

Using Google Analytics to Drive Results

Introductions

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What We'll Cover

- NTEN.org's 2008-2009 Website Goals
- Web Metrics Foundations
- Metrics in Action
- How Google Analytics Informed NTEN.org's Redesign
- Question & Answer



In the beginning...

Nobody knew what they were doing.

As a result, web sites were simple...



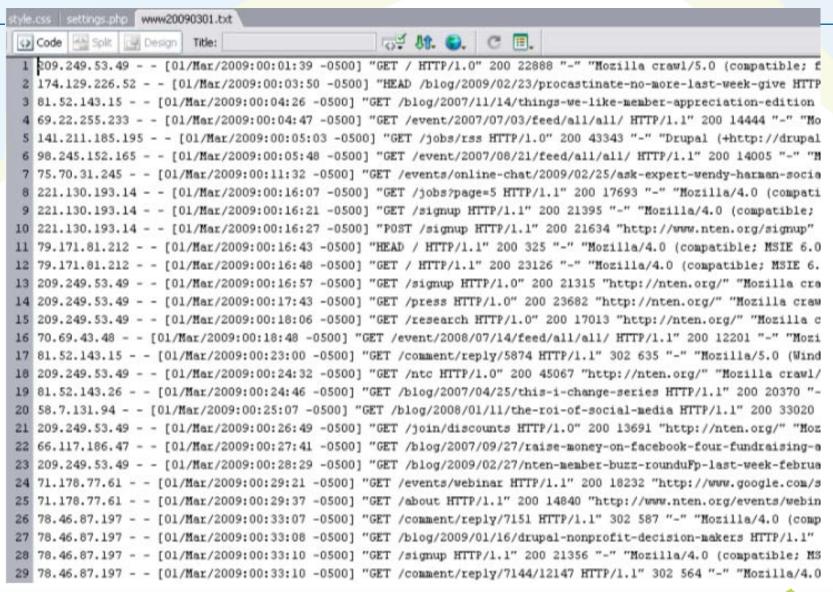
Your Web Site is Not a Panacea

It will not meet your mission for you, but it can help.

Before you can measure your site's success, you need to articulate what online success means for your organization.

It also depends on what you can (and know how to) analyze.







NTEN.org 2008-2009 Goals

400,000 Site Visits (60% growth)

10% improvement in bounce rate, year-over-year

Time on site: 3:00 average (2008: 2:43)

New: returning visitors ratio: 3:2 (60% new visitors, 40% returning)



And now, to complicate things...

- Organizational Goals
 - What Brett said
 - Pertain to what your organization is trying to accomplish online
- Google Analytics Goals
 - Operationalized in a very specific way
 - Pertain to reporting within Google Analytics
 - To be most effective they should correspond to the Organizational Goals above



Defining Goals in Google Analytics

If you haven't already, do this.

- Conversions: the way that Google Analytics measures conversions is by counting the number of specified target pages reached
 - a. Registration Thank You page
 - b. Donation Thank You page
- Engagement: two new goal types are offered, both of which are considered an engagement proxy
 - a. Time on site
 - b. Number of pages visited



Bounce Rates

The percentage of visits where the visitor enters your site and then exits without visiting any other pages.

(With rare exceptions) a "bad thing."

- Indicate:
 - Referrers which are "selling your site short"

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Low performing landing pages



Traffic Sources

How people are getting to your site

- Referring URLs
- Search Phrases
- Campaigns
 - Email Campaigns
 - Pay Per Click Campaigns



Landing Pages

The first pages site visitors reach when visiting your site.

Think beyond the homepage.

Top landing pages are just as important as the homepage, and need to do similar work.

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Site Overlay

Shows the number of clicks on each link within a page.

Take a look at this for all your top landing pages.

What to look for:

- Top clicked links
- Look at links which lead to conversions



Metrics Don't Work in Isolation...

Aggregate numbers – total bounce rate, top landing pages, top referrers, etc. – are not nearly as informative as comparing multiple dimensions.

- Goals per Referrer
- Bounce Rates per Landing Page



LET'S TAKE A LOOK



Advanced Segmentation (brand new!)

Your site does not speak to one single audience.

Break out your site visitors by:

- Sources
- Behavior
- Outcomes

Google has included some preset segments to get you started.

Example segments...



Selected NTEN.org 2010 Goals

- 10,000 new Newsletter subscribers
- < 50% Bounce Rate for Non-Blog Pages</p>
- > 7% of site traffic from social media
- < 40% Bounce Rate for Event Landing Pages</p>











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Submitted by Annaliese on Mon, 11/02/2009 - 9:06am.



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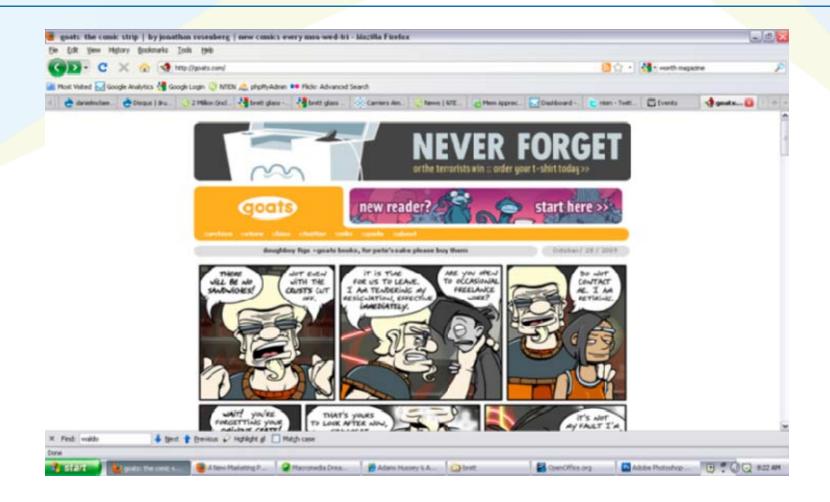
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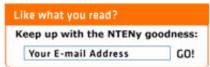
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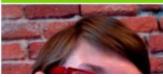
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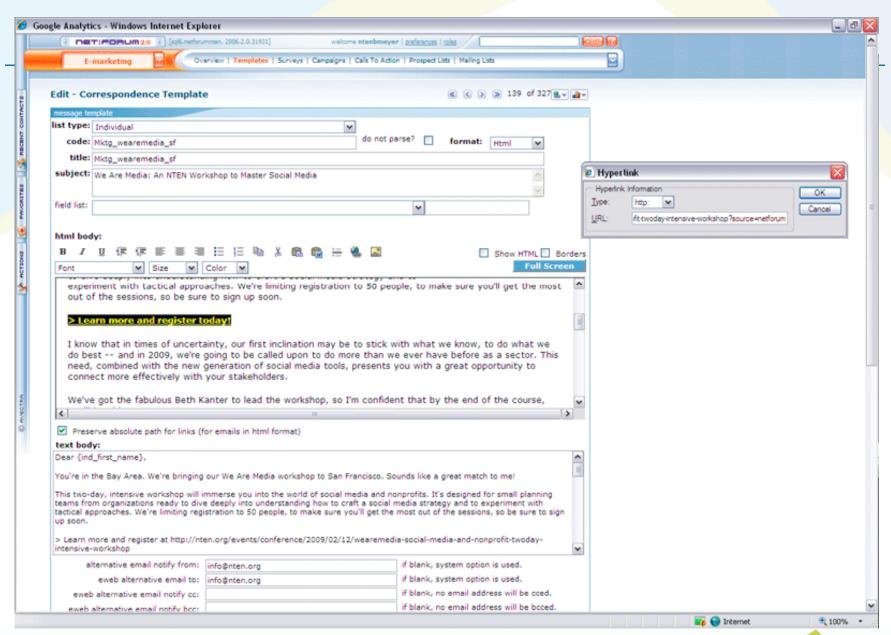
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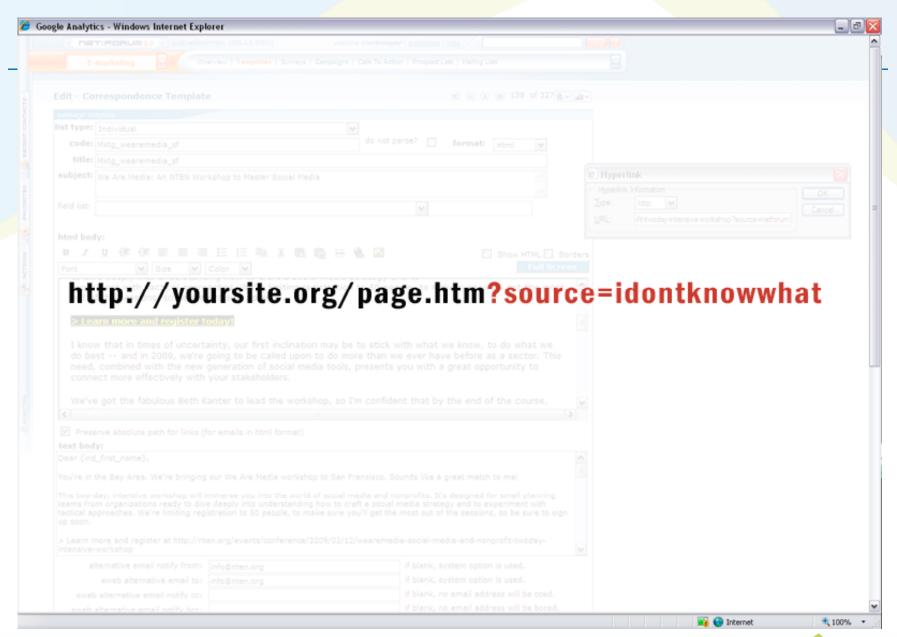
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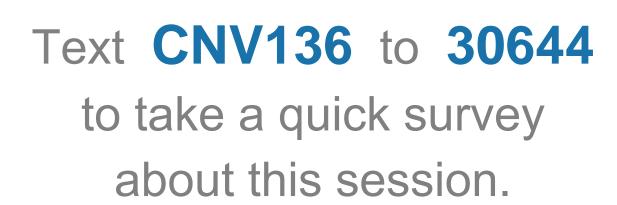






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