

Statistics of government websites in Italy





What is Web Analytics Italia

WAI is a national platform for web analytics in the public sector.

- The collection of statistical data is mandatory for all public bodies as established by the Italian law.
- Each public administration can choose which tool to use for the collection of statistics, however the use of WAI is recommended because it contributes to the construction of a national data repository.
- WAI is based on Matomo and is connected to the Italian public bodies directory (IndicePA) and SPID (public digital identity system).



Open source software is the first choice for the Italian Public Administration

- All public bodies in Italy must follow the "Guidelines on software acquisition and reuse for public administrations".
- According to the guidelines, preference should be given to open source solutions and the re-use of software shared by other administrations.

Matomo was the natural choice when we started designing Web Analytics Italia.





A centralized system can provide a valuable national overview (and comparable metrics)

- All statistics can be segmented using geographical criteria or other aggregations based on external data on administrations (population, income, public spending, etc.)
- This kind of segmentations will allow interesting analyses and stimulate data-driven decision making

Small organizations can monitor their traffic with minimal effort

- More than 75% of administrations using Web Analytics Italia are municipalities or schools
- These small organisations either did not collect statistics or used google analytics with individual accounts
- In the short term, the main objective is to spread a sort of "culture of data collection and use" rather than providing advanced analysis tools



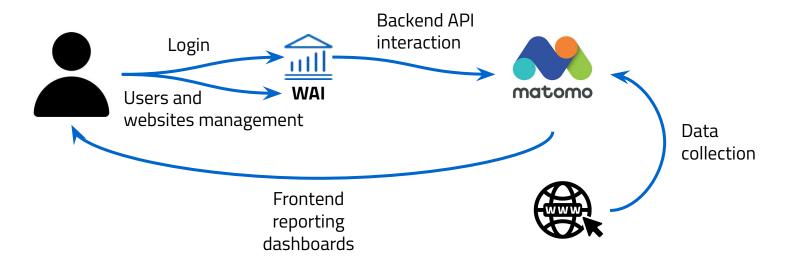
GDPR compliance

- Since the enactment of GDPR, Matomo has been a solution to comply with the European regulation
- The recent CNIL recommendation on exemption from tracking consent is a further argument in support of the use of Matomo
- Italian Data Protection Authority considers the use of first-party analytics cookies to be exempt from user consent when all data is properly anonymised.



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WAI can be considered an administration frontend for Matomo

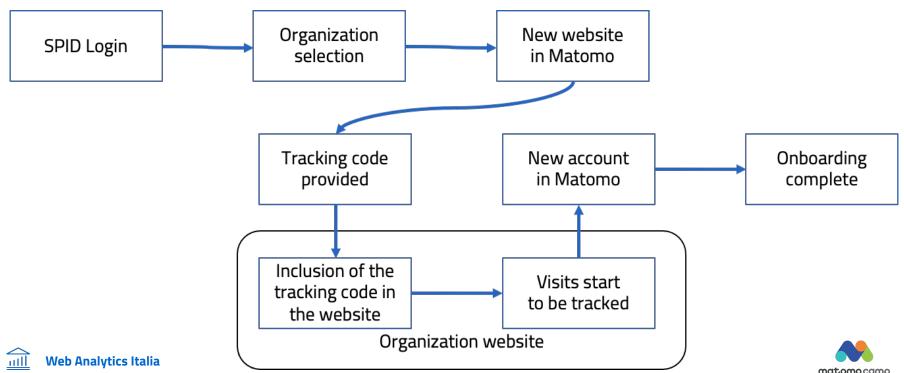




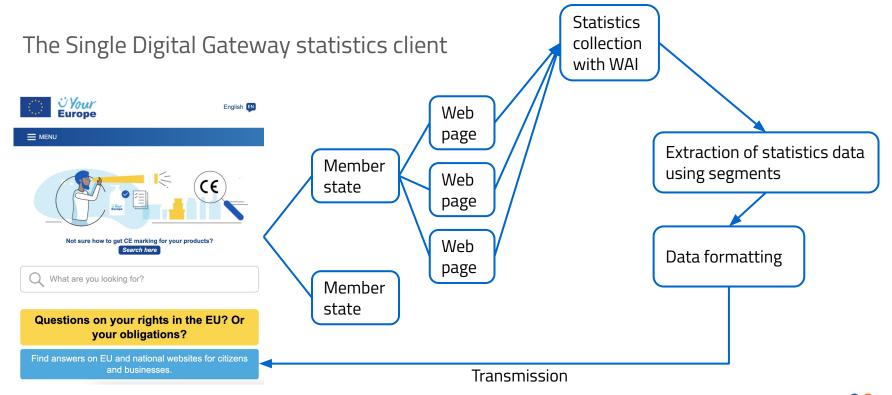


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The onboarding process



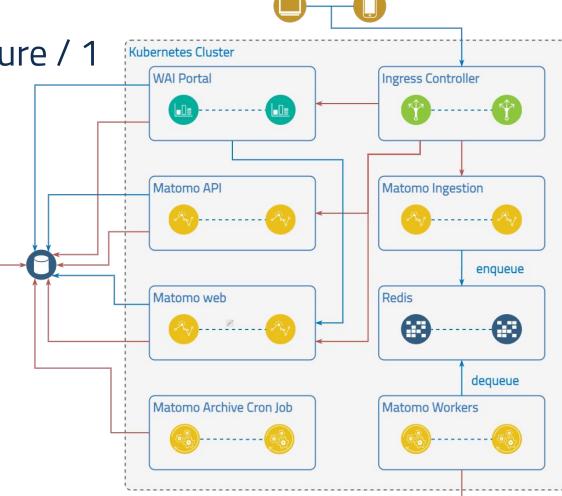
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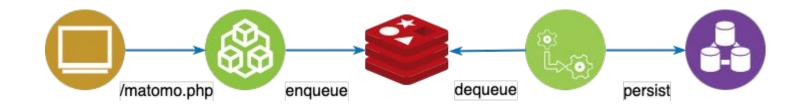
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Four kinds of Matomo containers

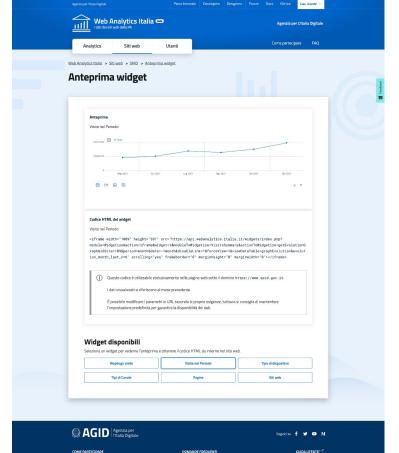






Providing widgets to authorized organizations

- Matomo offers out-of-the-box widgets ready to be included in every website
- We wanted to limit the inclusion of the widget to the website corresponding to the visualized statistic data
- We made up a custom solution





Some performance metrics







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