Keyword Research

Discovering opportunities to improve search visibility

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SEO stands for "search engine optimization."

It's the practice of increasing both quality and quantity of website traffic, as well as exposure to your brand, through non-paid (also known as "organic") search engine results.



Short term pain. Long term gain.

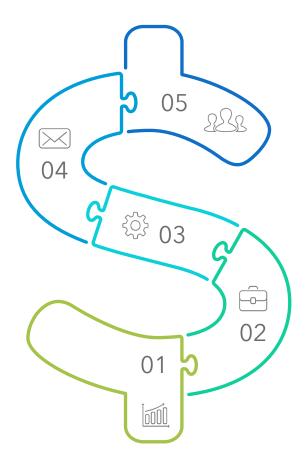
SEO might seem like 'too much work' or something to 'get to later' but it's **20x** more effective at driving website traffic than any other marketing activity and continues to pay results over time



Be authentic.

"Black hat" techniques to try and trick Google into better ranking are a good way to close the doors to your business and annoy your customers





BENEFITS OF SEO

- 1 Higher search rankings
- 2 Increased organic traffic
- Increased brand awareness and authority
- 4 Increase in number of leads and sales
- 5 Lasting results

Where do you start SEO?



Company Goals

What your company is trying to accomplish this quarter or this year or this month.

Marketing Goals

How marketing is going to contribute to achievement of those company goals



SEO Goals

How does SEO contribute to marketing goals

SEO Performance

Identify specific performance metrics to measure and improve.



SEO Review



CHANNEL

Review by channel in Google Analytics

What channels are driving traffic to your website?



LANDING PAGE

Review by landing page in Google Analytics

What content is driving traffic to your website?



KEYWORD

Review keywords in Google Search Console

What were your visitors looking for in search results?



DEVICE

Review mobile vs desktop in Google Analytics

What device were they using to search for this?

SEO Management



RANK

Has your position in search changed?

Tracking search positions help measure the visibility of your brand in search



BRAND

What is your share of voice for key terms?

Measuring share of voice helps measure competitive advantage



SEARCH VOLUME

Has there been higher search for relevant terms?

Identifying search trends and outliers helps guide strategic content planning



BACKLINKS

Where do most referrals come from?

Identifying referral traffic helps grow partnerships and identify influencers

Keyword research

A keyword research plan will help you understand the language of search engines and how to plan for you to get the best results possible.

Keyword research will:

- Help you understand the language of your target audience
- Help you plan your search engine optimization strategy
- Help you plan an effective content strategy



Keyword research strategy



HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

Competitive keywords that many brands/business try to rank for



TOO BROAD

Terms that are way too broad, and not relevant or focused enough to what you offer

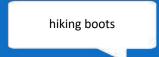


TOO NICHE

Terms that are too specialised, which nobody searches for

Think like your customer

Describe how your customers think of your product or service category







what are the best hiking boots

Don't anticipate actual search queries. Keywords that are too specific can be limiting.

Be specific but not too specific

Use the right amount of details









Don't be overly general. General keywords don't surface what people actually search for

Use multiple keywords or phrases

Use the right amount of details

short stories, mystery short stories, mystery author





short stories, mystery, author

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Websites don't rank for keywords – pages do.

Many websites receive more organic traffic to pages other than the homepage, so it is important to diversify your website's pages by optimizing each for uniquely valuable keywords

SEO Clustering and Grouping



VARIANTS

KEYWORD

RELATED

SECONDARY

SECONDARY

SYNONYMS

Topics are formed through relationships between concepts and groups of closely related keywords



Cornerstone content

Being restricted to one keyword a page might lead thin content that isn't particularly useful

Valuable information may get spread across multiple pages, reducing potential authority of each page

Site architecture may become larger than necessary making it harder for content to appear in search

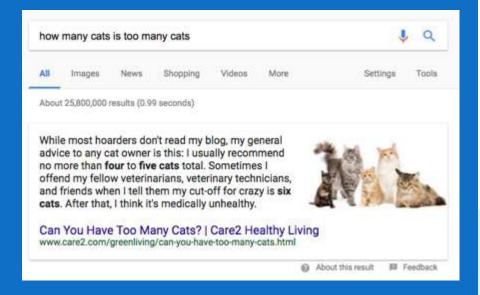
A single high-ranking page can show up in a larger number of results pages.

Identify relevant search queries related to a given topic and use queries as your H2 headings.

Review featured snippets in search results for broadening search context and topic clusters



Step by step keyword research process

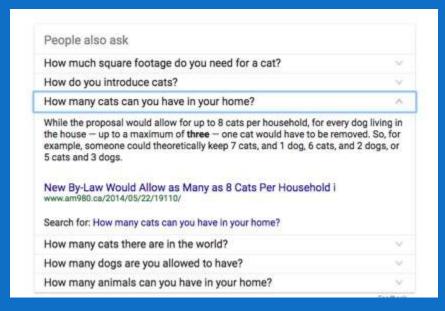


KEYWORD RESEARCH PROCESS

1

Enter a relevant question into your search engine

Step by step keyword research process



KEYWORD RESEARCH PROCESS



2 Select the most relevant "People also ask" query

Step by step keyword research process

How many cats there are in the world?	. 4
How many dogs are you allowed to have?	19
How many animals can you have in your home?	10
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- Find suggestions with low-value featured snippets

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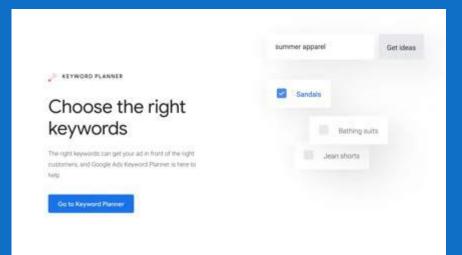




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- Use a keyword research tool to refine keywords



Keyword research to identify opportunities

Long tail keywords





Fat head

Top 100

Top 500

Top 1000

Top 10,000



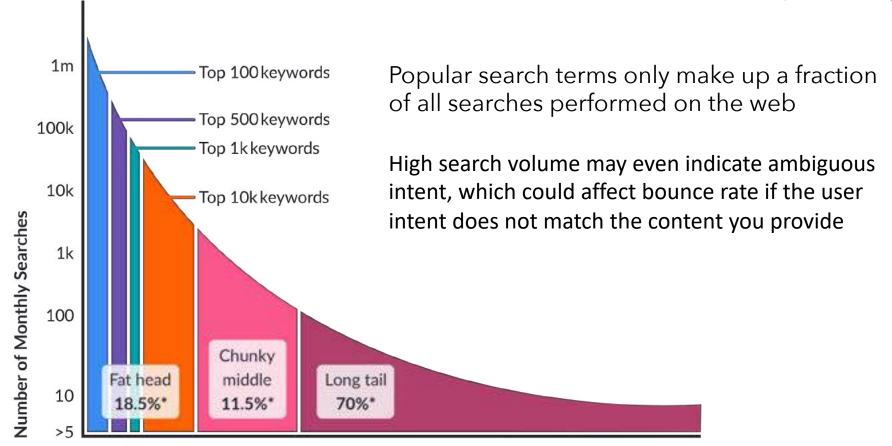
Chunky middle

It's not worth your time and effort to just take the middle ground



Long tail

Niche terms specific to your target audience needs



Number of Keywords

^{*%} of search traffic

Walk-through of my keyword research process

STEP BY STEP



Keyword Planner

FREE keyword research tool in Google Ads platform to develop keyword plan



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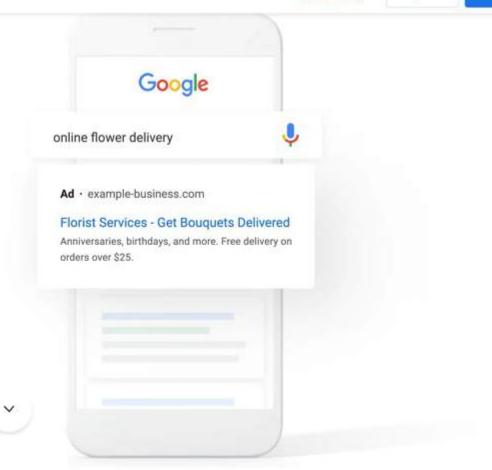
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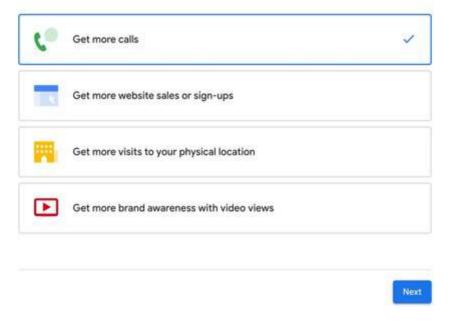
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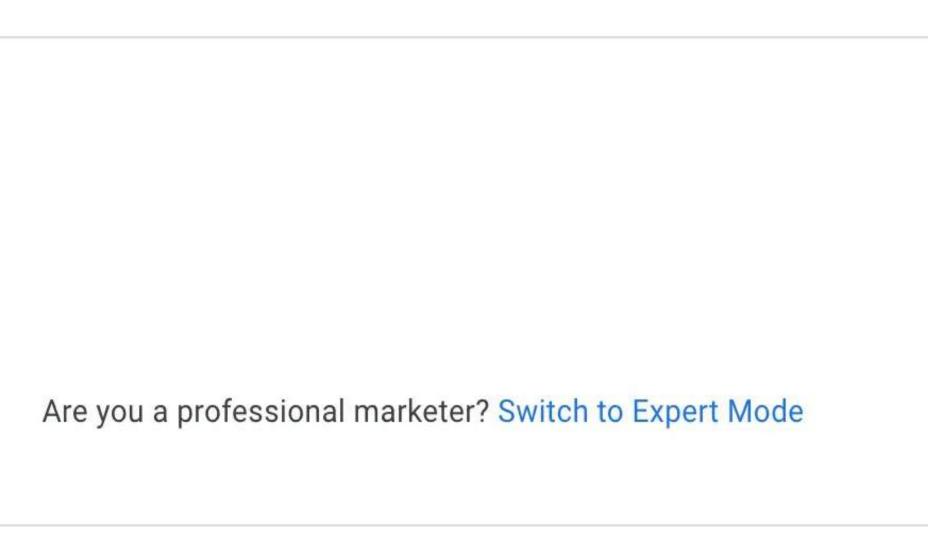




What's your main advertising goal?



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Choose your objective

Select an objective to tailor your experience to the goals and settings that will work best for your campaign



Sales

Drive sales online, in app, by phone, or in store.



Leads

Get leads and other conversions by encouraging customers to take



Website traffic

Get the right people to visit your website



Product and brand consideration

Encourage people to explore your products or services



Brand awareness and reach

Reach a broad audience and build awareness.



App promotion

Get more installs, interactions and pre-registration for your app



Local store visits and promotions

Drive visits to local stores, including restaurants and dealerships.



Create a campaign without a goal's guidance

Choose a campaign type first, without a recommendation based on your objective.

Create an account without a campaign

BACK

CONTINUE





Brand awareness and reach

Reach a broad audience and build awareness

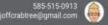


App promotion

Get more installs, interactions pre-registration for your app

Create an account without a campaign





Confirm your business information

This information will be used to create your account. You can't change these settings later, so choose carefully.

Billing country
Australia

Time zone
(GMT+08:00) Perth Time

Currency
Australian Dollar (AUD A\$)

Yes, send me performance tips, promotional offers, surveys, and invitations to try new features

No, don't send me performance tips, promotional offers, surveys, and invitations to try new features

SUBMIT

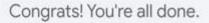
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More help options







Explore your account



Resources

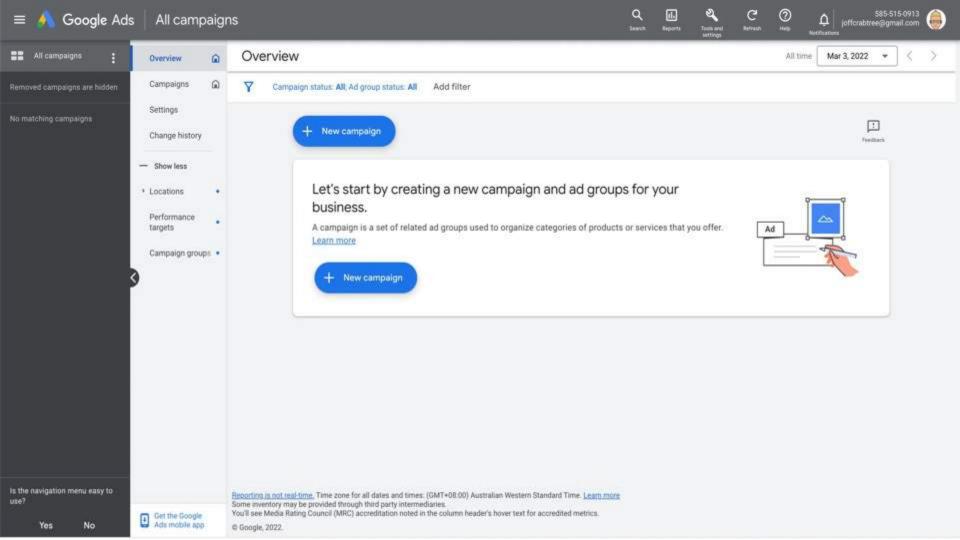


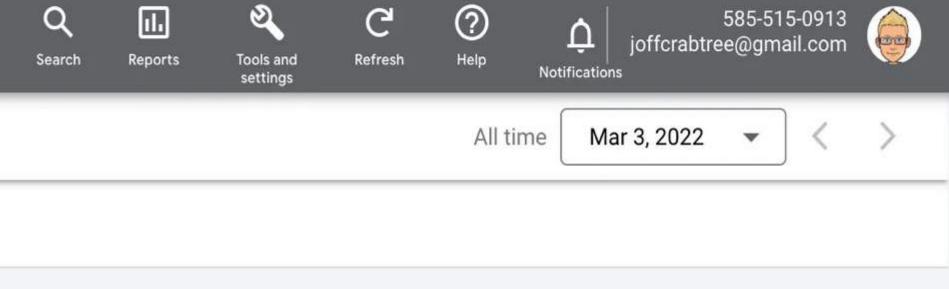
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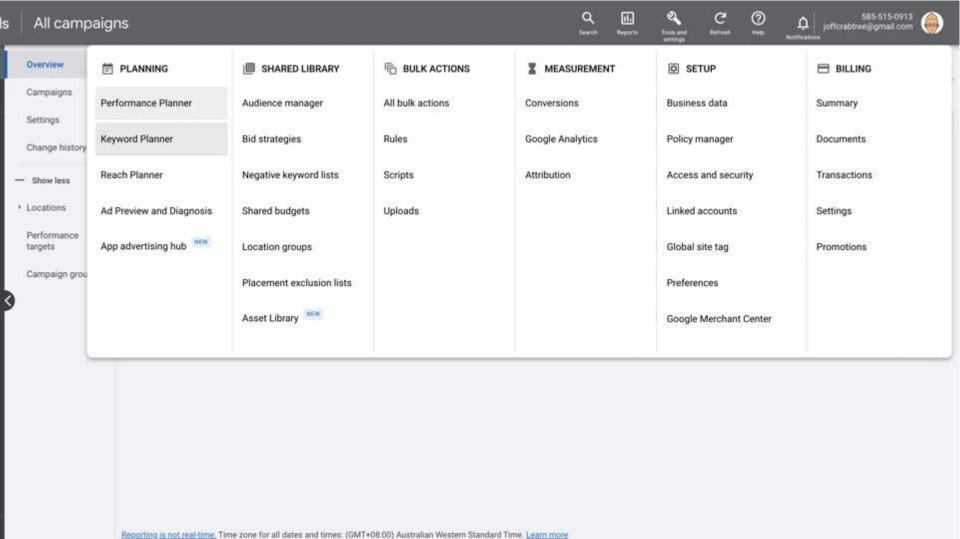








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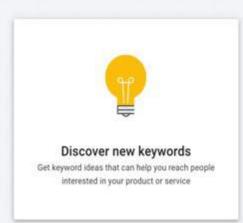


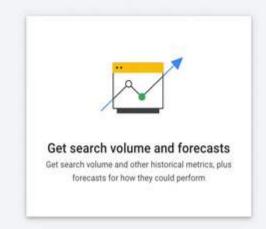
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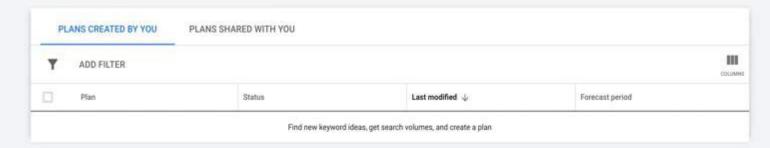
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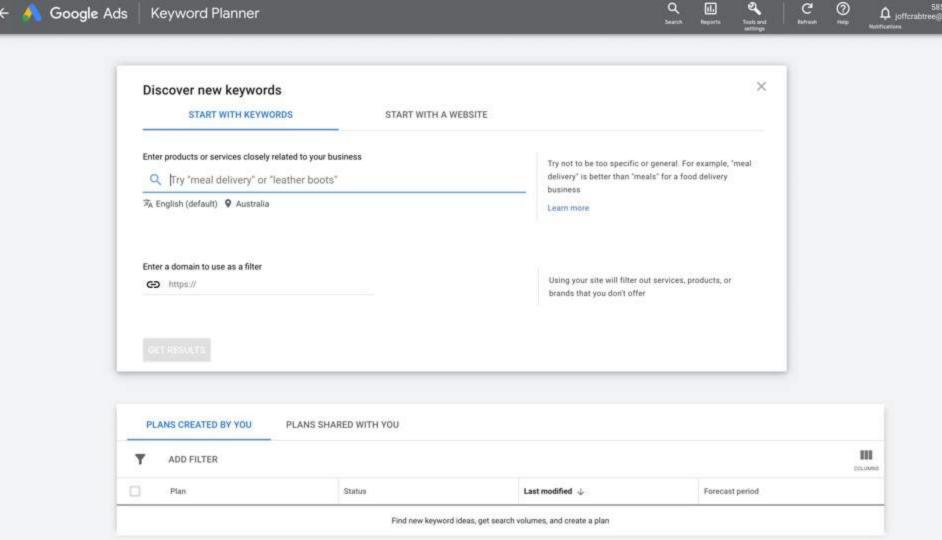












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Discover new keywords

START WITH KEYWORDS

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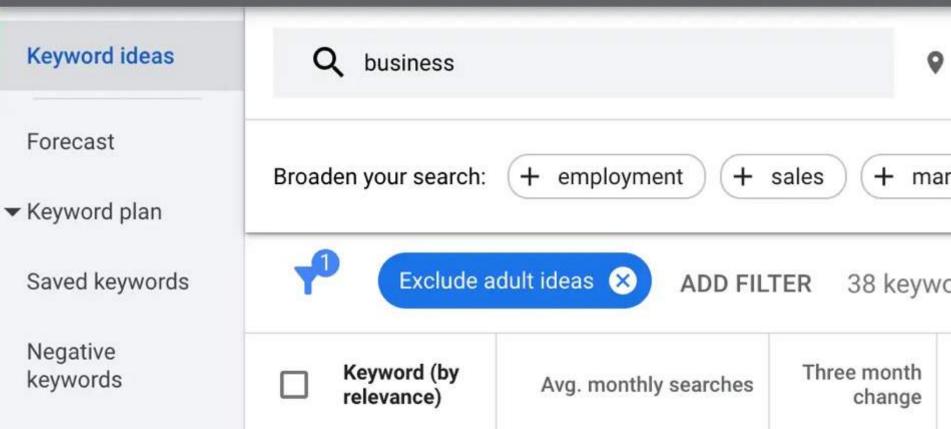
Enter products or services closely related to your business

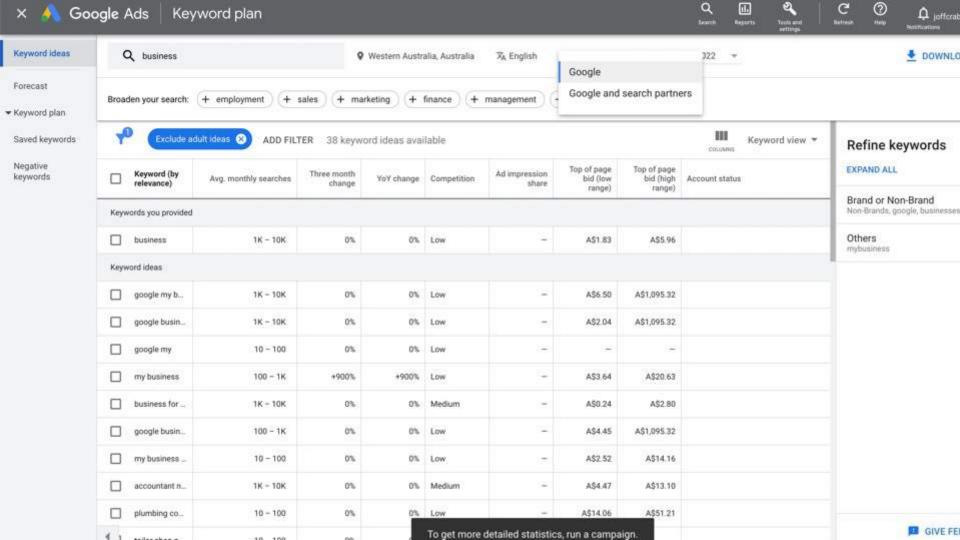
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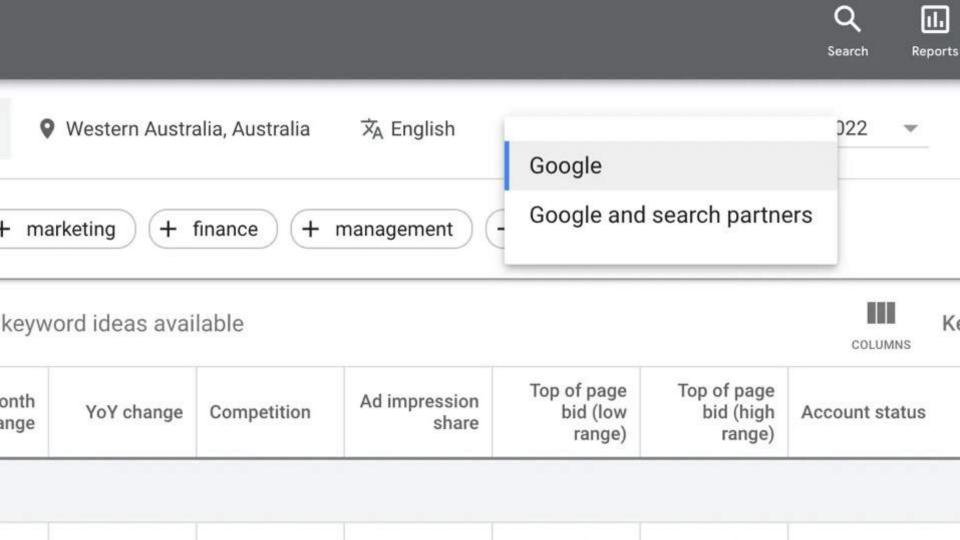


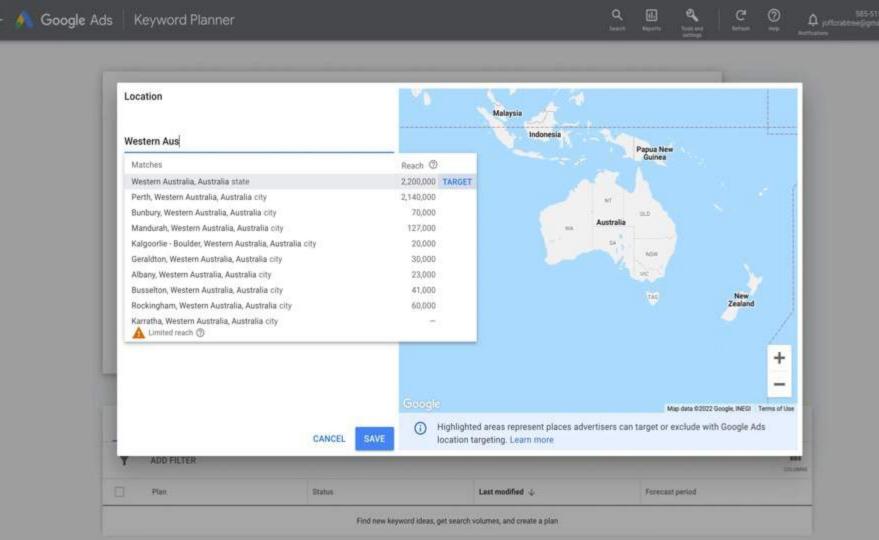
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Keyword plan









Gift Finder

A case study approach to keywords



Q gift wrap, wrap, gift packaging, packaging, gift

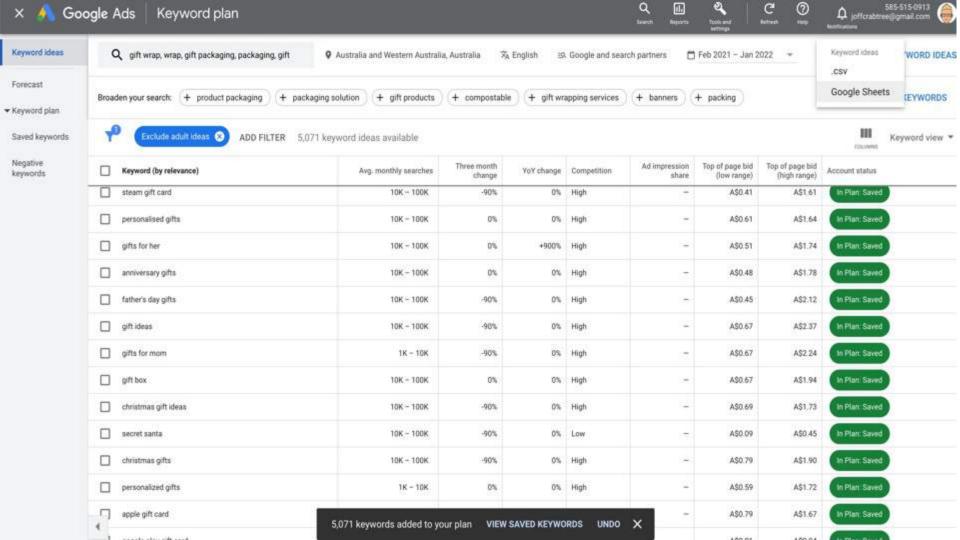
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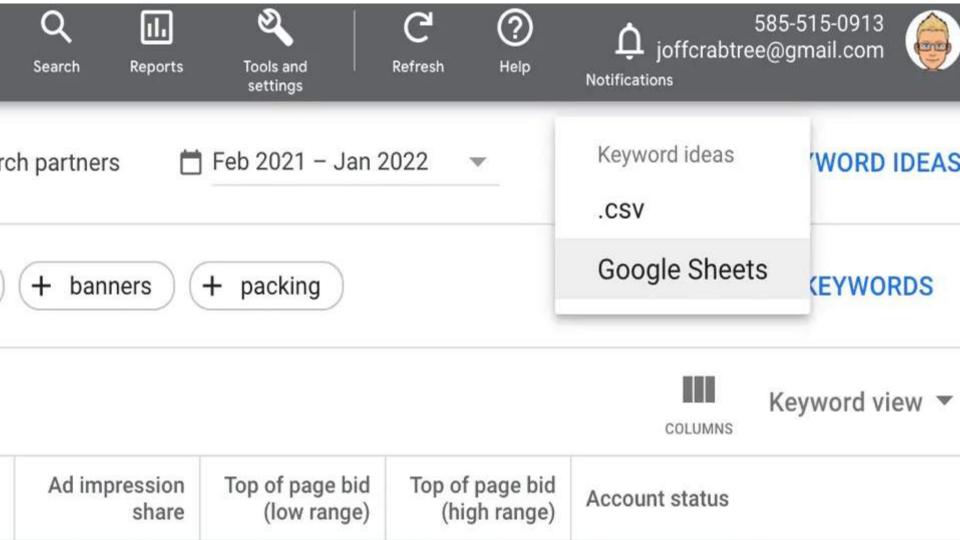
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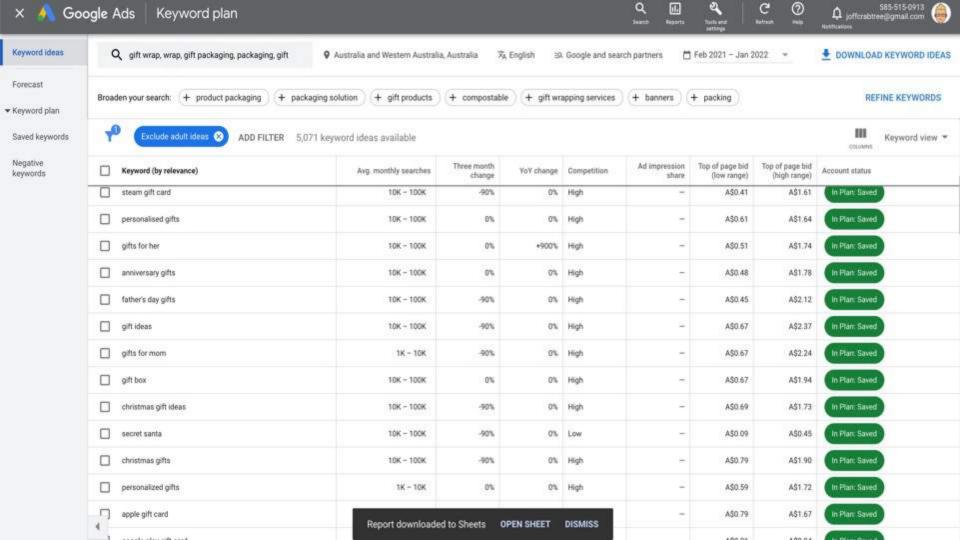
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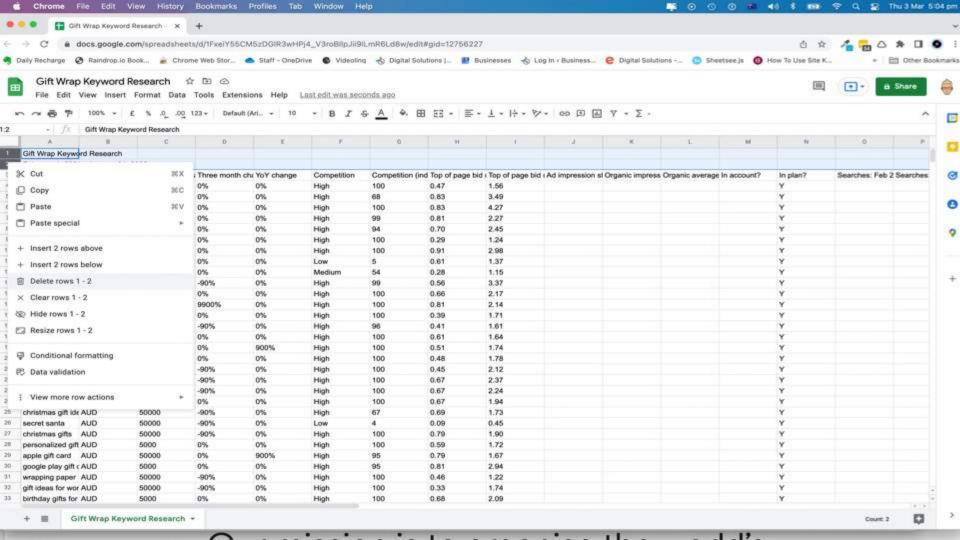
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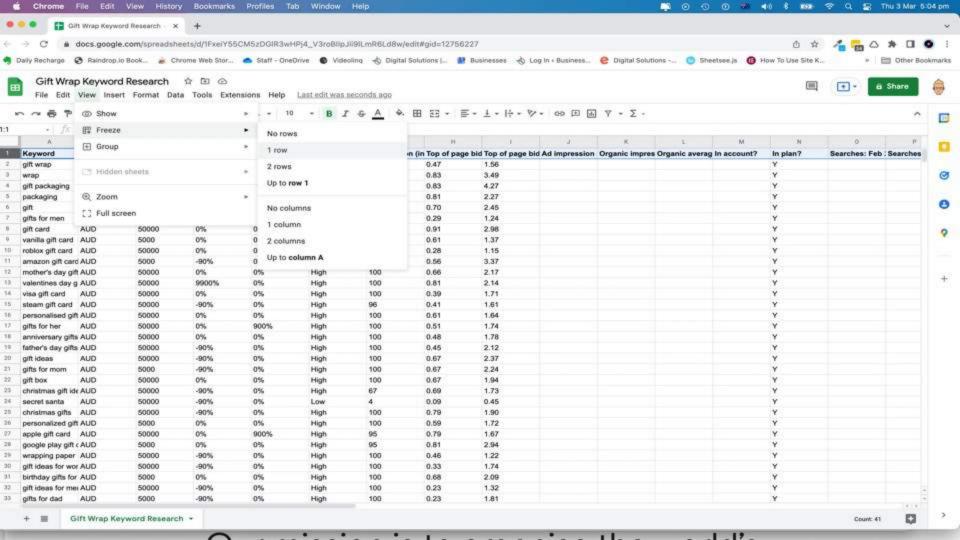


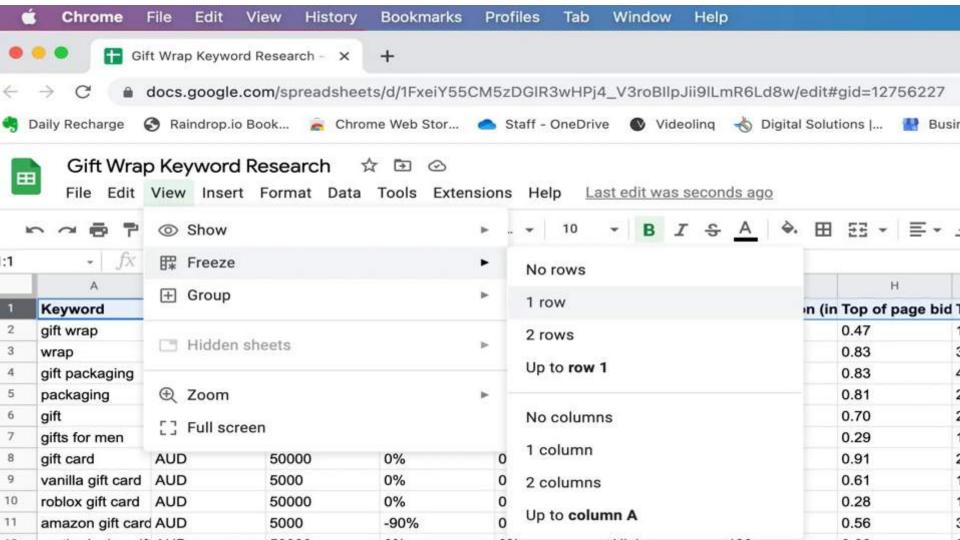


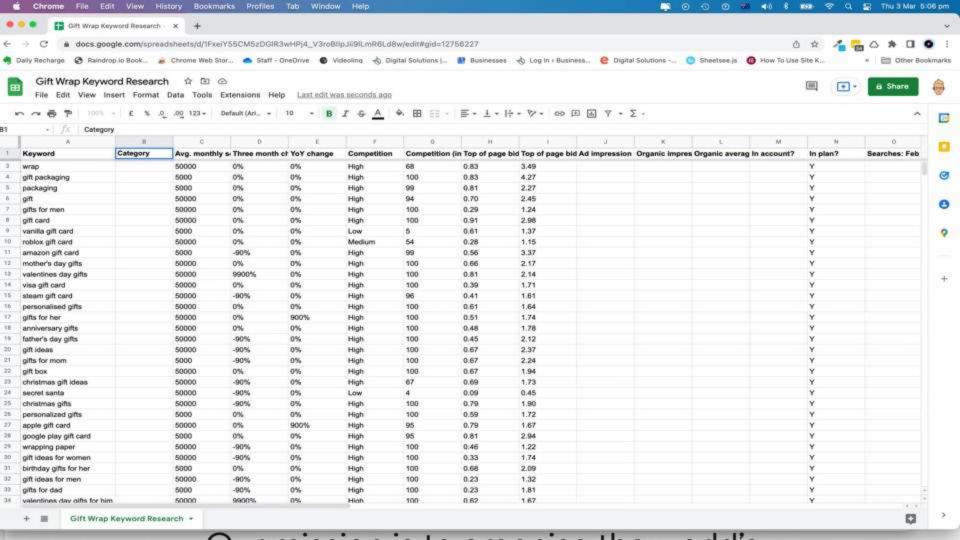


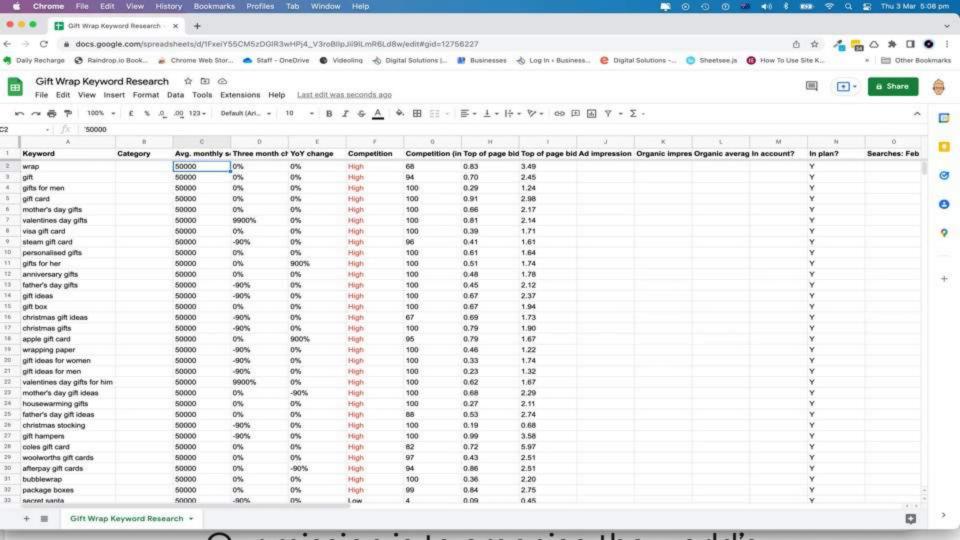


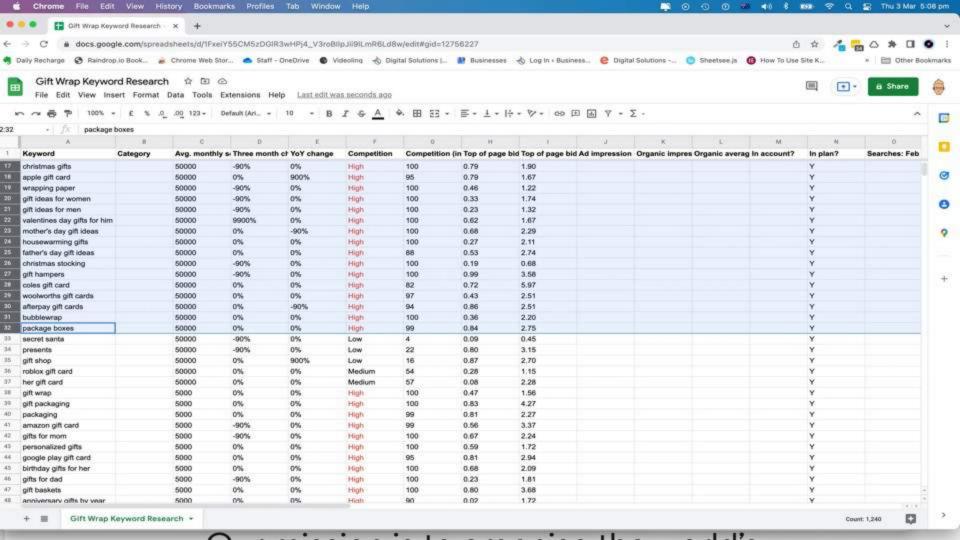
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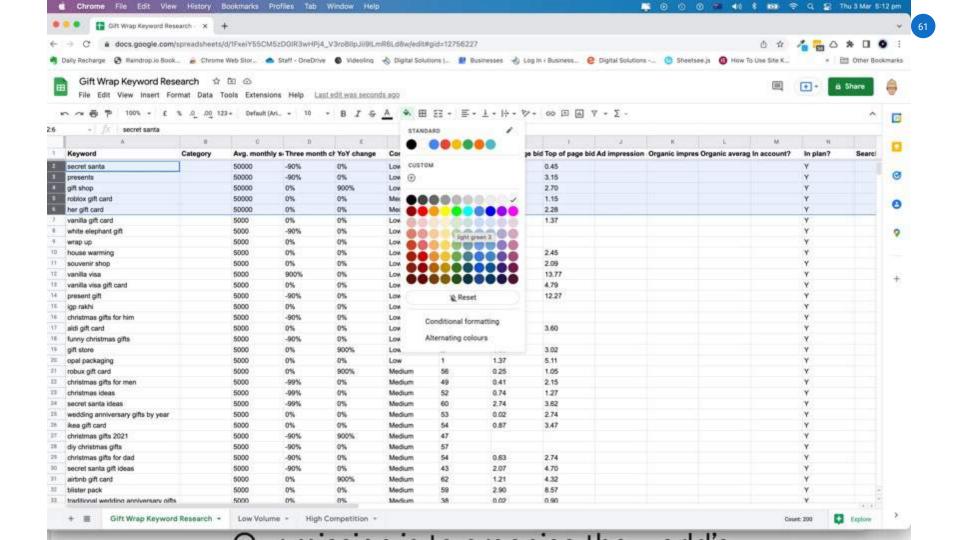


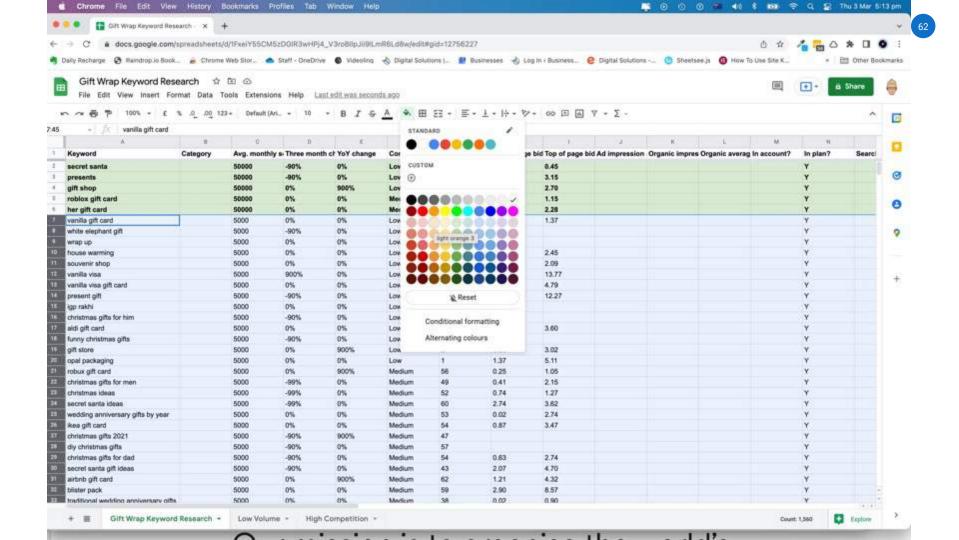


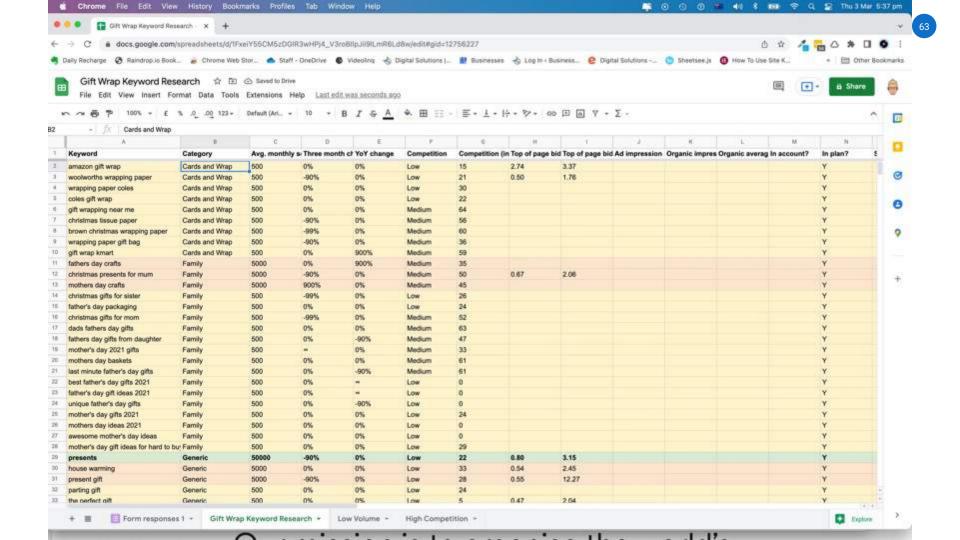


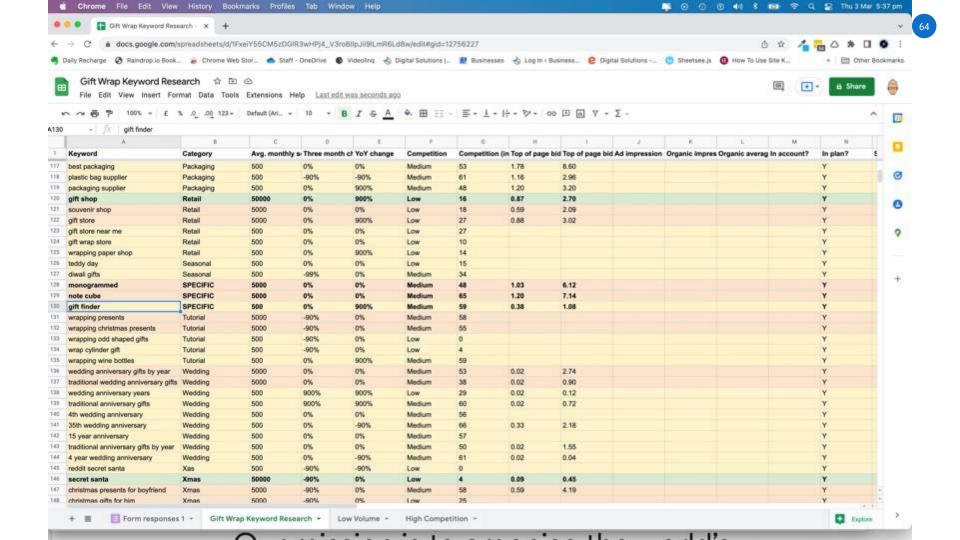












Key Takeaways

General Search

General and related search terms that did not fall into topic clusters

Gifts and Wrapping Paper

Search for a particular type of product specific to business

Gift Cards

Gifting to someone with a niche interest, or not sure what to get someone as a gift.

Perhaps small enough to be sent through mail at low cost?

Family & Friends

Suggestions to help find the perfect gift for that special someone

Weddings

Specific searches for wedding and anniversary gifts

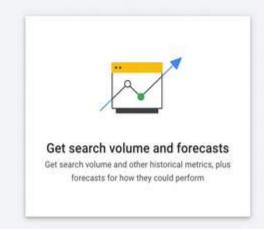
Seasonal Events

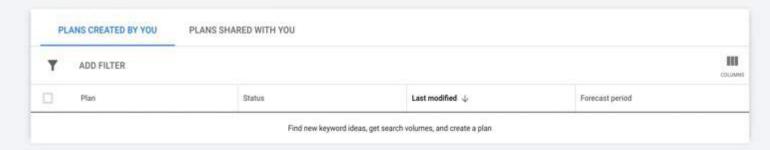
Specific searches based on seasonal trends, such as Christmas















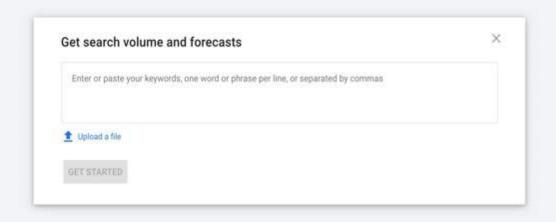


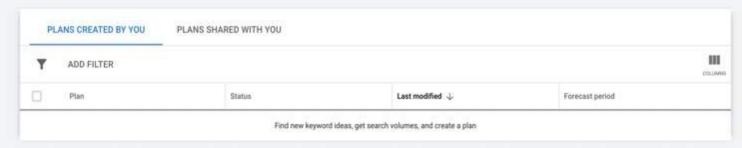


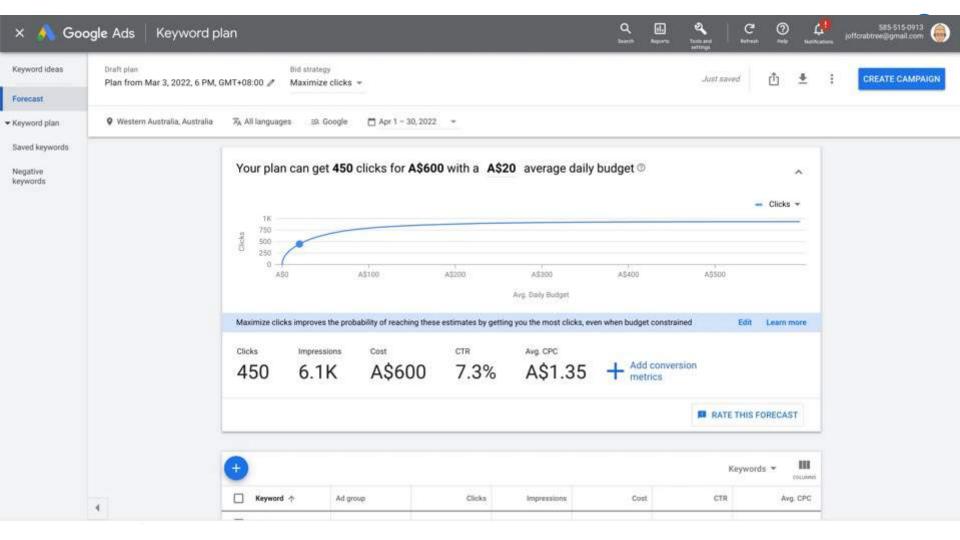














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