

# UTM data missing in GA4: the checklist

Work down the list in order. Most cases are solved by the third box.

## Start here

Campaign name exactly as it appears in the link: \_\_\_\_\_ Date the link went out: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check in this order

| Check                                                      | What you see if this is the cause                    | Fix                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Has it been 48 hours?          | Nothing yet, or numbers still changing               | Wait; processing can take 24 to 48 hours              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Right report and column?       | Only channels like Organic Social, no campaign names | Traffic acquisition, first column<br>Session campaign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Tags survive the page load?    | Visits under Direct or the referring site            | Link to the final address; fix the redirect           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. All three tags, spelled right? | (not set) in campaign or medium                      | Rebuild the link with source, medium and campaign     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. A medium GA4 knows?            | Visits in Unassigned in the channel report           | Use social, paid_social, email, cpc, referral or sms  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Google Ads link?               | google / cpc instead of your tags                    | Expected with auto-tagging; leave ad links untagged   |

## Test the live link

- ☐ Opened on a phone, not only on the computer that built it
- ☐ Address bar after loading still shows utm\_source, utm\_medium, utm\_campaign
- ☐ The page has the GA4 tag (Google tag ID starting with G-)
- ☐ The link was not shortened by a service that strips parameters

## Notes

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