Virtual Marketing Blueprint

Keyword Research

Objectives:

- 1) Keyword Research Overview
- 2) Initial Keyword Research (Broad Match)
- 3) Refined Keyword Research (Exact Match)
- 4) Analyzing Keywords: Finding Gold Nuggets
- 5) Creating Your Keyword Tree



Introduction to Analyzing Keywords

Analyzing Keywords

What Is It?

It's the process of filtering your keywords to identify the words or phrases you want to target in your website.

Why Is It Important?

It's like panning for gold. You fill your list with a lot of keywords (dirt & sand) and then you sift through them to find the "money keywords" which are your "gold nuggets".



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Top 3 Rules in the Filtering Process

- 1) **Relevance:** It doesn't matter if a keyword gets a ton of traffic to your site if it isn't relevant.
- 2) **Traffic:** High traffic is important but it's not the only variable. There needs to be a balance between traffic & competition.
- 3) **Competition:** This is the true key to success online. There are 2 factors to consider: Amount of competition and strength of competition. This section will cover the amount of competition.

Note: A final tip that I sometimes apply when analyzing keywords is the PPC (pay per click) check. I type my final keyword choices into google to see if any paid ads show up.

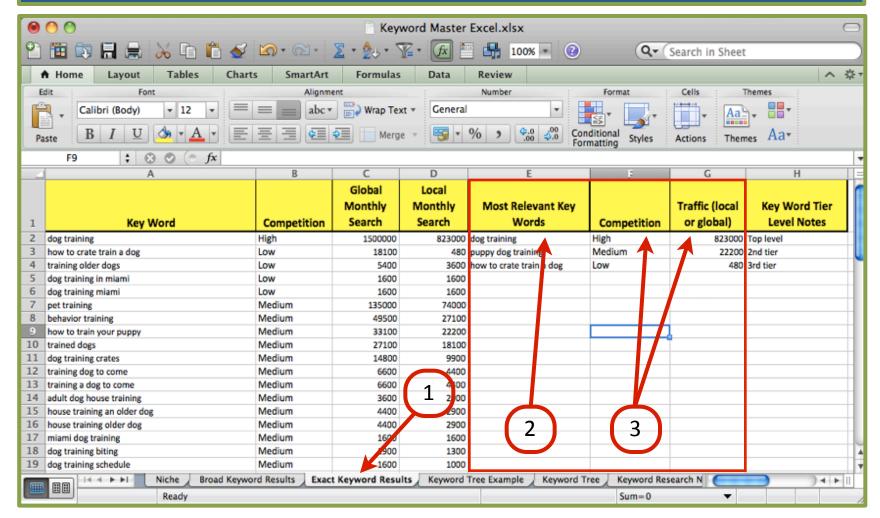


Step 1

Open your "Master Keyword Excel" and go to the "Exact Keyword Results" tab.

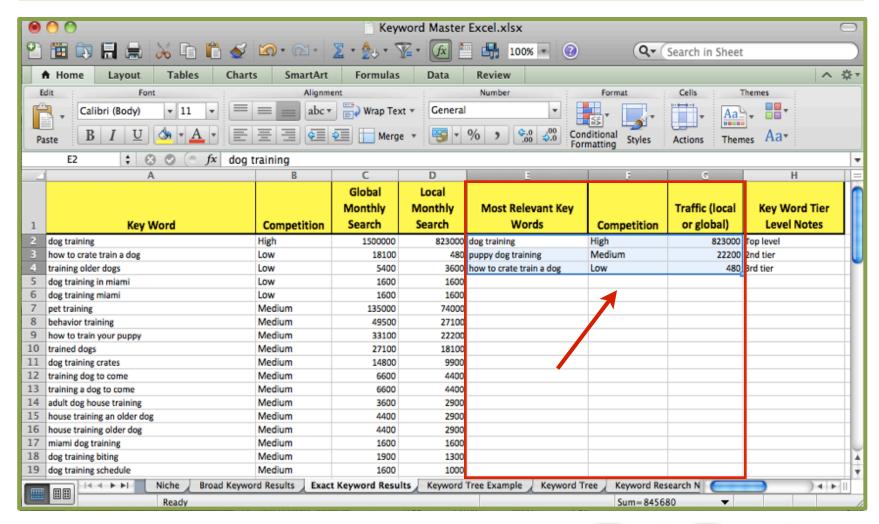
Begin identifying all keywords in your list that are highly targeted and relevant.

Copy those words or phrases into the "Most Relevant Keywords" column of the Exact Keyword Results tab in your Master Keyword Excel. Also copy the competition & relevant traffic (global or local).





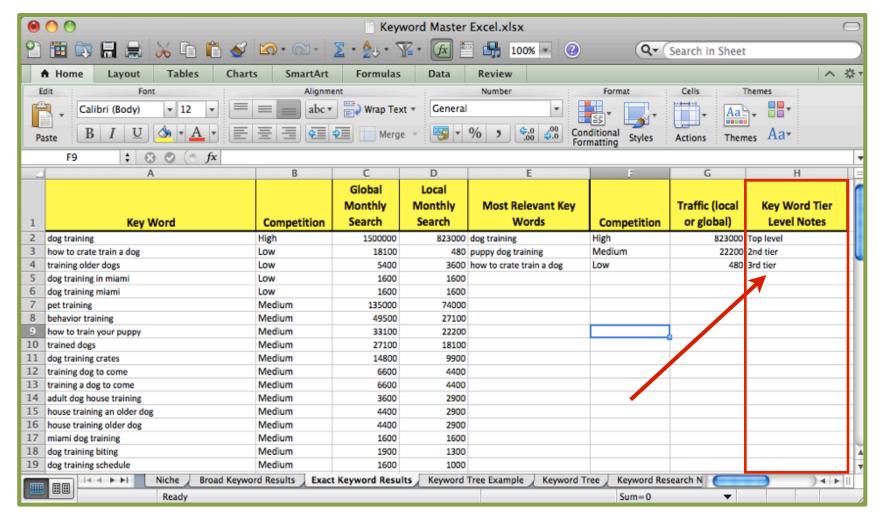
Sort all the Relevant Keywords, Competition and Traffic by their competition first and then by their traffic (largest to smallest).





Step 3 Evaluate and find keywords with a balance between traffic & competition.

Tier 3 keywords should have zero or low competition. 2nd Tier can have low-med, maybe high. Top level should have med-high. Go to the "Keyword Tier Level Notes" column and begin making notes about which keywords you are considering for top level, tier 2 and tier 3.





Your Tier 3 Low to No Competition Keywords can be a potential goldmine!

It's A Numbers Game...

- ★ 70% of traffic clicks on the top 3 organic google spots.
- ★ The other 30% are split on everything else (PPC, lower positions, etc).
- ★ If you find an [exact] keyword that has a measly 200 local searches a month and it has low competition. What if you only got 10% of that traffic because you were able to rank on page 1 of google in weeks or even days. That would mean 20 people were visiting your site every month from that one keyword.
- ★ What if you did that again for 10 more keywords that had low search numbers & low competition. That would be 2000 people every month searching for keywords you are ranking for and if you only captured 10% of them, that's still 200 people visiting your site every month from 10 keywords.



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★ What if you did that for all 25 of your 3rd tier keywords. In this example, that's 5000 people every month searching for keywords you rank for and if you only captured 10% of those searchers, that's 500 people visiting your website every month.

In Summary...

- ★ If a keyword gets 100+ searches a month and it seems pretty easy to pop on page 1, do it!
- ★ In fact, if a keyword only gets 50+ searches but it's super easy to pop on page 1, I'd still do it!
- ★ You can add as many keywords as you want to your website which will continue to drive more and more free targeted traffic.



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