



SEO PLAYBOOK • LOCAL + TECHNICAL

SEO Best Practices for Malaysian Businesses

Agency-grade SEO + Local SEO playbooks, templates, and measurement for Malaysian SMEs.

Malaysia edition

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How to use this ebook

Skim the executive summary first, then jump to the checklists and templates. Use the charts to align decisions with realistic KPIs and timelines.

01 Executive Summary

GBP

Local SEO

weekly actions

CWV

Speed

measure LCP/INP/CLS

FAQs

Content

buyer questions

Reviews

Trust

systemise collection

SEO is still one of the highest-ROI channels for Malaysian service businesses. The best results come from: (1) strong service pages, (2) a disciplined Google Business Profile routine, and (3) fast mobile experience.

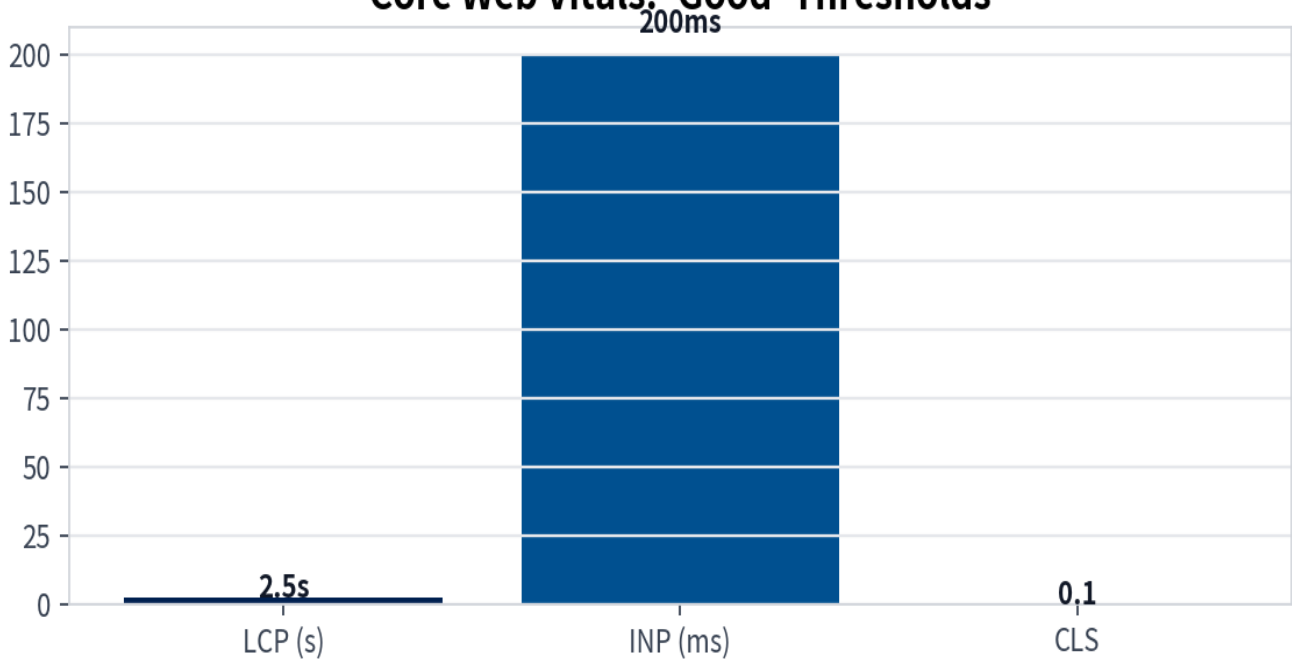
02 Technical SEO (Non-Negotiables)

SEO Workflow (Agency Template)



A simple SEO workflow (template).

Core Web Vitals: 'Good' Thresholds



Core Web Vitals 'good' thresholds (Google Search Central).

Area	Best practice
Indexing	Sitemap submitted; robots.txt not blocking key pages
Duplicates	Canonical tags; avoid multiple URL variants
Structure	Descriptive URLs and logical grouping

Area	Best practice
Structured data	LocalBusiness / Product / FAQ schema where relevant
Performance	Improve CWV; compress images; reduce heavy scripts
Mobile UX	Readable fonts, tap targets, no intrusive popups

Speed is conversion too

JOeve positions landing pages with sub-2s load time targets. Treat speed as both SEO and conversion infrastructure.

03 Local SEO (High ROI for Malaysia)

- Keep GBP updated weekly: photos, posts, offers, Q&A.;
- Use local intent keywords: city/area + service + 'price' + 'near me'.
- Show proof: reviews, certifications, before/after images.
- Create FAQ sections that answer real buyer questions.
- If bilingual, separate pages per language and link clearly.

Review engine template

Every week: ask 10 happy customers for reviews. Use a short WhatsApp message + direct review link. Track requests and outcomes.

04 **Keyword & Page Template (Copy/Paste)**

Page section	What to include
Hero	Service + key benefit + CTA (Call/WhatsApp)
Who it's for	Ideal customer and problems solved
What's included	Steps, scope, and timeline
Pricing range	Transparent ranges + what changes price
Proof	Reviews, certifications, photos
FAQs	6-10 questions (price, coverage, timing, warranty)
Local coverage	Areas served (not thin duplicate pages)

Avoid this common mistake

Thin location pages that copy/paste content. Instead, build one strong page and clearly list coverage areas.

05 Content Strategy (What to Publish)

Avoid random blogging. Publish content that reduces buyer uncertainty and supports sales conversations.

Content type	Examples
Service pages	One per core service; include pricing range and FAQs
FAQ hub	Answer 'price', 'timeline', 'warranty', 'coverage area'
Proof pages	Case studies, testimonials, before/after
Comparison pages	Package A vs B, DIY vs professional
Local pages	One strong page + coverage areas (avoid thin duplicates)

People-first content

Google's SEO guidance emphasises helpful, reliable, people-first content. Make pages easy to scan, clear, and up to date.

06 Link Building (Safe Approaches)

Approach	Examples
Local citations	Industry associations, chambers, directories
Partners	Supplier/partner pages where you collaborate
PR & community	Local events, partnerships, case stories
Assets	Checklists, calculators, templates that earn links organically

Avoid

Low-quality paid links and spam networks. They may harm long-term performance.

07 Measurement & Reporting

Impressions

Demand

search visibility

CTR

Relevance

title/snippet

Leads

Outcome

tracked conversions

CWV

Experience

speed stability

Report section	What to include
Rank/visibility	Search Console impressions & clicks by page
Conversion	Leads and conversion rate by landing page
Local	GBP actions, calls, direction requests
Quality	Top queries + pages to improve next month
Technical	Index coverage + CWV improvements

08**Multilingual & International (If applicable)**

- Use separate URLs per language (EN/BM/ZH) when possible.
- Keep language consistent within a page.
- Link between language versions clearly.
- If targeting multiple countries, implement hreflang properly.

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09 SEO Checklist (Monthly)

Checklist	Status
Search Console + GA4 set up	
Sitemap submitted; key pages indexed	
Titles and meta descriptions reviewed	
Internal linking between related pages	
GBP fully completed and active	
At least 10 high-quality reviews	
Top pages improving CWV	

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