

# SEO for International Markets



## Obține trafic organic relevant pentru business-ul tău

Beneficiază de mai multă vizibilitate și autoritate în fața audiенței tale prin strategii inbound de content marketing și servicii de optimizare pentru motoarele de căutare.

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### Analiză și Audit SEO

Analiza de cuvinte cheie și auditul SEO on page te pot ajuta încă din prima lună să îți extinzi vizibilitatea website-ului în rezultatele Google.



### Content Marketing & Digital PR

Strategiile de content marketing cresc relevanța și încrederea în brandul tău și te ajută să devii cunoscut ca un expert pe nișă ta.



### Local SEO

Magazinul tău offline poate deveni o resursă importantă prin optimizarea pentru căutări online care generează reputație locală.

# Who am I (and what do I do)?

Cum îmi ajuto cu SEO?

Cum obțin părți la content marketing?

Ce este optimizarea locală?

# International SEO? What?



# “International SEO” meanings

**SEOs**

“Working with an international client”

**Business Owners**

“Expanding to an international audience”



# “International SEO” for Business Owners

SEOs

“Working with an international client”

Business Owners

“Expanding to an international audience”

The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of numerous international flags flying from tall poles against a clear blue sky. The flags are of various countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Spain, Canada, Chile, Poland, and the United States, among others. They are all waving in the wind.

Who is your audience?  
Multiple languages or multiple countries? (or both)

**Popular scenario:**  
**Targeting multiple multilingual countries**



Create a strategy first!

# Minimum plan for going INTERNATIONALLY

1. Root Domains vs Subdomains vs Subfolders
2. Geotargeting: gTLDs, ccTLDs and Webmaster Tools
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**ROOT DOMAINS & SUBDOMAINS &  
SUBFOLDERS**

**OH MY!**

# 1. Root Domains, Subdomains & Subfolders

## Root Domains

domain.com

domain.eu

domain.fr

domain.de

## Subdomains

domain.com

eu.domain.com

fr.domain.com

de.domain.com

## Subfolders

domain.com

domain.com/eu

domain.com/fr

domain.com/de

# 1. Root Domains, Subdomains & Subfolders

## Root Domains

domain.com

domain.eu

domain.fr

domain.de

**GOOD**

## Subdomains

domain.com

eu.domain.com

fr.domain.com

de.domain.com

**BETTER**

## Subfolders

domain.com

domain.com/eu

domain.com/fr

domain.com/de

**BEST**

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**WHAT DID YOU**

GIF.



**JUST SAY?**

memegenerator.net

## 2. Geotargeting: gTLDs, ccTLDs, Webmaster Tools

**gTLD**  
**(generic Top Level Domain)**

domain.com

domain.eu

domain.org

domain.net

...

**ccTLD**  
**(country code Top Level Domain)**

domain.fr

domain.de

domain.co.uk

domain.ro

...

## 2. Geotargeting: gTLDs, ccTLDs, Webmaster Tools

**gTLD**  
(generic Top Level Domain)

**ccTLD**  
(country code Top Level Domain)

CAN BE  
GEOTARGETED IN WMT  
(including subdomains & subfolders)

AUTOMATICALLY  
GEOTARGETED IN WMT



Directly  
affects  
ranking!

Site Dashboard

Site Messages

Search Appearance 

Search Traffic

Search Queries

Links to Your Site

Internal Links

Manual Actions

International Targeting

Mobile Usability

Google Index

Crawl

Security Issues

Other Resources

## International Targeting

Language

Country

Target users in: United States ▾

Save

Cancel

Manually geotargeting gTLDs

# International Targeting

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Language

Country

Your site's domain is currently associated with the target: Romania

Automatically geotargeted ccTLDs

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**OH GREAT, HERE HE GOES  
AGAIN**

### 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="URL"  
      hreflang="language"
```

/>>

Affects UX!  
(which can  
affect ranking)

# 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

**URL:** every page featuring the same content adapted for a certain language (including the current page)

**HREFLANG:** language code (ISO 639-1) and, optionally, region code (ISO 3166-1)

# 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

**SCENARIO:** Subfolders + 2 languages

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/en/"  
      hreflang="en" />
```

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/ro/"  
      hreflang="ro" />
```

# 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

**SCENARIO:** Subfolders + 2 countries & 3 languages

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/us/en/"  
      hreflang="en-us" />
```

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/ro/en/"  
      hreflang="en-ro" />
```

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/ro/ro/"  
      hreflang="ro-ro" />
```

**WHAT IF YOU**

**COMBINE THEM!**

# 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

**SCENARIO:** Subfolders + 2 countries & 3 languages + Geotargeting!

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/us/en/"  
      hreflang="en-us" />
```

Geotarget to  
United States

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/ro/en/"  
      hreflang="en-ro" />
```

Geotarget to  
Romania

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="http://domain.com/ro/ro/"  
      hreflang="ro-ro" />
```

# 3. HREFLANG: Multiple language versions for the same content

What about the others?

```
<link rel="alternate"  
      href="URL-for-everyone-else"  
      hreflang="x-default"  
/>
```

(same URL can be used x-default AND a certain language)

Web Imagini Știri Videoclipuri Mai multe ▾ Instrumente de căutare

Aproximativ 30.700.000 (de) rezultate (0,52 secunde)

Sfat: Căutați numai rezultate în limba română. Puteți specifica limba pentru căutare în Preferințe

## WhatsApp Messenger - Aplicații Android pe Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.whatsapp&hl=ro> ▾

★★★★★ Evaluare: 4,5 - 22.415.894 de voturi - Gratuită

WhatsApp Messenger is a smartphone messenger available for Android and ...

## WhatsApp Inc. - Aplicații Android pe Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=WhatsApp+Inc.&hl=ro> ▾

WhatsApp Inc. WhatsApp Messenger. Precomandat. WhatsApp Messenger -

WhatsApp Inc. 1. Gratis. WhatsApp Messenger is a smartphone messenger ...

## WhatsApp Messenger - Android (free) - Download Latest ...

[en.kioskea.net/.../download-22096-whatsapp-m...](http://en.kioskea.net/.../download-22096-whatsapp-m...) ▾ Traducerea acestei pagini

★★★★★ Evaluare: 3,7 - 3 voturi

Instant messaging apps (WhatsApp Messenger - Android). 5 ... files that you can play

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**NO... NO...**



# 4. Adapting content for different countries / languages

- Specific content / products (GEOTARGETING)
- Currencies (GEOTARGETING/HREFLANG)
- Translated content (GEOTARGETING/HREFLANG)
- Word Spelling (GEOTARGETING/HREFLANG)

# 4. Adapting content for different countries / languages

Keyword	INT Vol.	US Vol.	US Diff.	UK Vol.	UK Diff.	CA Vol.	CA Diff.	AU Vol.	AU Diff.
cheap glasses	33,100	22,200	45%	5,400	38%	1,600	44%	720	37%
designer glasses	12,100	4,400	44%	6,600	33%	390	41%	390	35%
sunglasses online	12,100	880	57%	720	43%	320	53%	4,400	41%

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# 5. Earning “local” links

Local links -> higher relevancy -> better ranking

- Large audience: more competition but less effort to earn links
- Small audience: less competition (usually), but more effort to earn links

# The End.



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