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Thread: [April 21 and Google Mobile](#)

Omniscient - April 8, 2015, 12:30 pm

<https://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/mobile-friendly/>

How many Webmasters here have prepared for the April 21 deadline for mobile-friendly sites for Google?

In case you're not aware....

<http://googlewebmastercentral.blogspot.com/2015/02/finding-more-mobile-friendly-search.html>

Quote:Starting April 21, we will be expanding our use of mobile-friendliness as a ranking signal. This change will affect mobile searches in all languages worldwide and will have a significant impact in our search results. Consequently, users will find it easier to get relevant, high quality search results that are optimized for their devices.

Looks like it's time to make some SEO changes for mobile-friendly readiness on HF too. I guess it's overdue. I have some ideas hopefully I can pull off.

brian188246 - April 8, 2015, 12:33 pm

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<http://prntscr.com/6rapvg>

hugsyou - April 8, 2015, 12:34 pm

Was thinking about this today. HF is over due for it.

sonex - April 8, 2015, 12:35 pm

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Was about to post this. Same here though.

SIM-1676753 - April 8, 2015, 12:35 pm

It's good to hear that HF might become mobile friendly.

Krew - April 8, 2015, 12:36 pm

clicks this thread hf suddenly doesnt need sideways scrolling on my phone

Cant wait for mobile support.

grady - April 8, 2015, 12:38 pm

I dont have amobile device, so I'm pretty apatehtic towards any changes coming.

Pretty interesting that Google is pushing this forward though, they're really looking for progress.

TheNaked - April 8, 2015, 12:38 pm

Amazing finally I can actually maybe use my phone on HF. This would be really really good.

Omniscient - April 8, 2015, 12:58 pm

Quote: It seems to be already showing HF as mobile friendly though?

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Front page is not and I haven't tested all pages but having front page more mobile friendly is a goal. I'll test each of the major pages that Google would index and work on them as best I can.

I can't perform miracles but I can make adjustments.

But this thread isn't just about HF. This is the Webmaster forum here and who has a site that might be effected by these changes?

Nutar - April 8, 2015, 1:12 pm

I actually saw this post earlier and made sure that every page of my website was mobile-friendly. I'm guessing that Google's decision to de-rank sites that are not mobile-friendly, will cause a lot of websites to become mobile friendly.

Omniscient - April 8, 2015, 1:41 pm

Quote: I'm guessing that Google's decision to de-rank sites that are not mobile-friendly, will cause a lot of websites to become mobile friendly.

They are not penalizing sites that are not mobile friendly. Google also has different search results for mobile. So if you're on your phone you might get more mobile friendly results than if you're on a desktop.

Balloon - April 8, 2015, 1:48 pm

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Actually just awared all my clients last night about this. Really hoping this algorithm update doesn't cause too much havoc in the serps.

Also it's not that they aren't penalizing you, you just won't rank as well.

DLT. - April 8, 2015, 2:32 pm

By any chance are you tweaking the mobile view now? Everything looks out of place, or it might be just at my end.

EDIT: nevermind just read your front page post.

Anyway this is great news, it defiently suites me since I'm always on my phone browsing sites.

Shxtdown - April 8, 2015, 3:09 pm

I'm enthusiastic about the changes, it will make HF so much easier to browse whilst on my phone. However will there be any way to revert back to the original viewing of HF rather than the mobile version?

Omniscient - April 8, 2015, 4:21 pm

(Apr 8, 2015 03:09 PM)Ch?os Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm enthusiastic about the changes, it will make HF so much easier to browse whilst on my phone. However will there be any way to revert back to the original viewing of HF rather than the mobile version?

I assume if you disable your user-agent or alter it for regular viewing it might make a difference. Most settings are via your device and browser more than the website.

Justin Timberlake - April 8, 2015, 4:22 pm

Oh I was wondering what happened to the homepage. Should be nice to see the updated version.

Jeremiah † - April 8, 2015, 5:05 pm

I was curious about what was happening to the mobile version of HF. Hopefully this will be fixed soon.

Roger Waters - April 8, 2015, 6:16 pm

(Apr 8, 2015 06:09 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I know you haven't done much and will have domes of work to do with it but Showthread.php, makes me want to burn my eyes xD

Other than that, good addition.

Edit: Why are some posts stretched out farther than others? Rather than being the same length like HF on a PC

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Gary - April 8, 2015, 6:18 pm

(Apr 8, 2015 06:16 PM)Roger Waters Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe signatures have something to do with it, that's just something I've observed.

It does. They're either packed together or spread out really far.

Purist - April 8, 2015, 6:19 pm

This is amazing,

I was looking forward to this for a long time.

Yertle - April 8, 2015, 6:49 pm

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4769564>

VRUMM - April 8, 2015, 6:52 pm

It's good Google will be making a positive impact on mobile users because sites like fiverr has always been very shitty on mobile. I don't know how you will overcome this, but I've never had a single problem browsing HF on any device.

Comedic - April 8, 2015, 7:37 pm

Oh this is definitely something I'm looking forward too. Can't wait.

GenericSkid - April 8, 2015, 8:12 pm

Like a few other members, the layout of the site just Changed today (all smushed). Good to hear it should get a little better soon.

This decision by google is retarded. The moment I see a mobile UI I click request desktop mode anyways. I really hope there's a setting to disable it affecting results.

GenericSkid - April 8, 2015, 8:17 pm

(Apr 8, 2015 08:15 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It will only affect results on mobile devices.

HF will prioritize mobile friendly sites first is all.

I really think it should be the content that is prioritized, not the design of the site. Also the crunched layout seems to have just been fixed, yay!

kawaii - April 9, 2015, 2:42 am

(Apr 8, 2015 12:58 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) But this thread isn't just about HF. This is the Webmaster forum here and who has a site that might be effected by these changes?

Heh, my MyBB theme is abysmal for mobile devices or even just devices with small screens i.e. laptops.

Time to pester someone later on XMPP who knows more than I do about this fuckery. ?

Aceman - April 9, 2015, 9:54 am

I like the move on Google's part. We're moving towards terminals and having mobile friendly integration will allow many, many more devices to be able to browse the websites they want to.

Omniscient - April 9, 2015, 1:57 pm

I'm going to look into a responsive design. I think if HF was just great looking on mobile that users wouldn't scream for an app all day long. An app is just a nightmare for a site like this.

Kogan - April 9, 2015, 2:01 pm

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Omniscient - April 9, 2015, 2:32 pm

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Ghostwork - April 9, 2015, 2:36 pm

Yes! Can't wait for the more mobile-friendly HF! =D

Kogan - April 9, 2015, 5:14 pm

(Apr 9, 2015 02:32 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Are you aware of the multiple times that Tapatalk has been exploited?

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NoSuchAgency - April 9, 2015, 5:31 pm

I always thought HF worked fine on mobile. Never understood the complaints.

Ventures - April 9, 2015, 7:45 pm

I'm so goddamn excited. I rarely browse HF on my computer for more than an hour every other day since I'm out and about.

Glad to see this is being implemented <3

Eternal. - April 9, 2015, 7:54 pm

All of my websites are already mobile friendly, so this will not personally negatively effect me. Glad to see HF will become more mobile friendly though, will probably use it more on my phone when available.

Omniscient - April 9, 2015, 10:27 pm

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Nutar - April 11, 2015, 5:14 am

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GamerBoy1499 - April 11, 2015, 8:59 am

Well, all my websites are completely responsive, its quite easy and Im sure ill be safe. Glad to see that HF might become mobile friendly.

Omniscient - April 11, 2015, 12:40 pm

Quote:Even if Omni implemented tapatalk, the site will still be considered non-mobile-friendly by Google. The tapatalk plugin allows people to browse the forum using their mobile app, and does not turn the site mobile-friendly.

Correct. I've always wanted to just make a great mobile friendly template set. It's probably easier than making and maintaining and app anyways.

Dangerous Beef - April 11, 2015, 10:08 pm

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Dangerous Beef - April 11, 2015, 11:39 pm

(Apr 11, 2015 11:05 PM)?Poliwag Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) HF has a mode for that. <http://www.hackforums.net/>

Removes most images

I'm not talking about completely removing images I'm talking about using simple colors to reduce the file size of images. Removing images could cause problems to the design.

Also there is tons of addons that removes all or some images on a website.

Also the sub domain is down i think. Can't access it though.

Omniscient - April 12, 2015, 12:07 am

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NoSuchAgency - April 12, 2015, 1:25 am

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Whoops, my bad. Didn't realize I put www. in front of it.

Mastery - April 15, 2015, 2:55 pm

(Apr 9, 2015 10:27 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Technically only one time when the user table was dumped. All other times were not actually the HF servers run by me. For 8 years that's damn good imho.If you're interested I'd be willing to help develop a mobile app. I work in obj-c for the most part and it's easy enough to connect the app to mySQL through a php file. As for the security, it'd have to be secure but thats no problem. I wouldn't mind helping out, I'd also develop a matching theme with sketch 3 if you'd like.