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# SEO and Content: Compatibility is Key

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Do you create and publish digital content? If so, read closely.

There's a slight controversy in the content marketing world that has to do with SEO. Namely, does SEO fit with content marketing? Are they compatible? Is one more essential than the other? Arguably, the best way to resolve this is to establish a balance in which they work together to provide the highest value for your business. Even the biggest, most gung-ho proponents of content marketing would most likely acknowledge SEO's value and that content and digital marketers must take it into account.

That being said, something has changed. Due to Google's new algorithm, creating high-quality content is more important than ever. That doesn't mean that SEO isn't important. It's just that, well, the rules of SEO have shifted slightly.

In a recent PR Daily article, Sarah Skerik, PR Newswire's vice president of strategic communications & content, wrote, "Google interprets user actions as important indicators of content quality, working on the assumption that people won't like, share, post, or click on content they don't consider useful or interesting."

With that in mind, there are some simple tactics that you can use to improve your content's searchability, such as creating longer articles or posts, including a call to action, writing naturally (while also incorporating key words), and using images.

For more details and additional tactics, check out this PR Daily article, 4 SEO tactics for content creators.

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