

**KB Email Suite** 

KB Affiliate Tracker

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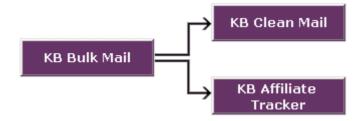
# 2. What is KB Email Suite?

KB Email Suite is a family of products, which enable businesses to manage the complete life cycle of all customer marketing and relationship correspondence.

The KB Email Suite is a unique product as unlike all other bulk email packages currently available there is **no fee per email**. Instead there is a one off cost for purchasing each component of the KB Email Suite and a yearly support charge which provides all upgrades as well as product support. The components can be used either together or on their own with each component available to purchase individually if preferred.

The KB Email Suite is comprised of 3 solutions.

- KB Bulk Mail
- KB Clean Mail
- KB Affiliate Tracker



# 3. KB Affiliate Tracker features

KB Affiliate Tracker manages responses from your email campaigns and external links to your site.

- ✓ Tracks each person that opened your email and when they opened it
- ✓ Tracks how many people opened your email
- ✓ Tracks how many people forwarded your email
- ✓ Tracks how many people clicked on your email links
- ✓ Tracks all external links to your website
- Enables you to create affiliate grouping for reporting (e.g. all KB Bulk Mail campaigns)
- ✓ Enables you to analyze the effectiveness of your email campaign initiatives and your website
- ✓ Enables you to measure specific page utilisation
- ✓ Powerful reporting capabilities for different affiliates (e.g. sales, downloads etc)
- ✓ Powerful reporting capabilities for all site traffic
- ✓ Enables you to determine affiliate and campaign costs and success values

# 4. Customer Comments



"We tested many products and found them cumbersome and unreliable, KB Email Suite is easy to use and extremely reliable, tasks that used to take us hours to set up now only take minutes."

"If you're looking for a bulk emailing product and want to increase sales I can highly recommend KB Email Suite" .

Stephen Ebanks - Information and Sales Manager - Birmingham Hippodrome

# Sadler's Wells

"Last year, KB Group replaced our costly bulk emailing system with the streamlined, cost-effective and user-friendly KB Group Email Suite that has proved extremely successful."

"KB Group's flexible approach means they're always available to answer queries that arise, and quickly and efficiently able to determine the right solution."

Mark Doerfel - Web Manager - Sadler's Wells Theatre

# 5. How do I install KB Affiliate Tracker?

KB Group will install KB Affiliate Tracker for you. The system requirements are:

- Microsoft IIS Web server V5.0 or higher
- Windows OS
- SQL Server
- · Publicly accessible website

# 6. How do I use KB Affiliate Tracker?

After KB Group has installed KB Affiliate Tracker; use the following guide to learn how KB Affiliate Tracker works. Each of these steps is described in more detail in subsequent pages.

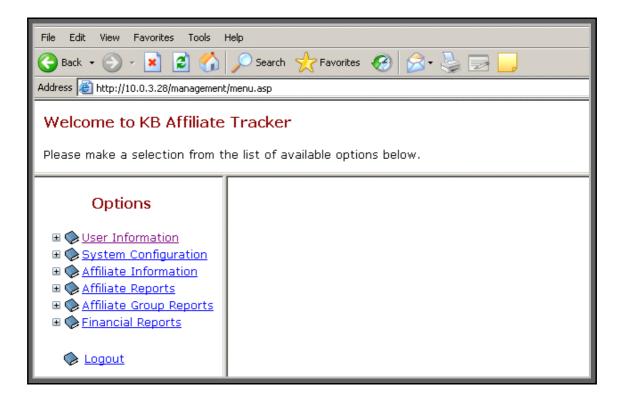
- Invoke KB Affiliate Tracker from your web address
- KB Affiliate Tracker User setup
  - Add a KB Affiliate Tracker user
  - Modify or delete a KB Affiliate Tracker user
- Do a one off System Configuration check
- Setup the Affiliates you want to track
  - Add a new Affiliate
  - Modify an Affiliate
- Add Affiliates to groups for reporting purposes (optional)
  - Add a new Affiliate Group
  - Add Affiliates to Affiliate Groups
- Add tracking links
  - Add a tracking link on your website or eflyer
  - o Add a tracking to your KB Bulk Mail HTML email campaign
- Run the KB Affiliate Tracker reports
  - Number of links clicked for each Affiliate report
  - Link statistics for each Affiliate report
  - Raw Affiliate tracking data report
  - Number of links clicked per Affiliate Group report
  - Link statistics for each Affiliate Group report
  - NOTE: Additional reports are available on request

# 6.1 Invoke KB Affiliate Tracker from your browser

Type your KB Affiliate Tracker web address into your browser. The following KB Affiliate Tracker Login screen will appear.



Type in your user name and password and the following screen will appear.

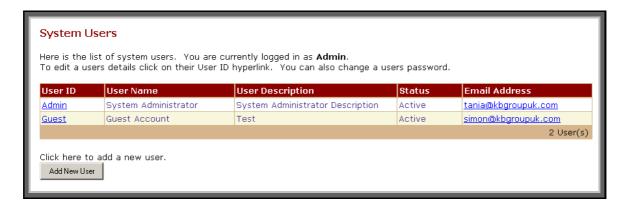


# 6.2 Setup KB Affiliate Tracker users

The *System Users* screen allows you to add new KB Affiliate Tracker users, modify user details, delete users and change a users password.

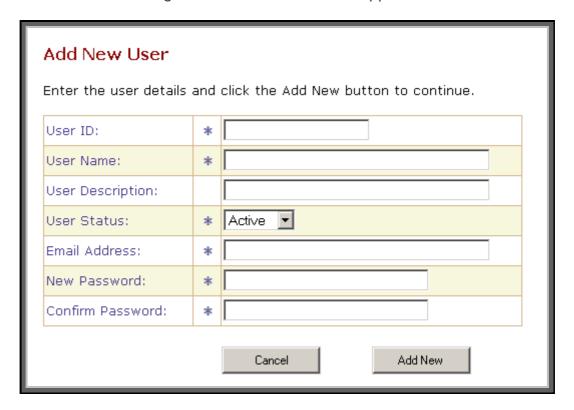
When KB Affiliate tracker is installed the System Administrator user "Admin" is automatically setup. The Admin user allows you to add/modify other users in KB Affiliate Tracker. Please contact KB Group for the Admin user password. If you forget your admin password then contact KB Group as this can be reset if required.

- Choose User Information from the Options menu
- The *System Users* screen will appear



# 6.2.1 Add a KB Affiliate Tracker user

- Press the Add New User button
- The following Add New User screen will appear



• Enter the new users details and then press the Add New button

# 6.2.2 Modify or delete a KB Affiliate Tracker user

- On the System User screen, click the **User ID** you wish to change.
- The following Modify Users Details screen will appear



- To modify a user
   Make any changes you want and then press the Update button. NOTE you cannot change your User ID.
- To delete a user
   Press the Delete button

# 6.3 Do a one off System Configuration check

The System Configuration screen allows you to check your website configuration. When KB Affiliate tracker is installed by KB Group, the System Configuration is setup.

- Choose System Configuration from the Options menu
- The following Website Configuration screen will appear. Please note, the configuration below is an example only as it contains the KB Group configuration details. Your Website Configuration screen will contain your organisations details.

Here is the current website configuration. Click on the links below to check they are correct.  The links will open in a new window.								
Cey Name	Key Value							
Vebsite Version	1.4							
Patabase Type	SQL Server							
Connection String	DSN=KB Affiliate Tracker;DRIVER={SQL Server};							
onnection Timeout	240							
Command Timeout	30							
dministrator Email Address	simon@kbgroupuk.com							
Default Domain for Tracking Link	http://www.kbgroupuk.com							
mail Administrator on Tracking Link Error	True							
refault Link for Missing Tracking Link	http://www.kbgroupuk.com/eticketing.htm							

- Click on the links to check that your website configuration is correct. The links will open in a new window.
- Below is a summary of each configuration is:

Website Version: This is the KB Affiliate Tracker software

version. It is automatically set when KB Affiliate Tracker is installed and each time it

is upgraded.

**Database Type:** This is your KB Affiliate Tracker database

server. It will either be SQL Server or

MSDE.

**Connection String:** This is used to connect to your SQL Server

database containing the KB Affiliate tracker

information.

**Connection Timeout:** Database connection timeout.

**Command Timeout:** Database command timeout.

**Administrator Email** 

Address:

If anything goes wrong with KB Affiliate Tracker then an email will be sent to this

email address.

Default Domain for Tracking Link:

If you setup a link incorrectly in KB Affiliate

Tracker it'll go here.

Email Administrator on Tracking Link

**Error:** 

If there is a tracking link error an email will be sent to the "Administrator Email Address"

Default Link for Missing Tracking

Link:

If there is a missing tracking link then it will

default to this.

Local IP Schema Address:

Any link tracking within your organisation i.e. people testing will be omitted from your

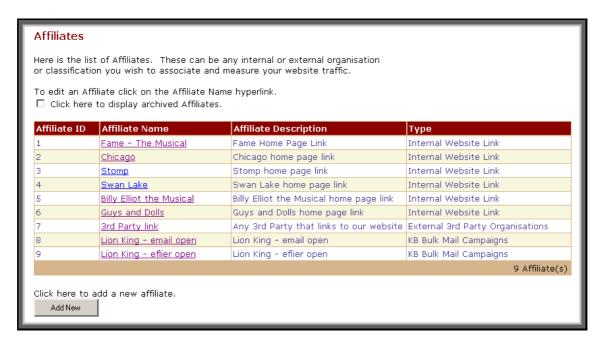
reports so that they are not obscured.

# 6.4 Setup the Affiliates you want to track

The Affiliates screen allows you to add new affiliates and to modify existing ones. Affiliates can be any internal or external organisation or classification you wish to associate and measure your website traffic.

#### 6.4.1 Add a new Affiliate

- Choose Affiliate Information from the Options menu
- The following *Affiliates* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



- Press the Add New button.
- The following Add New Affiliate screen will appear



**Affiliate Name:** The name of the affiliate you want to track.

**Affiliate Description:** The description of the affiliate you want to

track.

Affiliate Type: This is a drop down list allowing you to

define the type of affiliate you are tracking:

External 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Organisation

KB Bulk Mail Campaigns

Internal Website Link

Producers Website

Artist Website

Cost per Click: If the clicking of the link has a cost

associated with it e.g. Google Adwords then enter this here. It is used for calculating the

campaign costs.

**Conversion Type:** This is a drop down list of allowing you to

define how you want to record the desired results of the Affiliate tracking, options are:

Purchase/Sale

Signup/Registration

Page View

Expression of Interest

Email Read

Unsubscribe

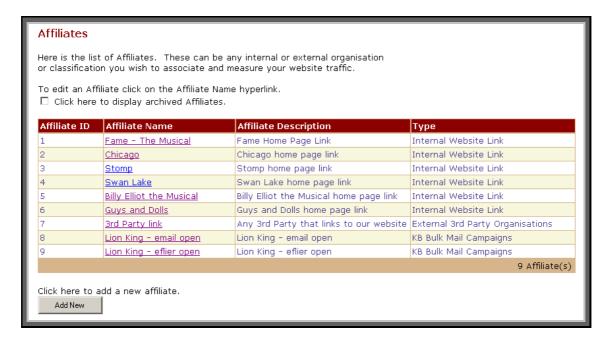
Email Volume Sent: If you have sent your KB Bulk Mail

campaign and you want to report statistics on the volume sent then you would enter the number of email sent for this Affiliate.

Press the **Add New** button to add your affiliate. A screen will appear informing you that you have successfully added your affiliate.

# 6.4.2 Modify an Affiliate

- Choose Affiliate Information from the Options menu
- The following *Affiliates* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



- Click the Affiliate Name hyperlink you wish to modify.
- The following Modify Affiliate Details screen will appear



- Please refer to **section 6.4.1** for a description of each field.
- Make any changes you want and press the <u>Update</u> button.
   Note: you cannot edit the Affiliate Id, this is a number that is generated and maintained by KB Affiliate Tracker.
- Press the <u>Group Membership</u> button modify the Group Membership for your Affiliate. Refer to **section 6.5** for information regarding Group Memberships.

# 6.5 Add Affiliates to groups for reporting purposes

#### 6.5.1 Add a new Affiliate Group

- Choose Affiliate Information from the Options menu
- Choose Affiliate Groups from the Affiliate Information menu
- The following *Affiliates Groups* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



- Press the Add New button
- The following Add New Affiliate Group screen will appear. Add a meaningful Affiliate Group Name and press the Add New button. A screen will appear informing you that you have successfully added the new affiliate group.

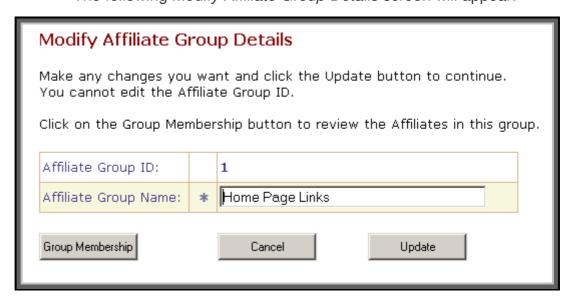


#### 6.5.2 Add Affiliates to Affiliate Groups

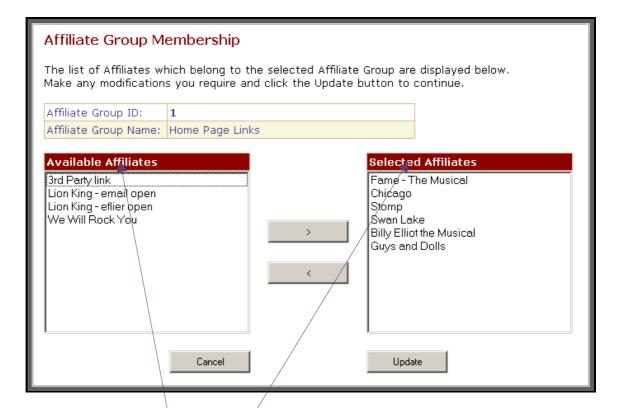
- Choose Affiliate Information from the Options menu
- Choose Affiliate Groups from the Affiliate Information menu
- The following *Affiliates Groups* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



- Click the Affiliate Group Name hyperlink you wish to modify.
- The following *Modify Affiliate Group Details* screen will appear.



- Press the **Group Membership** button.
- The following *Affiliate Group Memberships* screen will appear.



**Available Affiliates:** 

These Affiliates that you have setup to track are not assigned to the affiliate group membership you have selected i.e. in this example the *Home Page Links* affiliate group

Selected Affiliates:

These Affiliates that you have setup to track belong to the affiliate group membership you have selected i.e. in this example the *Home Page Links* affiliate group.

- **To add** Affiliates to this Affiliate Group Membership i.e. *Home Page Links*, click the required Available Affiliates hyperlink and then press the button.
- **To remove** Affiliates from this Affiliate Group Membership i.e. *Home Page Links*, click the required Selected Affiliates hyperlink and then press the \_\_\_\_ button.
- When you have made all of your Affiliate Group Membership changes, press the Update button.

# 6.6 Track a specific link of your website or eflyers

For example, if you wanted to track who is clicking the Swan Lake button on your main home page where the Swan Lake button links to i.e. <a href="http://yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp">http://yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp</a>, then you would do the following:

- 1. Set up an affiliate in KB Affiliate Tracker, e.g. Swan Lake home page link. See section 6.4 for details on how to setup an affiliate. When you setup an affiliate KB Affiliate Tracker automatically assigns an *AffID*. In this case the *AffID* for Swan Lake Home page link is 4.
- 2. Change the link on the original home page i.e. <a href="http://www.yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp">http://www.yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp</a> to take into consideration the three main parts of the tracking. These are:
  - Point to the main tracking page of KB Affiliate Tracker.
  - Specify the Affiliate *AffID* you wish to track (i.e. the item set up in Point 1 above).
  - Specify the original link where the click should take the customer after the tracking has occurred

The modified link on your original home page should look like this. **NOTE** It is very important that you setup your tracker links exactly like this example i.e. including the ? before the AffID and & before the Link.

http://yourwebsite.com/kbat/track.asp?AffID=4&Link=http://yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp

Here you can see the 3 parts from above as follows:

http://yourwebsite.com/kbat/track.asp

The pointer to your KB Affiliate Tracker site.

The affiliate id you want to track i.e. Swan Lake home page link.

&Link=http://yourwebsite.com/swanlake.asp

The place you want the link to actually go to i.e. swanlake.asp

### 6.7 Track who has opened a KB Bulk Mail email

If you want to track who has opened an email from a KB Bulk Mail campaign then you would:

- 1. Set up an affiliate in KB Affiliate Tracker, e.g. Lion King email open. See section 6.4 for details on how to setup an affiliate. When you setup an affiliate KB Affiliate Tracker automatically assigns an *AffID*. In this case the *AffID* for Lion King email open is 8.
- 2. Use KB Bulk Mail to add an invisible gif image syntax to your HTML email. Refer to section 6.6.5 of the KB Bulk Mail document for details on where you would add this syntax.

The HTML tag syntax for the invisible gif image that you add to your KB Bulk Mail HTML email would look as follows.

**NOTE 1:** It is very important that you setup your HTML syntax exactly like this example i.e. including the <img src=, the ? before the AffID, the & before the Link and the **border="0"**> at the end

**NOTE 2**: Do not use https for the image source as some email clients cannot display the images.

<img
src="http://yourwebsite.com/kbat/track.asp?AfflD=8&Link=http://yourwebsite/i
mages/yourimage.jpg"
border="0">

Here you can see the 3 parts from above as follows:

http://yourwebsite.com/kbat/track.asp

The pointer to your KB Affiliate Tracker site.

?AffID=8

The affiliate id you want to track i.e. Lion King email open.

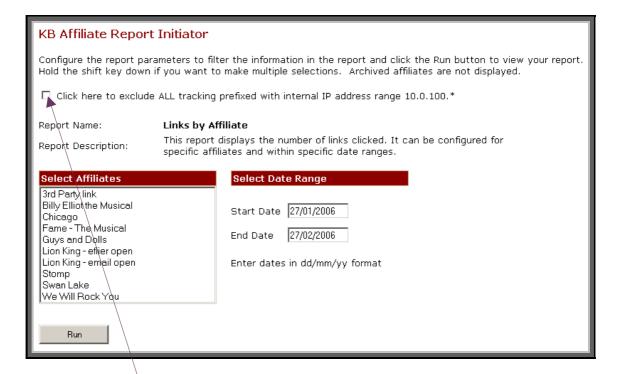
&Link=http://yourwebsite.com/yourimage.jpg.

The yourimage.jpg or gif can be any image but be aware it will appear in the email so you may want to consider using a blank 1-pixel image. There is one in the images folder called invis.gif.

#### 6.8.1 Number of links clicked for each Affiliate report

This report displays the total number of links clicked for each Affiliate. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.

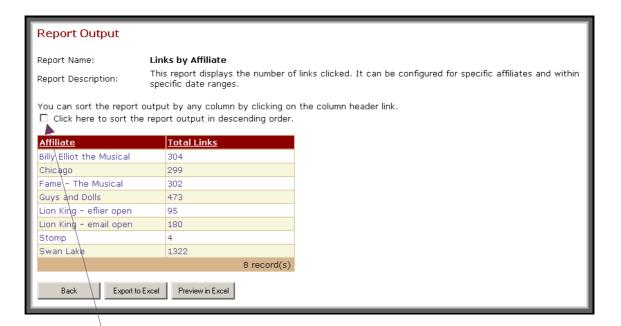
- Choose Affiliate Reports from the Options menu
- Choose Link Statistics from the Affiliate Reports menu
- The following *KB Affiliate Report Initiator* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



 If you would like to exclude all tracking prefixed with your internal IP address range i.e. internal links possibly generated through testing or development, then click this box.

#### To run the report

- Click either a single affiliate or hold the shift key down to click multiple affiliates.
- Adjust the date range.
- Press the **Run** button.
- The following report output will display. Please note that the report data is for example purposes.

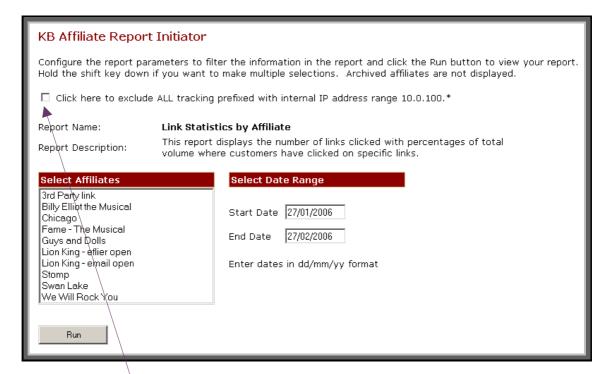


- You can sort the report output in descending order by clicking this box and then clicking the column header.
- You can sort the report output by any column by clicking the column header link.
- You can export the report output to Excel by pressing the Export to Excel button.
- You can preview the report output in Excel by pressing the Preview in Excel button.

#### 6.8.2 Link statistics for each Affiliate

This report displays the number of links clicked with percentages of total volume where customers have clicked on specific links. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.

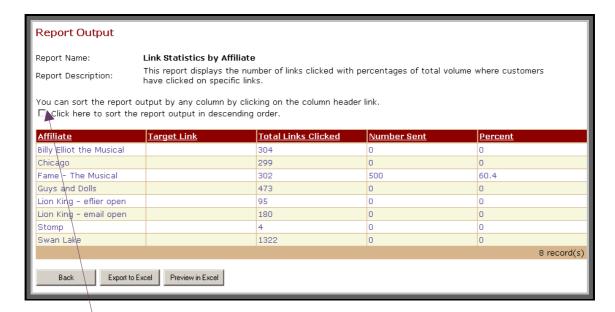
- Choose Affiliate Reports from the Options menu
- Choose Links Clicked from the Affiliate Reports menu
- The following *KB Affiliate Report Initiator* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



• If you would like to exclude all tracking prefixed with your internal IP address range i.e. internal links possibly generated through testing or development, then click this box.

#### To run the report

- Click either a single affiliate or hold the shift key down to click multiple affiliates.
- Adjust the date range.
- Press the Run button.
- The following report output will display. Please note that the report data is for example purposes.



- You can sort the report output in descending order by clicking this box and then clicking the column header.
- You can sort the report output by any column by clicking the column header link.
- You can export the report output to Excel by pressing the **Export to Excel** button.
- You can preview the report output in Excel by pressing the **Preview in Excel** button.

**Affiliate:** Affiliate name.

**Target Link:** If for example you decided to have an eflyer

with many different target links but for the same Affiliate (AffID), then each target link would display as a separate row but the

Affiliate name would be the same.

**Total Links Clicked:** Total number of links clicked.

Number Sent: If you did a KB Bulk Mail campaign and

recorded the Email Volume Sent against an Affiliate (see section 6.5) then this amount

would display here.

**Percent:** This is the percentage of total links clicked

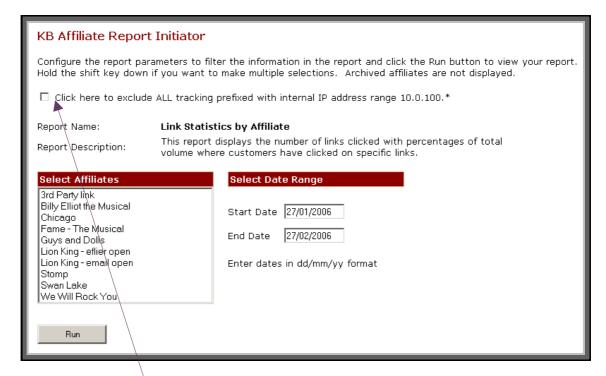
by number sent in your KB Bulk Mail

campaign.

### 6.8.3 Raw Affiliate Tracking data

This report displays raw visit information. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.

- Choose Affiliate Reports from the Options menu
- Choose Raw Visit Info from the Affiliate Reports menu
- The following KB Affiliate Report Initiator screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



• If you would like to exclude all tracking prefixed with your internal IP address range i.e. internal links possibly generated through testing or development, then click this box.

#### To run the report

- Click either a single affiliate or hold the shift key down to click multiple affiliates.
- Adjust the date range.
- Press the Run button.
- The following report output will display. Please note that the report data is for example purposes.

Report Output .										
Report Name: Raw Affiliate Tracking Information  Report Description: This report displays raw visit information. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.										
You can sort the report output by any column by clicking on the column header link.  Cick here to sort the report output in descending order.										
<u>Affiliate</u>	<u>Tracked At</u>	<u>Target Page</u>	<u>Link within</u> <u>Target</u>	IP Address	<u>Browser</u>					
	26/10/2004 18:08:05	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/chicago.asp		10.0.100.116	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Window 5.0; rv:1.7.3) Gecko/20040913 Firefox/0.10					
	26/10/2004 18:08:09	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/chicago.asp		10.0.100.116	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Window 5.0; rv:1.7.3) Gecko/20040913 Firefox/0.10					
	26/10/2004 18:27:30	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/stomp.asp		10.0.100.116	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.( Windows NT 5.1; (R1 1.3))					
	26/10/2004 18:27:40	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/chicago.asp		10.0.100.116	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.( Windows NT 5.1; (R1 1.3))					
	26/10/2004 18:28:42	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/stomp.asp		81.154.194.72	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.( Windows NT 5.1; SV1)					
	26/10/2004 18:28:50	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/stomp.asp		193.111.25.205	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0 Windows NT 5.0; .NET CLR 1.0.3					
	26/10/2004 18:32:43	http://www.yourwebsite.com/whats_on/chicago.asp		81.130.129.156	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.( Windows NT 5.1; SV1)					

- You can sort the report output in descending order by clicking this box and then clicking the column header.
- You can sort the report output by any column by clicking the column header link.
- You can export the report output to Excel by pressing the Export to Excel button.
- You can preview the report output in Excel by pressing the Preview in Excel button.

**Affiliate:** Affiliate name.

Tracked at: The date and time your customer clicked

the link.

**Target Page:** The target page your customer clicked.

Link within Target: You can track if the target page has a

specific query string such as a show identifier on your online booking website.

**IP Address:** Your customers IP address.

**Browser:** Your customers browser.

**Referrer:** This column could not fit in the example

picture above. The referrer is where the customer came from. This is useful for determining the source of inbound traffic.

### 6.8.4 Number of links clicked per Affiliate Group report

This report displays the total number of links clicked for each Affiliate Group. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.

- Choose Affiliate Group Reports from the Options menu
- Choose Link Statistics from the Affiliate Reports menu
- The following *KB Affiliate Report Initiator* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



• If you would like to exclude all tracking prefixed with your internal IP address range i.e. internal links possibly generated through testing or development, then click this box.

#### To run the report

- Click either a single affiliate group or hold the shift key down to click multiple affiliate groups.
- Adjust the date range.
- Press the Run button.
- The following report output will display. Please note that the report data is for example purposes.

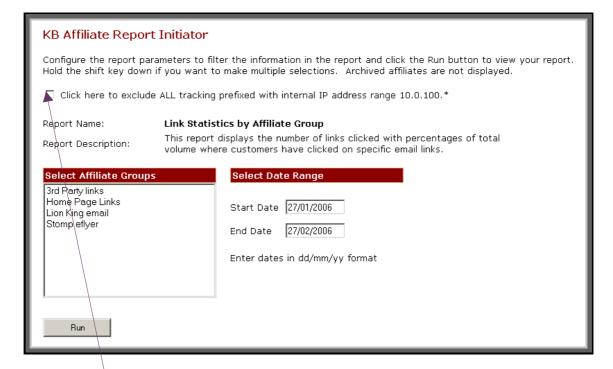


- You can sort the report output in descending order by clicking this box and then clicking the column header.
- You can sort the report output by any column by clicking the column header link.
- You can export the report output to Excel by pressing the Export to Excel button.
- You can preview the report output in Excel by pressing the Preview in Excel button.

#### 6.8.5 Link Statistics for each Affiliate Group report

This report displays the total number of links clicked for each Affiliate group with percentages of total volume. It can be configured for specific affiliates and within specific date ranges.

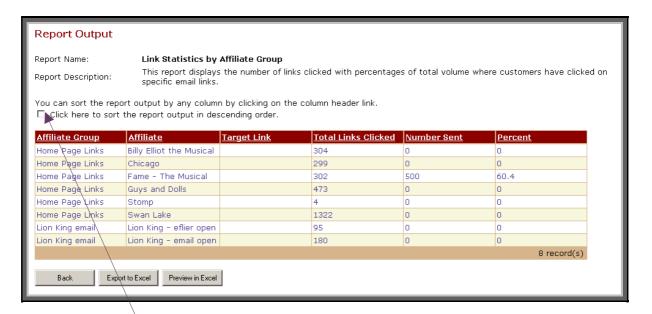
- Choose Affiliate Group Reports from the Options menu
- Choose Links Clicked from the Affiliate Reports menu
- The following *KB Affiliate Report Initiator* screen will appear. Please note that the fields have been filled in here for example purposes.



• If you would like to exclude all tracking prefixed with your internal IP address range i.e. internal links possibly generated through testing or development, then click this box.

#### To run the report

- Click either a single affiliate group or hold the shift key down to click multiple affiliate groups.
- Adjust the date range.
- Press the Run button.
- The following report output will display. Please note that the report data is for example purposes.



- You can sort the report output in descending order by clicking this box and then clicking the column header.
- You can sort the report output by any column by clicking the column header link.
- You can export the report output to Excel by pressing the **Export to Excel** button.
- You can preview the report output in Excel by pressing the Preview in Excel button.

**Affiliate Group:** Affiliate group name.

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**Target Link:** If for example you decided to have an eflyer

with many different target links but for the same Affiliate (AffID), then each target link would display as a separate row but the

Affiliate name would be the same.

**Total Links Clicked:** Total number of links clicked.

Number Sent: If you did a KB Bulk Mail campaign and

recorded the Email Volume Sent against an Affiliate (see section 6.5) then this amount

would display here.

**Percent:** This is the percentage of total links clicked

by number sent in your KB Bulk Mail

campaign.