

Software & Technology

*Article Engagement and
Word Count Ranges in the Industry*

*What can you learn from
1.6 million
articles?*

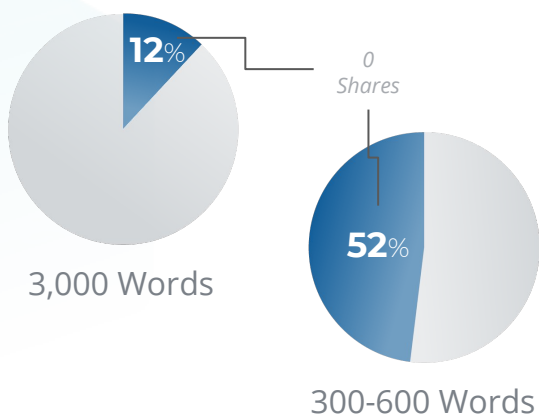
Bigger articles lead to bigger engagement...

In December 2019, our colleagues at SEMrush published a study on "[The Anatomy of Top Performing Articles](#)." And after they analyzed the engagement rates on 700,000+ articles, one set of their key takeaways centered on article length.

Without a doubt, longer articles perform better:



Articles with **3,000+ words** get **6.4x** more traffic, **4.5x** more social shares, and **5x** more backlinks than short articles (300-600 words).



And we've added bigger data to offer further insights...



To take the SEMrush study a step further, we pulled matching word count ranges from our VoiceGraph index of more than **1.6 million** articles posted 2014-2019 in the **Software & Technology** industry.

Our proprietary **VoiceGraph** technology indexes more than **73,000 publishers daily** and uses machine learning to map articles to more than **200 business categories**. Our VoiceGraph index currently includes more than **106,000,000 articles** — and rising.

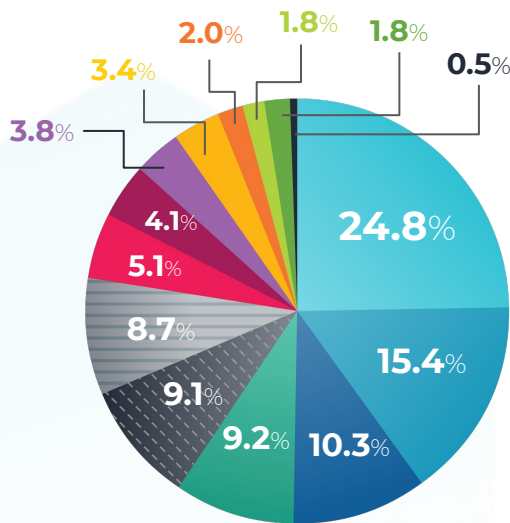
And here are some further questions we were able to answer for Software & Technology...



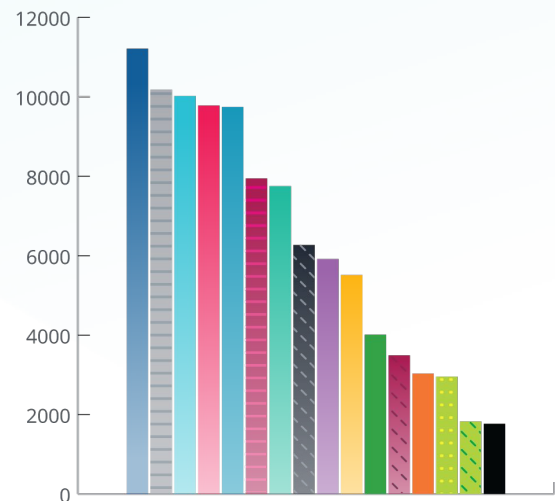
What is the distribution of articles in Software & Technology categories?

Our VoiceGraph index mapped 1.6 million Software & Technology articles from tens of thousands of sites into 16 categories. Publishers posted articles most frequently in Consumer Electronics.

Category Distribution of Software & Tech Articles



Number of Publisher Sites Analyzed Per Category

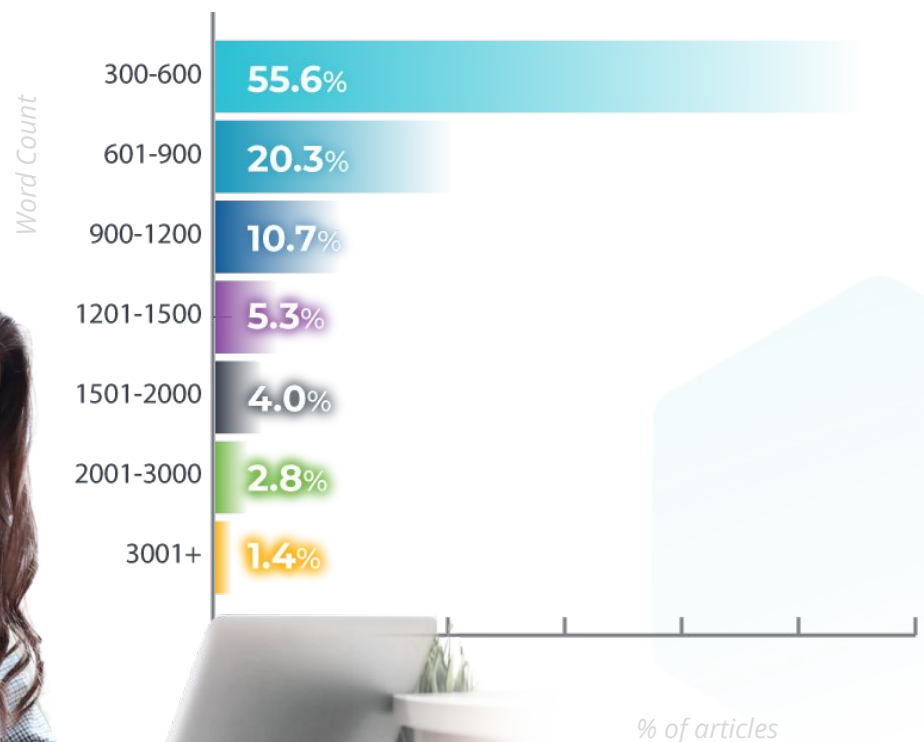


What are the typical article word counts in the Software & Technology industry?

When we looked at **288,000 new Software & Technology articles** published in 2019, we found about half were still short and sweet. Overall, the small percentage of long-form articles shows that there is still ample room to beat competitors in the less-crowded long-form content space.

Length of New Articles in Software & Technology

Published in 2019



How does Software & Technology compare to other industries?

When we looked at word count data across other major industries in 2019, we found that Software & Technology had the highest percentage of long-form articles (those over 1,500 words). Health had the lowest percentage of shortest articles (300-600 words), while Entertainment had the highest percentage of shortest articles (300-600 words).

% of New Articles by Word Count in Major Industries

Published in 2019

	Software & Tech	Health	Finance	Retail	Entertainment
300-600	55.6	46.1	52.4	60.8	62
601-900	20.3	28.2	24.8	19.8	20.2
901-1200	10.7	12.9	11.6	9.5	8.2
1201-1500	5.3	5.5	4.5	4.1	3.8
1501-2000	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.9
2001-3000	2.8	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9
3000+	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.7	1



How have Software & Technology article word counts changed?

After analyzing 1.6 million articles in Software & Technology, we found a continuing trend toward longer articles. The percentage of all long-form articles (those over 1,500 words) had the highest rate of growth. Articles over 3,000 words more than doubled.

% of New Articles by Word Count in Software & Technology

*Published 2014-2019**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
300-600	62.7	62.7	60.6	59.3	58.1	55.6
601-900	21.2	19.8	20.6	20.6	19.5	20.3
901-1200	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.8	9.7	10.7
1201-1500	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.4	6.5	5.3
1501-2000	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	4.0
2001-3000	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8
3000+	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.4

**Percentages refer to the percentage of all new articles published in Software & Technology during each respective year. The percentages are not based on cumulative sums of total articles published over time.*



Key takeaways....

The long-form space is still growing.

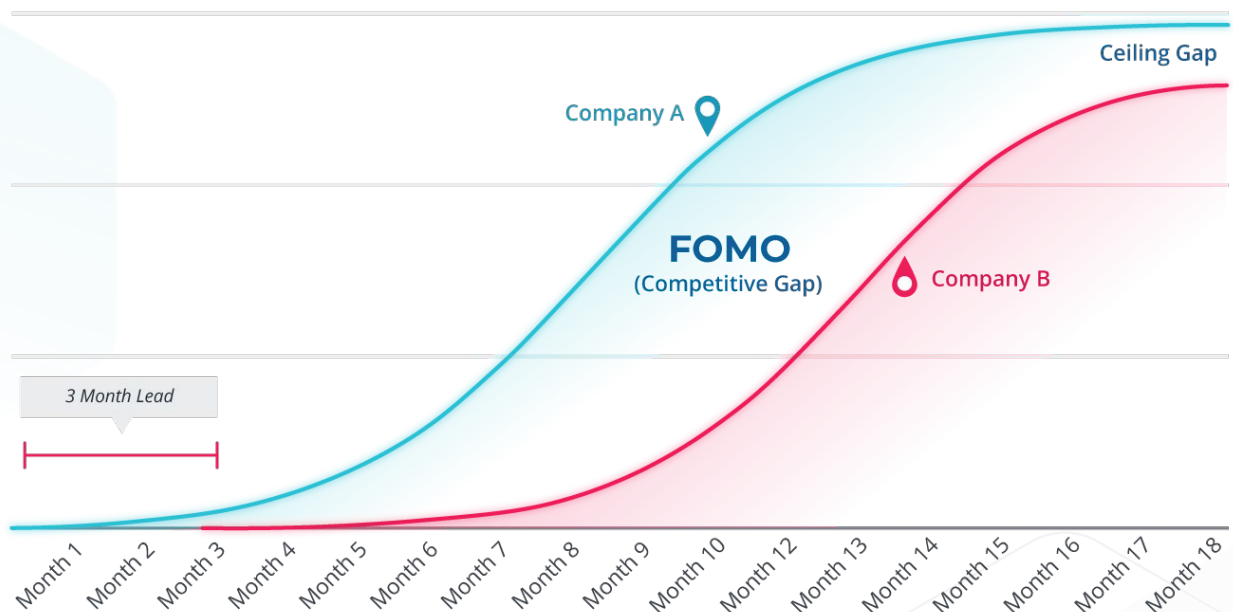
Although long-form articles still represent a small overall percentage of Software & Technology articles, there are definitely indications that your competitors might have caught on already, as there is a growing trend from shorter to longer content. Fortunately, the long-form space is still not saturated.

So mind the FOMO gap.

Without a doubt, longer-form content performs better. But don't miss out on organic traffic. The longer you wait to create content, the more traffic you might lose to your competitors. Even short lead times in publishing can lead to long-term traffic advantages, especially if you win the audience share first — and keep on top.

The FOMO Gap of Organic Traffic

Competitive Advantage of Publishing Sooner, Not Later



Start Creating With Us

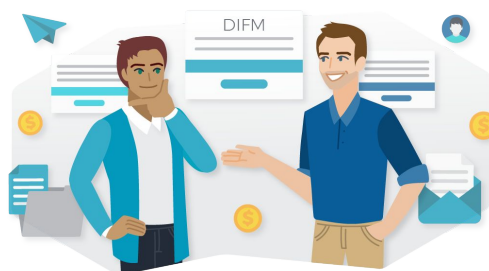
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2. Content Plan

Our team can tailor a content plan priced to you, based on your goals and resources, so you're not paying for what you don't need.



3. Customer Brief

After you finalize your plan, we'll connect you with your designated ClearVoice Success Manager, so they can learn about your branding, guidelines, current content and expectations.



4. Kickoff Session

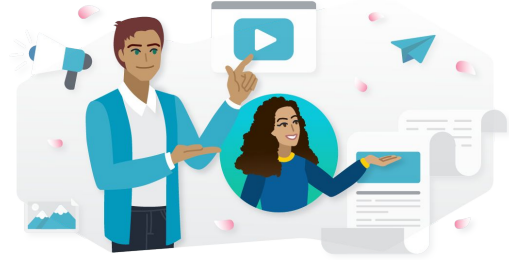
Your designated ClearVoice Success Manager will review your plan and goals with you, get to know your team, clarify branding or talent preferences, and explain timelines and process.





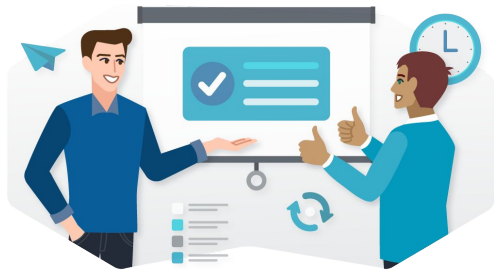
5. Strategy Session

After aligning your needs, your designated ClearVoice Success Manager will review content strategy, objectives, concepts, and talent samples to get you on the path to wonderful content.



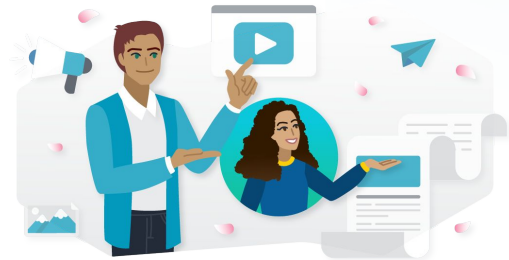
6. Wonderful Content

Our team will manage your content fulfillment and the entire production process, including freelancer recruitment, brand education, and management.



7. Approvals

Be as involved in the process as you want to be. We will provide content updates to keep you abreast of next steps, approvals we require from you, and deliverables.



8. Ongoing Success

Our team can provide ongoing strategy, analysis, KPI reporting and direction to keep your content on track.

