## Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps

#### grow.google/smallbusinesses



#### **PRESENTER**

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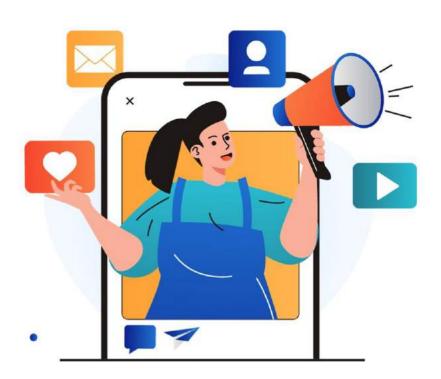


- Launched in 2017
- Assisted 8 million Americans
- Network of 8,500 partners
- Target audiences:
  - Small Business Owners
  - Veterans and Military Families
  - Jobseekers
  - Students
  - Educators
  - Startups and Developers

# Grow with Google Digital Coaches







#### **Training Delivery Options**

#### Virtual

- Co-host a virtual training for your organization or community
- 1 hour maximum
- · Time for Q&A

#### In-person

- Classroom setting
- · Hands on
- Live instruction & troubleshooting
- 1 hour of instruction

#### One on one

- Virtual or in-person
- 30 minutes
- Troubleshooting

### What do we need from you?



- Spread the word
- FREE workshops for small businesses
- Share our contact information
- Contact us to schedule a workshop for your community/businesses
- Give us feedback to share with Google
   & Main Street America

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#### **AGENDA**

WHAT IS A GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE?

**HOW TO CREATE A BUSINESS PROFILE** 

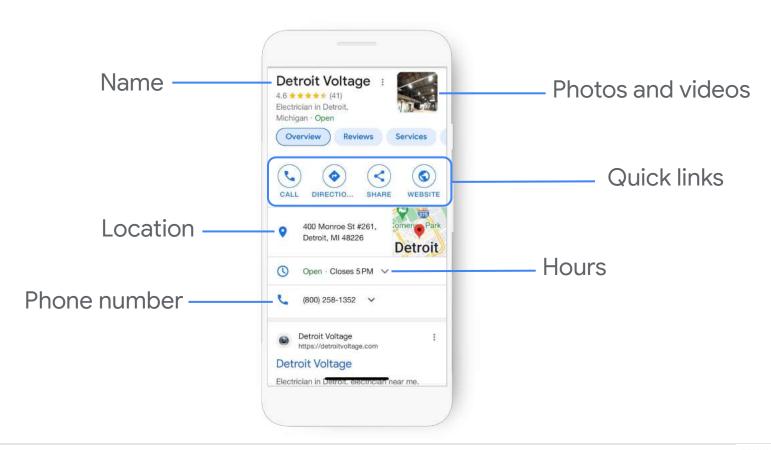
**HOW TO MANAGE BUSINESS INFO** 

**RESOURCES** 

# What is a Google Business Profile?

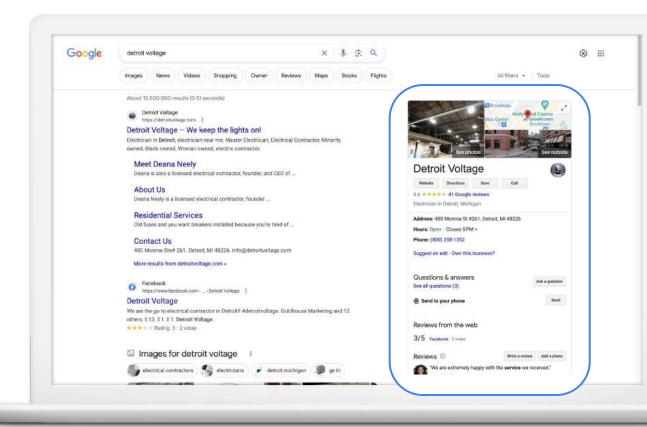


#### ANATOMY OF A GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE



#### **BUSINESS PROFILES APPEAR ON GOOGLE SEARCH...**

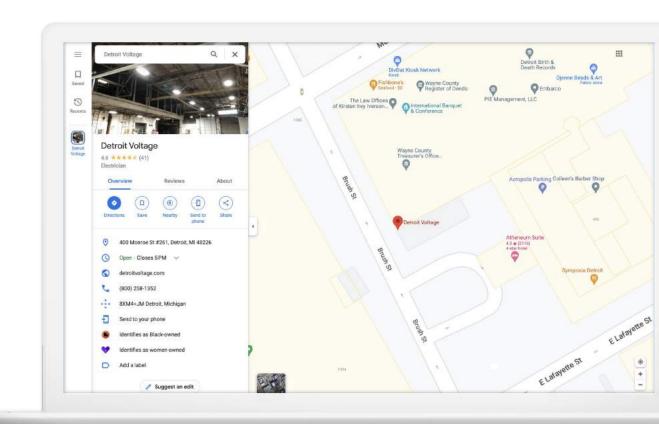
Over 18 million U.S. businesses use Google's free tools to receive phone calls, bookings, reviews, requests for directions, and connect with their customers.\*



\*Google 2022 Economic Impact Report

#### **AND GOOGLE MAPS**

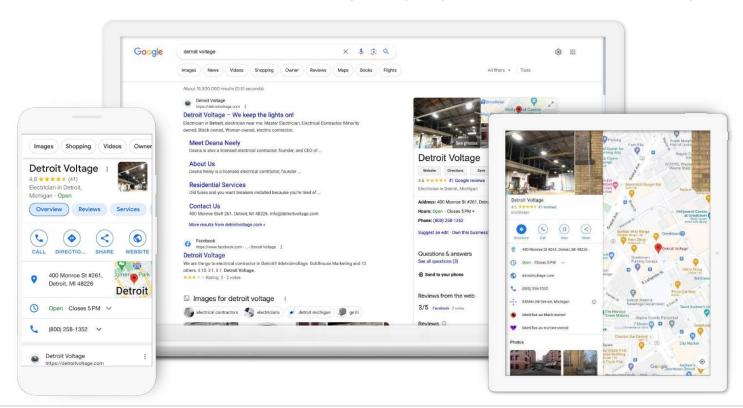
More than two-thirds of U.S. consumers say that it's important to support local businesses.\*



\*Google-commissioned Ipsos COVID-19 Tracker, U.S., n=1,001 online consumers 18+, April 7-10, 2022.

#### **ACROSS ALL DEVICES**

A Business Profile works on desktops, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones.



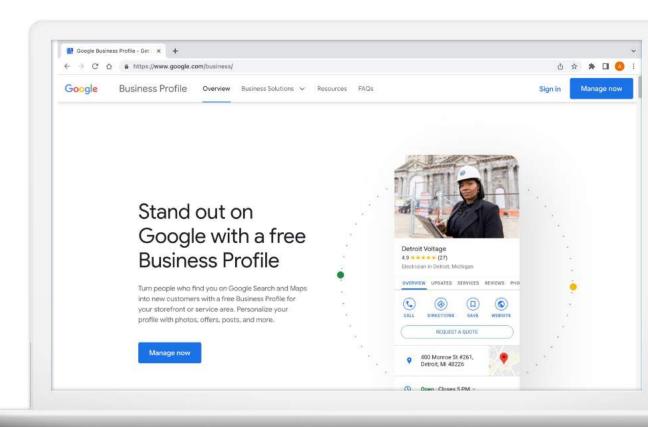
# How to create a Business Profile



#### **CREATE A BUSINESS PROFILE**

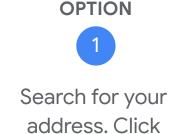
Your Business Profile allows you to manage business info, connect with customers, post updates, and more.

google.com/business



#### THREE MORE WAYS TO ADD YOUR BUSINESS

Visit maps.google.com.



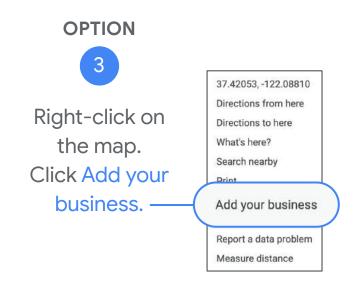


### OPTION

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Click the three-line icon in the left menu.
Click Add your business.





Follow the prompts to create and verify your Business Profile.

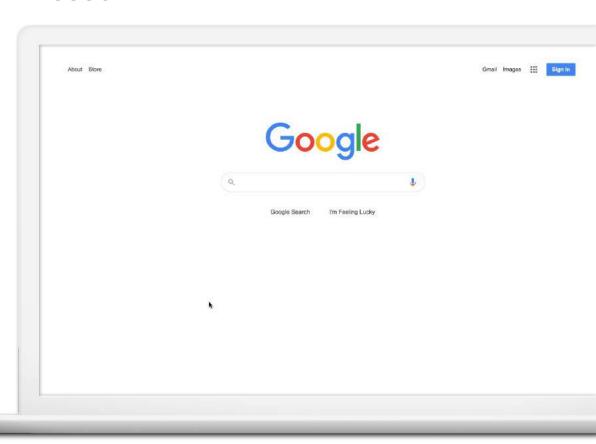
#### STEP 1: SIGN INTO YOUR GOOGLE ACCOUNT

Sign into your Google Account.

Don't have a Google account? Sign up for free.

#### **Quick Tip:**

Create a new Google account accounts.google.com/signup



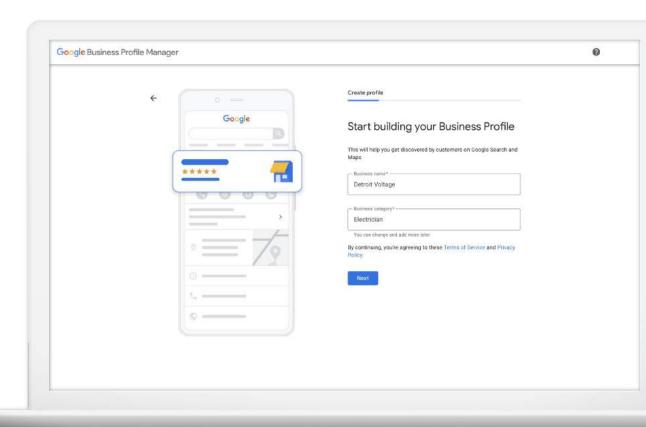
#### STEP 2: FIND OR ADD YOUR BUSINESS

Type the business name as you want it to appear on Google.

It may appear in a drop-down list.

Enter a business category.

Select Next.

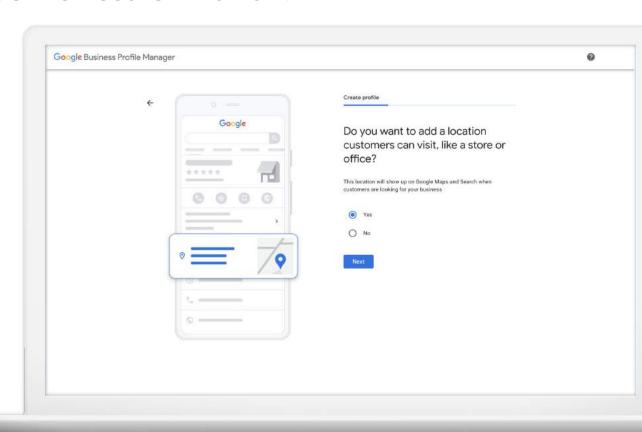


#### STEP 3: DO YOU HAVE A LOCATION CUSTOMERS VISIT?

Check Yes to add a location.

Check No if the business delivers goods or services to customers at their location.

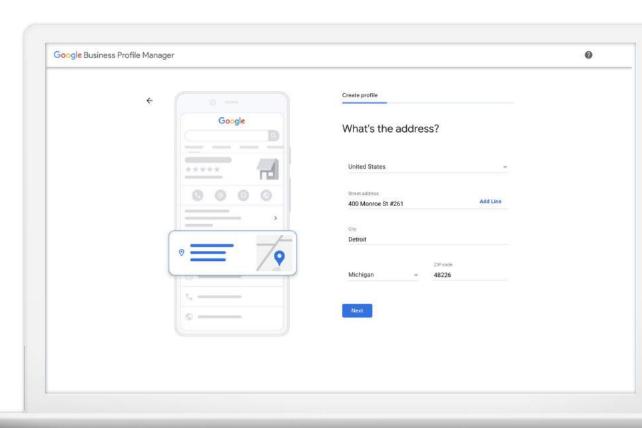
Click Next.



#### IF YES, ENTER THE ADDRESS

Enter the complete and official street address. Include suite numbers, floors, building numbers, etc.

Click Next.



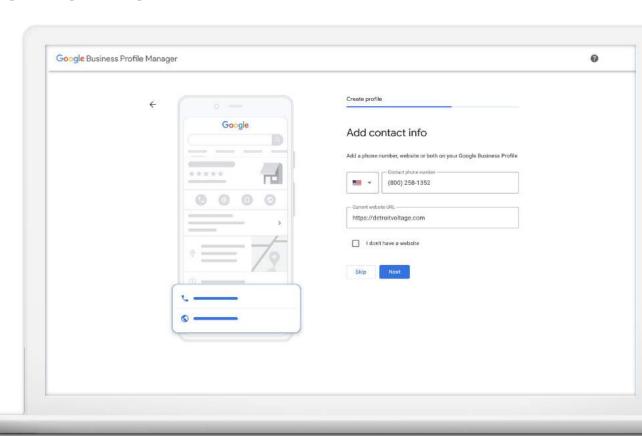
#### YOU CAN ALSO ADD A SERVICE AREA



#### STEP 4: ENTER BUSINESS CONTACT INFO

You have the option to include a phone number and a website.

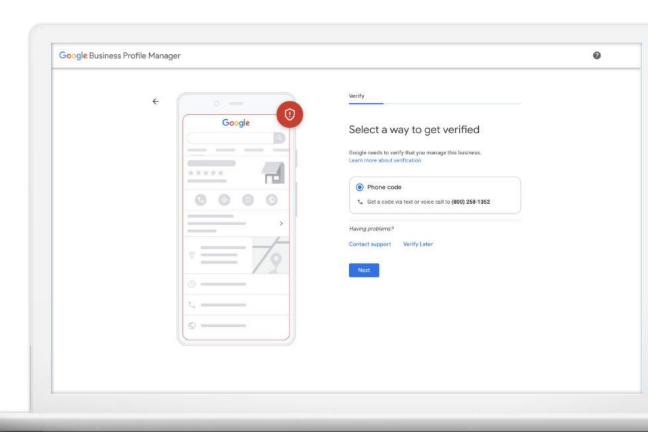
Click Next.



#### STEP 5: CHOOSE VERIFICATION METHOD

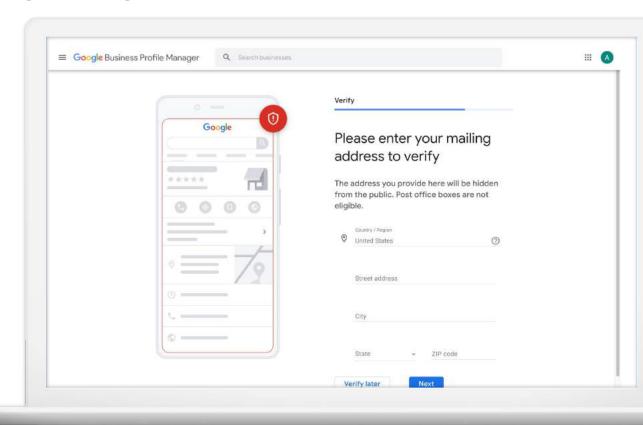
Depending on your business situation, you may be able to verify by:

- Phone
- Text
- Email
- Video
- Postcard



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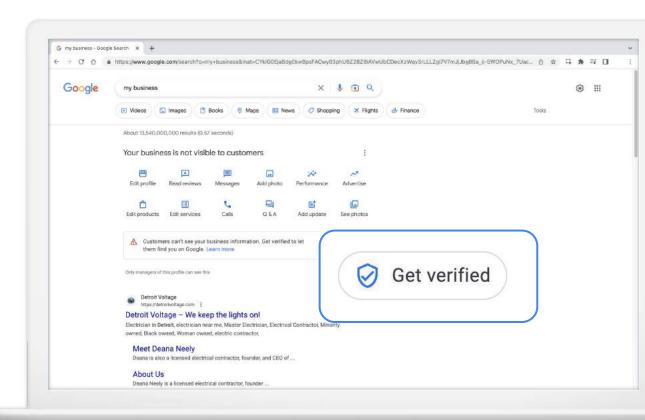
If you operate a service-only business, you may need to enter your true business mailing address.



#### WAITING FOR VERIFICATION

In some situations,
Google will review your
profile before verifying.
It can take up to 14
working days.

In the meantime, add more business info.



# How to manage business info



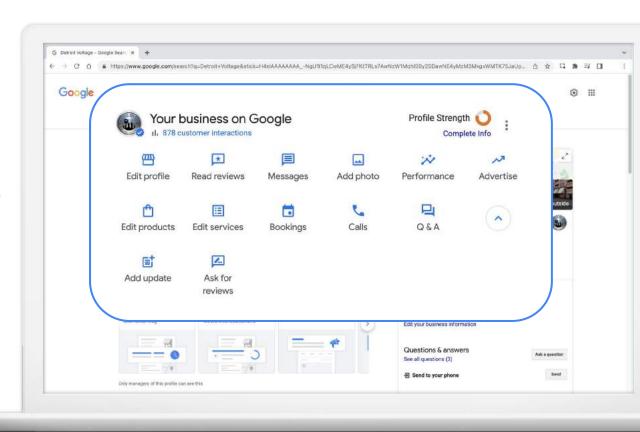
#### MANAGE INFO DIRECTLY FROM GOOGLE SEARCH RESULTS

Make edits directly on a search results page.

You must be signed into an account that manages the Business Profile.

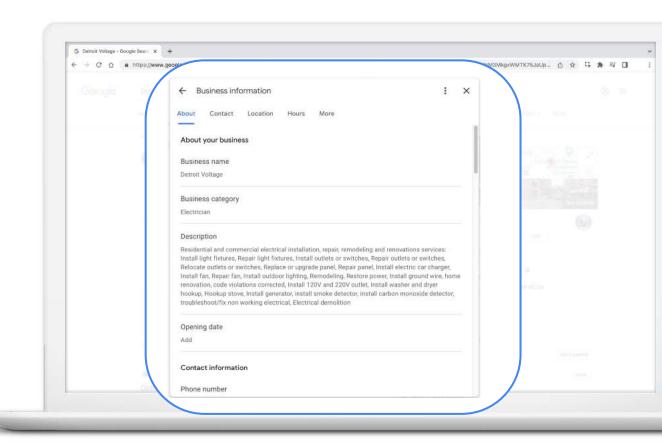
#### **Quick Tip:**

Search for your business at google.com



#### **CLICK 'EDIT PROFILE' TO MANAGE:**

- Business name
- Category
- Description
- Location
- Hours
- And more



#### PRO TIP: STAND OUT WITH ATTRIBUTES

Click More to choose attributes that can help your business stand out in search.



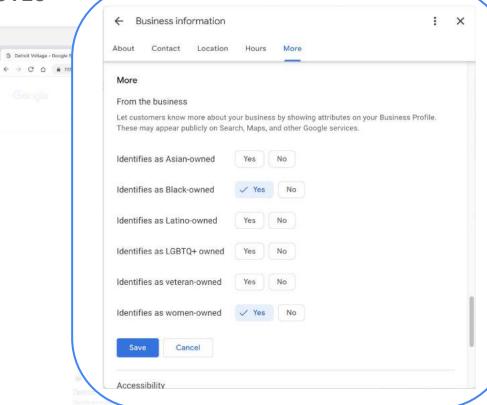










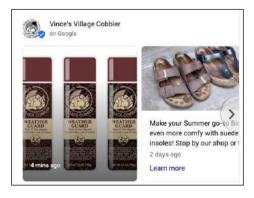


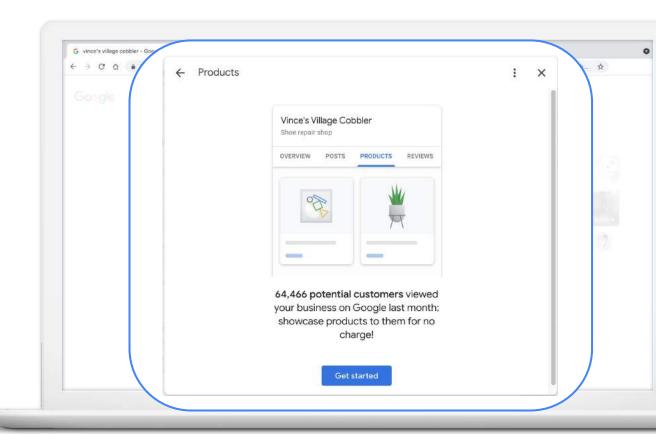
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#### **HOW TO EDIT PRODUCTS**

Showcase Products to potential customers.

How it looks on Google:

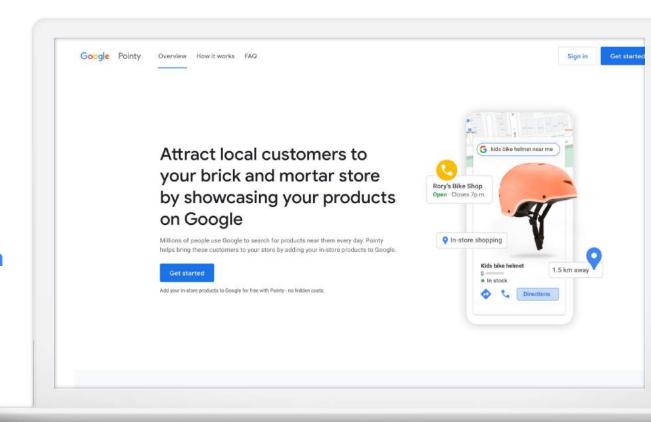




#### PRO TIP FOR BRICK AND MORTAR STORES: POINTY

Pointy is a free Google tool that gives retailers an easy way to add in-store products to Google.

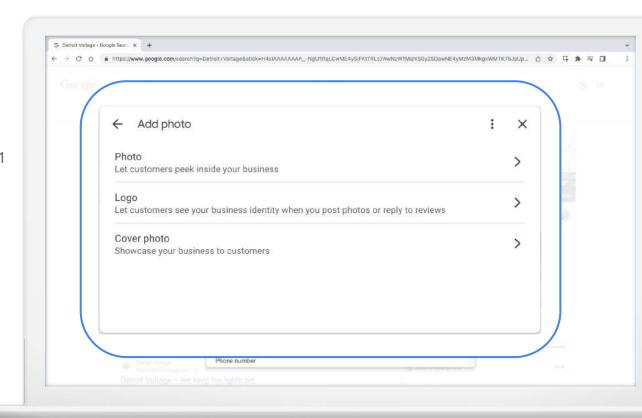
pointy.withgoogle.com



#### **HOW TO ADD PHOTOS**

90% of customers are more likely to visit a business that has Photos on a search results page.<sup>1</sup>

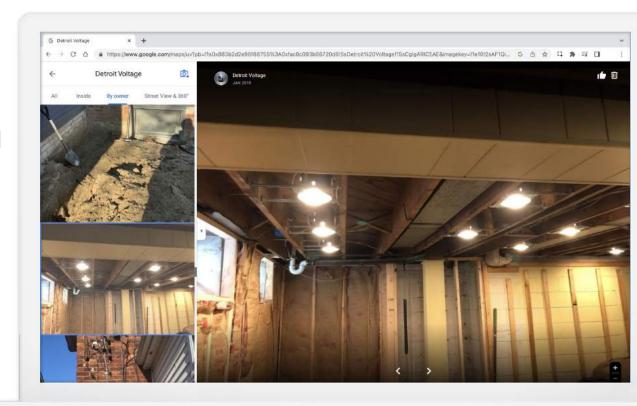
Add your logo to build brand awareness.



<sup>1</sup>Ipsos research: Benefits of a complete listing 2017

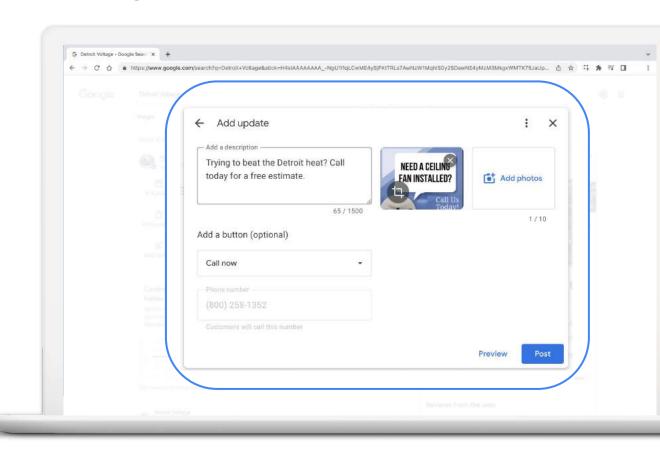
#### **TIPS FOR GREAT PHOTOS**

- Use focused, well-lit images.
- Highlight features and showcase your brand.
- Include a logo and cover photo.
- Add videos (up to 30 seconds).



#### CREATE POSTS TO SHARE TIMELY INFO

Click Add update to create a post.

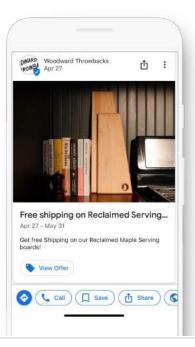


#### **POST EXAMPLES**









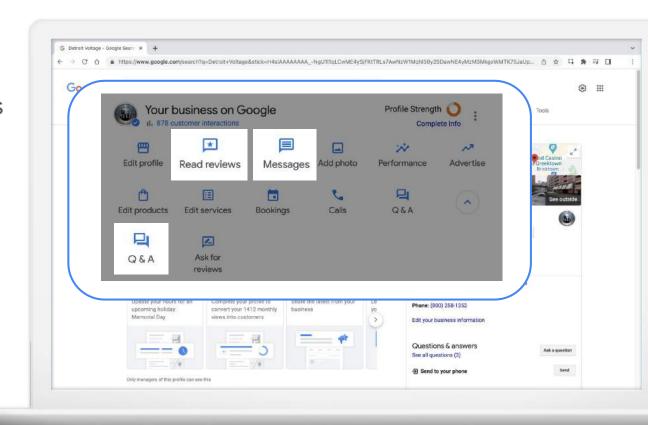


**Event** 



#### **HOW TO CONNECT WITH CUSTOMERS**

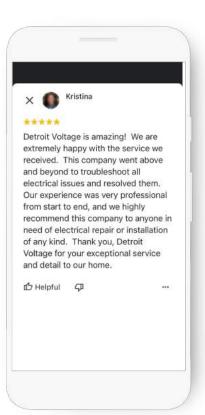
- Read reviews and respond to customers
- Read and respond to messages
- Answer questions

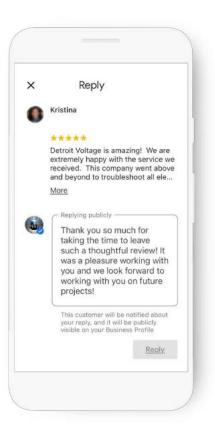


#### TIPS FOR MANAGING REVIEWS

Once your Business Profile is verified you can respond to customer reviews.

- Be professional and polite.
- Respond promptly.
- Don't use responses to advertise.
- Thank happy customers.
- Address issues constructively and resolve issues privately, if possible.

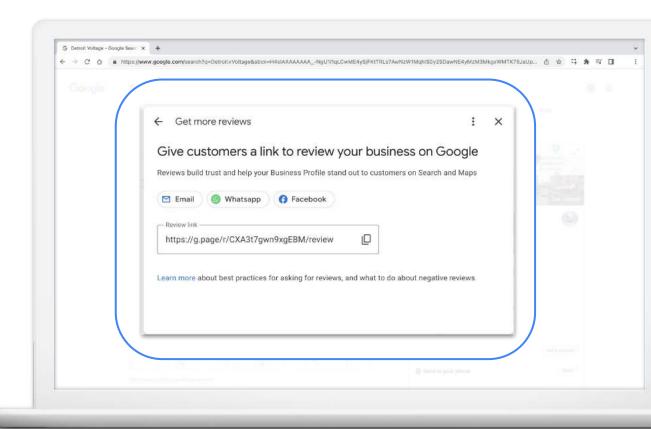




#### **HOW TO ASK FOR REVIEWS**

#### Click Ask for reviews

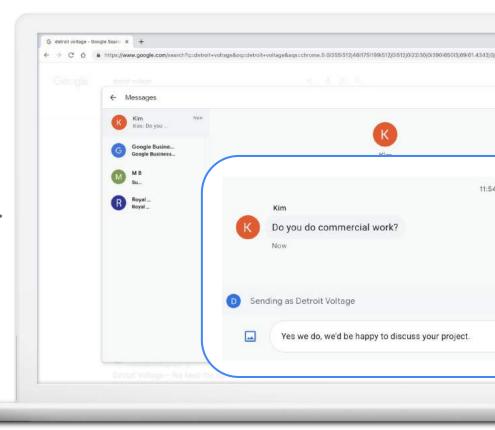
- Share via email
- Share via social
- Share via link



#### TIPS FOR RESPONDING TO MESSAGES

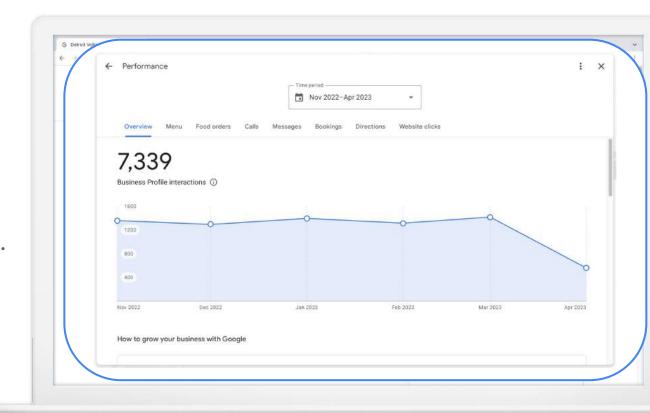
Customers can send messages from Google Search and Maps.

- Don't provide or request sensitive info like credit cards or passwords.
- Don't misrepresent or make misleading claims.
- Respond within 24 hours.



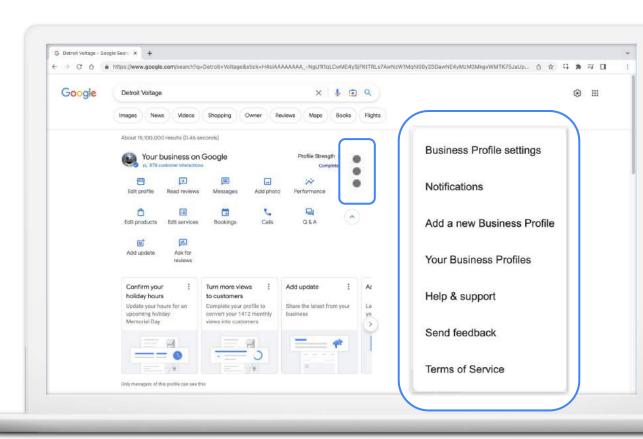
#### PERFORMANCE REPORTS SHOW INTERACTIONS

- See how people interact with your Business Profile.
- See reports for calls, messages, bookings, directions, and clicks.



#### CLICK THE THREE-DOT ICON TO ACCESS MORE FEATURES

- Add managers
- Set notification preferences
- Add a new
   Business Profile
- Access the Help Center, contact support, and more.



1 Claim or complete your Business Profile.

## Next steps

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- Verify your profile through phone, text, email, video or postcard.
- While waiting for verification, explore your Business Profile and update info.

#### ONCE YOUR BUSINESS PROFILE IS CREATED

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Make a habit of reviewing and updating your business info.

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Add business info, photos and videos, share posts, and more. 3

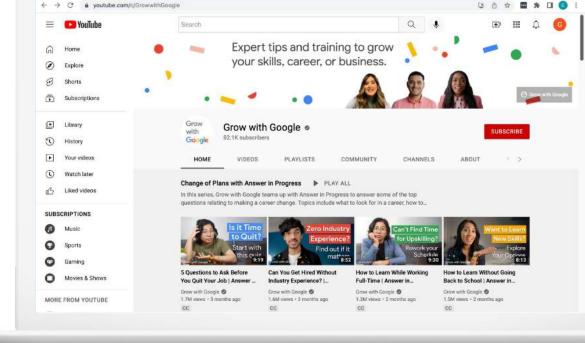
Explore Performance reports to learn how customers find you.

# Resources



#### **KEEP LEARNING ON YOUTUBE**

Check out the Grow with Google YouTube Channel for expert tips to grow your skills, career, or business.



### **Quick Tip:**

Subscribe on YouTube

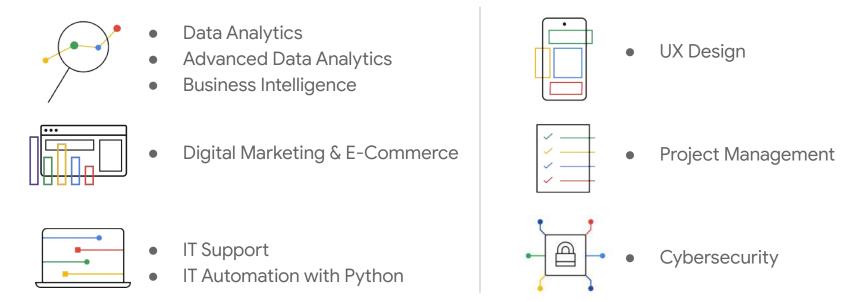
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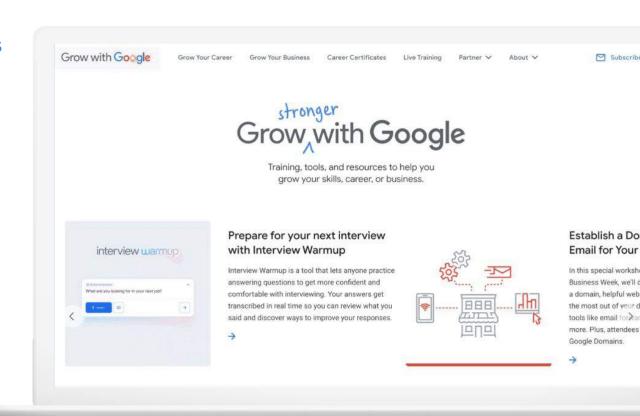
Help new customers find you online.

### For job seekers

Boost your resume with a new certification.

## For developers

Learn to code or take your skills to the next level.





## **LUNCH AND LEARN**

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#### live at noon till 1pm

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- September 13 Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks
- September 27 Sell Online with E-Commerce Tools
- October 18 Learn the Basics of Google Ads
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- November 15 Cybersecurity and Your Small Business
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- December 13 Use YouTube to Grow Your Business

Pre-Registration is required

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