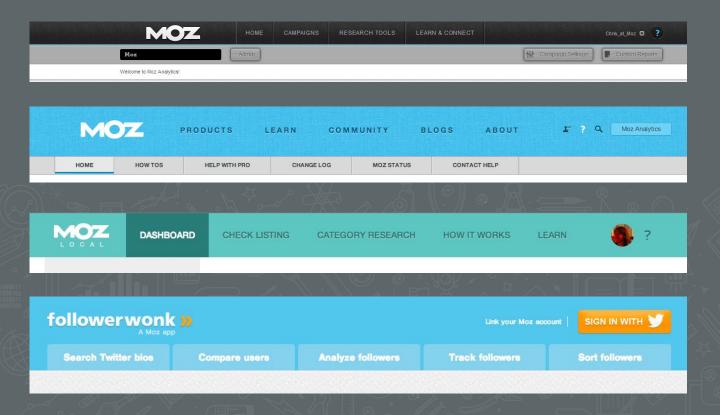
### The "Global Nav"

Lessons learned from a project to unite 3+ site properties and 11+ tools on Moz.com



As our business grew, our site fragmented.



#### We unified 3 websites with one nav ribbon



Open Site Explorer

Fresh Web Explorer

Keyword Difficulty

(A) Rank Tracker

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✓ Crawl Test

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#### **Research Tools**

Moz Analytics prospecting tools for keyword rankings and research, link analysis, web mentions, and social analytics.



Keyword & Ranking Tools

Rank Tracker checks and tracks keyword rankings.

Keyword Difficulty compares keyword difficulty, search volume, and ranking

On-Page Grader helps to optimize a page for any keyword.



#### Open Site Explorer

Analyze links with Open Site Explorer. Research and compare backlinks with competitors for intelligent and targeted link building. Identify top pages, view social activity data, and analyze anchor



#### Fresh Web Explorer

Fresh Web Explorer uses the power of the Freshscape index to find the very latest, freshest mentions of your brand, industry topics, or any other key terms that interest you.



#### Followerwonk

Followerwonk lets you dive deep into your Twitter analytics. Analyze and segment your followers, compare users, and discover how to engage your audience.



#### Mozscape API

With the Mozscape API, use the same web index that powers Moz Analytics to build your own workflow or software. Then, monitor your API usage with the API Dashboard.



#### Crawl Test

Crawl Test unleashes our web crawler, RogerBot, on any URL, He'll explore up to 3,000 links from the site in search of HTTP status codes, metadata, content type, and any issues that might impact the site's search engine crawlability.



Community Q&A Forum

Performing reports for the same site often?

Add & View Campaigns

#### SEO Toolbar

With the MozBar, our SEO Toolbar for Chrome and Firefox, you can view link metrics, analyze page elements and SERP results, and access your favorite SEO tools inline as you browse the web.

Download the MozBar for: Chrome Firefox





#### Labs Tools

Feeling adventurous? Our developers have cooked up a few prototype tools for link-building research. Please note that we do not offer support or guarantee data accuracy for labs tools. Have fun experimenting!

More Moz Tools

#### Moz Local 🕗

See if your local U.S. business listings have been claimed on Google+ Local. Bing Local, Yelp, and other prominent local search engines.

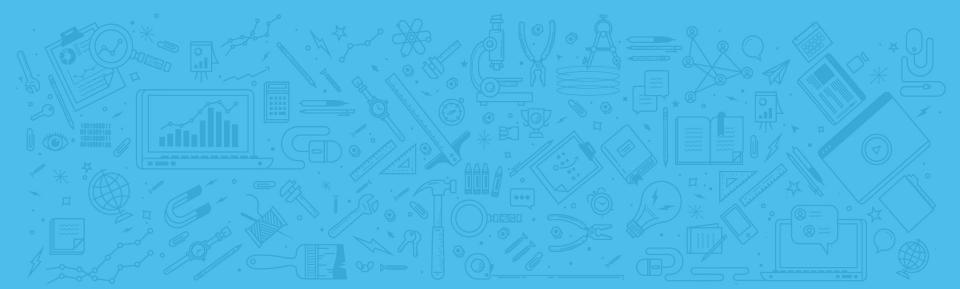
Discover day-to-day changes and fluctuations in Google rankings. Think of it as your daily "weather report" showing turbulence in the Google algorithm.

#### Global Nav Conception

- 1. Problems to Solve
- 2. Methodology
- 3. Measuring Success
- 4. The Solution

# 1 Problems to solve

Company goals and customer pain points



#### Global Nav Goals

- 1. Create a **cohesive navigation** experience for all products, tools and content
- 2. Solve today's problems with the **flexibility** to accommodate the next 3 5 years
- 3. Build a technically and functionally **scalable solution**

View success metrics for these objectives on the intranet.

#### **Customer Pain Points**

- It's hard to find learning resources and information
- Discovering new tools and content is challenging
- Navigation is inconsistent
- Too many places to go for answers: Q&A, Community, Help Hub, Learn, etc.

Dig into the first round of customer research here.

# 2 Methodology The process we took to get here



- 6 months
- 8 rounds of user research
- 35+ Mozzers



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We collected user stories from across the company, then prioritized for all to see.

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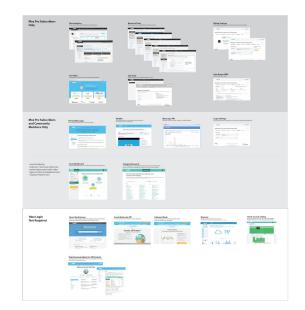
We audited the current task flows and identified pain points.

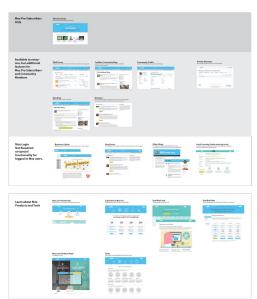
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Project goals and objectives were drafted and posted in a public place.

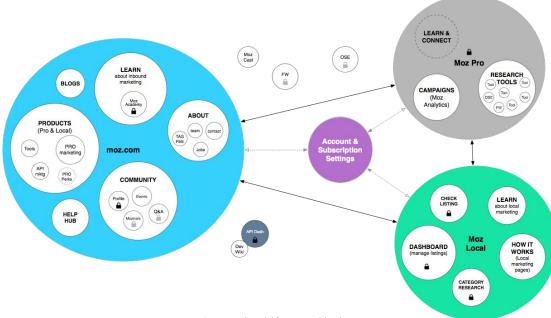
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Our world today is bigger and more complex than we often think.

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Conceptual model for our world today

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We looked at how other companies solve these problems today.

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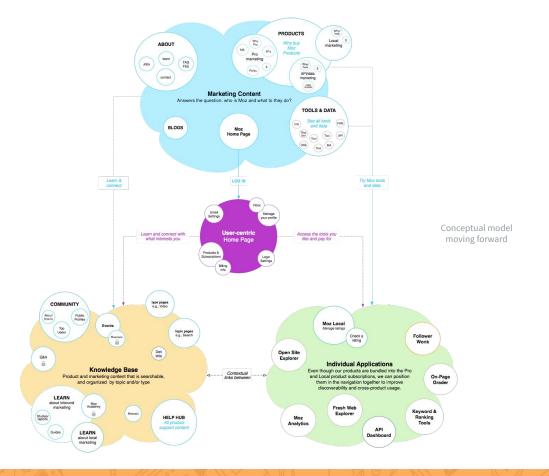
Iterations and feedback on how we **should** structure our experiences.

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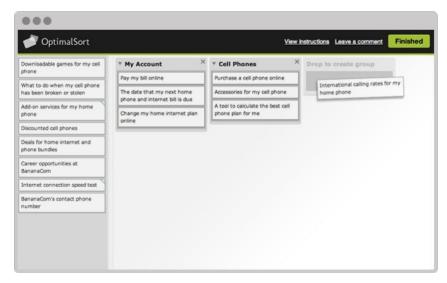


Two of the nine key takeaways guiding site structure and information architecture

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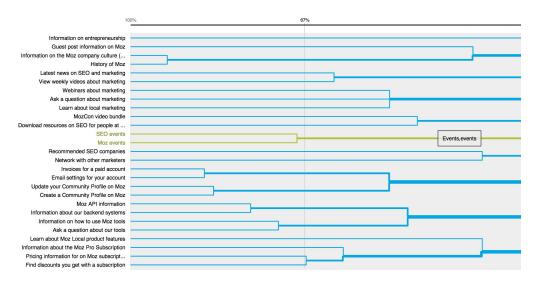


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We asked customers where they expect to find information and tools with a remote card-sorting exercise.

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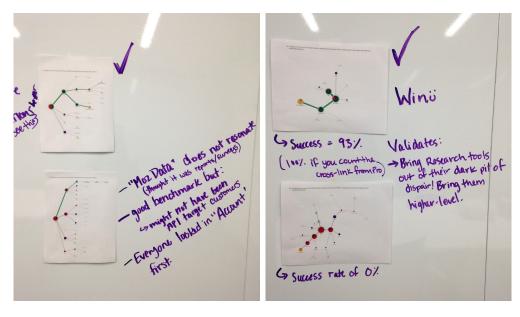
We looked at clusters in the data to inform high-level IA (this is a Dendrogram)

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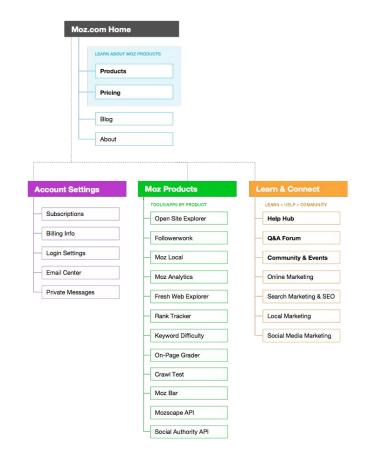
We leveraged MozCon to get feedback on visual brand concepts and inform IA.

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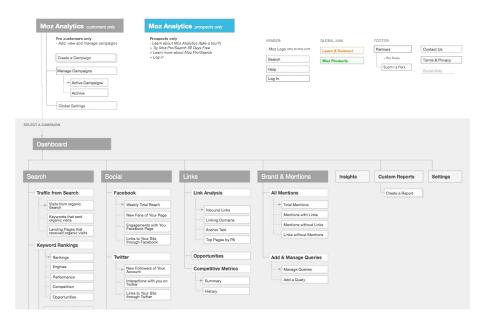
Tree testing proved our proposed IA was an improvement on the current IA for primary tasks.

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The high-level site IA boils down to this.

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We will work individually with each product and functional team on specific section IA in Q1+

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2 engineers, 2 UX designers, 1 Product Manager, 1 Marketer, 1 UX Architect meet every week for 3 weeks.

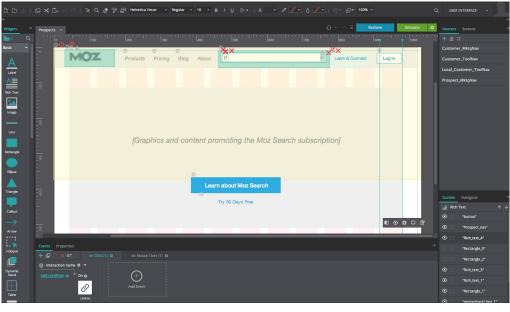
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Each week, we got a working prototype in front of customers to test the ease of use and inform the design.

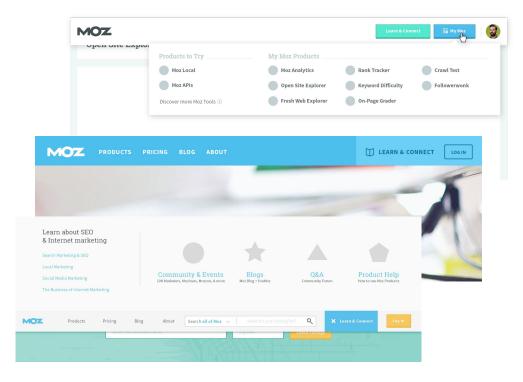
Internal and customer feedback was collected and displayed for all to see.

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The final prototype was highly interactive and tested key scenarios for customers and prospective customers.

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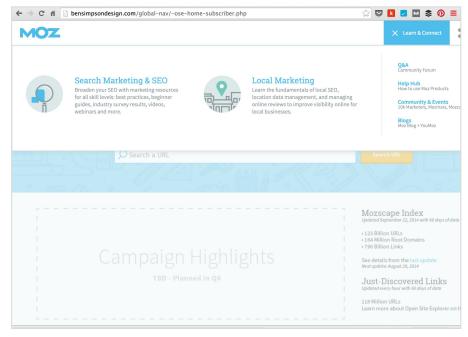
The entire design team was involved in the visual design, informed by the recent brand vision research.

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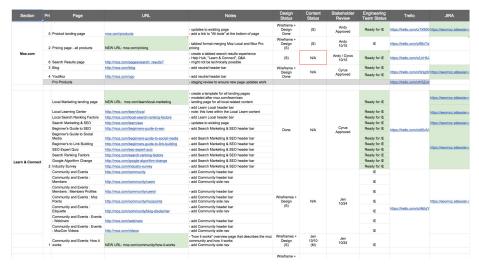
The design team built an HTML prototype to explore interactions and continue user feedback.

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The prototype was used for one final round of usability (in this phase).

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At this point, the global nav work for Q4 was slated and on the roadmaps.

# 3 Measuring Success

#### Acceptance Criteria

- 1. Critical task completion rate of 90%
- 2. Consistency where to find things
- 3. Clearly communicate our company and product value prop

See the full acceptance criteria on the intranet.

Critical task completion rate of 90% Consistency where to find things Connected navigation experience / brand Know where I am at all times and know where I need to go Be aware of users identity Be aware of users state Clearly communicate our company and product value prop Use standard navigation best practices Alignment across the company on conceptual navigation and highlevel guidelines Focus navigation on our target personas Consistent method for rendering UI across our site Easily manage, maintain and iterate

#### Rollout Plans

- 1. Global navigation and affected pages in design / development on staging by end of Q4
- 2. Testing throughout Q4 and Q1 SDET and user validation
- 3. Full rollout in Q1 when testing complete

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# Key Results

- 1. Support existing strong organic search structure
- 2. Make discovery possible across all products, regardless of my state
- 3. Support current and evolving customer workflows

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# 4 The Launch Development, launch, and lessons learned

## Implementation

Because we have various applications using different tech stacks, we decided to deliver a shared server-side template

- Handlebars template that is rendered server-side. This helps with initial load times and SEO.
- We provide config files for production and staging so links work.
- Template loads its own CSS and JS files via a CDN, and prints out JSON for the JS file to pick up for rendering dropdowns.
- Developers keep up-to-date using package managers like NPM, bower, or a gemfile.

# Implementation

- Documented releases provides a change log
- Ability to flag beta releases
- Shared platform for better onboarding, testing, reporting capabilities
- Kaleidoscope (our CSS framework) subnav provides shared markup + styles but allows for per-app customization
- o Globalnav + Kaleidoscope allows for rapid UI development

♦ v0.0.11

#### **Version 0.0.11**

devinellis released this on Jun 2 · 57 commits to

- · Update links to moz.com to HTTPS
- · Fix CDN expire headers
- · Don't load SVGs in dropdowns on load

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#### **Version 0.0.10**

devinellis released this on Apr 20 · 71 commits

Mobile menu fixes

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### The Launch

*Initial reactions were good.* 







#### The Aftermath

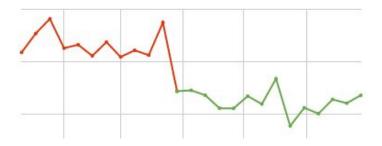
These are the key areas we looked to improve with the new navigation.

- Support current and evolving customer workflows
- Clearly communicate our company and product value prop
- Use standard levels of speed
- Support our most used browsers
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### The Panic

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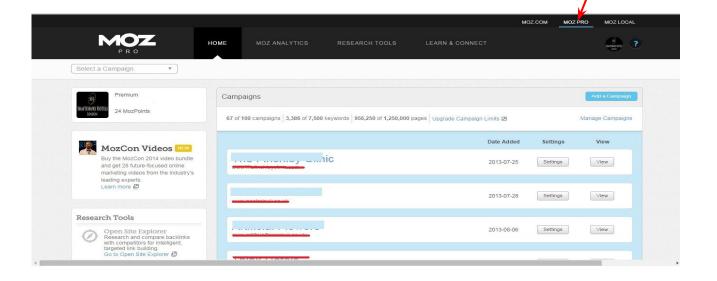
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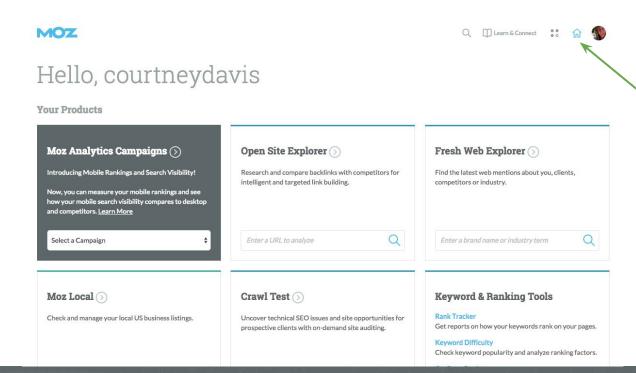


# The flip side...

58% visitors came and left



# The flip side...



Compared to 7% exits from this new page

# The Next Steps

#### After 3 months between launch and analysis, we had actionable data

- Quickly updated fit and finish details like color contrast and label changes
- Propose bigger changes that better accommodate our current business strategy
- There is now an owner for global nav, monitoring the metrics and evolving the experience as our business and customers needs grow and change

### Lessons learned

- 1. Ownership of ongoing data analysis is mission critical
- 2. Integrated staging environment is crucial for proper testing
- 3. Be careful how far you you plan
- 4. Test smaller chunks and launch in pieces when possible

