

SEO Guidelines

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Introduction

SEO, short for Search Engine Optimization, enhances webpage and product visibility on SERPs (Search Engine Results Pages) through unpaid organic rankings.

Key Benefits of SEO:

- Boosts organic traffic to your site
- Enhances brand exposure, credibility, and recognition
- Attracts focused traffic, increasing conversion potential
- Offers cost-effective, long-term visibility
- Provides a competitive edge
- Yields excellent results over time

What are the key elements to optimize for SEO

SEO Focus Areas has two parts, technical (handled by Mystore) and manual (handled by sellers/businesses/marketing teams).

Technical SEO aspects handled by Mystore

- URL structure, headers, and internal links.
- User-friendly site navigation and architecture.
- Clear category hierarchy with breadcrumbs and sitemaps.
- Mobile-responsive design for a seamless experience.
- Fast loading speed and engaging user interface.

Seller's SEO Responsibilities

Following are the key SEO areas Sellers need to focus on:

Meta Title

The meta title specifies the title of a webpage and gives a concise and accurate description of the webpage's content. It helps search engines understand the topic and relevance of the page.

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| | https://www.mystore.in > | Meta Title | |
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| | ONDC participant to connect as both Buyer and Seller NP. | | |
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Meta Description

The meta description gives a brief summary of a webpage's content. Meta description appears below the meta title in search engine results as shown in the screenshot given below.

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While meta descriptions do not directly impact search engine rankings, they are crucial as they engage and attract users to click on the search result.

A well-crafted meta description should be:

- Compelling, and concise, and include relevant keywords
- Help users understand what the webpage offers and encourage them to visit the website
- Improve click-through rates and increase organic traffic to your product pages

Keywords

Keywords are the specific words or phrases users enter into search engines when looking for information, products, or services. Keyword optimization is the most important aspect of SEO.

By doing keyword research and strategically using relevant keywords into your content (product description, headlines, paragraphs, meta title, meta description, image alt tags, URLs etc.) you can improve your website's visibility and rankings in search results.

Proper keyword usage helps search engines to understand the context and relevance of a webpage, and enables sellers to attract targeted organic traffic.

You can do keyword research using Google Analytics or free/paid keyword research tools.

Product Images

Product images are the images of your products which help buyers understand your product better and make an informed decision. It is crucial to optimise your product images for SEO as it improves your chances of ranking in search results.

To optimize product images for SEO, use descriptive file names and alt tags that include relevant keywords.

Image Alt Tag

Image alt tags provide alternative text descriptions for images on a webpage, serving both accessibility and SEO purposes. Search engines rely on alt tags to comprehend the content and relevance of images since they cannot interpret images on their own.

Image Alt tags increase the chances of appearing in image search results and attracting organic traffic.

Product Description

Product descriptions are used to provide detailed information about a product, its features, specifications, usage instructions and benefits. Optimized product descriptions are crucial for SEO as they contribute to the overall content relevance and user experience.

Well-crafted product descriptions should include relevant keywords naturally, without keyword stuffing. Search engines use the product description to understand the page's content and relevance to users' search queries.

Keep your product description well-structured and easy to read and understand. Optimised product descriptions, can improve your product's visibility in search results, attract targeted traffic, and provide valuable information to potential customers, thus increasing the likelihood of conversions.

How to write Meta Title for your product

Writing a great meta title requires correctly and relevantly using your keywords to give concise yet precise information about your product. Your meta title should adhere to the format used by Google.

Google typically displays meta titles of 55-60 characters. Keeping the meta title under 60 characters helps in displaying your meta title correctly in search results. You should also include your brand name in the meta title.

The Optimal format for writing meta title is:

Primary Keyword - Secondary Keyword | Brand Name

Let us understand with **an example** where a fashion brand **Eva23 is selling t-shirts for women**. The optimal meta title for the brand would be:

T-shirts for Women- Shop Stylish Women's T-Shirts | Eva23 (57 characters)

How to write Meta Description for your product

To write compelling meta descriptions take care of the following aspects.

- **Keywords:** Include your most important keywords and brand name in the meta description.
- Easy to read: Make your meta description easy to read.
- **No keyword stuffing:** Do not stuff keywords as it makes your brand appear as spammy. Make your description read like a normal sentence written by humans.

- Your meta is your ad: Your meta description should read and sound like the advertisement of your product. Make it appealing and conversion oriented.
- Length: A meta description should be 145 160 characters long. Longer meta descriptions than this length are automatically truncated by search engines. Also, use your keywords as soon as possible but do not compromise sentence structure or stuff keywords out of place to achieve this.
- **No Duplicacy:** Do not duplicate meta descriptions. Both title tags and meta descriptions should be unique for each page. Google even penalises you for mass duplicating your meta descriptions.

Example Meta Description:

Upgrade your wardrobe with trendy women's t-shirts. Choose from t-shirt designs that reflect your style. Be the trendsetter, shop Eva23 ladies' t-shirts now! (156 characters)

How to decide keywords for your product

Deciding keywords for your products requires a combination of data-driven insights and analytical decision-making.

- You should be taking the keywords that have high keyword volume
- However, getting results with long tail keywords that are typically 3-4 words long is easier

Here is a 5-step process to find keywords for your products:

Step 1: Identify your target audience and understand their demographics, preferences, and search behaviour. This will help you tailor your keywords to their specific needs and interests.

Step 2: Brainstorm a list of keywords and phrases that are directly related to your product. Check popular keyword research tools to get high-volume keywords. You can also use the phrases and words your audience might use when searching for products like yours. Infuse product features, benefits, variations, and any unique selling points. For example, instead of mini skirt, which is tough to rank go for black mini skirt, party-wear mini skirt, silk mini skirt etc.

Step 3: Use keyword research tools such as Google Keyword Planner, SEMrush, or Moz Keyword Explorer to expand your list and gain insights into keyword search volume, competition, and variations. Look for keywords with a good balance of search volume and relevance to your product.

Step 4: Study your competitors' websites and identify the keywords they are targeting. This can provide valuable insights and help you discover additional keywords you may have missed. While you can use paid SEO tools to find competitor keywords a simple way to get those keywords for free is to analyse the top search results for a given keyword and see how the your competitors have used it in their result pages.

Step 5: Review and refine your keyword list periodically. Focus on relevance, search volume, and competition. Choose keywords based on their potential to drive targeted traffic and conversions.

Keywords for your product category

To help speed up the process of SEO optimization for its sellers, Mystore has collected a list of high-search-volume keywords for top-selling categories and sub-categories on Mystore.

Please feel free to use these keywords for your SEO.

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| Grocery | Fruits and Vegetables | fruits, vegetables, seasonal fruits, organic vegetables, exotic fruits, seasonal vegetables, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables |
| | Masala & Seasoning | spices, garam masala, spices mix, Indian spices, spices online, herbal seasoning, pizza seasoning, all purpose seasoning |
| | Oil & Ghee | cooking oil online, ghee, pure ghee, A2 ghee, cold pressed oils, mustard oil, sunflower oil, healthy cooking oil, palm oil, refined oil |
| | Gourmet & World Foods | gourmet food, exotic food, international food, gourmet chocolate, exotic food, imported food online |
| | Foodgrains | rice varieties, sharbati wheat, whole wheat, wholewheat flour, foodgrains |
| | Eggs, Meat & Fish | fish, chicken, eggs, mutton |
| | Cleaning & Household | detergent, washing powder, household cleaning products, |

| | | colin, harpic, dettol, bathroom essentials |
|---------|------------------------|---|
| | Beverages | beverages, coffee, tea, lassi, herbal tea, green tea, health drinks, protein shakes, cold drinks, fruit juice |
| Grocery | Beauty & Hygiene | shampoo, cosmetics, skincare products, sunscreen, lipstick, moisturiser, organic cosmetics, haircare essentials, bath and body products, natural beauty products |
| | Bakery, Cakes & Dairy | cake, birthday cake, bread, bakery products, milk, butter, cheese, dairy |
| | Kitchen Accessories | kitchen accessories, kitchen rack, dish rack, knife set, kitchen organizer, kitchen basket, dish drainer, oven gloves |
| | Baby Care | baby care, baby care products, diapers, baby wipes, baby food, baby accessories, baby powder |
| | Snacks & Branded Foods | snacks, chips, namkeen, aloo bhujia, haldiram bhujia, ratlami sev, popcorn, nachos |
| | Pet Care | dog food, cat food, pet medicines, pet accessories, dog toys, cat toys |
| | Stationery | art supplies, office supplies, school stationaery, pens and pencils, notebooks and journals, |

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
|---------------|----------------|---|
| F&B | Continental | continental, continental food |
| | Middle Eastern | Middle Eastern food, Arabic food, Lebanese food |
| | North Indian | north Indian food , North Indian cuisine, Indian food |
| | Pan-Asian | Pan-Asian food, Pan-Asian cuisine, Pan-Asian street food |

| | Regional Indian | Regional Indian food, south Indian food, South Indian meals |
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| | South Indian | South Indian food, dosa, idli sambhar |
| | Tex-Mexican | Tex Mex food, tex Mexican food, Tex Mex restaurant, |
| | World Cuisines | Global cuisine, Italian cuisine, Chinese cuisine, Mexican cuisine, Thai cuisine, Burmese cuisine |
| | Healthy Food | healthy food, healthy snacks, healthy breakfast, healthy meals |
| F&B | Fast Food | fast food, pizza, burger, fries, pasta, chicken burger |
| | Desserts | desserts, tiramisu, cheesecake, jalebi, rasmalai, gazar halwa, rasgulla |
| | Bakes & Cakes | cake, birthday cake, bread, bakery products, bakery, pastry, patties |
| | Beverages (MTO) | beverages, mocktails, cold drinks, hot chocolate, ice tea, tea, coffee, thandhai, jal jeera, masala nimbu pani, lassi, milk shake |
| | F&B | food and beverages, food and drink, food & drink, |

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Home & Decor | Home Decor | home decor, home decor items, wall decor, interior decorating |
| | Home Furnishings | home furnishings, furnishings, curtains, bedsheets, towels |
| | Furniture | furniture, bed, sofa, couch, table, dining table, t v stands, sofa bed |
| | Garden and Outdoor Products | garden, outdoor furniture, patio furniture, swing , hammock, rattan garden furniture |
| | Home Improvement | spin mop, magic mop, travel adapter, heavy duty gloves, home cleaning sponge, |

| Cookware and Dining | cookware, bakeware, dinner set, crockery, cutlery, serving spoon, bowls, |
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| Storage and Organisation | food storage container, storage rack, cabinet, shelf, drying rack, storage drawer, shoe organiser, organiser shelf, spice drawer organiser, organisers |
| Home & Decor | home decor items, home and decor, decor, home interior design |

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
|---------------|----------------------|---|
| | Audio | sound bar, MP3 players, home audio, car audio, audio electronics |
| | Camera and Camcorder | camera, camcorder, polaroid camera, DSLR camera, digital camera, camera tripod, selfie stick |
| Electronics | Computer Peripheral | computer peripherals, keyboard, wireless keyboard, wireless mouse, wireless headset, pc peripherals, |
| | Desktop and Laptop | laptop, desktop, computer, tablet, personal computer, Macbook, Chromebook, HP computer, monitor, PC |
| | Earphone | earphone, earbuds, wireless earbuds, bluetooth earbuds, wireless earphones, best earbuds |
| | Gaming | gaming, video games, computer games, video game consoles, |
| | Headphone | headphone, headphones ,Bluetooth headphones, wireless headphones |
| | Mobile Phone | mobile phone, phone , iphone, redmi, oneplus nord |
| | Mobile Accessories | Mobile Cover, phone cover, mobile accessories, phone cases, screen protector |

| | Safety Security | cctv camera, spy camera, wifi camera, home security camera, wireless camera, outdoor camera, home security systems, security alarm, fire alarm system , burglaer alarm |
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| | Smart Watches | smartwatches, smartwatch, touch watch, wearable technology, fitness tracker |
| | Speaker | speaker, bluetooth speaker, JBL speaker, soundbar, home theater, subwoofer |
| | Television | TV, smart TV, television, LED TV, 4K TV |
| | Video | |
| Electronics | Air Conditioning and Air Cleaners | air conditioner, air purifier, portable air conditioner, portable AC, split AC, window AC |
| | Health, Home and Personal Care | Bp MAchine, digital thermometer, oximeter, neubulizer machine, humidifier, glucose monitor, health care equipment |
| | Heaters | heaters, solar heaters, hallogen heaters, room heaters, central heating systems, pool heater , water heater, geyser, electric heater |
| | Kitchen Appliances | kitchen appliances, air fryer, dishwasher, OTG, microwave, food processoer, mixer grinder, juicer mixer grinder, mixer grinder, small kitchen appliances, vegetable chopper |
| | Lighting & Electric Fans | electric fans, lights, LED lights, LED, lamp, floor lamps, ceiling lights, table fan , pedeastal fan, mini fan |
| | Refrigerators and Freezers | refridgerator, fridge, double door fridge, freezer, deep freezer, mini freezer, small freezer, |
| | Vacuum Cleaners | vacuum, vaccum cleaners, car vaccum, dyson vaccum, robot vaccum, cordless vaccum |

| Electronics | Washing Machines and Accessories | washing machine, fully automatic washing machine, semi automatic washing machine, portable washing machine, front load washing machine, top load washing machine |
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| | Water Purifiers and Coolers | RO water purifier, water purifier, water cooler, water filter for home, water purification system, cooler, portable cooler, room cooler, |
| | Inverter & Stabilizer | inverter, stabilizer, solar inverter, inverter for home, hybrid inverter, |

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
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| | Bath & Body | body wash, shower gel, soaps, body cleanser, body care product, bath product, skincare product, bath and body care |
| Beauty and Personal Care | Feminine Care | tampons, Menstrual cup, sanitary pads, feminine wipes, panty liners, menstrual cycle tracker, pregnancy test kit, vaginal health, feminine care, feminine hygiene |
| Care | Fragrance | perfume, scent, cologne,fragrance for women,fragrance for men, attar, fragrance oils, perfume gift sets |
| | Hair Care | Shampoo, conditioner, hair mask, hair oil, hair serum, hair styling products, hair growth products, hair fall control, hair colour, hair care |

| Beauty and Personal Care | Make Up | foundation, lipstick, eyeshadow, mascara, concealer, blush, highlighter, eyeliner |
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| | Men's Grooming | men's grooming products, beard trimmer, men's shampoo, men's grooming kit, men's face wash,men's moisturizer,Shaving cream, hair styling for men, shaving cream, safety razor |
| | Oral Care | toothpaste, tooth powder, electric toothbrush, mouthwash, dental floss, teeth whitening, toothbrush,tongue cleaner, oral care |
| | Skin Care | moisturizer,face mask, cleanser, serum, toner, acne treatment,anti-aging products, skincare |
| | Maternity Care | maternity clothes, maternity pillow, maternity bras, maternity leggings, maternity skincare, maternity support belt, maternity underwear, maternity care |
| | Nursing & Feeding | breast pump, nursing bra, nursing pillow, baby bottles, breastfeeding accessories, baby formula, nursing cover, nursing, feeding |
| | Sexual Wellness & Sensuality | vibrator,lubricant, sex toys for couples, condoms, erotic lingerie, massage oil, intimate accessories , sexual wellness products |
| | Tools & Accessories | makeup brushes, hair brushes, cosmetic bags, hair accessories, nail tools, beauty blenders, makeup organizers, makeup tools |
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| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
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| | Men's Fashion Accessories | belts, shoes, boots, wallets,ties,cufflinks, sunglasses, Men's Accessories |
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| Fashion | Men's Footwear Accessories | Men's Footwear accessories, shoe polish, insoles, shoelaces, shoe horns,shoe trees, soles |
| | Men's Topwear | t-shirts, shirts, hoodie, puffer jacket, bomber jacket, polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets |
| | Men's Bottomwear | shorts, cargo pants, sweatpants, jeans, jeans for men, trousers, joggers, chinos, men's bottomwear |
| | Men's Innerwear & Sleepwear | boxers, shorts, kurta pajama, men's underwear, briefs, vests, pajamas, sleepwear sets |
| | Men's Bags & Luggage | Backpacks,messenger bags, duffel bags, laptop bags, travel bags, trolly bags, VIP |
| | Men's Eyewear | sunglasses, prescription glasses, eyeglass frames, aviator glasses, wayfarer glasses, shades, goggles, men's eyewear, glasses |
| | Men's Footwear | men's footwear,shoes, boots, sneakers, running shoes, loafers, formal shoes, casual shoes, sandal, flip flops, crocs |
| | Men's Jewellery | Men's Jewellery, bracelets, necklaces, rings, cufflinks, tie clips, brooch, earrings, ear cuff, kada, kada for men |
| Fashion | Women's Fashion Accessories | earrings, scarves, hats, belts, gloves, hair accessories, hair clips, hair bands, scrunchies, handbags, sling bags, clutches, clutcher, women's fashion accessories, fashion accessories |
| | Women's Footwear Accessories | Women's Footwear Accessories,shoe inserts,heel grips,shoe bags, shoe deodorizers, foot care products, online shoes for women |
| | Women's Indian & Fusion Wear | sarees, kurtis, salwar suits, lehengas, anarkali suits,plazzos, |

| | | anarkali, maxi dress for women, women's long dress, party wear gowns for women, Indian and fusion wear |
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| | Women's Western Wear | dresses, tops, jeans, skirts, jumpsuits, t shirts, graphic t shirts, boyfrinend t shirts, maxi dresses, women's western wear |
| | Women's Lingerie & Sleepwear | Women's lingerie, sleepwear, bras, panties, nightgowns, pajama sets, lingerie sets, babydoll |
| | Women's Bags & Luggage | Women's bags,luggage,handbags, tote bags, purse, clutches, backpacks,luggage sets |
| Fashion | Women's Eyewear | women's eyewear,sunglasses, prescription glasses, eyeglass frames, cat-eye glasses, aviators, oversized glasses, contact lense, coloured lenses |
| | Women's Footwear | women's footwear,heels, high heels, shoes for women, sandals for women,flats,sandals, sneakers, boots |
| | Women's Jewellery | women's jewellery, earrings,necklaces, bracelets,rings, anklets, jewelery, mangalsutra, gold chain, chain, bangles |
| | Boy's Clothing | boy's clothing,t-shirts,shirts, shorts, pants, jeans, sweatshirts, trackpants, onsies, cotton clothing sets |
| Fashion | Boy's Footwear | boy's footwear,boys shoes, boys sandals, boys sneakers, boys casual shoes, boys sports shoes, boys formal shoes, |
| | Girl's Clothing | girl's clothing, girls dresses, girls tops, girls skirts, girls leggings, girls ethnic wear,girls party wear, girls frocks, girls maxi dress, girls lehenga |
| | Girl's Footwear | girl's footwear,girls shoes, girls |

| | | sandals, girls ballet flats, girls boots, girls sneakers,girls flip-flops, |
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| Fashion | Infant's Wear | infant's wear,infant clothes, newborn baby clothes, baby onesies, baby rompers, baby pajamas, baby bodysuits |
| | Infant Care & Accessories | infant care products, baby care products, baby care essentials, baby grooming kit, baby healthcare products, baby accessories, baby hygiene products, baby skin care |
| | Infant Feeding & Nursing Essentials | baby feeding bottles,baby bottle sterilizers, baby bottle warmers, baby breastfeeding accessories, nursing pillows, baby bottle brushes, bibs, dribble bibs |
| | Infant Bath Accessories | infant bath accessories,baby bath tubs,baby bath toys,baby bath towels,baby bathrobes, baby bath seats,baby bath thermometers, baby bath |
| | Infant Health & Safety | Infant Health, infant safety, baby safety products, baby monitors, baby safety gates, baby health products,baby first aid kits, baby thermometers, baby safety products |
| | Infant Diapers & Toilet Training | Infant diapers, toilet training products for kids, infant diapers, baby diapers, baby diaper pants, baby diaper rash creams, baby wipes, baby changing mats,baby potty seats, diapers |
| | Kid's Towels & Wrappers | kid's towels, kids bath towels, kids hooded towels, kids beach towels, kids bathrobes, kids towel sets, kids towel wraps, |
| | Kid's Fashion Accessories | kid's fashion accessories, kids' hats, kids' sunglasses, kids' belts,kids' scarves, kids' gloves, kids' hair accessories, kids'socks |
| | Kid's Jewellery | kid's jewellery,kids' bracelets, |

| | | kids' necklaces, kids' earrings,kids' rings,kids' jewelry sets, kids' charm bracelets, kids' anklets |
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| | Kid's Eyewear | kid's eyewear,kids' sunglasses, kids' prescription glasses,kids' eyeglasses, kids' blue light glasses, kids' sports goggles, kids' swimming goggles, kids' polarized sunglasses |
| Fashion | Kid's Bags & Luggage | kid's bags, kids luggage, kids' backpacks, kids' school bags,kids' lunch bags,kids' luggage, kids' tote bags,kids' messenger bags, kids' rolling backpacks |

| Main Category | Sub-Category | Keywords |
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| Health & Wellness (Pharma) | Pain Relieving Ointments | pain relief ointment, muscle pain ointment, balm for headache, volini gel, iodex, volini spray, muscle pain spray, muscle relaxant spray, cramps spray, artharitis ointment |
| | Nutrition and Supplements | multivitamin supplements, protein powder, protein bars, Omega-3 capsule, cod liver oil capsule, herbal supplements, Vitamin D supplements |
| | Personal and Baby Care | baby care products, baby wipes, diapers, baby feeder, bottles, natural skincare products, shampoo for sensitive scalp, anti dandruff shampoo, dry skin ointments, sensitive skin cream, handmade soap,organic soap, women's hygiene products |
| | Sexual Wellness | sexual health supplements, lubricants, condoms, extra thin condoms, personal massager, energy drink for stamina, intimate wet wipes |

| Health & Wellness (Pharma) | Gastric and Other Concerns | antacid, probiotics, enzyme, acid reflux medicine, upset stomach remedies, hajmola, hingoli, eno |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Covid Essentials | Covid test kit, covid home test, face mask, gloves, PPE kit, oxymeter, N95 mask, face shield, sanitizer, immune boosters |
| | Diabetes Control | blood glucose monitors, insulin injections,oral diabetes medication, ayurvedic diabetes medicine, glusocose monitor |
| | Health Devices | fitness trackers, blood pressure monitors, glucose monitor, thermometer, oxymeter, nebulizer, pulse oximeters, weight machine, smart scales |