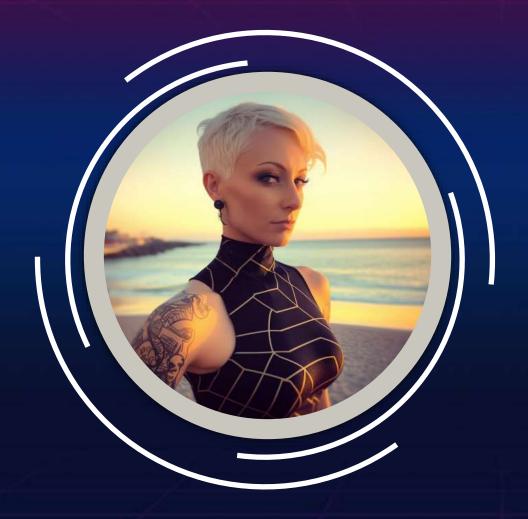






June 2023





## LILY R/Y

Sr. Director of SEO & Head of Organic Research

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Al entering the SEO discussion in 2023...



How it feels to keep up with Al developments this year



### Recent Al Developments in SEO







Bard March 2023

Feb 2023

SEARCH

Supercharging Search with generative Al

May 2023





# ChatGPT



SEO is Dead (Again)



Oh wait...







JK, we now have "browser mode"



# Suddenly, ChatGPT can crawl your site and display your live content.

Without links to your site.

Without your consent.

...unless you block it with robots.txt

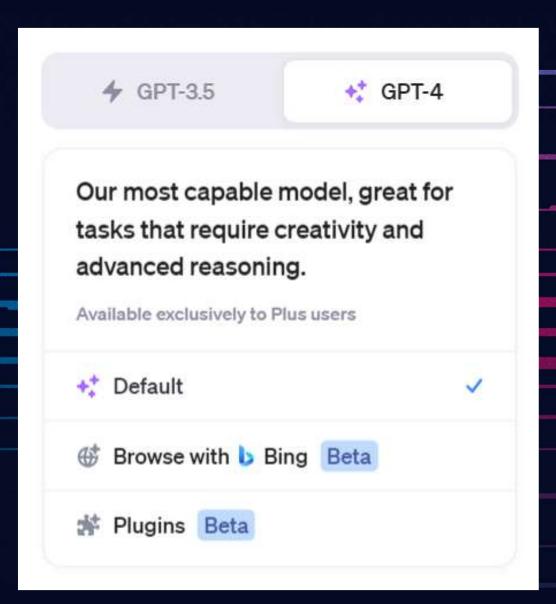
#### ChatGPT-User ChatGPT-User is used by plugins in ChatGPT. This user-agent will only be used to take direct actions on behalf of ChatGPT users and is not used for crawling the web in any automatic fashion. User agent token: ChatGPT-User Full user-agent string: Mozilla/5.8 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko); compatible; ChatGPT-User/1.0; +https://openai.com/bot To allow plugins to access your site you can explicitly add the ChatGPT-User to your site's robots.txt; User-agent: ChatGPT-User Disallow: To allow plugins to access your only parts of your site you can add the ChatGPT-User to your site's robots.txt like this: User-agent: ChatGPT-User Allow: /directory-1/ Allow: /directory-2/ To disallow plugins to access your site you can add the ChatGPT-User to your site's robots.txt: User-agent: ChatGPT-User

#### IP egress ranges

Disallow: /

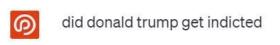
For OpenAI's web browsing plugin, calls to websites will be made from the 23.98.142.176/28 IP address block.





ChatGPT can't "crawl" web pages without browser mode or plugins





#### ChatGPT4



As an Al developed by OpenAl, my training data only includes information available up to September 2021, and I am unable to provide updates or news after this date. As of my last training data in September 2021, Donald Trump had not been indicted. However, you would need to check the most recent sources to get the accurate information on this subject.







did donald trump get indicted



G Finished browsing



Yes, former President Donald Trump has been indicted in a special counsel's classified documents probe1.

#### ChatGPT Browser Mode



#### ChatGPT4: Knowledge Cut-Offs



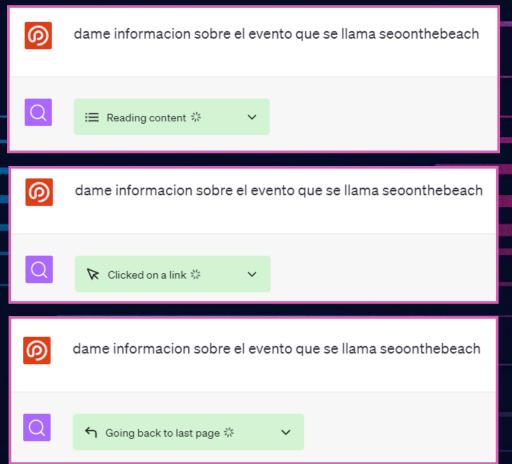


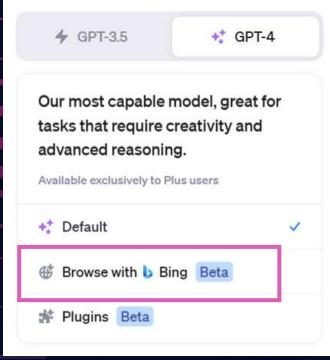
tell me when the Wordlift meetup is in Rome in 2023

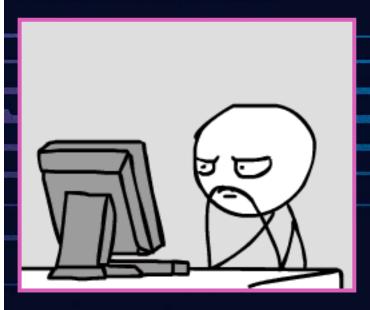


I'm sorry, but as of my last update in September 2021, I'm unable to provide real-time information or updates about specific events such as the Wordlift Meetup in Rome in 2023. I recommend checking Wordlift's official website or their social media channels for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

#### But Wait! ChatGPT4 Web Browsing with Bing







@lilyraynyc)

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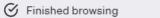
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# When it finally finishes browsing...







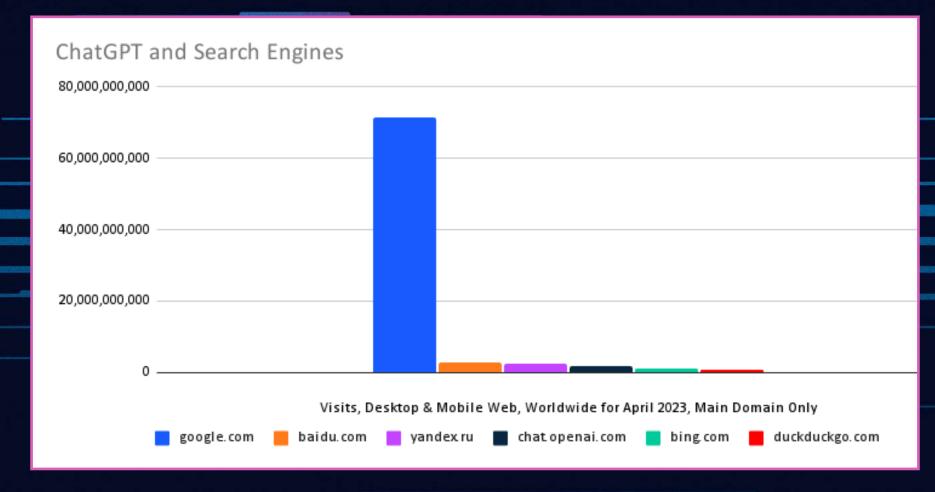


SEO on the Beach es un evento único que se celebra completamente en la playa. El evento se basa en el lema "Dos días de ocio para hacer negocios". Al igual que en otras conferencias, los participantes pueden asistir a diferentes sesiones dirigidas por expertos internacionales en SEO. Sin embargo, a diferencia de cualquier otra conferencia, esta se lleva a cabo completamente en la playa. Los participantes tienen la oportunidad de hacer "beachworking", es decir, networking en la playa, donde es mucho más fácil romper el hielo mientras se hacen castillos de arena o se juega al tira y afloja <sup>1</sup>.

El SEO on the Beach se celebró el 24 y 25 de febrero de 2023 en Clearwater Beach, FL, cerca de Tampa<sup>2</sup>. El evento comenzó a las 9 AM EST cada día<sup>2</sup>, y tuvo lugar en el 1201 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767<sup>2</sup>.

Las impresiones de los participantes sugieren que el evento es bastante diferente a los eventos de networking a los que suelen asistir. Los asistentes elogian la atmósfera relajada del evento y la alta calidad del networking y las conferencias. Los organizadores atentos y prácticos crean un ambiente de diversión y aprendizaje durante todo el día. Por lo tanto, muchos participantes recomiendan el evento a todos los profesionales del SEO <sup>1</sup>.

#### Has ChatGPT Killed SEO Yet?



ChatGPT & Search Engine Market Share (Apr 2023) - Similarweb



# Promising Plugins for SEO Analysis: Link Reader \_\_\_\_\_\_



Can you compare the content of 2 links



Sure, I can do that. Please provide the two links you want me to compare.

(9)

https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeds/how-to-train-an-australian-shepherd-puppy-timeline-milestones/

https://www.wikihow.com/Train-an-Australian-Shepherd

please answer the following questions:

- what does the AKC article say that the Wikihow article does not?
- what does the Wikihow article say that the AKC article does not?



Sure, here's a comparison of unique points from each article:

#### What the AKC article says that the Wikihow article does not:

- The AKC article provides a detailed timeline for training an Australian Shepherd, breaking down the training process into different growth stages (8-16 weeks, by 6 months, by one year and beyond).
- It specifically mentions the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program as a resource for socializing your puppy.
- The article points out that Australian Shepherds don't like repetition and may change their behavior if asked to do the same thing repeatedly.

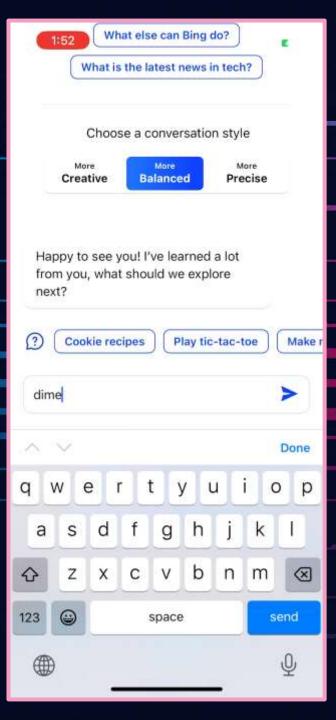






# Bing Chat

## Bing Chat

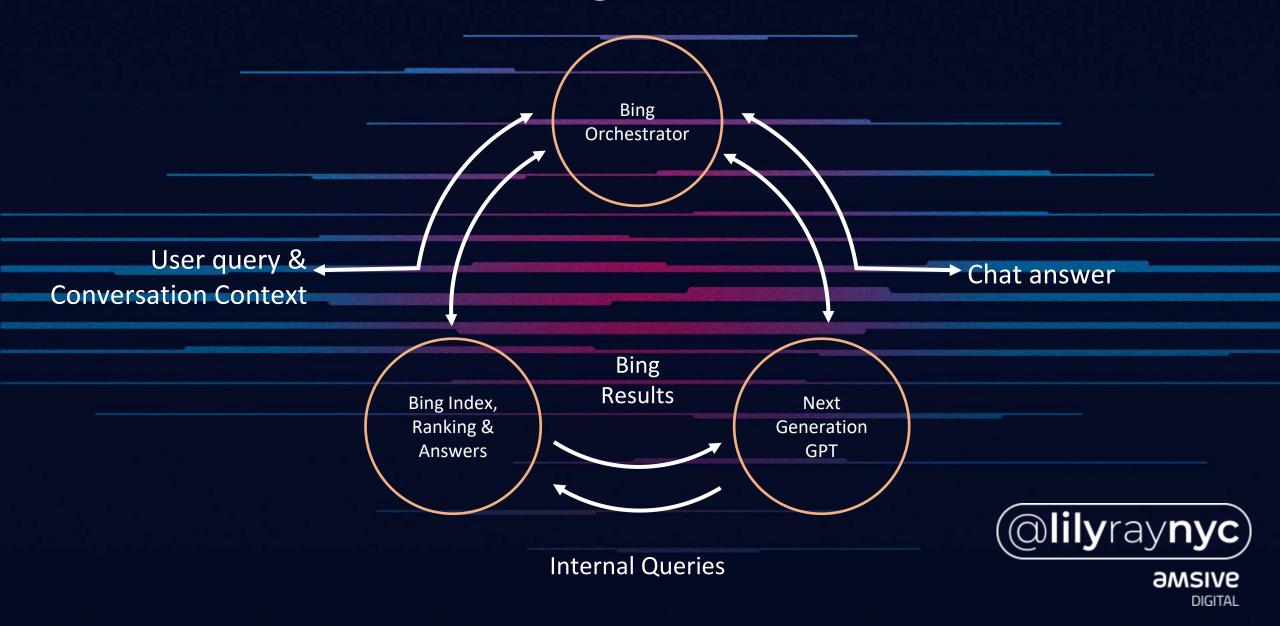


Leverages Bing's real-time search index & ChatGPT technology to refine queries and return relevant, updated results

Rich with links to sources

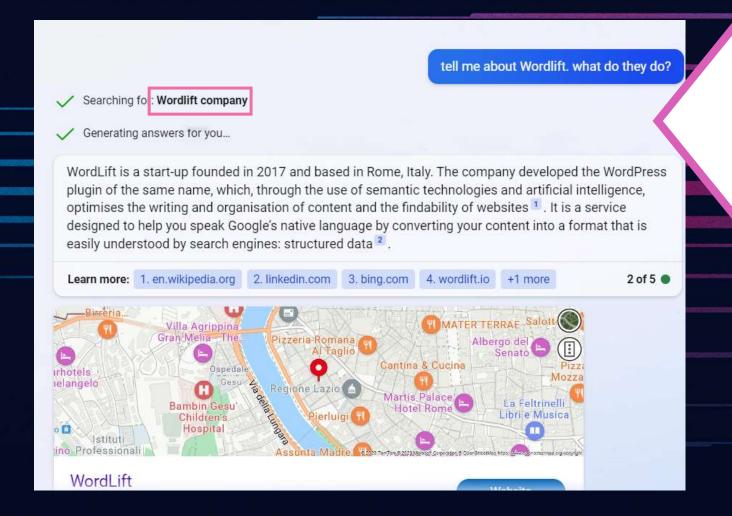
Traffic to show in Bing Webmaster Tools (soon!)

#### The New Bing: Prometheus





#### Conversational queries



Pay attention to these "core keywords"



### Bing Chat



Positive experience, but will it lead to increased market share for Bing?

"While Microsoft boasts of Bing now having over 100 million daily active users, the search engine's market share is decreasing. In fact, Bing Chat does not seem to have done anything to boost Bing's market share."

- Microsoft Bing Losing Market Share despite Bing Chat Al Search Tool

# Bing Webmaster Tools to gain Bing Chat impressions and clicks next month

We will soon be able to see how much visibility and traffic Bing Chat is sending our web sites.

Barry Schwartz on April 25, 2023 at 7:20 am | Reading time: 2 minutes



# Baro Al



Bard is now multi-modal

(images & text)



#### Take Bard's Advice With a Grain of Salt

#### "How to create backlinks"

There are many ways to create backlinks to your website. Some of the most effective methods include:

- Guest blogging: Guest blogging is a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you guest blog on another website, you can include a link back to your own website in your author bio.
- Commenting on blogs: Commenting on blogs is another great way to get backlinks to your website. When you comment on a blog, you can include a link back to your own website in your comment.
- Social media: Social media is a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you share your website's content on social media, you can include a link back to your website in your social media posts.
- Forums: Forums are a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you participate in forums, you can include a link back to your own website in your forum posts.
- Press releases: Press releases are a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you publish a press release, you can include a link back to your own website in the press release.
- Infographics: Infographics are a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you create an infographic, you can
  include a link back to your own website in the infographic.
- Videos: Videos are a great way to get backlinks to your website. When you create a video, you can include a link back to your own website in the video description.





Doesn't pass SEO value

Against Google's guidelines

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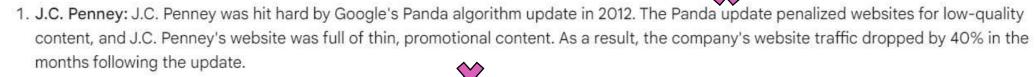
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#### I asked Bard about Google Algorithm Updates.

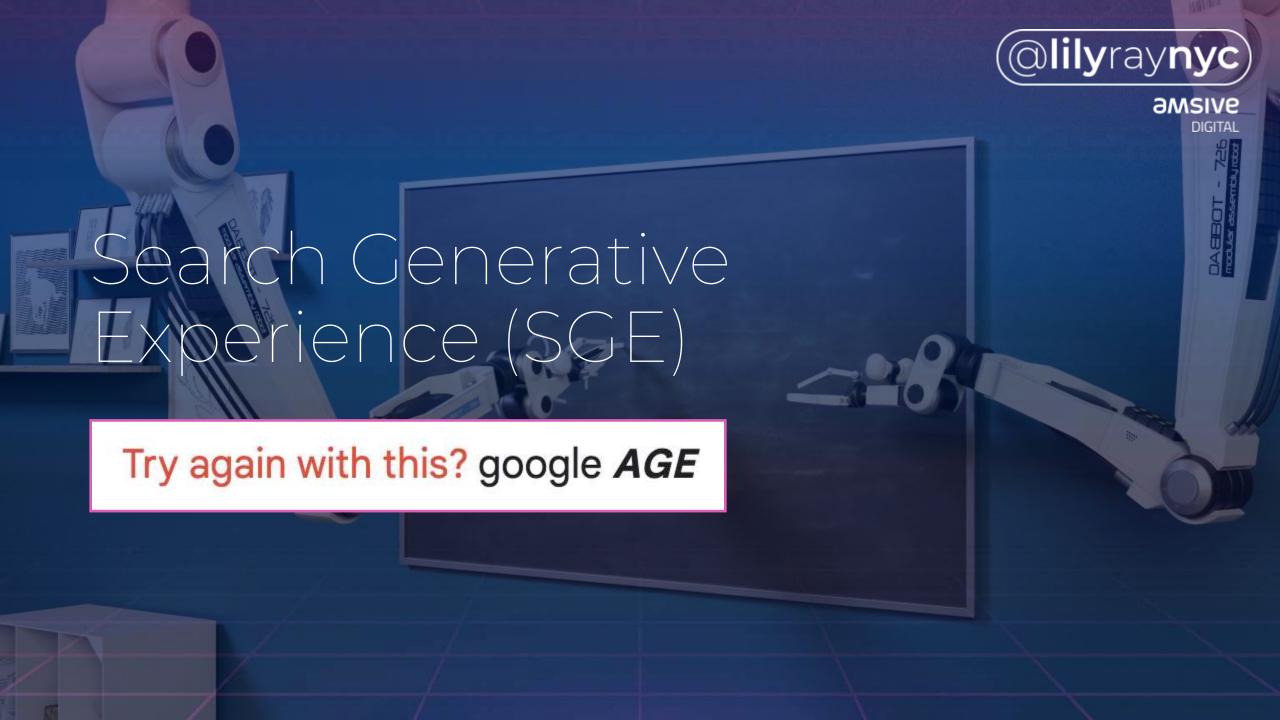
#### None of this is true.



Sure, here are five businesses affected by Google algorithm updates and why they were affected:

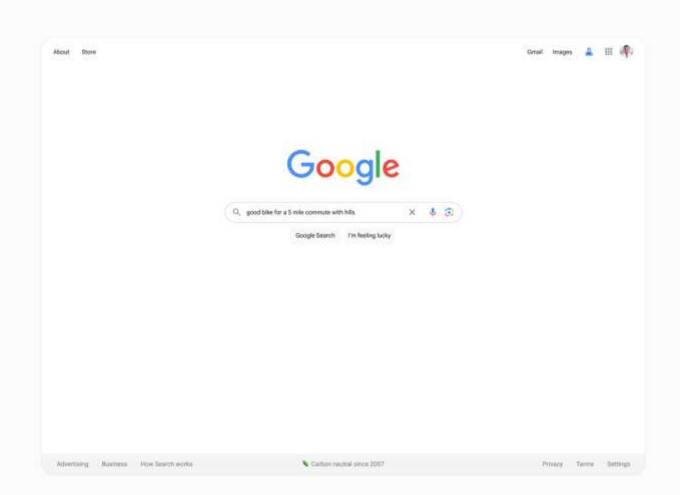


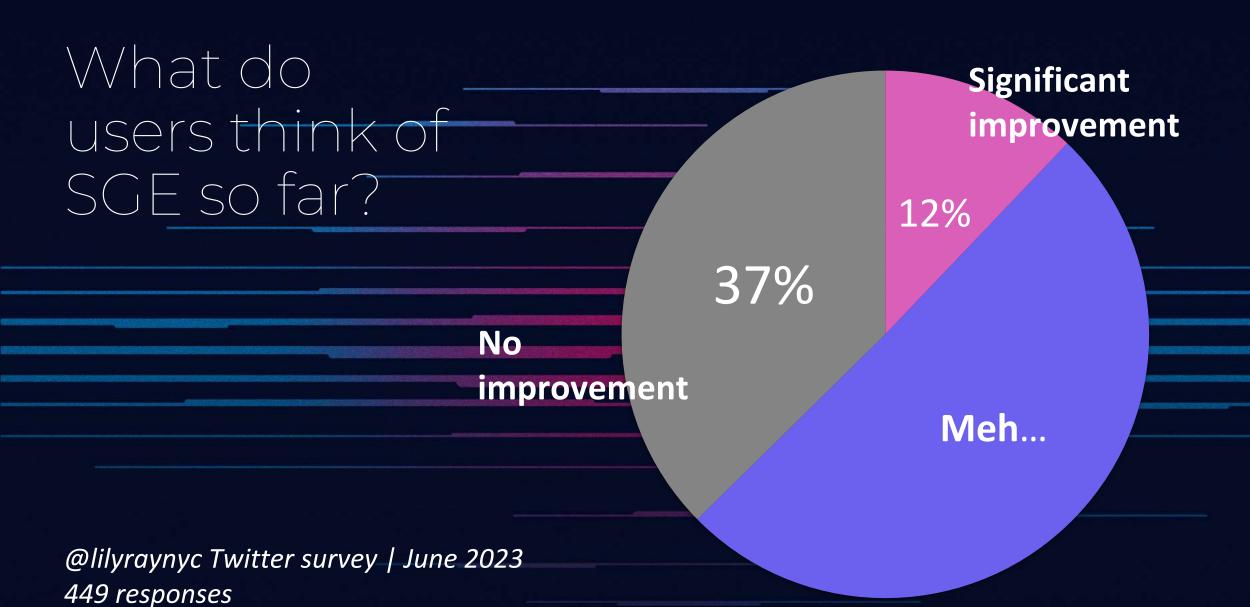
- 2. Overstock.com: Overstock.com was hit by Google's Penguin algorithm update in 2015. The Penguin update penalized websites for spammy and manipulative content, and Overstock.com's website was full of paid links. As a result, the company's website traffic dropped by 20% in the months following the update.
- 3. Walmart: Walmart was hit by Google's Medic update in 2017. The Medic update was designed to improve the ranking of websites that provide high-quality health information, and Walmart's website did not meet the new standards. As a result, the company's ranking for health-related queries declined.
- 4. Etsy: Etsy was hit by Google's Quality Rater Guidelines update in 2018. The Quality Rater Guidelines update changed the way that Google's search algorithm evaluates websites, and Etsy's website did not meet the new standards. As a result, the company's ranking for some queries declined.
- 5. Wayfair: Wayfair was hit by Google's May Core Algorithm update in 2020. The May Core Algorithm update is a regular update that is designed to improve the quality of search results, and Wayfair's website was not as high-quality as some of its competitors. As a result, the company's



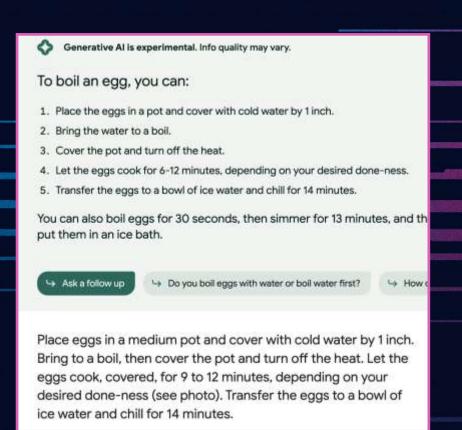
### Google10 Keynote: Introducing SGE

(Search Generative Experience)





### My Initial Opinions (3 Weeks Later)



- The answers are often redundant with other SERP features (snippets, maps, shopping) or even \*direct copies\* of content
- Accuracy and helpfulness of answers is still highly questionable
- Featured snippets often appear below SGE answers weird experience
- The lack of links and sourcing is terrible and significantly reduces the overall SGE experience
- Top ranking organic results are not always chosen as the SGE answers

### Impacted Categories

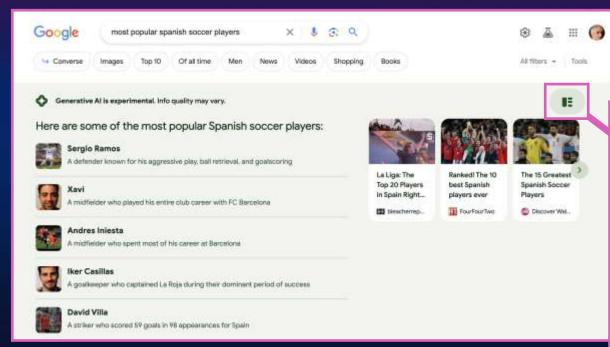
- Informational content
- Review content
- Shopping & commerce queries
- Location & maps content
- Branded keywords (sometimes it turns on and off)
- Travel content
- Many health & wellness queries

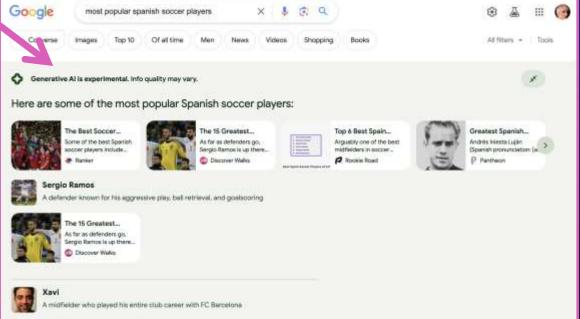




#### Using SGE:



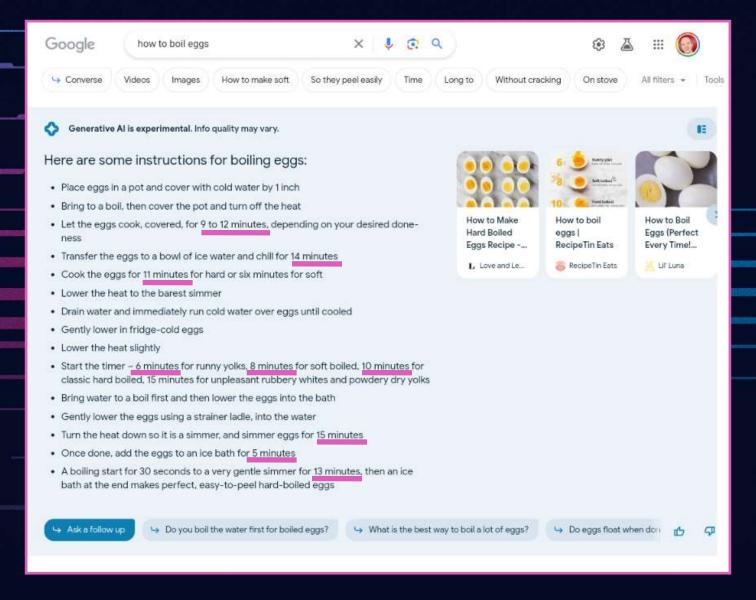




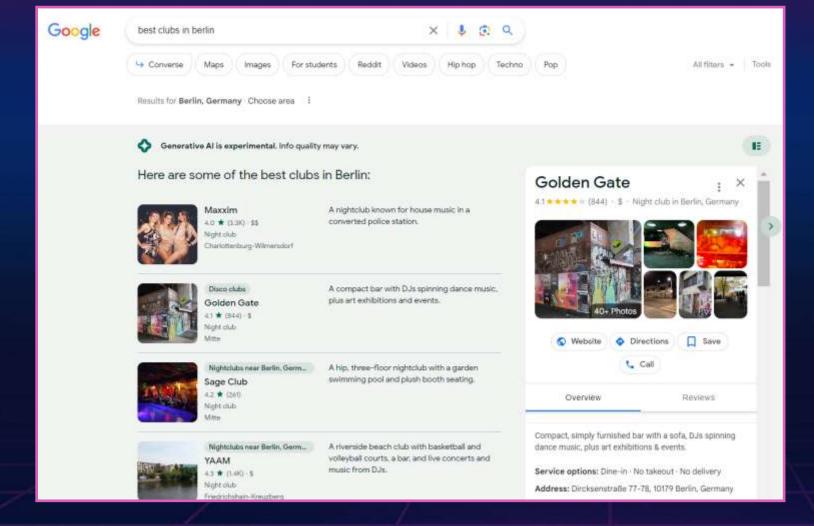
### It's Still Early...

...and SGE is evolving & improving every day

#### Source: @CyrusShephard



### Integration with Google Maps (above Maps results)





Pulls in GBP reviews, star ratings, images and descriptions

#### Looks beyond GBP reviews -3<sup>rd</sup> party mentions matter Not the same ranking algorithm as Google Maps



There are many restaurants in Malaga, Spain. Here are some of the best:



Best lunch

Blossom - Restaurante e...

4.7 \* (584)

Restaurant

Málaga

Innovative restaurant with a terrace and contemporary tapas, plus wines. Some say it's the best restaurant in Malaga with a Michelin star.



Malaga MICHELIN... Starred restaurants, Bib Gourmand and all the...

**MICHELIN** Guide



Exploring the Flavors...

Explore the top 10 restaurants in Malaga,...

MarbsLifestyle.com



Top 25 Great...

If you're looking for a casual place to eat that...

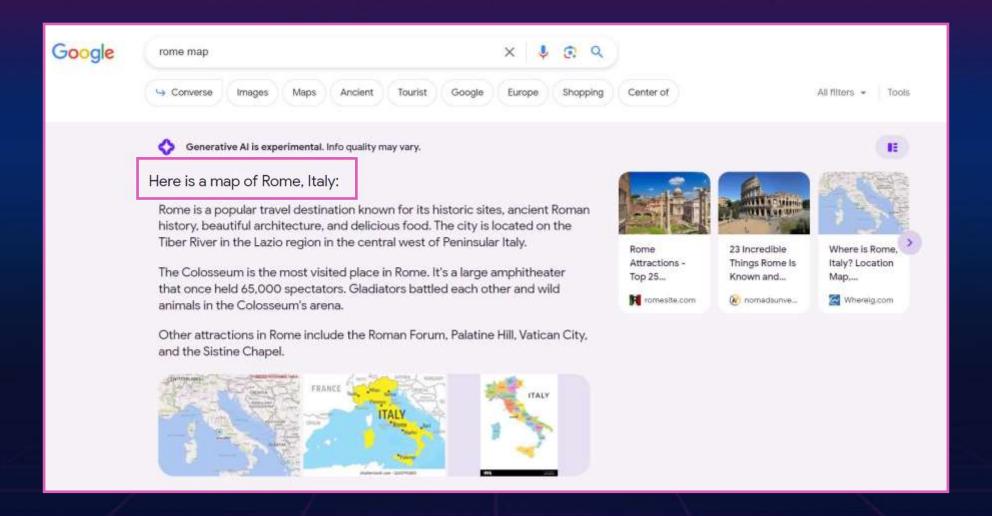
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#### Blossom - Restaurante en Málaga

Innovative restaurant with a terrace presenting contemporary tapas dishes, plus...

G Google

### Tries to be helpful, but isn't always helpful





Generative AI is experimental. Info quality may vary.

Dr. Marie Haynes is an author, businesswoman, blogger, and SEO practitioner. She is the founder and CEO of Marie Haynes Consulting (MHC). She is known for understanding Google's search algorithms and sharing how business owners can improve their websites.

Haynes has been recognized as a leader in the SEO industry since 2008. She has 15 years of experience helping businesses of all sizes improve their site quality. She has helped train many of today's brightest minds in the SEO industry.

Haynes speaks and writes often on the subject of Google penalties, algorithm changes such as Panda and Penguin, and also Google's Quality Raters' Guidelines. Digital marketers around the world use her book and checklist to evaluate website quality like a Google quality rater.



→ Marie Haynes' newsletter

→ Marie Hay

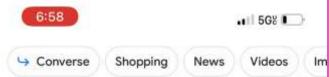
→ Marie Haynes SEO

→ Ask a follow up



### Pulls images from Google Business Profile

Even for nonlocalized queries



a rich bass and bright highs. It also has Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa voice control. However, it is expensive and heavy.



Good portable speaker

Bose Portable Home Speaker

4.3 \* (3K)

Bose, + more

\$399.00

This speaker is portable and has a battery life of up to 12 hours. It also has Bose quality sound and impactful bass. However, it is expensive.



Good portable speaker

Ultimate Ears BOOM 3

4.7 \* (6.8K)

Walmart - Deal Central Inc. + more

\$157.90

IPX7 waterproof rating • Shockproof • USB-C and USB-A connections • Size • Doesn't come with mounting equipment



Good for bathrooms

JBL Clip 4

4.7 \* (3.7K)

jbl.com. + more

\$79.95

Portable & durable • Integrated carabiner • Powerful bass • Affordable • No jack input • No microphone



Good for pool

Soundcore Motion+

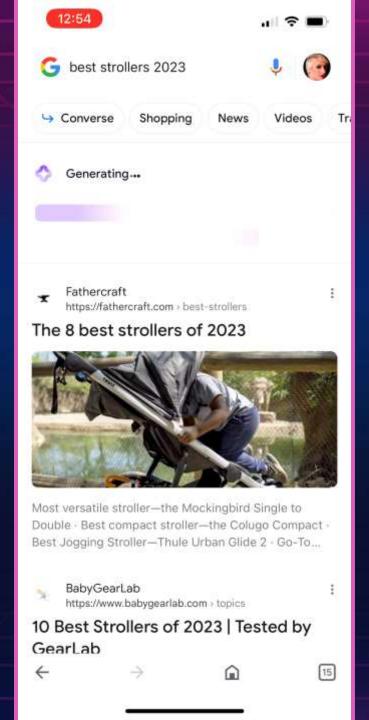
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## Product Review Queries

14 review sites in carousel links

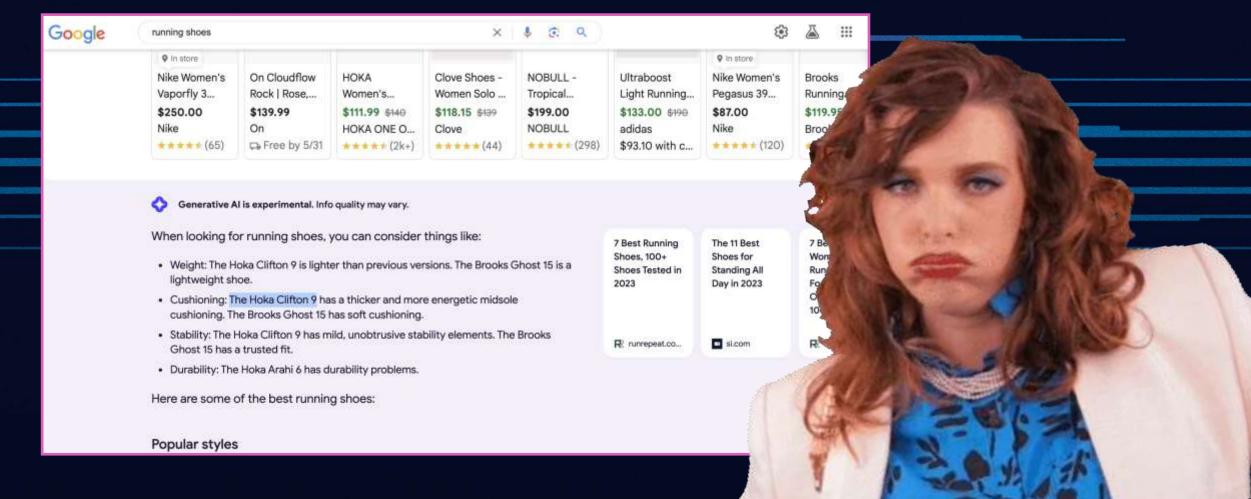




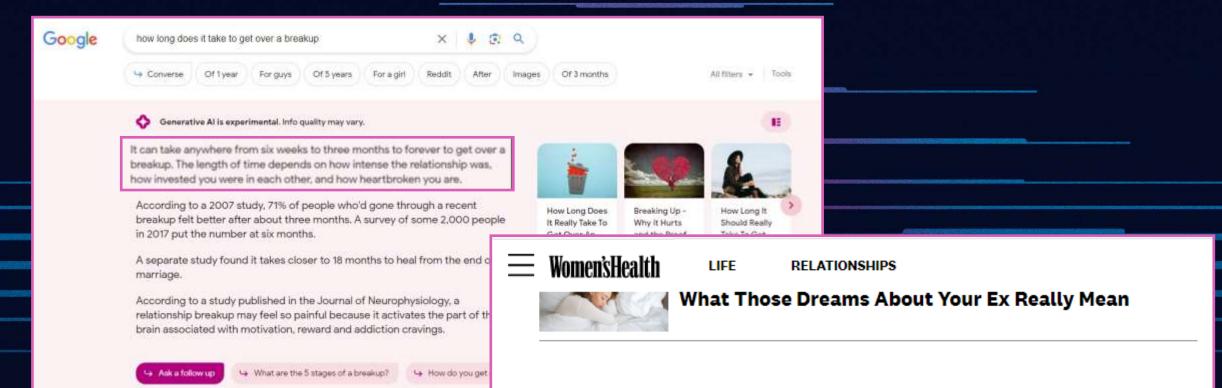
## Product Review Queries

Connection to Google Shopping results is not working (for me) yet...?

## Doesn't Intuitively Link to Products or URLs

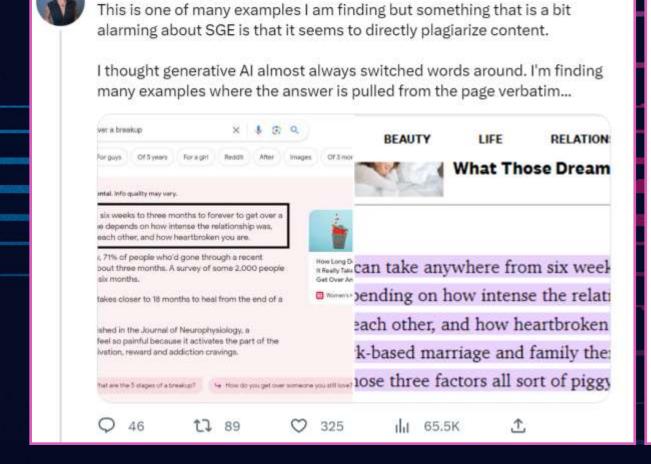


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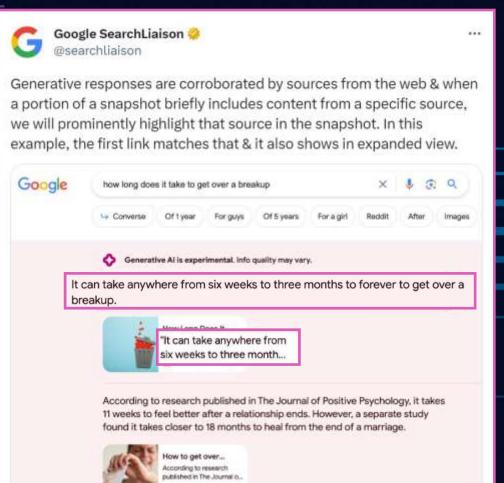


"It can take anywhere from six weeks to three months to forever, depending on how intense the relationship was, how invested you were in each other, and how heartbroken you are," says <u>Jane Greer</u>, PhD, New York-based marriage and family therapist and author of *What About Me?* (Those three factors all sort of piggyback on each other.)

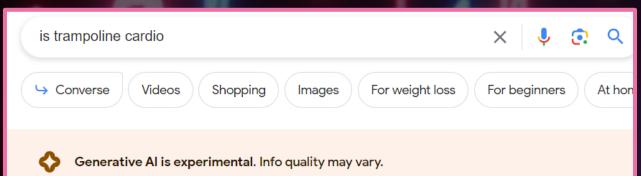
## Plagiarism Concerns? (+ Google's Response)



Lily Ray 99 @lilyraynyc · May 26



## More Plagiarism Concerns (h/t @gregoryflorin)



Trampoline exercises are a convenient and enjoyable way to boost your cardiovascular health, improve endurance, and relieve stress and tension. They can help you develop better balance, coordination, and motor skills. These exercises target your back, core, and leg muscles.

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Healthline

https://www.healthline.com > health > exercise-fitness > t...

12 Trampoline Exercises: Instructions, Benefits, and More

Trampoline exercises are a convenient and enjoyable way to boost your cardiovascular health, improve endurance, and relieve stress and tension. They can help you develop better balance, coordination, and motor skills.

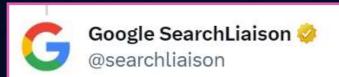
These exercises target your back, core, and leg muscles. You'll also work your arms, neck, and glutes.

Research shows that trampolining has a positive effect on bone health, and it may help improve bone density and strength.

healthline



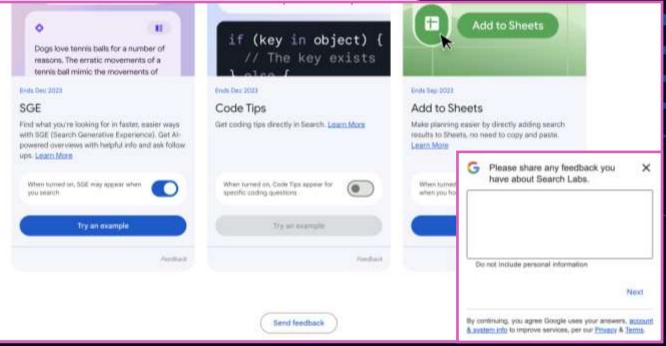
## Keep Providing Feedback!



Feedback form is great! And appreciated! As has been the previous feedback regarding various preferences about links. All passed in to our teams. As a reminder, this is an experiment, and the feedback is

considered for way to improve.

11:09 AM · May 31, 2023 · 539 Views





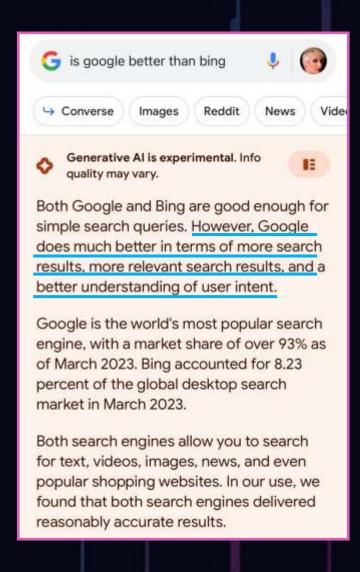
was previously entered in a conversation, of course. But will update

more if I hear differently.

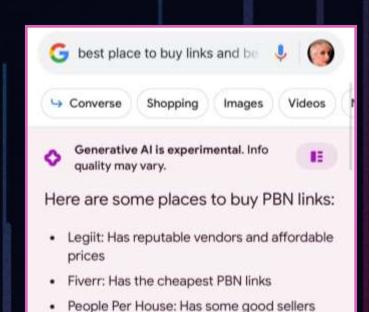


# SGE Results are (probably) not personalized





Risk of demonstrating opinions and biases, not always facts



Konker marketplace: Has some good sellers

Links Management: A website to buy

A private blog network (PBN) is a network of websites created to link out to another website to improve its organic search visibility. The idea is that the "feeder" sites will pass link equity back to the main site, which will boost its authority and ranking

· Authority Builders: A website to buy

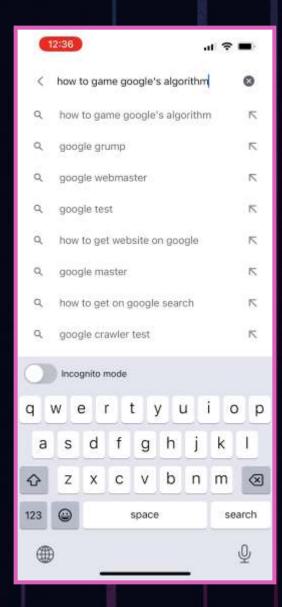
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power.



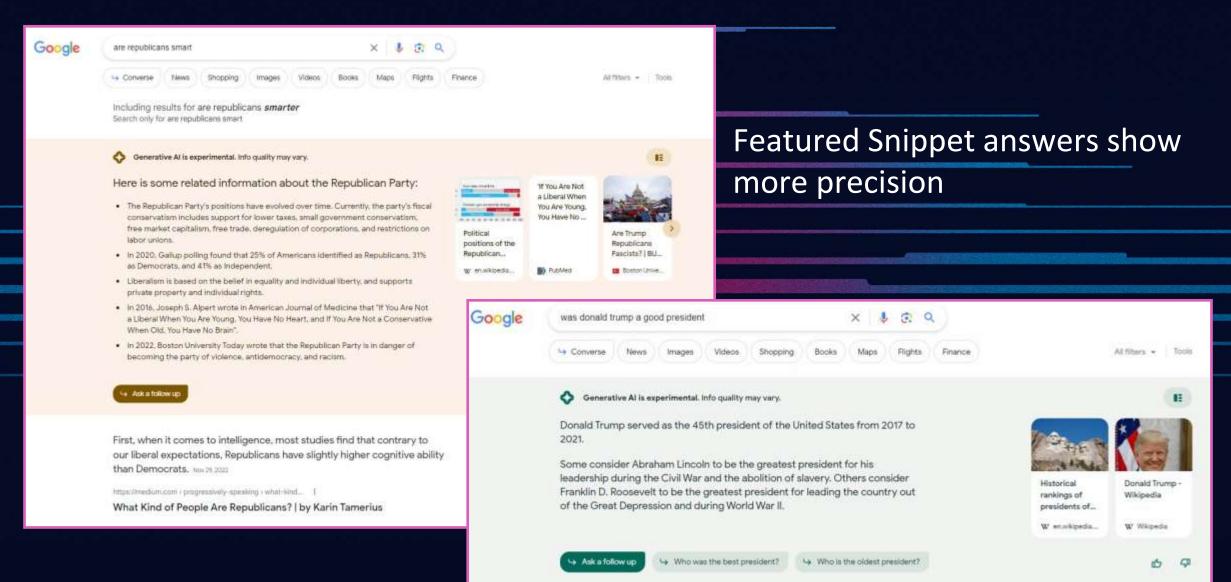
Difficult to control quality across all categories:





## Less than authoritative answers

## Deflects Tough Questions



#### Here are some signs that your husband might be cheating:

- · Drastic changes in communication
- Lack of interest in you
- Changes in routines
- More self-care
- · More critical of you
- · Feeling distant
- Not inviting you out as often
- Being secretive
- Manipulative
- Depressed
- · Feeling less of himself
- Wanting to cause a quarrel
- Irregular work schedule
- New hobbies
- Unexplained expenses
- · Loss of sexual interest
- Changed or added passwords on his devices
- Taking care of the car too much
- Buying gifts
- Focus on appearance
- Guarded protection of devices

#### Focus on appearance

- Guarded protection of devices
- Hostility towards you and the relationship
- Developing a history of lying
- Body language
- · Becoming "very busy"
- Change in habits
- Talking about someone new
- · Being more affectionate
- · Putting more effort into their appearance
- · Being gone more often
- · Accusing you of cheating
- Making big cash withdrawals
- · Lying about things that don't matter
- · Playing cell phone defense
- Not getting back to you when he's out with other people
- Hanging out with a new crowd when you're not around
- · Improving their appearance
- Guarding their phone
- Changing

#### Vague, unhelpful relationship advice

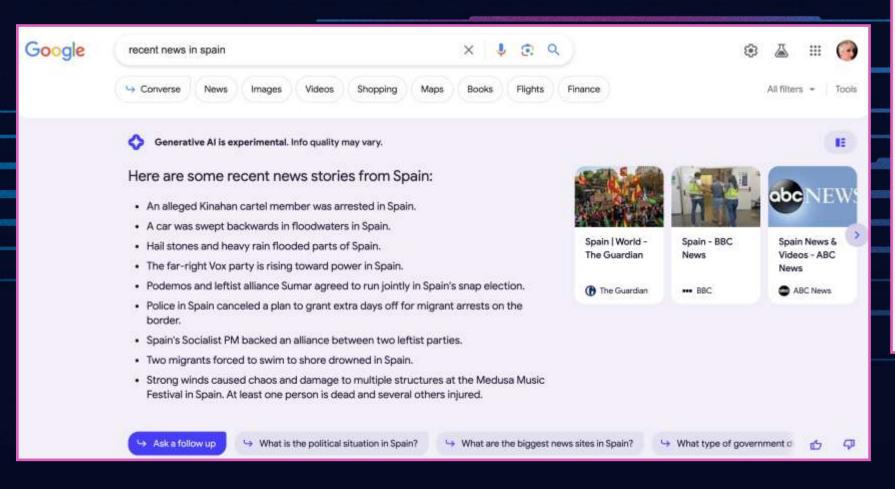


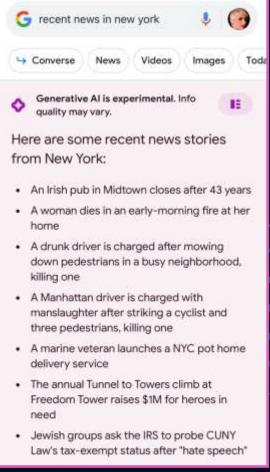
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#### Recent News?

How is this better than Top Stories?





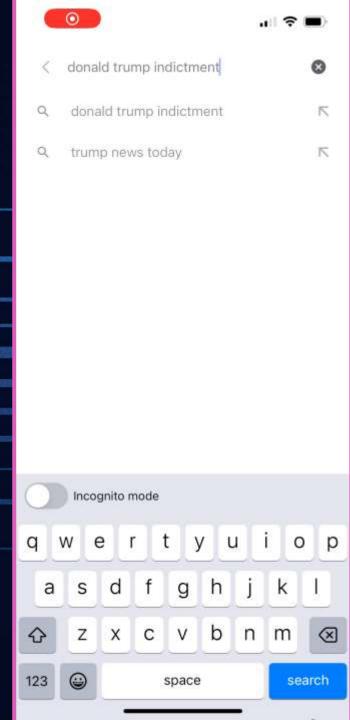




#### When SGE Doesn't Appear by Default

- → Highly political topics
- → Some medical topics (but not all!)
- → Some other YMYL queries (financial advice)
- → Sensitive queries, conspiracies
- → Trigger words
- → Recipes (?)
- → Adult keywords
- → Branded queries (with the option to click to expand)
- → Quick answers weather, lyrics

Great thread by @CyrusShepard on this topic





# Is promoting consistent & reliable answers in Al the new linkbuilding?



#### Process:

- Collect frequently asked questions about yourself or your brand
- Answer questions clearly and concisely on your site(s) in FAQs, About page, homepage, etc.
- Leverage IndexNow for instant indexing in Bing (Yoast premium)
- Ensure content is crawled/indexed by Google
- Monitor SGE & Bing Chat results

#### **About Lily Ray**

Lily Ray is an **SEO professional**, **DJ**, **drummer**, and fitness lover based in Brooklyn, NYC. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and moved to New York City when she was 18. She has lived in New York City ever since.



Lily currently serves as the Senior Director of SEO and Head of Organic Research at Amsive Digital, formerly Path Interactive. Amsive Digital is an NYC-born digital marketing agency with a national presence, providing data-driven SEO, digital media, paid and managed social, analytics, creative, influencer marketing and web design and development services that help brands grow.

Lily oversees a 30+ person SEO team (alongside several other talented Directors, Strategists & managers) and supports dozens of clients across different categories, ranging from small and medium businesses to Fortune 50 enterprise brands.

Lily moonlights as a DJ and drummer, and has been a musician and rhythm-lover throughout her entire life.

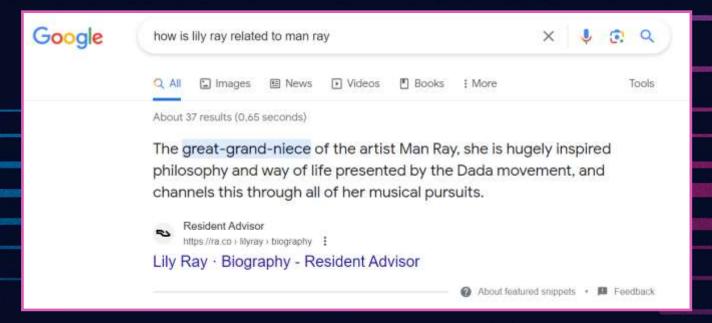
Frequently Asked Questions:

How did Lily Ray get into the field of Search Engine Optimization (SEO)?

Lily Ray began working in the Search Engine Optimization (SEO) industry when she was a junior at NYU. She was studying Politics and Spanish when she stumbled upon a paid job doing SEO and social

## Affecting SGE Answers

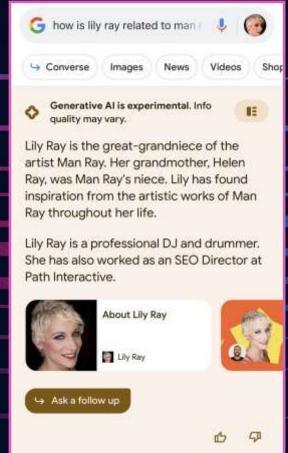
#### Before website change



Website change (1 week ago)

How is Lily Ray related to Man Ray?

Lily Ray is the great-grand niece of the artist Man Ray. Her grandmother, Helen Ray, was Man Ray's niece.



After website change

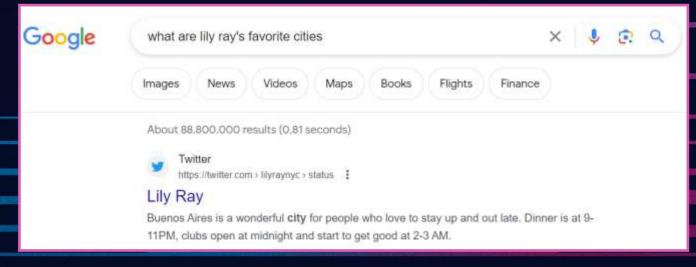




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## Affecting SGE Answers

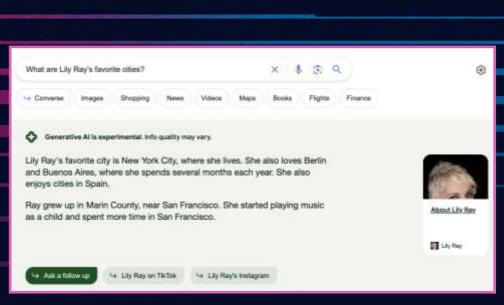
#### Before website change



#### Website change (2 weeks ago)

#### What are Lily Ray's favorite cities?

Lily's favorite city of all time is the city where she lives – New York City. But she has many other cities that are near and dear to her heart, such as Berlin and Buenos Aires, where she spends multiple months per year. She also has an affinity for various cities in Spain, such as Barcelona and Malaga, and has traveled extensively throughout many cities in South and Central America.



After website change



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#### 3rd party mentions, interviews and corroborations across multiple sites are extremely important

#### Here are some steps for tying a bow tie:





How to Tie a Bow Tie ...
Place the bow tie around your neck with the right...



\* Start with the bowtie lying face up. ... \* Move A ...





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- 1. Place the bow tie around your neck with the right end lower than the left end.
- 2. Cross the longer end over the shorter end.



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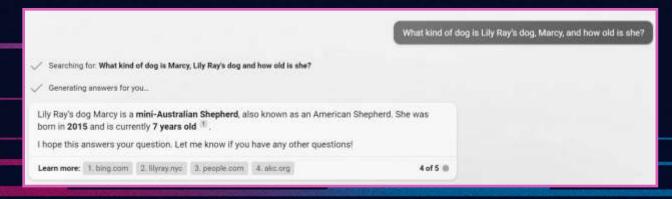
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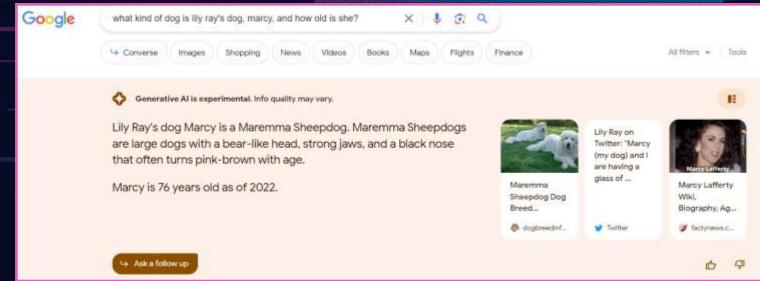


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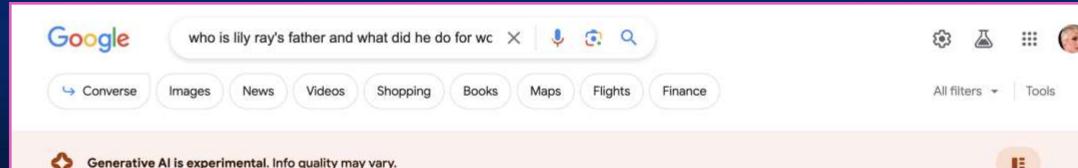
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## Still confused between multiple Lily Rays





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Lily Ray's father was an engineer at Sun Microsystems and Oracle, and was part of the team that created the programming language Java. Lily called her father the "original tech guy".

Lily Ray's father was a peach farmer in Sylvan, South Carolina. He was once passionate about Lily's mother, but after she left him and died, he became



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bitter and resentful. He took his depression and self-hatred out on Lily.

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What does Lily's father do for a living?

What does T Ray do for a living?

Why does Lily call her dad T Ray?

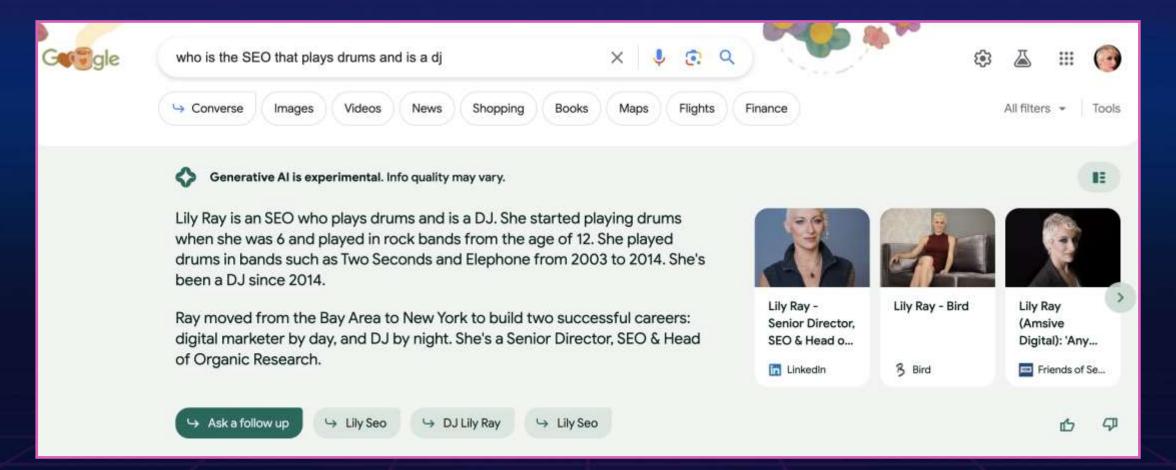






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## Affecting Bing Chat Answers



Generating answers for you...

Lily Ray began working in the Search Engine Optimization (SEO) industry when she was a junior at NYU. She was studying Politics and Spanish when she stumbled upon a paid job doing SEO and social media marketing for an online education company 1. Since then, she has worked in various SEO roles and is currently the Director of SEO at Path Interactive 2. She brings a strong technical background, performance-driven habits, and forward-thinking creativity to all programs she oversees 2.

#### Learn more:

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1. lilyray.nyc

2. datanatives.io

3. linkedin.com

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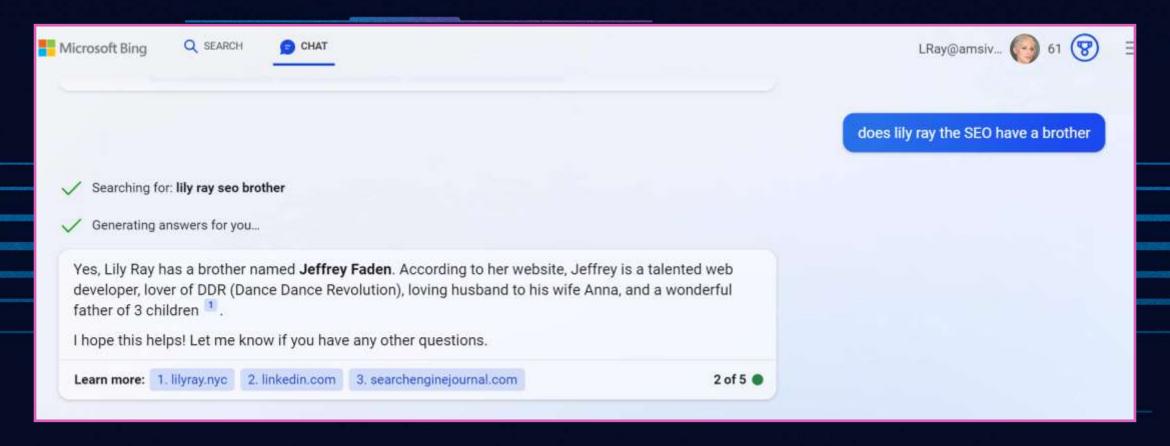
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#### How did Lily Ray get into the field of Search Engine Optimization (SEO)?

Lily Ray began working in the Search Engine Optimization (SEO) industry when she was a junior at NYU. She was studying Politics and Spanish when she stumbled upon a paid job doing SEO and social media marketing for an online education company. Lily discovered that a profession in SEO allowed her to combine her technical, creative, writing, and marketing skills. She immediately fell in love with SEO and has been passionate about her career and the industry ever since.



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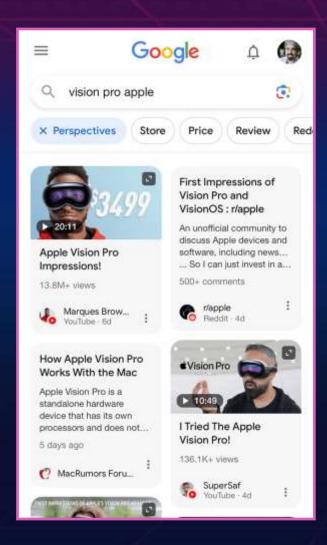


## Steps to Respond Now



- Collect relevant questions about your brand (People Also Ask, question research)
- 2. Provide clear, concise and consistent answers to these questions wherever possible
- 3. Pay attention to GBP photos and reviews

- 4. Monitor 3<sup>rd</sup> party mentions & set up brand alerts
- 5. Ensure information accuracy across 3<sup>rd</sup> party sites whenever possible
- 6. Use high-quality imagery on every page you want to appear in SGE



Do not forget about E-E-A-T, especially the new E (experience)

Google quietly launched new "Perspectives" feature



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