Straight from Google: What You Need to Know

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Why do you blog?

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Fame

Access

Attention

Money

Rankings

Why do you blog?

Fame Doing it for fun!

Access Poems, rants, daily thoughts

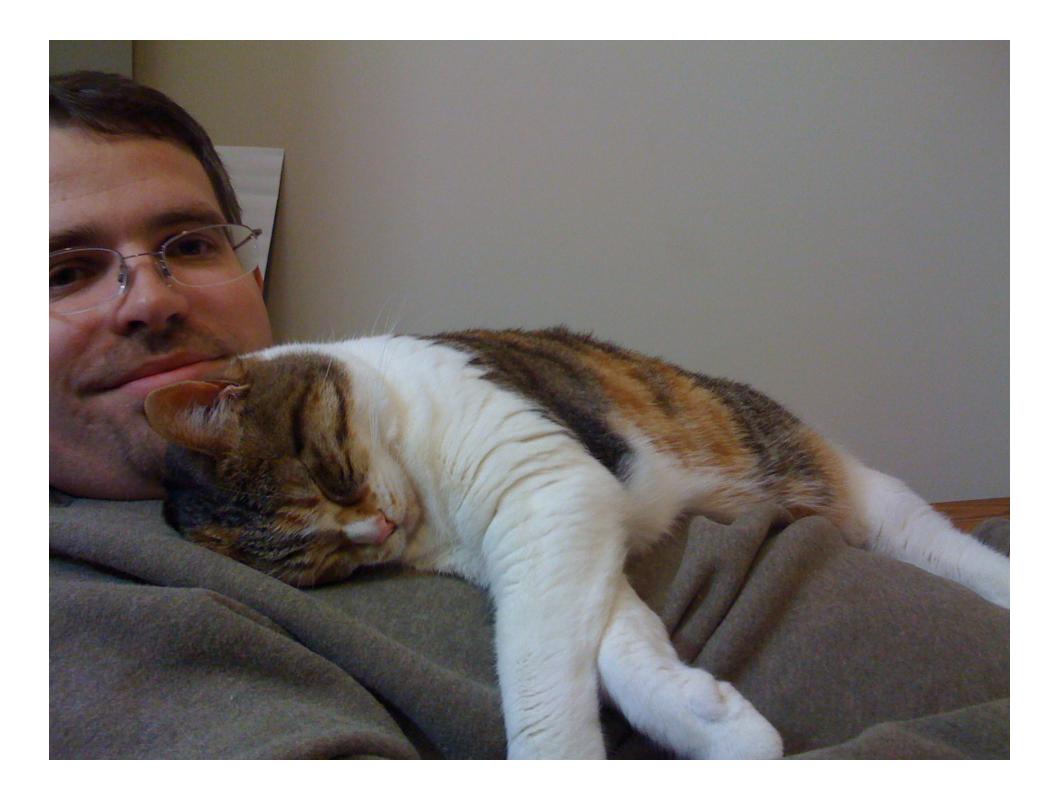
Attention Keeping up with family

Money Posting recipes

Rankings Deep desire to post cat pics

Emmy







If you're blogging for yourself: You've already won!

"I want to do better in Google."

WordPress is a great choice

WordPress takes care of 80-90% of (the mechanics of) Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

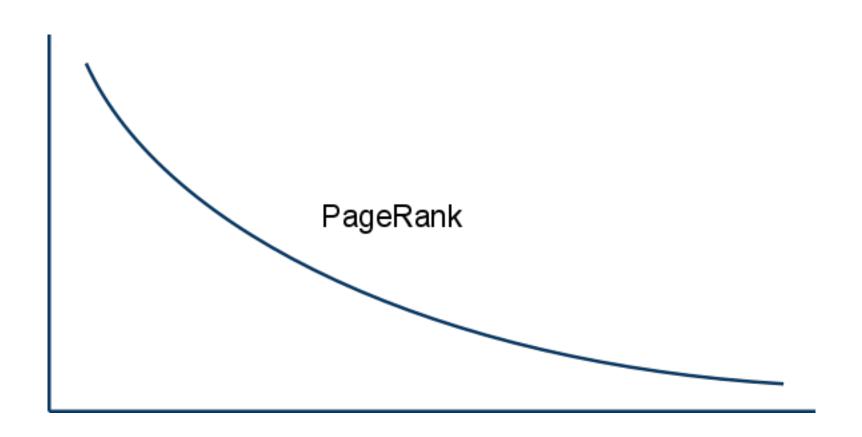
My plugins

Currently Active Plugins

Bulk Actions Apply					
	Plugin	Version	Description		
	Akismet	2.2.3	Akismet checks your comments against the Akismet web service to see if the it. You can review the spam it catches under "Comments." To show off your Atemplate. See also: WP Stats plugin. By Matt Mullenweg.		
	Cookies for Comments	0.5	Sets a cookie that must exist for a comment to be allowed through By Donnol		
	Enforce WW. Preference	1.3	Provides 301 redirects to queries with /index.php and enforces your use or		
	FeedBurner FeedSmith	2.3.1	Originally authored by Steve Smith, this plugin detects all ways to access you feed so you can track every possible subscriber. By FeedBurner.		
	WP Super Cache	0.9.4.3	Very fast caching plugin for WordPress. By Donncha O Caoimh.		
	Plugin	Version	Description		

How does Google crawl?

We crawl roughly in decreasing order of PageRank



What's PageRank?

Definition 1 Let E(u) be some vector over the Web pages that corresponds to a source of rank. Then, the PageRank of a set of Web pages is an assignment, R', to the Web pages which satisfies

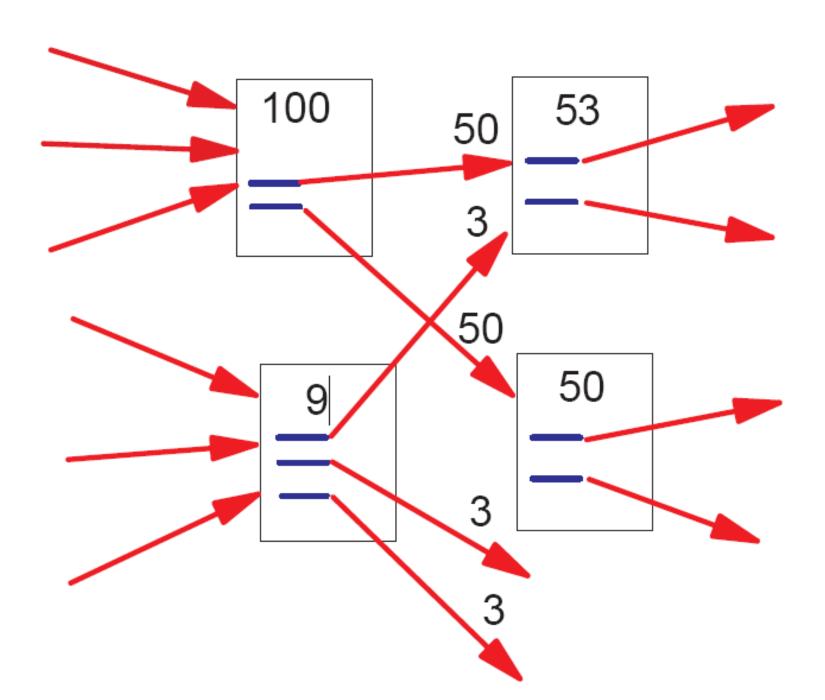
$$R'(u) = c \sum_{v \in B_u} \frac{R'(v)}{N_v} + cE(u)$$
 (1)

such that c is maximized and $||R'||_1 = 1$ ($||R'||_1$ denotes the L_1 norm of R').

What's PageRank?

The number and importance of links pointing to you.

What's PageRank?



Avoid Backlink Obsession (BO)

"Why are my 297 links:

$$1 \times PR7 + 25 \times PR6 + 151 \times (PR5 \text{ and } PR4) + 120 \times (PR3)$$

are nothing in Google's eyes compared with my competitor's site which only has got 59 links

$$(4 \times PR6 + 38 \times PR5 + 17 \times PR4)$$

That site is the first for the normal KW query and for allinanchor. How can it be true?"

How does Google rank pages? You want to be relevant and reputable

Being Relevant

Ask yourself:

- What do I love?
- What am I really good at doing?
- What do I have to say?

SEO tips: keywords

 Think about the keywords that users will type. Include them naturally in your posts

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"usb drive"
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"thumb drive"

"flash drive"

"pen drive"

- ALT attribute are handy (3-4 relevant words)
- Don't forget image search, videos, etc.

What will your visitors type?



Home | Patient/Public | Audio | News | Links

Search

Comprehensive, up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention, and policy from the University of California San Francisco

Knowledge Base

Treatment

Prevention

Policy Analysis

Countries & Regions

Editors' Picks

HIV Meds Quarterly

UCSF Center for HIV Information, Spring 2009.

Interim Guidance - HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents: Considerations for Clinicians
Regarding Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, April 30, 2009

Recommendations for Use of Antiretroviral Drugs
in Pregnant HIV-1-Infected Women for Maternal
Health and Interventions to Reduce Perinatal
HIV-1 Transmission in the United States
Perinatal HIV Guidelines Working Group, Public Health

ANTIRETROVIRAL MANAGEMENT

Print-Friendly Charts and Tables

ARV Profiles for Clinicians

ARV Drug Interactions Database

HIV Meds Quarterly

Key Knowledge Base Chapters

U.S. Guidelines

International Guidelines

ARV Alerts

Common Questions About HIV/AIDS

- What are HIV and AIDS?
- What are the symptoms of HIV infection?
- How do we know that HIV causes AIDS?
- How many people have HIV/AIDS?
- How do you get (and avoid getting) HIV?
- Am I at risk?
- How do I protect myself?
- How risky is oral sex?
- How do you use a condom?
- Is HIV still a risk if you're faithful?
- Does birth control protect against HIV?
- Is there a cure?
- Is there a vaccine?
- Is HIV always fatal?
- What are STDs and how do they relate to HIV infection?
- What is the connection between drugs and HIV?
- Should I get tested for HIV?
- What happens when you get tested for HIV?
- I just tested positive -- now what?
- I just tested negative -- now what?

Keyword tool - brainstorm!

Keywords	Advertiser Competition ②	Local Search Volume: April ②			
Keywords related to term(s) entered - sorted by relevance ②					
ipod car		550,000			
Additional keywords to consider - sorted by relevance ②					
itrip car		5,400			
itrip		246,000			
car fm transmitter		135,000			
dock car		33,100			
belkin car		22,200			
monster car		49,500			
griffin car		40,500			
fm car		201,000			
connector car		27,100			
transmitter car		165,000			

Url structure



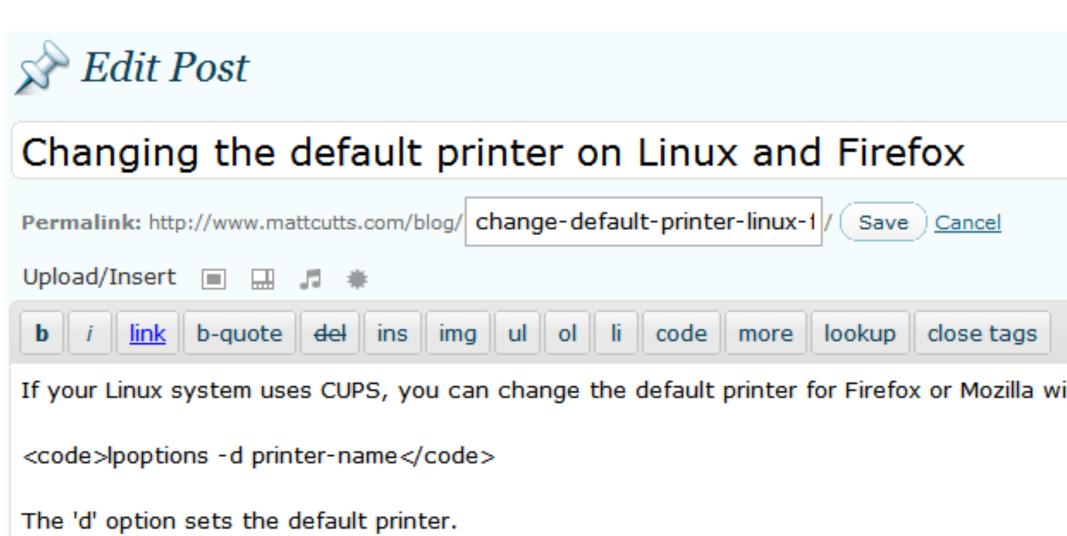
☐ Permalink Settings

By default WordPress uses web URLs which have question marks and lots of numbers in t and archives. This can improve the aesthetics, usability, and forward-compatibility of your

Common settings

ODefault	http://www.mattcutts.com/blog/?p=123
ODay and name	http://www.mattcutts.com/blog/2009/05/29/sample-post/
Month and name	http://www.mattcutts.com/blog/2009/05/sample-post/
Numeric	http://www.mattcutts.com/blog/archives/123
○ Custom Structure ○	/%postname%/

Tweaking titles, urls, content



SEO tips: keywords

- Use categories that are also good keywords
- Keywords in url paths: example.com/my-keywords
 - Dashes are best
 - Next best is underscores
 - No spaces is worst
- Someone should ask me: what if I've already done my site? Should I change things?

Don't overdo it

Indonesian hotel, office and home furniture selling company; fazalfurniture

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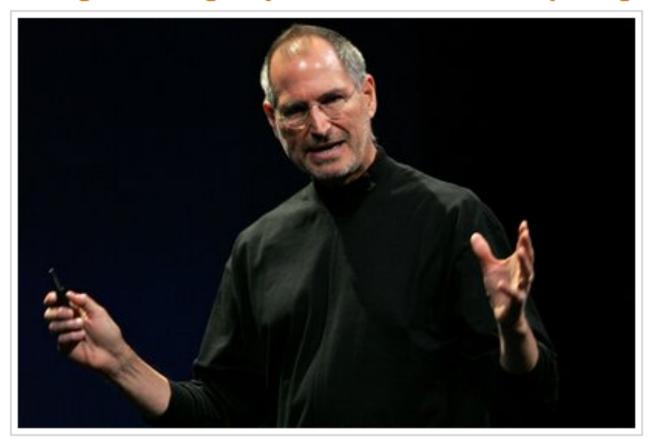
Being relevant: summary

- Find something you're passionate about
- Write often!
- Pay attention to the mechanics, but don't overdo it

Gaining a Reputation

Be interesting

Enough is enough! I just fired that idiot Jerry Yang



Look I know I'm on vacation and I'm not supposed to even look at work and I'm supposed to be resting and drinking my protein shakes but for the love of Christ I can't friggin take it anymore. So I just called Jerry Yang and I'm like, Dude, I know you're a shitty CEO, and fair enough, whatever, but I figured you could at least be

Update often

TOO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Welcome to my personal blog. While Google is a play on googol, too is a play on the much smaller number - two. It also means "in addition", as this blog reflects my life outside of work.

POSTED BY SERGEY BRIN AT 12:00 PM

Apply Katamari Philosophy



Credit: <u>LaMenta3</u>

Gaining Reputation

- Provide a useful service
 - Eric Goldman blawger about legal issues & search
- Do original research or reporting
 - Danny Sullivan compared spam on Gmail, Yahoo
 - Louis Gray watched his referrers
- Give great information
 - Lifehacker High-quality tutorials and guides
- Find a creative niche
 - o icanhascheezburger, F@#\$ My Life, One Sentence
 - Penny Arcade, xkcd
- Write some code
- Live blogging!
- Make lists ("11 reasons why WordCamp ruled")
- Create controversy
- Meet folks on Twitter, Facebook, FriendFeed

Make a video

Is Google putting more weight on brands in rankings?



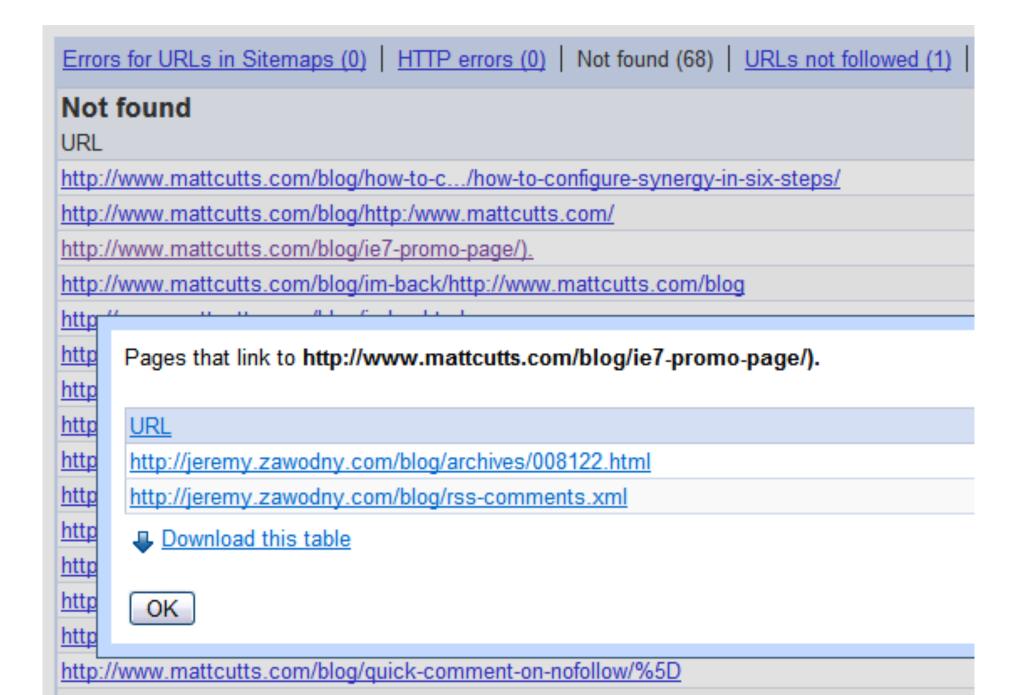
Google tools can help

- Webmaster console at google.com/webmasters/
- Google Analytics
- FeedBurner: MyBrand for free feeds.mattcutts.com instead of feeds.feedburner.com
- Google Website Optimizer
- Custom Search Engine: free site search
- AdSense

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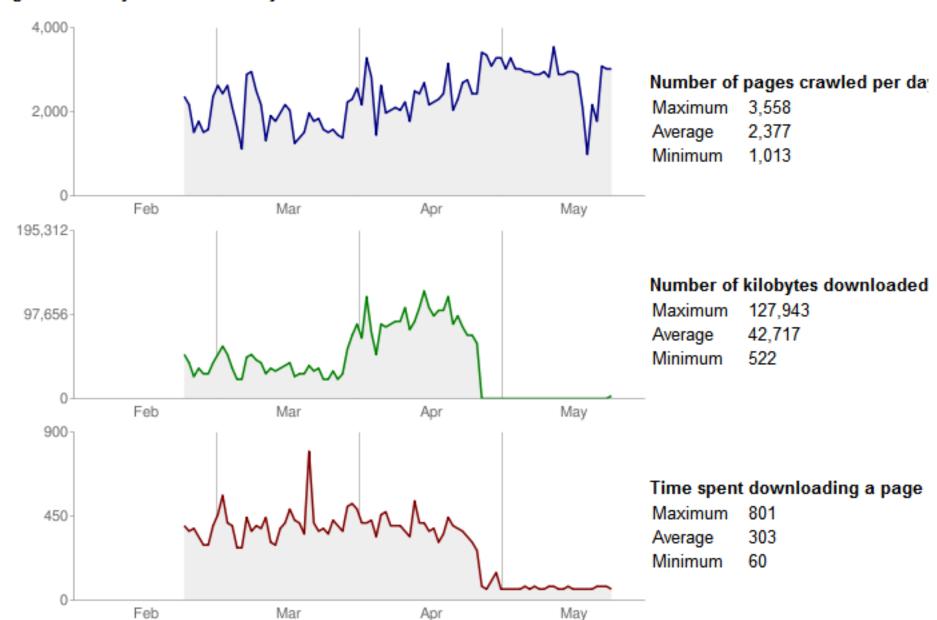
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"Free" links - google.com/webmasters/



Google.com/webmasters/

Googlebot activity in the last 90 days



Google.com/webmasters/

Preferred domain [?]

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- Display URLs as mattcutts.com (for both www.mattcutts.com and mattcutts.com)
- Don't set an association.



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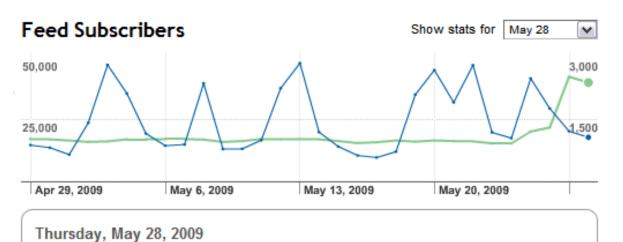
Evergreen content - Google Analytics

Entrances 67,514 % of Site Total: 100.00% Pounces 46,620

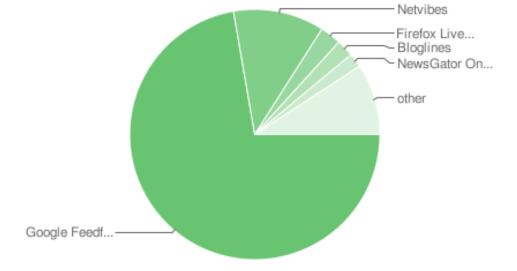
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FeedBurner







Feed Readers and Aggregators

NAME	SUBSCRIBERS
Google Feedfetcher ▼	28938
Netvibes ▼	4704

Avoid shortcuts and scams

- Make Money Daily.. Online! -Be a Lazy Google Millionaire-



Quit your boring old job and Make Google Money



"Google Money Tree"



Challen

wake up and can't believe it's all real. This changed my life, and it

Avoid paid posts

- the Content does not contain or install any viruses, worms, malware, Trojan horses or other harmful or destructive content;
- the Content is not spam, is not machine- or randomly-generated, and does not contain unethical or unwanted commercial content designed to drive traffic to third party sites or boost the search engine rankings of third party sites, or to further unlawful acts (such as phishing) or mislead recipients as to the source of the material (such as spoofing);
- the Content is not libelous or defamatory (more info on what that means), does not contain threats or incite violence towards
 individuals or entities, and does not violate the privacy or publicity rights of any third party;
- your blog is not getting advertised via unwanted electronic messages such as spam links on newsgroups, email lists, other blogs and web sites, and similar unsolicited promotional methods;
- your blog is not named in a manner that misleads your readers into thinking that you are another person or company. For example,
 your blog's URL or name is not the name of a person other than yourself or company other than your own; and

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Obama: Don't Back Down on Net Neutrality

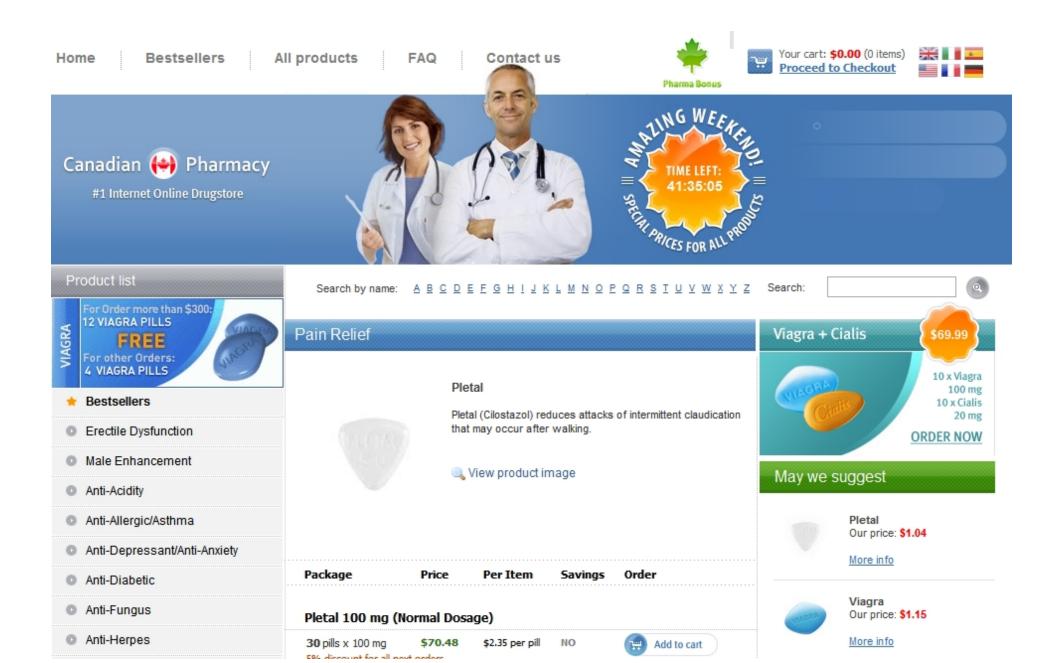
President Barack Obama has spoken out in favor of Net Neutrality. But special interests in Washington are claiming to the press that Net Neutrality is a non-issue.

Support Obama's stand for Net Neutrality x

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Blog »



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Security tip: add .htaccess in /wp-admin

AuthUserFile /dev/null AuthGroupFile /dev/null AuthName "Access Control" AuthType Basic <LIMIT GET> order deny, allow deny from all # whitelist home IP address allow from 123.45.67.89 # whitelist work IP address allow from 123.45.67.98 </LIMIT>

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