## Page Title (Title tag)

A title tag is the <u>blue text</u> you see in Google search results:

The new modesty: a new age of fashion is dawning | Stylist Magazine www.stylist.co.uk/fashion/the-new-modesty-a-new-age-of-muslim-fashion-is-dawning ▼ Fashion wasn't on my radar, but I wasn't on its either. As a Muslim girl who wanted to wear more modest clothing than the often skimpy Miss Selfridge dresses ...

The Title tag is the first description of the page that search engine users will read.

It is very important to both users and search engines that it contain the keyword they are searching for.

This will help to improve rankings, and significantly improve the click-through-rate on Search Engine Results Pages (SERP).

### Page Title (Title tag)

- Aim for 55-65 characters in length (Never more than 70 characters, and never shorter than 15 characters).
- Be unique to and descriptive of that page. Never use identical or nearly identical title tags on multiple pages of the same website.
- Use the keyword of that page twice if space permits: once at the start, followed by a separator such as a colon and a space, and then once again in a Call-to-Action (CTA).
- If the character limit prevents using the keyword twice, use it once in a good CTA, with the keyword as close to the beginning of the title tag as possible.
- If relevant, include your store location (such as Seattle WA).
- Typically not be used for branding purposes, unless you have a well-known brand name that would increase SERP click-through-rates. If you must include your brand name, use it at the end of the Title tag, not at the beginning.

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The good title tag structure is:

**Keyword Phrase: Call to Action using Keyword Phrase** 

Or for longer keyword phrases:

CTA using Longer Keyword Phrase near start of title tag

#### **Meta Description**

A meta description is the <u>black text</u> that describes the page in Google search:

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Meta description tags are used as the description people will see in SERP.

Having the keyword used properly in the Meta description tag is not a part of the search ranking algorithm, but will increase the likelihood that users will click on the link to the page.

#### **Meta Description**

The meta description should follow these guidelines:

- Be unique and relevant to that page, written as ad text, and containing a call to action.
- Don't use identical or nearly identical meta descriptions on multiple pages of the same website.
- Be no more than 160 characters in length, including spaces and punctuation (and no less than 50 characters).
- Contain 1-2 complete sentences, with correct grammar and punctuation.
- Use the keyword once or twice: once per sentence, as close to the start of each sentence as possible.
- If relevant, include your store location (such as Seattle WA).

A good meta description tag structure is:

Keyword Phrase used in a question? Keyword Phrase used in a good click-inducing call to action.

## Home page - Title tag & meta description

