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Bloggers dialed in to new iPhone

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Staggered announcements help drive traffic to Apple's Web site

Apple was the recipient of an "unprecedented wave" of online hype leading up to Friday's launch of its iPhone, according to a new research report from Nielsen BuzzMetrics.

The number of blog posts or "buzz" surrounding the iPhone, first announced Jan. 9 by Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs, has been higher than conversations about Super Bowl commercials, "The Sopranos" finale on HBO and other tech announcements about Microsoft's Zune and Vista and Nintendo's Wii.

The chatter has led to a 14% increase in links to Apple's Web site in mid-June compared with January, and AT&T — the only cell phone carrier to offer plans with the iPhone — also has seen a 25% increase in links in that period, according to BuzzMetrics.

Traffic to Apple's Web site also has seen a spike, with more than 1.8 million visitors logging on to the iPhone page in January, according to Nielsen/NetRatings. Nearly 1 million visitors were on the iPhone page in February and March, dipping to 637,000 visitors in April and back up to more than 700,000 in May in anticipation of the phone's June release.

A big reason for this, according to John Latona, vp client services and consumer technology at BuzzMetrics, is Apple's approach in staggering the announcements about different features on the phone and making its Web site user-friendly to the online community craving iPhone updates.

"Apple has done an amazing job building that hype," said Latona, who added that the official iPhone page is the most-linked site within the iPhone discussions.

Latona called tech-minded blog Engadget "the nexus of the buzz in the online space." Through June 15, the site averaged 1,129 inbound links per week about the iPhone and 4,841 per month.

Fifteen percent of online conversations about the iPhone from January-June 15 were negative, though, and reflected concerns about the lack of a keyboard, pricing, battery life and AT&T being the only carrier for the phone.

The majority of buzz, however, was neutral or mixed, meaning Apple and the bloggers can still sway the minds of consumers.

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