

# Google Analytics and Wordpress

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# Google Analytics Tracking Script

- Usually you would have to copy/paste a script into the <head> area of your HTML code on every page
- The basic Google Analytics tracking script looks something like this:

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  var _gaq = _gaq || [];  
  _gaq.push(['_setAccount', 'UA-17701255-1']);  
  _gaq.push(['_trackPageview']);  
  (function() {  
    var ga = document.createElement('script'); ga.type = 'text/javascript'; ga.async = true;  
    ga.src = ('https:' == document.location.protocol ? 'https://ssl' : 'http://www') + '.google-analytics.com/ga.js';  
    var s = document.getElementsByTagName('script')[0]; s.parentNode.insertBefore(ga, s);  
  })();  
</script>
```

# Google Analytics with Wordpress

- In Wordpress the Google Analytics tracking script can be added to the website in a two ways:
  - manually adding the code to the header.php file of the current theme (if you change the theme, you'll have to make sure to add the code to the new theme)
  - using a Wordpress plugin to dynamically add the code (theme-independent, less chance of accidental removal of tracking code)

# Yoast Google Analytics For Wordpress

- The Yoast GA plugin can automatically add event tracking code to all outbound URLs or PDF download links, for example:

This...

```
<a href="http://orionweb.net/">Milwaukee SEO</a>
```

...would become this:

```
<a href="http://orionweb.net/"  
onclick="javascript:_gaq.push(['_trackEvent','outbound','orionweb.net']);">Milwaukee SEO</a>
```

- This extra code tracks visitor data in your Google Analytics profile, which can be useful for finding out which links are most popular

# Yoast Google Analytics For Wordpress

Video Introduction: <http://blip.tv/file/4049185>

Google Analytics for WordPress Introduction



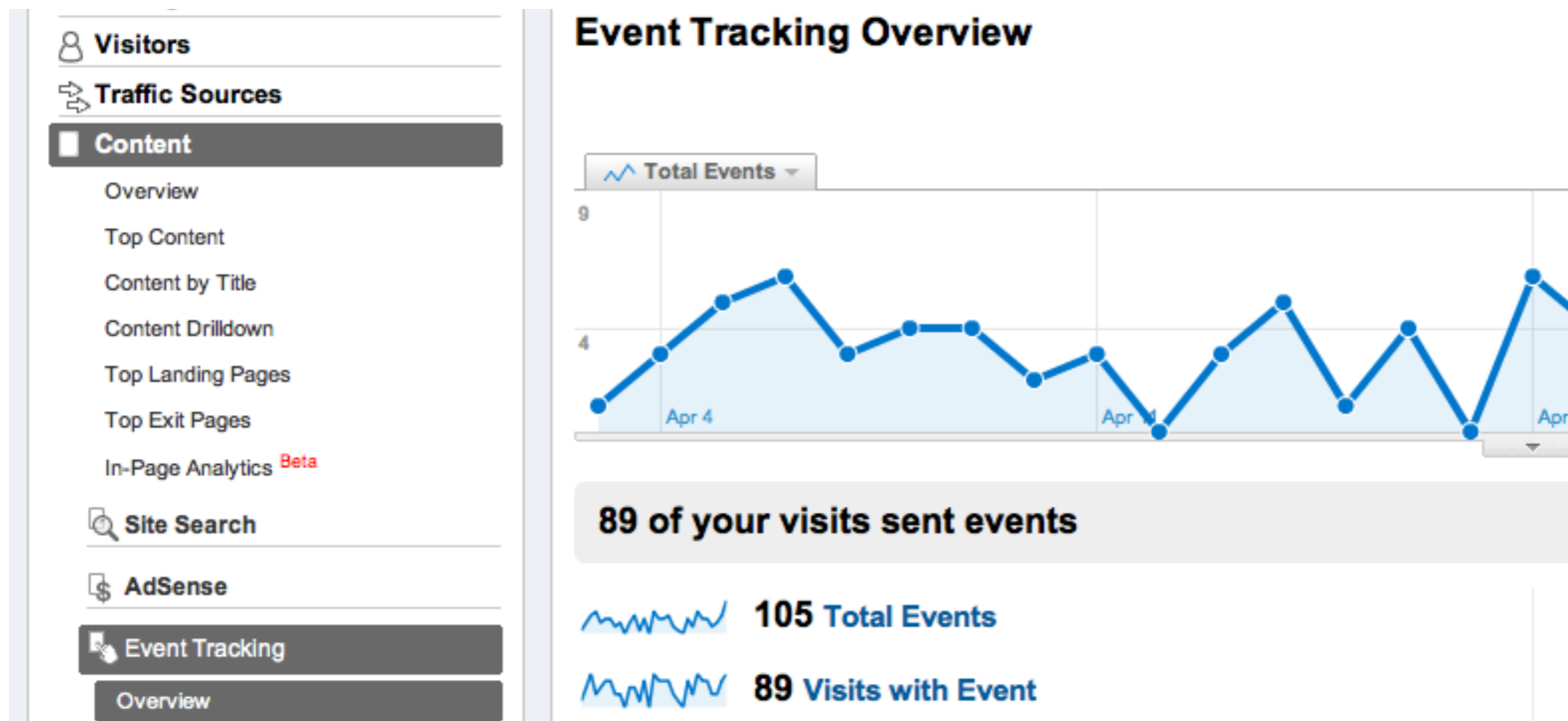
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# Google Analytics Event Tracking

- Event tracking data can be accessed from the left menu of Google Analytics: *Content > Event Tracking*



# Google Analytics Event Tracking

- View the category of the event being tracked

**219 total events were recorded via 5 event categories**

Events		Site Usage		Views:	
Total Events	Unique Events	Event Value	Avg. Value		
<b>219</b> % of Site Total: 104.29%	<b>166</b> % of Site Total: 103.11%	<b>0</b> % of Site Total: 0.00%	<b>0.00</b> Site Avg: 0.00 (0.00%)		
Event Category	Total Events ↓	Unique Events	Event Value	Avg. Value	
1. outbound-article	137	117	0	0.00	
2. Download	51	22	0	0.00	
3. External	28	25	0	0.00	
4. outbound-blogroll	2	1	0	0.00	
5. outbound-widget	1	1	0	0.00	

# Google Analytics Event Tracking

- View the actual URL visitors clicked on (for example, a PDF or external link)

**79 total events were recorded via 43 event labels**

Events		Site Usage
Total Events <b>79</b> % of Site Total: 36.07%	Unique Events <b>73</b> % of Site Total: 43.98%	Event Value <b>0</b> % of Site Total:
Event Label	Total Events ↓	
1. <a href="/2010-ad-scans/walmart-2010-ad-scan.pdf">/2010-ad-scans/walmart-2010-ad-scan.pdf</a>	7	
2. <a href="http://offord.me/best-buy">http://offord.me/best-buy</a>	5	
3. <a href="/2010-ad-scans/best-buy-2010-ad-scan.pdf">/2010-ad-scans/best-buy-2010-ad-scan.pdf</a>	4	
4. <a href="/2010-ad-scans/sears-2010-ad-scan.pdf">/2010-ad-scans/sears-2010-ad-scan.pdf</a>	4	
5. <a href="http://offord.me/target">http://offord.me/target</a>	4	



# Google Analytics Advanced Segments

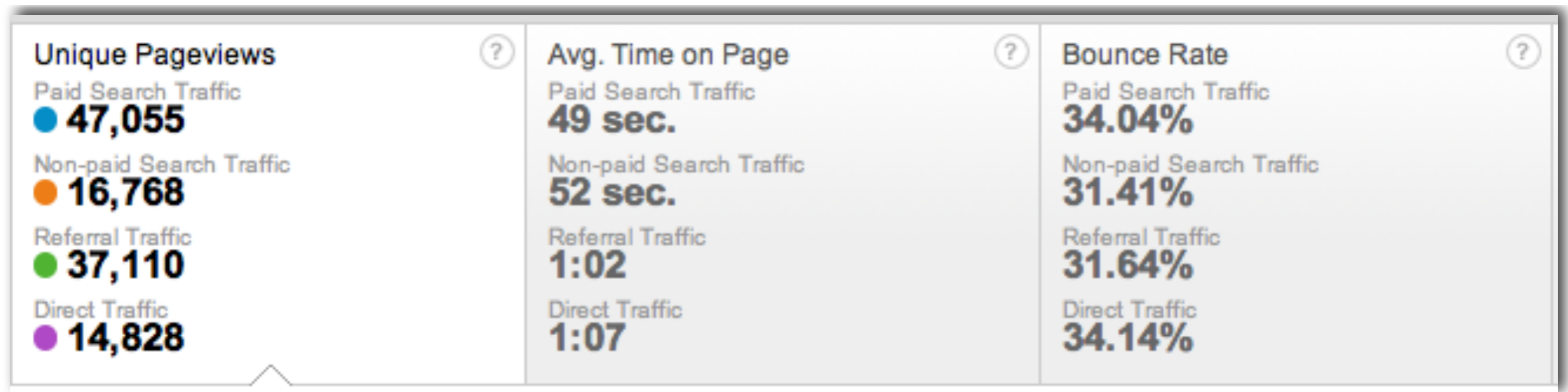
- In the new version of Google Analytics that has recently released, you can more easily see exactly where your traffic is coming from

The image shows two overlapping screenshots from the Google Analytics interface. The background screenshot displays the 'ADVANCED SEGMENTS' panel with the instruction 'Select up to four segments by which to filter your report'. Under 'Default Segments', the following segments are selected (checked): Paid Search Traffic, Non-paid Search Traffic, Direct Traffic, and Referral Traffic. The foreground screenshot shows the 'Visitors Overview' chart, which is a pie chart with the following data:

Traffic Source	Percentage of Total Visits
Paid Search Traffic	0.09%
Non-paid Search Traffic	76.88%
Referral Traffic	12.47%
Direct Traffic	9.70%

# Google Analytics Advanced Segments


- When viewing advanced segments, you can determine your best and worst performing traffic sources and learn how they interact with your website





# Google Analytics Advanced Segments

- If you've set up goal tracking in Google Analytics, with Advanced segments, you can determine your best conversion sources

## Goal Conversion Rate


 Paid Search Traffic: **2.99%**


 Non-paid Search Traffic: **5.66%**


 Referral Traffic: **63.63%**

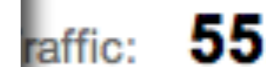
 Direct Traffic: **55.74%**

## Total Abandonment Rate

 Paid Search Traffic: **35.80%**

 Non-paid Search Traffic: **92.59%**


 Referral Traffic: **63.63%**

 Direct Traffic: **55.74%**

## Total Goal Completions

 Paid Search Traffic: **520**

 Non-paid Search Traffic: **413**

 Referral Traffic: **4,119**

 Direct Traffic: **2,271**

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