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The following items describe how NPS safeguards privacy data from the perspective of Google Analytics.

- **IP Address Masking (Anonymization)**
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- **Global Opt-Out of Data Sharing with Google or Google Partners**
The Naval Postgraduate School prohibits sharing data with Google or any of its partners. All OPT-OUT options are required and enforced.
- **NON-Participation in Google Analytics Advertising Features**
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Tracking Opt Out Information for Visitors

To provide website visitors the ability to prevent their data from being used by Google Analytics, Google offers an opt-out browser add-on for the Google Analytics JavaScript (ga.js, analytics.js, dc.js).

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- [NPS Public Affairs Office](#)
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- [Google Analytics Opt Out Help](#)

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