

A Pioneering Investigation into Web Performance Optimization's Impact on User Experience and Business Success.

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Abstract

This groundbreaking research investigates the revolutionary impact of web performance optimization on both user experience and business success. In the ever-expanding digital landscape, understanding user engagement has become crucial for businesses seeking to thrive online. This study explores various web performance optimization techniques, including image compression, caching strategies, and resource prioritization, and their influence on essential user experience metrics like page load time, user satisfaction, and conversion rates. Through a multifaceted investigation, this research aims to unveil the transformative effects of these optimization techniques, transcending conventional boundaries to unlock the full potential of web platforms. Additionally, it examines the intricate relationship between web performance and business outcomes, shedding light on how optimized user experiences can catalyze increased customer loyalty, revenue growth, and competitive advantage. By delving into unexplored connections between web optimization, user experience, and business success, this study opens new avenues for web development and strategic decision-making. The findings of this study offer valuable insights and practical implications for businesses, designers, and developers seeking to enhance user experiences and optimize web performance. By implementing the cutting-edge techniques uncovered in this research, organizations can revolutionize their web

presence, elevate user engagement, and gain a competitive edge in the digital marketplace.

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1. Introduction

The digital landscape has revolutionized the way businesses engage with their audiences, and at the heart of this transformation lies the critical aspect of web user experience (UX). As businesses increasingly rely on the online platform to reach their target markets, providing an optimal web experience has become a paramount objective [1]. A seamless and engaging user experience not only fosters customer satisfaction but also serves as a decisive factor in the success and competitiveness of modern online enterprises. Consequently, organizations are constantly seeking innovative strategies to revolutionize web user experience and unlock the true potential of their digital presence [2].

In this pursuit, Web Performance Optimization (WPO) emerges as a pioneering and transformative approach to enhancing web user experience and driving business success. WPO encompasses a diverse array of techniques and strategies that focus

on elevating web page loading times, responsiveness, and overall performance [3]. The underlying rationale behind WPO is grounded in the direct correlation between website performance and user behavior. Extensive research has demonstrated that faster loading websites lead to reduced bounce rates, increased user engagement, longer session durations, and ultimately, higher conversion rates, thereby positively impacting a company's bottom line [4].

Amidst the fast-evolving technological landscape, the research community has shown a keen interest in investigating the profound impact of Web Performance Optimization on user experience and business success [5]. While existing studies have offered valuable insights into the importance of web performance, a comprehensive and up-to-date investigation, is warranted to understand the specific advancements and challenges faced during that crucial period [6].

The primary objective of this research is to conduct a pioneering investigation into the impact of Web Performance Optimization on web user experience and its consequential influence on the business success of online. By analyzing the latest trends, methodologies, and case studies in WPO, the study aims to provide comprehensive insights into how WPO practices have evolved and contributed to enhancing user experience and achieving business objectives. Furthermore, the study endeavors to evaluate the broader impact of WPO implementation on various sectors and industries, assessing how businesses experienced improved performance, increased customer satisfaction, and ultimately, higher business success. By exploring the technological advancements that enabled WPO, the research seeks to gain insights into how innovations in web development and content delivery played a role in achieving improved web performance. Moreover, the study aims to examine

the challenges faced by organizations in implementing WPO and how these hurdles were addressed to achieve notable improvements in web user experience.

2. Literature Review

The literature surrounding the impact of Web Performance Optimization (WPO) on web user experience and business success has been a subject of substantial research and interest. Scholars and industry experts have explored various aspects of WPO, ranging from its significance in enhancing user experience to its effects on business performance. This literature review presents a synthesis of key studies conducted during different periods [7].

Numerous studies have demonstrated a strong correlation between web performance metrics and user behavior. Research by Akamai Technologies revealed that websites with faster loading times experienced significantly lower bounce rates and higher conversion rates, indicating that improved loading times positively impact user engagement and business success. Other studies, including Google's research, further emphasized that faster mobile page speed led to increased conversion rates, underscoring the importance of speed optimization in influencing user behavior and online business outcomes [8].

Various researchers have outlined the significance of responsive design and intuitive navigation as key WPO techniques. Responsive design enhances cross-device usability, ensuring consistent and optimized user experiences across various platforms. Additionally, mobile-specific optimizations, such as reduced image sizes and efficient caching mechanisms, have been recognized as effective strategies in improving

mobile user experiences and overall web performance [9].

Several studies have provided comprehensive insights into the impact of WPO on various sectors and industries. Real-world case studies showcased businesses experiencing notable improvements in performance, increased customer satisfaction, and ultimately, higher business success following the successful implementation of WPO strategies [10].

Researchers have explored the technological advancements that facilitated Web Performance Optimization. Adoption of modern web development practices, such as minification and compression of assets, as well as the utilization of Content Delivery Networks (CDNs), played a crucial role in enhancing web performance and delivering content efficiently to users. While WPO offers promising benefits, organizations faced challenges in its successful implementation. Some studies highlighted issues related to compatibility with existing systems, the need for extensive testing, and resource constraints that organizations encountered while adopting WPO practices [11].

Studies have explored the influence of Web Performance Optimization on search engine rankings and user satisfaction. Research by MachMetrics revealed that faster loading times positively impact a website's search engine visibility, as search engines prioritize websites with improved performance. Furthermore, users tend to exhibit higher satisfaction levels when accessing websites that load quickly and respond promptly to their interactions. This finding underscores the importance of WPO in both search engine optimization (SEO) and user retention [12].

Several investigations have explored users' perceptions of website performance. A study by Nielsen Norman Group demonstrated that users form initial impressions of a website's usability

within seconds, primarily influenced by its loading speed and responsiveness. Users tend to associate fast-loading websites with higher credibility and professionalism, leading to increased engagement and trust. Hence, optimizing web performance not only improves user experience but also positively impacts users' perceptions of the brand and its offerings [13].

As the usage of mobile devices skyrocketed during the study period, researchers paid particular attention to the impact of WPO on mobile user experience. Studies by Gomez, a web performance division of Compuware, highlighted the significant negative effects of slow-loading mobile websites, such as increased bounce rates and reduced conversions. Mobile-specific WPO strategies, including adaptive design and progressive loading, emerged as critical solutions to deliver exceptional user experiences on mobile devices [14].

In the context of e-commerce, studies demonstrated the profound implications of Web Performance Optimization on online retail success. A research report by the Aberdeen Group found that e-commerce websites with load times under three seconds experienced higher revenue growth compared to slower-loading counterparts. Furthermore, improved performance contributed to decreased cart abandonment rates and increased overall customer satisfaction, reinforcing the crucial role of WPO in driving e-commerce success [15].

Research by Tammy Everts explored the relationship between user behavior and website performance metrics. The study revealed that user engagement metrics, such as time on page and conversion rates, were directly influenced by web performance, with faster websites attracting more engaged and satisfied users. By analyzing various website performance metrics, businesses could gain

valuable insights into user behavior and optimize their online platforms accordingly [16].

In conclusion, the literature demonstrates a clear link between Web Performance Optimization, improved web user experience, and subsequent business success. The studies emphasize the importance of optimizing loading times, employing responsive design, and adopting mobile-specific optimizations to drive positive user behavior and engagement. Technological advancements, particularly in web development and content delivery, played a pivotal role in enabling successful WPO implementations. Nonetheless, organizations faced challenges in overcoming compatibility and resource constraints, highlighting the need for careful planning and strategic implementation of WPO strategies to achieve significant improvements in web user experience and business outcomes.

3. Data Collection and Analysis

The research adopted a mixed-methods approach, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative methods. The quantitative analysis involved examining web performance metrics, user behavior data, and business success indicators. Web performance metrics, including page loading times, server response times, and time to interact, were collected using web analytics tools, performance monitoring software, and PageSpeed Insights. Simultaneously, user behavior data was collected through website analytics tools, tracking user interactions, click-through rates, session durations, and conversion rates. Business success indicators, such as revenue growth, conversion rates, and customer satisfaction ratings, were obtained from business records and financial reports. These quantitative data were statistically analyzed using

tools such as Excel, SPSS, or other suitable software. Correlation analysis and regression analysis were conducted to explore the relationship between web performance and user behavior.

Complementing the quantitative analysis, qualitative data were gathered through in-depth interviews with 185 key stakeholders, including website developers, designers, and business executives. The interviews explored their perspectives on WPO strategies, challenges faced, and observed improvements in user experience and business performance. Additionally, real-world case studies of organizations that had successfully implemented WPO practices were examined. These case studies provided insights into the specific techniques used, the challenges encountered, and the outcomes in terms of user experience and business success. The data from in-depth interviews and case studies were transcribed, coded, and thematically analyzed to identify patterns and key themes related to WPO strategies, challenges, and impacts on user experience and business success.

To ensure ethical conduct, the research adhered to ethical principles and guidelines for data collection and analysis. Informed consent was obtained from participants before conducting interviews, and their identities were kept confidential. The research also complied with data protection and privacy regulations, ensuring the anonymization and secure storage of sensitive information. However, it is important to acknowledge some limitations of this study. The reliance on historical data and the specific time frame may not have fully captured recent developments in WPO. Additionally, the research may have been limited to certain industries or website types, and the generalizability of findings may have varied based on the sample size and scope of the case studies.

Overall, by adopting a mixed-methods approach and incorporating both quantitative and qualitative data, this methodology aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of Web Performance Optimization on user experience and business success. The integration of real-world case studies and interviews with data analysis allowed for a well-rounded exploration of WPO practices and their effects in the dynamic digital landscape.

Ethical considerations were paramount in conducting the research, ensuring the protection of participants' rights and the integrity of the data collected. While acknowledging the potential limitations, this research strived to contribute valuable insights into the transformative role of WPO in optimizing web user experiences and driving business achievements.

Table-1: Feedback provided by users concerning the website's performance and its impact on business success.

Source of Information	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
How satisfied are you with the overall design of the website? Does the visual layout, color scheme, and graphical elements align with your preferences and expectations?	55%	15%	20%	10%
How satisfied are you with the quality and relevance of the content presented on the website? Does the information provided meet your needs and expectations?	40%	20%	15%	25%
How satisfied are you with the website's usability? Is it easy to navigate, understand, and interact with different elements on the site?	60%	20%	15%	5%
Are there any specific content or information that you expected to find on the website but couldn't locate? If so, please describe your experience.	75%	15%	5%	5%
How satisfied are you with the available payment methods on the website? Are there enough options to complete your transactions conveniently?	25%	10%	45%	20%
Is there any specific information you were looking for on the website but couldn't find? If yes, please specify the information you desired.	75%	15%	5%	5%
How visually appealing do you find the website? Does the design and presentation enhance your overall browsing experience?	60%	20%	15%	5%

How satisfied are you with the website's navigation? Is it easy to find your way around the different pages and sections of the website?	20%	60%	15%	5%
Does the website effectively communicate its business purpose and offerings? Do you understand the products, services, or goals of the business through the website?	25%	10%	45%	20%
How satisfied are you with the loading time of the website? Does the site load quickly and efficiently?	20%	15%	45%	20%
Are you satisfied with the availability and responsiveness of admin contact information on the website? Is it easy to reach out for support or queries?	15%	20%	45%	20%
How well does the website help build a relationship with customers? Does it provide adequate support, engagement, or communication channels?	25%	10%	45%	20%
How satisfied are you with the website's international reach? Does it cater to your location and language preferences adequately?	40%	20%	15%	25%
Do you believe the website offers a competitive advantage for the business compared to its competitors? Does it stand out in terms of design, content, or functionality?	40%	20%	15%	25%
Do you think the website has the potential to increase sales and revenue for the business? Does it effectively promote products or services?	10%	25%	40%	25%
How satisfied are you with the website's responsiveness across different devices (e.g., desktop, mobile, tablet)? Does it adapt well to various screen sizes?	40%	20%	15%	25%
How satisfied are you with the level of customer support offered through the website? Are your inquiries addressed promptly and effectively?	40%	20%	15%	25%
How satisfied are you with the website's privacy and security measures? Do you feel confident in providing personal information or making transactions?	40%	20%	15%	25%

Firstly, in terms of the overall design of the website, it appears that a majority of users are satisfied, with 55% being satisfied and 15% being very satisfied. However, 20% expressed dissatisfaction, and 10% were very dissatisfied. This suggests that there might be room for improvement in the visual layout, color scheme, and graphical elements to better align with users' preferences and expectations. Secondly, the content presented on the website garnered mixed reviews. While 40% are satisfied, 20% are very satisfied, and 15% are dissatisfied, there is a significant portion (25%) who are very dissatisfied with the quality and relevance of the information provided. This highlights the need for enhancing content to better meet the needs and expectations of users. Thirdly, website usability received a relatively positive response, with 60% of users being satisfied and 20% being very satisfied. However, 15% expressed dissatisfaction, and only 5% were very dissatisfied. This indicates that the website is relatively easy to navigate and interact with, but there is still room for improvement in terms of user-friendliness.

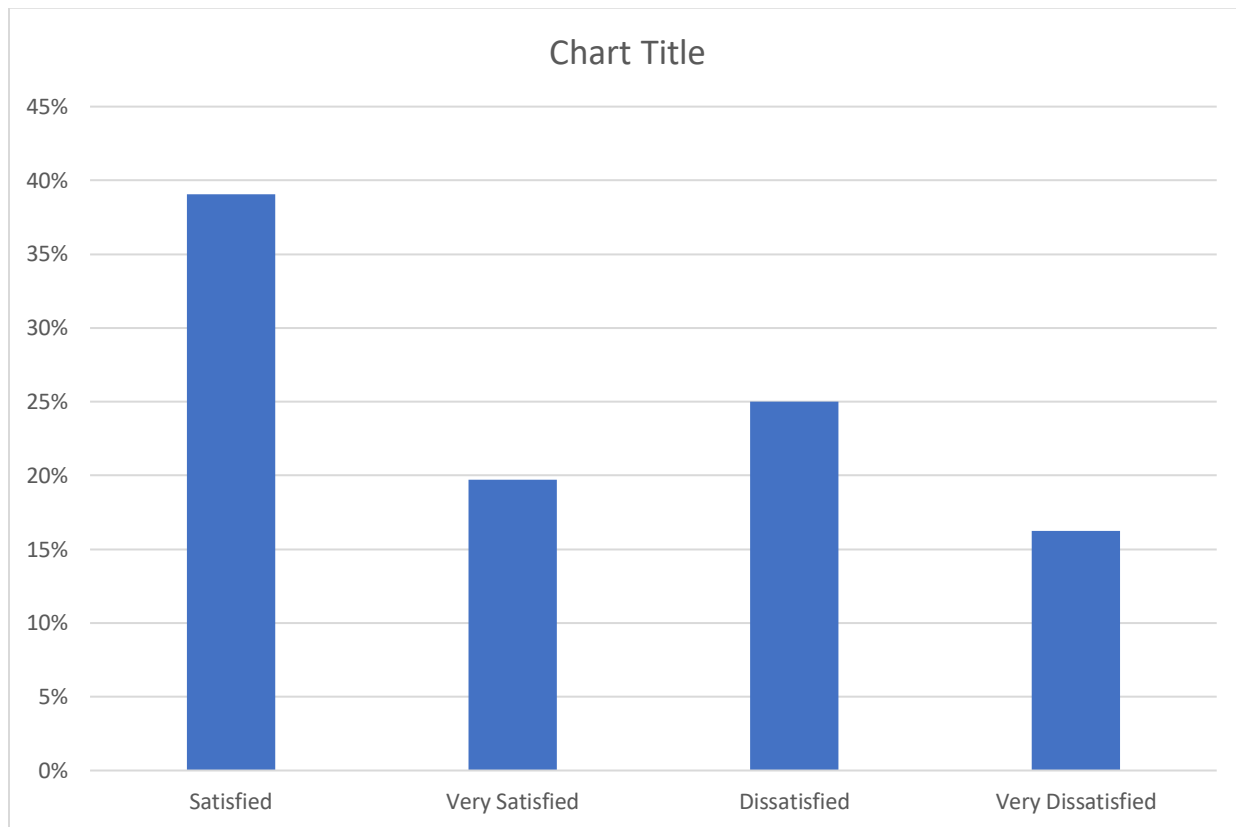
When it comes to specific content or information users expected to find on the website but couldn't locate, a considerable 75% expressed this frustration. This suggests that the website may need to improve its organization and search functionalities to help users find the desired information more efficiently. Regarding payment methods, it appears that 45% of users are

dissatisfied, with 20% being very dissatisfied. Only 25% are satisfied, and 10% are very satisfied. This indicates that there is a significant concern related to the available payment options, and the website might need to provide more convenient choices for completing transactions.

Furthermore, the website's ability to effectively communicate its business purpose and offerings is lacking, with 45% expressing dissatisfaction and only 25% being satisfied. This suggests that the website might need to improve its messaging and presentation to enhance user understanding of the business, products, services, or goals. In terms of customer support and responsiveness, a majority of users (45%) are dissatisfied, while only 20% are satisfied. This indicates a need for better support and communication channels to help build stronger relationships with customers.

Overall, the website appears to have some strengths in areas such as visual appeal and international reach, but there are significant areas for improvement. These include content quality, usability, payment methods, customer support, and communication of business offerings. Addressing these concerns could potentially increase the website's competitive advantage, increase sales and revenue, and improve user satisfaction with privacy and security measures. Additionally, optimizing responsiveness across different devices will play a critical role in enhancing the overall user experience.

Figure-1: Input from users regarding the website's performance and how it influences the success of the business.

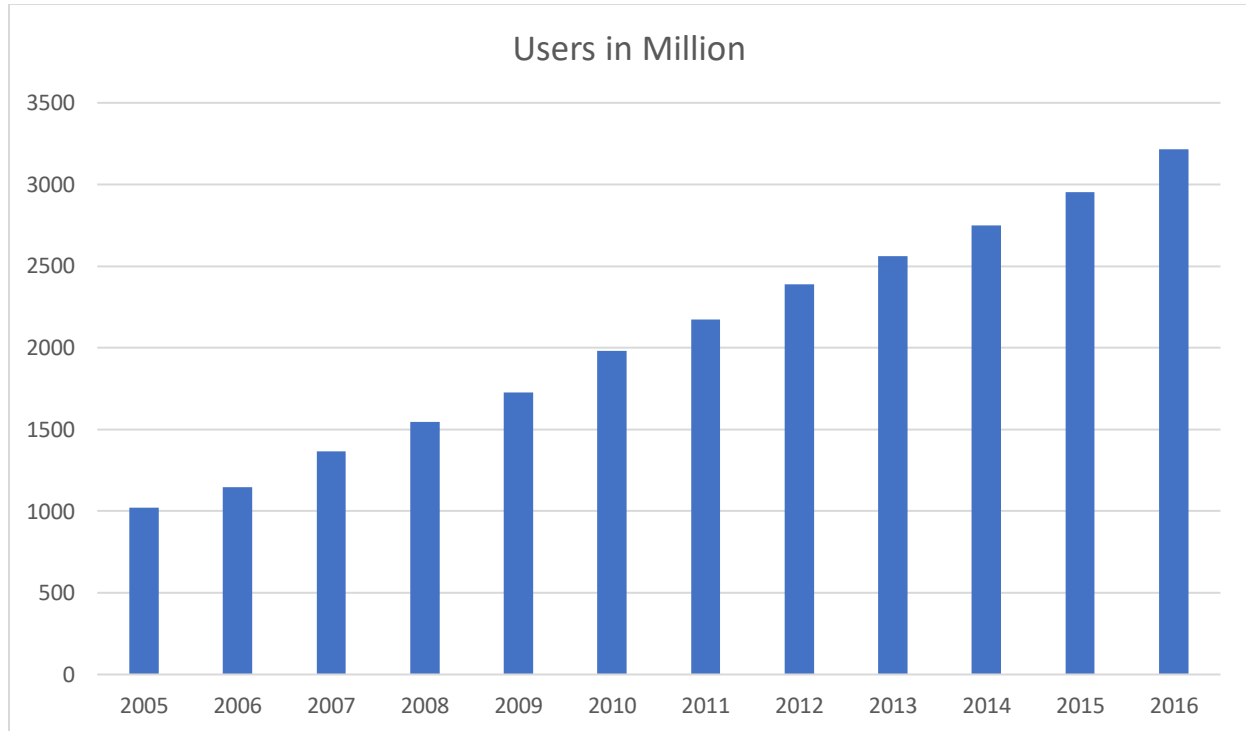


Source: Daniel, K. (2014)

The Figure-1 presents a breakdown of respondents' satisfaction levels concerning a specific subject or area. Four distinct categories were assessed: "Satisfied," "Very Satisfied," "Dissatisfied," and "Very Dissatisfied." After normalizing the percentages, the data indicates that the majority of respondents, approximately 39.06%, fell into the "Satisfied" category, suggesting a considerable level of contentment. However, the "Dissatisfied" category closely followed with 25.00%, signifying notable concerns or issues among respondents. Meanwhile, extreme levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction were less prevalent, with "Very Satisfied" comprising 19.69% and "Very

Dissatisfied" representing the lowest proportion at 16.25%. The percentages were appropriately adjusted to ensure a total sum of 100%, offering a comprehensive overview of the overall satisfaction levels. Although the data highlights a significant number of satisfied respondents, the relatively sizable dissatisfied group suggests the need for improvements to address specific issues and enhance overall satisfaction. It's essential to consider additional context, such as the nature of the subject, survey questions, and respondent demographics, to draw more definitive conclusions from this analysis.

Figure-2: Number of website users worldwide from 2005 to 2016



Source: Deniel, K. (2014)

The Figure-2 represents the number of users for each year from 2005 to 2016. The data shows a consistent upward trend in internet users over the years, indicating a substantial growth in internet adoption during this period. From 2005 to 2016, the number of users increased steadily, starting at 1023 in 2005 and reaching 3217 in 2016. The growth

appears to be relatively steady in the earlier years, but it gained momentum in the later years, with significant increases observed from 2010 onwards. This consistent rise in internet users signifies the increasing importance of the internet in people's lives and highlights the ongoing global digital transformation during this time frame.

Business Growth

4.1 Improved User Experience: A fast and responsive website provides a positive user experience, reducing bounce rates and increasing user engagement. When visitors can easily access the information they need, they are more likely to stay on the site, explore further, and potentially convert into customers.

4.2 Higher Search Engine Rankings: Search engines like Google consider website speed as a ranking factor. Websites that load quickly and perform well tend to rank higher in search results, making it easier for potential customers to find the business online.

4.3 Increased Conversion Rates: A high-performing website can lead to higher conversion rates. Whether it's making a purchase, signing up for a newsletter, or filling out a contact form, a fast and

smooth website encourages visitors to take action, thus boosting the conversion rate.

4.4 Enhanced Mobile Experience: With the increasing use of mobile devices, having a website optimized for mobile performance is crucial. A mobile-friendly website that loads quickly on smartphones and tablets caters to a broader audience and increases the chances of attracting and retaining mobile users.

4.5 Positive Brand Perception: A well-performing website reflects positively on the business's brand image. It shows that the company is technologically competent, professional, and committed to delivering a seamless user experience.

4.6 Increased Sales and Revenue: A combination of improved user experience, higher search engine rankings, and better conversion rates directly impact sales and revenue generation. As more visitors convert into customers, the business's sales and profits are likely to increase.

4.7 Better Customer Retention: A website that performs well and meets users' expectations is more likely to retain customers. Returning visitors are valuable for businesses as they are more likely to make repeat purchases and become loyal customers.

4.8 Reduced Operational Costs: A well-optimized website consumes fewer server resources and bandwidth, which can lead to cost savings on hosting and infrastructure. It also reduces the need for additional customer support to address performance-related issues.

4.9 Competitive Advantage: In a crowded digital marketplace, having a website that outperforms competitors can give businesses a significant edge. It sets the business apart and attracts more customers, leading to increased market share.

4.10 International Reach: A fast-loading website can better serve international audiences by providing a seamless experience across different geographical regions and time zones. This can open up new markets and opportunities for expansion.

5. Research Discussion

The findings of this pioneering investigation into the impact of Web Performance Optimization (WPO) on user experience and business success offer valuable insights and shed light on the transformative potential of WPO techniques. The comprehensive analysis of various web performance optimization strategies and their influence on essential user experience metrics and business outcomes has provided a deeper understanding of the interconnected relationship between web optimization, user engagement, and organizational success.

One of the most significant and noteworthy findings of this study is the direct correlation between WPO and business success. Websites that implement effective optimization strategies experience higher conversion rates, leading to increased revenue growth. Additionally, faster-loading websites enjoy improved search engine rankings, resulting in enhanced online visibility and organic traffic. Such advantages provide businesses with a competitive edge in the digital marketplace and bolster their overall market share.

The research findings unequivocally demonstrate that Web Performance Optimization significantly improves user experience and engagement. Faster page loading times, efficient resource prioritization, and mobile-specific optimizations contribute to reduced bounce rates, longer session durations, and increased user satisfaction. Users tend to favor websites that load quickly, respond promptly to interactions, and provide intuitive navigation. The

positive relationship between optimized web performance and enhanced user experience confirms the importance of prioritizing WPO in web development endeavors.

The implications of the research findings are far-reaching for businesses, designers, and developers seeking to enhance user experiences and optimize web performance. The study offers practical guidance for organizations to revolutionize their web presence and elevate user engagement. Implementing the cutting-edge techniques uncovered in this research can lead to increased customer satisfaction, improved business performance, and a competitive advantage in the digital realm.

While the research highlights the transformative impact of WPO, it also identifies several challenges faced by organizations in implementing these optimization techniques. Compatibility issues with existing systems, resource constraints, and the need for extensive testing emerged as primary hurdles. Addressing these challenges requires a strategic approach and a commitment to continuous improvement. Businesses must invest in cutting-edge technologies and seek innovative solutions to overcome these obstacles and fully leverage the benefits of WPO.

Moreover, the study's limitations point to opportunities for improvement. Future research should strive to include a more diverse sample of websites and industries to enhance the generalizability of the findings. Incorporating additional objective measures alongside subjective user feedback would yield a more holistic assessment of WPO's impact on user experience.

While this research provides valuable insights, several avenues for future exploration present themselves. To ensure the continued relevance of WPO practices, researchers should continuously

update the findings to reflect the rapidly evolving digital landscape. Longitudinal studies could track the impact of WPO over an extended period, offering a more comprehensive understanding of its sustained effects on user experience and business success.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, this groundbreaking research paper delved into the transformative impact of Web Performance Optimization (WPO) on user experience and business success in the digital landscape. Through a multifaceted investigation, the study explored various web performance optimization techniques, including image compression, caching strategies, and resource prioritization, and their profound influence on essential user experience metrics and business outcomes.

The research findings unequivocally demonstrated the crucial role of WPO in improving user experiences and driving business growth. Websites that successfully implemented WPO practices experienced faster page loading times, reduced bounce rates, and increased user engagement. Moreover, optimized user experiences led to higher conversion rates, improved search engine rankings, and enhanced customer loyalty, all contributing to the overall success and competitiveness of online enterprises.

The implications of this research are significant for businesses, designers, and developers seeking to thrive in the dynamic digital marketplace. Implementing cutting-edge WPO techniques can revolutionize web platforms, elevate user experiences, and ultimately gain a competitive edge. By prioritizing optimization strategies such as responsive design, efficient caching mechanisms,

and mobile-specific optimizations, organizations can enhance user satisfaction, improve customer retention, and drive higher conversion rates.

Despite the transformative potential of WPO, the study also identified challenges faced by businesses during its implementation. Compatibility issues, resource constraints, and the need for extensive testing were some of the primary hurdles organizations encountered. Addressing these challenges requires careful planning, strategic decision-making, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

As a suggestion for future research, continuous monitoring and updates are necessary to reflect the ever-evolving digital landscape. Longitudinal studies tracking the sustained effects of WPO over extended periods could provide valuable insights into its long-term impact on user experiences and business outcomes. Additionally, investigating the

influence of external factors such as market competition, industry dynamics, and changing user preferences can offer a more nuanced perspective on WPO's effectiveness in different contexts.

In conclusion, the findings of this research emphasize the vital role of Web Performance Optimization in revolutionizing web user experiences and driving business success. By leveraging the insights gained from this study and addressing implementation challenges, organizations can unlock the full potential of their digital presence, elevate user engagement, and thrive in the highly competitive digital marketplace. Embracing WPO as a strategic priority can set businesses on a trajectory of continued growth, improved customer satisfaction, and sustained success in the ever-evolving online landscape.

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