Overview

When customers consider a new product or service that you offer, digital channels are most often their first point of interaction. But it’s getting more and more challenging to create consistent, highly relevant experiences that break through. Why? Cookie laws, ad blockers, changes in data privacy, new advertising methods and the need for responsive design all play a part. Customer expectations further complicate things, with today’s customers expecting you to recognize them and treat them consistently across all channels, and to present them with offers that are anticipated, relevant and personalized. Can you deliver?

What if every time customers interacted with you, they got exactly what they needed or wanted, with minimal effort? Only SAS Customer Intelligence 360 provides an organically grown solution that has been developed with integration in mind, to turn this into your company’s reality.

Benefits

SAS Customer Intelligence 360 is a family of solutions that empower marketers to use what they know about a customer – from a data, analytics and marketing process perspective – to enable more relevant, targeted, individualized communications via all marketing touch points.

Ability to Perform True Predictive Marketing

Unlike traditional “marketing cloud” solutions, SAS Customer Intelligence 360 uses real-time, dynamic data collection technology that avoids channel-based web analytics tagging, enabling rapid transformation of digital data into customer-focused insight. Then you can turn that insight into faster, more accurate decisions about customers during real-time interactions. By doing this, brand marketers can meet each customer’s needs at the right time and place, and in the right context – all down to the individual level. That’s why “360” is in the name. It provides a complete view of everything needed to optimize the individual customer journey.
Integrate Online and Offline Data Across Channels
Easily combine data coming from SAS Customer Intelligence 360 with data from your offline customer channels – call center, CRM, POS, etc. Empowering all this is the Customer Decision Hub – our exclusive analytics decision-making brain. It’s fueled by data, activated by analytics, and amplified across your organization by customer-centric processes. As a result, you’ll gain a richer, more meaningful multichannel customer understanding.

After all, customers formulate brand perceptions based on their experiences across all channels in which they interact. If you were to model and market to customers based on a single channel view of those customers, you could make erroneous and ill-advised marketing decisions.

A Complete and Unified Customer Profile
The data captured by SAS Customer Intelligence 360 solutions isn’t just about pages and clicks; it’s about customers – everything they see and do, and everywhere they go. Traditional web analytics products keep page-click data at an aggregate level and are unable to translate those page clicks into a view of the customer. In contrast, SAS Customer Intelligence 360 captures the complete online behavior of customers at a detailed level and can associate it with existing offline customer data sources – e.g., promotional, demographic and purchase-based information – to provide a complete picture of the customer. By combining these typically disparate data sources into a unified view of the customer, you’ll gain valuable insight into a customer’s true needs. This translates into more relevant offers, better targeted activities and more efficient use of your marketing resources.

Provide a Personalized, Multichannel Customer Experience
SAS Customer Intelligence 360 provides the full breadth of capabilities you need to turn customer experience insights into successful marketing programs. Capturing the wealth of information that customers leave on your website – their buying plans, significant life changes, etc. – and effectively integrating it with a library of personalized offers and content that are ready for presentation at the right moment will lead to a much-improved customer experience.

In addition, multiple decision-making methods – from business rules to predictive models to multivariate tests (via custom predictive models) – help ensure that the customer gets the most relevant and personalized offers.

Transform Better Insights Into Better Marketing Performance
Most marketing organizations don’t have the in-house expertise to develop the latest forecasting techniques for their marketing initiatives. SAS Customer Intelligence 360 includes predictive models that can give you a forward-looking view of your campaigns, enabling you to understand the most significant business drivers, forecast how drivers and business measures will perform in the future and run goal-seeking routines to determine optimal levels needed – even if you don’t have a statistician on staff.

Spend Marketing Dollars More Effectively
While most online analytics vendors require form- and field-level tagging, SAS embeds a single line of HTML code in each webpage to enable dynamic data collection – without expensive tagging costs. Page design changes are accounted for automatically during data capture, eliminating the need to continually re-tag the page. Having integrated digital asset management to assist in delivering those assets means easier integration with other tools and quicker time to market.
Start Small and Add On as Needed
The modular nature of SAS Customer Intelligence 360 enables you to start small and add on over time, following a natural growth path. For example, you can start with dynamic data collection and analysis. Next, add capabilities to push offers, creative and content into mobile, web and email channels – while testing, tracking and measuring performance along the way.

In addition, as your organization embraces the online capabilities SAS has to offer, you can adopt additional components of the SAS Customer Intelligence suite.

Capabilities
Open Data Model
All data is housed in an open, customer-centric data model that promotes further data exploration and analysis, and can be used in downstream marketing efforts. Online data is logically structured within a predefined business context for easy integration with existing customer data, and nontechnical staff can produce ad hoc reports quickly.

Post-Data-Collection Contextualization
SAS enables you to convert gathered data into information that can be analyzed and reported on at the customer level so that website administrators won’t have to apply new tags every time there’s a change to the page design. In addition, prebuilt data models enable immediate data analysis and reporting, eliminating the burden on IT staff to design a complex data loading and reporting infrastructure.

Dynamic Data Collection
A single line of HTML is embedded within each web page to automatically obtain page information – what the customer does and sees, the order and timing of elements loading on a page, the hovering of a mouse over a selection, each keystroke in a form, etc.

This is in stark contrast to traditional web analytics solutions, which require extensive website modifications to collect data through techniques such as tagging.

Accuracy is ensured, and because there are no third-party issues to worry about. To mitigate security concerns, privacy, security and data protection issues are rigorously managed, and sensitive data is encrypted using industry-standard techniques.

Predictive Models, Forecasting and Goal-Seeking Routines
Predictive analytics enables marketers to make projections for specific business goals will be met based on the performance drivers and metrics of a current campaign. You can also identify the most significant underlying drivers of a particular business metric and present them in an easy-to-use business report.

Goal-seeking capabilities enable you to determine the optimal levels needed for each driver that affects a particular business goal. And because these advanced statistical and optimization routines are prebuilt, no statistical expertise is required to run or develop them.

Anonymous Behavior Capture
The activities of everyone who visits your website – whether identifiable or not – are recorded over time. Once a visitor is identified, any previously anonymous behavior is assigned to that person automatically, resulting in a much richer profile than would otherwise be possible.

Part of the SAS® Customer Intelligence Suite
SAS Customer Intelligence 360 solutions fully integrate with the rest of the SAS Customer Intelligence suite, creating an environment that’s organically built and ready out of the box to analyze and execute marketing programs all the way down to the individual customer level. With SAS Customer Intelligence 360, all the tools that marketers need to manage multichannel, targeted marketing efforts are just a few clicks away – within a unified environment.

Challenges

- Insufficient understanding of online customer interactions. If you don’t know exactly what happens when a customer interacts with your company through online channels, you will be unable to implement a true, multichannel customer-focused strategy.
- Lack of individualization capabilities. Traditional solutions are unable to perform cross-channel customer targeting via the web, which can lead to abandonment, acquisition and churn problems.
- Inaccessible customer insight. The reporting capabilities of traditional web analytics solutions are complex, technology-focused and targeted primarily at IT users and web analysts, making it difficult or impossible to get customer insight into the hands of marketers who need it most.
- No unified customer view. Difficulty accessing and combining customer information across channels and business units results in an incomplete view of the customer and an inability to fully understand – and predict – customer behavior.
- Inability to use insight to engage. Collecting, normalizing and using digital data for marketing activities often takes weeks. With SAS Customer Intelligence 360, this time is shortened significantly due to its integrative capabilities.
Components

SAS® Customer Intelligence 360 Discover
Gain a more complete view of your customers by using customer experience analytics to dynamically capture interactions, transform those individual interactions into customer-centric knowledge and then integrate this knowledge with customer insight from other channel views. SAS Customer Intelligence 360 Discover enables you to more effectively understand, model and effectively market to customers who visit your web properties.

SAS® Customer Intelligence 360 Engage
Effectively target and deliver offers to customers who have interacted with your organization via digital channels such as email, mobile apps or the web.

This offering enables organizations to take insight gleaned from the Discover offering, as well as other analytical insights, and interact with customers over digital channels. It is unique in the marketplace in that it allows organizations to engage with other SAS Customer Intelligence offerings in an integrated and supportive manner—versus having to stitch together digital marketing offerings from various vendors. This enables marketers to truly engage with their customers in a dynamic way across channels, devices and points in time.

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