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| Metric name | Mention |
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| Standards area | Social media measurement |
| Metric description and application. The question that this metric answers. | "A mention refers to a specific reference in an <u>item</u> of a brand, organization, campaign, or other entity that is being measured or analyzed." (<u>http://www.smmstandards.com</u>) |
| Status | This interim standard was developed by the Social Media Measurement Standards Conclave (a cross-industry collaboration bringing together many organizations (see http://www.smmstandards.com/about/). This standard was publicized for comment by the industry, submitted to the Coalition <u>customer panel</u> for review, and then adopted as an interim standard. |
| Standard or guideline | Standard |
| Metric type | Count |
| Detailed description. This is the actual standard, and must include full description of how to use this metrics | A mention is a single, discrete appearance of a brand, organization, campaign, or any other entity that is being measured. An item of analysis can contain multiple mentions. Depending upon the objectives of the measurement program, mentions might also include nicknames (e.g., "Mickey D's" for McDonalds), stock ticker symbols (e.g., AAPL for Apple), or other name variants. " Mentions are typically defined in social media using Boolean search queries. These queries may include 'and' as well as 'or' statements to capture specific brand, campaign, or subject matter topics, as they pertain to the goals of the search objective. Further, mention queries may also include 'not' statements to filter off-topic mention from the data set." (http://www.smmstandards.com) In using queries, analysts should be certain that the Boolean query and the technology system returns the number of discrete appearances of an entity, and not merely the number of items. |
| Source documents | http://www.smmstandards.com/2013/03/proposed-social- media-standard-definitions-for-reach-and-impressions-from- the-digital-analytics-association/ |
| Academic research supporting this standard. | |

| Validity and reliability of the standard. This should reference formal, preferably published, research demonstrating the validity and reliability of the metric, or, in the absence of such research, the kind of research that should be conducted. | |
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