

PRACTICAL BUSINESS GUIDE

Technical SEO

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The Errors That Make You Invisible

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Check discovery first.

Indexing instructions can decide whether a page is available for search at all.

02

Remove access barriers.

Internal links and sitemaps expose the pages the site considers important.

03

Re-test after change.

Titles, structure and duplicate handling reduce avoidable ambiguity.

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PURPOSE

The problem this guide helps you see

MISSION

Explain the technical gates that sit before content quality matters, without turning the guide into a developer manual.

WRITTEN FOR

Businesses with useful pages that have disappeared, never gained visibility, or changed after a redesign, migration or website update.

USEFUL BOUNDARY

Technical SEO removes barriers to discovery and interpretation. It does not replace a relevant offer, useful content or customer demand.

DEFINITION

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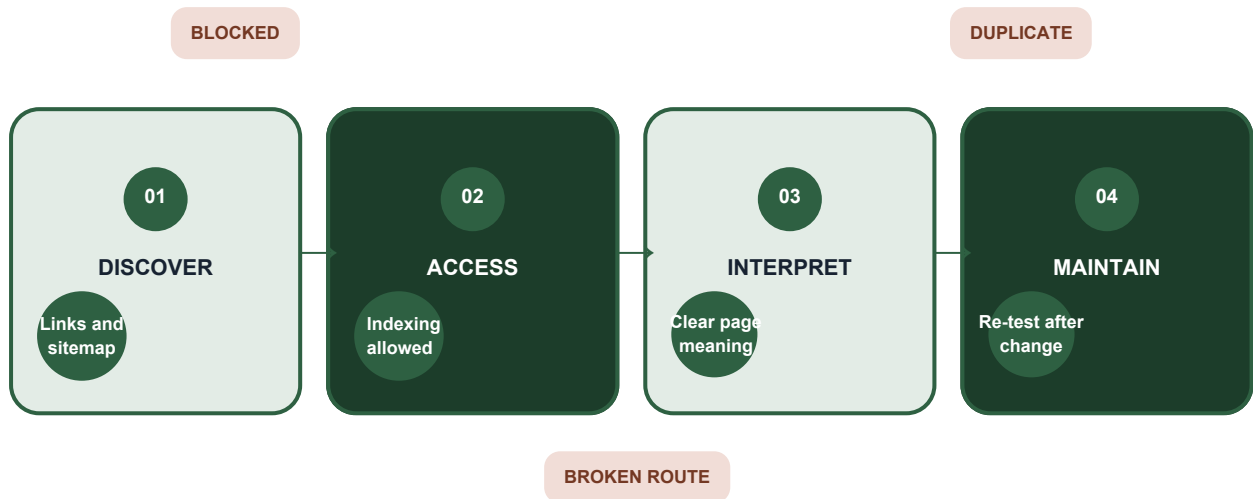
THINK OF IT LIKE THIS

A shop with excellent stock still cannot trade if the sign is missing, the door is locked and every street direction ends at a dead address.

MECHANISM

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Use the mechanism to locate the gap before choosing a tactic.



Technical gate test: verify discovery and access before rewriting a page that machines cannot reach properly.

ACCURACY BOUNDARY

Search systems change. Judge observable relationships and the live customer experience rather than claiming a secret platform formula.

COMMERCIAL EFFECT

Why this matters beyond a ranking report

Visibility becomes commercially useful only when the customer, page and operating business remain aligned.

WHAT CHANGES

Eligibility

Indexing instructions can decide whether a page is available for search at all.

WHAT CHANGES

Discovery

Internal links and sitemaps expose the pages the site considers important.

WHAT CHANGES

Interpretation

Titles, structure and duplicate handling reduce avoidable ambiguity.

WHAT CHANGES

Customer access

Broken routes and slow pages also damage the live visitor experience.

WHAT CHANGES

Change risk

Migrations and plugins can alter search access without changing visible copy.

WHAT CHANGES

Prioritisation

A technical gate can matter more than rewriting an already useful page.

Evidence boundary: these mechanisms explain what to inspect. They do not promise a position, traffic level, rich result or commercial outcome.

FAULT REGISTER • 1 OF 2

What I would flag

Severity reflects customer and commercial impact, not a disclosed ranking weight.

CRITICAL

Important pages are blocked from indexing

A live customer page carries instructions that can prevent search inclusion.

Content quality is irrelevant while the page is excluded from eligibility.

CRITICAL

Internal routes end in broken links

Important pages cannot be reached normally through the site structure.

Customers and crawlers are directed toward dead or incorrect destinations.

MAJOR

Duplicate URLs represent the same idea

Several versions compete without a clear primary destination.

Meaning and authority are split across confusing representations.

FAULT REGISTER • 2 OF 2

What I would flag

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MAJOR

Titles provide almost no context

Page titles or search descriptions leave the subject unclear.

The business loses a basic opportunity to describe the destination.

MODERATE

Important pages load unnecessarily slowly

Heavy or delayed resources make access harder than it needs to be.

Visitors face friction and repeated access becomes less efficient.

MODERATE

The sitemap no longer matches the site

Its machine-readable list is missing, stale or includes the wrong URLs.

A discovery aid describes the site that used to exist.

READ NEXT

Content Decay

When the technical route is sound, examine whether a once-strong page has fallen behind its changing environment.

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CORRECTION

The assumption that keeps this fault alive

COMMON MYTH

Technical SEO only matters on large websites.

Better framing: Site size changes complexity, not the mechanism. One accidental setting can hide the key page on a five-page site.

WHY IT PERSISTS

Settings are invisible

A page can look normal while its search instructions are wrong.

WHY IT PERSISTS

Changes have side effects

Redesigns and migrations alter routes, URLs and metadata.

WHY IT PERSISTS

Content gets the blame

Teams rewrite pages before checking whether machines can access them.

WORKING CONTROL

Verify indexability

Test the live page, not the intended setting.

WORKING CONTROL

Trace real routes

Follow internal links and important redirects.

WORKING CONTROL

Check after release

Re-test discovery after material site change.

Useful boundary: diagnose the actual constraint before adding another search tactic.

STANDARD

What a working version looks like

This is a diagnostic standard. The exact implementation depends on the live business, page and search context.

AREA	FAILING PATTERN	WORKING PATTERN
Indexing	Assumed from appearance	Verified on live important pages
Internal links	Broken or absent routes	Important pages are reachable
Duplicates	Several unmanaged versions	Clear primary representation
Titles	Generic or missing	Specific page context
Performance	Important pages avoidably slow	Proportionate, tested delivery
Sitemap	Missing or stale	Matches the current intended site

QUICK SELF-CHECK

- Important pages are verified as indexable
- The main internal routes work
- Duplicate URL versions are understood
- Page titles identify their subject
- Important pages are tested for avoidable delay
- The sitemap reflects the live site

RELEVANT FOLLOW-UP SERVICE

SEO, GEO & Google Visibility Review

Use this when you need the live visibility picture inspected and prioritised.

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DUE DILIGENCE

Five questions worth asking whoever manages search

Useful answers should point to live evidence and separate observation from inference.

01

Which important pages are currently indexable?

02

Which pages have no internal links pointing to them?

03

Which URL versions duplicate one another?

04

What changed during the last redesign or migration?

05

When was the sitemap checked against the live site?

WHAT A USEFUL ANSWER SOUNDS LIKE

Ask what is true on the current site and why it matters to this business - not which tactic is fashionable or which dashboard number looks largest.

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Check discovery first. Remove access barriers. Re-test after change. Keep the customer task, live page and operating reality connected.

PRIMARY NEXT STEP

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