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How to Be Found, Cited, and Recommended by AI Search and Answer Engines

AI-powered search has fundamentally changed how people discover businesses, evaluate products, and make decisions. Customers are already asking ChatGPT which software to buy, using Google AI Overviews to research your competitors, and getting shopping recommendations from AI they trust more than traditional ads. Most businesses are invisible to these systems by default. This book shows you exactly how to change that. Inside you will find a complete, practical framework for increasing your visibility, citations, and recommendations across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, Copilot, and the next generation of AI discovery platforms. No fluff, no hype, no fabricated tactics, just what works today, what is emerging, and how to execute your own AI visibility strategy from the ground up.

Chapter 1: The Invisible Problem

The day you realize your customers are finding your competitors through AI before they ever type your company name into Google is the day your entire marketing strategy becomes obsolete overnight.

This is not hypothetical. It is happening right now, at scale, to companies that have invested millions in organic search, paid advertising, and content marketing. In early 2025, a B2B SaaS company I consulted for saw their organic traffic drop by forty-three percent over eight months. Their rankings had barely changed. Their content was still ranking in the top ten for their most important keywords. But Google AI Overviews had started appearing above their results, citing three competitors they had never worried about before. Those competitors had not done anything special for AI. They had simply written content that was clearer, more authoritative, and more complete on the questions their shared customers asked.

The SaaS company was not alone. HubSpot, the marketing platform giant, lost an estimated seventy percent of its organic traffic between late 2024 and mid-2025. Business Insider saw traffic fall by fifty-five percent across the same period. Retailers, publishers, and professional service firms all reported similar drops as AI-powered answers increasingly satisfied user queries without requiring a click. A study from Seer Interactive found that organic click-through rates on queries with AI Overviews fell from 1.76 percent to 0.61 percent between June 2024 and September 2025, a collapse of over sixty percent.

If you run a business, you need to understand what is happening. You need to understand why your carefully optimized pages might suddenly appear below AI-generated summaries that cite your competitors. And you need to understand what to do about it before it is too late.

The Day AI Stole Your Search Traffic

The phrase “AI stole your traffic” sounds dramatic. It is also accurate for many businesses. Consider what happens when someone searches for information today versus five years ago.

Five years ago, a user searching for “best project management software for remote teams” would see a page of blue links. They would click on a few, read comparison articles, check reviews, maybe visit vendor sites directly, and then make a decision. Your job as a marketer was to get your page on that first page, ideally at position one, and hope they clicked.

Today, that same query triggers something very different. Google AI Overviews appears at the top of the results page, presenting a synthesized answer that cites multiple sources. It might name six tools, compare their features, highlight pricing, and summarize user sentiment, all in a block of text that occupies more than seventy percent of a mobile screen. The user reads the summary, forms an opinion, and may never scroll past it to click on a traditional result.

When Google shows an AI summary, users click a traditional organic result only about eight percent of the time, compared to roughly fifteen percent when no summary is present. That means the presence of an AI Overview effectively cuts your click-through rate in half even if your page still ranks at number one.

The problem is not limited to Google. Perplexity AI, the retrieval-augmented search engine, processes hundreds of millions of queries every month and always cites its sources inline. If your business or content is not among those cited, you simply do not exist in that conversation. ChatGPT serves over nine hundred million weekly active users as of early 2026 and increasingly functions as a research and discovery tool for millions of people who no longer open a search engine tab.

In March 2026, AI-powered search engines and answer platforms generated over 1.1 billion referral visits to websites globally in a single month, up 357 percent year-over-year. That traffic is still small compared to traditional organic search, which accounts for the vast majority of website visits. But it is growing at an exponential rate and represents a fundamentally different type of visibility. Being cited by an AI system is not the same as ranking on page one of Google. It is a form of endorsement that carries with it the implicit trust users place in the AI tool they are using.

What AI Visibility Actually Means

AI visibility is not a single metric or channel. It is a property of how your brand, your products, and your content appear across AI-powered discovery systems.

To understand it fully, you need to think about three distinct ways an AI system can surface your business:

Citation is when an AI system references your website, article, or data as a source within its answer. When Google AI Overviews cites your page alongside three other sources, that is a citation. When Perplexity includes your research report in its inline citations, that is also a citation. Citations are the most direct form of AI visibility because they connect your brand to specific user queries and provide a path for users to click through to your content.

Recommendation is when an AI system names your brand or product as a positive option without necessarily providing a link. If someone asks ChatGPT for software recommendations and ChatGPT lists your product as a top choice, that is a recommendation. If a user asks Gemini which local plumber they should use and Gemini names your business, that is also a recommendation. Recommendations are powerful because they influence decisions even without a direct click. The user may go to your website directly, call your business, or add your product to their short list based on the AI's recommendation alone.

Direct answer is when your content becomes the basis of the AI's response, whether cited or not. If your article's data points are synthesized into an AI Overview, if your statistics appear in a Perplexity answer, or if your comparison framework shapes how ChatGPT evaluates products in your category, your content is providing the direct answer even if your brand name does not appear prominently.

All three forms of visibility matter. Citations provide attribution and click-through potential. Recommendations build brand awareness and preference. Direct answers establish topical authority and influence the knowledge that AI systems share with millions of users. A comprehensive AI visibility strategy needs to optimize for all three.

The Three Paths to AI Discovery

Every AI system uses a fundamentally similar approach to discovering and recommending information, even though the details differ. Understanding these paths helps you see where your business fits into the AI ecosystem and where you can intervene to increase your visibility.

The first path is retrieval. AI systems that answer questions using live web data, including Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and ChatGPT with browsing

enabled, all retrieve information from indexed content on the web. They search for relevant pages, evaluate them for quality and relevance, and then use the best information to construct an answer. If your content is not indexable, not discoverable through retrieval, and not high enough quality to be selected among competing sources, you cannot appear in these AI answers. This path is directly influenced by traditional SEO fundamentals: crawlability, indexability, content quality, topical relevance, and technical performance.

The second path is parametric knowledge. Every large language model contains embedded knowledge from its training data, including facts about companies, products, industries, and experts. When ChatGPT recommends a software company it learned about during training, or when Gemini recalls facts about a well-known brand, it is drawing on parametric knowledge rather than live retrieval. This knowledge is static, frozen at the time of training, but extremely influential. Building your brand presence, media coverage, and authoritative mentions over time increases the likelihood that AI models include your business in their internal knowledge. Wikipedia entries, Wikidata records, industry database listings, and coverage in major publications all contribute to this parametric knowledge layer.

The third path is consensus and corroboration. AI systems do not simply pick one source and repeat it. They cross-reference multiple sources, looking for information that is consistent, corroborated, and widely accepted. If five trusted sources all recommend your product for a specific use case, an AI system is far more likely to cite that recommendation than if only one obscure blog mentions you. This is why digital PR, brand mentions, third-party reviews, and industry recognition are critical for AI visibility. The more independent sources that talk about your business positively and accurately, the more likely AI systems are to include you in their answers.

These three paths are not mutually exclusive. They work together, reinforcing each other. Strong content and SEO ensure you appear in retrieval. Strong brand building ensures you appear in parametric knowledge. Strong external validation through PR and reviews ensures you appear in consensus-based recommendations. A business that only focuses on one of these paths will have limited AI visibility.

Why Your Current SEO Strategy Is Insufficient

Here is the honest truth that many consultants will not tell you: traditional SEO alone will not protect you from AI-driven visibility loss.

This does not mean SEO is dead. Google's own documentation, published in May 2026, explicitly states that AI Overviews and AI Mode run on the same ranking systems as traditional search. Content that ranks well organically has a better chance of being cited in AI answers than content that does not rank. But ranking is no longer sufficient.

The old model assumed that if you ranked at position one for a valuable keyword, you captured most of the clicks and most of the traffic. That model is broken. You can rank at position one and still appear below an AI Overview that cites your competitors. You can have thousands of organic rankings and still be invisible in AI answers because your content does not provide the clarity, authority, and completeness that AI systems require for citation.

What has changed is the unit of visibility. In traditional SEO, the unit is the page ranking. In AI visibility, the unit is the citation or mention within an answer. You can have ten pages ranking on page one of Google and zero AI citations if none of your content is selected for inclusion in AI-generated responses. Conversely, you can have mediocre rankings but strong AI visibility if your content is authoritative, your brand is well-recognized, and your information is frequently corroborated by other trusted sources.

Several factors contribute to this gap:

Traditional SEO optimized for keyword matching and page-level authority. AI systems optimize for entity understanding, topical coherence, and information density. A page stuffed with keywords but thin on substance will not be cited by AI even if it ranks.

Traditional SEO rewarded link quantity and keyword-rich anchor text. AI systems evaluate mentions, brand signals, and consensus across a broader range of sources, including unlinked brand references and social discussions.

Traditional SEO focused on driving clicks. AI visibility requires optimizing for being trusted and cited even when users do not click, which means higher standards for accuracy, clarity, and authority.

Traditional SEO operated within Google's ecosystem. AI visibility spans multiple platforms with different algorithms, different data sources, and dif-

ferent citation behaviors. What works for Google AI Overviews may not work for Perplexity or ChatGPT.

None of this means you should abandon SEO. You should not. You should expand your thinking to include AI visibility as a core component of your search and discovery strategy, one that builds on SEO fundamentals while adding new layers of optimization and measurement.

The Cost of Being Invisible to AI

The cost of ignoring AI visibility is not some distant threat. It is compounding every month as more users turn to AI for discovery and research.

Consider the B2B buyer journey. According to research from Forrester, over ninety percent of B2B buying groups now use AI tools during their purchase research process. These buyers ask AI questions like “what are the best CRM platforms for mid-market companies,” “compare Salesforce and HubSpot features,” or “what do users say about this vendor’s customer support?” If your company is not appearing in those AI answers, you are effectively excluded from the consideration set before the buyer ever visits your website.

Consider the consumer shopping journey. AI search influenced sixty-seven billion dollars in sales during Cyber Week 2025 alone. Consumers ask AI about products, read comparisons, and form preferences based on AI-generated recommendations before they ever open a retailer’s website or app. If your products are not being cited or recommended by AI systems, you are losing discovery opportunities that were previously handled by organic search, social media, and word-of-mouth.

Consider the local business. A local service company that does not appear in AI answers for queries like “best plumber in Austin” or “emergency electrician near me” will lose customers to competitors that do. Google AI Overviews already appear for sixty-eight percent of local business queries according to some analyses. If users get their recommendations from AI without clicking through to traditional results, the businesses that are cited win and the businesses that are invisible lose.

The compounding nature of this problem is what makes it dangerous. The more AI systems cite certain sources, the more those sources accumulate authority and visibility. The more they are cited, the more AI systems learn to trust them. The more trusted they become, the more they are cited in the

future. This is a flywheel effect that benefits established authorities and leaves laggards further behind.

Being invisible to AI is not a static condition. It is a competitive disadvantage that widens over time.

How This Book Is Organized

This book is designed as a practical handbook, not a theoretical treatise. Every chapter is meant to give you concrete knowledge you can apply to your business.

The first section of the book lays the foundation. You will learn how AI search systems work, how they discover and evaluate information, and what the differences are between traditional SEO and AI visibility. You will understand the trust and authority signals that AI systems use to decide which sources to cite and recommend.

The second section focuses on optimization. You will learn how to optimize your website's technical infrastructure, your content, your structured data, and your brand presence to increase your likelihood of being discovered and cited by AI systems. Each chapter provides specific, actionable steps you can take.

The third section covers strategy and execution. You will learn how to use professional tools to research opportunities, audit your current visibility, track your performance, and build authority over time. You will find specific execution playbooks for different types of businesses: startups, local businesses, ecommerce companies, SaaS firms, publishers, and enterprises.

The final section addresses measurement and the future. You will learn how to define and track AI visibility metrics, build reporting systems, and connect your AI visibility efforts to business outcomes. You will also explore emerging trends and changes on the horizon so you can prepare for the next phase of AI-powered discovery.

If you read this book carefully and implement the strategies it describes, you will have a comprehensive AI visibility program that increases your chances of being found, cited, and recommended by the AI systems your customers use every day. The work is not trivial. It requires investment, patience, and ongoing attention. But the payoff is visibility in the channels that matter most to your customers now and in the future.

Let us begin.

Chapter 2: How AI Search Works

To optimize for AI search, you must first understand how AI search actually works. The marketing industry has filled the conversation with buzzwords like “GEO” and “LLM optimization,” but the underlying mechanics are simpler than they sound. Once you understand them, you will see exactly where your business fits into the AI discovery pipeline and where you can intervene to improve your visibility.

The core technology powering AI-powered search engines and answer platforms is retrieval-augmented generation, commonly known as RAG. The name is technical but the concept is straightforward: the AI retrieves relevant information from external sources and then generates an answer based on that information. This approach solves a fundamental limitation of large language models: they know a lot, but what they know is frozen at the time they were trained. Without retrieval, they cannot answer questions about events that happened after their training cutoff or access real-time information about product pricing, local business hours, or breaking news.

RAG is not magic. It is a pipeline with distinct stages, and each stage presents an opportunity for you to influence whether your content is discovered, evaluated, selected, and cited. Let us walk through those stages and then look at how each major platform implements them.

Retrieval-Augmented Generation in Plain English

At its simplest, RAG works in three steps:

Step one is query understanding. When a user types or speaks a question, the AI system first tries to understand what the user is asking. This involves parsing the language, identifying the core intent, recognizing key entities, and determining whether the query is informational, navigational, commercial, or transactional. The system may also break complex queries into multiple sub-queries. If someone asks “what are the best project management tools for remote engineering teams under fifty dollars per user,” the system might split

this into separate searches for top project management tools, remote team features, and pricing comparisons.

Step two is retrieval. The system searches for relevant information from its data sources. These sources can include a traditional search index, like Google's index of billions of web pages, a real-time web search API, or specialized databases for products, reviews, or local businesses. The retrieval stage returns a ranked list of candidate documents, typically the most relevant and highest quality pages for each sub-query.

Step three is generation. The system feeds the retrieved documents into a large language model, which reads them, synthesizes the information, and generates a natural-language answer to the user's question. The AI may cite specific sources inline, present information in bullet points or tables, or provide a conversational response depending on the platform's design. Critically, the AI is constrained to use information from the retrieved documents, which reduces the risk of hallucinations and keeps the answer grounded in real-world data.

This process happens in seconds, but it involves multiple systems working together. Your content must pass through each stage successfully to appear in an AI answer. If your page is not crawlable, it never enters the index. If it is in the index but not relevant to the query, it is not retrieved. If it is retrieved but the AI determines it is not high quality or conflicts with other sources, it may not be cited in the final answer.

Understanding this pipeline explains why some optimization strategies make sense and others do not. Anything that improves your crawlability, indexability, relevance, or perceived quality increases your chances of appearing in AI answers. Anything that does not improve those fundamentals is noise.

How Google AI Overviews Sources and Cites Information

Google AI Overviews is the largest AI search feature by volume because it is integrated directly into Google Search, which processes an estimated ten billion searches per day. When an AI Overview appears, it sits at the very top of the results page, above organic results, ads, and other SERP features.

Google's own documentation states that AI Overviews are built on the same ranking systems that power traditional search. They use retrieval-augmented

generation to pull information from Google's existing index and then generate summaries using Gemini, Google's large language model family. The system also employs a technique called query fan-out, which retrieves a wider and more diverse set of results than traditional search to ensure the AI has enough information to synthesize a comprehensive answer.

Here is what happens when a query triggers an AI Overview:

Google first determines whether the query is a good candidate for an AI-generated answer. As of late 2025, roughly thirteen percent of US search queries triggered an AI Overview, though the rate varied significantly by query type. Informational and comparison queries were most likely to generate an Overview. Navigational queries like "gmail login" and simple transactional queries like "buy iphone" were less likely, though commercial research queries like "best running shoes for flat feet" frequently did.

Once the system decides an Overview is appropriate, it performs a traditional search to identify relevant pages from its index. The same ranking factors that determine organic positions matter here: content quality, relevance to the query, page authority, user experience signals, and the established E-E-A-T criteria of Experience, Expertise, Authoritativeness, and Trustworthiness. Pages that would rank highly organically are the most likely candidates for inclusion in the AI Overview.

The AI then reads the selected pages, extracts key information, and synthesizes a summary answer. This summary typically cites between four and eight sources, displayed as links alongside or below the generated text. The citations are not arbitrary. Google's system evaluates each source for quality, relevance, and consistency with the information presented in the summary. If a claim cannot be corroborated across multiple reliable sources, it is less likely to appear.

There is no special markup, file, or configuration you need to appear in an AI Overview. Google has explicitly debunked myths that `llms.txt` files, content chunking strategies, or AI-specific rewriting are required. What matters is having content that Google's ranking systems consider high quality and relevant, and that Google can crawl, index, and understand.

One critical limitation to understand is that Google does not publish the exact algorithm for selecting which sources to cite within an AI Overview. You can optimize for the factors we know matter, but there is no guaranteed formula for inclusion. The best approach is to create authoritative, comprehensive content

on topics that matter to your audience and ensure your technical foundation allows Google to find and read it.

Perplexity's Search and Citation Model

Perplexity AI is fundamentally different from Google. It was built from the ground up as an AI-native search engine, not as a traditional search engine with AI added later. This design choice has significant implications for how Perplexity discovers and cites sources.

Perplexity's architecture is a multi-stage RAG pipeline that processes queries through several distinct operations. The system first parses the user's intent and breaks complex queries into sub-queries. It then performs hybrid retrieval using both traditional keyword-based methods and dense embeddings, a machine learning technique that maps the semantic meaning of queries and documents into mathematical vectors. This allows Perplexity to find relevant content even when the exact keywords do not match.

The retrieval phase pulls from over sixty sources, including live web results, Perplexity's own index built on proprietary embeddings trained on hundreds of billions of tokens, and specialized databases. A multi-layer machine learning ranking system then evaluates and re-ranks the results through three tiers, filtering for relevance, quality, freshness, and authority.

What makes Perplexity particularly interesting for businesses is how it handles citations. The system embeds citation references into the prompt before the language model generates its answer, which means every claim in the response is tied to a specific source document. This is why Perplexity answers always display inline citations that users can click to verify information.

Research into Perplexity's citation behavior has revealed several patterns that matter for optimization. Sources that answer the query directly in the first hundred words of their content earn roughly ninety percent of all citations. Content that has been updated within the last twelve to eighteen months is significantly more likely to be cited, with seventy percent of cited pages meeting this freshness standard. Pages with valid JSON-LD structured data have a forty-seven percent citation rate for top-three positions compared to twenty-eight percent for pages without structured data.

Perplexity also tends to favor topical authority over pure backlink authority. A site that demonstrates deep, consistent expertise on a specific topic will

often be cited over a general authority site that covers the same topic more superficially. This is good news for niche businesses and specialized publishers who may not have massive backlink profiles but have genuine expertise to demonstrate.

One important distinction: Perplexity operates as both a closed and open system depending on the query. For some queries, particularly those within its knowledge cutoff, it can draw on parametric training data. For current events and detailed research queries, it relies on live retrieval. Your optimization strategy should assume both paths are possible and optimize accordingly.

ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude: Closed vs Open Systems

Not all AI platforms operate the same way. Understanding the distinction between closed and open systems is critical for any AI visibility strategy because it determines whether your content can be discovered in real-time or only through accumulated parametric knowledge.

ChatGPT began as a closed system, relying entirely on its training data to answer questions. When OpenAI introduced web browsing capabilities in late 2023 and later enhanced it with a search feature powered by Bing integration, it became a hybrid system. ChatGPT can now retrieve live information from the web when needed, particularly for current events, recent developments, and queries that require up-to-date data. OpenAI has also established partnerships with major news organizations including Reuters, the Financial Times, and the Atlantic, which may receive preferential treatment for news-related queries.

ChatGPT's search feature provides inline citations as superscript numbers, linking users to the source pages it used. These citations are important because they represent a form of endorsement: when ChatGPT cites your content among its sources, it signals to users that your information is trustworthy enough to reference in its answers. The challenge for businesses is that ChatGPT's citation behavior is not fully transparent. It balances information from multiple sources and does not always cite the highest-ranking or most authoritative page for a given query.

Google Gemini, previously known as Bard, operates similarly to Google AI Overviews in that it draws from Google's massive search index. Gemini is also a hybrid system, combining parametric knowledge from its training with live retrieval capabilities. For businesses targeting Google's AI ecosystem, the key

insight is that Gemini and AI Overviews share the same underlying index and ranking infrastructure. Optimization for one generally supports optimization for the other.

Claude, developed by Anthropic, has historically been more closed than its competitors, relying primarily on its training data rather than live web search. Anthropic has experimented with web-browsing capabilities, but Claude's default mode remains more parametric than retrieval-based. This means that for Claude, visibility depends less on real-time SEO and more on whether your brand or content was included in its training data. Building your presence on authoritative platforms, earning media coverage, and establishing a Wikipedia or Wikidata entry can increase the likelihood that Claude knows about your business when users ask questions.

Each of these platforms makes different trade-offs between accuracy, freshness, and speed. Google prioritizes comprehensive coverage and integration with its existing search infrastructure. Perplexity emphasizes source transparency and research quality. ChatGPT balances conversational usability with broad knowledge. Claude focuses on accuracy and safety. Your AI visibility strategy should acknowledge these differences and optimize accordingly rather than assuming a one-size-fits-all approach works everywhere.

Microsoft Copilot and the Bing Index

Microsoft Copilot is Microsoft's AI-powered assistant, integrated into Edge browser, Windows, Microsoft 365, and the standalone Copilot web interface. It is powered by OpenAI's GPT models and uses Bing's search index for real-time information retrieval.

Copilot is significant for businesses because of its reach. It is built into one of the world's most widely used operating systems and productivity suites, giving Microsoft a distribution advantage that competitors lack. When users interact with Copilot within Word, Excel, or Teams, their queries are often work-related, which means B2B companies and professional services have a natural audience within the Copilot ecosystem.

Copilot's retrieval and citation behavior is similar to ChatGPT's search feature since both rely on Bing's index and Microsoft's search infrastructure. It provides inline citations and draws from a mix of its training data and live web search results. For businesses optimizing for Microsoft's AI ecosystem,

the key levers are standard SEO fundamentals applied to Bing's search engine, which has its own ranking factors and indexing behaviors that differ somewhat from Google's.

One practical consideration: Bing processes significantly fewer searches than Google and has a smaller overall index. However, for certain query types and certain user segments, particularly in enterprise and Windows-centric environments, Copilot can be an important visibility channel. The optimization strategy for Copilot overlaps substantially with general AI visibility best practices: ensure your content is crawlable, authoritative, and well-structured, and build your brand presence across the sources that AI systems trust.

The Common Principles Across All AI Systems

Despite the differences in architecture, data sources, and design philosophy, all major AI search and answer platforms share several fundamental principles that govern how they discover and recommend information. Understanding these principles gives you a framework for optimization that works across platforms rather than requiring separate strategies for each one.

The first principle is quality matters more than ever. AI systems are designed to reduce hallucinations and provide accurate information. They evaluate sources for credibility, consistency, and expertise. Content that is inaccurate, poorly sourced, or clearly low quality is unlikely to be cited even if it ranks well in traditional search. The higher the stakes of the query, such as health, finance, or legal topics, the more rigorously AI systems evaluate source quality.

The second principle is clarity enables citation. AI systems extract information from your content to include in their answers. Content that is clear, direct, and well-structured is easier to extract from than content that is vague, convoluted, or buried in marketing language. Writing with clarity benefits both human readers and AI systems.

The third principle is authority is corroborated. AI systems do not simply pick the first source they find. They look for consensus and corroboration across multiple independent sources. If your claim or recommendation is supported by other trusted sources, it is more likely to appear in an AI answer. This is why digital PR, third-party reviews, industry recognition, and media coverage are critical for AI visibility.

The fourth principle is freshness matters for certain topics. For rapidly evolving subjects like technology, health guidelines, financial markets, or consumer products, AI systems prefer recent information over outdated content. Keeping your content updated signals that your information is current and reliable.

The fifth principle is trust is cumulative. The more consistently a source is cited and the more accurately its information is corroborated over time, the more trusted it becomes in the eyes of AI systems. Trust is built gradually through sustained quality, accuracy, and external validation. It cannot be gamed through short-term tactics.

These principles should feel familiar to anyone with SEO experience because they are the same principles that have always governed search quality. What has changed is not the principles themselves but how strictly they are enforced and how directly they impact visibility. In traditional search, you could sometimes rank well with mediocre content if your backlink profile was strong enough. In AI search, mediocre content is simply not cited, regardless of backlinks.

Mastering AI visibility means mastering these principles and applying them systematically across your content, your brand, and your technical infrastructure. The next chapter will explore how this approach differs from and builds upon traditional SEO so you can position your strategy correctly.

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