High Impact eAdvocacy

Listening Online to Message More Effectively

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Agenda

- What is a listening online?
- ► How can it be useful for your organization?
- ► What tools can help?
- How can it inform your messaging?

Introductions

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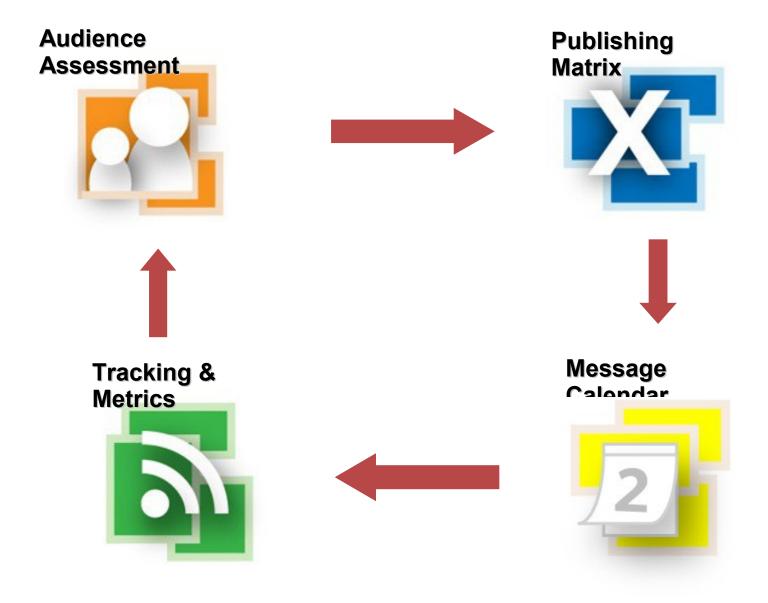
Who is Aspiration?

- Aspiration helps nonprofits and foundations use software tools more effectively and sustainably.
- ► We serve as <u>ally, coach, strategist, mentor,</u> and <u>facilitator</u> to those trying to make more impactful use of information technology in their social change efforts.

First Things

- This training is envisioned as a dialog
- ► Please ask questions early and often
- It will only be as valuable for you as you make it!

Four Processes



What is Social Media Today?

- Conversations with people online
 - Social media
- Made for people, not organizations
 - It's not going to work perfectly
- Not your virtual megaphone



Caveats of Online Tools

- Can take a lot of time
 - Time = Money



- Big corporations who want your data
 - You are the product
- ► There are billion of tools





- Which ones do we need?
- ► Tools change EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.
 - How can we keep up?

Basics

- ► Why do I need tools to listen online?
 - To be notified when keywords of interest are mentioned on the internet

Benefits to Listening Online

- ► How is it valuable?
 - Be part of the conversation
 - Save \$\$\$
 - Less guessing

Engage in Online Conversations



Your Online Listening Garden



Pre-Cautions to Listening Online

- Does not provide Analytics
- ► Isn't fool proof
- Sift through noise
- Unique Online Identity



Activity:

What are Your Search Terms?

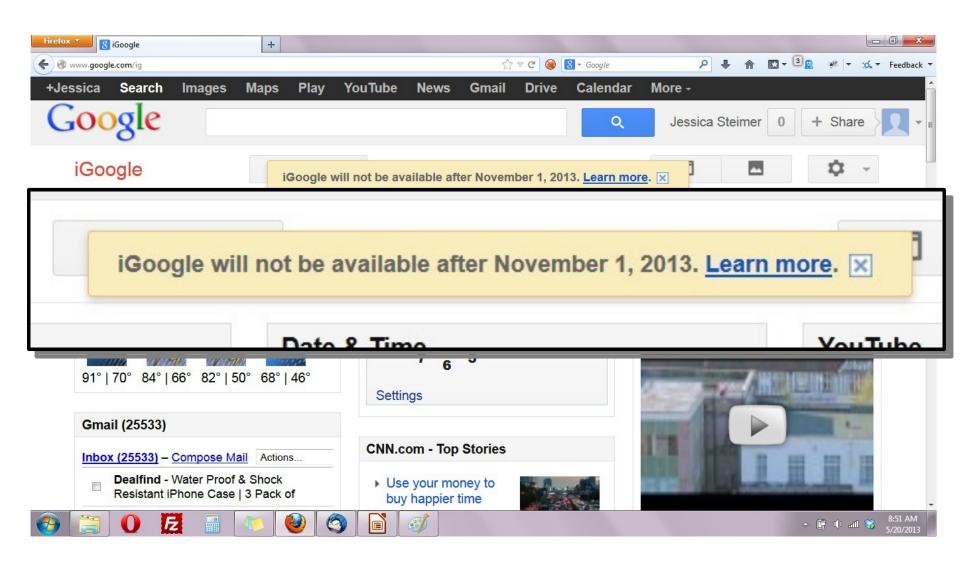
Tools to Listen

- Online Listening Dashboards
 - Netvibes
 - Storify
- New Content Feeds (RSS)
 - Google Alerts
 - Bing Search
- Twitter Listening
 - Hootsuite
 - Commun.it
 - Followerwonk
 - Tweetlevel

Online Listening Dashboards

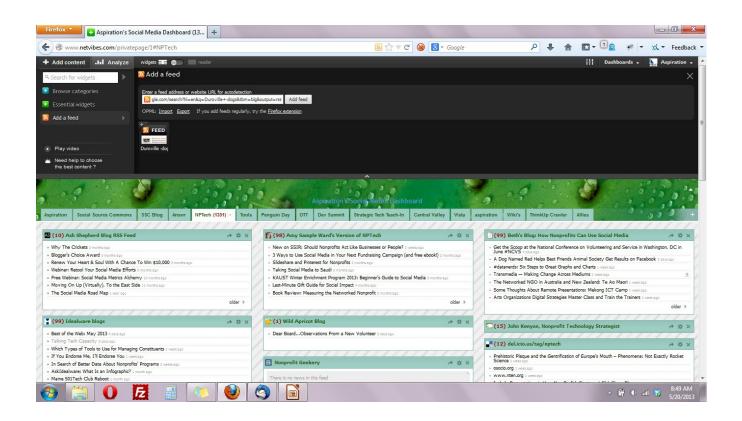
- ► Check ONE place for notifications about when keywords of interest are mentioned on the internet
 - Netvibes
 - Storify

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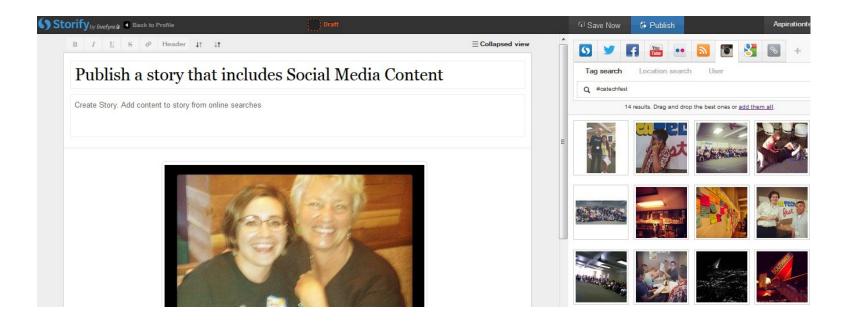
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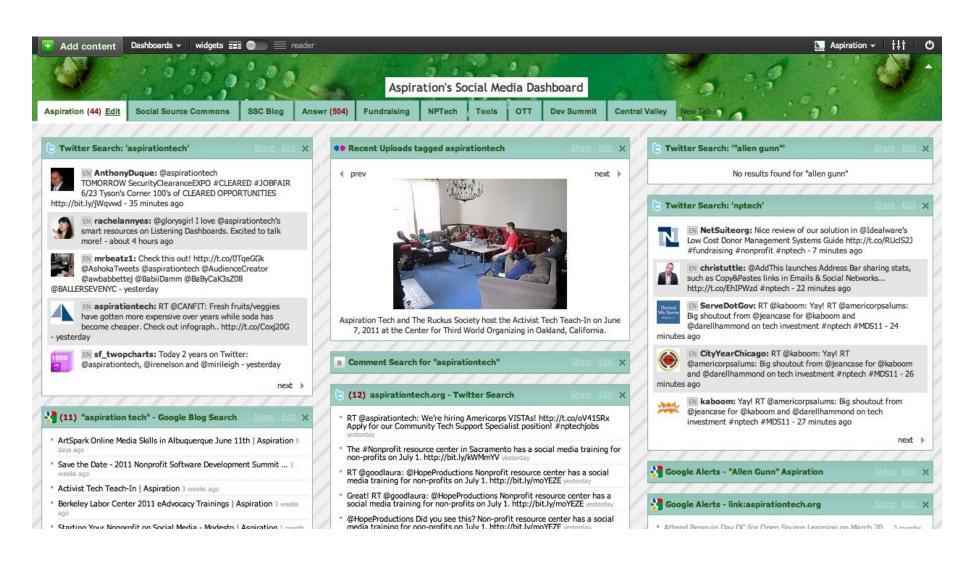


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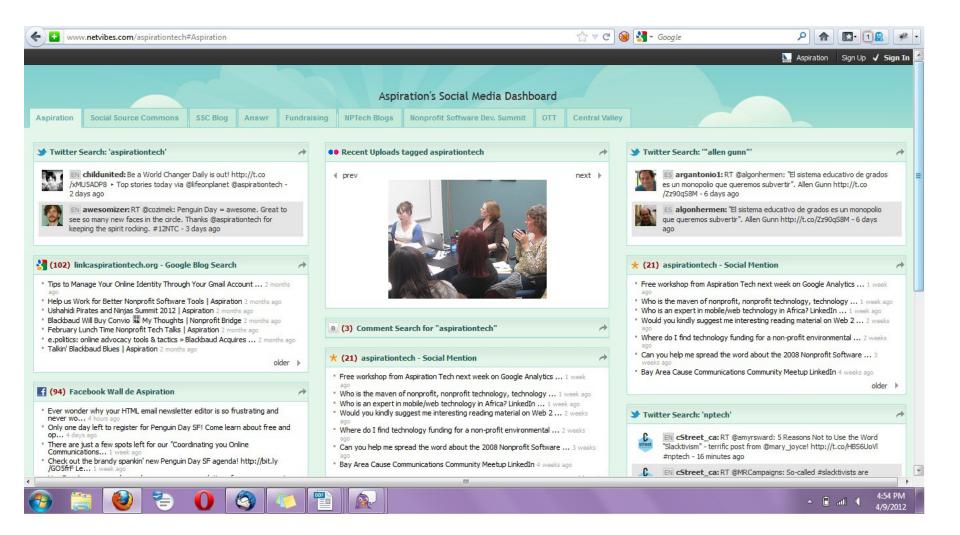
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What a Dashboard Looks Like



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Building a Listening Dashboard

► What Do I need to know to build a Dashboard?

- What are RSS Feeds
- How to find RSS feeds
- Choosing a RSS Reader

RSS



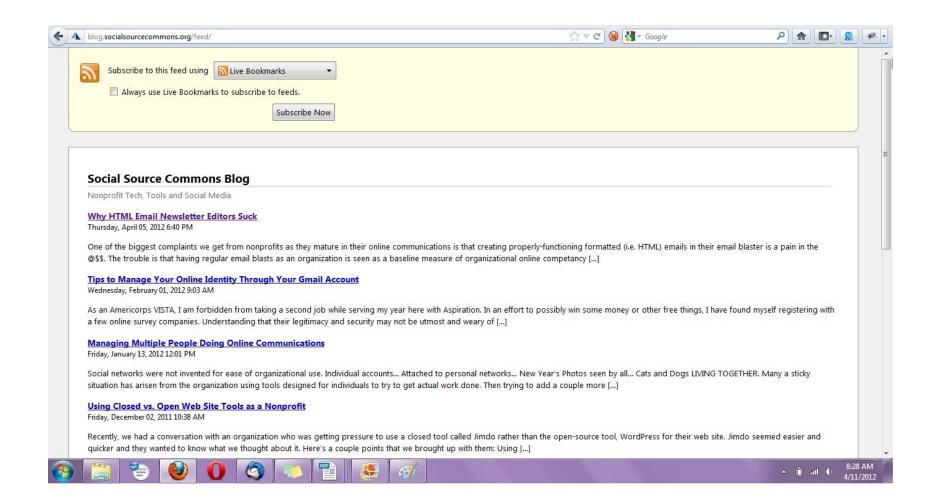
- RSS: Really Simple Syndication
 - Web page content is "syndicated" or broadcast out using RSS

- ► RSS "feeds" allow people to see when there is new content on a web page by "subscribing"
 - e.g. blog posts

Find & Click the RSS Icon



RSS Subscribe Page



RSS from Social Media Search



- So RSS can monitor social media searches for you and update when someone mentions something you care about:
 - Organization name, Exec. Dir. name, Relevant issue keywords, important people, propositions, etc.

Subscribing to RSS



Add RSS Feed to an RSS Reader

- RSS Readers
 - Igoogle or google reader (phasing out)
 - Netvibes.com
 - Storify.com

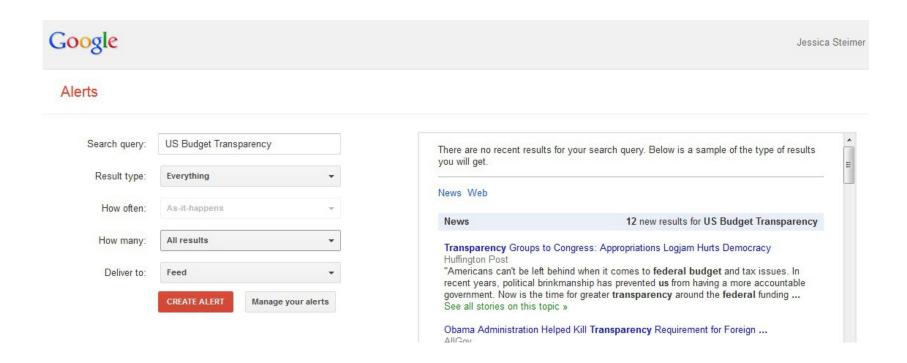
- Search for a person or keyword, then subscribe to the feed of the search results page
 - Google Alerts
 - Google Blog Search
 - Bing Search



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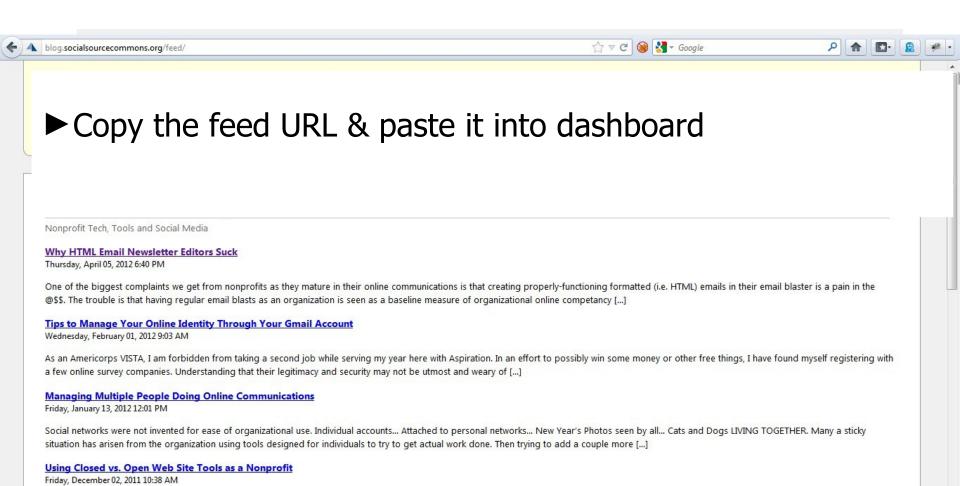


- to RSS Feed
 - ► Go to http://bing.com
 - ► Type your search terms
 - ► The search results page generates an RSS Feed
 - add "&format=rss" to the end of the URL





Add RSS Feed to Dashboard



Other Social Media Searches for New Content Feeds

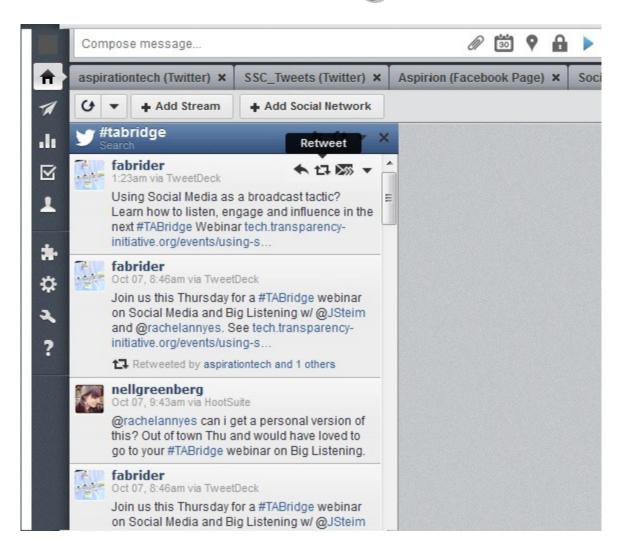


- Message/Discussion Boards
 - BoardReader.com
- Digital Photos
 - Flickr
 - http://flickr.com/photos/tags/searchterm

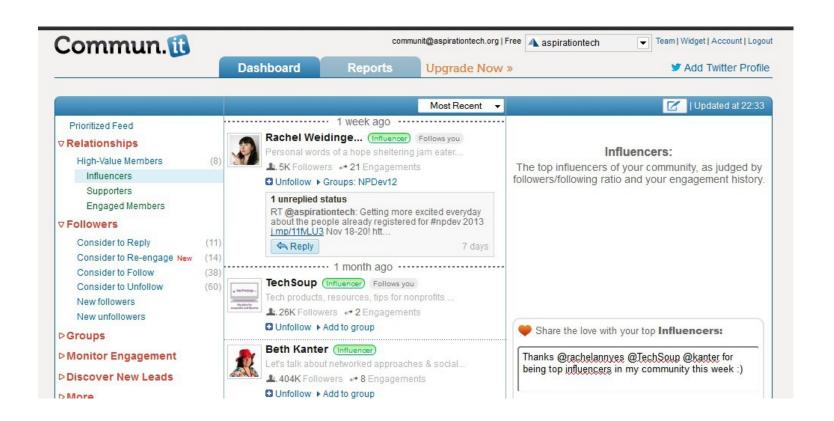
- Stand-alone tools that connect with your Twitter account
 - Hootsuite
 - Commun.it
 - Followerwonk
 - Tweetlevel

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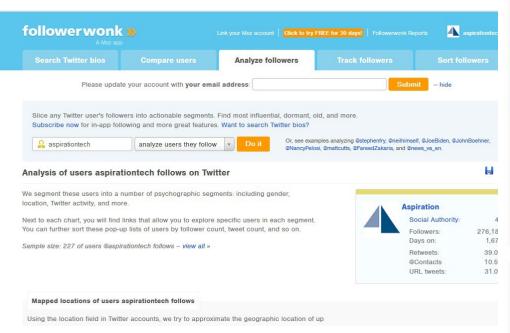
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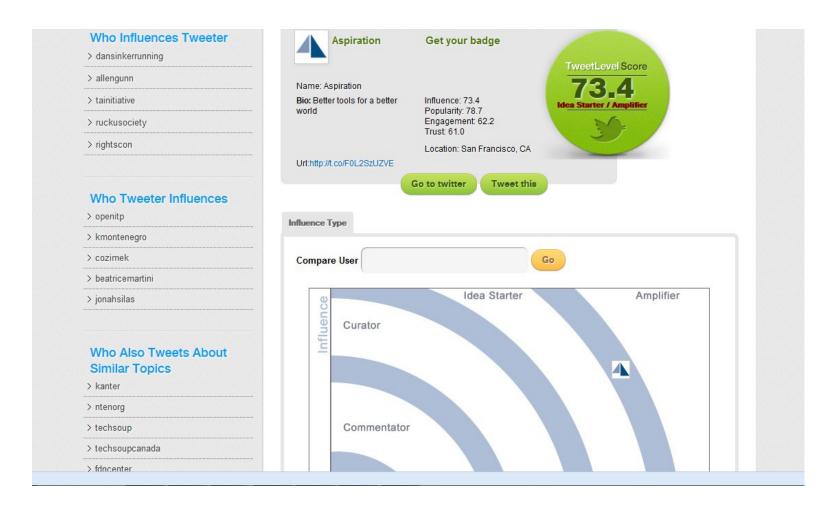


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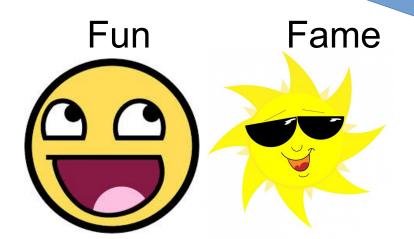
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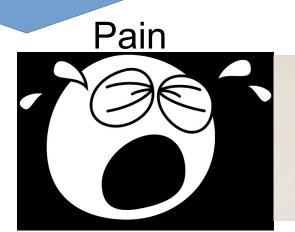


Listen



Message





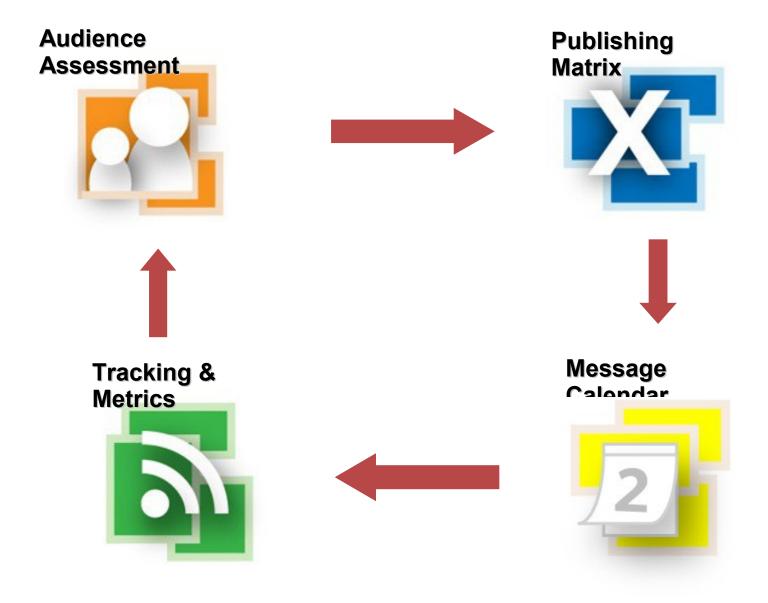


Building Listening Into your Process

- 1. Listen Online
- 2. Identify Opportunities
 - WHAT?
 - What topics are people talking about along with your issue?
 - What are people saying about your organization? Your people? Your issue?
 - What vocabulary are people using? How does it differ?
 - WHO?
 - Who is talking about your issue?
 - Who is connecting with you?
- 3. Incorporate into your Messaging
- 4. Track the Impact
- 5. Practice & Improve

BIG THANK YOU to **Upwell** for sharing their Big Listening Campaign Lifecycle

Four Processes



End Of Section

- ► Questions?
- ► Comments?

Thank You!

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