

# Agency Workflow Toolkit

## Free Resources to Transform Your Agency Operations

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### 1. How to Use This Toolkit

#### Overview

This toolkit contains five essential resources designed to help you assess, plan, and implement workflow automation in your SEO agency. Each component addresses a critical area of agency operations.

#### What’s Included

| Component                            | Purpose                                                  | Time to Complete | Output                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Workflow Audit Template</b>       | Identify your biggest time sinks and bottlenecks         | 30-45 minutes    | Prioritized improvement list  |
| <b>Reporting Automation Guide</b>    | Plan your transition from manual to automated reporting  | 20-30 minutes    | Implementation roadmap        |
| <b>Client Portal Setup Checklist</b> | Ensure nothing is missed when launching client portals   | 15-20 minutes    | Complete portal configuration |
| <b>Task Management Template</b>      | Standardize how tasks are created, assigned, and tracked | 10-15 minutes    | Reusable project structure    |
| <b>Agency Efficiency Calculator</b>  | Quantify your current costs and project automation ROI   | 10-15 minutes    | Business case with numbers    |

## Recommended Sequence

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STEP 1: Audit (30 min)
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STEP 2: Calculate (15 min)
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STEP 3: Plan Reporting (20 min)
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STEP 4: Plan Portal (15 min)
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  v
STEP 5: Build Task System (15 min)
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  v
STEP 6: Execute (90 days)
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**Total planning time: ~2 hours Total implementation time: 90 days**

## 2. Agency Workflow Audit Template

### Purpose

This audit helps you identify exactly where your agency's time and money are going, so you can prioritize the highest-impact automation opportunities.

### Instructions

1. Complete each section honestly using actual data from the last 30 days
2. Be specific with time estimates (use time tracking if available)
3. Involve your team – they often know where time is wasted better than leadership
4. Rate each area's pain level (1 = minor annoyance, 10 = critical crisis)

## SECTION A: Time Audit

### A1. Reporting Time

| Activity                                        | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Pain Level (1-10) | Notes |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Data collection<br>(GA4, GSC,<br>rank trackers) | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Data cleaning<br>and<br>normalization           | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |

Table 2 – continued

| Activity                                     | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Pain Level (1-10) | Notes |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Analysis and insight generation              | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Report creation (slides, charts, formatting) | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Internal review and revision                 | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Client delivery and presentation             | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Follow-up questions and clarifications       | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL REPORTING TIME</b>                  | _____      |             |                   |       |

Reporting Time as % of Total Work Time: \_\_\_\_\_%

## A2. Task Management Time

| Activity                            | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Pain Level (1-10) | Notes |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Task creation from audits/ findings | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Task prioritization and assignment  | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Status checking and follow-ups      | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Deadline management and escalation  | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Resource allocation and rebalancing | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL TASK MANAGEMENT TIME</b>   | _____      |             |                   |       |

Task Management Time as % of Total Work Time: \_\_\_\_\_%

## A3. Client Communication Time

| Activity                             | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Pain Level (1-10) | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Status update emails/requests        | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Ad-hoc client questions              | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Meeting scheduling and coordination  | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Meeting preparation and follow-up    | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Report explanation and clarification | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Scope discussion and change requests | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION TIME</b>      | _____      |             |                   |       |

Communication Time as % of Total Work Time: \_\_\_\_\_%

#### A4. Deliverable Tracking Time

| Activity                                | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Pain Level (1-10) | Notes |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| Scope management and documentation      | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Progress tracking and updates           | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Quality assurance and review            | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Approval workflow management            | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| Invoice reconciliation and verification | _____      | _____       | _____             | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL TRACKING TIME</b>              | _____      |             |                   |       |

Tracking Time as % of Total Work Time: \_\_\_\_\_%

#### A5. Strategic Work Time

| Activity                      | Hours/Week | Who Does It | Notes |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Client strategy development   | _____      | _____       | _____ |
| Campaign optimization         | _____      | _____       | _____ |
| New business development      | _____      | _____       | _____ |
| Team training and development | _____      | _____       | _____ |
| Process improvement           | _____      | _____       | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL STRATEGIC TIME</b>   | _____      |             |       |

Strategic Time as % of Total Work Time: \_\_\_\_\_%

## SECTION B: Problem Identification

#### B1. Missed Deliverables (Last 30 Days)

| Deliverable Type       | # Missed | Client Impact | Revenue Impact | Root Cause |
|------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Monthly reports        | _____    | _____         | _____          | _____      |
| Technical fixes        | _____    | _____         | _____          | _____      |
| Content deliverables   | _____    | _____         | _____          | _____      |
| Link building outreach | _____    | _____         | _____          | _____      |
| Audit updates          | _____    | _____         | _____          | _____      |
| <b>TOTAL MISSED</b>    | _____    |               |                |            |

#### B2. Client Complaints (Last 30 Days)

| Complaint Category                     | # Incidents | Severity (1-10) | Resolution Time | Preventable? |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| “I don’ t know what’ s happening”      | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |
| “The report was late”                  | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |
| “I can’ t find the data I need”        | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |
| “You’ re doing work I didn’ t ask for” | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |
| “I asked for this weeks ago”           | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |

Table 8 – continued

| Complaint Category     | # Incidents | Severity (1-10) | Resolution Time | Preventable? |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| “The quality was poor” | _____       | _____           | _____           | Y/N          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | _____       |                 |                 |              |
| <b>COMPLAINTS</b>      |             |                 |                 |              |

### B3. Revenue Leakage (Last 30 Days)

| Leakage Source        | Hours | Hourly Rate | Lost Revenue | Notes    |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Unbilled scope creep  | _____ | \$ _____    | \$ _____     | _____    |
| Rework due to errors  | _____ | \$ _____    | \$ _____     | _____    |
| Delayed invoicing     | _____ | \$ _____    | \$ _____     | _____    |
| Refunds/credits given | _____ | \$ _____    |              | _____ ** |
| **TOTAL LEAKAGE**     |       |             |              | ***      |

## SECTION C: Scoring & Prioritization

### C1. Calculate Your Workflow Health Score

For each category, score yourself:

- **Time Score:**  $(\text{Strategic Time} / \text{Total Time}) \times 100 = \text{_____}\%$
- <30% = Critical (you're an admin factory)
- 30-50% = Concerning (room for major improvement)
- 50-70% = Good (some optimization needed)
- 70%+ = Excellent (strategic focus maintained)
- **Error Score:**  $100 - (\text{Missed Deliverables} / \text{Total Deliverables} \times 100) = \text{_____}\%$ 
  - <80% = Critical (clients are noticing)
  - 80-90% = Concerning (slipping standards)
  - 90-95% = Good (occasional issues)
  - 95%+ = Excellent (reliable delivery)
- **Satisfaction Score:**  $100 - (\text{Complaints} / \text{Total Client Touchpoints} \times 100) = \text{_____}\%$ 
  - <85% = Critical (churn risk)
  - 85-92% = Concerning (perception problems)
  - 92-97% = Good (mostly satisfied)
  - 97%+ = Excellent (raving fans)
- **Financial Score:**  $100 - (\text{Revenue Leakage} / \text{Total Revenue} \times 100) = \text{_____}\%$ 
  - <90% = Critical (margin destruction)
  - 90-95% = Concerning (money left on table)
  - 95-98% = Good (minor leakage)
  - 98%+ = Excellent (tight financial control)

C2. Priority Matrix

Rank your workflow domains by: (Time Spent x Pain Level)

| Workflow Domain | Time/Week | Pain Level | Priority Score | Rank   |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|--------|
| Reporting       | _____     | _____      | _____          | #_____ |
| Task            | _____     | _____      | _____          | #_____ |
| Management      |           |            |                |        |
| Client          | _____     | _____      | _____          | #_____ |
| Communication   |           |            |                |        |
| Deliverable     | _____     | _____      | _____          | #_____ |
| Tracking        |           |            |                |        |

Your #1 Priority: \_\_\_\_\_ Your #2 Priority: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION D: Quick Wins Identification

D1. Immediate Actions (This Week)

| Action | Time Investment | Expected Impact | Owner |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |

D2. Short-Term Actions (This Month)

| Action | Time Investment | Expected Impact | Owner |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |

D3. Strategic Actions (This Quarter)

| Action | Time Investment | Expected Impact | Owner |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |
| _____  | _____           | _____           | _____ |

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### 3. Reporting Automation Guide

#### Purpose

This guide walks you through transitioning from manual to automated reporting, from tool selection to first automated report delivery.

#### Phase 1: Assessment (Day 1)

##### Step 1: Inventory Your Data Sources

| Data Source                   | Current Access Method | Update Frequency | API Available? | Priority |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Google Analytics 4            | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | High     |
| Google Search Console         | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | High     |
| Rank Tracker (Ahrefs/SEMrush) | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | High     |
| Backlink Tool                 | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | Medium   |
| Google Business Profile       | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | Medium   |
| Social Media Analytics        | _____                 | _____            | Yes            | Low      |
| Custom/Other: _____           | _____                 | _____            | _____          | _____    |

##### Step 2: Define Your Report Types

| Report Type         | Frequency | Audience          | Key Metrics                       | Current Creation Time |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Executive Summary   | Monthly   | C-Suite           | Revenue, conversions, ROI         | _____                 |
| SEO Performance     | Monthly   | Marketing Manager | Rankings, traffic, keywords       | _____                 |
| Technical Audit     | Monthly   | Dev Team          | Errors, speed, crawlability       | _____                 |
| Rank Tracking       | Weekly    | SEO Manager       | Keyword positions, SERP features  | _____                 |
| Content Performance | Monthly   | Content Team      | Engagement, conversions, rankings | _____                 |
| Competitor Analysis | Monthly   | Strategy Team     | Market share, gap analysis        | _____                 |

##### Step 3: Choose Your Tool

Use this decision matrix:

| If You Need...                   | Choose          | Budget       | Setup Time |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Basic automation, low cost       | DashThis        | \$33-109/mo  | 2-4 hours  |
| SEO-focused, white-label         | AgencyAnalytics | \$79-179/mo  | 4-6 hours  |
| Visual impact, design-focused    | Whatagraph      | \$223-559/mo | 4-8 hours  |
| AI insights, advanced features   | Octoboard       | \$25-205/mo  | 3-5 hours  |
| All-in-one (reporting + billing) | ReportGarden    | \$89-249/mo  | 6-10 hours |

**Your Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phase 2: Setup (Days 2-5)

Step 4: Connect Data Sources

| Data Source   | Connected?               | Tested?                  | Notes |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| GA4           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| GSC           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Rank Tracker  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Backlink Tool | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Step 5: Configure White-Label Branding

| Branding Element | Configured?              | Notes |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Logo             | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Brand colors     | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Custom domain    | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Email templates  | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Footer text      | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Step 6: Build Report Templates

For each report type, configure:

| Element                  | Configured?              | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Data widgets selected    | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Date range logic         | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Comparison periods       | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| AI insight settings      | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Anomaly alert thresholds | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

### Phase 3: Testing (Days 6-10)

#### Step 7: Pilot with 2-3 Clients

| Client | Report Type | Sent? | Feedback | Revisions Needed |
|--------|-------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| _____  | _____       | [ ]   | _____    | _____            |
| _____  | _____       | [ ]   | _____    | _____            |
| _____  | _____       | [ ]   | _____    | _____            |

#### Step 8: Refine Based on Feedback

| Issue | Solution | Implemented? |
|-------|----------|--------------|
| _____ | _____    | [ ]          |
| _____ | _____    | [ ]          |
| _____ | _____    | [ ]          |

### Phase 4: Rollout (Days 11-20)

#### Step 9: Train Your Team

| Team Member | Training Date | Comfortable? | Notes |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| _____       | _____         | [ ]          | _____ |
| _____       | _____         | [ ]          | _____ |
| _____       | _____         | [ ]          | _____ |

#### Step 10: Client Communication Plan

| Communication                           | Sent? | Date  | Notes |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| “We’ re upgrading your reporting” email | [ ]   | _____ | _____ |
| New report preview                      | [ ]   | _____ | _____ |
| Portal access instructions              | [ ]   | _____ | _____ |
| Feedback request (2 weeks later)        | [ ]   | _____ | _____ |

#### Step 11: Full Deployment

| Client | Migrated? | First Auto-Report Date | Notes |
|--------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| _____  | [ ]       | _____                  | _____ |
| _____  | [ ]       | _____                  | _____ |

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| Client | Migrated? | First Auto-Report<br>Date | Notes |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| _____  | [ ]       | _____                     | _____ |
| _____  | [ ]       | _____                     | _____ |
| _____  | [ ]       | _____                     | _____ |

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**Phase 5: Optimization (Ongoing)**

**Step 12: Monthly Review Checklist**

- Review AI-generated insights for accuracy
- Check data source connections are stable
- Gather client feedback on report usefulness
- Update templates based on new client needs
- Analyze time savings vs. baseline
- Identify new automation opportunities

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**4. Client Portal Setup Checklist**

**Purpose**

This checklist ensures you launch your client portal correctly the first time, with proper branding, permissions, and client onboarding.

**Pre-Launch Setup**

**Branding & Configuration**

| Item                                                          | Status | Notes |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| [ ] Custom domain configured<br>(e.g., portal.youragency.com) |        | _____ |
| Agency logo uploaded<br>(high-res, transparent<br>background) |        | _____ |
| Brand colors applied<br>(primary, secondary, accent)          |        | _____ |
| Brand fonts selected and<br>applied                           |        | _____ |
| Custom favicon uploaded                                       |        | _____ |
| Welcome message customized                                    |        | _____ |
| Footer text customized<br>(copyright, contact info)           |        | _____ |

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| Item                                       | Status | Notes |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Email notification templates branded       |        | _____ |
| Login page customized                      |        | _____ |
| Dashboard layout optimized for client view |        | _____ |

**Data & Content**

| Item                                        | Status | Notes |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| [ ] All client data sources connected       |        | _____ |
| Historical data imported (minimum 3 months) |        | _____ |
| Report templates assigned to each client    |        | _____ |
| Key metrics configured for dashboard view   |        | _____ |
| Goal/KPI tracking set up                    |        | _____ |
| Competitor benchmarks added (if applicable) |        | _____ |
| Document repository organized               |        | _____ |
| Report archive populated                    |        | _____ |

**Permissions & Security**

| Item                                                 | Status | Notes |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| [ ] Client access permissions configured (view-only) |        | _____ |
| Internal notes/comments hidden from clients          |        | _____ |
| Sensitive data (pricing, margins) restricted         |        | _____ |
| Two-factor authentication enabled                    |        | _____ |
| Password policy configured                           |        | _____ |
| Session timeout settings applied                     |        | _____ |
| IP restrictions considered (if needed)               |        | _____ |
| GDPR/privacy compliance verified                     |        | _____ |

## Client Onboarding

### Communication Sequence

| Step | Action                                            | Timing                  | Completed?               |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1    | Send “New Portal Coming” announcement email       | 1 week before launch    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2    | Share portal preview/screenshot                   | 3 days before launch    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3    | Send login credentials securely                   | Day of launch           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4    | Provide written onboarding guide (PDF/video)      | Day of launch           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5    | Host live walkthrough webinar                     | Within 3 days of launch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6    | Send “How to Use Your Portal” tips (email series) | Week 1-2 post-launch    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7    | Check in personally (call/email)                  | Week 2 post-launch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8    | Request feedback survey                           | Week 3 post-launch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9    | Address feedback and make adjustments             | Week 4 post-launch      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10   | Celebrate adoption milestones                     | Monthly                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Onboarding Email Template

Subject: Your New [Agency Name] Client Portal is Live

Hi [Client Name],

Great news -- your personalized client portal is now live!

What you can do in your portal:

- View real-time SEO performance data 24/7
- Access all your reports in one place
- Track deliverable progress
- Download assets and documents
- Communicate with our team

Your login: [portal link]  
Username: [email]  
Temporary password: [password] (change on first login)

Getting started:

1. Log in using the link above

2. Watch this 3-minute walkthrough: [video link]

3. Explore your dashboard

4. Book a 15-minute orientation call if needed: [Calendly link]

We're here if you have any questions.

Best,  
[Your Name]  
[Agency Name]

## Post-Launch Monitoring

### Adoption Tracking (First 30 Days)

| Metric                    | Week 1    | Week 2    | Week 3    | Week 4    | Target     |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Login rate (% of clients) | _____ %   | _____ %   | _____ %   | _____ %   | 80%+       |
| Avg. session duration     | _____ min | _____ min | _____ min | _____ min | 5+ min     |
| Pages viewed per session  | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____     | 3+         |
| Report downloads          | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____     | 2+ /client |
| Support questions         | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____     | <5/week    |

### Feedback Collection

| Question                                   | Response Scale | Avg. Score |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| “The portal is easy to navigate”           | 1-10           | _____      |
| “I can find the information I need”        | 1-10           | _____      |
| “The data is presented clearly”            | 1-10           | _____      |
| “The portal saves me time”                 | 1-10           | _____      |
| “I would recommend this portal experience” | 1-10           | _____      |

## 5. Task Management Template

### Purpose

This template provides a standardized structure for managing SEO tasks across all clients, ensuring nothing is missed and everyone knows what to do.

Master Task Categories

Category 1: Technical SEO Tasks

| Task ID | Task Name                      | Frequency | Default Assignee | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| T-001   | Crawl website (Screaming Frog) | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 2               | None         |
| T-002   | Review and fix crawl errors    | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 3               | T-001        |
| T-003   | Check Core Web Vitals          | Weekly    | Technical SEO    | 1               | None         |
| T-004   | Review robots.txt and sitemap  | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 1               | None         |
| T-005   | Check for broken links         | Bi-weekly | Technical SEO    | 2               | None         |
| T-006   | Schema markup audit            | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 2               | None         |
| T-007   | Mobile usability check         | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 1               | None         |
| T-008   | Internal linking optimization  | Monthly   | Content SEO      | 3               | T-001        |
| T-009   | Page speed optimization        | As needed | Technical SEO    | 4               | T-003        |
| T-010   | HTTPS/security check           | Monthly   | Technical SEO    | 0.5             | None         |

Category 2: Content Tasks

| Task ID | Task Name                        | Frequency | Default Assignee   | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C-001   | Content gap analysis             | Monthly   | Content Strategist | 3               | None         |
| C-002   | Keyword research for new content | Monthly   | SEO Analyst        | 4               | C-001        |
| C-003   | Create content briefs            | Weekly    | Content Strategist | 2               | C-002        |
| C-004   | Write/optimize content           | Weekly    | Content Writer     | 6               | C-003        |
| C-005   | Content quality review           | Weekly    | Content Editor     | 2               | C-004        |

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| Task ID | Task Name                    | Frequency | Default Assignee   | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| C-006   | Publish and optimize content | Weekly    | Content SEO        | 1               | C-005        |
| C-007   | Update existing content      | Monthly   | Content Writer     | 3               | None         |
| C-008   | Content performance review   | Monthly   | Content Strategist | 2               | None         |
| C-009   | Competitor content analysis  | Monthly   | SEO Analyst        | 3               | None         |
| C-010   | Content calendar planning    | Monthly   | Content Strategist | 2               | None         |

**Category 3: Link Building Tasks**

| Task ID | Task Name                       | Frequency | Default Assignee | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| L-001   | Backlink profile audit          | Monthly   | Link Builder     | 2               | None         |
| L-002   | Identify link opportunities     | Weekly    | Link Builder     | 3               | L-001        |
| L-003   | Outreach campaign creation      | Weekly    | Link Builder     | 4               | L-002        |
| L-004   | Send outreach emails            | Daily     | Link Builder     | 2               | L-003        |
| L-005   | Follow up on outreach           | Bi-weekly | Link Builder     | 2               | L-004        |
| L-006   | Monitor acquired links          | Weekly    | Link Builder     | 1               | None         |
| L-007   | Disavow toxic links             | Monthly   | SEO Analyst      | 1               | L-001        |
| L-008   | Competitor backlink analysis    | Monthly   | Link Builder     | 3               | None         |
| L-009   | Guest post opportunity research | Weekly    | Link Builder     | 2               | None         |
| L-010   | Link reclamation                | Monthly   | Link Builder     | 2               | L-001        |

Category 4: Reporting & Analysis Tasks

| Task ID | Task Name                      | Frequency | Default Assignee | Estimated Hours | Dependencies      |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| R-001   | Generate monthly SEO report    | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 0.5             | All monthly tasks |
| R-002   | Review AI-generated insights   | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 1               | R-001             |
| R-003   | Add strategic commentary       | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 1               | R-002             |
| R-004   | Deliver report to client       | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 0.5             | R-003             |
| R-005   | Weekly rank check review       | Weekly    | SEO Analyst      | 1               | None              |
| R-006   | Traffic anomaly investigation  | As needed | SEO Analyst      | 2               | None              |
| R-007   | Competitor ranking tracking    | Weekly    | SEO Analyst      | 1               | None              |
| R-008   | Monthly goal progress review   | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 1               | R-001             |
| R-009   | Quarterly business review prep | Quarterly | Account Manager  | 3               | R-001             |
| R-010   | ROI calculation and reporting  | Quarterly | Account Manager  | 2               | R-001             |

Category 5: Client Management Tasks

| Task ID | Task Name                         | Frequency | Default Assignee | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| M-001   | Proactive status update email     | Weekly    | Account Manager  | 0.5             | None         |
| M-002   | Client check-in call              | Bi-weekly | Account Manager  | 1               | None         |
| M-003   | Upsell opportunity identification | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 1               | R-001        |
| M-004   | Contract renewal discussion       | Quarterly | Account Manager  | 2               | None         |

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| Task ID | Task Name                   | Frequency | Default Assignee | Estimated Hours | Dependencies |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| M-005   | Client satisfaction survey  | Quarterly | Account Manager  | 0.5             | None         |
| M-006   | Scope boundary check        | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 0.5             | None         |
| M-007   | Invoice review and send     | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 0.5             | None         |
| M-008   | New client onboarding       | As needed | Account Manager  | 4               | None         |
| M-009   | Client goal setting session | Quarterly | Account Manager  | 2               | None         |
| M-010   | Industry trend sharing      | Monthly   | Account Manager  | 0.5             | None         |

Task Priority Matrix

Use this matrix to prioritize tasks when capacity is limited:

| Impact / Effort | Low Effort (1-2 hrs) | Medium Effort (3-5 hrs) | High Effort (6+ hrs) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| High Impact     | DO FIRST             | SCHEDULE SOON           | PLAN CAREFULLY       |
| Medium Impact   | BATCH TOGETHER       | SCHEDULE NORMALLY       | EVALUATE NEED        |
| Low Impact      | DELEGATE OR DROP     | QUESTION VALUE          | ELIMINATE            |

Task Status Definitions

Standardize these statuses across your team:

| Status           | Definition                      | Who Can Set | Client Visible? |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Backlog          | Identified but not scheduled    | PM/Manager  | No              |
| To Do            | Scheduled, ready to start       | Anyone      | Yes             |
| In Progress      | Actively being worked on        | Assignee    | Yes             |
| In Review        | Complete, awaiting QA/ approval | Assignee    | Yes             |
| Revisions Needed | Review failed, sent back        | Reviewer    | Yes             |
| Approved         | Passed review, ready to deliver | Reviewer    | Yes             |

Table 37 – continued

| Status               | Definition                               | Who Can Set | Client Visible? |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Delivered</b>     | Sent to client                           | Assignee    | Yes             |
| <b>Client Review</b> | Awaiting client feedback                 | Assignee    | Yes             |
| <b>Complete</b>      | Client approved, task done               | Assignee    | Yes             |
| <b>Blocked</b>       | Cannot proceed due to dependency/blocker | Anyone      | Yes             |
| <b>On Hold</b>       | Intentionally paused                     | Manager     | Yes             |

## 6. Agency Efficiency Calculator

### Purpose

This calculator helps you quantify the financial impact of workflow automation on your agency. Use it to build a business case for investment.

### Section 1: Current State Input

#### 1.1 Agency Basics

| Metric                             | Your Value | Notes                                |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of team members             | _____      | Include all roles                    |
| Number of active clients           | _____      | Current client count                 |
| Average monthly revenue per client | \$_____    | Total revenue / client count         |
| Total monthly revenue              | \$_____    |                                      |
| Average loaded labor cost per hour | \$_____    | Salary + benefits + overhead / hours |
| Average billable rate per hour     | \$_____    | What you charge clients              |

#### 1.2 Time Allocation (Current)

| Activity Category                        | Hours/Week (Team Total) | % of Total Time |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Manual reporting                         | _____                   | _____%          |
| Task management/coordination             | _____                   | _____%          |
| Client communication (routine)           | _____                   | _____%          |
| Deliverable tracking/status updates      | _____                   | _____%          |
| Strategic work (SEO, strategy, analysis) | _____                   | _____%          |
| New business development                 | _____                   | _____%          |
| Administrative overhead                  | _____                   | _____%          |

Table 39 – continued

| Activity Category | Hours/Week (Team Total) | % of Total Time |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL             |                         | 100%            |

1.3 Problem Costs (Monthly)

| Cost Category                                         | Monthly Amount | Calculation Method             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenue leakage (scope creep, rework)                 | \$             | Unbilled hours x billable rate |
| Overtime costs                                        | \$             | Overtime hours x overtime rate |
| Client churn cost                                     | \$             | Lost clients x monthly value   |
| Delayed invoicing impact                              |                | **                             |
| Avgdelaydaysxdailyrevenue **TOTALMONTHLYPROBLEMCOST** |                |                                |

Section 2: Automation Investment

2.1 Tool Costs

| Tool                             | Monthly Cost | Annual Cost | Setup Cost | Training Cost |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Reporting automation tool        | \$           | \$          | \$         | \$            |
| Task management tool             | \$           | \$          | \$         | \$            |
| Client portal/communication tool | \$           | \$          | \$         | \$            |
| Additional integrations          | \$           | \$          | \$         | **            |
|                                  |              |             |            | **TOTAL**     |

2.2 Implementation Costs

| Cost Item                                | Amount | Notes               |
|------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Internal labor (setup)                   | \$     | Hours x hourly cost |
| External consultant (if used)            | \$     |                     |
| Process redesign time                    | \$     | Hours x hourly cost |
| Team training time                       |        | **                  |
| Hoursxhourlycost **TOTALIMPLEMENTATION** |        |                     |

2.3 Total Year 1 Investment

Annual tool costs:

\$

Setup costs:

\$

Training costs:

\$

Implementation costs:

\$

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TOTAL YEAR 1 INVESTMENT:

\$

Section 3: Projected Savings

3.1 Time Savings

| Activity    | Current Hours/Week | Post-Automation Hours/Week | Hours Saved/Week | Annual Hours Saved |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Reporting   |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| Task man-   |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| agement     |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| Client      |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| communi-    |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| cation      |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| Deliverable |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| tracking    |                    |                            |                  |                    |
| TOTAL       |                    |                            |                  |                    |

3.2 Labor Cost Savings

Total annual hours saved:

hours

Average loaded labor cost/hour:

\$

Annual labor cost savings:

\$

3.3 Revenue Recovery

| Source      | Monthly Recovery | Annual Recovery | Calculation                                               |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Eliminated  | \$               | \$              | Tracked hours now                                         |
| scope creep |                  |                 | billed                                                    |
| Reduced     | \$               | \$              | Quality improvement                                       |
| rework      |                  |                 |                                                           |
| Faster      | \$               |                 | \$**                                                      |
| invoicing   |                  |                 | <div>Reduced payment delaysTOTAL REVENUE RECOVERY**</div> |

3.4 Growth Enablement

| Source                               | Annual Value | Calculation                             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| New clients (capacity freed up)      | \$ _____     | # new clients x monthly value x 12      |
| Reduced churn                        | \$ _____     | # clients retained x monthly value x 12 |
| Upsell success (more strategic time) | _____        | _____**                                 |
|                                      |              | **TOTALGROWTHVALUE**                    |

## Section 4: ROI Calculation

### 4.1 Year 1 ROI

TOTAL YEAR 1 BENEFITS:

Labor cost savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Revenue recovery: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Growth enablement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL BENEFIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YEAR 1 INVESTMENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NET YEAR 1 RETURN: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 1 ROI: \_\_\_\_\_%

PAYBACK PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

### 4.2 Year 2+ ROI

Annual tool costs (ongoing): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Annual benefit (ongoing): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NET YEAR 2+ RETURN: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 2+ ROI: \_\_\_\_\_%

### 4.3 3-Year Projection

| Year | Investment | Benefit  | Net Return | Cumulative Return |
|------|------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 1    | \$ _____   | \$ _____ | \$ _____   | \$ _____          |
| 2    | \$ _____   | \$ _____ | \$ _____   | \$ _____          |
| 3    | \$ _____   | \$ _____ | \$ _____   | _____**           |
|      |            |          |            | **TOTAL**         |

Section 5: Sensitivity Analysis

Test different scenarios:

Scenario A: Conservative (50% of projected savings)

| Metric               | Value       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Year 1 benefit (50%) | \$ _____    |
| Year 1 ROI           | _____ %     |
| Payback period       | _____ weeks |

Scenario B: Moderate (75% of projected savings)

| Metric               | Value       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Year 1 benefit (75%) | \$ _____    |
| Year 1 ROI           | _____ %     |
| Payback period       | _____ weeks |

Scenario C: Aggressive (100% of projected savings)

| Metric                | Value       |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Year 1 benefit (100%) | \$ _____    |
| Year 1 ROI            | _____ %     |
| Payback period        | _____ weeks |

Section 6: Executive Summary

Fill this in last, after completing all sections:

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT STATE:

- Team size: \_\_\_\_ people
- Client count: \_\_\_\_ clients
- Monthly revenue: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Admin time: \_\_\_\_% of total time
- Annual problem cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED INVESTMENT:

- Year 1 total: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Ongoing annual: \$\_\_\_\_\_

PROJECTED RETURN:

- Year 1 net return: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Year 1 ROI: \_\_\_\_\_%

- Payback period: \_\_\_\_\_ weeks  
- 3-year cumulative return: \$\_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

- ☐ Proceed with full implementation  
☐ Proceed with phased implementation  
☐ Requires further analysis  
☐ Not recommended at this time

NEXT STEPS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Bonus: Quick-Start Action Plan

### Your First 30 Days

#### Week 1: Audit & Decide

| Day | Action                                         | Time   | Output              |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1   | Complete Workflow Audit Template               | 45 min | Priority list       |
| 2   | Complete Efficiency Calculator (current state) | 30 min | Baseline numbers    |
| 3   | Research 3 tools for your #1 priority          | 60 min | Shortlist           |
| 4   | Trial your top tool choice                     | 60 min | Hands-on evaluation |
| 5   | Make tool selection decision                   | 30 min | Purchase            |
| 6   | Plan implementation timeline                   | 30 min | 90-day roadmap      |
| 7   | Present business case to team/ leadership      | 45 min | Approval            |

#### Week 2: Setup

| Day | Action                      | Time    | Output                  |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 8   | Configure tool account      | 60 min  | Functional account      |
| 9   | Connect data sources        | 90 min  | Integrated data         |
| 10  | Build templates             | 120 min | Reusable templates      |
| 11  | Set up automations          | 90 min  | Automated workflows     |
| 12  | Configure branding          | 60 min  | Branded experience      |
| 13  | Test with 1-2 pilot clients | 60 min  | Validated setup         |
| 14  | Refine based on test        | 60 min  | Optimized configuration |

### Week 3: Train & Pilot

| Day | Action                        | Time    | Output            |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 15  | Train internal team           | 120 min | Trained team      |
| 16  | Launch pilot with 3-5 clients | 60 min  | Live pilot        |
| 17  | Monitor pilot closely         | 30 min  | Issue list        |
| 18  | Fix pilot issues              | 60 min  | Resolved problems |
| 19  | Gather pilot feedback         | 30 min  | Feedback summary  |
| 20  | Refine based on feedback      | 60 min  | Improved system   |
| 21  | Prepare for full rollout      | 60 min  | Rollout plan      |

### Week 4: Rollout & Optimize

| Day | Action                     | Time   | Output               |
|-----|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 22  | Roll out to all clients    | 90 min | Full deployment      |
| 23  | Send client communication  | 45 min | Informed clients     |
| 24  | Monitor adoption           | 30 min | Usage data           |
| 25  | Address questions/issues   | 60 min | Resolved issues      |
| 26  | Gather Week 1 feedback     | 30 min | Feedback             |
| 27  | Make Week 1 adjustments    | 45 min | Optimized system     |
| 28  | Measure time savings       | 30 min | Baseline vs. current |
| 29  | Celebrate wins with team   | 30 min | Motivated team       |
| 30  | Plan Month 2 optimizations | 30 min | Improvement plan     |

### Success Checklist (End of 30 Days)

- Workflow audit complete
- Tool selected and purchased
- Core automation configured
- Team trained and comfortable
- Pilot completed successfully
- Full rollout live
- Clients informed and adopting
- Time savings measured
- First month of automated reports delivered
- Team morale improved

- Plan for Month 2-3 optimizations ready

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## Quick Reference: Tool Recommendations by Priority

| If Your #1 Priority Is... | Start With...                                | Budget       | Timeline |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Reporting automation      | AgencyAnalytics or DashThis                  | \$80-180/mo  | 1 week   |
| Task management           | ClickUp or Monday.com                        | \$50-200/mo  | 2 weeks  |
| Client communication      | Monday.com portal or AgencyAnalytics         | \$100-300/mo | 2 weeks  |
| Deliverable tracking      | ClickUp with automations                     | \$50-150/mo  | 2 weeks  |
| All of the above          | Integrated stack (AgencyAnalytics + ClickUp) | \$300-500/mo | 4 weeks  |

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