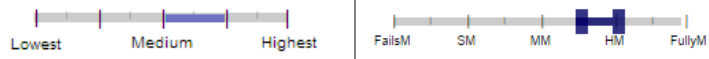
Query, User Location, Possible User Intents	SERP for the Query, SERP for the Spelling Suggestion, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [utube] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query has one reasonable interpretation: the youtube.com website.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: ***youtube*** 	The query is clearly misspelled. The suggestion is the correct spelling of the query, and the LP of the suggestion is very helpful.
Query: [twilight new moon sound track] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** The query intent is clear. There is a possible mild misspelling: "soundtrack" is the more common and possibly preferred spelling.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: twilight new moon ***soundtrack*** 	"Soundtrack" may be the more common and preferred spelling, but "sound track" is not technically incorrect. The LP of the suggestion is perhaps a bit more helpful than the LP for the original query. This suggestion is helpful for some or few users.
Query: [cynderella], English (US) **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** There are several interpretations for the query as spelled, including a bridal shop, an entertainment agency, a cake company, etc.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: ***cinderella*** 	It is likely that the query is *not* misspelled. The results on the landing page of the suggestion probably do not match the intent of the original query. However, this suggestion could be helpful for a few users.
Query: [he likes me a lot but doesn't want to get hurt], English (US) **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query is not misspelled.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: he likes me ***alot*** but doesn't want to get hurt 	The suggestion is misspelled even though the original query is not.
Query: [how shades are cut], English (US) **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query is not misspelled.	SERP for the original query: LP SERP for the spelling suggestion: LP Did you mean: how ***shadows*** are cut 	The original query is clearly spelled correctly. The suggestion changes the meaning of the query.

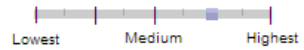
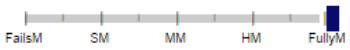
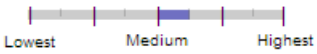
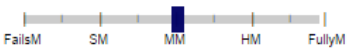
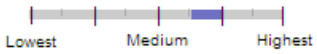
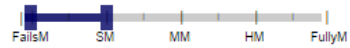
20.0 Non-Fully Meets Results for URL Queries

Raters sometimes ask the question, "For a well-formed working URL query, are the only acceptable Needs Met ratings for a result either **Fully Meets** or **Fails to Meet**?" The answer is no. There can be other helpful results for URL queries.

Some users issue URL queries to find information about a website, such as reviews or recent news. We recommended this to you as one method of reputation research in the PQ guidelines. Real users do this too. Results which give reviews and reputation information can be very helpful for a URL query.

However, websites that offer usage statistics about a website are not usually helpful results for URL queries. Most users aren't interested in this kind of information.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [coldwatercreek.com] **User Location:** Palo Alto, California **User Intent:** Coldwater Creek is a well-known U.S. company that sells women's clothing and accessories online and in retail stores. Users may want to go to the website, do research, or find more information on the company.	Coldwater Creek® | Clothing and Accessories for Women www.coldwatercreek.com/ Mobile-friendly - Shop Coldwater Creek for all of your women's fashion needs. Browse sweaters, jeans, outerwear, ponte products and ... 	This LP is the target of the query.
	30% off Coldwater Creek Coupons, Promo Codes 2015 www.coupons.com/coupon-codes/coldwa... Mobile-friendly - See the 11 best Coldwater Creek coupons and promo codes as of January 12. Popular today: Save 30% Off Select ... 	Online coupon codes are very popular in the U.S. and this LP (from a well-known coupon site) displays codes for online purchases on the Coldwater Creek website. Users may be interested in coupon codes and this would be very helpful for those shopping online at coldwatercreek.com, especially frequent shoppers.
	Coldwater Creek Reviews - Consumer Reviews of Coldwatercreek ... www.sitejabber.com/.../www.coldwatercr... ★★★★☆ Rating: 4.3 - 9 reviews Mobile-friendly - 9 reviews for Coldwater Creek, 4.3 stars: "Be aware!! In case you were not aware, Coldwater Creek claims that they ... 	This LP (from a well-known review site) has reviews of the coldwatercreek.com website. Users may be interested in reading reviews when considering whether to make purchases at coldwatercreek.com, especially new shoppers.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [ratemyprofessors.com] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** Go to www.ratemyprofessors.com, a website where students can rate their college professors.	Rate My Professors - Review Teachers and Professors, School ... www.ratemyprofessors.com/ Mobile-friendly - Rate My Professors is the best college professor reviews and ratings source based on student feedback. Over 1.4 ...  	This LP is the target of the query.
	RateMyProfessors.com Rankings Released | Leslie Reece Schichtel www.huffingtonpost.com/leslie-reece.../c... Mobile-friendly - Aug 31, 2012 - The rankings offer good news to both penny-pinching students and America at large. Less expensive ...  	This LP is a Huffington Post article dated August 31, 2012 about ratemyprofessors.com. The article was newly published when it was added to the guidelines. Some users might be interested in this article.
	Towson's RateMyProfessor gets ready to test the market - Baltimore ... www.bizjournals.com/.../story8.html?... Apr 17, 2006 - Two Towson entrepreneurs bought RateMyProfessor.com last fall for seven figures. They're already ...  	This LP is an article dated April 17, 2006 about the ratemyprofessors.com website. Few or no users would be interested in this outdated information.

21.0 Product Queries: Action (Do) vs. Information (Know) Intent

Some product queries, such as [ipad reviews], have a clear information-seeking (**Know**) intent. Other product queries, such as [buy ipad], have a clear purchase (**Do**) intent. And some product queries, such as [ipad store.apple.com], have a clear navigation (**Website**) intent. However, most product queries don't obviously specify one type of intent.

Even though the ultimate goal may be to purchase a product, many other activities may take place first: researching the product (reviews, technical specifications), understanding the options that are available (brands, models, pricing), viewing and considering various options (browsing), etc.

Give high Needs Met ratings to results that allow users to research, browse, and decide what to purchase.

Important: E-A-T ratings for product results need extra care and attention.

Often, the results for product queries are YMYL pages. Users need high quality information from authoritative sources when researching products, especially when products are expensive or represent a major investment/important life event (e.g., cars, washing machines, computers, wedding gifts, baby products). When buying products, users need websites they can trust: good reputation, extensive customer service support, etc. Results for product queries may be important for both your money and your life (YMYL)!

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, E-A-T Rating, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [high definition tv] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** This query doesn't specify a size or brand of TV. Users are probably doing research before making a purchase.	HDTV Reviews | HDTVs Review | PCMag.com www.pcmag.com/reviews/HDTV PCMag provides up-to-date coverage and product reviews of HDTVs. Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This LP has comprehensive information about different types of high definition TVs (plasma, LCD, LED), as well as reviews about many specific models. The website is known for having helpful reviews and information about electronics.
Query: [girl toddler jeans size 3T] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** The query is very specific. The user wants to browse and find an item to buy.	Toddler Girl Jeans at babyGap | Gap - Free Shipping on $50 www.gap.com › Home › Toddler Clothing Mobile-friendly - Gap toddler girl jeans collection includes a variety of popular styles. Pick from toddler girls jeans in skinny, wide leg and ... Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This is a helpful page for browsing and shopping for toddler girls jeans. There are many options for jeans in size 3T. This is a high quality store known for selling jeans.
Query: [cufflinks] **User Location:** Los Angeles, California **User Intent:** Most users probably want to find different cufflink styles and options to browse or purchase.	Cuff Links for Men & More Men's Jewelry | Nordstrom m.shop.nordstrom.com/c/mens-cuff-links Mobile-friendly - Free shipping on cuff links & men's jewelry at Nordstrom.com. Shop cuff links, tie clips, bracelets & necklaces. Totally ... Lowest Medium Highest FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This LP has a large collection of cufflinks from a very reputable retailer. There are many options and styles. This is a good page for browsing. There are helpful features at the top to choose styles, price ranges, etc.

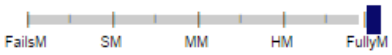
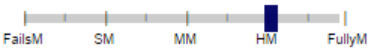
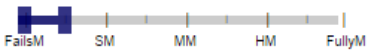
22.0 Rating Visit-in-Person Intent Queries

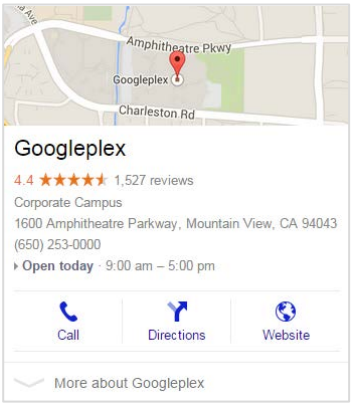
When there is a user location for a visit-in-person intent query and a location has not been specified in the query itself, such as [chinese restaurants] with a user location of **Boston, MA**, results in or near the user location are the most helpful.

How close is "near"? The type of business and/or entity should be taken into consideration when deciding if the distance of the visit-in-person result is too far. For example, most people are not willing to travel very far for a gas station, coffee shop, supermarket, etc. Those are types of businesses that most users expect to find very nearby.

However, users might be willing to travel a little farther for certain kinds of visit-in-person results: doctors' offices, libraries, specific types of restaurants, public facilities like swimming pools, hiking trails in open spaces, etc. Sometimes users may accept results that are even farther away, such as a very specialized medical clinic.

In other words, when we say users are looking for results "nearby," the word "nearby" can mean different distances for different queries. As always, please use your judgment.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [minimum wage rate] **User Location:** Wichita, Kansas **User Intent:** Find out what the minimum wage is. Different states in the U.S. have different minimum wage rates. Users might be interested in the minimum wage in their state and how it compares to other places.	 	This Special Content Result Block displays the complete and correct answer prominently in the result block, in a way that is easy for users on mobile devices to read. **Note**: Assume that the result shows current information for users.
	Pay and Wage Requirements - Kansas Department of Labor https://www.dol.ks.gov/Laws/FAQwages.... Pay and Wage Requirements. Minimum Wage. What is the minimum wage in Kansas? The Kansas minimum wage is ... 	This is the official Kansas state website page on minimum wage for Kansas.
	Minimum Wage Laws in the States - Wage and Hour Division (WHD ... www.dol.gov › WHD Jan 1, 2015 - Interactive map of the United States comparing the Federal and state minimum wage amounts. 	This LP has the minimum wage rates for all states. It is on the official U.S. Department of Labor website, which has high E-A-T on the topic, but it takes some work to find the information specific to Kansas. On a mobile phone, you may want to select the Hard to Use flag. Please use your judgment.
	Minimum wage - California Department of Industrial Relations www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/faq_minimumwage.... After your claim is completed and filed with a local office of the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE), it will ... 	This is the official California state website page on minimum wage for California.

Query, User Location, User Intent	Result Block and LP, Needs Met Rating	Explanation
Query: [pictures of kittens] **User Location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania **User Intent:** Users are looking for pictures of kittens. This is a non-visit-in-person intent query. There is no obvious user intent to find pictures of kittens in Pittsburgh. The user location plays no role in the Needs Met rating.	Images See more images FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The LP is a page full of kitten pictures. The result block has a nice assortment of pictures as well that would highly satisfy users.
	pittsburgh pets - craigslist - Pittsburgh - Craigslist pittsburgh.craigslist.org/search/pet Mobile-friendly - pittsburgh pets - craigslist. ... pets. search titles only; has image; posted today. reset search. ← →. listthumbgallerymap. FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This is a local listing of pets needing homes in the Pittsburgh area. There are no pictures of any pets directly on this page and few pictures on the individual listings.
Query: [google jobs] **User Location:** Miami, Florida **User Intent:** Users are looking for job opportunities at Google.	 FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	The user is looking for a job at Google and there is no information in this result block that will help the user explore job opportunities—it **Fails to Meet** the user need.
	Google Careers https://www.google.com/about/careers/ Mobile-friendly - About Google; Careers. **Google Jobs** ... Take a ride on the Google self-guided tour. Stop by our offices around the globe ... Search all jobs - Locations - Teams and Roles FailsM SM MM HM FullyM	This is Google's official page on careers and jobs at Google, where users can search for currently open opportunities. This page is exactly what the user is looking for—it **Fully Meets** the user need.

Part 4: Using the Evaluation Platform

23.0 Introduction

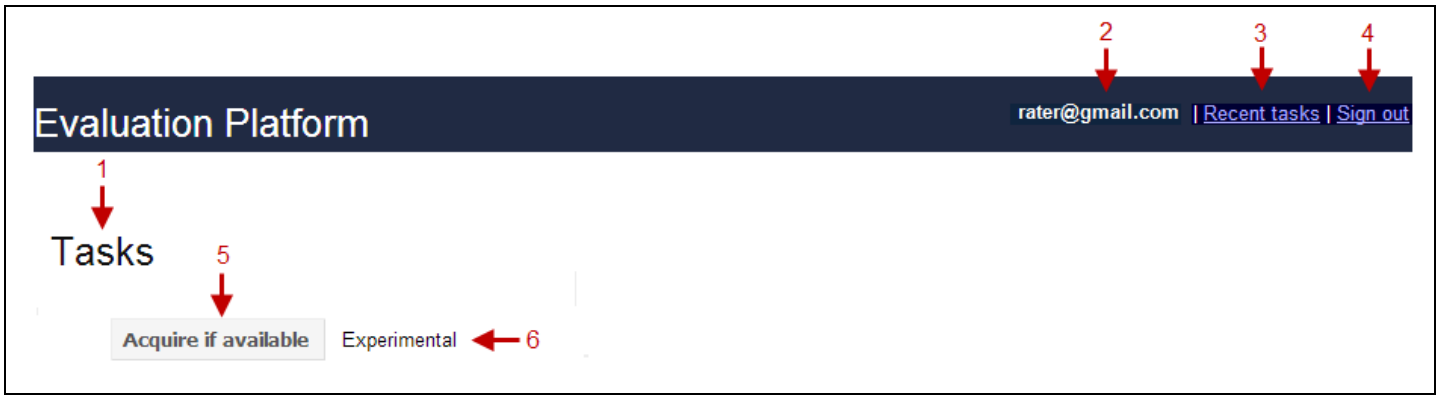
Welcome to the Evaluation Platform! The Evaluation Platform is the system you will use to acquire and rate tasks.

24.0 Accessing the Evaluation Platform (EP)

Go to this link to access the Evaluation Platform: http://www.raterhub.com/evaluation/rater.

25.0 Evaluation Platform Screenshot

Here is a screenshot of the task acquisition page on the Evaluation Platform. Please note that changes are sometimes made to the appearance of pages on the EP, so it may not look exactly as it appears here.



The red numbers represent the following:

1. **Tasks**
   This text shows that you are at the task acquisition page on the Evaluation Platform.

2. **rater@gmail.com**
   Your Gmail account.

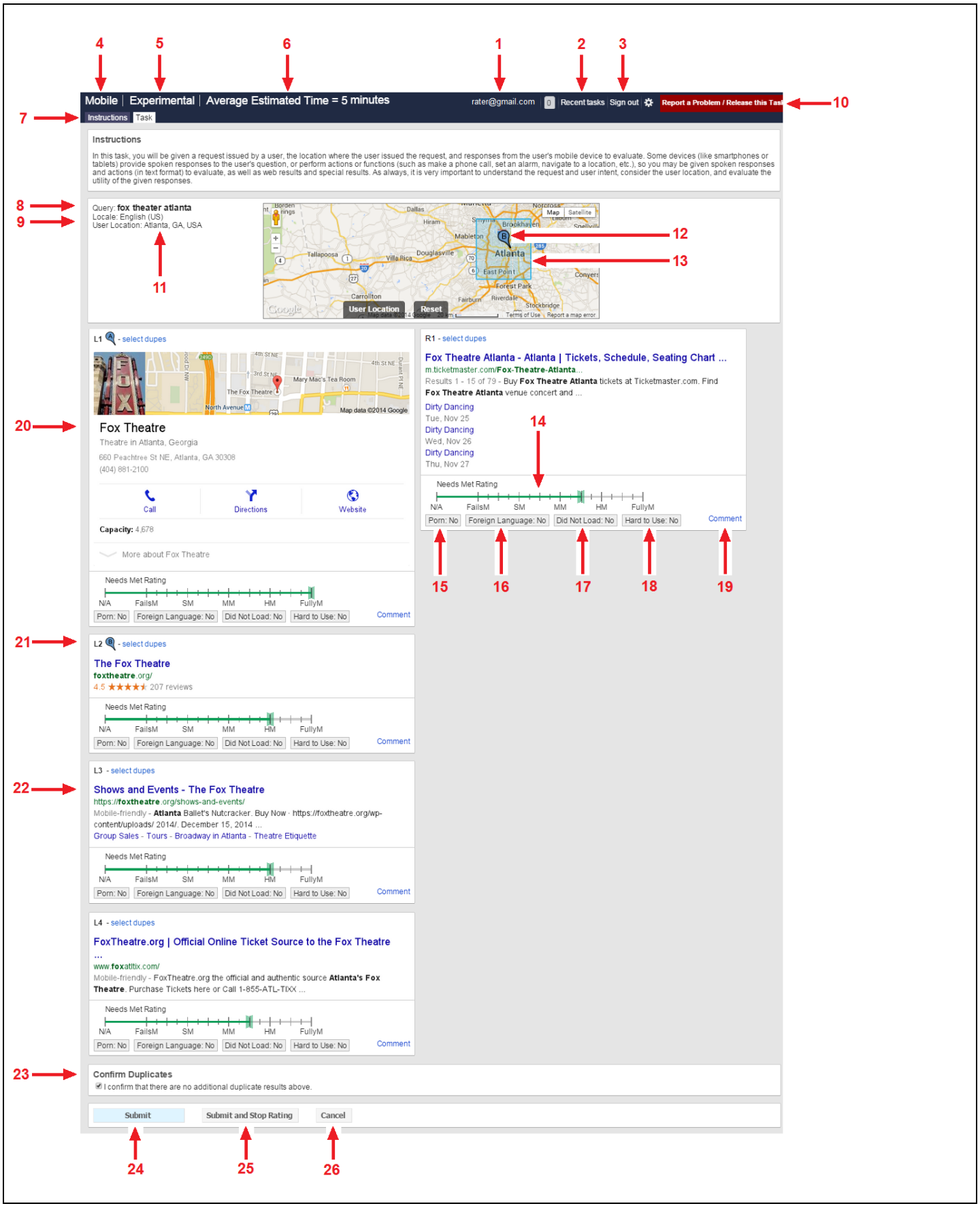
3. **Recent tasks**
   Click this link to revisit tasks completed in the last few minutes.

4. **Sign out**
   Click this link to end your rating session.

5. **Acquire if available**
   Click this link to acquire a new task.

6. **Experimental**
   This text indicates that there is an Experimental task available. Please note there are other types of rating tasks (e.g., Result Review, Side-by-Side). Sometimes there will be only one task type available, but other times you may see more than one type displayed. When there is more than one type displayed, you may choose the type you want to acquire.

26.0 Needs Met Task Page Screenshot



The red numbers represent the following:

1. **rater@gmail.com**
   Your Gmail account.

2. **Recent tasks**
   Click this link to revisit tasks completed in the last few minutes.

3. **Sign out**
   Click this link to end your rating session.

4. **Mobile**
   This text indicates that the current task belongs to the **Mobile** property type. Other properties you may rate include **Web, Video**, **Image**, etc.

5. **Experimental**
   This text indicates that the current task belongs to the Experimental project type. Other project types you may rate include **Result Review**, **Side-by-Side**, etc.

6. **Average Estimated Time**
   This text indicates the average estimated time for completion of the task.

7. **Instructions**
   Click this tab to view the project-specific instructions. Some tasks display project-specific instructions on the task page instead of behind the **Instructions** tab.

8. **Query**
   You should understand the query before rating the task.

9. **Locale**
   This refers to the task location and task language associated with the query.

10. **Report a Problem / Release this Task**
    Click this link to report a problem and/or release the task.

11. **User Location**
    This refers to where the user is located when the query is issued. Note that if there is no user location listed, there will be no user location-related map displayed in the rating task. In this case, the task could still show a map if one of the results has a response pin.

12. **Response Pin**
    This is a marker for a visit-in-person place.

13. **Approximate User Location**
    This area represents the approximate location of the user when the query is issued.

14. **Needs Met Rating Slider**
    Use this rating slider to assign a Needs Met rating.

15. **Porn Flag**
    Assign this flag if it applies to the result.

16. **Foreign Language Flag**
    Assign this flag if it applies to the result.

17. **Didn't Load Flag**
    Assign this flag if it applies to the result.

18. **Hard to Use Flag**
    Assign this flag if it applies to the result.

19. **Comment**
    Use the result block comment box to write comments that will be helpful to you when assigning ratings. Note: All comments must be written in English.

20. **Special Content Result Block**
    This result block shows content directly in the block.

21. **Result with Response Pin**
    The response pin in this result indicates the location of the corresponding response pin on the map.

22. **Web Search Result Block**
    Click the block to visit the landing page.

23. **Dupe Confirmation Checkbox**
    Check this box to confirm that you are done flagging duplicate results.

24. **Submit**
    Use this button to submit the task and continue rating.

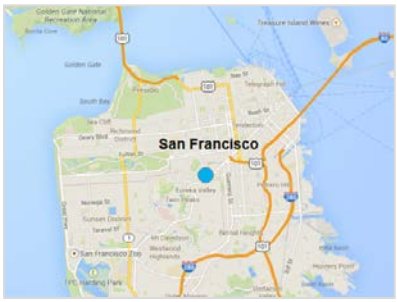
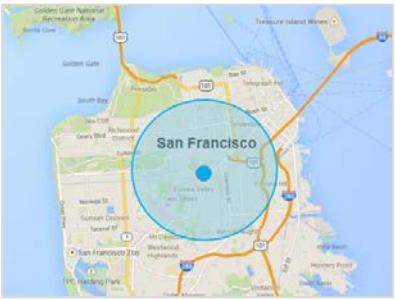
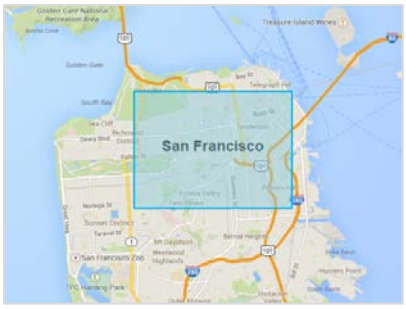
25. **Submit and Stop Rating**
    Use this button to submit the task and stop rating.

26. **Cancel**
    Use this button to cancel any ratings you have assigned in the task.

26.1 Understanding the User Location on the Task Page

While most tasks have a user location listed below the query, the map can also help clarify where the user was physically located when the query was issued and is more precise than the user located listed below the query.

On the map, the user location can be precise (blue dot) or approximated (blue rectangle). Here are some examples of what you might see at the top of the task:

 A precise user location is represented by a blue dot ( ).	 Sometimes you will see a shaded blue circle around the blue dot. The blue dot is user's most likely location, but it is possible they are located anywhere within the larger shaded blue region.
 The approximate user location is shown as a blue rectangle on the map.	The map includes a response pin, which is a marker for a visit-in-person result block in the task. If there are three visit-in-person result blocks in the task, there should be three response pins on the map.

27.0 Notes about Using the Needs Met Rating Interface

Result blocks are sometimes slow to load: Before assigning any ratings, please scan the task page to make sure that all result blocks with a Needs Met rating slider have loaded. Please note that result blocks may be slow to load and/or that the task page may need reloading if there are empty result blocks. If the result blocks fail to load after refreshing a few times, please release the task.

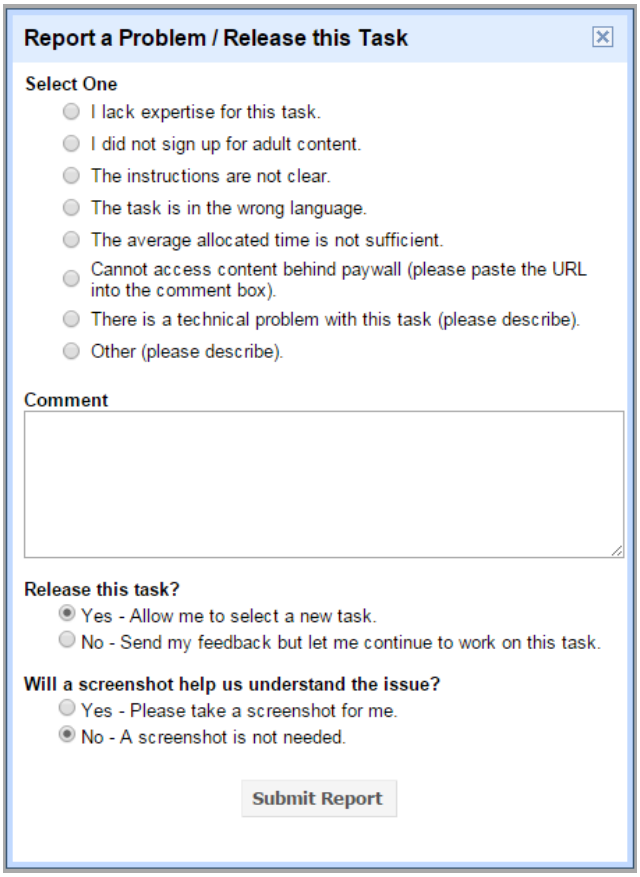
Sometimes a side will not have any result blocks: If one side displays the message "This side did not generate any results," please do not release the task.

Do not refresh the task page after assigning ratings: If you refresh the page after assigning ratings, you will lose them and they will have to be entered again.

28.0 Using the "Report a Problem / Release this Task" Button

You will report problems and release tasks using the "Report a Problem / Release this Task" button on the rating interface. This is what the "Report a Problem / Release this Task" button looks like:

Clicking the red button displays the following reporting and release options:



Here are some examples for the "lack expertise" and "technical problem" release categories.

Lack expertise: These queries require specialized knowledge and may be difficult for some raters.

Query	General Query Topic
[cortisol secretion shows a blank pattern of secretion]	Scientific query
[minecraft gun and vehicles 1.1 mod installer]	Gaming query
[python pandas index like matrix]	Technical query

Technical problem: These result blocks have question marks and other characters where text should be.

Note: Based on the number and/or type of tasks that you release, you may be asked to provide additional details about the reason for some of the releases.

29.0 Reporting Results with Duplicate Landing Pages

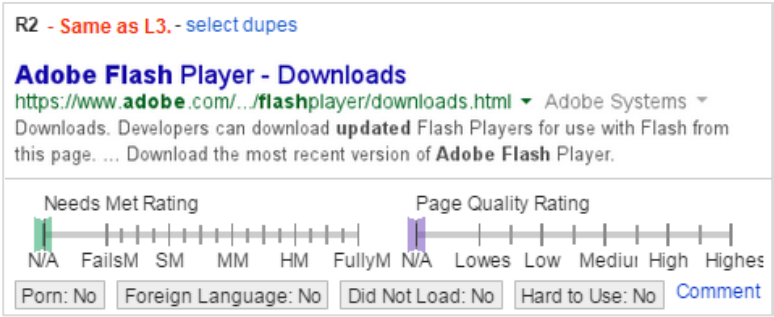
In addition to assigning Needs Met ratings to each result block, we would like you to tell us whether any results are duplicates (dupes).

29.1 Pre-Identified Duplicates

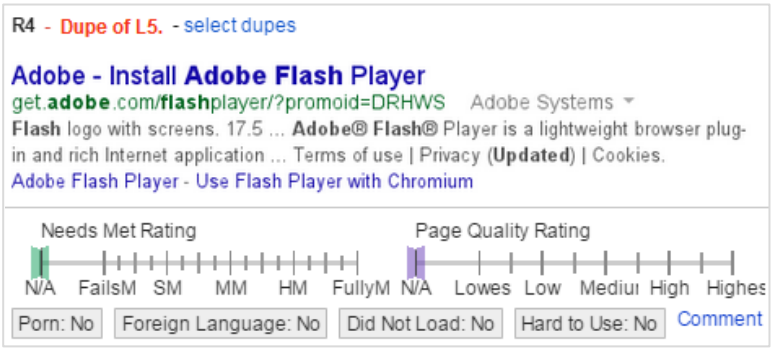
Some duplicate results are automatically detected and will be pre-identified for you. They will be highlighted by a grey or green background, and annotated by either "**Same as**..." or "**Dupe of**..." text right below the slider and above the result block.

This is what these pre-identified dupes look like:

Same as… pre-identified duplicate result



Dupe of… pre-identified duplicate result



Please note:

- Results annotated by "**Dupe of...**" may be given different ratings/flags/comments.
- Results annotated by "**Same as…**" may **not** be given different ratings/flags/comments. Their Needs Met and E-A-T ratings, flags, and comments will be automatically transferred to each other.
- You cannot un-check dupes that have been automatically detected and pre-identified.

29.2 Rater-Identified Duplicates

We would like your help identifying duplicate results that have not been automatically detected. Please mark two results as dupes if they have essentially the same content on the main landing page AND you would not want a search engine to return both results for the query.

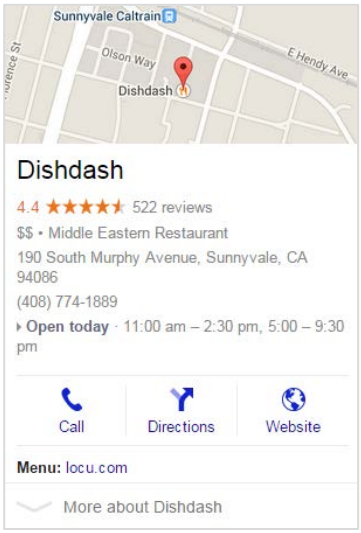
Please note that in this project dupe identification is **query-dependent**.

- **Specific queries**: For queries where the user is looking for a specific piece of content (such as queries looking for song lyrics, queries looking for a specific article, etc.), obtaining that piece of content from **different sites** could be helpful for users to verify the information, so they should **not** be rated as dupes.

- **Broad queries**: If the query is broad, then returning the same piece of content is not what the user is looking for, and hence those results **should** be flagged as dupes. Results may be considered dupes even if they have different minor content on the page (such as different ads, images, or related links).

Please identify dupes both within the same side and across sides. Even for cross-side results, you should still ask yourself the question, "Would you want to see both results if they were returned by the same search engine?"

Note: If two result blocks have very different types of content or very different appearances, do not mark them as duplicates even if they have the same landing page URL. For example, these two blocks should not be marked as duplicates of each other.



Reporting Duplicate Results

When you notice that the results in two or more result blocks are duplicates, please click on the **Select Dupe** link at the top of one of the results. The current result (the result you clicked on) will be highlighted in red at the top of the block.

You can then check results that are duplicates of the current result, and the checked results will be highlighted in yellow. You must select the "**Dupe of**…" button.

The duplicate results that you checked will be annotated by "**Dupe of**..." text at the top of the block. After selecting all dupes, click on the **finish selecting dupes** link to return to the normal rating mode. The link's name will change back to **Select Dupes**, and you will be able to report other sets of dupes, if there are any. If you change your mind, you can always un-check a result.

Dupes
QUERY: [choosing and installing a motorcycle battery]
URL 1: http://www.caimag.com/wordpress/2010/03/06/motorcycle-battery-how-to-choose-install
URL 2: http://www.articlesbase.com/motorcycles-articles/choosing-and-installing-a-motorcycle-battery-47798.html
Reason: Both of these results display the same article (which also appears on many other pages on the web). The only real difference between the landing pages are the Ads displayed around the article. The query is broad enough that users would **not** benefit by search engines returning more than one of these results.

Dupes
QUERY: [jason castro]
URL 1: http://www.myspace.com/jasoncastromusic
URL 2: http://www.myspace.com/jasoncastromusic?MyToken=503599bf-01cf-4427-bdf4-d63920c107f9
Reason: These two results have the same landing page, even though the URLs are different. Users would **not** benefit by search engines returning both results.

Not Dupes
QUERY: [material girl lyrics]
URL 1: http://www.lyricsfreak.com/m/madonna/material+girl_20086925.html
URL 2: http://www.lyrics007.com/Madonna%20Lyrics/Material%20Girl%20Lyrics.html
Reason: Even though both pages display the lyrics to the song “Material Girl,” users would probably want to have the option to visit both pages so that they could verify the accuracy of the lyrics. Users could benefit by search engines returning more than one page with the lyrics to the song.