

# Class 3: Content Strategy

## Class Agenda

- Voice & Tone
- Consistency
- Writing for SEO
- Structured Content
- Calls to Action (CTAs)

## Voice & Tone

**Voice:** What makes your agency sound like you.

**Tone:** The stylistic variations your voice takes in different contexts.

Example brand words

- Academic
- Assured
- Concise
- Contributive
- Conversational
- Direct
- Educational
- Empowering
- Friendly
- Informative
- Sophisticated
- Thorough

## Consistency

Be consistent to:

- Build trust
- Measure changes
- Be predictable
- Enable sustainability

Plan your content continuously:

- Brainstorm topics with your team
  - Evergreen & Seasonal
- Plan 1 month ahead
- Allow space for Timely content
- Don't forget social media

Rework and reuse existing content. How can you rework your evergreen content for different seasons?

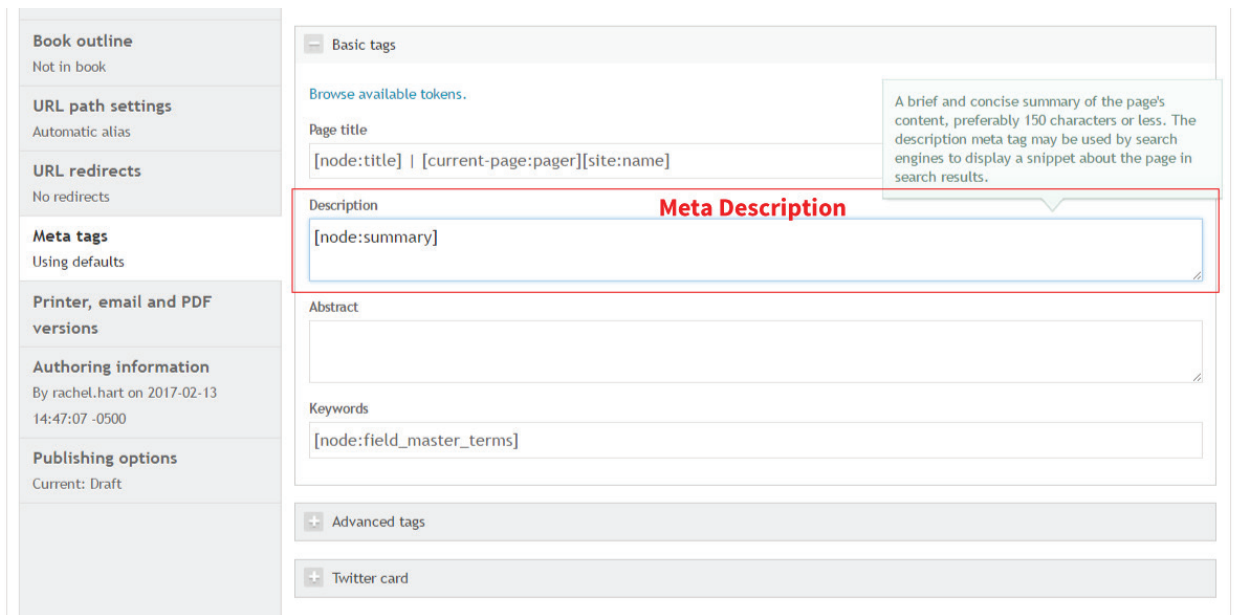
## Writing for SEO

Search engine optimization boosts your ranking in search engines to help your audience find you.

Use keywords and variations of keyword phrases (your audience’s language) in:

- Titles and headers
- Metadata
- Top of page

Before Keywords	After Keywords
<p>Welcome To Consumer Ed!</p> <p>Making a major purchase or using credit can be a confusing and overwhelming experience, especially if you’re contemplating these decisions for the first time.</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Law’s <b>Consumer Protection Unit</b> has designed this website as a comprehensive resource to help you make wise decisions – whether you’re buying a car, getting your first house or apartment, applying for credit, or trying to manage your money.</p> <p>Follow ConsumerEd to learn more about these important topics.</p>	<p>Consumer Ed is a service of the <b>Consumer Protection Unit in Georgia</b>.</p> <p>Ask Ed a question about consumer laws in Georgia, and we’ll post our answer on the site.</p> <p>We’ve helped many people by answering questions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lemon laws in Georgia</b></li> <li>• <b>Identity theft in Georgia</b></li> <li>• <b>Home financing in Georgia</b></li> <li>• <b>Bankruptcy in Georgia</b></li> </ul> <p>Whether you’re applying for home loans, buying a car or you have a question about <b>consumer rights in Georgia</b>, we’d love to hear from you!</p>



The screenshot shows a sidebar on the left with navigation options: Book outline (Not in book), URL path settings (Automatic alias), URL redirects (No redirects), Meta tags (Using defaults), Printer, email and PDF versions, Authoring information (By rachel.hart on 2017-02-13, 14:47:07 -0500), and Publishing options (Current: Draft).

The main content area is titled 'Basic tags' and includes a 'Browse available tokens' link. It features several input fields:
 

- Page title:** [node:title] | [current-page:page][site:name]
- Description:** [node:summary]. This field is highlighted with a red box and labeled 'Meta Description'. A tooltip explains: 'A brief and concise summary of the page's content, preferably 150 characters or less. The description meta tag may be used by search engines to display a snippet about the page in search results.'
- Abstract:** An empty text area.
- Keywords:** [node:field\_master\_terms]

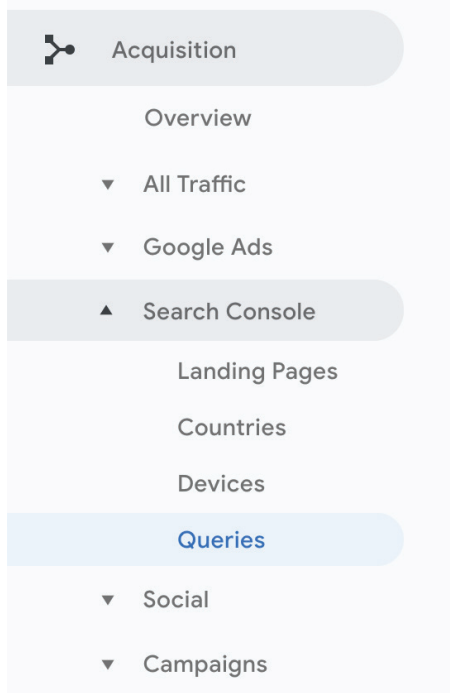
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### Keyword Research Tools

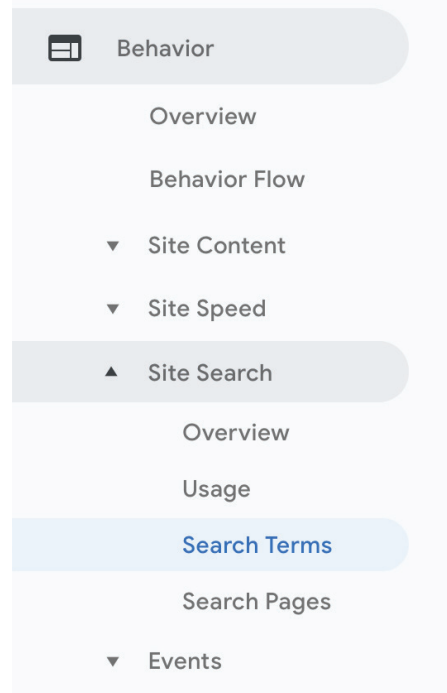
- Google Analytics
- Moz Keyword Explorer
- KW Finder
- Keyword Tool

### Google Analytics

**External** search terms (Search Console):  
Acquisition > Search Console > Queries



**Internal** search terms:  
Behavior > Site Search > Search Terms



Investigate unexpected search trends. Filter, look for patterns or spikes over time, see what page where they're on when they search.

## Structure Content

Structure helps your site's SEO, responsiveness, and usability. It will also get your site ready for Drupal 8!

### Current content types:

- Blog Entry  
*(list at /blogs)*
- Book Page
- Document  
*(list at /documents)*
- Event  
*(list at /events)*
- Landing Page
- Location  
*(lists at /locations and /find-location)*
- Press Release  
*(list at /press-releases)*
- Webform
- Video  
*(list at /videos)*
- Alert
- Content Header
- Index List
- Photo Gallery  
*(list at /photo-galleries)*
- Profile

Using the right content types helps organize and categorize your content so you don't have to. Structured content doesn't just help users; **structured content helps you.**

## Example: Events

**Title (required)**  
State Certified Content Specialist – Winter 2019

**Summary (Hide summary)**

The Content Specialist Certification is offered to content managers and agencies throughout the state for a more robust understanding of who their users are, usability and accessibility best practices, and to help agencies create a better digital experience for citizens.

**Description**

**About the Course**

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**The cost of this course is covered under hosting and support.**

To receive your Content Specialist certification, you must complete six 3-hour classes and applicable course work for each.

[Register for this Course](#)

**Course Dates**

The certified course includes the successful completion of each of the following classes:

**Disable rich-text**  
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**Event Date**

All Day  Show End Date

Date: 02/05/2019 Time: 09:00am

to:  
Date: 03/12/2019 Time: 12:00pm

**File Attachments**

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**Thumbnail Image**  
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**Location**

Country: United States

Address 1: 47 Trinity Avenue SW

Address 2:

City: Atlanta

State: Georgia ZIP code: 30334

**Menu settings**  Provide a menu link

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Machine Name

Book outline Not in book

URL redirects No redirects

URL path settings Automatic alias

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## State Certified Content Specialist - Winter 2019

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Atlanta, GA 30334

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- [Personas](#) - Tuesday, February 5th
- [Citizen Journey Mapping](#) - Tuesday, February 12th
- [Content Strategy](#) - Tuesday, February 19th
- [Accessible Content](#) - Tuesday, February 26th
- [Writing for the Web](#) - Tuesday, March 5th
- [Content Makeover](#) - Tuesday, March 12th

See [State Certified Content Specialist](#) for the complete class overview.

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## Events

**Upcoming Events**

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Atlanta, GA

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### Editor's Training - March 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Atlanta, GA

This is the basic training class for content managers using the GeorgiaGov Platform.

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### Details

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End: Tue 3/12/2019 12:00 PM

Time zone

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**MAR 5** **Editor's Training - March 2019**  
March 5, 2019  
Atlanta, GA

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[Read Event Details...](#)

**MAR 7** **Advanced Editor's Training - March 2019**  
March 7, 2019  
Atlanta, GA

This is the advanced training class for content managers using the GeorgiaGov Platform. This training is for users who have already attended Drupal Editor's Training.

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[See All Upcoming Events](#)

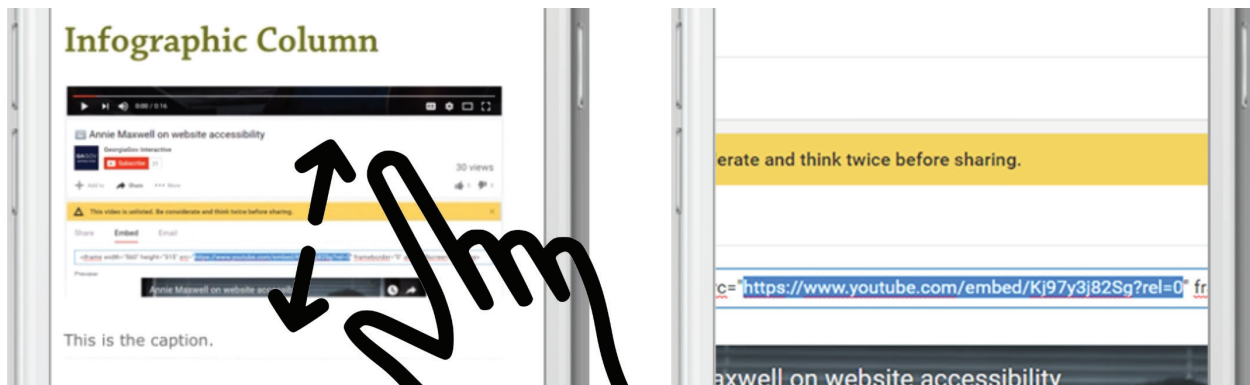
## Columns

### Content

No Columns added yet. Select a Column type and press a button below to add one.

### Examples

Put an *image with important text* in an **Infographic Column** instead of directly in the WYSIWYG.



Put lists of *information with searchable data* (like the users' county, etc.) in a **DataTable Index List** instead of in a regular table or into side-by-side columns.

Hosting & Support

Accessibility Testing and Audits

Sample Page - Columns

Sample Page - DataTable

Consulting

Data Visualization

Local Community Action Agency	Counties Served
<a href="#">Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.</a>	Banks, Barrow, Cherokee, Clarke, Dawson, Elbert, Fannin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Pickens, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

## Calls to Action

Even though we're not trying to make money like a private business, we still want our users to do something and take some kind of action.

### Template

**Headline:** Build the *emotional appeal* with *benefits*, not features

Bolster your immune system, protect your heart and eyes, and enjoy clearer skin while enjoying the taste of delicious citrus!

Magic 5: Health, wealth, relationships, success, peace of mind  
Be *honest*, tell *real* stories, and *don't* be the hero.

**Offer:** Build the *logical appeal* with details. Be *clear*, not clever.

Click to buy Everyday Citrus Recipes — more than 100 recipes for using oranges, grapefruits, tangerines, and clementines at every meal.

**Button/Link:** Write action-oriented text by completing the sentence: "I want to..."

Get healthy and delicious citrus recipes.

Use CTAs on your website, social media, newsletters, etc.  
New Call to Action block coming in Drupal 8!

## Homework

### Complete:

- Unfinished exercises

### Bring:

- Laptop
- Login credentials
- Microsoft Word

## Next class:

### Web Accessibility