

Buying Display Ad Inventory



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What we'll look at today....



- Display ad market trends: spending and attitudes
- Targeting tactics: audience vs. content (context)
- Range of inventory sources: benefits and caveats
- Publisher direct: finding brand value with premium inventory
- Ad networks: ways to use inventory aggregation
- Ad exchanges: including influx of private exchanges
- DSPs: including growth of agency trading desks
- Real-time bidding: how it fits into several inventory channels
- Integrating ad inventory: blending sources and data

Display Ad Overview

(Spending and Attitudes)

Rapid changes in online display ad inventory emphasize the need to sharpen spending decisions

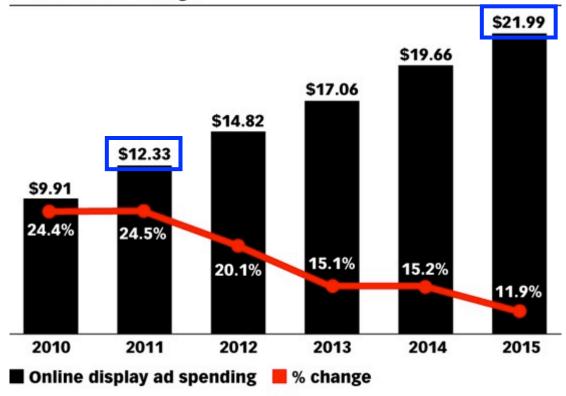


Display ad spending includes:

- banners
- rich media
- sponsorship
- video

US Online Display Ad Spending, 2010-2015

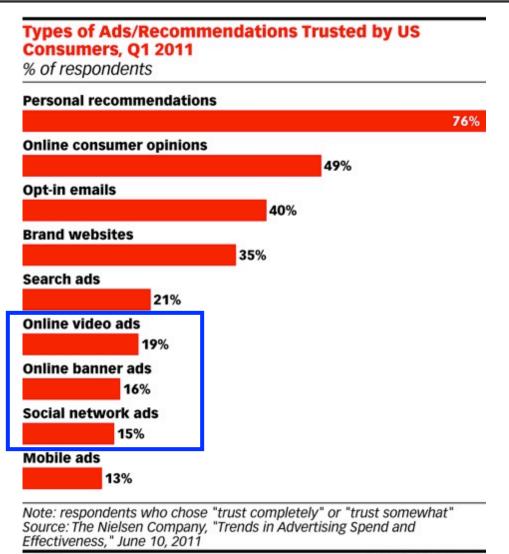
billions and % change



Note: includes banner ads, rich media, sponsorships and video Source: eMarketer, June 2011

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Marketing that US consumers trust: Display formats at bottom



Ridiculously low click rates on banners partially reflect that missing trust

Clickthrough Rate for Mobile vs. Online Banner Ads in North America, Q1 2011

Mobile banner 0.61%

0.07% Online banner

Note: on the MediaMind network; includes campaigns with at least one active mobile ad

Source: MediaMind, "Tiny Screen, Huge Results: Maximizing Mobile Advertising Performance," July 5, 2011

Audience vs. Content Targeting

(New vs. Traditional)

One crucial reason most people never click on banners: The ads are rarely relevant to them

Reasons US Internet Users Do Not Click on Online Banner Ads, March 2011

% of respondents

Don't want to be distracted ("Online banner ads take me away from my current website, or from what I am doing.")

Ads are not that relevant to them

58%

61%

Wary of opening something they'll wish they hadn't (afraid of spam or viruses, pop-ups taking over their screen, etc.)

57%

Ads don't seem interesting or engaging

43%

Only want to click ads when they're in the mood or interested in looking at them

31%

Worried that their internet behavior will be tracked

31%

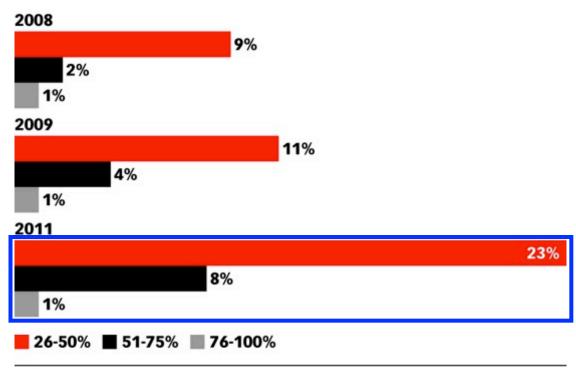
Note: n=600 who have hardly ever or never clicked on an online banner ad Source: AdKeeper & 24/7 Real Media as cited in press release, April 19, 2011

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More targeting has produced more relevancy, **but still** more is needed

Percent of Online Display Ads US Internet Users Consider Relevant to Their Individual Needs, 2008-2011

% of respondents



Note: n=1,004

Source: Harris Interactive, "Behavioral Advertising and Privacy: What Consumers Think They Know...And What Advertisers Need to Do About It" commissioned by TRUSTe, July 25, 2011

30% of marketers or less cite content targeting as most **important** vs. at least 70% who favor audience targeting

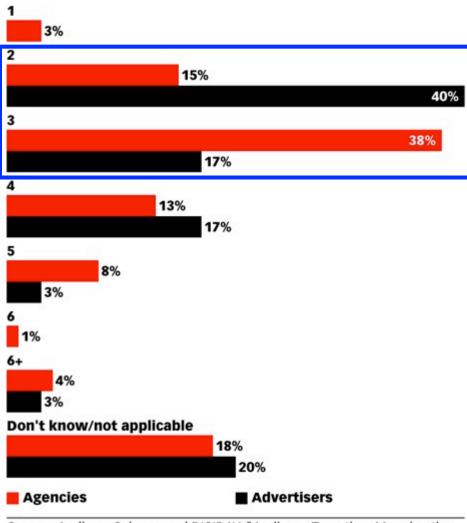
Most Important Type of Targeting According to Advertisers and Agencies in North America, March 2011 % of respondents Agency trading desk Agency 72% 28% Advertiser—brand **29**% Advertiser—performance 70% 30% Advertiser-mix 70% **30**% **Audience** ■ Content

Source: PubMatic and DIGIDAY, "Publisher Trends: Brand + Audience," March 28, 2011

57% of advertisers and 53% of agencies said 2 or 3 targeting segments are optimal

Optimal Number of Targeting Segments Used per Ad Campaign According to Advertisers and Agencies in North America, April 2011

% of respondents

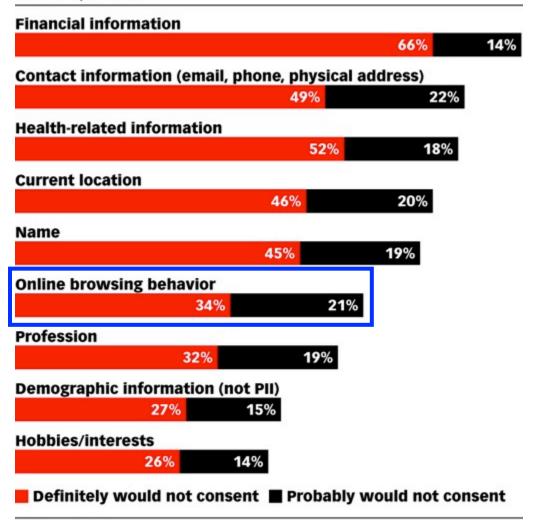


Source: AudienceScience and DIGIDAY, "Audience Targeting: Mapping the Future Evolution of Audience Targeting and Data Management," May 5, 2011

Limits of audience data—and therefore targeting will be shaped increasingly by the types of info that users will **NOT** share

Types of Information that US Internet Users Would Not Share with Advertisers, July 2011

% of respondents



Note: n=1,004

Source: Harris Interactive, "Behavioral Advertising and Privacy: What Consumers Think They Know...And What Advertisers Need to Do About It" commissioned by TRUSTe, July 25, 2011

Audience targeting tends to diminish transparency for media buyers

Online advertising transparency can be defined in several ways



- Details about inventory and data sources
- Recency or frequency of audience intent data (aka "freshness")
- Where an advertiser's message ran
- Basic understanding of the algorithms used used to identify targets
- Identification of any behavioral data used

Ad Inventory Sources and Methods

(Reach vs. Overlap)

Ad inventory options, sources and methods



- Publisher direct (premium)
- Ad networks
- Ad exchanges
- Private exchanges
- Demand-side platforms (DSPs)
- Agency trading desks
- Real-time bidding (RTB)

Publishers and networks (branding) vs. exchanges, DSPs, RTB (direct

response

Best Use of Select Display Inventory Sources/Buying Methods According to US Agencies, Dec 2010

% of respondents

- 1 Fostering engagement
- **4** Direct response
- 2 Generating awareness
- **5** Cost-effective

3 Prospecting

	1	2	3	4	5
Premium publishers	22%	54%	4%	7%	6%
General ad networks	6%	33%	14%	13%	33%
Exchanges, DSPs, RTB	5%	13%	13%	24%	40%

Note: n=109

Source: DataXu and DIGIDAY, "Digital Advertising State of the Industry

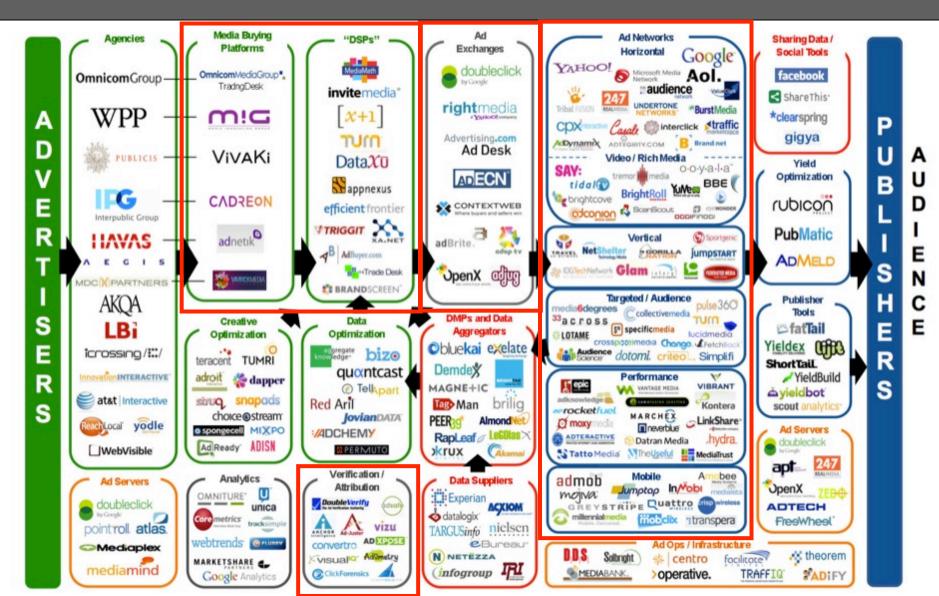
Survey," Dec 9, 2010

Onil Gunawardana, executive director, AT&T Interactive



"Buying ad inventory is a lot like flying a plane."

Display advertising technology landscape, from Luma Partners



Newer ad inventory sources look to solve three basic requirements



- Audience reach and scale: Sources such as ad exchanges and DSPs offer more audience reach, but that's typically achieved through inventory aggregation. As a result, multiple sources offer duplicate inventory and impressions.
- Cost-efficiency: Demand for cheaper inventory is a key catalyst for the growth of ad exchanges, DSPs and agency trading desks. Rather than committing to up-front buys, advertisers purchase inventory by the impression, often at low margins and using RTB.
- Audience-efficiency: An influx of data-management platforms and third-party data providers look to better define and locate audiences. Media buyers use robust audience data, in combination with ad exchanges and DSPs, to better ensure that each impression reaches the right audience at the right time at the right price.

Multiple ad sources too often result in duplicate inventory, which is inefficient and wastes money

Top 10 ad networks each have about 70% or higher reach, making audience overlap very likely

Top 20 US Ad Networks, Ranked by Unique Visitors, Dec 2010

millions and % reach

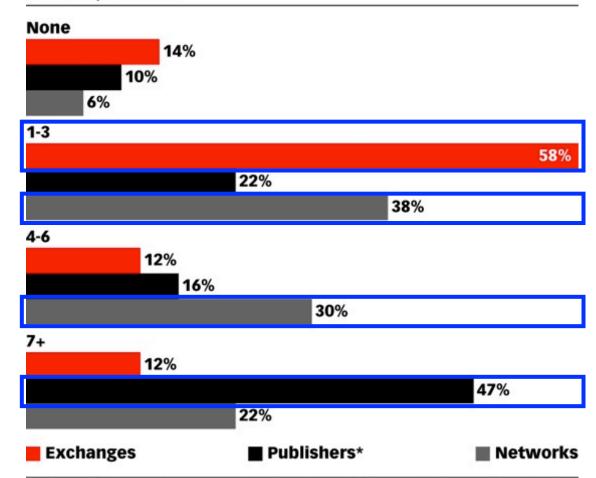
1. Google Ad Network	197.7 (93.3%)		
2. Yahoo! Network Plus	183.5 (86.6%)		
3. AOL Advertising	180.0 (85.0%)		
4. Turn Media Platform	168.8 (79.7%)		
5. ValueClick Media	167.8 (79.2%)		
6. 24/7 Real Media	165.2 (78.0%)		
7. Collective Display	159.4 (75.2%)		
8. adBrite	155.5 (73.4%)		
9. Specific Media	151.4 (71.4%)		
10. Microsoft Media Network US	147.5 (69.6%)		
11. Vibrant Media	146.0 (68.9%)		
12. Traffic Marketplace	143.4 (67.7%)		
13. Tribal Fusion	143.1 (67.6%)		
14. FOX Audience Network	142.0 (67.0%)		
15. AudienceScience	141.8 (66.9%)		
16. interclick	140.2 (66.2%)		
17. Burst Media	139.0 (65.6%)		
18. Adconion Media Group	133.4 (63.0%)		
19. Casale Media—MediaNet	128.4 (60.6%)		
20. Undertone	119.4 (56.3%)		

Source: comScore Networks cited as by Barclays Capital, "Internet Data Book January 2011," provided to eMarketer, Jan 13, 2011

Largest portion of media buyers use only a few exchanges, somewhat more use networks, and still more use publishers

Number of Exchanges, Publishers and Networks from Which Media Buyers in North America Buy Digital Advertising, Feb 2011

% of respondents



Note: n=50 for exchanges and networks; n=49 for publishers; *buy directly, not through an intermediary

Source: DIGIDAY and Google, "Real-Time Display Advertising State of the Industry" with eMarketer calculations, Feb 23, 2011

Publisher Direct

(Premium Inventory)

What is publisher direct inventory?



- Bought directly from publisher, typically via sales team rather than automated methods
- Maximum transparency of placement, such as above-the-fold
- Maximum control over details of placements
- Ability to create custom ad packages, and sometimes wrap a brand's message into site content through sponsorships of articles, features and more

Direct purchase most satisfying way of buying display ad inventory

Most Satisfying Methods of Buying Online Display Ads According to Media Buyers in North America, Feb 2011

% of respondents

Pre-negotiated/reservation-based buying from sites

67%

Real-time buying via demand-side platforms

47%

Real-time buying from ad networks or exchanges

47%

Pre-negotiated/reservation-based buying from ad networks

41%

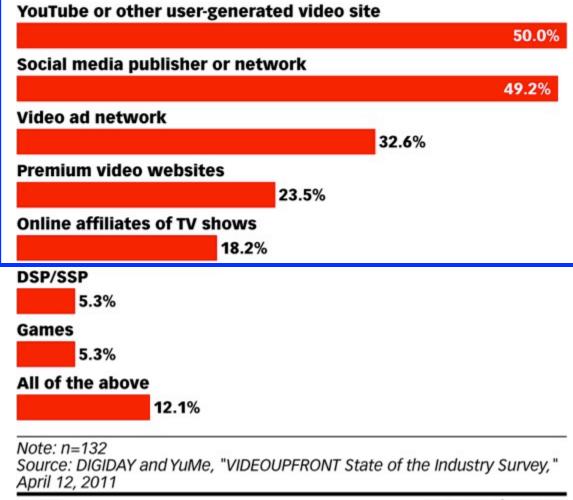
Note: n=50 media buyers from advertisers and agencies; "high" or "highest" satisfaction on a 4-point scale

Source: DIGIDAY and Google, "Real-Time Display Advertising State of the Industry," Feb 23, 2011

Brands not yet spending for digital video ads would most likely buy inventory directly from publishers or on networks

Channels that Brands or Agencies in North America that Do Not Use Digital Video Would Most Likely Use to Buy Online Video Ads, March 2011

% of respondents

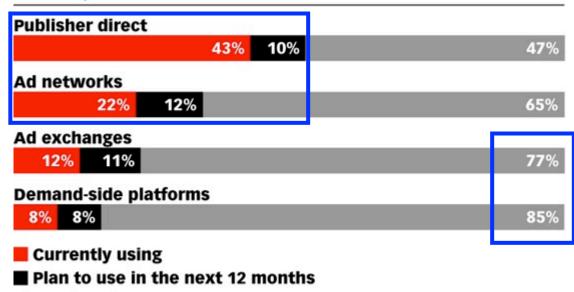


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Similarly, **SMBs** prefer publisher direct and networks for ad buys, but are shying away from ad exchanges and DSPs

Online Display Advertising Sources Used by US-Based SMBs, Q2 2010

% of respondents



No plans to use

Note: n=196 online marketers working at companies with <200 employees worldwide; numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding Source: Forrester Research, "Interactive Marketing Priorities for SMBs," Sep 7, 2010

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Brand marketers looking to broadly disseminate their message would be wise to leverage large ad properties

Top 10 US Ad Publishers, Ranked by Online Display Ad Impressions, Q1 2011

billions and % of total

1. Facebook

346.46 (31.2%)

2. Yahoo! sites

112.51 (10.1%)

3. Microsoft sites

53.59 (4.8%)

4. AOL

33.45 (3.0%)

5. Google sites

27.99 (2.5%)

6. Turner Network

18.05 (1.6%)

7. Fox Interactive Media

11.70 (1.1%)

8. Glam Media

10.21 (0.9%)

9. CBS Interactive

9.21 (0.8%)

10. Viacom Digital

9.05 (0.8%)

Note: total Q1 2011 display impressions=1,110.45 billion; home, work and university locations; includes static and rich media ads and excludes video ads, house ads and very small ads (<2,500 pixels in dimension) Source: comScore Ad Metrix as cited in press release, May 4, 2011

Publisher direct (premium): Benefits and Caveats



- Benefit: context really matters, so leading brands require premium inventory
- Caveat: typically higher price tags than any other inventory source
- Benefit: useful for brand marketers looking to broadly disseminate their message; especially large ad properties such as Facebook and Yahoo!
- Caveat: audience reach for video ads pales compared with banners
- Benefit: offers media buyers the most brand control against poor-quality placements or inappropriate content
- Caveat: Facebook's audience will likely overlap with other publishers'
- Benefit: best for finding particular audiences (but doesn't really scale)
- Caveat: programmatic buying treats editorial quality as an added cost
- Benefit: greatest transparency of placement, audience, results
- Caveat: "you get what you pay for" is often a basic truth here

Ad Networks

(Inventory Aggregators)

What is an ad network?



- Aggregates ad inventory from multiple publishers and matches it with advertiser demand
- Typically groups ad inventory by categories or demographics
- Often sells remnant inventory or from small publishers
- Comes in both horizontal and vertical varieties

Rough estimates indicate over 300 ad networks, both horizontal and vertical



Nearly 3/4 of agencies use ad networks to **buy online** ads, with traditional media company websites close behind

Methods Used by US Ad Agencies to Buy Online Advertising, Q4 2010

% of respondents

Other

4.5%

Through an ad network (Google, Yahoo!, yellow pages)

72.7%

Through traditional media (TV, print, radio sites)

71.6%

Direct from the publisher (Expedia, NCAA, etc.)

42.0%

Through a DSP or exchange (Invite Media, Right Media, Acxiom, etc.)

9.1%

Through self-services (e.g., FatTail's PageGage)

4.5%

Source: STRATA, "4th Quarter 2010 Survey Results," provided to eMarketer, Jan 18, 2011

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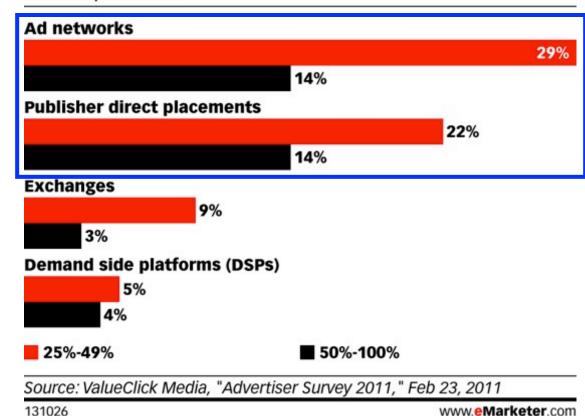


"Ad networks provide a service layer that allows advertisers to buy everything from one place and takes the hassle out of needing to have relationships with multiple publishers."

Far more marketers put greater share of ad budgets on ad networks and publisher direct (but beware rearview mirror effect)

Online Ad Budget Allocation by US Marketers and Agencies, by Channel, Dec 2010

% of respondents



Dave Marsey, SVP and group media director, Digitas



"Some ad networks will purchase additional inventory through other, smaller ad networks. It's hard to protect the integrity of where your ad appears when the network is essentially 'outsourcing' part of the buy."

Ad networks: Benefits and Caveats



- Benefit: tend to offer more robust targeting than publisher direct
- Caveat: may provide only a small audience eligible for retargeting
- Benefit: better reach, lower costs than publisher direct
- Caveat: don't go live as fast as ad exchange purchases
- Benefit: offer brand control against poor placements or unsuitable content
- Caveat: often cannot specify publisher sites where ads will run
- Benefit: can often gain access to contextual placements and social network inventory not typically found on a DSP
- Caveat: often lack the audience scale found with less-transparent providers like exchanges and DSPs
- Benefit: various theme-specific networks, like luxury goods sites
- Caveat: make sure network is open to third-party data providers

Ad Exchanges

(Bidding for Inventory)

What is an ad exchange?



- A hub through which ad networks, and some large advertisers or agencies, can **trade** inventory within a single central marketplace
- Intermediary that brings together publishers and marketers for inventory auctions
- Without RTB, sells ads for future placements
- With RTB, enables automated, auction-based pricing and buying in real time

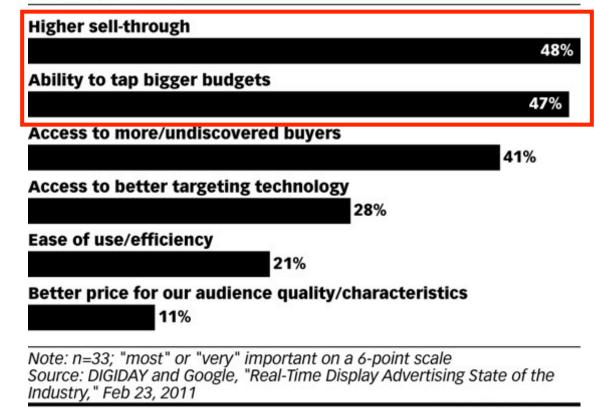
Ad exchanges and DSPs often work hand-in-hand



Publishers extend their sales reach by putting inventory on exchanges or other realtime platforms

Advantages of Making Their Ad Inventory Available on a Exchange or Other Real-Time Bidding Platform According to Online Publishers in North America, Feb 2011

% of respondents



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Ad exchanges tend to reduce costs compared with direct site purchases

Growing use of DSPs or exchanges, but still small shares

Methods Used by US Ad Agencies to Buy Online Advertising, Q1 & Q2 2011

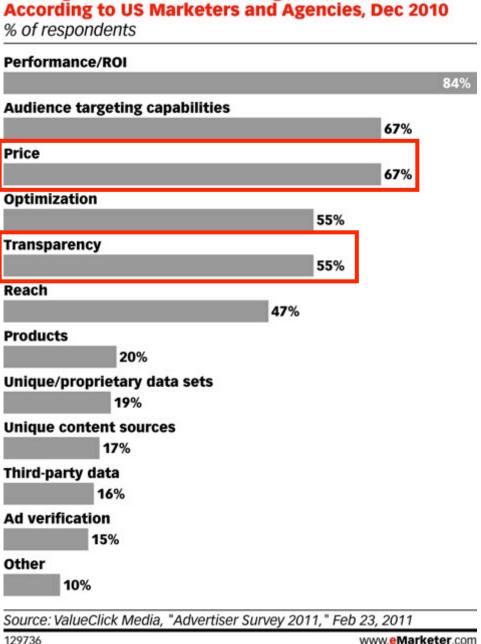
% of respondents

	Q1 2011	Q2 2011
Through an ad network (Google, Yahoo!, Yellowbook, etc.)	66.0%	67.6%
Through traditional media (TV, print, radio stations, etc.)	69.1%	50.9%
Direct from the publisher (Expedia, OpenTable, NCAA, etc.)	41.5%	43.5%
Through a DSP or exchange (Invite Media, Right Media, Acxiom, etc.)	10.6%	19.4%
Through self-services (FatTail's PageGage, Adap.tv's Marketplace, etc.)	2.1%	3.7%
Other	6.4%	8.3%
Source: STRATA, "2nd Quarter 2011 Survey Re	esults," July 26, 2	011

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Reduced transparency is a major downside of ad exchanges and DSPs

Marginally more marketers value price over transparency when buying advertising



Leading Factors When Choosing a Media Partner

Verification companies offer tools for improving transparency





Ad exchanges: Benefits and Caveats



- Benefit: better audience scale and reach than publisher direct or networks
- Caveat: what quality is the inventory?
- Benefit: enables networks to more efficiently and cheaply trade inventory
- Caveat: potential for audience overlap, therefore inefficient spending
- Benefit: often priced CPC or CPA, best for performance goals and lead gen
- Caveat: often filled with inventory from small, obscure sites, or sites with low editorial quality—therefore, limited contextual placements
- Benefit: efficiently uses data from multiple sources to pinpoint audiences
- Caveat: brands especially need verification tools to prevent their ads from ending up alongside low-quality or offensive content
- Benefit: effective reach for retargeting site visitors
- Caveat: auction model can drive up prices for most effective inventory

Private Exchanges

(Cutting Out the Middleman)

What is a private exchange?



- Marketplace in which one large publisher sells inventory based on its segmented user base
- While many are a single publisher, some are small, related groups of publishers
- Also can be large groups, such as QuadrantOne, which sells inventory from hundreds of newspaper sites
- Often fueled using RTB technology

Tom Jenen, commercial director, AdMeld EMEA



"There is increasing awareness among many publishers that general ad exchanges lack the controls they need to protect their brands and bottom lines."

Nick Johnson, senior vice president, digital media sales, NBC Universal



"If advertisers want to come in, we're selling them the network.

We're not selling them placements; we're selling them people."

Private exchanges: Benefits and Caveats



- Benefit: gives the publisher greater control over how impressions are sold
- Caveat: best for publishers that have the scale and brand equity to attract advertisers into their own marketplace
- Benefit: more high-quality, brand-safe inventory available via RTB than through other programmatic methods
- Caveat: reduces transparency compared with pure direct buys
- Benefit: gives marketers a more efficient means of executing crossplatform buys with higher-end publishers
- Caveat: can't guarantee that programmatic transactions won't drive down the higher rates publishers get using direct sales
- Benefit: offers RTB benefits like greater audience targeting and impressionlevel inventory
- Caveat: tends toward higher CPMs than on networks or regular exchanges

Demand-Side Platforms

(DSPs)

What is a demand-side platform (DSP)?



- System for managing multiple ad exchange accounts using a single interface
- Lets marketers integrate outside data directly into DSPs for buying via RTB methods
- Prime example of programmatic buying
- Trading desks are essentially in-house agency DSPs

Steve Kerho, senior vice president, Organic



"One of the great things about DSPs is that we are moving closer to my being able to buy a specific audience and I can name my price."

Significant share of those considering a DSP say it will be part of a whole

Role of Demand-Side Platforms in 2011 According to US Marketers and Agencies, Dec 2010

% of respondents

Will be our exclusive media buying solution

1%

Will complement our network partnerships and other off-network buying

28%

Will consider working with a DSP

40%

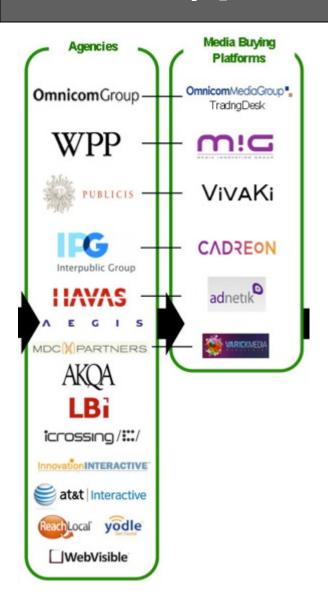
Do not plan on working with a DSP

30%

Note: numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding Source: ValueClick Media, "Advertiser Survey 2011,"

Programmatic buying: can be more effective, but control is a concern

Media buying platforms (aka trading desks) potentially offer simpler buys



Demand-side platforms (DSPs): Benefits and Caveats



- Benefit: saves time in the day-to-day execution and ability to bid on inventory across various exchanges
- Caveat: a little too black-box for many brands, who give up control
- Benefit: ad network DSPs broaden the range of media they can offer beyond that which they directly represent
- Caveat: very little premium inventory available at this stage
- Benefit: data providers can segment audience data by factors such as gender, age, income, and purchasing history and intent
- Caveat: CPA-focused media buyers often need to factor in additional data charges to their CPA objectives, especially for third-party data
- Benefit: give ability to de-duplicate audience views across all ad placements, not just those made through the DSP
- Caveat: still often overlap, with same ad inventory as sold by exchanges

Real-Time Bidding (RTB)

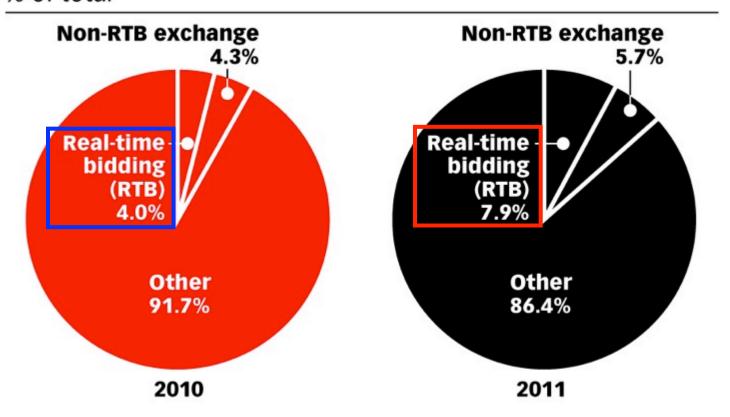
What is real-time bidding (RTB)?



- Component of a DSP, ad exchange or network that lets buyers use their own data and targeting options to bid for each ad impression
- Gives marketers a controlled environment for buying ad inventory and optimizing costs
- Fueled by a wealth of data, such as IP address, geolocation, current site user is viewing, ad unit size and format, time of day, user profile
- Based on instantaneous auctions (duh!)

RTB's share of display spending still small, but growing rapidly

US Online Display Ad Spending, by Type, 2010 & 2011 % of total



Source: Forrester Consulting, "RTB Hits the Mainstream" commissioned by Admeld, Feb 10, 2011

RTB usage partly held back by shortage of publisher inventory

Ad Buyers Who Have Used Real-Time Bidding (RTB) vs. Publishers with Open Inventory to RTB in North America, March 2011

% of respondents

Ad buyers who have used real-time bidding (RTB)	62%
Publishers with open inventory to RTB	20%

Source: PubMatic and DIGIDAY, "Publisher Trends: Brand + Audience," March 28, 2011

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Jeff Hirsch, president, AudienceScience

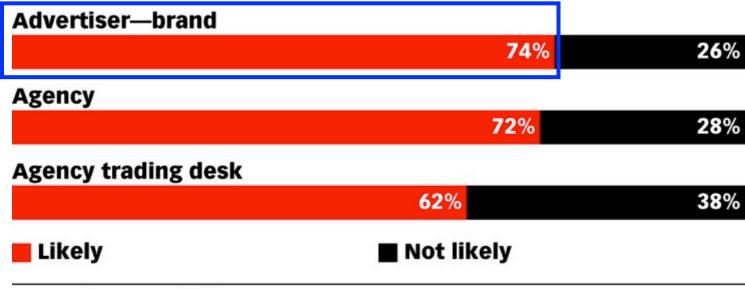


"RTB-based buying doesn't take into account quality and publisher environments."

Direct access to publisher RTB could encourage brands to use the technique

Likelihood of Advertisers and Agencies in North America to Increase Their Overall Real-Time Bidding (RTB) Budget if They Had Direct Access to RTB*, March 2011

% of respondents



Note: *from a publisher

Source: PubMatic and DIGIDAY, "Publisher Trends: Brand + Audience,"

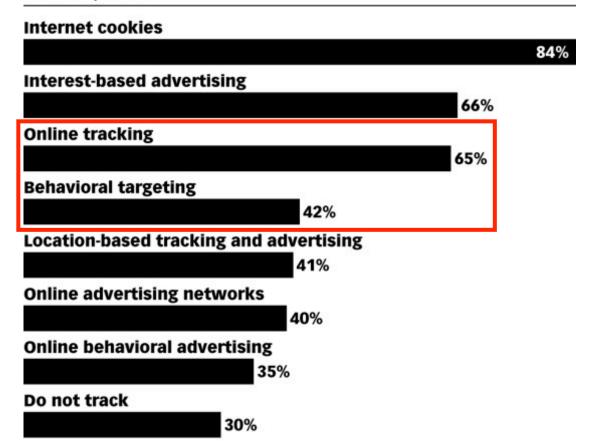
March 28, 2011

Beware of bidding blindly on inventory based only or mainly on price

RTB's audience targeting raises hackles of privacy advocates, and users are ever more aware of being tracked

Awareness of Select Online Ad Terms Among US Internet Users, July 2011

% of respondents



Note: n=1,004; number shown is percent of respondents who answered "yes" to each of the items when asked "Are you familiar with each of the following terms?"

Source: Harris Interactive, "Behavioral Advertising and Privacy: What Consumers Think They Know...And What Advertisers Need to Do About It" commissioned by TRUSTe, July 25, 2011

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Dave Morgan, CEO, Simulmedia



"DSPs and RTB are too complicated...The problem is that the math parts of the applications are dramatically overbalancing the art."

Real-time bidding (RTB): Benefits and Caveats



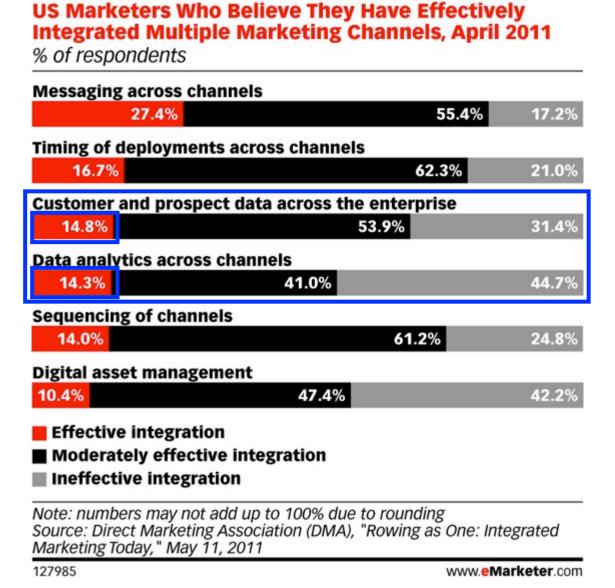
- Benefit: allows buyers to evaluate mix of content, brand and audience on each impression and decide which impressions to bid on and for how much
- Caveat: more complex to purchase ad inventory through a bidding interface than through managed services on ad exchanges, networks and DSPs, or directly from publisher sites
- Benefit: relatively transparent process where buyer gets to see broad range of data, including the impression's URL, geographic and contextual information, behavioral targeting data, and historical performance
- Caveat: buyer's system needs to scale with the size of the inventory they view, not just the inventory they buy
- Benefit: can be layered on top of ad exchanges, DSPs or agency trading desks
- Caveat: programmatic buying still needs human control and close watch
- Benefit: gives advertisers desired audience at the lowest possible price
- Caveat: publishers are at risk of downward pricing pressure

Integrating Ad Inventory

(Data's Central Place)

Coordinated media buying is too often fragmented by channels and silos

Very few marketers believe they've effectively integrated data across their company or channels



Reaching your target audience requires a continually monitored blend of inventory sources and robust data

34% of marketers cited customer data hubs as third-most likely technology to help them overcome challenges

Marketing Technologies US B2C Marketers Believe Can Help Them Overcome Their Current Marketing Challenges, May 2011

% of respondents

1	2	3
27%	11%	16%
13%	7%	12%
12%	11%	11%
11%	10%	10%
8%	16%	8%
7%	14%	8%
7%	10%	7%
5%	10%	7%
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Note: n=132; three responses allowed; 1=most helpful and 3=third most helpful; respondents did not necessarily use these technologies; excludes responses of those who answered "none of the above" or "don't know" Source: Forrester Consulting, "The New Campaign Management Mandate" commissioned by ExactTarget, June 15, 2011

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Centralizing data into a single database with individual customer records is key

Methods Used by US Marketers to Manage Customer Data, May 2011

% of respondents

Have a centralized data repository for our client data

40%

Track acquisition costs by channel

33%

Centralize customer data from across channels to recognize the customer in a single record

33%

Measure lifetime customer value

30%

Utilize predictive customer analytics

29%

Note: n=368; top five responses shown

Source: ClickSquared and The Relevancy Group, "The Connected Marketing

Campaign Management Imperative," July 28, 2011

Conclusions



Conclusions: Buying Display Ad Inventory

- Concentrate on your campaign objectives to leverage the strengths of each inventory source and method.
- The crowded display advertising landscape requires regular testing and measurement of the different inventory sources.
- Audience targeting or content targeting? A blend of both techniques is often the best approach.
- Find your optimal balance between costs and transparency.
- Never blindly substitute newer inventory sources and buying methods for tried-and-true solutions.
- Each new ad buying method aggregates inventory from its predecessors. But greater reach can create greater **overlap**.
- > Don't buy the hype: RTB can be useful for buying both brand and performance inventory, but it is unlikely to **replace** guaranteed buys.