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# Google For Jobs

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR RECRUITERS

"Job seekers often don't know there's a job opening just around the corner from them, because the nature of job posts - high turnover, low traffic, inconsistency in job titles - have made them hard for search engines to classify.

Through Google for Jobs, we hope to connect companies with potential employees, and help job seekers find new opportunities. As part of this effort, we will be launching a new feature in Search in the coming weeks that helps people look for jobs across experience and wage levels. 37

Sundar Pichai, Google CEO May 2017



Well before May 2017, job seekers have been turning to search engines to find work, rather than (or in addition to) visiting specific job sites or aggregators.

Google identified this critical audience and its commercial potential, and subsequently launched Google for Jobs into the US market and more recently selected Latin American countries (see Reference Notes).

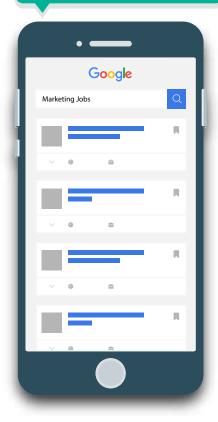
Google for Jobs has not yet been released in Australia, even though it has been almost a year since its official US launch.

We thought it would be useful to publish this guide because:

- A The global rollout of Google For Jobs is imminent;
- There is a need to demystify the Google for Jobs feature and identify what it is and what it isn't; and
- We believe Google for Jobs might be the biggest disruption to job advertising the recruitment industry has seen since the demise of print advertising.

11,147,450

Monthly career-related Google searches within Australia



Source: SEMRush

# WHATIS GOOGLE FOR JOBS?

is a vertical
search channel,
which is distinct
from a general
web search
engine as it
focuses on a
specific segment
of online content.

Google for Jobs is a Google search feature that exclusively returns relevant job opportunities to users.

With this enhancement, Google has created what is known as a vertical search channel, just like the others it has established over the years (images, blogs, news).

More fundamentally, Google for Jobs is Google technology and online search expertise applied to job postings. Just as Google has helped you find and discover what you need, you can be assured it will also deliver a great experience to people looking for work.

We anticipate that the more users look for work on Google, the more it will learn about job seeker preferences, based on their keywords, location, work type choices, etc. This is a feedback loop that Google continuously creates between its technology and users.

To clarify, Google For Jobs is not a job board. Hiring companies or recruitment agencies will not post jobs directly to Google or pay them for classified ads. Google have made it clear they will play to their strengths and will not aim to compete with classifieds-based offerings.

# THE WORLD BEFORE GOGLEFOR JOBS

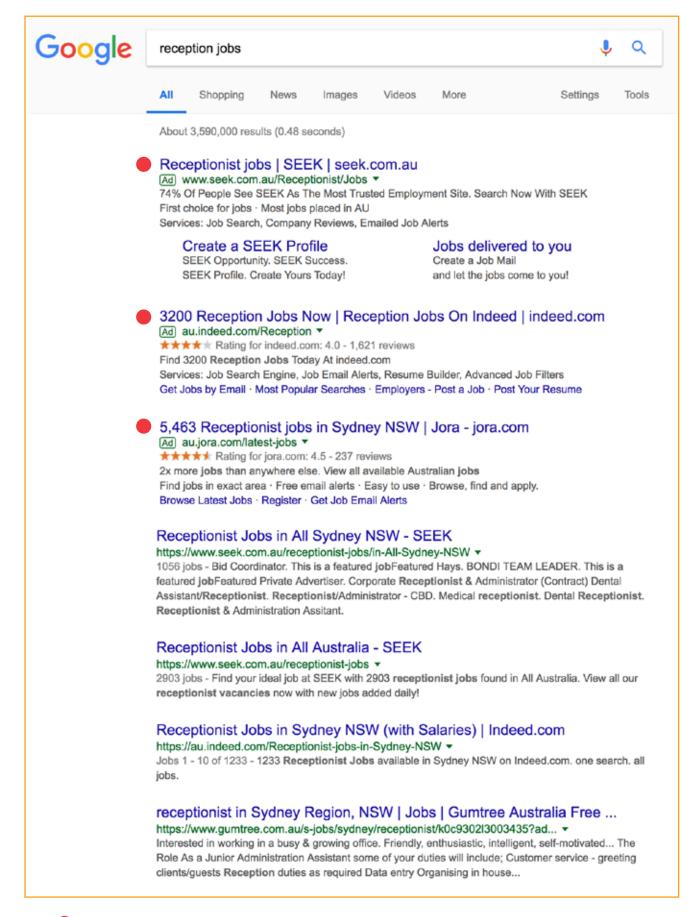
Before Google for Jobs was announced, job hunters could (and were) finding job opportunities through Google's traditional search engine. This is still the case in regions where Google for Jobs has not been launched.

In this setup the most favoured search results are those that:

- A Use Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) techniques to ensure Google's algorithm prioritises them in the results;
- Are propped up by Search Engine Marketing products bought from Google in lieu of or in addition to SEO efforts;
- Follow the structured data recommendations from Google.

This is the current experience when conducting a career-related Google search outside of the US and selected Latin American countries.

A look at the current results for job searches performed outside the US and selected Latin American countries illustrates the source of Google's commercial success and those who invest in it being the key destination for all job searches.





What can be inferred from the previous search results is that they are slanted toward:

- A Job boards or aggregators that have the funds and expertise to hoard traffic;
- B Large corporate employers that are search-relevant due to their brand, scale, or advertising spend; or
- Job related results (including listings) from publishers that understand and apply Google's data recommendations.

The model where businesses would outsource their online talent sourcing activities to job boards and aggregators has worked well since digital displaced print media. Over the last few years however, a few trends have started to emerge.

As you may have gathered from talking to your line or recruitment managers, volumes of applicants do not necessarily translate into placements.

At the same time, classified sites are not the best platform to showcase your organisation as an agency or employer of choice.

We strongly believe the global launch of Google For Jobs will accentuate these trends. Job boards and aggregators seem to be aware of this, which is evident in the number of value-added services and ancillary products launched by these companies in the last 18-24 months (resume database search, hybrid recruitment services, online assessments etc).

So, what do recruiters need to do to make Google For Jobs work for them?

# "OK GOOGLE, FIND ME TALENT"

Whether you decide to make changes to cater for Google for Jobs or not, organisations with a talent attraction strategy will continue to use the myriad of options available to communicate open vacancies, including job boards, social networks, and video platforms.

Should you decide to include Google For Jobs in your candidate attraction mix, this is what you can expect:

- Increased, high quality job seeker traffic to your company website, regardless of whether you are an agency or a hiring organisation. Your own website is the one place where you don't have to compete with other advertisers, as is the case with job boards and aggregators.
- A potential reduction in the reliance you have on job boards or other vendors that by definition use your money to boost their brand, not yours (which in actual fact is a component of their value proposition to you).
- A reduction in your recruitment costs and time to hire given how precisely it will target job seeker audiences and how informative and accurate its search results will be.

Before Google can do all these great things for your brand, you have to do something for Google first.

## MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU

### LEAVE NO DATA BEHIND

Data is the most important asset when striving to be found online. Organisations that optimise the use of data assets are the ones who dominate and win.

When filling out a job posting, it's imperative that you leave no input field behind. Complete and consistent job ads are one of the keys to success when it comes to ranking high on Google.

The key data elements to consider are:

### **ROLE TITLE**

Ensure your job titles clean and clear. Anticipate your target market's search results.

Ask yourself two questions:

- Does the title and level (assistant, senior, lead, etc.) accurately reflect the role?
- Does the job title reflect industry standards and common nomenclature?

Be specific rather than general, for example: "Senior Frontend Developer" instead of "Web Developer".

### **LOCATION**

Commuting lengthy distances to and from work can be a drag for some applicants, and a deal breaker for others. Get the right candidate for the role by specifying a location.

Is the address correct? This is especially important to check if there are multiple locations being considered for a position. If this is the case, consider posting multiple jobs to cater for each location.

### **SALARY**

Deciding whether to disclose salary data is often debated. However, the Google Job Posting schema factors salary within their guidelines. Therefore, the pros of providing a salary range could potentially outweigh the cons.

Adopting a clear and upfront approach with regards to the salary will resonate with quality candidates and improve your reputation. Plus Google will love you for it!

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Your job description should be a complete representation of the role. Be sure to include responsibilities, qualifications, skills, working hours, and requirements surrounding education and experience. Note that the description should not be the same as the job title.

#### **EMPLOYMENT TYPE**

Most candidates will have specific requirements when it comes to the type of employment they are looking for. It is imporant to specify whether a job is full-time, part-time, temporary, casual or contract.

### MOBILE OPTIMISATION

The world searches on mobiles, so Google now ensures that the websites they favour display properly on all devices. If your careers website and functionality are not responsive or cannot be used everywhere, it will be penalised.

### **CLEAN URLs**

Ensure that all of your job advertisements have structured fields of data which are easily indexed by Google.

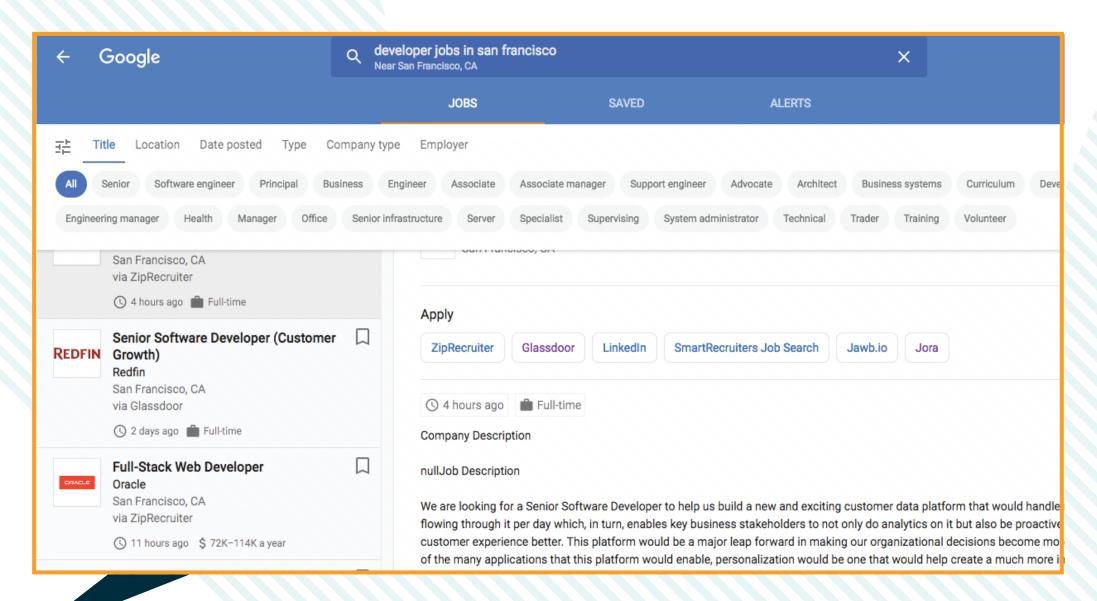
No matter how much Google would love to showcase your job advertisements, sometimes it is impossible for their programs to index your jobs. One common example are job ads posted with dirty URLs (see Reference Notes).

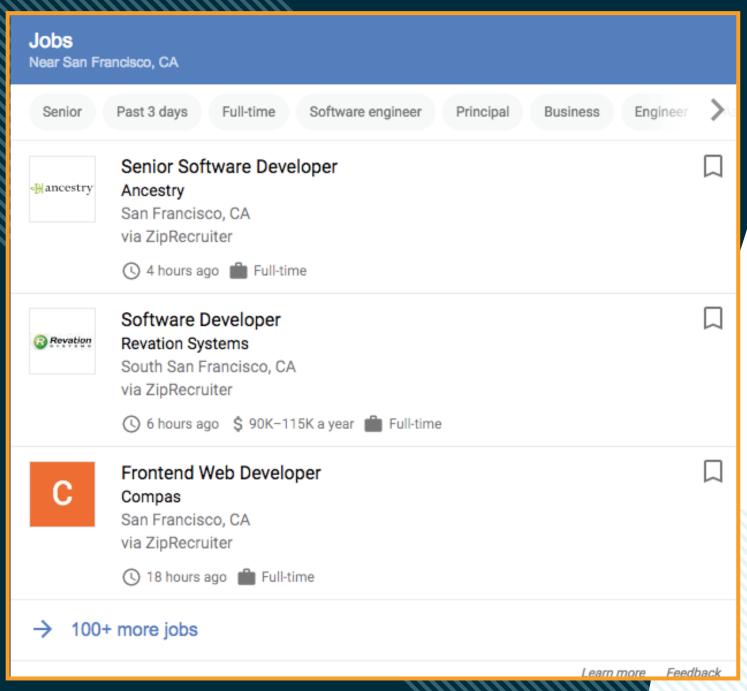
### **USER EXPERIENCE**

Enable candidates to engage with you and achieve their goals when they come to your website. This involves removing all experience obstacles and providing a seamless application experience.

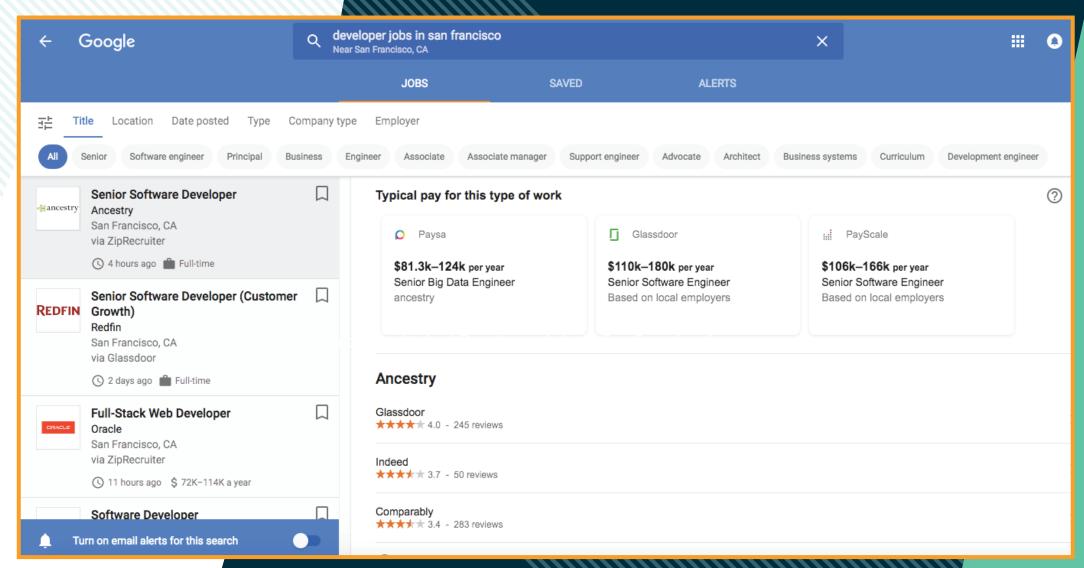
To further enhance the user experience, offer a responsive, socially connected website that facilitates the job seeker workflow.

# THE GOOGLE FOR JOBS EXPERIENCE

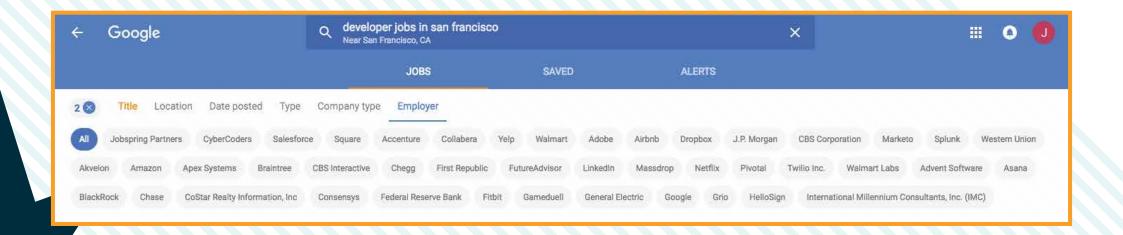




Job search results for search term "Developer Jobs in San Francisco"

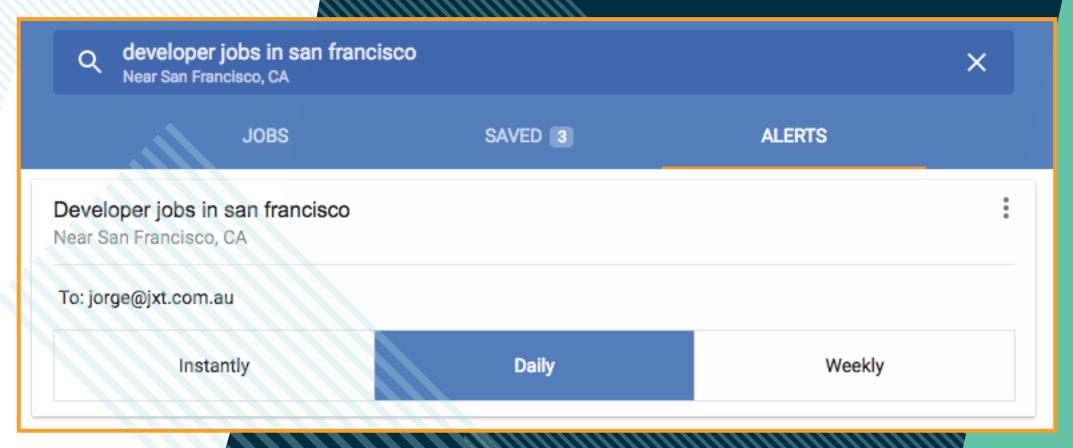


Google pulls in salary and employer branding data for each company

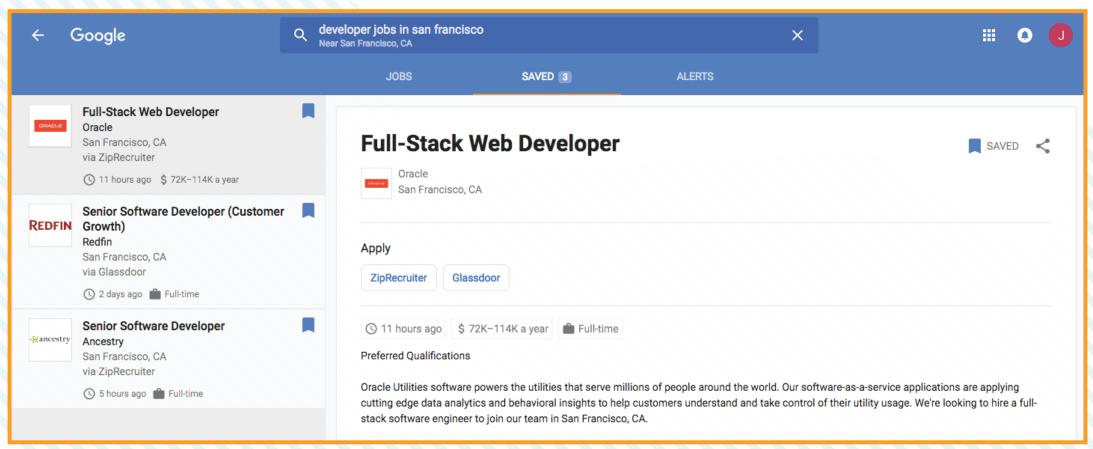




Google for Jobs allows users to filter results down by location, employer company type, date posted, and job type



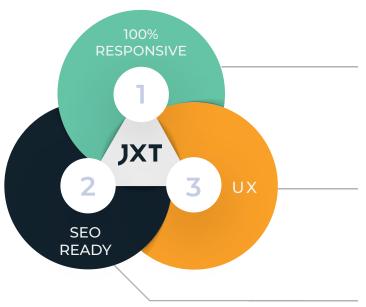
Users have the ability to create custom job alerts



Candidates can save and view jobs from their Google account







JXT builds fully responsive platforms, where job searching, researching and applying make up a seamless experience across all devices.

We build socially integrated application and registration environments which contribute to the candidate experience and enable single click applications within your website.

Our digital platform is SEO ready from day one, built with care and the philosophy of structured and labelled data that Google loves to index.

Gone are the 'set and forget' days where you could just outsource your candidate sourcing and advertising to third parties. It's now a necessity to have a hands-on approach because content, messaging and experience need to be meticulously crafted.

You may not have the technical resources that you need to make Google for Jobs work for you, which is where JXT can help. We have been doing this for a decade, working with recruiters globally to perfect their candidate experience.

Book a demo to learn how we can make Google for Jobs work for you!



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