User Behaviour in the WebPAC: Insights from Google Analytics

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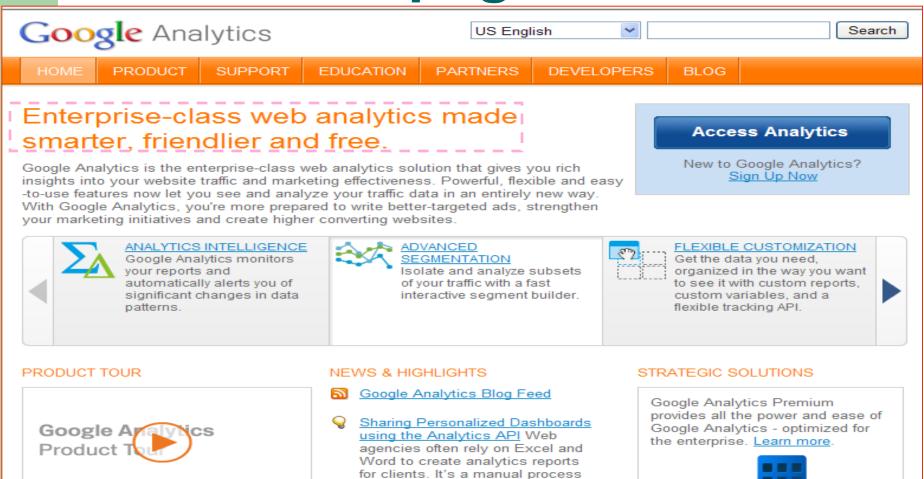
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Outline

- A. What is Google Analytics?
- B. Implementing Google Analytics on WebPAC The HKBU Library Experience

A. What is Google Analytics?

1. GA Homepage



2. GA – An Introduction

- A free service offered by Google that generates detailed statistics about visits to a website
- "It is the most widely used website statistics service, currently in use on around 57% of the 10,000 most popular websites. Another market share analysis claims that Google Analytics is used at around 49.95% of the top 1,000,000 websites"[1]

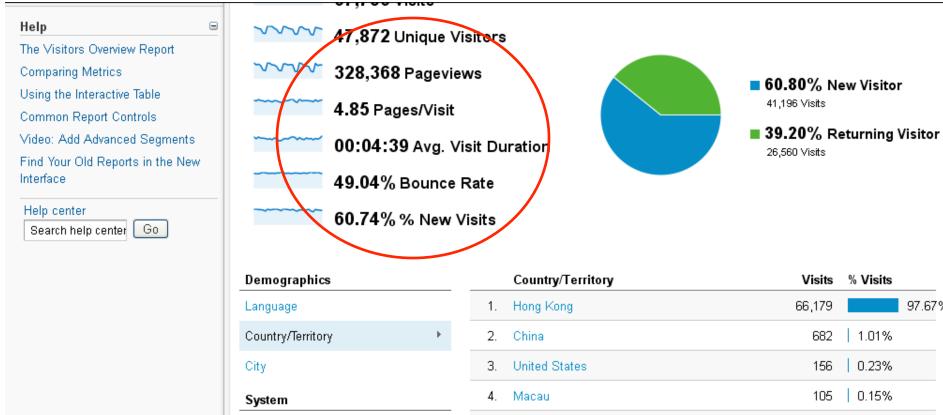
[1] Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Analytics

3a. GA Advantages

- Industry leading and standard tool internationally for measuring and comparing website traffic among different platforms/sites
- Free no hardware and software setup costs, subscription fee, or maintenance fee (for staffing, hardware, or software)

3b. GA Advantages

- Provides comprehensive and statistical data reports in real time
 - All Key Performance Indicators are given
- Provides a user friendly interface to browse statistical reports online.
 - "Powerful, flexible and easy-to-use features now let you see and analyse your traffic data in an entirely new way" – GA Homepage



Browser

Mobile

Operating System

Service Provider

Operating System

Service Provider

Screen Resolution

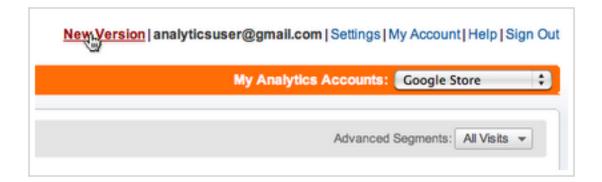
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3c. GA Advantages

- Recent major update to GA -- Google adding improvements on an ongoing basis
- For those who tried GA a few years ago, well worth checking out the many new features recently added.





Google Analytics Blog

Official blog for Google Analytics tips, tricks and news

Learn at the Google Analytics User Conference in Mexico City

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 | 10:20 AM

Labels: Training and Events



Buenos dias analistas!

Mexico City is hosting its first Google Analytics User Conference next week on Wednesday, April 25th. This event will be a full day of valuable sessions by leaders in the Latin American web analytics market and members of the Google Analytics product team. You can view the full agenda and register at www.gauc.mx

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Attendees will find helpful cor benefit from hearing about th Analytics. You can also choos concepts for making analytics features like Custom Variable everyone at this event.

Topics will include:

- Learn news and recent development at GA Blog
- GA User Group and Conference
- These are important criteria to evaluate the vitality of this online tool
- What's New & Fantastic in Google Analytics
- Web Analytics Measurement Planning
- Tan Management for Congle Analytics

Code and Configuration (38)

Content (3)

Conversion (4)

3d. GA Advantages

 Easy to implement for different databases and websites, with no daily / routine maintenance work

4. GA Implementation

- Very simple:
 - → no computer skills or programming knowledge required
 - → (almost) anyone can do it
- Sign up for a new GA account
- Copy and paste the personalized GA Tracking Code into the HTML of your website

4. GA Tracking Code

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<script type="text/javascript">
var gaJsHost = (("https:" == document.location.protocol) ?
"https://ssl." : "http://www.");
document.write(unescape("%3Cscript src='" + gaJsHost +
"google-analytics.com/qa.js' type='text/javascript'%3E%
3C/script%3E"));
</script>
<script type="text/javascript">
try{
var pageTracker = _gat._getTracker("UA-xxxxxx-x");
pageTracker._trackPageview();
} catch(err) {}
</script>
</script>
</script>
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</script>
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- To keep track of Millennium WebPAC traffic, GA
 Tracking Code may be added to the botlogo.html file as a global command
- Many people have raised privacy concerns over the use of GA

B. Implementing Google Analytics – The HKBU Library Experience

I. GA Privacy Concerns

- 1. Security of Transmitting Personal Data
- 2. Google's Promise
- 3. Should we trust Google?
- 4. Use of GA Code A Restriction
- 5. GA Redirect Script

1. Security of Transmitting Personal Data

- Unlike in-house analytics programmes, the use of GA necessarily means transmitting information to third-party servers
- GA does not provide reports on personally identifiable information (e.g. IP addresses), but there is concern about the data GA collects

2. Google's Promise

- Google promises not to associate GA data with other data they hold
- If users are especially opposed to having their visit tracked, they can install an opt-out add on to their browser



3. Should We Trust Google?

Even if we don't think of Google as "Evil", we do NOT have to trust Google, thus it is appropriate to:

- Confirm with relevant authorities that the use of GA is acceptable under the University's Privacy Policy
- Fully comply with Google's Privacy Policy:
 - Disclosure of the use of GA in the Library's Online
 Personal Information Collection Statement
 - Provision of link to Opt-out Browser Add-on

4a. Use of GA Code – Additional Restriction

- In addition, a more rigid and secure policy is followed by HKBU Library.
- GA code will not be executed on any page that requires users to enter personal data or disclose personal information, e.g. My Library Account – including the login page, and page display checkout items

4b. Use of GA Code – Additional Restriction

- GA Code embedded on botlogo.html file is a global command for tracking all WebPAC pages traffic
- In order not to execute the GA Code on My Library Account pages, a conditional javascript statement is added

5. GA Redirect Script



Because of this security policy, traffic to My Library Account will not be recorded.

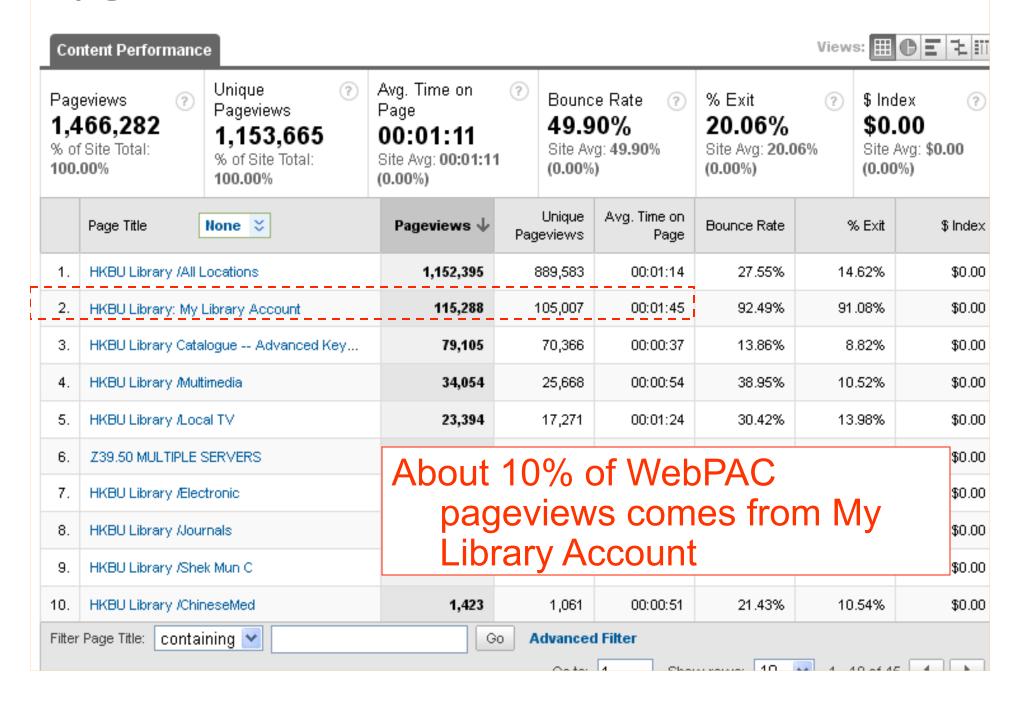
Is there any secure way to keep the statistics of My Library Account?



My Library Account -- GA Redirect Script



45 page titles were viewed a total of 1,466,282 times



II. Use WebPAC GA Statistics for Benchmarking

- 1. A Holistic Approach
- 2. Trying to identify different categories of WebPAC users
- 3. WebPAC Tools
- 4. E-Resources Access via WebPAC
- 5. AirPAC

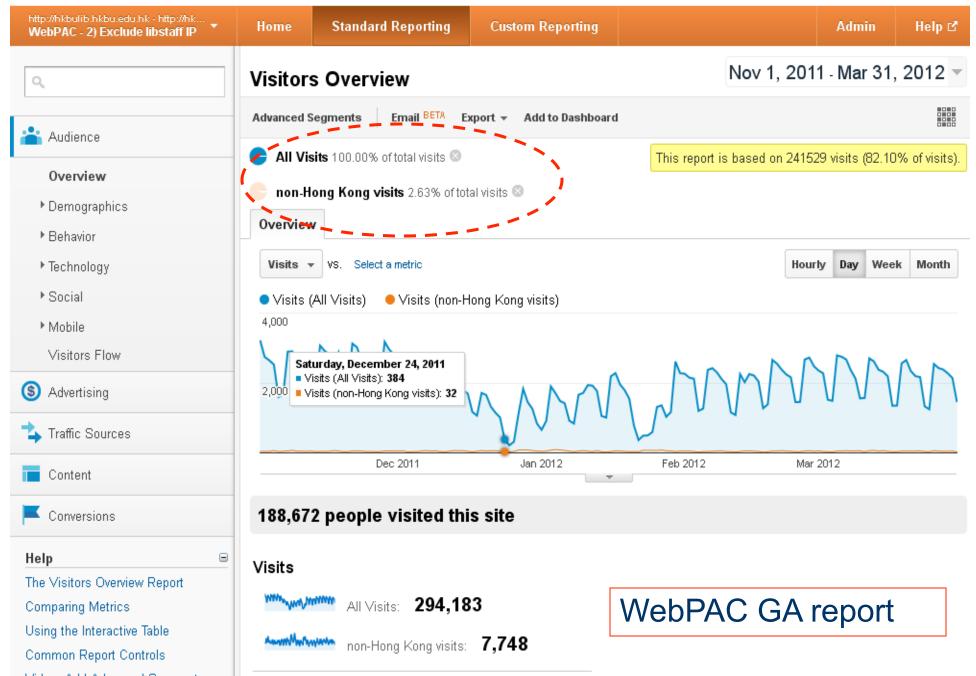
1a. Holistic Approach

 With the help of GA, we now know that the number of visits to the WebPAC from 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Mar 2012 was 294,183, of which 2.6% were overseas visits



Are the above figures too high or too low?





1b. Holistic Approach

- Not an absolute number, should be viewed as a relative figure
- At HKBU Library, GA is not installed only for the purpose of measuring WebPAC usage
- Instead, GA statistics are used to establish reference points for comparing and evaluating the usage of all HKBU electronic resources, including
 - Library Homepage, e-Announcement
 - In-house developed databases, computer programs (e.g.
 Online Room Booking programs)

Analytics Settings | View Reports: Select an account to see the available profiles 🔻

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Common Questions

How do I grant other users access to my Analytics account?

Why am I not seeing any data in my reports?

I created a duplicate account, how can I remove it?

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Overview: all accounts

2012 Mar 3 - 2012 Apr 2

Comparing to: 2012 Feb 1 - 2012 Mar 2



Accounts					+ Add r	iew accoun
Name	Visits↓	Avg. Time on Site	Bounce Rate	Completed Goals	Visits ✓ % Change	Actions
HKBU Library Web Development Team	154,332	00:03:00	70.45%	0	€ 3.26%	
WebPAC	67,978	00:04:51	49.05%	0	() 3.49%	Edit
TRS - Medicinal Plant Images Db	13,016	00:03:53	66.87%	0	1 5.15%	Edit
WebPAC Tool	5,230	00:02:46	67.44%	0	• -7.65%	Edit
TRS - HKBU Theses & Dissertations Db	5,046	00:01:04	66.77%	0	18.23 %	Edit
TRS - Chinese Medicine Specimen Db	3,893	00:02:01	67.79%	0	1 6.56%	Edit
HKBU Library Mobile	3,818	00:01:22	42.93%	0	1 3.67%	
Lib-nt2 - HKBUTube	3 638	00:04:45	47 14%	n	△ 11 60%	Edit
AirPAC	A				ur GA accour	
lib-nt - Online Room Booking Prog.					and different	
Chinese ebooks collections	websites/programs					
TRS - HKBU Honours Projects DB	1,246	00:05:10	33.63%	0	€ 9.88%	Edit
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1c. Visits from 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Mar 2012

	Visits	Index
Library Homepage	613,249	208.4
WebPAC	294,183	100
Medicinal Plant Image Database	43,179	14.6
HKBUTube	15,432	5.24
Chinese Medicine Specimen Database	11,638	3.95

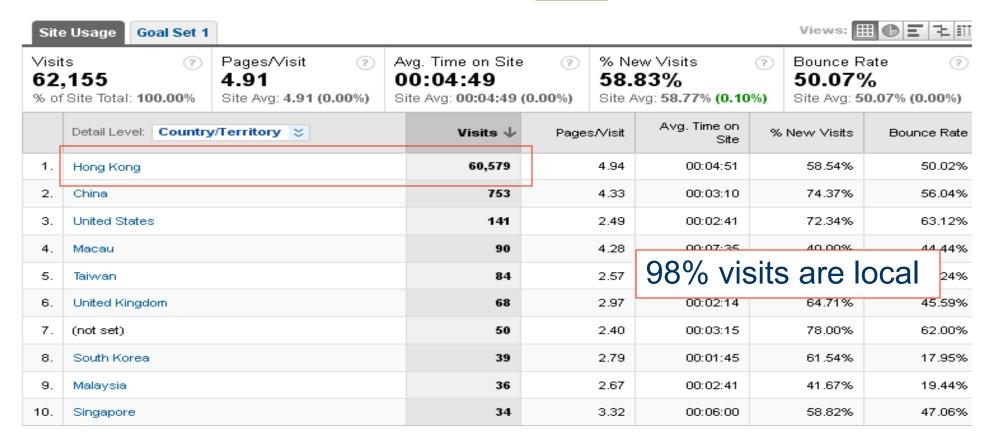
1d. Overseas Visits from 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Mar 2012

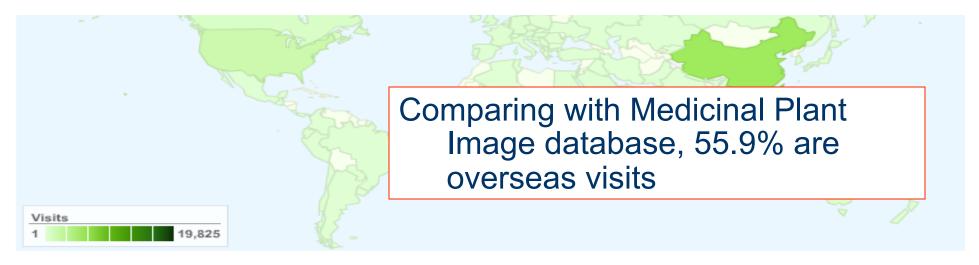
	% of Overseas Visits	Index
Library Homepage	1.84%	70
WebPAC	2.6%	100
Medicinal Plant Image Database	55.9%	2,150
HKBUTube	15.9%	611
Chinese Medicine Specimen Database	69.9%	2,688



62,155 visits came from 67 countries/territories

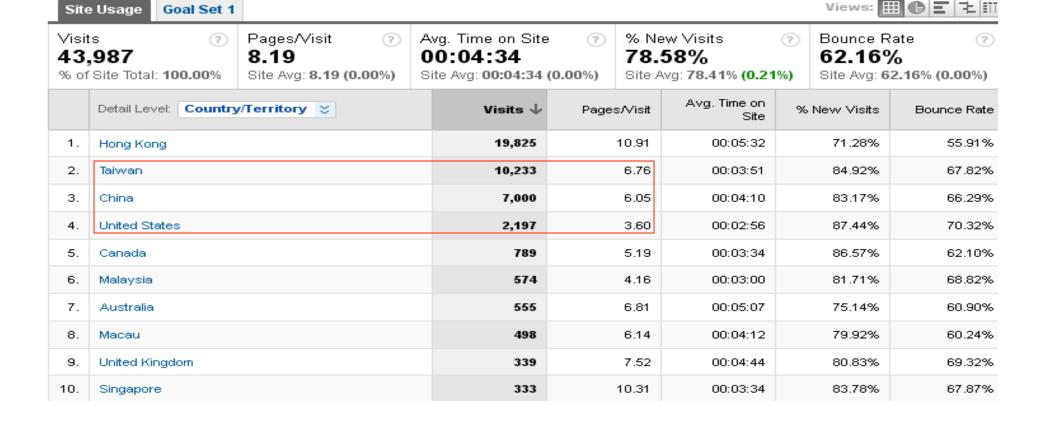
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43,987 visits came from 109 countries/territories

Detail Level: City | Country/Territory | Sub Continent Region | Continent Dimension: None 💝



2a. Trying to identify different categories of WebPAC users

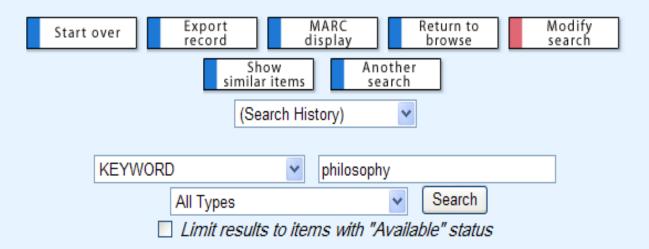
- Where are WebPAC users coming from? Inside the Library, on-campus, off-campus?
- In order to record website traffic from different sources, different filter profiles were setup (based on IP addresses)

2b. WebPAC Visits in Different Filters

Profiles	Visits	%
1) Unfiltered	304,375	100.0%
2) Exclude library staff IP	294,183	96.7%
3) Off Campus Access	179,171	58.9%
4) On Campus Access	115,176	37.8%
5) On Campus Non-Library Access	91,406	30.0%
6) In Main Library Public Access	23,771	7.8%
7) In CML Public Access	1,984	0.7%
8) In SML Access	554	0.2%

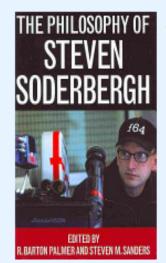
3a. Usage of Tools available in WebPAC

- To facilitate users in searching and accessing our e-resources, a variety of tools are installed on the WebPAC
- Are these tools helpful to our users?
- GA can also help to keep track of the usage of these WebPAC tools



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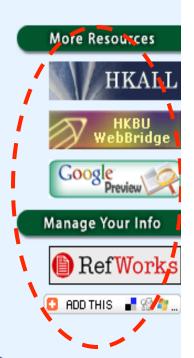
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Title The philosophy of Steven Soderbergh / edited by R. Barton Palmer and Steven M. Sanders

Publ Info Lexington, Ky.: University Press of Kentucky, c2011

Permanent URL for this record: http://hkbulib.hkbu.edu.hk/record=b2488790~S11



WebPAC Tools

LOCATION	CALL#	STATUS	
	791.4302330924 So16PP 2011	AVAILABLE	

3b. WebPAC Tools Visits from 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Mar 2012

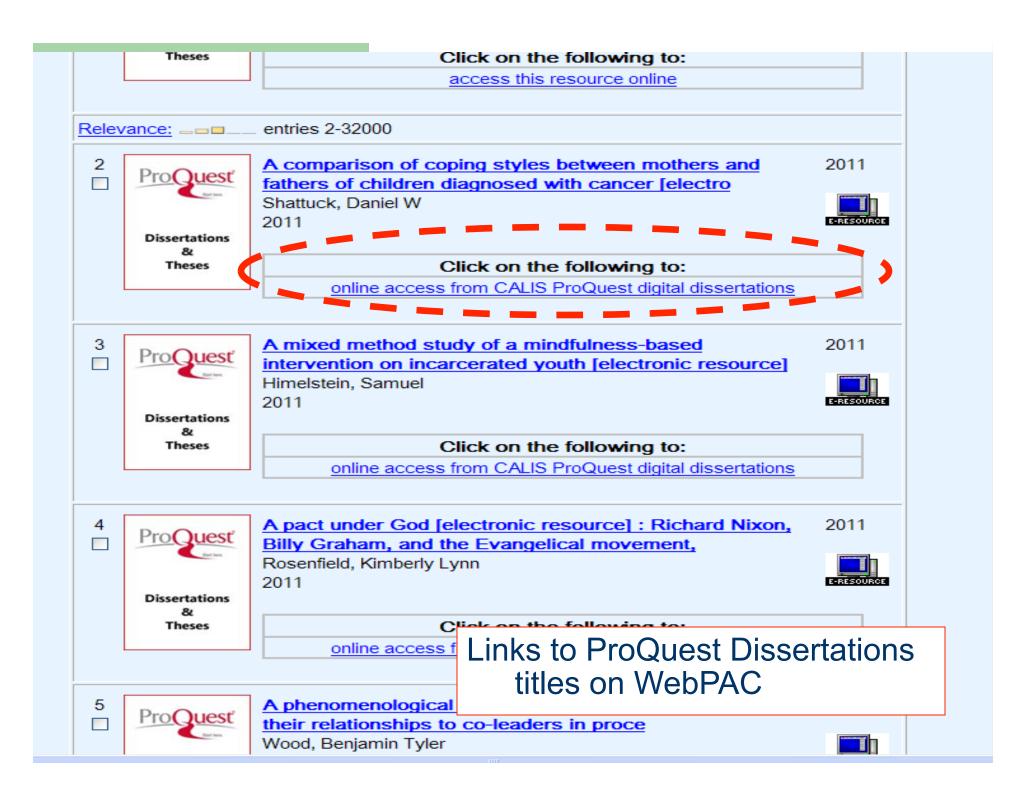
	Visits	Index
WebPAC	294,183	100
WebPAC Tools	23,780	8.08

WebPAC Tools	Pageviews	%
HKALL	25,516	59.0
WebBridge	9,381	21.7
Google Preview	3,741	8.7
WebBridge/ILLiad	3,180	7.4
RefWork	1,269	2.9
Journal TOC RSS	106	0.2
Others	48	0.1
Total	43,241	100

4a. E-Resources Access via WebPAC

- Links to various E-Resources are displayed on WebPAC
- One of our notable collections is ProQuest Dissertations -- do you know its usage?

	Bib Records	Index
WebPAC	1,359,946	100
ProQuest Dissertations	244,073	17.94



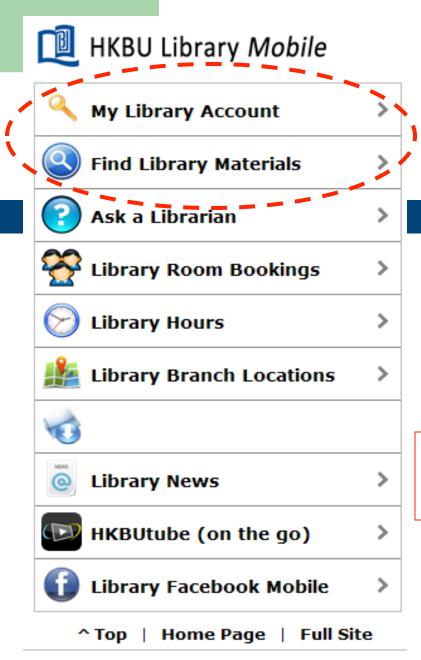
4b. ProQuest Dissertations Visits from 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Mar 2012

	Bib Records	Index
WebPAC	1,359,946	100
ProQuest Dissertations	244,073	17.94

	Visits	Index
WebPAC	294,183	100
ProQuest Dissertations	3,427	1.16

5a. AirPAC Usage

- We have recently installed AirPAC and a new Library Mobile Site in Jan 2012
- It is interesting to compare the AirPAC usage with WebPAC and Mobile Site, and also want to learn which are the most popular mobile devices from GA statistics?



AirPAC on HKBU Library Mobile Site

5b. AirPAC vs WebPAC from 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2012

	Visits	Index
WebPAC	124,821	100
AirPAC	6,800	5.44

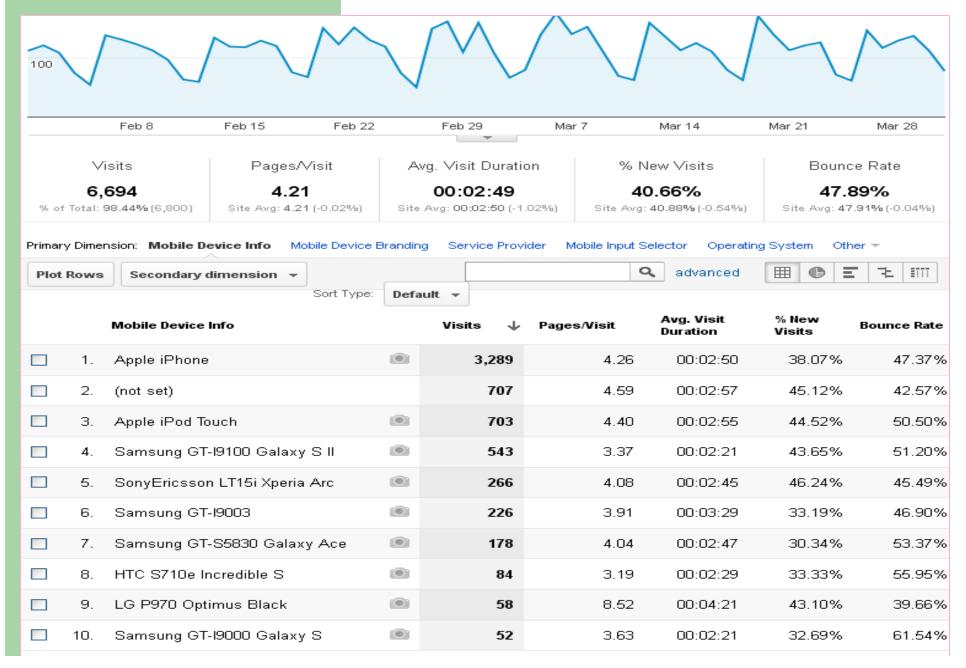
	Pageviews	Index
WebPAC	626,976	100
AirPAC	28,638	4.56

5b. AirPAC vs Lib Mobile Site from 1 Feb to 31 Mar 2012

	Visits	Index
Lib Mobile Site	7,247	100
AirPAC	6,800	93.8

	Pageviews	Index
Lib Mobile Site	15,702	100
AirPAC	28,638	182.3

5c. Mobile Devices



Summary

- The built-in Millennium WebPAC statistical report programme can only provide very basic usage data such as the gross number of hits
- GA allows for the capture of much richer usage data and also for performance comparison across different platforms

Summary

- GA can provide us an updated, complete, and consistent report of user behaviors in accessing
 - WebPAC,
 - Plug-in WebPAC tools,
 - Plug-in E-Resources, and
 - Mobile devices used to access online services
- "How you gather, manage, and use information will determine whether you win or lose"
 - -- Bill Gates, Business@The Speed of Thought

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