



# The Evolution of SEO: Why the Future is Data-Centric

Live Webinar



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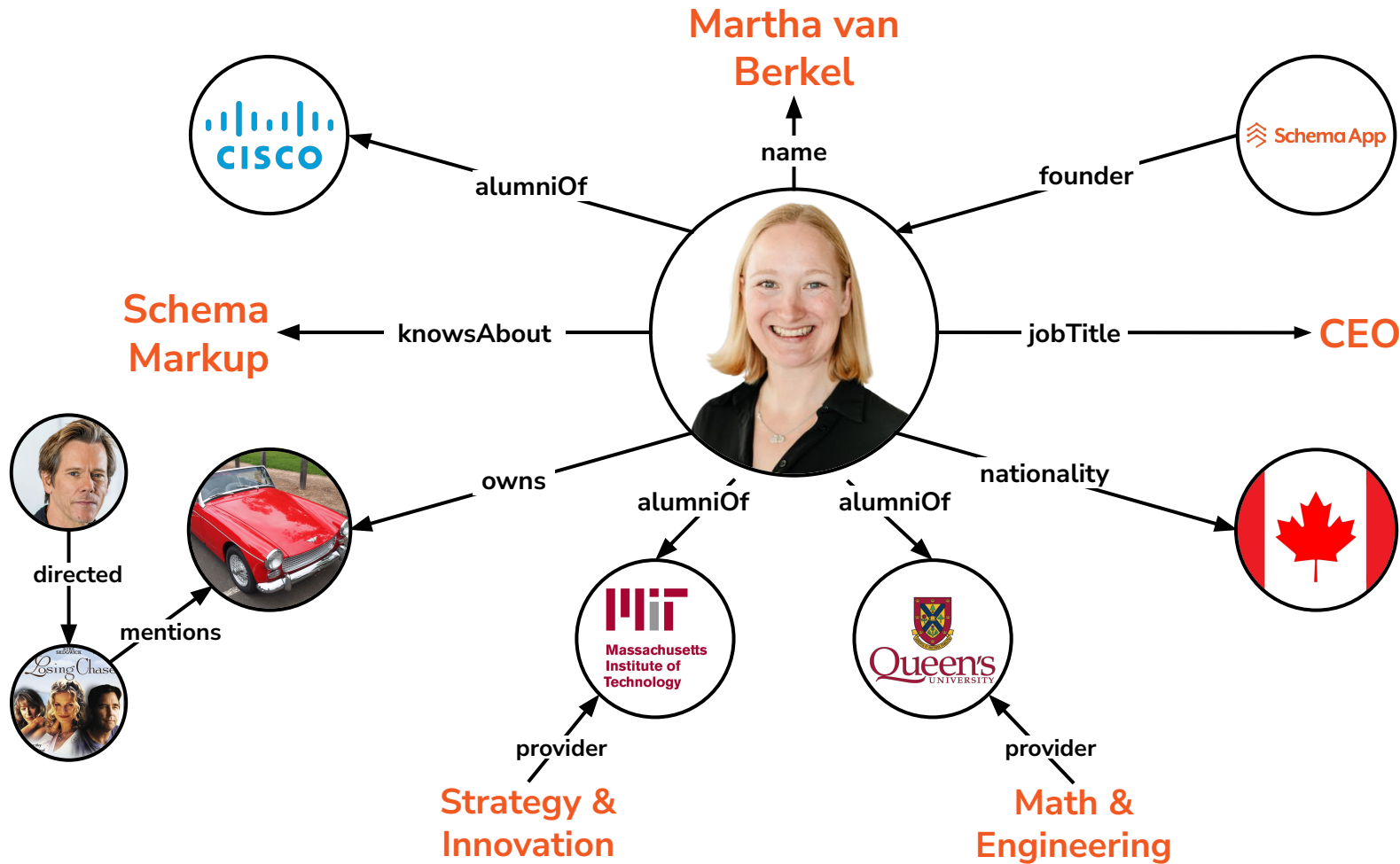
## Who Is This Guy?

- *VP, Services & Thought Leadership @ Conductor*
- *20 Year SEO Veteran*
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- *Jaded Jets Fan*



Hi, I'm Pat.






Strategy & Innovation

Math & Engineering

# Google

 no one lies to their search bar



🔍 Search Google or type a URL



🔍 Search Reddit

*Search Is Everywhere There Is A Search Bar*

Ask anything...

🔄 Auto ▾



SEARCH IS

HAVING A

MINUTE



reddit

Search: seo

Posts Communities Comments Media People

Relevance All time Safe Search Off

r/SEO · 6mo ago  
What's the Most Surprising SEO Tactic That Worked For You?  
208 votes · 223 comments

r/Entrepreneur · 9y ago  
SEO is Not Hard . A step-by-step SE guide that get you ranked every single time  
4.3K votes · 620 comments

r/SEO · 4mo ago  
SEO doesn't really work  
61 votes · 206 comments

r/SEO · 5mo ago  
Is SEO really worth investing in?  
38 votes · 109 comments

r/webdev · 1y ago  
How is SEO managed these days?  
76 votes · 126 comments

r/SEO · 6mo ago  
What's the best SEO course?  
113 votes · 583 comments

r/SEO · 3mo ago  
What's the future of SEO?  
16 votes · 59 comments

r/ecommmerce · 1mo ago

Communities

- r/SEO  
Search engine optimisation and...  
370K members · 87 online
- r/TechSEO  
Welcome to Tech SEO, A...  
32K members · 14 online
- r/backlinkSEO  
Add some backlinks to...  
37K members · 7 online
- r/bigseo  
Welcome! This subreddit was...  
8K members · 7 online
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500%  
Increase In  
Page 1  
Visibility

Quora

Search: seo

By type

- All types
- Questions
- Answers
- Posts
- Profiles
- Topics
- Spaces

By author

- All people
- People you follow

By time

- All time
- Past hour
- Past day
- Past week
- Past month
- Past year

Results for seo

Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Following 1.7M

Which is the best free SEO tool?  
1.6K answers · Last followed Tue

What is better, SEO or PPC?  
1.8K answers · Last followed Mon

What are the top...  
1.2K answers · Last followed...

What is Search Engine...  
2.4K answers · Last followed...

What does SEO mea...  
1.3K answers · Last followed...

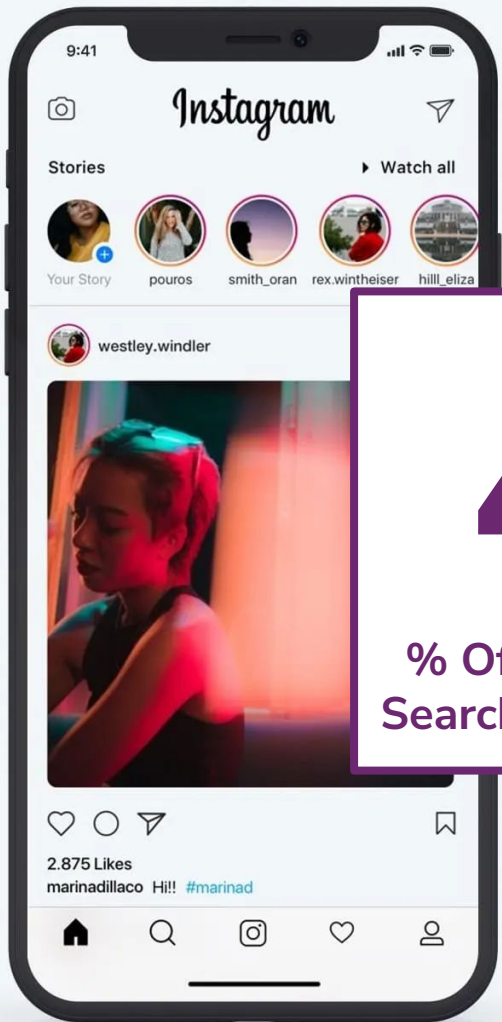
Why SEO is importa...  
1.4K answers · Last followed...

Why is SEO importa...  
1.3K answers · Last followed...

What is on-page SEO?  
861 answers · Last followed Jan 29

Which are the best SEO tools for a beginner?  
465 answers · Last followed Jan 30

150%  
Increase In  
Page 1  
Visibility



**40%**  
% Of Gen Z'ers Who Start Their Searches On Instagram and Tiktok



# *The AIO Impact*

*(So Far)*

**7%**

*Generating AIO's*

**71%**

*Occurring on  
Smartphones*

**~5%**

*Occur In Retail*

**1%**

*MoM Increase*

**8%**

*MoM Increase*

**90%**

*AIO's Occur In US*



# Search Is Not Just About Your .Com('s)

Find out more about L'Oréal

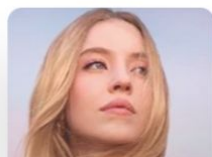
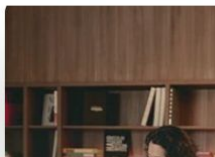
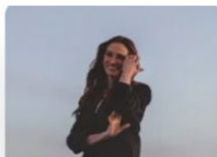
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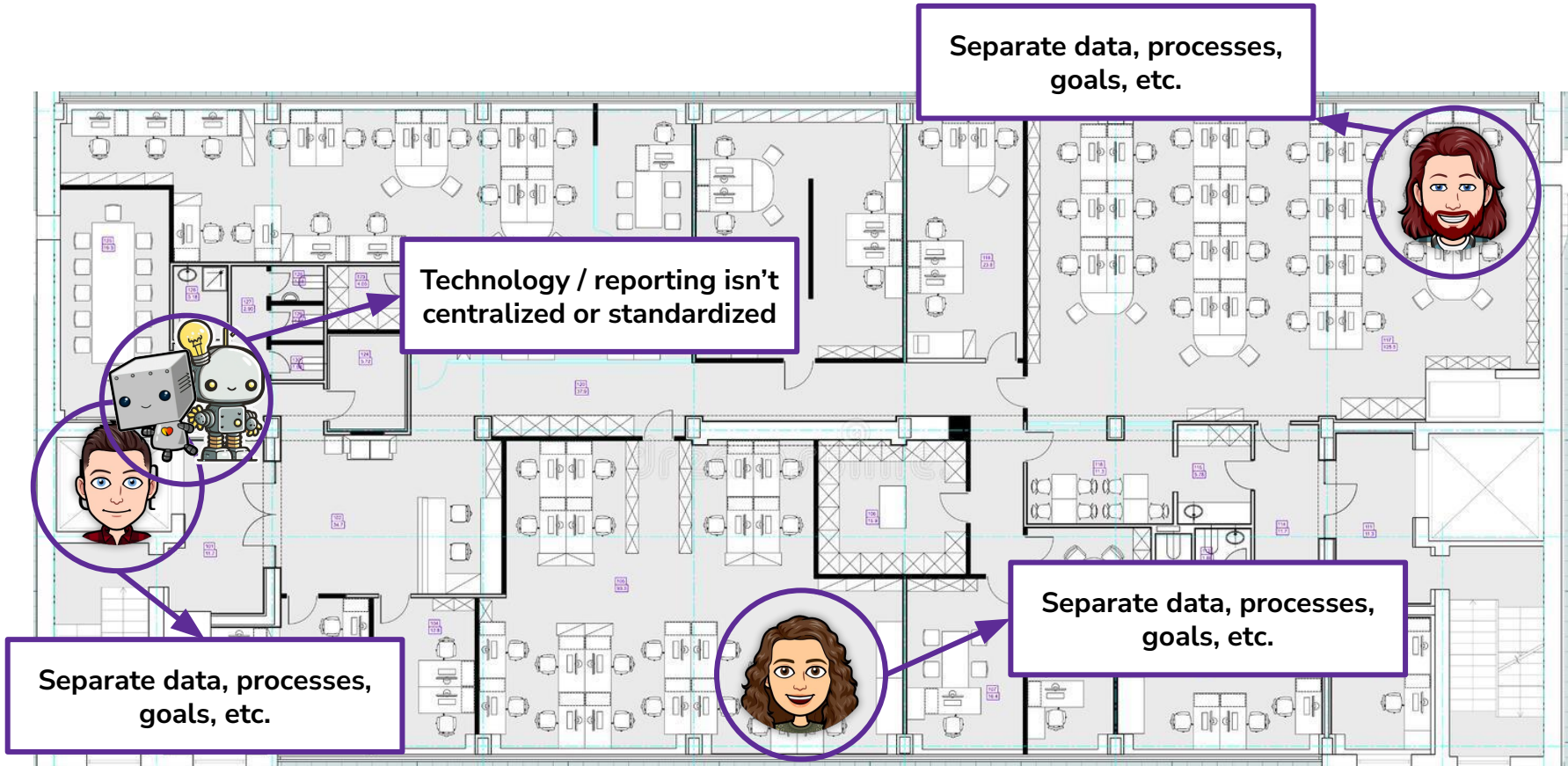
Search

## Discover

### Our beautiful stories

L'Oréal has set itself the mission of offering all women and men worldwide the best of cosmetics innovation in terms of quality, effectiveness and safety. Meet the people who are making this mission a reality.





Separate data, processes, goals, etc.

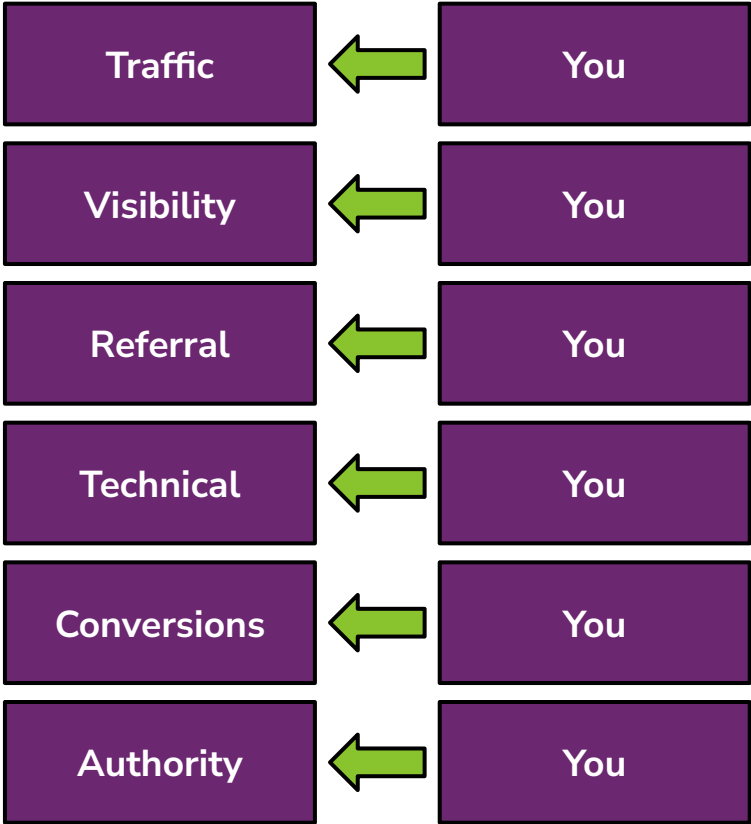
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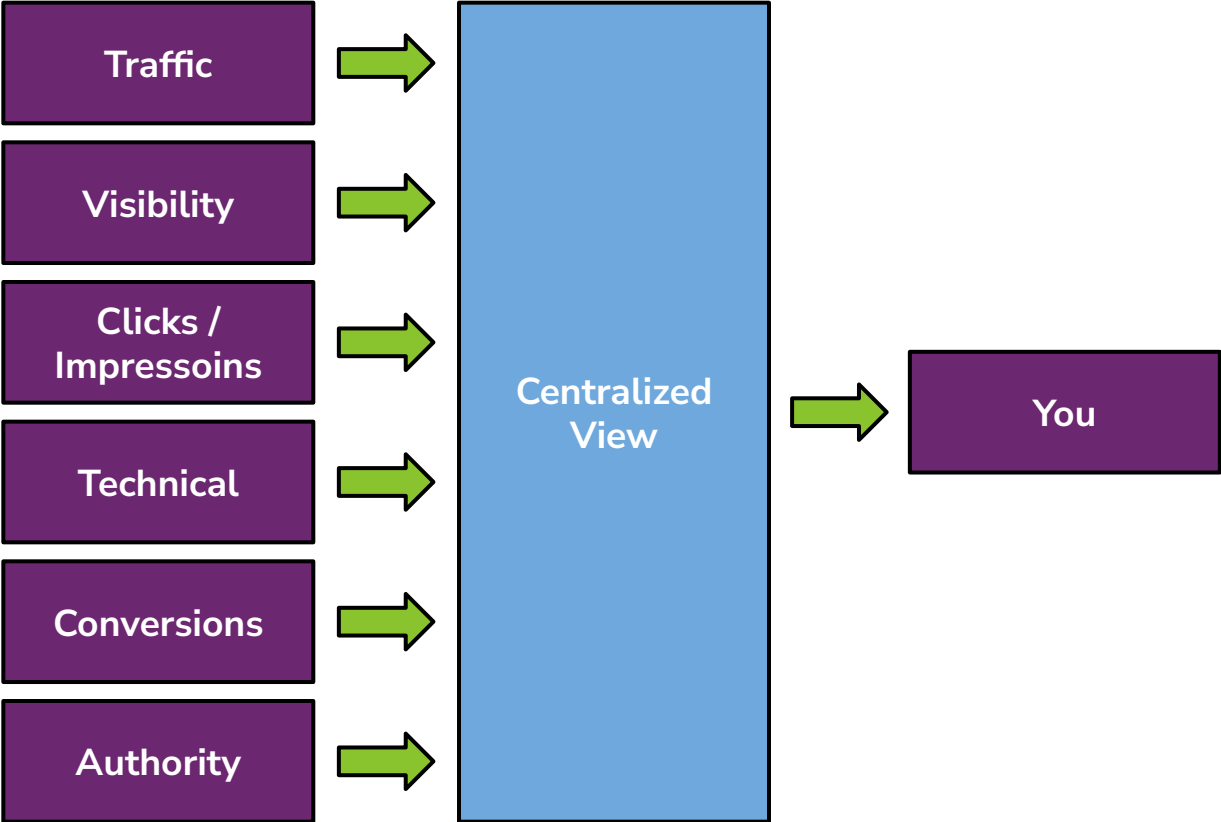
# How You Look At Data Needs To Change

How You're Probably Doing It Today



# How You Look At Data Needs To Change

How You Should Be Doing It



**Data is at the centre of it all.**

So how do you prepare your web data for this new world?

# Gartner®



**Without AI-ready data foundations** and practices, CIOs will be unable to deliver value from AI investments. In fact, **most CIOs struggle to create trusted data foundations** (i.e. data governance, data literacy, greater data collaboration) to enable AI-driven business outcomes.

Source: [Gartner, February 17, 2025](#)  
[The Top CIO Challenges, According to 12k+ of Your CIO Peers](#)

# Data.world: Knowledge Graphs provide **Higher** **Accuracy for LLM** **Responses in** **Enterprises by 300%**

Source: [data.world. \(2023, November 13\).  
A Benchmark to Understand the Role of Knowledge  
Graphs on Large Language Model Accuracy](#)

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## A BENCHMARK TO UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS ON LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL'S ACCURACY FOR QUESTION ANSWERING ON ENTERPRISE SQL DATABASES

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### ABSTRACT

Enterprise applications of Large Language Models (LLMs) hold promise for question answering on enterprise SQL databases. However, the extent to which LLMs can accurately respond to enterprise questions in such databases remains unclear, given the absence of suitable Text-to-SQL benchmarks tailored to enterprise settings. Additionally, the potential of Knowledge Graphs (KGs) to enhance LLM-based question answering by providing business context is not well understood. This study aims to evaluate the accuracy of LLM-powered question answering systems in the context of enterprise questions and SQL databases, while also exploring the role of knowledge graphs in improving accuracy. To achieve this, we introduce a benchmark comprising an enterprise SQL schema in the insurance domain, a range of enterprise queries encompassing reporting to metrics, and a contextual layer incorporating an ontology and mappings that define a knowledge graph. Our primary finding reveals that question answering using GPT-4, with zero-shot prompts directly on SQL databases, achieves an accuracy of 16%. Notably, this accuracy increases to 54% when questions are posed over a Knowledge Graph representation of the enterprise SQL database. Therefore, investing in Knowledge Graph provides higher accuracy for LLM powered question answering systems.

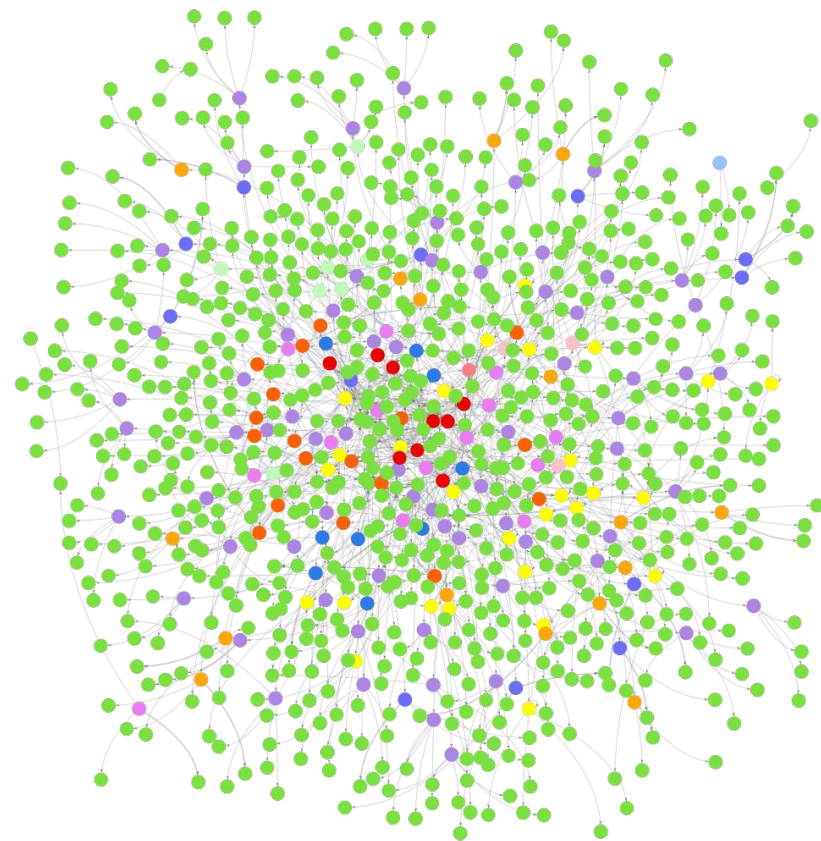
**Keywords** Knowledge Graphs · Large Language Models · Question Answering · SQL Databases · Benchmark · Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)



# What is a Knowledge Graph?

A knowledge graph is a **structured** framework of organizing information that connects concepts, **entities**, and their **relationships**.

# Schema Markup Builds a Knowledge Graph by Connecting Entities Across your Site



# Why Is Your Knowledge Graph Important?

## Enhanced Search Engine Understanding

Search engines follow @id and understand the relationships; leading to richer search results and improved visibility.

## Creating Semantic Meaning

Moving beyond just describing things to defining their meaning and relationships within a broader context.

## No More Data Silos

Create a unified understanding of each entity and control how your content is understood by machines.

## Future-Proofing Your Data

Your data becomes more organized and adaptable to new technologies and platforms.

High quality data is the  
bedrock of AI success.

# Evolving Value of Schema Markup

2011 - 2023

2023 - Present

Future

Use Schema Markup to

**Increased CTR from Rich Results**

Use Schema Markup to do External Entity Linking to improve visibility &

**Drive Disambiguation in Search**

Use Schema Markup to connect the Entities on your site and

**Build a Semantic Data Layer a.k.a. Content Knowledge Graph**

Reuse the Content Knowledge Graph data layer to **Accelerate Content Insights**

Reuse the Content Knowledge Graph data layer to **Increase Efficiency of AI**

# The @id Attribute

## Key to Building a Knowledge Graph

- A unique, stable identifier for an entity
- Establishes the entity home, the primary source of truth on the internet
- Instead of repeating information on every page, @id creates a single, central definition of an entity, eliminating redundancy and improving data quality
- Enhances machine understanding by providing a structured reference, making it easier for search engines and AI to connect related content



# Semantic Schema Markup\*

\* Simplified Illustrative data

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Schema Markup  
to achieve  
*Rich Results*



Schema Markup to  
build a *Content  
Knowledge Graph*



# None of this is new.

The semantic web has been a vision since the 90s.



*Authors of the  
original Semantic  
Web article  
Tim Berners Lee,  
Ora Lassila &  
James Hendler*

**How is the role of SEO changing?**

# The Evolution of SEO in the Age of AI

**Keyword  
Wranglers**



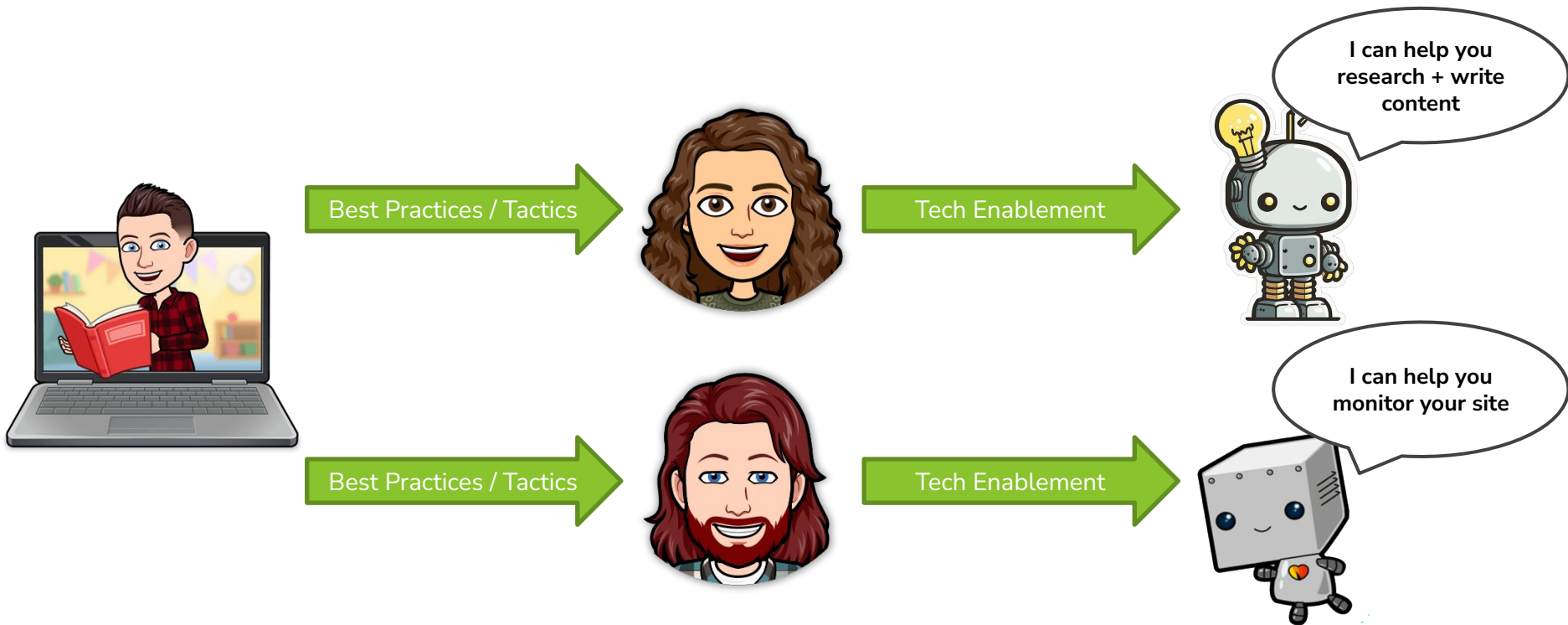
**Data  
Architects**

## Changing Role of the SEO

- Design and Build Knowledge Graphs
- Optimize for Agents, Not Just Algorithms
- Curate and Connect Data
- Understand the Semantic Web
- Be the voice of search engines and the user

# Do'ers To Influencers

*SEO Has Changed From A Singular Profession To A Company-Wide Practice*



## Talk To:

- Executives
- Individual Leadership (Content, Technical, etc.)
- Individual Contributors

## Focus On:

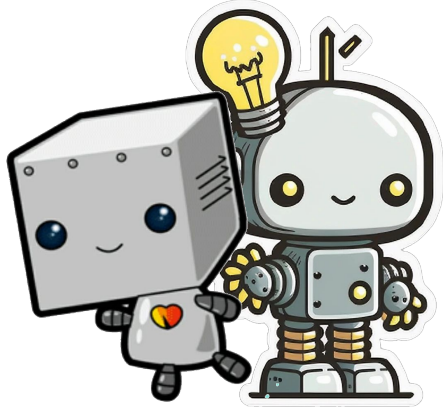
- Building Process & Efficiencies
- Building Brand Authority (Search, Video, Forum Discussions, etc.)

## Do Not:

- Get Too Far Into The Weeds / Overcomplicate



# TECH



# SEO



# CONTENT



# DEV



Enabling Process  
+ Governance  
Across The  
Organization



Education,  
Evangelism,  
Process

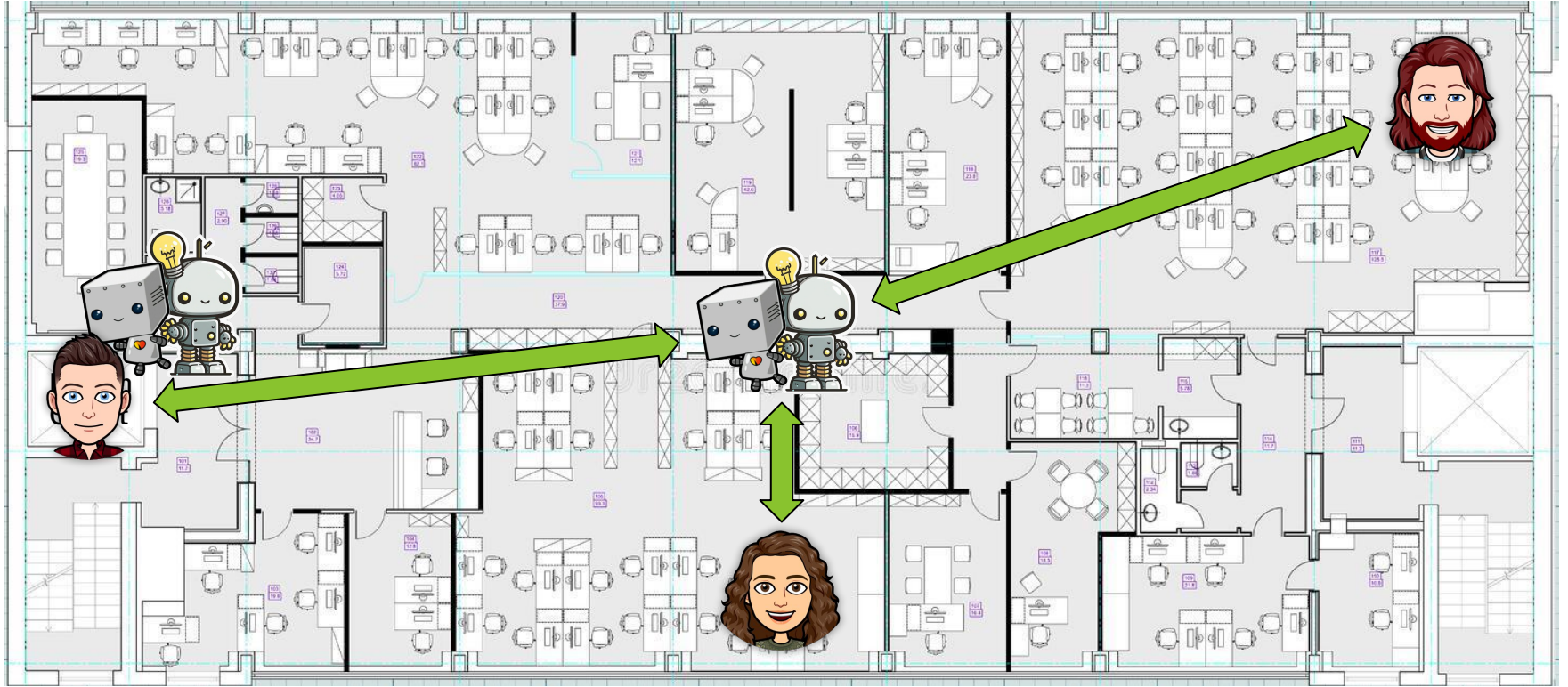


Content  
Creation /  
Updates



Tech Fixes /  
Implementation







# Thank You!

## Questions?

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