

Backlink Gap Analysis for High-Authority Link Opportunities

Identify and acquire valuable backlinks your competitors are missing.

Based on [Backlink Gap Analysis Finding High Authority Link Opportunities Your Competitors Miss](#) by Casey's SEO

Step 1: Identify Competitors

Determine 5-10 key competitors who rank for your valuable keywords, not just direct business rivals.

- Consider entities that consistently rank for your target keywords.
- This broader view helps uncover powerful link sources.



Step 2: Export Backlink Profiles

Use tools like Ahrefs, SEMrush, or Moz to export the backlink profiles of your identified competitors, focusing on links acquired in the last 12 months.

- Prioritize recent links to target actively linking and receptive domains.



Step 3: Score Opportunity Overlap

Analyze competitor backlinks to find domains linking to multiple competitors. This multi-competitor overlap is a strong indicator of opportunity.

- Sites linking to multiple competitors have proven willingness to link within your industry.
- This indicates established processes for evaluating and adding new links.



Step 4: Evaluate Domain Relevance and Strength

Score potential link targets based on audience relevance (how closely the domain's audience aligns with yours) and domain strength (authority and traffic metrics).

- Prioritize sites where your target audience genuinely engages.
- A single link from a relevant site can outperform multiple links from irrelevant high-authority sites.



Step 5: Develop Content Angles

For high-priority targets, create unique content angles that improve upon what competitors have already linked to.

- Consider creating more in-depth guides, fresh statistics, or unique expert perspectives.
- Offer superior tools or valuable resources that enhance their existing content.



Step 6: Execute Relationship-Based Outreach

Craft multi-touch outreach sequences that build genuine relationships. Start by engaging with their content before making direct requests.

- Reference their existing coverage of similar businesses to personalize your pitch.
- A value-first strategy yields significantly higher success rates.



Step 7: Track Performance and Optimize

Monitor key metrics such as outreach response rates, link acquisition rates, ranking improvements, and organic traffic growth.

- Aim for 15-25% outreach response rates and 5-12% link acquisition rates.
- Regular analysis (monthly or quarterly) is essential for maintaining a competitive advantage.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Backlink Gap Analysis: Uncover Competitor Link Opportunities (Infographic)

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-s-seo-checklists-20260706-e6395a/casey-s-seo/Infographic/backlink-gap-analysis-finding-high-authority-link-opportunities-your-competitors-infographic.pdf>

■ Backlink Gap Analysis Checklist

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-s-seo-checklists-20260706-671cb5/casey-s-seo/Checklist/backlink-gap-analysis-checklist.pdf>

■ Colorado Springs SEO Blog

<https://caseysseo.com/seo-blog>

■ Broken Link Building Strategies Turning Competitor Link Losses Into Your Gains – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/broken-link-building-strategies-turning-competitor-link-losses-into-your-gains/>

■ Finding Your Competitors' Content Blind Spots: Advanced Semrush Gap Analysis, Made Easy – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/advanced-semrush-techniques-for-competitor-content-gap-analysis/>

■ Find Your Local Results

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