#### Increasing Conversions Through Behavioral Targeting

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# **Plum Benefits Overview**

- An employee discount program
- Specialize in discounts to ticketed entertainment (i.e. theater, sports, concerts, family attractions)
- Employees from member firms login to browse discount offers
- Revenue Model: Fees + Commission on Tix Sales
- Primary Goal: Sell Tickets (generate commission)
- Marketing team = 5 FTE's
- B2B List (22k), B2C (600k)
- Have been using Eloqua for 1-year

# **Marketing Practices**

# Email

- > B2B to program admins
- > B2C to employees at member firms
- Direct Mail
- Outbound Call Center
- Events

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# **Marketing Practices**

# B2B Emails

- > Target: Program Administrators (i.e. HR departments)
- > List Size: 22,000
- **> Frequency:** 3x per month
- > Content: Offers/Discounts, Service Messages
- > Goal: "Forward these great offers on to your employees"

# **Marketing Practices**



- B2C Emails ("C" = Employees)
  - > Target: Employees at our participating corps
  - > List Size: 600,000
  - > Frequency
    - 1 regularly scheduled "offer announcement" per month to entire list
    - Ad hoc targeted messages
  - > Content: Offers/Discounts
  - > Goal: Logon to our site and purchase tickets

# Challenges of B2C (pre-Eloqua)

- Content of Email Not Always Relevant to Consumer
- No Visibility of Consumer Behavior on Web Site for Offline Channels (ie call center)
- Long Production Cycles
- No Way to Test Emails Before Sending
- No Way to Control Flow of Email and Rate of Site Traffic and Inbound Calls

# "Eloqua-izing" Our Web Site

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# **Eloqua'izing Our Web Site**

- All web users are written into SFDC when they register online
- SFDC writes users into Eloqua daily
- User Login is used as a "form" to capture user behavior in Eloqua



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# **Behavioral Targeting Overview**



- Step 1: capture and aggregate user clickstream (implicit)
- Step 2: combine above with what we already know about user (explicit)
- Step 3: Use Eloqua program to match the right offers to the right consumers

# **Step 1: Capture & Aggregate**

- Derive implied "area of interest" from customer click stream:
  - > Area of Interest Measured by number and type of offers viewed on site
  - > Example: If a customer logs onto our site and views 100 offers over a 6-month period:
    - 70 theater offers, 70/100 = 0.70 theater\*
    - 20 sports offers, 20/100 = 0.20 sports
    - 10 concerts offers, 10/100 = 0.10 concerts

\*denotes primary area of interest

# **Step 1a: Capture**

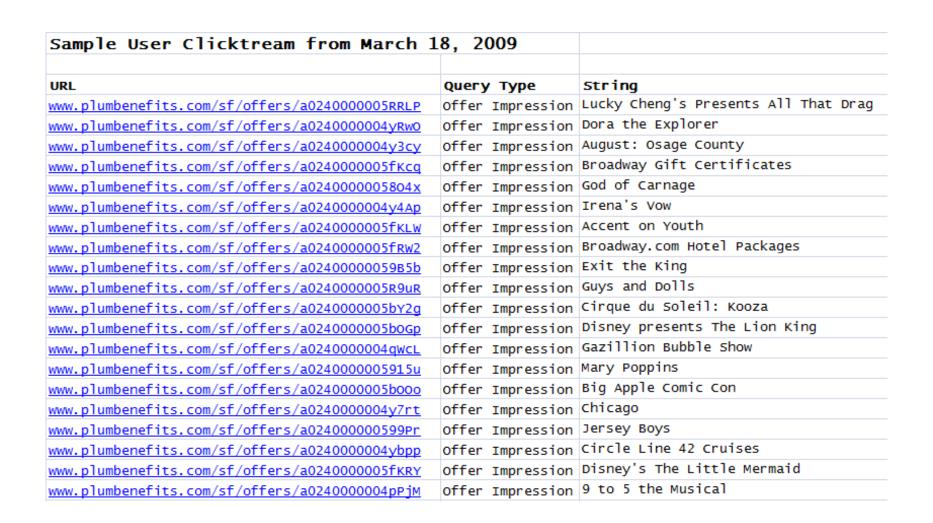


# We use query string parameters to capture offer views in Eloqua

<b>jum</b> ben	nefits"" your entertainment guide	Hello, Ross Bauer of Nu-train. If you are not Ross, click here to log out.		
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## **Step 1a: Great but Now What?**



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# Step 1b: Aggregate



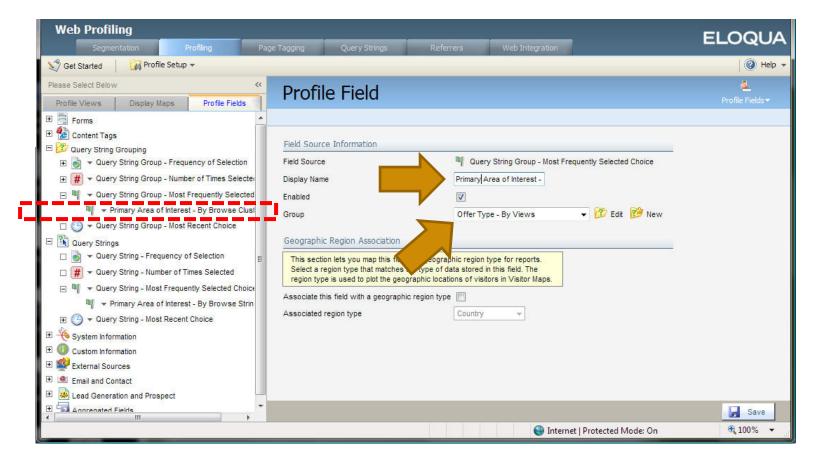
We use query string clusters to group offers into high level categories like arts & theater, sports, music, family attractions

Parameters	Parameter Sets	Clusters	Query String Cluster Group					
<ul> <li></li></ul>			Attractions & Family Events					
			Query String Group Name					
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# Step 1c: Calculate



We then use profile fields to calculate the primary area of interest and # of views per group



#### Step 1d: Move Data from Profile to Contact

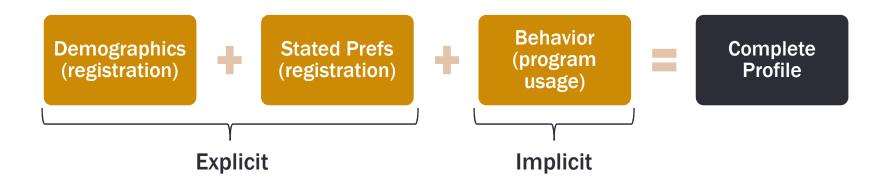
We then use a simple program in eloqua to move area of interest from profile record to contact record and then to SFDC

Program	요. Program -	<b>™</b> Members <del>•</del>	<b>⊡</b> Reporting <del>•</del>
Area of Interest			
OVERVIEW - Please disable the program to edit The time of the last program evaluation was 11/2/2009 9:52:35 AM (GMT -05	:00) EST.		
Switch to Tabular View			
View Step Inputs 1.0 - Start In Step: 0 All: 2.0 Update in SF In Step: 0			

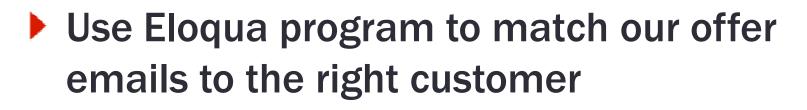


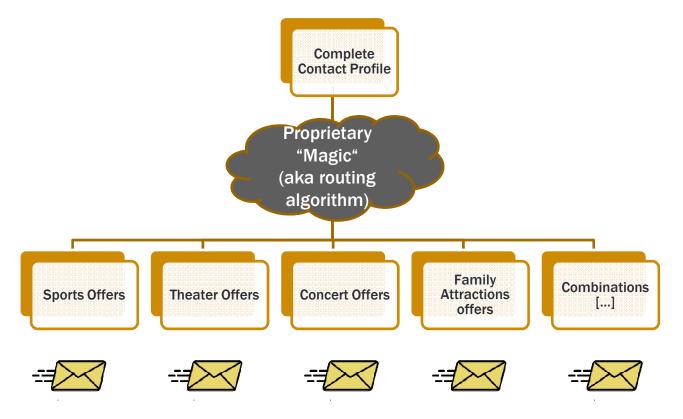


Combine the above implicit data with other explicit data to form rich user profile



# **Step 3: Eloqua Program**

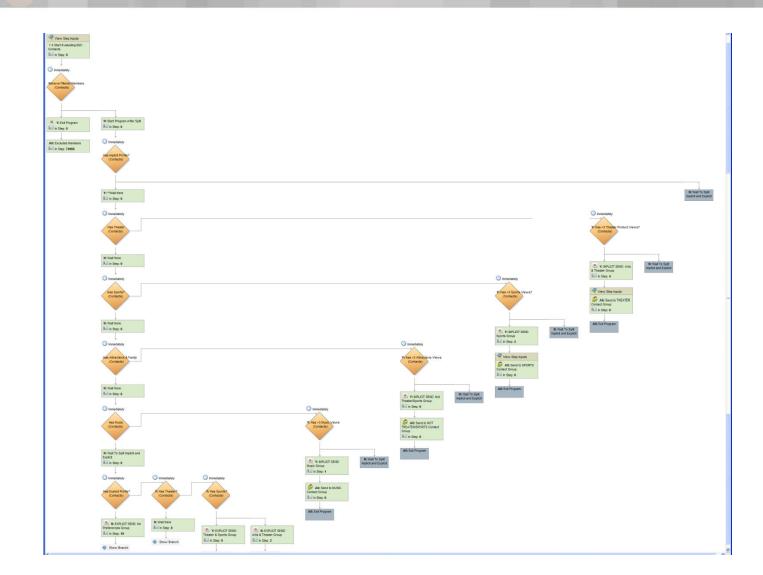




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# **Step 3: The Real Deal**

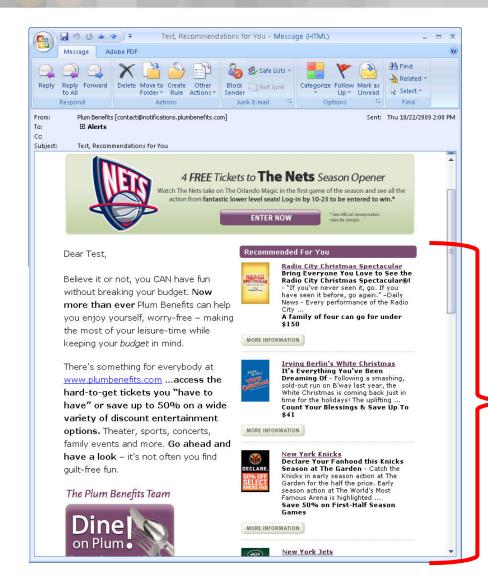




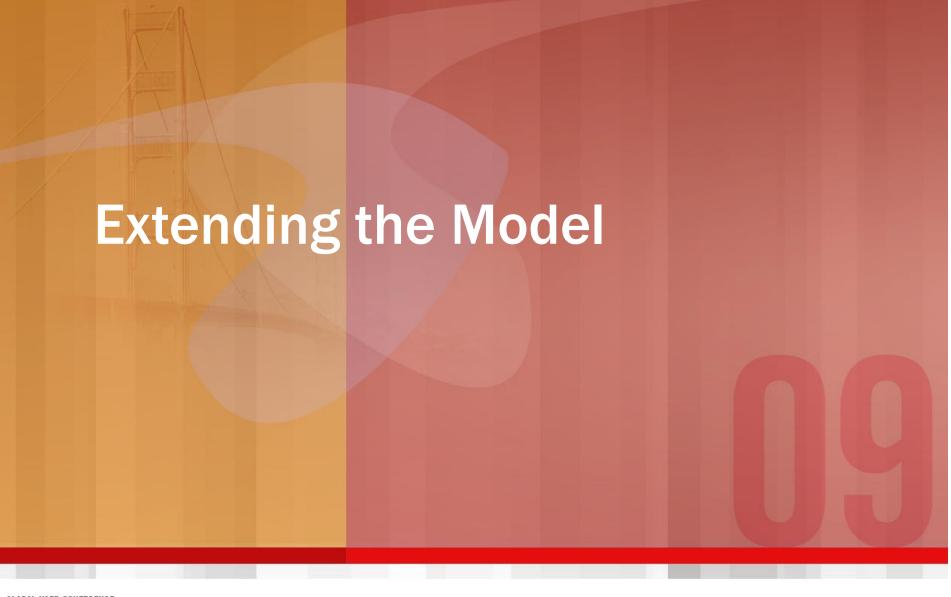
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# **The End Result**





 Recommendations are custom and based on recipients browse pattern



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# **Other Implicit Data We Capture**

We use query strings to capture in Eloqua:

- > Offer Views/Impressions (discussed above)
- > Offer Clicks-to-Order
- > Search Terms (found and not found)
- We use cases and web-to-case to capture in Salesforce
  - > Offer Requests

# **Example: Custom Targeting**

- We just re-signed with the NY Jets and we want to sell tickets for the 2010 season!
- Initial Email Campaign to all those that:
  - > Viewed Jets offer last year (ELQ)
  - > Clicked to buy Jets offer last year (ELQ)
  - > Searched for Jets any time (ELQ)
  - > Requested Jets any time (SDFC)
- We also get creative...

# Example: Custom Targeting (cont.) ELOQUA

## Those That

- > Viewed, clicked, searched for, and/or requested
  - NY Giants
  - Other football teams
  - Yankees
  - Mets
  - Knicks
  - Nets
  - All Sports...



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# How we did it: Visibility Offline

# Profiles made available in SF via an integration rule – a little math helps too!

Address Information			
Mailing Address	1658 Route 300 Newburgh, 12528 USA		
<ul> <li>Description</li> </ul>			
Description			
<ul> <li>Demographics &amp; Targe</li> </ul>	ting Specs		
Market	New York	Age Calc	
Gender	Μ	Area Code	
▼ Web Account Informat	ion		
Active	1	Total Number of Logins	47
Email Opt Out		First Login Date	10/31/2007
		Most Recent Login Date	10/12/2009
▼ Offer Preferences			
Primary Area of Interest	Arts & Theater		
Views - Arts & Theater	338	Freg - Arts & Theater	73%
Views - Attractions & Family	5	Freq - Attractions & Family	1%
Views - Music	19	Freq - Music	4%
		Freq - Sports	21%
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# How we did it: Testing



- Content Testing: A/B splits
- Delivery Testing: Pivotal Veracity/Return Path

# How we did it: Controlling Flow



- Content Testing: A/B splits
- Delivery Testing: Pivotal Veracity/Return Path



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## **Quantifiable Results**



### Result from April 2009 Campaign

Program	Emails Sent	Bounce Backs	Emails Received	Opens	Open Rate (%)	Email Visitors	Visitor Click-through Rate	Unsubscribes	Unsubscribe Rate
B2C Email Routine	329740	20149	309591	91327	29.50%	43528	14.06%	532	0.17%
GROUP 1: TARGET BASED ON EXPLICIT PROFILE									
	20002	24.95	26708	7615	29.549/	3470	42.00%	38	0.149/
EXPLICIT SEND: Arts & Theater Group	28893	2185	26708	7615	28.51%	3470	12.99%	30	0.14%
EXPLICIT SEND: No Preferences Group	235912	15139	220773	61311	27.77%	26814	12.15%	432	0.20%
EXPLICIT SEND: Not Sports/Not Theater Group	2014	134	1880	572	30.43%	263	13.99%	5	0.27%
EXPLICIT SEND: Sports Group	3888	273	3615	1060	29.32%	429	11.87%	13	0.36%
EXPLICIT SEND: Theater & Sports Group	24791	1834	22957	6863	29.90%	3394	14.78%	23	0.10%
SUBTOTAL - IMPLICIT	295498	19565	275933	77421	28.06%	34370	12.46%	511	0.19%
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GROUP 2: TARGET BASED ON IMPLICIT PROFILE									
IMPLICIT SEND: Arts & Theater Group	25864	432	25432	10529	41.40%	7351	28.90%	18	0.07%
IMPLICIT SEND: Music Group	5264	97	5167	2150	41.61%	1263	24.44%	2	0.04%
IMPLICIT SEND: Not Theater/Sports Group	152	3	149	48	32.21%	29	19.46%	0	0
IMPLICIT SEND: Sports Group	2962	52	2910	1179	40 52%	652	22.41%	1	0.03%
SUBTOTAL - IMPLICIT	34242	584	33658	13906	41.32%	9295	27.62%	21	0.06%

GROUP 2 - GROUP 1

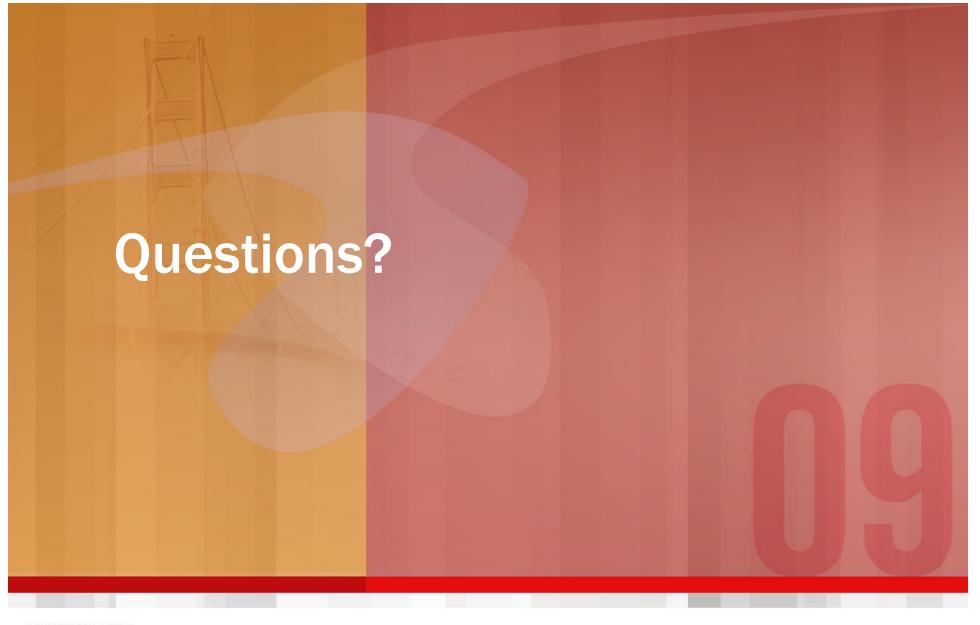


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# Conclusions



- 1) Behavioral email targeting works
- 2) Does not have to be expensive or time consuming
- 3) Sharing data to other members of firm pays dividends by:
  - Maximizing the impact of the customer hit/conversation
  - □ Making you look service-centric



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