Cognitive SEO User Guide

Getting Started

Creating a Campaign

In order to create a campaign, please press the plus (+) button, at the right of the Manage Campaigns selection control. A wizard is displayed, with two main options: to create a One Time Snapshot campaign or a Recurring Campaign.

One Time Snapshot

1st Step - Add Your Website

Now let’s choose the One Time Snapshot campaign, by pressing the Start button. The following screen is displayed:
### Dialog Options

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- Analyze just specific sub-domain URLs: Analyze only the exact match URLs that you enter and not the whole sub-domain. This is useful when analyzing URLs from domains with a large amount of subdomains. Make sure all URLs are on sub-domain.com such as sub-domain.com/index.html or sub-domain.com/ or sub-domain.com/product.html.

### NEXT >>Competitor Website

This button will take you to the next step, **Competitor Website**.

### Cancel

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Let's take a closer look at **Advanced Options**. If you check the option **Analyze just specific sub-domain URLs**, you have the possibility to enter more different URLs of the selected website, as shown in the image below:
This will provide a more advanced analyze of your website.

**2nd Step - Competitor Website**

This dialog has exactly the same options as the previous one (see 1st Step) with the only exception that you can add up to 5 competitor websites, using the *add* button.

After you're done with this step, you can proceed to the next step - **Link Analysis** by pressing the **NEXT** button.
3rd Step - Link Analysis
This screen allows you to fine tune your link analysis.

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4th Step - Campaign Settings

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In the meantime, in the background, the links are extracted from the data providers. Our software aggregates the links, removes duplicates, and crawls them on demand. The link crawling is a very important element of the analysis, because when this operation is done on demand for each client, a set of unique algorithms specific to our system are applied. For example, we detect the website type (blog, web directory, forum etc.), the type of link (in content or out of content) and many other aspects that provide you with a very complete analysis and help you understand your profile and that of your competitors. Also, you will understand the strategy used by your competitors and how you can improve your own strategy, in order to obtain the best visibility in search engines.

Recurring Campaign

1st Step - Add Your Website

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<td><strong>Enter the keywords you want to monitor in Google, Bing and Yahoo</strong></td>
<td>In this box you can enter your keywords, one keyword per line. If the account is set to daily analysis, the keyword analysis will be delivered in 24 hours. If the account is set to weekly analysis, the keyword analysis will be delivered in maximum one week.</td>
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One Time Snapshot vs. Recurring Campaign

A One Time Snapshot campaign will role, as its name states, just one time. The websites analyzed in this campaign will be reset at the time of the next billing. Choosing this option will only allow you to analyze a snapshot of the links and social-shares for your website and those of your competitors.

The setup of a One Time Snapshot campaign will require you to go through 4 easy steps, that include: adding your website, adding competitor websites, link analysis and campaign settings. All these steps are described in Setting a Campaign -> One Time Snapshot.

A Recurring Campaign will do the same thing, only that it will repeat the whole process on a weekly basis, and besides that, it will allow you to monitor Google, Yahoo and Bing page ranks. See details in Setting a Campaign -> Recurring Campaign.

You will have access to a module called Link Management, where you can monitor your most important links.

Each of these two phases is best suited for certain actions. A one time snapshot is recommended for singular analyses. These may include client pitches, site benchmarking or various competitor analyses. Recurring campaigns are recommended for the continuous analysis of your website, of your clients websites, and of your most important competitors (and client competitors). Also, this type of campaign can be used for more in-depth pitches that also require a campaign history. For a recurring campaign, the number of analyzed websites will not be reset at the next billing.