



- The +1 button allows people to recommend your site to their friends and contacts
- Add +1 buttons to your site to give users more chances to +1 your content: http://google.com/webmasters/+1button

How to Add +1 Buttons to Your Site

The +1 button combines word of mouth with the power of Google search by incorporating personal recommendations right into search results and ads on Google.com. By putting the +1 button on your pages you can help your site stand out, bringing you more, better qualified traffic from organic search results and search ads.

Getting started

The following code is all you will need to get up and running. If you'd like to quickly configure a +1 button to your specifications, please visit our configuration tool (http://www.google.com/webmasters/+1button).

<script type="text/javascript" src="https://apis.google.com/js/
plusone.js"></script>
<g:plusone></g:plusone>

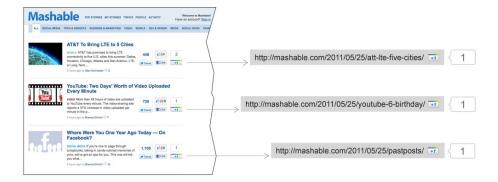
Implementation Strategies

To make sure your +1 annotations appear as often as possible in Google search, we recommend customizing your button.

• Setting the correct +1 target for multiple URLs with the same content If your site uses multiple URLs for the same content for tracking purposes, define the canonical URL for each page to ensure that Google search and +1 use the same URL for your content. For information on canonical URLs see Webmaster Tools Help (goo.gl/WNtm4).



Adding +1 buttons for multiple URLs on a single page
 To include multiple +1 buttons, matched to multiple URLs on the same page, such as a blog's homepage or page linking to other product pages, use the "URL to +1" Advanced option to match the +1 button to the correct URL for each. For more info visit the Google code site (goo.gl/guGBb).



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- +1button) allows you to guickly create a custom +1 button for your site.
- <u>Size</u>: The button is available in the following sizes: 62x15, 82x20, 98x20, 50x60
- <u>Language</u>: Set the language for the +1 button, including the alt text and sign-up flow for users who click the button for the first time. The +1 button is available in 44 languages, but +1 annotations currently appear only on English results on Google.com.
- <u>URL to +1</u>: Use this tag when you want the button to +1 a page other than the current one. More info on the **Google code site** (goo.gl/guGBb)
- <u>Parse</u>: If you have content that you want to load before the +1 button, use Explicit Load to control when your +1 button is visible to your users.
- <u>Callback</u>: Use the callback option to trigger an action, such as unlocking additional content, on your website after someone +1's your content.

Best Practices

- Make it clear for users what they are +1'ing whether it is the page they are on or content linked from the page.
- Make sure the +1 URL matches the URL that shows up in search. Use the k rel=canonical> tag in the html header or explicitly set the URL to +1. This is the likely culprit if your +1's are not appearing in search.
- Place the +1 button near content users want to share, such as after articles, near product descriptions or images, or with your other social sharing buttons.
- Add the +1 button only to public pages. The +1 is a public action.
- Don't abuse +1's. It is against **Google policies** (goo.gl/U4gI9) to promote prizes or monetary equivalents in exchange for +1 button clicks.
- Note that the +1 button is designed for modern browsers such as Chrome, Firefox 3.6 and above, and IE8 and above. We don't plan to support older browsers in the future.

Resources

- Advanced button customization instructions on Google code site (http://code.google.com/apis/+1button).
- Frequently asked questions on Webmaster central (goo.gl/s8fci).
- For more questions, ask in our Webmaster Help Forum (goo.gl/QA9eS).