

MICRO DATA & SCHEMA.ORG

GUIDE TO GENERATING RICH SNIPPETS

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GETTING STARTED

This guide has been created to provide a quick and easy way of generating different types of rich snippets for your website, using a combination of Micro Data and Schema.org.

I must point out that before you proceed with integrating any form of mark-up, you should be aware of the guidelines provided by [Google](#), and [Bing](#). Any attempt to mark-up content that is invisible to users, or content that is irrelevant/misleading just to generate the rich snippet may result in action being taken against your website.

I hope that you find this guide useful, and if you have any questions please fire away in the comments or say come and say hi! [@dbseo](#) - Dan Butler.

INTRODUCTION TO MICRO DATA & SCHEMA.ORG

What is Micro Data?

Micro Data (like RDFa and Microformats) is a form of semantic mark-up designed to describe elements on a web page e.g. review, person, event etc. This mark-up can be combined with typical HTML properties to define each item type through the use of associated attributes.

For example, ‘Person’ has the properties name, url and title - attributes can be applied to HTML tags to describe each property:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://data-vocabulary.org/Person">
  Name: <span itemprop="name">Daniel Butler</span>
  Website: <a href="http://www.seogadget.com" itemprop="url">www.seogadget.com</a>
  Title: <span itemprop="title">Senior SEO Consultant</span>
</div>
```

- **Itemscope** – is an indicator that the content within this `<div>` is an item.
- **Itemtype="http..."** – describes what the item is, in the above instance ‘Person’.
- **Itemprop="..."** – describes each property of the specific item.



Further Reading: [About microDATA](#) – Google Webmaster Help, [HTML Microdata](#) – W3C

What is Schema.org?

Schema.org is a universally supported vocabulary extension by Google, Microsoft and Yahoo! for mark-up languages such as Micro Data. It is designed to make the lives of webmasters easier, by offering one standardised mark-up understood by all the major search engines.

Currently, Schema.org is only fully compatible with Micro Data.



Further Reading: [What is Schema.org](#) – Schema.org, [Schema.org FAQ](#) – Google Webmaster Help

Why use mark-up?

Marking up content on your website can:

- Lead to the generation of rich snippets in search engine results e.g.

[Apple iPad 2 32GB, Wi-Fi 3G Unlocked , 9.7in - White - eBay](#)

www.ebay.co.uk/ctg/Apple-iPad-2-32GB-Wi-Fi.../103069475

★★★★★ Rating: 4.5 - 941 votes

eBay: Things come alive on the stunning 9.7-inch widescreen LED Multi-Touch display of the **Apple iPad 2**. With WiFi and 3G support, this 32GB Apple iPad ...

This has the potential to enhance CTR from the search results from anywhere between 10-25%.

- Search engines and organisations are using this mark-up to develop new tools, for example [Google Recipe Search](#), which may open up other marketing channels if not now, in the near future.
- Provide greater information to search engines to improve their understanding of the content on your website.

INTEGRATING MICRO DATA & SCHEMA.ORG

1. Using Review Data to Enhance Your Search Result Snippets

1.1 Example live snippet

[Apple iPad 2 32GB, Wi-Fi 3G Unlocked , 9.7in - White - eBay](http://www.ebay.co.uk/ctg/Apple-iPad-2-32GB-Wi-Fi.../103069475)
www.ebay.co.uk/ctg/Apple-iPad-2-32GB-Wi-Fi.../103069475

Rating: 4.5 - 941 votes

eBay: Things come alive on the stunning 9.7-inch widescreen LED Multi-Touch display of the Apple iPad 2. With WiFi and 3G support, this 32GB Apple iPad ...

1.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.
http://www.schema.org/Review	A review of an item e.g. product or movie.
http://www.schema.org/Rating	An individual rating given for an item.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="description"	Describe the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="aggregateRating"	The overall rating, based on a collection of reviews or ratings of the item.	CreativeWork
itemprop="ratingValue"	The rating for the content.	Rating
itemprop="reviewCount"	The total number of reviews.	AggregateRating
itemprop="author"	The author of this content. HTML 5 rel=author tag can be utilised instead.	CreativeWork
itemprop="datePublished"	Date of first broadcast/publication.	CreativeWork
itemprop="reviewRating"	The rating given in this review.	Rating

<code>itemprop="reviewBody"</code>	The actual body of the review.	CreativeWork
<code>itemprop="worstRating"</code>	The lowest possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="bestRating"</code>	The highest possible rating.	Rating

1.3 The mark-up

The following code examples form the bare-bone template mark-up for review data.

The first part of this example forms the aggregate rating, and could be utilised by itself to generate the rich snippet on the previous page:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Product">
  <span itemprop="name">[The name of the product]</span>
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating]</span> stars - based on
    <span itemprop="reviewCount">[number of reviews]</span> reviews
  </div>
</div>
```

The second piece of mark up should be utilised on each review, this also adds further validity to the aggregate rating defined above:

```
<div itemprop="review" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Review">
  <span itemprop="name">[Review title/summary]</span> - by
  <span itemprop="author">[name of reviewer]</span>,
  <meta itemprop="datePublished" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">April 15th, 2012
  <div itemprop="reviewRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Rating">
    <meta itemprop="worstRating" content="[lowest possible rating]">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given by reviewer]</span>/
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[highest possible rating]</span>stars
  </div>
  <span itemprop="description">[The actual user review text]</span>
</div>
```

1.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

Your page title comes here
www.example.com/example.html - [Cached](#)
 1000 reviews
 The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.



Further Reading: [Review Schema.org Creator](#) by @RavenTools, [Rich Snippets: Reviews Video](#) – Google Webmaster Help, [Review & AggregateRating](#) – Schema.org

2. Draw Attention to your Products with Richer Snippets

2.1 Example live snippet

Extending the capability of the review mark up for products can lead to this type of rich snippet:

[Apple iPad 2 32GB, Wi-Fi 3G Vodafone , 9.7in - White | eBay](#)
www.ebay.co.uk/ctg/Apple-iPad-2-32GB-Wi-Fi.../103029624

★★★★★ Rating: 1 - 963 votes - £295.00

eBay: Things come alive on the stunning 9.7-inch widescreen LED Multi-Touch display of the Apple iPad 2. With WiFi and 3G support, this 32GB Apple iPad ...

2.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/Product	Describes a product on sale
http://www.schema.org/Offer	Describes a products offer details.
http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="description"	Describe the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="price"	The price stated for a product.	<i>Offer</i>
itemprop="aggregateRating"	The overall rating, based on a collection of reviews or ratings of the item.	<i>CreativeWork</i>
itemprop="ratingValue"	The rating for the content.	<i>Rating</i>
itemprop="reviewCount"	The total number of reviews.	<i>AggregateRating</i>

2.3 The mark-up

Exploiting review mark-up for a product with offer details:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Product">
    <span itemprop="name">[Product name]</span>
    <span itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Offer">
        <span itemprop="price">[Product sale price]</span>
    </span>
    <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
        <span itemprop="ratingValue">[Aggregate rating given]</span> stars - based on
        <span itemprop="reviewCount">[Number of reviews]</span> reviews
    </div>
</div>
```

As an aggregate review rating has been given for this product, the individual corresponding user reviews will need to be marked up using the code identified in part two of point 1.3.

2.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

[England Mens Football Jersey](#)
[www.example.com/example.html](#) - [Cached](#)
★★★★★ 12 reviews - £22.00
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

2.5 Extending this mark-up

By altering the /Offer segment of the code to the below we can add a price range to the snippet:

```
<span itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateOffer">
    <span itemprop="lowPrice">[lowest product price]</span> to
    <span itemprop="highPrice">[highest product price]</span>
</span>
```

[England Mens Football Jersey](#)
[www.example.com/example.html](#) - [Cached](#)
★★★★★ 12 reviews - £15.00 to £45.00
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.



Further Reading: [Product Schema.org Creator](#) by @RavenTools, [Rich Snippets: Products – Google Webmaster Help](#), [Product & Offer – Schema.org](#)

3. Maximise the Impact of Editorial Reviews in Search

3.1 Example snippet

Individual reviews in an editorial format can also be marked up to generate an extension of the ratings snippet to include the author name and publication date:

New iPad 3 review | Tablets Reviews | TechRadar
www.techradar.com/reviews/pc-mac/tablets/new-ipad-3-1071369/review - [Cached](#)
 Review by Gareth Beavis - Jul 20, 2012
 The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

3.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/Review	A review of an item e.g. product or movie.
http://www.schema.org/Rating	An individual rating given for an item.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
<code>itemprop="itemreviewed"</code>	The name of the item being reviewed.	Review
<code>itemprop="worstRating"</code>	The worst possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="bestRating"</code>	The highest possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="ratingValue"</code>	The rating for the content.	Rating
<code>itemprop="datePublished"</code>	The publication date of the review.	Review
<code>itemprop="author"</code>	The name of the author.	Review

3.3 The mark-up

The mark-up for an editorial review:

```
<div itemprop="review" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Review">
  <span itemprop="itemreviewed">[the item being reviewed]</span>
  <div itemprop="reviewRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Rating">
    <meta itemprop="worstRating" content = "[worst rating]">
    <meta itemprop="bestRating" content=" [best rating]">
    <meta itemprop="ratingValue" content=" [rating received]">
  </div>
  <span itemprop="datePublished" content=" [date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">
    [publication date]</span>
  <span itemprop="author">[author name]</span>
</div>
```

3.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting SERP using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

Your page title comes here
www.example.com/example.html - [Cached](#)
★★★★★ Review by Daniel Butler - Apr 15, 2012
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

3.5 Extending this mark-up

By altering this code slightly, combining properties from schema.org/Product we can add a price to the snippet as well:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Product">
  <span itemprop="name">[product being reviewed]</span>
  <div itemprop="review" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Review">
    <div itemprop="reviewRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Rating">
      <meta itemprop="worstRating" content = "[worst possible rating]">
      <meta itemprop="bestRating" content=" [best possible rating]">
      <meta itemprop="ratingValue" content=" [rating given]">
    </div>
    <span itemprop="author">[author name]</span>
    <span itemprop="datePublished" content=" [date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">
      [publication date]</span>
  </div>
  <span itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Offer">
    <span itemprop="price">[product price]</span>
  </span>
</div>
```

This would create the following snippet:

[Your page title comes here](#)
www.example.com/example.html - [Cached](#)
★★★☆☆ Review by Daniel Butler - May 12, 2012 - £155.00
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

You can extend this even further to include a price range; just replace the schema.org/Offer section with:

```
<span itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateOffer">  
  <span itemprop="lowPrice">[lowest retail price]</span>  
  to <span itemprop="highPrice">[highest retail price]</span>  
</span>
```

[Your page title comes here](#)
www.example.com/example.html - [Cached](#)
★★★☆☆ Review by Daniel Butler - May 12, 2012 - £120.00 to £160.00
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

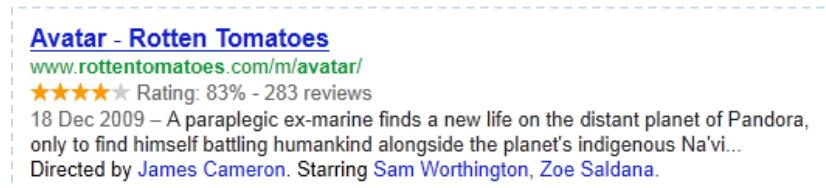


Further Reading: [Individual Reviews](#) – Google Webmaster Help, [Review](#) – Schema.org

4. Swoop a Grammy by Marking-up Movie Content

4.1 Example live snippet

Schema.org review mark-up when combined with the schema.org/Movie itemtype can produce the following type of snippet:



There is no direct impact to the text displayed alongside the review segment; however an additional line is inserted alongside the Meta description featuring the directors and actors starring in the film.

4.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
<code>http://www.schema.org/Movie</code>	Describes a film.
<code>http://www.schema.org/Person</code>	Describes a person (living, dead or fictional)
<code>http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating</code>	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
<code>itemprop="name"</code>	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="description"</code>	Describe the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="director"</code>	The director of the movie, tv series or episode.	Movie
<code>itemprop="url"</code>	URL of the item.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="author"</code>	The author of this content.	CreativeWork
<code>itemprop="ratingValue"</code>	The rating for the content.	Rating
<code>itemprop="bestRating"</code>	The best possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="ratingCount"</code>	The number of ratings obtained.	AggregateRating

<code>itemprop="actor"</code>	A cast member of the movie.	Movie
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4.3 The mark-up

Exploiting review mark-up for a Movie:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Movie">
  <h1 itemprop="name">[name of the movie]</h1>
  <span itemprop="description">[description of the movie]</span>
  <div itemprop="director" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
    <a href="[url]" itemprop="url"><span itemprop="name">[director's name]</span></a>
  </div>
  <div itemprop="author" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
    <a href="[url]" itemprop="url"><span itemprop="name">[script writer]</span></a>
  </div>
  <div itemprop="actor" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
    <a href="[url]" itemprop="url"><span itemprop="name">[actor's name]</span></a>,
  </div>
  <div itemprop="actor" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
    <a href="[url]" itemprop="url"><span itemprop="name">[actor's name]</span></a>,
  </div>
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>/
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[best possible rating]</span> stars from
    <span itemprop="ratingCount">[total ratings received]</span> users.
  </div>
</div>
```

4.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

Your page title comes here
www.example.com/
 Rating: 5 - 55 votes
 The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.
 Directed by [director's name]. Starring [actor's name].

The structured data testing tool does not yet display the additional line of text with references to actors/directors, however if implemented correctly the displayed data extract should contain this information.

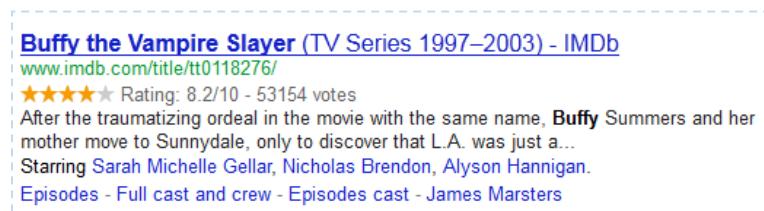


Further Reading: [Movie Schema.org Creator](#) by Raven Tools, [Movie – Schema.org](#)

5. Bring Your TV Listing Search Results to Life

5.1 Example live snippet

There is also specific mark up for a TV series/season/episode which can also be combined with the review mark-up to produce a similar snippet as 'Movie':



The result is the same as Schema.org/Movie with an additional line of text included referencing the director(s) and actor(s), however a further line has been inserted for episodes and episodes cast.

5.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/TVSeries	Describes a television series.
http://www.schema.org/TVSeason	Describes a single TV season.
http://www.schema.org/TVEpisode	The episode of a TV series or season.
http://www.schema.org/Person	Describes a person (living, dead or fictional).
http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="description"	Describe the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="director"	The director of the movie, tv series or episode.	TVSeries , TVSeason , TVEpisode
itemprop="author"	The author of this content.	CreativeWork
itemprop="actor"	A cast member of the TV series, season or episode.	TVSeries , TVSeason , TVEpisode

<code>itemprop="numberOfEpisodes"</code>	The number of episodes in the series or season.	TVSeries , TVSeason
<code>itemprop="datePublished"</code>	Date of broadcast/publication.	CreativeWork
<code>itemprop="episode"</code>	An episode of a TV series of season.	TVSeries , TVSeason
<code>itemprop="episodeNumber"</code>	The episode number.	TVEpisode
<code>itemprop="ratingValue"</code>	The rating for the content.	Rating
<code>itemprop="bestRating"</code>	The best possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="ratingCount"</code>	The number of ratings obtained.	AggregateRating

5.3 The mark-up

Utilising review mark-up and combining TV series, season and episode schema:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/TVSeries">
    <H1 itemprop="name">[name of TV show]</H1>
    <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
        <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>
        <span itemprop="bestRating">[best possible rating]</span> stars from
        <span itemprop="ratingCount">[total number of reviews]</span> users.
    </div>
    <span itemprop="description">[description of the TV show]</span>
    <div itemprop="author" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
        <span itemprop="name">[actor's name]</span>
    </div>
    <div itemprop="actor" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
        <span itemprop="name">[actor's name]</span>
    </div>
    <div itemprop="season" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/TVSeason">
        <span itemprop="name">[season 1, 2 or 3...?]</span> -
        <meta itemprop="numberOfEpisodes" content="[number of episodes in this season]"/>
        <meta itemprop="datePublished" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">[broadcast date]
    </div>
    <div itemprop="season" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/TVSeason">
        <span itemprop="name">[season 1, 2 or 3...?]</span> -
        <meta itemprop="numberOfEpisodes" content="[number of episodes in this season]"/>
        <meta itemprop="datePublished" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">
        [broadcast date]
        <div itemprop="episode" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/TVEpisode">
            <span itemprop="name">[episode name]</span> -
            <meta itemprop="episodeNumber" content="[episode number]"/>
        </div>
    </div>
</div>
```

5.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

Your page title comes here

www.example.com/

★★★★★ Rating: 5 - 55 votes

The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

Starring [actors name].

The structured data testing tool does not yet display the additional line of text with references to episodes/episodes cast, however if implemented correctly the displayed data extract should contain this information.

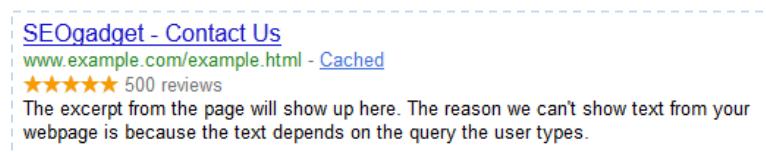


Further Reading: [TVSeries](#), [TVSeason](#), [TVEpisode](#) – Schema.org

6. Show Business Credibility in Search Results

6.1 Example snippet

Local Business Schema.org alone does not yet result in a specific type of snippet, although can be combined with standard review mark-up to produce the below snippet:



Local Business schema.org mark-up can also act as authentication for a business address if it matches the Google Business Listing, in doing so improve local SEO.

6.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/LocalBusiness	Describes a physical business or branch of an organization.
http://www.schema.org/PostalAddress	The location of the event or organization.
http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
itemprop="streetAddress"	The street address.	PostalAddress
itemprop="addressLocality"	The locality.	PostalAddress
itemprop="addressRegion"	The region.	PostalAddress
itemprop="postalCode"	The postal code.	PostalAddress
itemprop="telephone"	The telephone number.	ContactPoint
itemprop="ratingValue"	The rating for the content.	Rating
itemprop="bestRating"	The best possible rating.	Rating
itemprop="reviewCount"	The number of reviews obtained.	AggregateRating

6.3 The mark-up

Utilising review mark-up and combining Local Business schema:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/LocalBusiness">
  <span itemprop="name">[business name]</span>
  <div itemprop="address" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/PostalAddress">
    <span itemprop="streetAddress">[street name]</span>
    <span itemprop="addressLocality">[locality]</span>,
    <span itemprop="addressRegion">[region]</span>
    <span itemprop="postalCode">[postal code]</span>
  </div>
  <span itemprop="telephone">[telephone number]</span>
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>/
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[highest rating]</span> stars from
    <span itemprop="reviewCount">[total number of reviews]</span> users.
  </div>
</div>
```



Further Reading: [Rich Snippets for Local Search](#) – Google Maps, [LocalBusiness](#) & [PostalAddress](#) – Schema.org, [Local Business Schema Tool](#) – microData generator

7. Use Recipe Mark-up to Generate Appetising Rich Snippets

7.1 Example live snippet

Another more developed Schema.org type is Recipe, which allows for the development of rich snippets like the below:



There are a lot more elements however taken from the Recipe schema which determine visibility in Google's recipe search - <http://www.google.com/landing/recipes/>

7.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
<code>http://www.schema.org/Recipe</code>	Describes a recipe.
<code>http://www.schema.org/NutritionInformation</code>	Describes the nutrition information of a recipe.
<code>http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating</code>	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
<code>itemprop="name"</code>	The name of the item being marked up.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="image"</code>	URL of an image of the item.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="author"</code>	The author of this content.	CreativeWork
<code>itemprop="description"</code>	A short description of the item.	<i>All</i>
<code>itemprop="ingredients"</code>	An ingredient used in the recipe.	Recipe
<code>itemprop="recipeCategory"</code>	The category of the recipe e.g. starter.	Recipe
<code>itemprop="recipeCuisine"</code>	The cuisine of the recipe e.g. Chinese	Recipe
<code>itemprop="recipeYield"</code>	The quantity produced by the recipe.	Recipe

<code>itemprop="cookTime"</code>	The time it takes to cook the dish in ISO duration format.	Recipe
<code>itemprop="prepTime"</code>	The length of time it takes to prepare the recipe.	Recipe
<code>itemprop="calories"</code>	The number of calories.	NutritionInformation
<code>itemprop="fatContent"</code>	The number of grams of fat.	NutritionInformation
<code>itemprop="recipeInstructions"</code>	The steps to make the dish.	Recipe
<code>itemprop="ratingValue"</code>	The rating for the content.	Rating
<code>itemprop="bestRating"</code>	The best possible rating.	Rating
<code>itemprop="reviewCount"</code>	The number of reviews obtained.	AggregateRating

7.3 The mark-up

Utilising review mark-up and combining the recipe schema:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Recipe">
  <span itemprop="author">[author name]</span>
  <span itemprop="datePublished" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">[publication date]</span>
  <span itemprop="name">[recipe name]</span>
  
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[highest possible rating]</span> stars from
    <span itemprop="reviewCount">[total number of reviews]</span> users.
  </div>
  <span itemprop="description">[a description of the recipe]</span>
  <ul>
    <li itemprop="ingredients">[ingredient 1]</li>
    <li itemprop="ingredients">[ingredient 2]</li>
    <li itemprop="ingredients">[ingredient 3]</li>
    ...
  </ul>
  <span itemprop="recipeCategory"><a href="[url to recipe category]">[recipe category]</a></span>
  <span itemprop="recipeCuisine"><a href="[url to recipe cuisine category]">[recipe cuisine]</a></span>
  <span itemprop="recipeYield">[recipe yield]</span>
  <span itemprop="cookTime" content="[ISO duration format e.g. PT2H45M]">[cooking time]</span>
  <span itemprop="prepTime" content="[ISO duration format e.g. PT45M]">[prep time]</span>
  <div itemprop="nutrition" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/NutritionInformation">
    <span itemprop="calories">[total calories]</span>
    <span itemprop="fatContent">[grams of fat]</span>
  </div>
  <ol itemprop="recipeInstructions">
    <li>1. [Instruction 1]...</li>
  </ol>
</div>
```

7.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:

[Best Apple Crumble Recipe](#)

 www.example.com/example.html - [Cached](#)

★★★★★ 46 reviews - 1 hr 30 mins - 600 cal

The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.



Further Reading: [Recipe](#) & [NutritionInformation](#) – Schema.org, [Recipe Schema Tool](#) – microDATA generator, [Rich Snippet Recipes](#) – Google Webmaster Help

8. Add Authenticity & Trust to Mobile App Listings

8.1 Example snippet

[Angry Birds - Android Apps on Google Play](#)
 play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rovio.angrybirds&hl=en - [Cached](#)
 ★★★★☆ 1,337,402 votes - Free - Android
 8 Aug 2012 – Use the unique powers of the **Angry Birds** to destroy the greedy pigs' fortresses! The survival of the **Angry Birds** is at stake. Dish out revenge on ...

8.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/MobileApplication	Describes a Mobile application.
http://www.schema.org/Organization	Describes an organization.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	All
itemprop="image"	URL of an image of the item.	All
itemprop="author"	The author of this content.	CreativeWork
itemprop="description"	A short description of the item.	All
itemprop="url"	The URL for the item.	All
itemprop="datePublished"	The publication/broadcast date of the item.	CreativeWork
itemprop="operatingSystems"	The operating systems supported.	SoftwareApplication
itemprop="fileSize"	Size of the application.	SoftwareApplication
itemprop="interactionCount"	A count of a specific user interaction with this item.	CreativeWork
itemprop="contentRating"	Official rating for a piece of content.	CreativeWork
itemprop="ratingValue"	The rating for the content.	Rating
itemprop="bestRating"	The best possible rating.	Rating
itemprop="ratingCount"	The number of ratings obtained.	AggregateRating

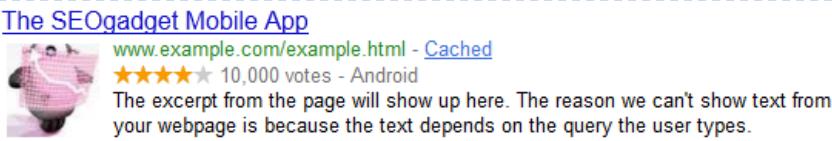
8.3 The mark-up

Applying Mobile Application mark-up:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MobileApplication">
  
  <span itemprop="name">[name of the mobile application]</span> -
  <div itemprop="author" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Organization">
    <a itemprop="url" href="[author url]"><span itemprop="name">[developer name]</span></a>
  </div>
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>/
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[highest possible rating]</span> stars from
    <span itemprop="ratingCount">[total number of ratings]</span> users.
  </div>
  <time itemprop="datePublished" datetime="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">[publication date]</time>
  <span itemprop="operatingSystems">[supported operating system]</span>
  <meta itemprop="fileSize" content="[file size e.g. 14MB]" />
  <meta itemprop="interactionCount" content="[number of user downloads] UserDownloads">
  <span itemprop="contentRating">[content rating e.g. Low Maturity]</span>
  <span itemprop="description">[description of the mobile application]</span>
</div>
```

8.4 The test...

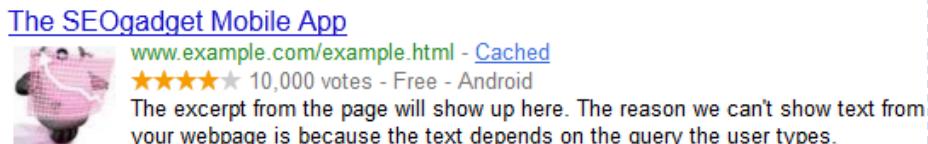
Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:



8.5 Extending this mark-up

By combining some properties from schema.org/Offers we can add a price to the snippet. Just add the below mark up:

```
<div itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Offer">
  <span itemprop="price">0</span>
</div>
```



Further Reading: [MobileApplication](#) – Schema.org, [Rich Snippets for Apps: a New Way to be Seen in SERPs](#) – SEWatch generator, [Rich Snippets: Software Applications](#) – Google Webmaster Help

9. Promote Software Applications in Search Results

9.1 Example live snippet

[Classic Shell | Free software downloads at SourceForge.net](http://sourceforge.net/projects/classicshell/)
 sourceforge.net/projects/classicshell/ - Cached
 ★★★★☆ 962 votes - Free - Windows
 Classic Shell adds some missing features to Windows 7 and Vista like a classic start menu, toolbar for Explorer and others.

Software Application mark-up is very similar to Mobile; however there are some additional features that can be included to develop this snippet.

9.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/SoftwareApplication	Describes a Mobile application.
http://www.schema.org/Organization	Describes an organization.
http://www.schema.org/AggregateRating	The average rating based on multiple ratings or reviews.
http://www.schema.org/Offer	Describes a products offer details.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	All
itemprop="image"	URL of an image of the item.	All
itemprop="author"	The author of this content.	CreativeWork
itemprop="description"	A short description of the item.	All
itemprop="url"	The URL for the item.	CreativeWork
itemprop="datePublished"	The publication/broadcast date of the item.	CreativeWork
itemprop="operatingSystems"	The operating systems supported.	SoftwareApplication
itemprop="fileSize"	Size of the application.	SoftwareApplication
itemprop="interactionCount"	A count of a specific user interaction	CreativeWork

itemprop="contentRating"	with this item.	
itemprop="ratingValue"	Official rating for a piece of content.	CreativeWork
itemprop="bestRating"	The rating for the content.	Rating
itemprop="ratingCount"	The best possible rating.	Rating
itemprop="price"	The number of ratings obtained.	AggregateRating
	The price of the item.	Offer

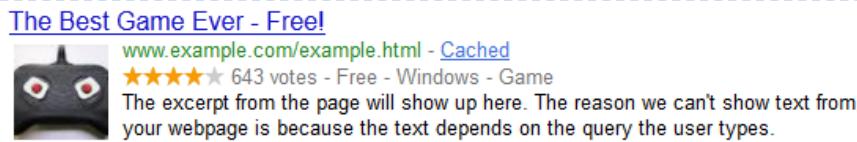
9.3 The mark-up

Utilising Software Application mark-up:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/SoftwareApplication">
  
  <span itemprop="name">[name of application]</span> -
  <div itemprop="author" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Organization">
    <a itemprop="url" href="[author url]"><span itemprop="name">[developer name]</span></a>
  </div>
  <div itemprop="aggregateRating" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/AggregateRating">
    <span itemprop="ratingValue">[rating given]</span>/
    <span itemprop="bestRating">[highest possible rating]</span> stars from
    <span itemprop="ratingCount">[total number of ratings]</span> users.
  </div>
  <div itemprop="offers" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Offer">
    <span itemprop="price">[price]</span>
  </div>
  <span itemprop="description">[description of application]</span>
  <a itemprop="downloadURL" href="[download url]">Download</a>
  <time itemprop="datePublished" datetime="[date in ISO format e.g. 2012-04-15]">[publication date]</time>
  <span itemprop="operatingSystems">[supported operating systems]</span>
  <span itemprop="applicationCategory">[category]</span>
  <meta itemprop="fileSize" content="[file size e.g. 14MB]" />
  <meta itemprop="interactionCount" content="[number of downloads] UserDownloads">
</div>
```

9.4 The test...

Filling in the blanks, the resulting snippet using the structured data testing tool should resemble something like this:



Further Reading: [SoftwareApplication](#) – Schema.org, [Rich Snippets: Software applications](#) – Google Webmaster Help

10. Tell Us About Yourself with Person Mark-up

10.1 Example snippet

```
Daniel Butler - SEOgadget.com
www.example.com/
London UK - Senior SEO Consultant
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your
webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.
```

10.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
<code>http://www.schema.org/Person</code>	Describes a person (living, dead or fictional)
<code>http://www.schema.org/PostalAddress</code>	The location of the event or organization.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
<code>itemprop="name"</code>	The name of the item being marked up.	<code>All</code>
<code>itemprop="image"</code>	URL of an image of the person.	<code>All</code>
<code>itemprop="jobTitle"</code>	The job title of the person	<code>Person</code>
<code>itemprop="address"</code>	Physical address of the person.	<code>PostalAddress</code>
<code>itemprop="addressLocality"</code>	The address locality of the person.	<code>PostalAddress</code>
<code>itemprop="addressRegion"</code>	The region in which the person resides	<code>PostalAddress</code>
<code>itemprop="postalCode"</code>	The postal code.	<code>PostalAddress</code>
<code>itemprop="telephone"</code>	The person's telephone number.	<code>Person</code>
<code>itemprop="email"</code>	The person's email address.	<code>Person</code>

10.3 The mark-up

Utilising Person mark-up:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Person">
    <span itemprop="name">[person's name]</span>
    
    <span itemprop="jobTitle">[job title]</span>
    <div itemprop="address" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/PostalAddress">
        <span itemprop="addressLocality">[locality]</span>
        <span itemprop="addressRegion">[region]</span>
        <span itemprop="postalCode">[postal code]</span>
    </div>
    <span itemprop="telephone">[telephone number]</span>
    <a href="mailto:[email address]" itemprop="email">jane-doe@xyz.edu</a>
</div>
```



Further Reading: [Person – Schema.org](#), [Rich Snippets: People – Google Webmaster Help](#)

11. Sell Tickets for Multiple Events with a Single Search Listing

11.1 Example snippet

Live examples of Schema.org/Event are very scarce at the moment, with the majority of sites opting for Microdata, Microformats or RDFa equivalent mark-up.

Schema.org Event Example

www.example.com/

The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text ...

Sat, Mar 16 [Event 1](#) - Shoreditch, London, UK
 Sat, May 18 [Event 2](#) - Shoreditch, London, UK

Up to 3 entries of Event mark-up can be seen within the rich snippet.

11.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/Event	Describes an upcoming event

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	All
itemprop="url"	URL of the item.	All
itemprop="location"	The location of the event.	Event
itemprop="startDate"	The start date and time of the event.	Event

11.3 The mark-up

Utilising Event mark-up:

```
<div itemprop="event" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Event">
    <a href="[event url]" itemprop="url">
        <span itemprop="name">[event name]</span>
    </a>
    <span itemprop="location">[event location]</span>
    <meta itemprop="startDate" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2013-03-16]">
</div>

<div itemprop="event" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/Event">
    <a href="[event url]" itemprop="url">
        <span itemprop="name">[event name]</span>
    </a>
    <span itemprop="location">[event location]</span>
    <meta itemprop="startDate" content="[date in ISO format e.g. 2013-03-16]">
</div>
```



Further Reading: [Event](#) – Schema.org, [Rich Snippets: Events](#) – Google Webmaster Help

12. Dramatically Increase Size of Search Results for Audio Coverage

12.1 Example snippet

Bullet For My Valentine Kostenlose Musik, Tourdaten, Fotos, Videos	
www.myspace.com/bulletformyvalentine	
The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.	
Track	Duration
Fever	3:56
Bittersweet Memories	5:07
Your Betrayal	4:52
The Last Fight	4:17

12.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/MusicPlaylist	A collection of music tracks in a playlist form.
http://www.schema.org/MusicRecording	A single song or track.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	All
itemprop="numTracks"	Number of tracks in the album/playlist	MusicPlaylist
itemprop="track"	A single track.	MusicPlaylist
itemprop="byArtist"	The artist that performed this album or track.	MusicRecording
itemprop="url"	The URL of the item.	All
itemprop="duration"	The length of the track or album.	MusicRecording

12.3 The mark-up

Up to four tracks can be displayed within the rich snippet:

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MusicPlaylist">
  <span itemprop="name">[playlist/album name]</span>
  <meta itemprop="numTracks" content="[number of tracks]" />

  <div itemprop="track" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MusicRecording">
    1.<span itemprop="name">[track name]</span> -
    <span itemprop="byArtist">[artist name]</span>
    <meta content="[url]" itemprop="url" />
    <meta content="[time in ISO format i.e. PT4M45S]" itemprop="duration" />
  </div>

  <div itemprop="track" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MusicRecording">
    2.<span itemprop="name">[track name]</span> -
    <span itemprop="byArtist">[artist name]</span>
    <meta content="[url]" itemprop="url" />
    <meta content="[time in ISO format i.e. PT4M45S]" itemprop="duration" />
  </div>

  <div itemprop="track" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MusicRecording">
    3.<span itemprop="name">[track name]</span> -
    <span itemprop="byArtist">[artist name]</span>
    <meta content="[url]" itemprop="url" />
    <meta content="[time in ISO format i.e. PT4M45S]" itemprop="duration" />
  </div>

  <div itemprop="track" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/MusicRecording">
    4.<span itemprop="name">[track name]</span> -
    <span itemprop="byArtist">[artist name]</span>
    <meta content="[url]" itemprop="url" />
    <meta content="[time in ISO format i.e. PT4M45S]" itemprop="duration" />
  </div>
</div>
```

12.4 The test:

Please note, due to the 1500 character length within the testing tool, only two tracks can be displayed:

[Listen to Metallica Online](#)
www.example.com/

The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

Track	Duration
Enter Sandman	5:32
Fade To Black	6:57

12.5 Extending this mark-up

This mark-up can be extended further by combining the album name that each track belongs to, which in turn would also be displayed within the rich snippet. For each track listing just add the following line of code:

```
<meta content="[album name]" itemprop="inAlbum" />
```

Listen to Metallica Online

www.example.com/

The excerpt from the page will show up here. The reason we can't show text from your webpage is because the text depends on the query the user types.

Track	Duration	Album
Enter Sandman	5:32	The Black Album
Fade To Black	6:57	Ride The Lightning

 Further Reading: [MusicPlaylist](#) & [MusicRecording](#) – Schema.org, [Rich Snippets: Music](#) – Google Webmaster Help

13. Generate Rich Media Listings with Video Mark-up

13.1 Example live rich media snippet

Using the Adwords Excel Extension for Keyword Research - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOm8MN8wZjc

Sep 8, 2011 - Uploaded by SEOgadget

Statistics Report. Uploaded on Sep 8, 2011. **How to use the SEOgadget** Excel Extension for Google Adwords ...

13.2 Considerations

Please note that the utilisation of Micro Data and Schema.org is not enough to convert video content into the above rich media listing in search results.

This mark-up should also be combined with:

- Video XML sitemaps
- Unique text content including video title, description, thumbnail - different to that seen elsewhere on the web (including YouTube).

13.2 The core mark-up features at a glance:

itemtype attributes utilised:

Itemtype:	Description
http://www.schema.org/VideoObject	A collection of music tracks in a playlist form.

itemprop attributes utilised:

Itemprop:	Description	Property of
itemprop="name"	The name of the item being marked up.	All
itemprop="duration"	Number of tracks in the album/playlist	MediaObject
itemprop="thumbnail"	A thumbnail image for a video or image.	ImageObject
itemprop="description"	Description of the item.	All

13.3 The mark-up

```
<div itemprop="video" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/VideoObject">
  <span itemprop="name">[video name]</span>
  <meta itemprop="duration" content="[duration in ISO format e.g. T1M33S]" />
  <meta itemprop="thumbnail" content="[thumbnail-url]" />
  [video object]
  <span itemprop="description">[video description]</span>
</div>
```



Further Reading: [VideoObject](#) - Schema.org, [Schema.org markup for videos](#) – Google Webmaster Help, [Getting Video Results in Google](#) - Distilled

14. Create Interactive Breadcrumb Trails for your Search Listings

14.1 Example live snippet

Red Hot Chili Peppers Tickets - Ticketmaster
[www.ticketmaster.co.uk](#) › Home › [Music Tickets](#) › Rock/Pop
★★★★★ Rating: 4.5 - 558 votes
Buy Red Hot Chili Peppers tickets from the Official Ticketmaster UK site. Find Red Hot Chili Peppers tour dates, event details, reviews and much more.

Currently the Schema.org mark-up does not yet lead to the above rich URL format being presented unlike other formats such as Micro Data and RDFa, although hopefully will in the near future.

14.2 Schema.org Version

```
<div itemprop="breadcrumb">
    <a href="#">[page name]</a> >
    <a href="#">[page name]</a> >
    <a href="#">[page name]</a>
</div>
```

14.3 Standalone Micro Data

```
<div itemscope itemtype="http://data-vocabulary.org/Breadcrumb">
    <a href="#" itemprop="url">
        <span itemprop="title">[page name]</span>
    </a> >
</div>
<div itemscope itemtype="http://data-vocabulary.org/Breadcrumb">
    <a href="#" itemprop="url">
        <span itemprop="title">[page name]</span>
    </a> >
</div>
<div itemscope itemtype="http://data-vocabulary.org/Breadcrumb">
    <a href="#" itemprop="url">
        <span itemprop="title">[page name]</span>
    </a>
</div>
```



Further Reading: [Rich snippets - Breadcrumbs](#) – Google Webmaster Help

TOOLS & USEFUL RESOURCES

Tools

- [Structured Data Testing Tool](#) - Google
- [Schema Creator](#) – Raven Tools
- [Schema.org & Micro Data Generator](#) – microDATAGenerator
- [Markup Validation Tool](#) – Bing
- [Rich Snippets Testing Tool Bookmarklet](#) – AJ Kohn
- [The Semantic Web Index](#) - Sindice

Plug-ins

Wordpress

- [Schema Creator](#) – Raven
- [Wordpress SEO by Yoast](#) – Joost de Valk
- [WordLift](#)

Magento

- [Schema.org Extension](#) – luvo Commerce
- [MSemantic: Semantic SEO for Rich Snippets in Google & Yahoo](#) – semantium

Joomla

- [J4Schema](#) – Davide Tampellini

Drupal

- [Schema.org](#) – Drupal

Useful Resources

- [The Type Hierarchy](#) – Schema.org
- [Rich snippets submission form](#) – Google
- [HTML Microdata](#) – W3C
- [Schema.org FAQ](#) – Google Webmaster Help
- [getSchema.org](#)
- [An SEO's guide to schema.org](#) – Raven Tools
- [Schema.org – Why You're Behind if You're Not Using It](#) – SEOMoz
- [Rich Snippets for Local Search](#) – Google
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