

## ■ Al Search Readiness Checklist

Ensure your website is optimized for visibility and credibility in Al-driven search results (ChatGPT, Google Al Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini, etc.)

### 1. Structured Content Formats (for Al Readability)

- Use clear section headings (H2/H3) with descriptive, keyword-rich titles
- Break long paragraphs into concise, skimmable segments
- Include FAQs formatted with h3 or strong for question headings
- Add lists and tables for data presentation Al prefers structured content
- Provide summaries or TL;DR sections at the end of long articles
- Use consistent terminology (avoid mixing product/service names)
- Ensure metadata (titles, descriptions, OG tags) reflect page intent clearly
- Optimize image alt text to reinforce topic relevance
- ■ Include internal links using natural anchor text (Al reads context around links)

# 2. Digital PR & Brand Authority Actions

- Secure high-quality backlinks from relevant, reputable websites
- ■ Publish expert quotes or thought-leadership articles on industry blogs
- Build Google Entity associations mention your brand alongside known entities
- Claim and optimize Google Business Profile (consistent name, address, phone, hours)
- Encourage reviews and mentions on platforms Al references (Google, Yelp, LinkedIn, etc.)
- Keep brand info consistent across all directories and profiles (NAP consistency)
- Leverage social media press announcements to create data trails AI can verify
- Submit to trusted newswires or niche publications for authority signals

#### 3. Technical Essentials

- Implement IndexNow for faster page discovery and updates
- ■ Validate schema markup for your core entities (Organization, LocalBusiness, Product/Service, Article/FAQ/Review)
- ■ Check robots.txt and sitemap.xml for crawl accessibility
- Use canonical URLs and proper redirects to prevent content duplication

- Ensure HTTPS security and mobile responsiveness
- Optimize Core Web Vitals (LCP, CLS, FID) Al favors fast, user-friendly pages
- ■ Add structured data for authorship and credibility (e.g., Person schema)
- Include content update timestamps (AI prefers freshness signals)

### 4. Al-Readiness Confirmation

- Search your brand and main keywords on ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini note how your brand is referenced
- Test Google AI Overviews visibility for target search phrases
- Verify your entity appears in Google's Knowledge Graph / panels if applicable
- ■ Run a structured data test (Google Rich Results & Schema.org validators)
- Audit your content tone and structure does it read conversationally and answer 'how/why' questions?
- Confirm key business facts (address, founder, products, etc.) are clearly stated in text, not just images
- ■ Check AI citation sources make sure your brand appears on authoritative references AI can trust
- Final review: Does your site demonstrate E-E-A-T (Experience, Expertise, Authority, Trust)?

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