

Google Ads: The Fine Art Of Optimization

Google Advertising 201

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What We'll Talk About Today



- Conversion Tracking
- Google Analytics Linking
- Search terms report
- Extensions (site links, call and a couple of underused but effective extensions)
- It's positive to use negative keywords
- Automated bidding (pros and cons)



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Conversion Tracking

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- ▶ Follow the money to optimization
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What's Your Advertising Done For You Lately?

The answer lies in **Conversion Tracking!**



What is a 'conversion'?



What you want people do on your website....



Examples: What you want people to do















There are many things you want people to do.....

Images are thanks to: Visit Love Boice (Comment), Yankee-shelties (Contact), Globaicy (Read our blog), Marketing Digit Pro (social like),

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What ever you want users to do....

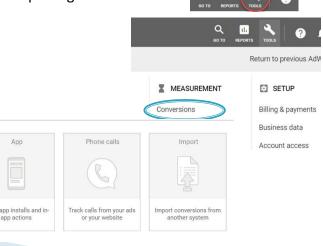
• "Tell" Google Ads





Set Up Google Ads Conversion Tracking

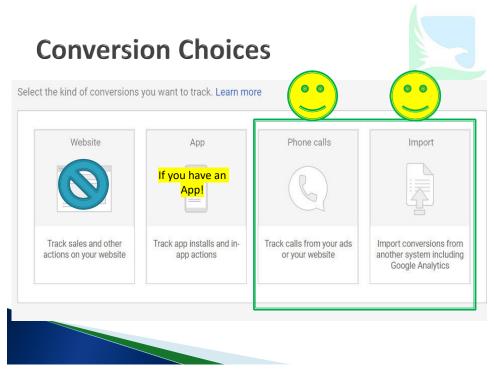
▶ From Google Ads top navigation click Tools



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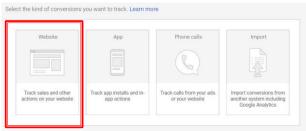
Website

Track sales and other actions on your website



Website Conversions





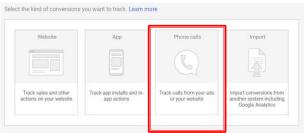
- ▶ Place Google Ads Code on the conversion page
- Must insert code properly to HTML of website
- Only tracks Google Ads, no other traffic sources tracked.

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Phone Call Conversions

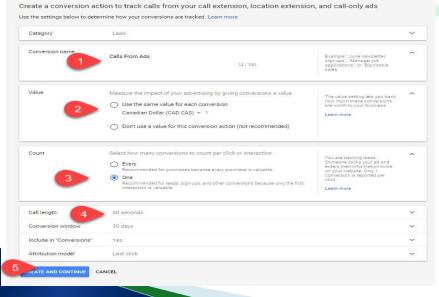




- ▶ These users bypass your website by calling you directly from the ad.
- ▶ Set length of call time before it is a conversion.

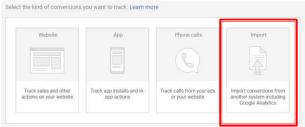
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Set From Ad Conversion Set Up



Import Conversions

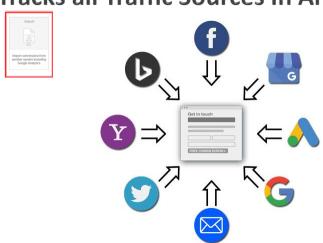




- ▶ Imports Conversions from your Google Analytics Goals
- ► Shows Ads conversions from Analytics in your Google Ads campaigns
- All your traffic sources are tracked together in Analytics
 Compare Ads, SEO, Social, etc.

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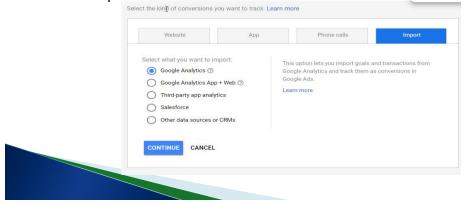
Tracks all Traffic Sources In Analytics



How to Import Conversions



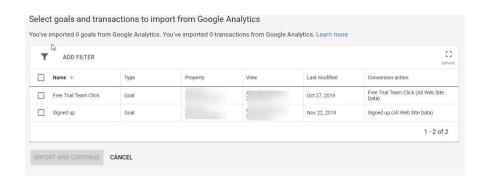
- ▶ Ensure Google Ads / Analytics accounts are linked
- ▶ Ensure Goals are set up in Google Analytics
- ▶ Tools > Conversions > + Conversion (button)
- Click 'Import' box



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Select Goal(s) to Import







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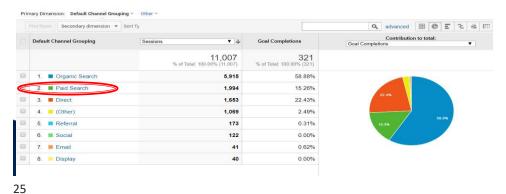




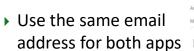
Linking Brings Good Data



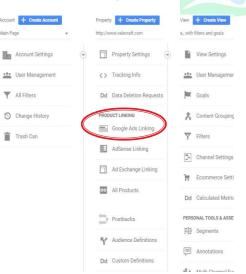
- Enables data to cross between Ads and Analytics
- Goals from Analytics imported to Ads
- Analytics engagement data (Bounce rate, time on site, pages per session) shows in Ads
- Compare all Traffic Sources



How to link Ads and Analytics



- ▶ Log into Analytics
- → 'Admin' in lower left
- ▶ In centre panel, select 'Google Ads'
- Click Ads Account to link



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Search Terms Report – In Google Ads

- Lists all the keywords that triggered your ad to show
- Find Search Terms Report:
 - Keywords Tab > Search Terms tab

Search term	Match type	Added/Excluded
homes house south keys ottawa	Broad match	○ Excluded
old ottawa south homes for sale	Exact match	✓ Added
homes for sale old ottawa south	Exact match	None
homes for sale ottawa south	Exact match	None
homes for sale old ottawa south	Exact match (close variant)	None
new homes ottawa south	Exact match	None
homes for sale south keys heron gate greenboro west ottawa	Broad match	None
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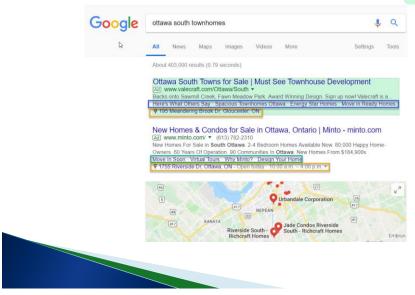
Use Ad Extensions







Ad Extensions – Added Information



Ad Extension Advantages



- Make your ads physically larger
- Added information about your business:
 - Extra links in addition to ad landing page
 - Phone number
 - Location / address
 - Many more
- Optional you don't have to use Ad Extensions..
 But your ads show better if you use extensions!
- Google shows extensions when there is space



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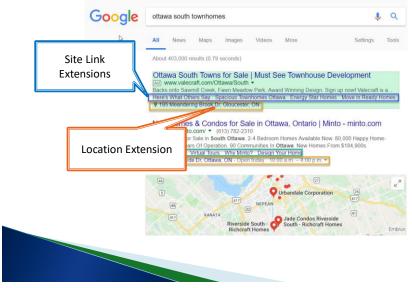
Common Ad Extensions



Link Google My Business to Google Ads Account! 'Linked Accounts'



Ad Extensions – Added Information



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Price Extensions



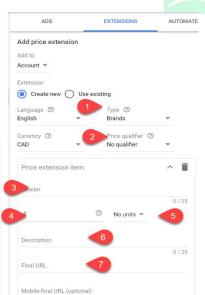
- Price Extensions:
 - List your products/services and their prices
 - Links directly to pricing page
- Structured Snippet:
 - Shows added information based on categories:



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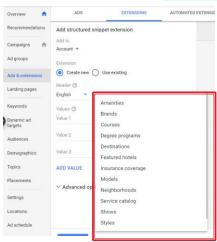


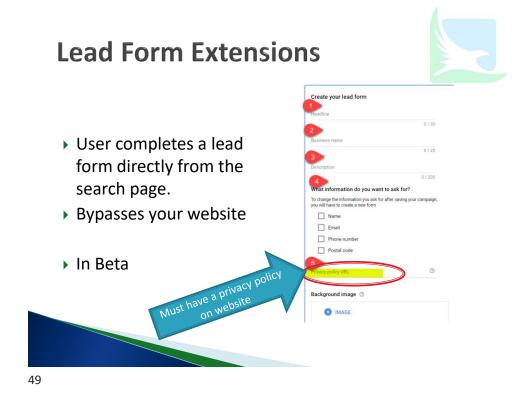
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Structured Snippet Extensions



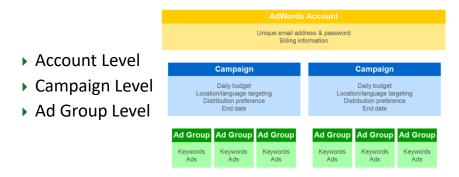
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Use Extensions At All Levels







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It's Positive to Be Negative





Use Negative Keywords



- Words you do NOT want your ads to show
- ▶ Homebuilder Negative keyword examples:
 - Rent, furnished, Home Depot, etc.
- Saves money!
- Apply at Ad Group or Campaign levels



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What is Automated Bidding?



- Google makes bids for you
- Allows you to set 'rules' for bids
- Trading control for convenience

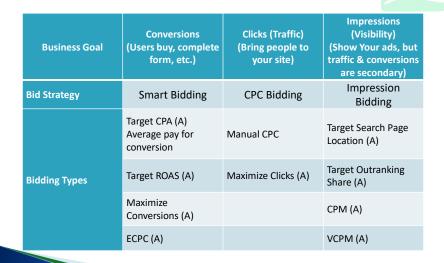


How Automated Bidding Works

- Detects impression, click, conversion patterns and applies them to your bidding.
- Places a bid based on 'Rules' you have set for Google such as:
 - Max Cost per Click (CPC)
 - Location
 - Daily / Monthly budget
 - Cost per acquisition (CPA)
 - Bid adjustments
 - More......



Automated Bidding Strategies



Google Wants You To Use Automated Bids.....



Always recommending



- Make it sound convenient & Easy
- Make sure it's right for you!



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Careful With Automate Bidding

- Detects patterns have lots of data!
 - Google recommends minimum 15 conversions / month.... Really need 30 +



Automated Bidding Works.....



- Choose your automated bidding strategy based on goals!
- When you have lots of account history:
 - 30 + conversions per month.
- Significantly reduces costs and cost per acquisition (CPA)
- ▶ Finds more conversions.





Presentation Summary



Google Ads Optimization Checklist

- Conversion tracking properly setup?
- Keyword match types and optimization?
- Can search terms report help?
- Using negative keywords?
- Are you using all possible extensions?
- Does a campaign have 30+ conversions last 30 days? Is automated bidding right for you?



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Upcoming Webinars



- Google Advertising: The Free and The Paid
 - Getting on the Google Map
 - Google Ads (Introduction)



- Uncover Your Website's Secrets
 - Google Analytics & Conversion Tracking

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