

JPEG display ads lead the way in the States

RESTON, US: Flash and rich media ads represent 40% of US online display ad impressions with JPEG still leading as the top ad format at 42%; comScore introduces Creative Summary report for Ad Metrix Service.



comScore, Inc, a leader in measuring the digital world, recently announced the introduction of the Ad Metrix Creative Summary report, designed to provide detailed intelligence on the size, formats, and types of display ads being used by advertisers on publisher sites. The report showed that JPEG display ads led the market with more than 42% of impressions in the US, while "leader board"-style banner ads (728 x 90 in dimension) were the most commonly viewed display ad by size.

"We've witnessed a strong resurgence in the display ad market over the past several months, with the number of impressions up 15% vs. year ago and average CPMs also continuing to rise," said Jeff Hackett, comScore senior vice president. "One of the several drivers of strength in this market has been the innovation occurring with respect to ad units, as larger and more engaging creative ad formats are employed. We are excited to provide our clients with greater visibility into the use of different ad formats and sizes with the new comScore Ad Metrix Creative Summary report."

The new report is now available to subscribing clients via the comScore MyMetrix interface with the release of May 2010 Ad Metrix data. The data set is available for the US, Canada, UK, Germany and France.

Display ad creative by format

In April, nearly 60% of US display ad impressions were of the standard GIF/JPEG variety. JPEGs accounted for 42.4% of ad impressions, while GIFs accounted for 14.1%. Flash and rich media ads combined to represent 40.3% of all display ads viewed.

Display Advertising Creative by Format May 2010 Total US - Home & Work Locations Source: comScore Ad Metrix		
	Total DisplayAd Impressions (000)	Share of Publisher Ad Impressions
Total Internet	408,621,155	100.0
Standard GIF/JPEG	243,560,459	59.6
JPEG	173,318,428	42.4
GIF/Animated GIF	57,729,402	14.1
PNG	12,512,629	3.1
Flash + Rich Media*	164,546,498	40.3
Other Types	4,364,312	0.1

* Flash Ads can include animation, click-through functionality, and various levels of interactivity. Rich Media Ads offer high interactivity and in-page video units, expandable/retractable units, floating units or between-the-page units. Includes Pointroll, EyeBlaster, EyeWonder, Unicast, Interpolis, Motif/DoubleClick.

Display ad creative by size

The display ad market has similar representation among the most common ad formats, with banners accounting for 23.1% of impressions, followed closely by rectangles (22.7%) and non-standard units (22.1%). The most common specific ad sizes were medium rectangles (300 x 250 in dimension) at 18.6%, leader boards (728 x 90) at 18.3%, and buttons (120 x 90) at 14.7%. Interestingly, pop-ups and popunders now represent less than 1% of all display ad impressions, most likely a

function of the pop-up blockers now standard in most browsers. Finally, new OPA ad formats, such as the 970 x 418 pushdown and 468 x 648 XXL box, are just beginning to gain adoption and currently account for only 0.1% of impressions.

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Total Internet	408,621,155	100.0
Banners	94,296,399	23.1
Rectangles	92,646,426	22.7
Non-Standard	90,466,905	22.1
Buttons	84,667,578	20.7
Skyscrapers	43,475,848	10.6
Pop-Ups and Pop-Unders	2,810,584	0.7
OPAd Formats	257,415	0.1

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