Google's Search Quality Raters Guidelines

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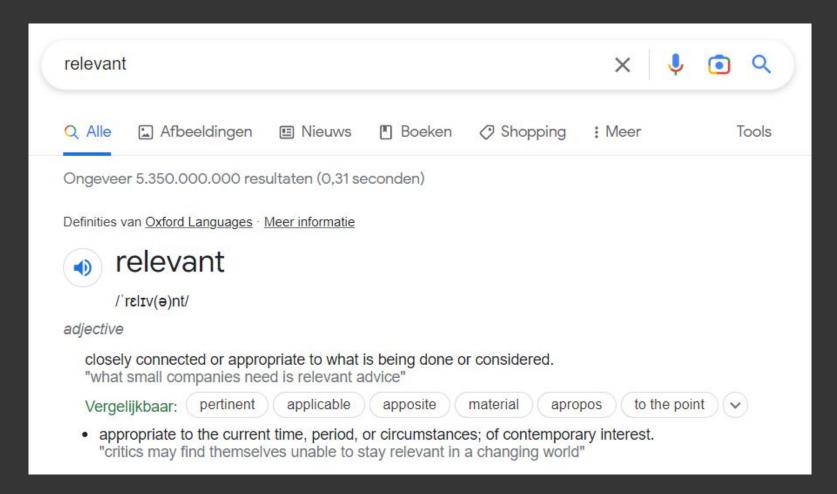
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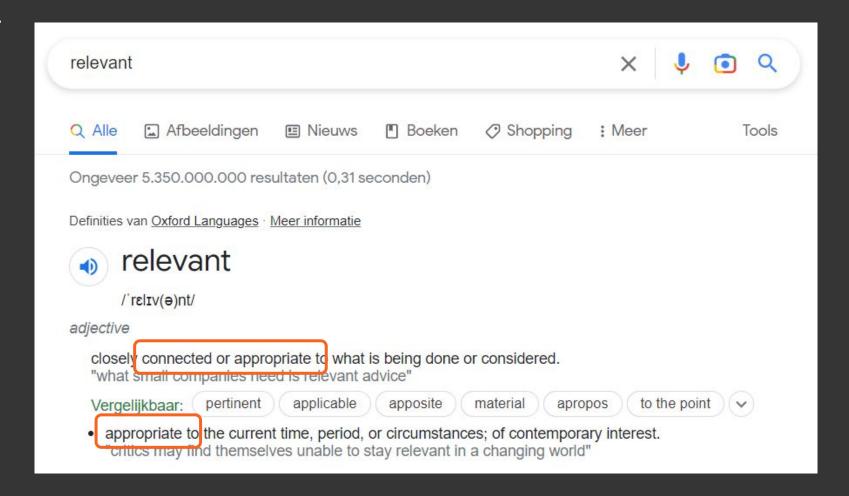
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Hoe zorgt Google ervoor om relevante en gepaste resultaten weer te geven?



The holy algorithm



Maar...



2. Wat niet iedereen weet

Hét heilige algoritme wordt ook geëvalueerd en bijgestuurd op basis van menselijke feedback:

- → Google test
- Raters beoordelen
- → Google evalueert test + kan bijsturen







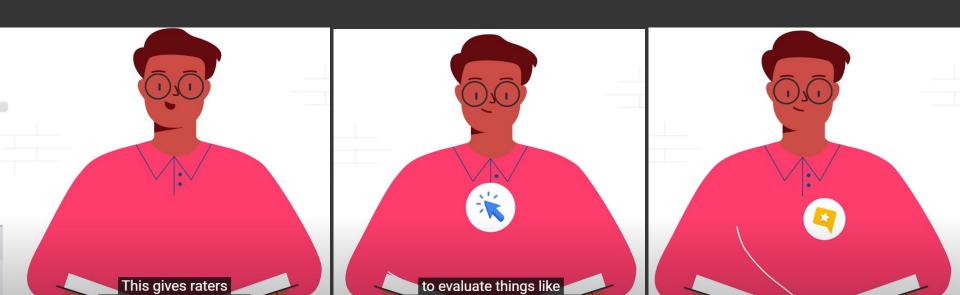
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Wat is hier nu zo interessant aan?



clear guidance on how

"Because raters are required to give ratings based on common guidelines..."

relevance, trustworthiness,

and expertise.

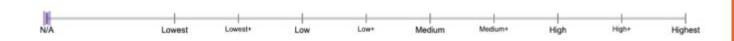
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Als Raters die guidelines moeten volgen om pagina's te evalueren...

Rating op basis van 2 elementen

- 1. Page Quality (PQ) (!)
 - Het doel van de website
 - YMYL => hoogste PQ!
 - Content evaluatie (main/supplemental/ads)
 - Effort, orginaliteit, talent, skill, nauwkeurigheid
 - Home/responsible/auteur/over ons/reputatie
 - ♦ E-E-A-T

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:



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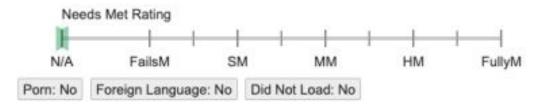
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2. Needs Met (NM)

- ♦ Zijn de noden van de gebruiker ingelost? (search intent)
 - Locatie
 - Verschillende betekenis
 - "George Bush"

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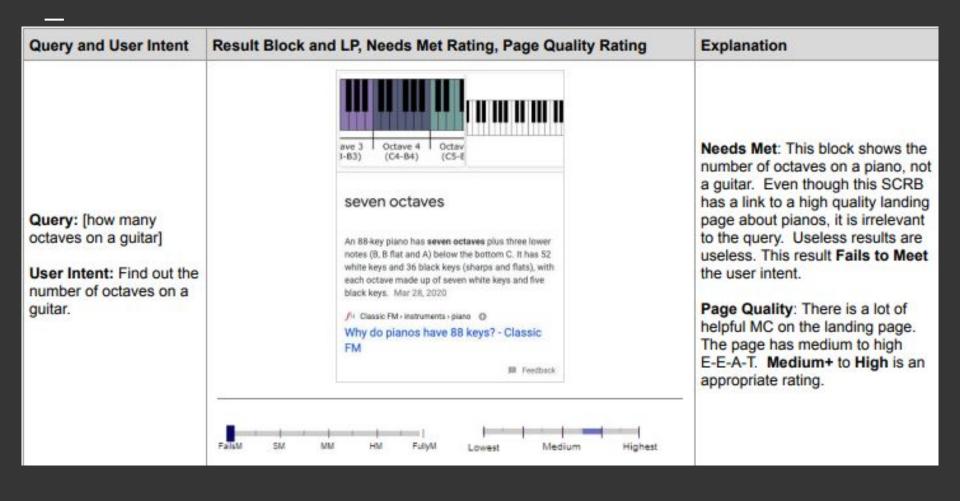


The Needs Met rating is based on both the query and the result. You must carefully think about the query and user intent when assigning a Needs Met rating.



The Page Quality rating slider does *not* depend on the query. Do not think about the query when assigning a Page Quality rating to the LP.



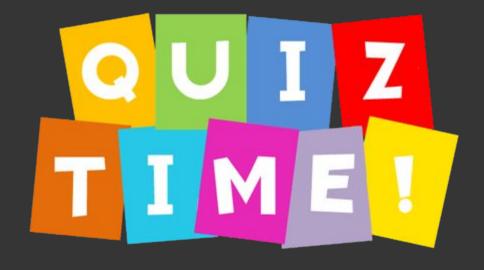


4. Bon, en nu concreet?

Deze voorbeelden van pagina's met "high page quality"

- = inspiratiebron voor UX/SEO'ers
- = explanation 'onthult' (=bevestigt) wat voor Google belangrijke elementen zijn om als "goede kwaliteit" beoordeeld te worden.
 - → Soms heel duidelijk.
 - → Soms lezen tussen de lijntjes



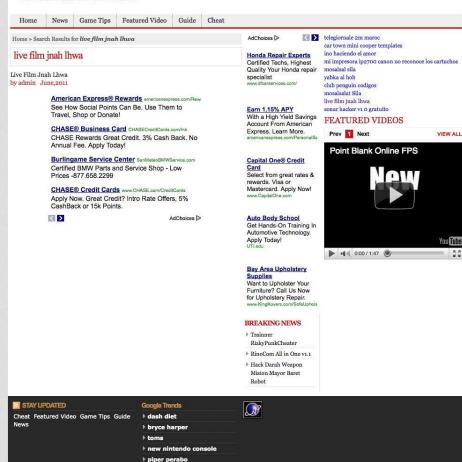


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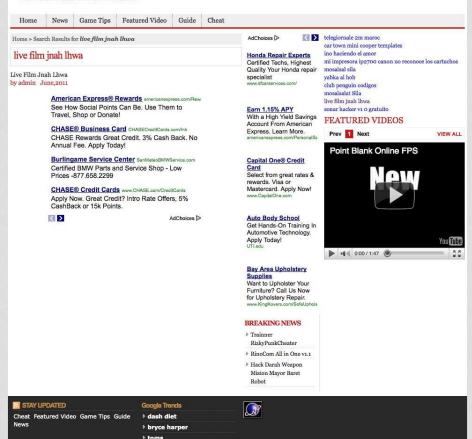
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Lowest Medium Highest

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—no MC, just Ads. This website shows Ads with little or no attempt to help users, and should be rated **Lowest** quality.



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 effort and talent was involved in the creation of the MC.

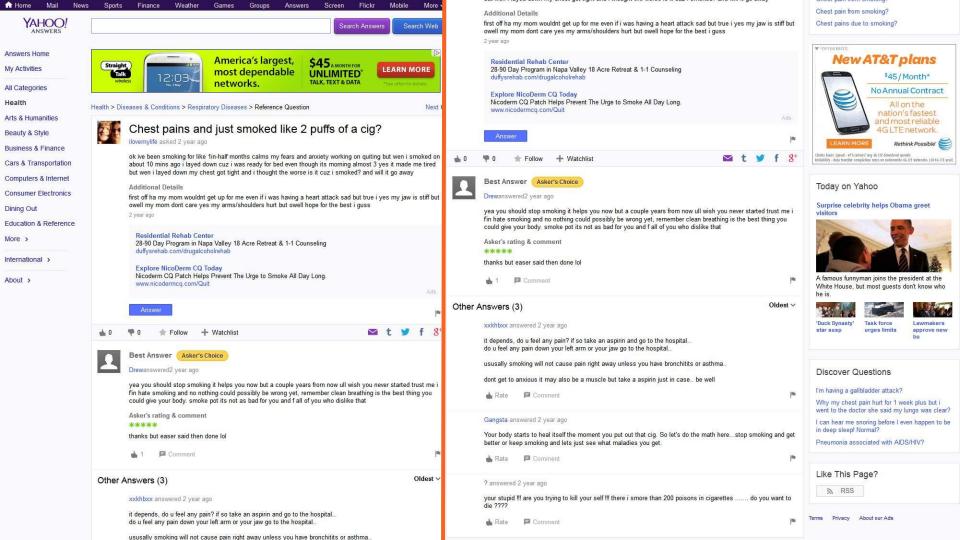
This publication has a very positive reputation and is specifically known for its cartoons, which allows us to go as high as High+ to Highest. This is among the most clever, original, and satisfying custom 404 messages that can be found online!

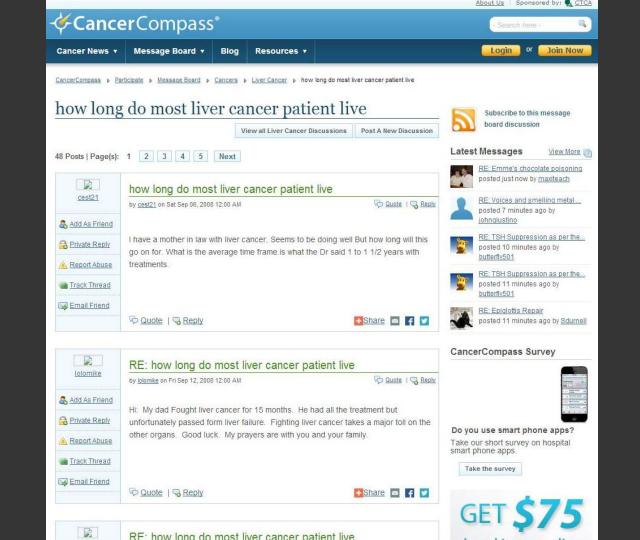


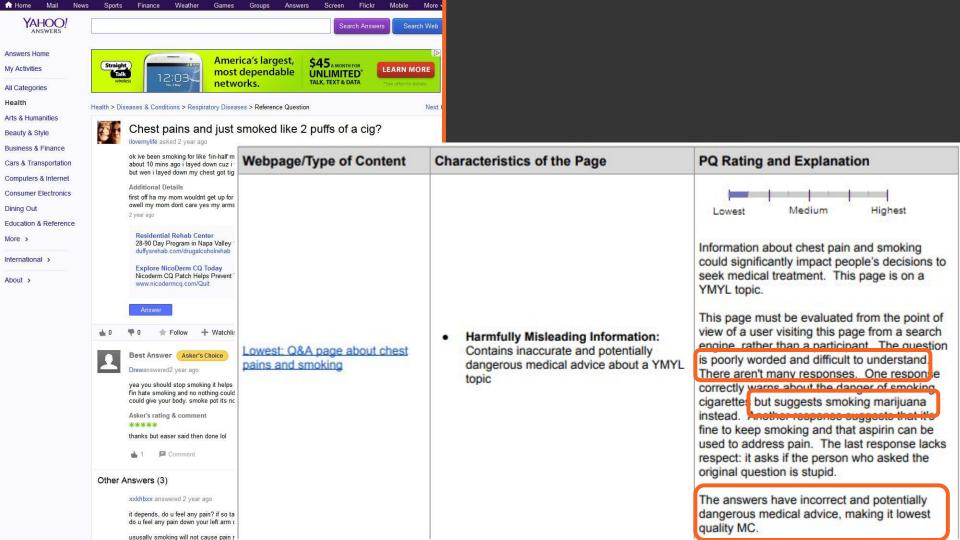
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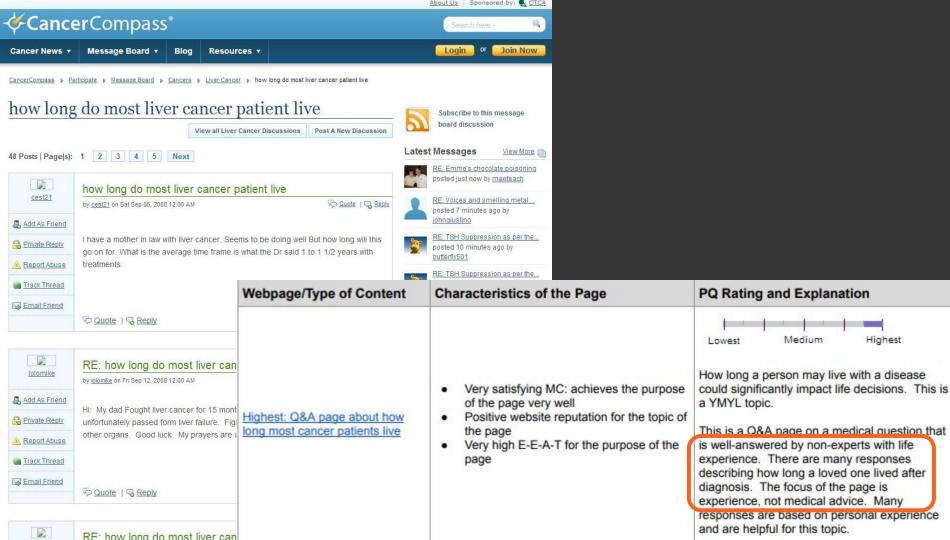


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5. Wat hebben we geleerd vandaag?

 Google algo wordt geëvalueerd door échte mensen, wereldwijd en ze krijgen hiervoor gerichte guidelines om te kunnen oordelen

- 2. De essentie van het algoritme beoordelen ligt bij 2 elementen:
 - a. De **pagina-kwaliteit** (los van de zoekterm)
 - b. De **zoekintentie** (hangt samen met de zoekterm)

3. Zowel in de intro-tekst voor de raters als tussen de **voorbeelden** van goede en slechte pagina's vinden we heel veel **elementen** terug waarvan we kunnen gebruik maken om onze eigen sites/pagina's te **optimaliseren**. **Gratis**, maak er gebruik van. Net zoals **eten/drank** hier.







- Work @ Invisible Puppy (Agency Gent)?
- => SEO expert
- => Performance marketeer (jun/med/exp)
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Thanks. Questions?

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