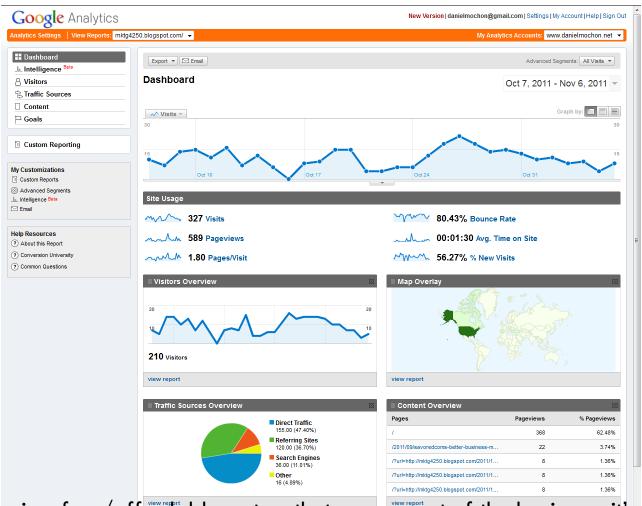
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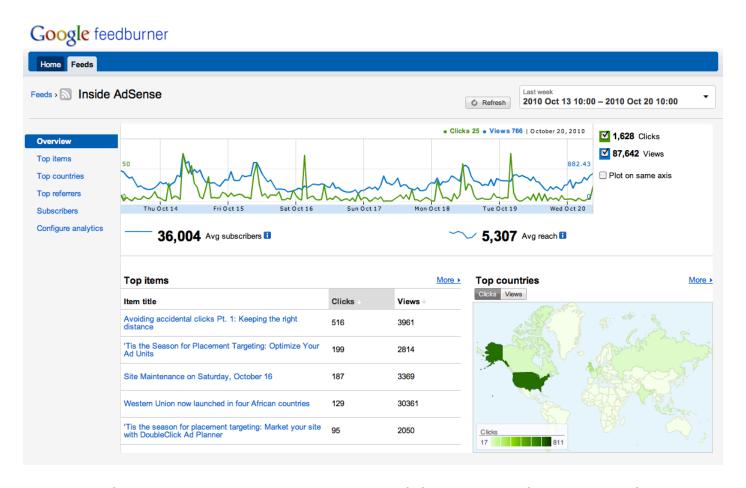
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Pick the right tools



Google Analytics is a free/affordable system that covers most of the basics, so it's a good place to start

Think about how people find your content



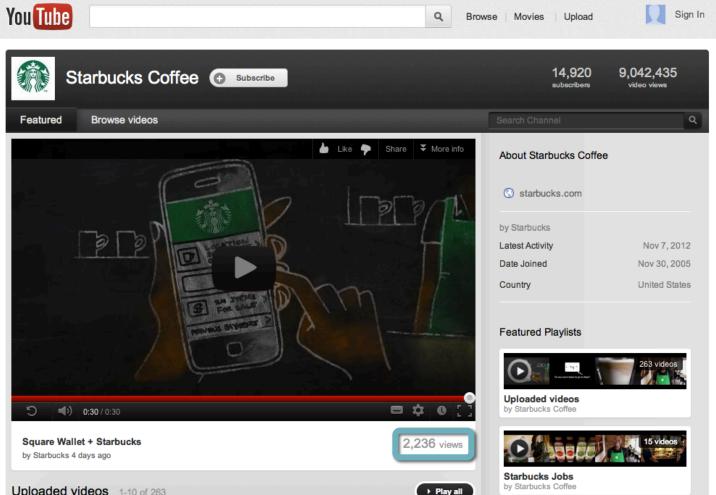
Do people search for you, or do you have a lot of followers? If you have followers, tools exist to track the reach of a blog/feed. Google bought feedburner; they don't put many resources into it, but it can still be quite useful.

Twitter reach



Followers is an easy marker of Twitter reach. Twitter does not filter tweets, so everyone can see all of them.

YouTube reach



Likewise with views on Youtube; there is some proprietary calculation involved to reach that number, but it's a good estimate.

YouTube reach over time

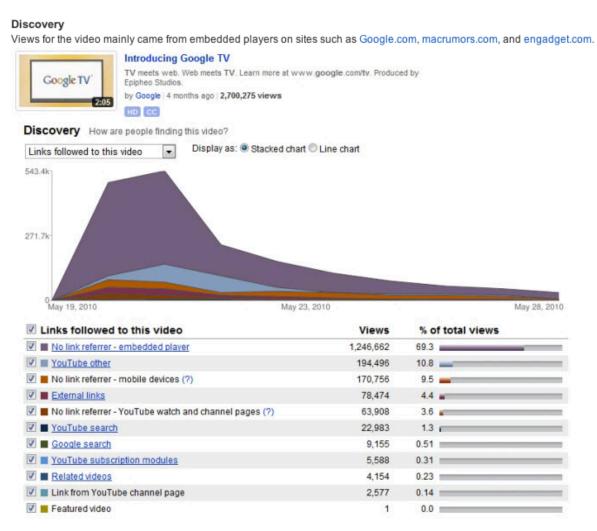
Views & Popularity

The marketing video introducing Google TV has attracted 2.7 million video views. At its height, the video attracted around 500,000 daily views.



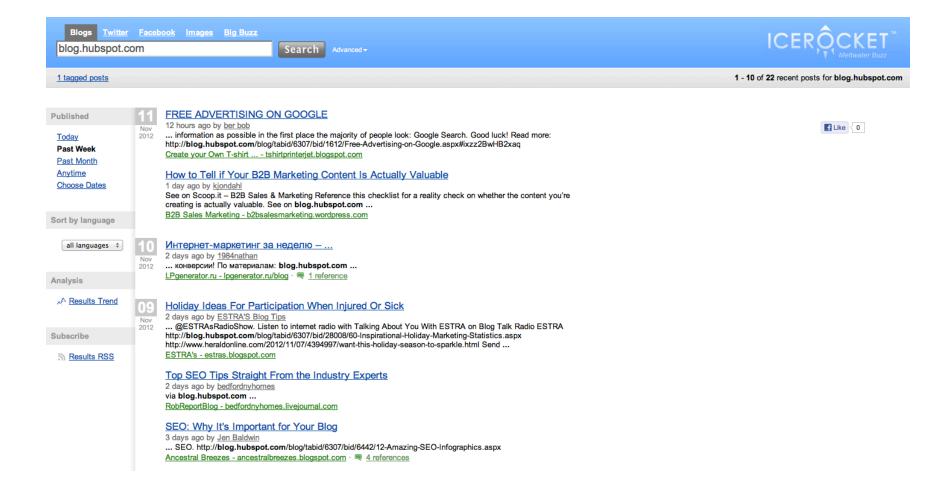
If you post a video to YouTube, you have access to YouTube analytics, which can tell you a lot about your videos' reach.

YouTube reach over time



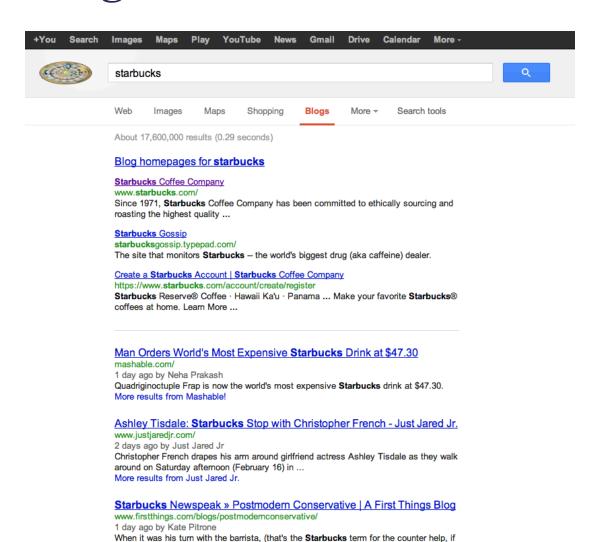
You can also track the source of your viewers and see if it changes over time.

Other blogs and influence

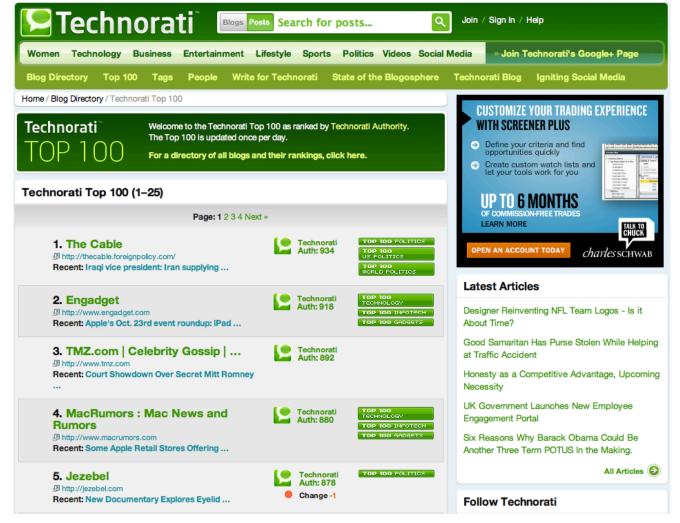


You can use blog search engines to see which blogs talk about or refer to yours.

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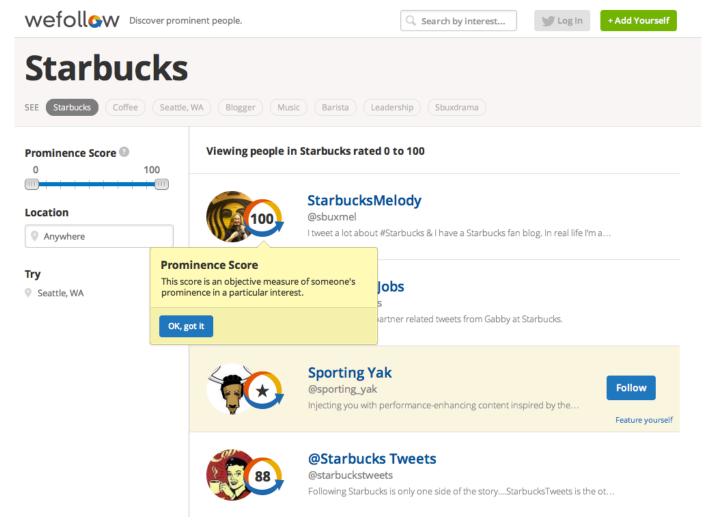


Your blog's influence



If your blog is popular enough, you can check out its popularity on sites like Technorati.

Influential followers and retweets



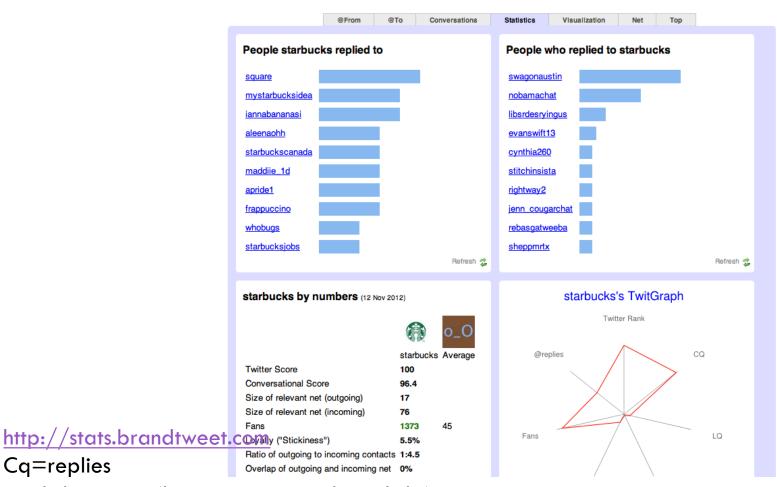
Tools like WeFollow allow you to see if any especially influential people follow you.

Blog engagement

- Subscribing to your blog reveals engagement
 - Sharing it is even better
 - Bookmarking it on Delicious, tagging it, or sharing it on Reddit or Digg is even better still
- The true sign of engagement is whether they are engaged in a conversation with you
 - Conversation rate: # of visitors comment/# of posts
- Similar metric can apply to engagement with forums

Tools for Twitter engagement





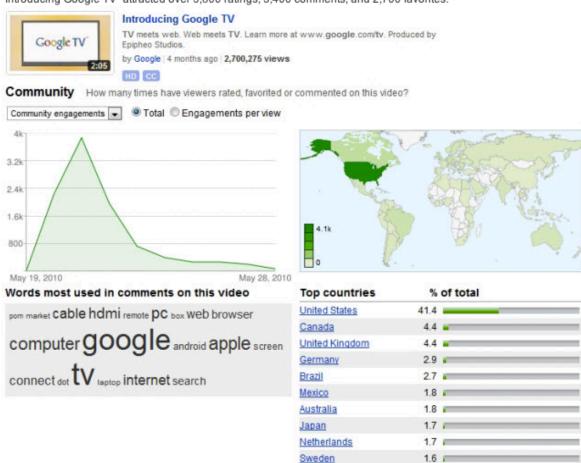
Lq=linkquotient (how many tweets have links)

Cq=replies

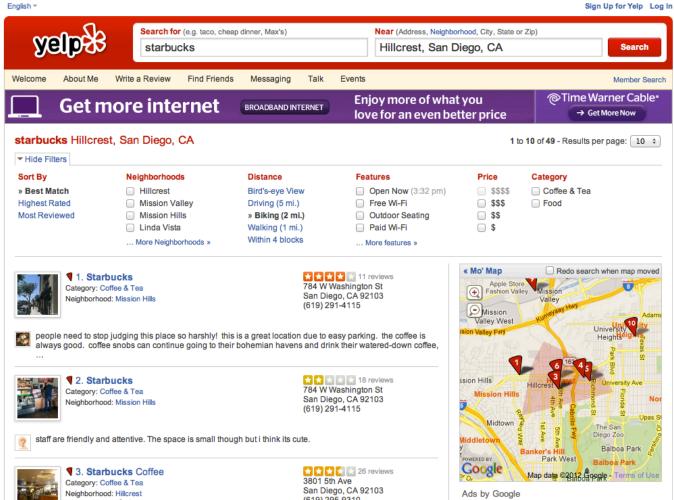
YouTube insights

Community Engagement

"Introducing Google TV" attracted over 5,800 ratings, 3,400 comments, and 2,700 favorites.



Yelp and engagement



Yelp is a good source of spontaneous engagement—peoples choose to post their reviews there, so that tells you how engaged they truly feel.

Back of the envelope ROI

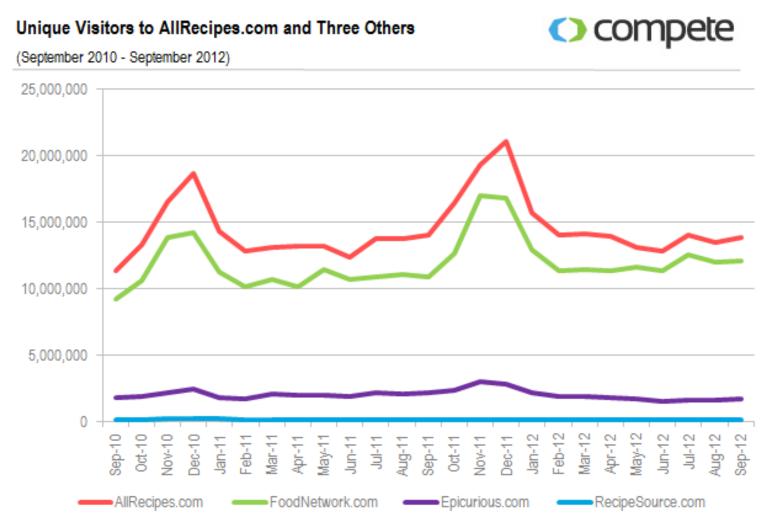
- For some businesses, calculating ROI is simple
 - Dell can calculate directly how much revenue they get from @DellOutlet; jetBlue can track sales of tickets through @jetBlueCheeps
- For most businesses, though, direct revenue is not available
 - Back of the envelope calculations can help
 - If you're a car company, and someone downloads a brochure, as the finance department what metrics are used to calculate ROI on a mailed brochure
 - If you have a blog, and someone subscribes, figure out how much it would cost to get a subscriber through other channels (e.g., buying a mailing list
 - If you're a movie production company, and 500,000 people watch your trailer on YouTube, find out how much a trailer in theaters would cost for that amount of reach

Context

Numbers are meaningless without context

- One way to provide context is to look at change over time
- Another way is to compare your performance against that of your competition
 - Many tools can facilitate this competitive analysis
 - Each one computes their metrics differently, so don't expect them to match up with your analytics data

Blog comparisons



Knowing how similar blogs fare in terms of traffic, etc., can tell you how your blog is doing.