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## P2P INITIATIVE

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Leveraging Data to Build Audience and Diversify Revenue

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# Leverage Your Data

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**To Build Audiences & Diversify Revenue**

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## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- ❓ EVERYTHING!!!
- ❓ The Business Model
- ❓ The definition of “AUDIENCE”
- ❓ The processes by which Audience is developed & monetized

## AXIOM #1: THE REVENUE IMPERATIVE

***REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION is the prime path to prosperity***

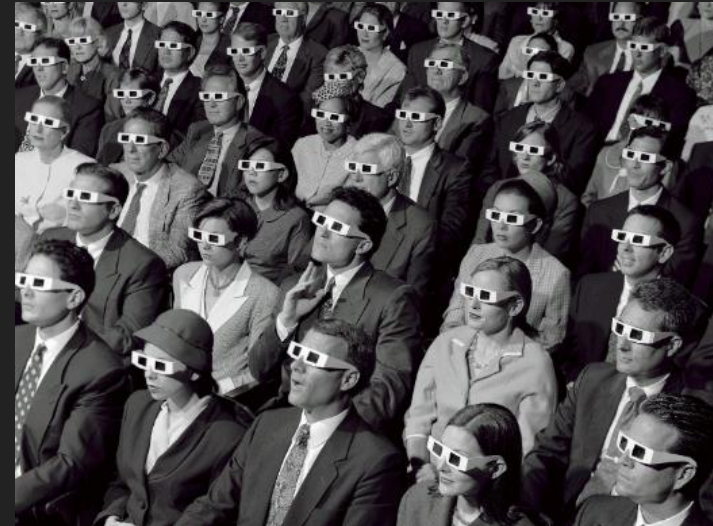
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- ❑ Direct mail
- ❑ E-commerce
- ❑ **Content**

## AXIOM #2: THE AUDIENCE IMPERATIVE

*“Revenue follows audiences”*

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# THE VERTICAL DIMENSION

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# BUILDING AUDIENCES “MULTI-Dimensionally”

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# THE CHANNEL DIMENSION

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# THE RELATIONSHIP DIMENSION

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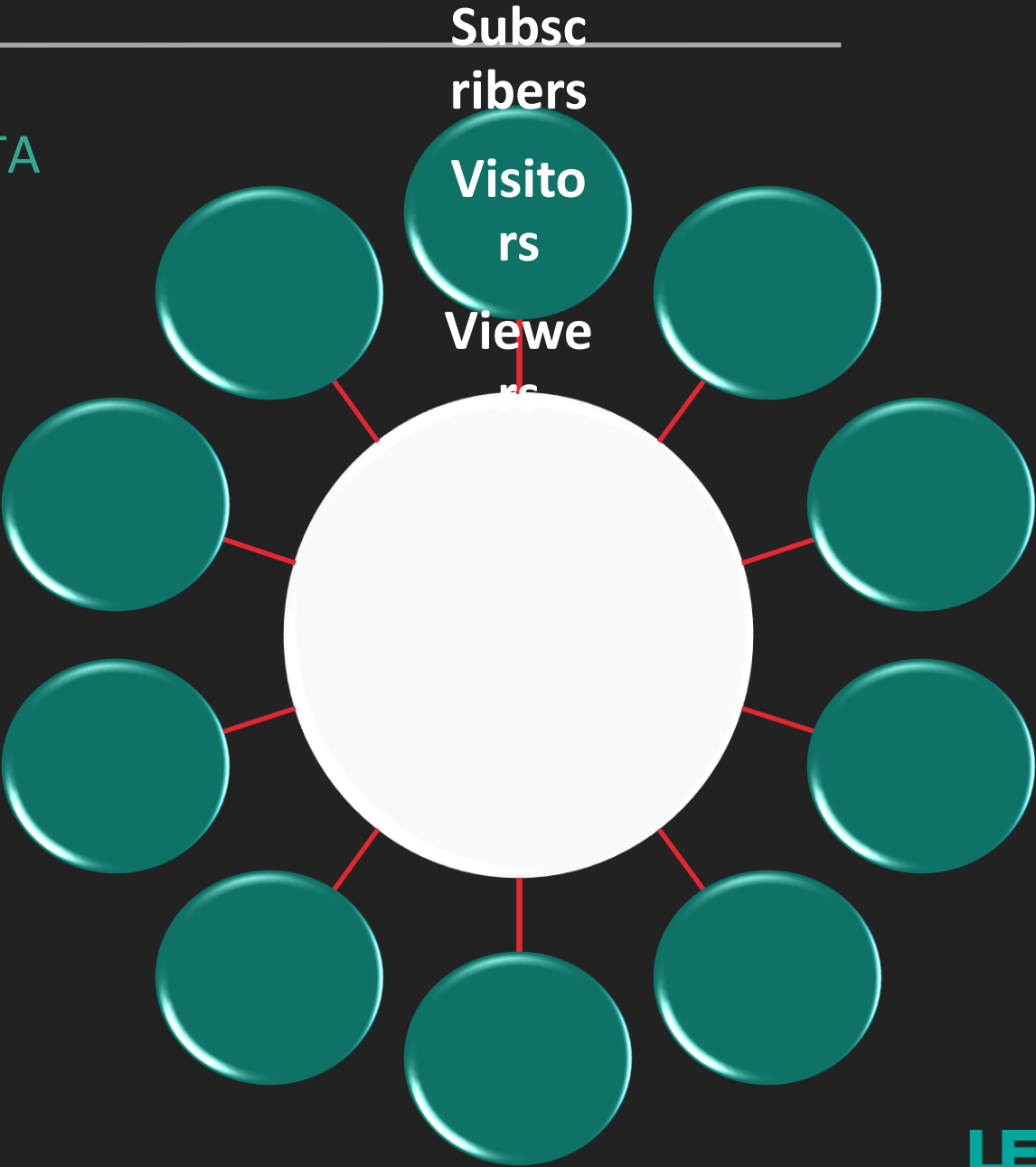
*Audiences are built with data*



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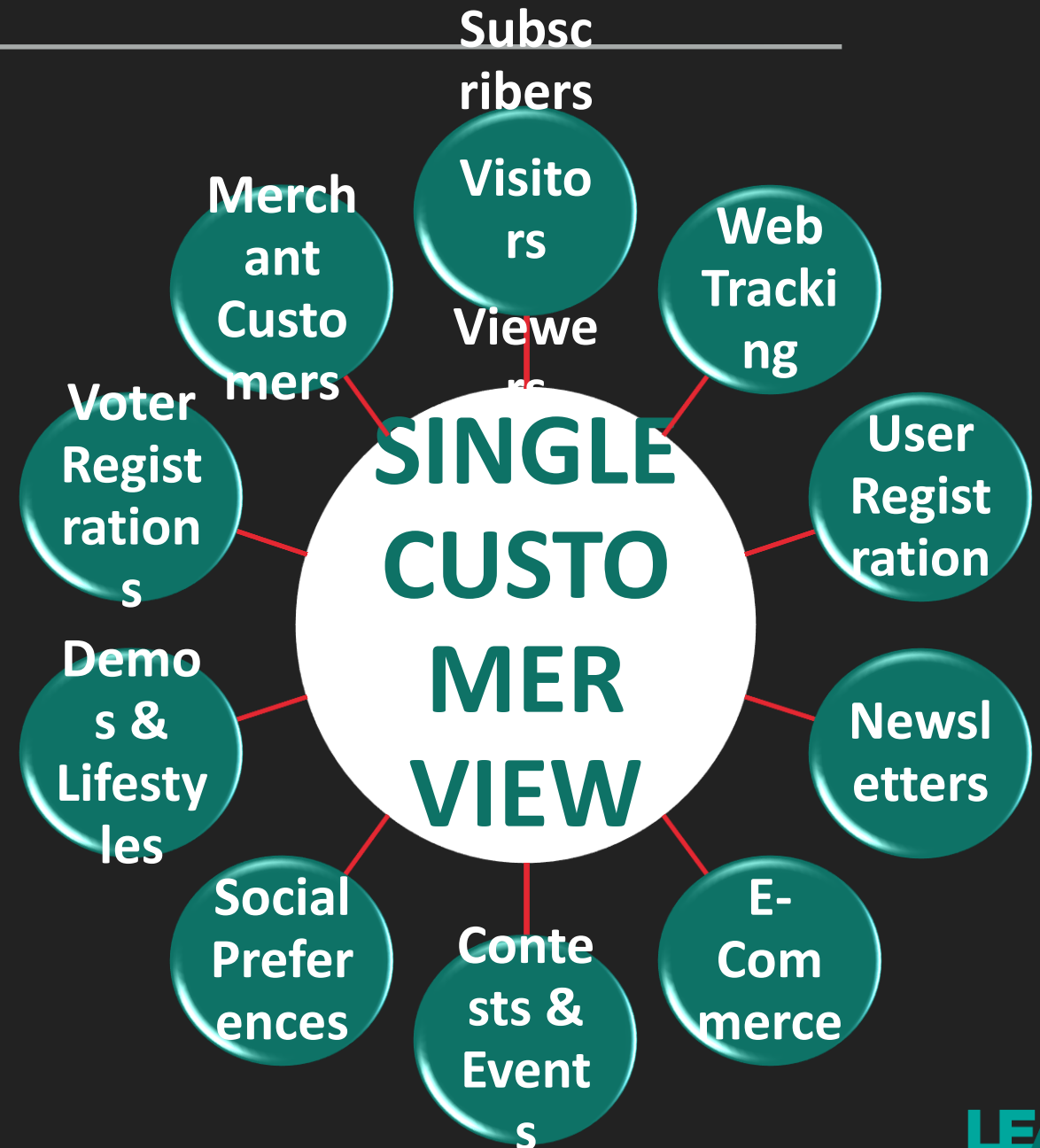
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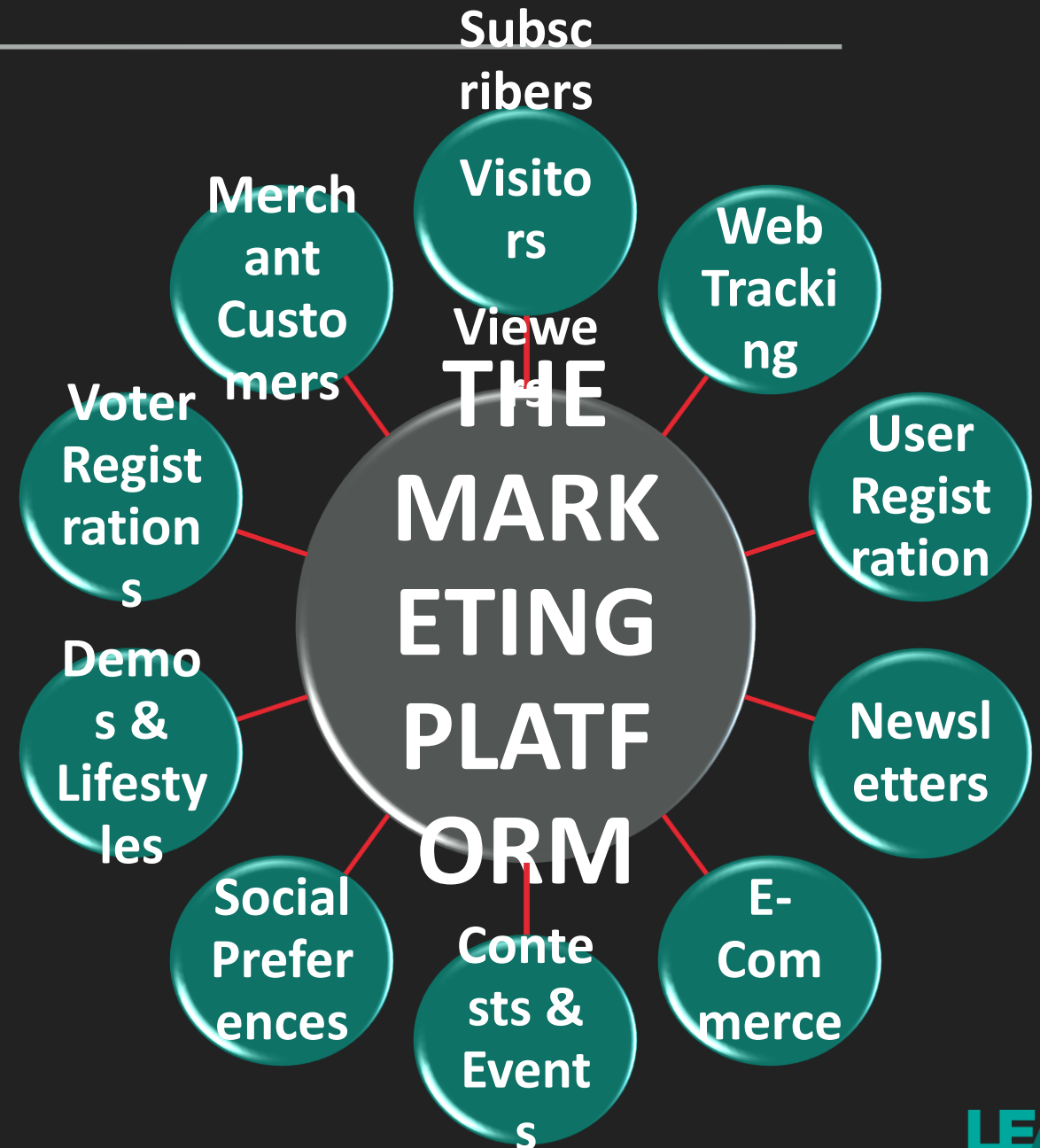
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## THE TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ Unconstrained access to data
- ❑ Data visualization & analytics
- ❑ Channel integration
- ❑ Machine Learning and AI
- ❑ Marketing automation
- ❑ Customer Journey optimization

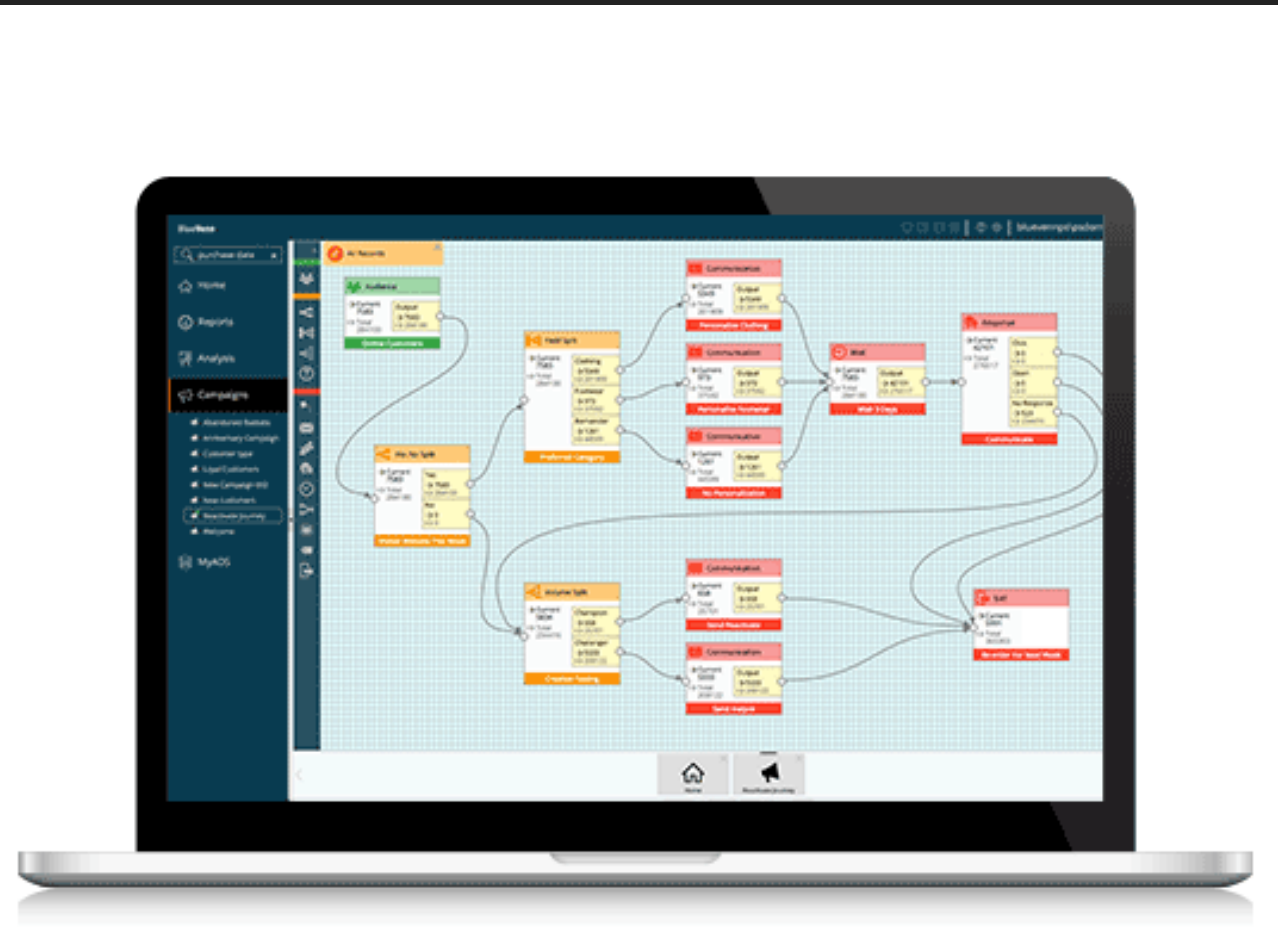




## THE CHANGING PARADIGM

...to “Customer Journeys”

- ❓ Leverages data fragmentation
- ❓ Audience initiated; results engineered
- ❓ Behaviorally dependent (no straight line)
- ❓ Channel integrated
- ❓ Real-time/near real-time



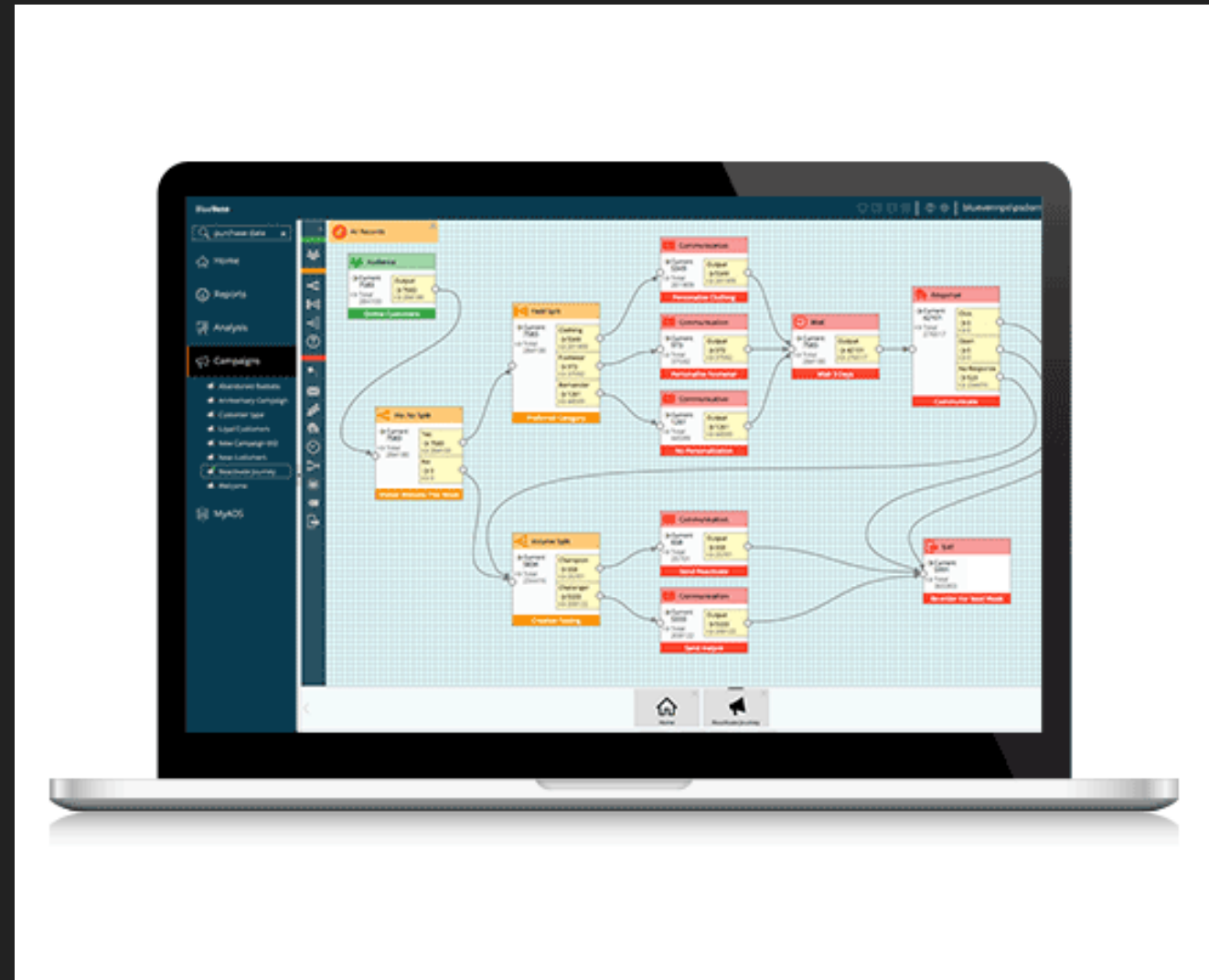
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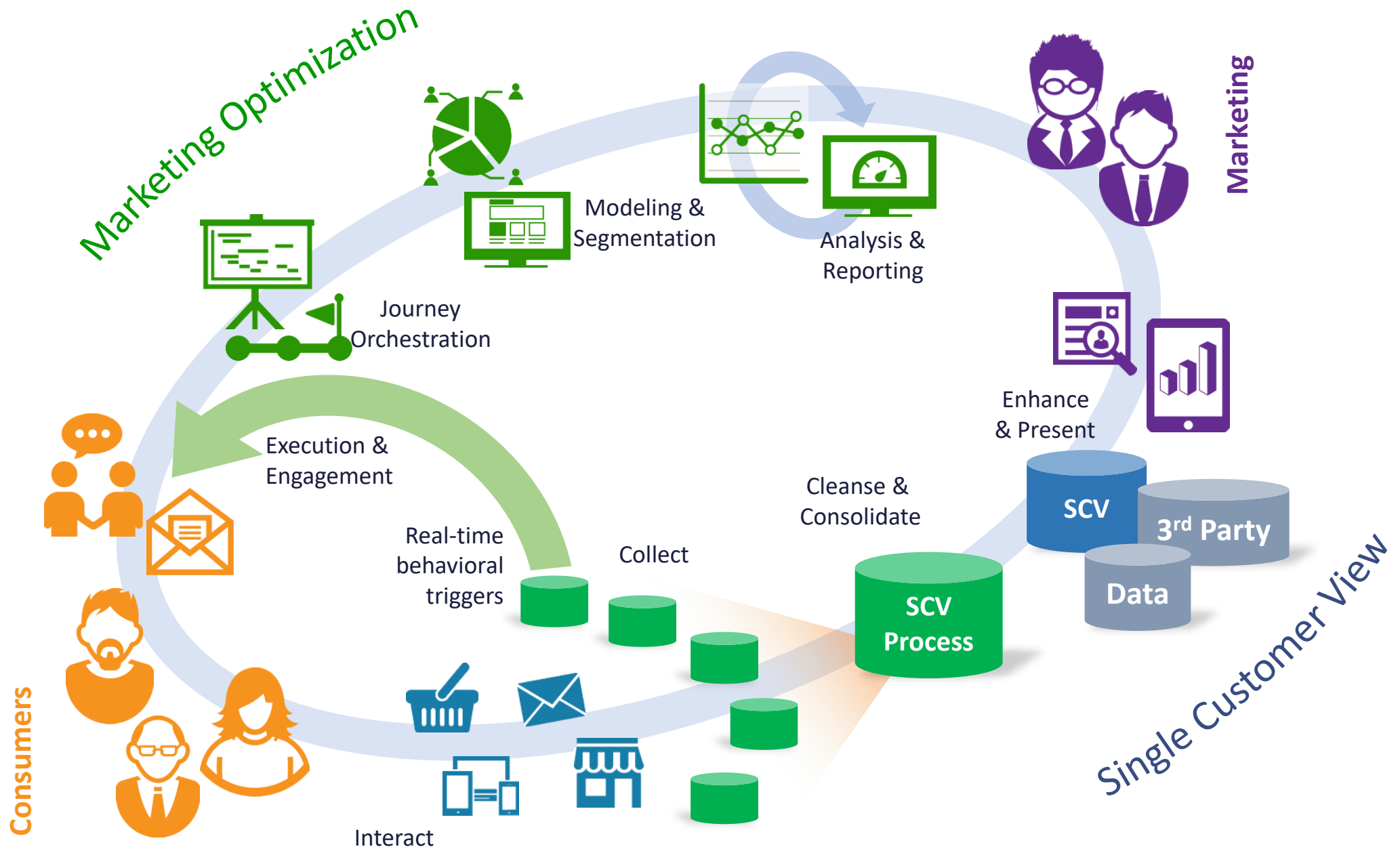
## FORRESTER:

- “The **customer journey** spans a variety of touchpoints by which the customer moves from awareness to engagement and purchase. Successful brands focus on developing a seamless experience that ensures each touchpoint interconnects and contributes to the overall journey.”

## OPTIMIZED BY:

- Audience definition
- Offer selection
- Channel preference
- Action (or inaction)





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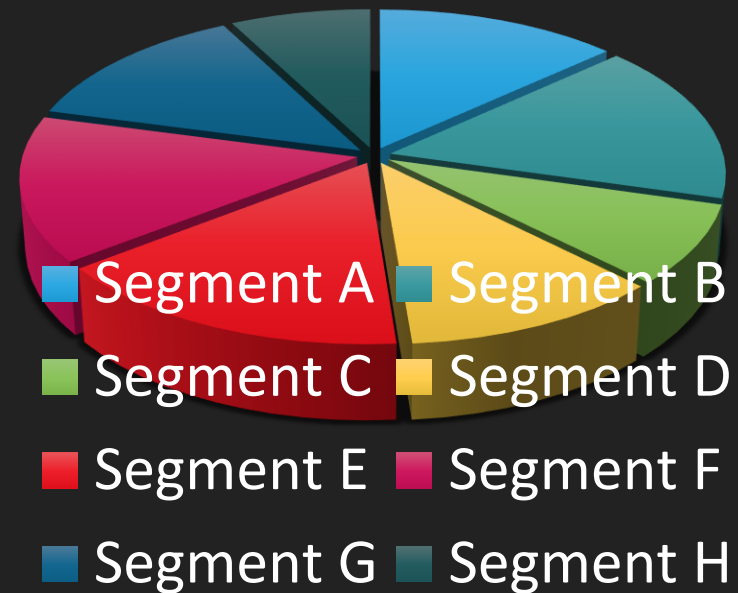
- ❓ Increase paid audiences; drive engagement with content



## ROI-DRIVEN CUSTOMER INVESTMENT

### Define & invest in Audiences based on key criteria

- ❑ Transaction history
- ❑ Product usage
- ❑ Demographics
- ❑ Lifestyle attributes
- ❑ Channel preferences
- ❑ Merchant relationships
- ❑ Contact history



# THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY(S)

## Acquisition

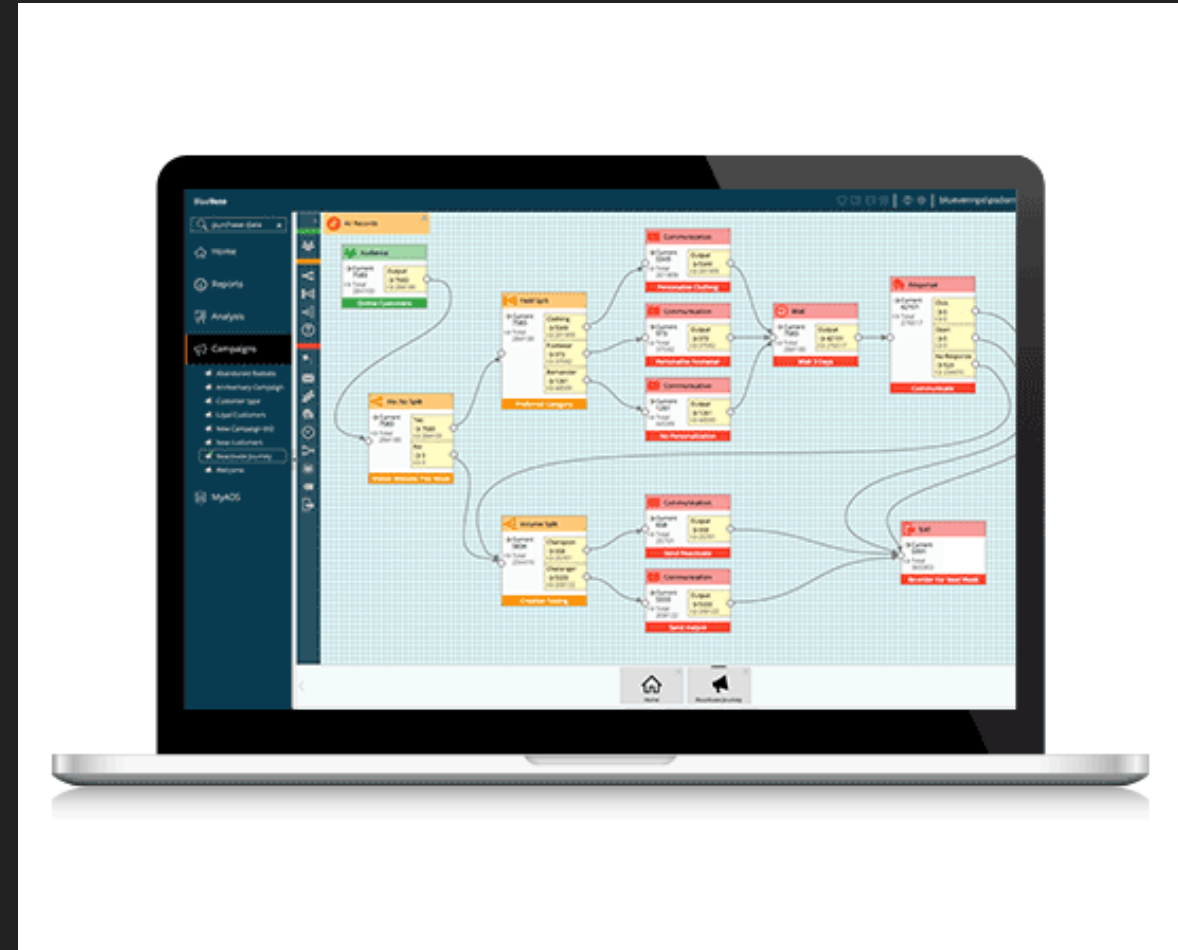
- ROI-Driven
- Integrated, multichannel communications scheme

## Customer Lifecycle Management

- Automated, multichannel curriculum of communications
- Optimizes cross-sell/up-sell opportunities
- Digital activation
- Improves operational efficiency
- Drives retention and customer profitability
- Increases customer value

## Engagement

- Comprehensive e-newsletter portfolio
- Promote engagement with content and social sharing
- Build awareness and adoption of all products
- Generate new revenue thru sponsorships and advertising



## HOW DO WE MONETIZE AUDIENCES?

- ❑ Increase paid audiences; drive engagement with content
- ❑ Event planning & execution

## EVENT PLANNING & EXECUTION

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## EVENT PLANNING & EXECUTION

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- ❑ Where should we stage the event?
- ❑ To whom do we promote? Using what messaging? Using what channels?
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- ❑ How do we engage with audiences post-event?

## MINNEAPOLIS, MN

❑ Collectible Arts: 106,881 Households with expressed interest

❑ Home Improvement: 183,350

❑ Gardening: 190,857

❑ Health & Fitness: 573,255

❑ Domestic Travel: 969,134

❑ Foreign Travel: 344,162

- ▶ *Definable*
- ▶ *Accessible*
- ▶ *Quantifiable*
- ▶ *Targetable*
- ▶ *Trackable*
- ▶ *Monetizable*

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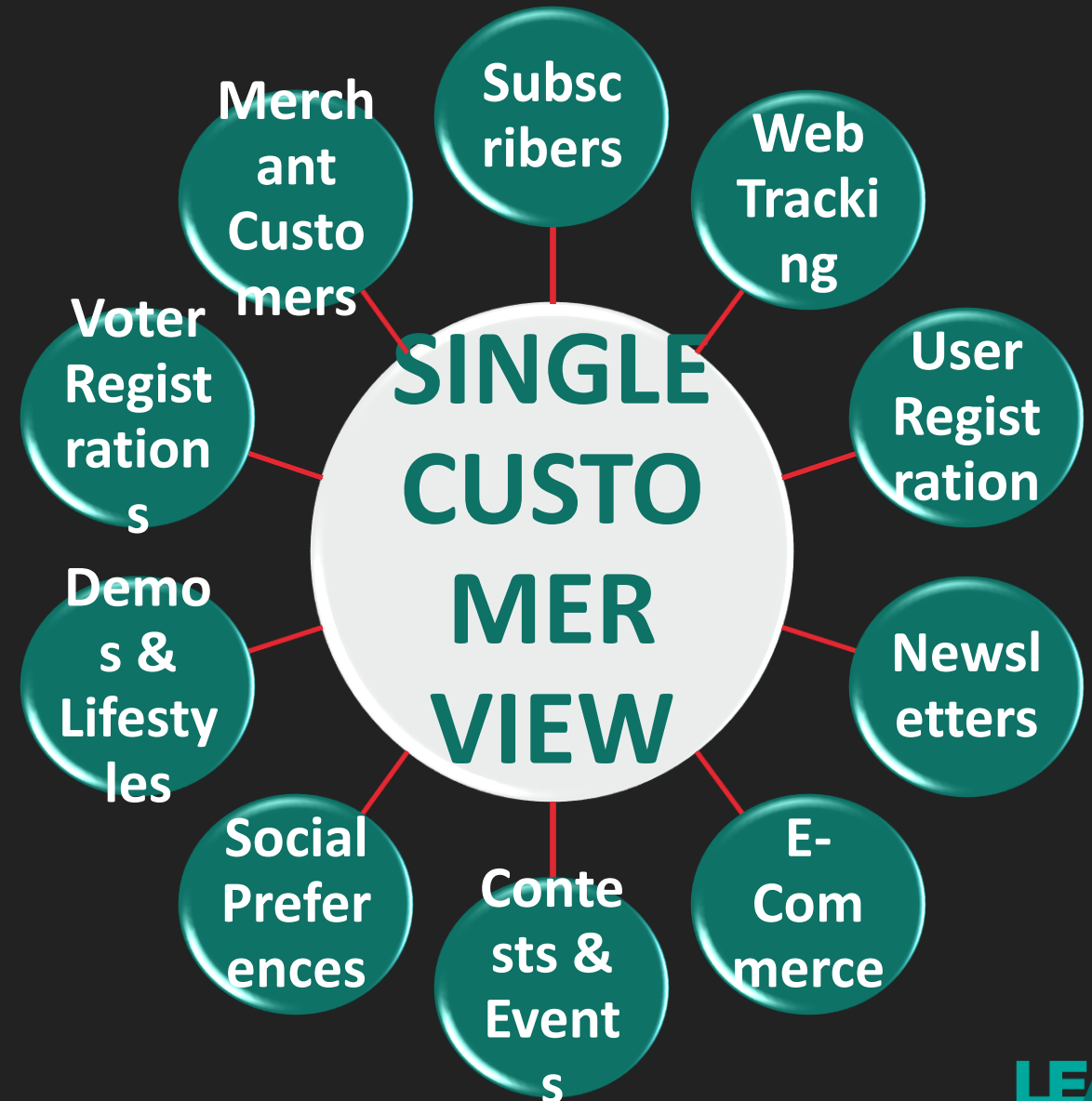
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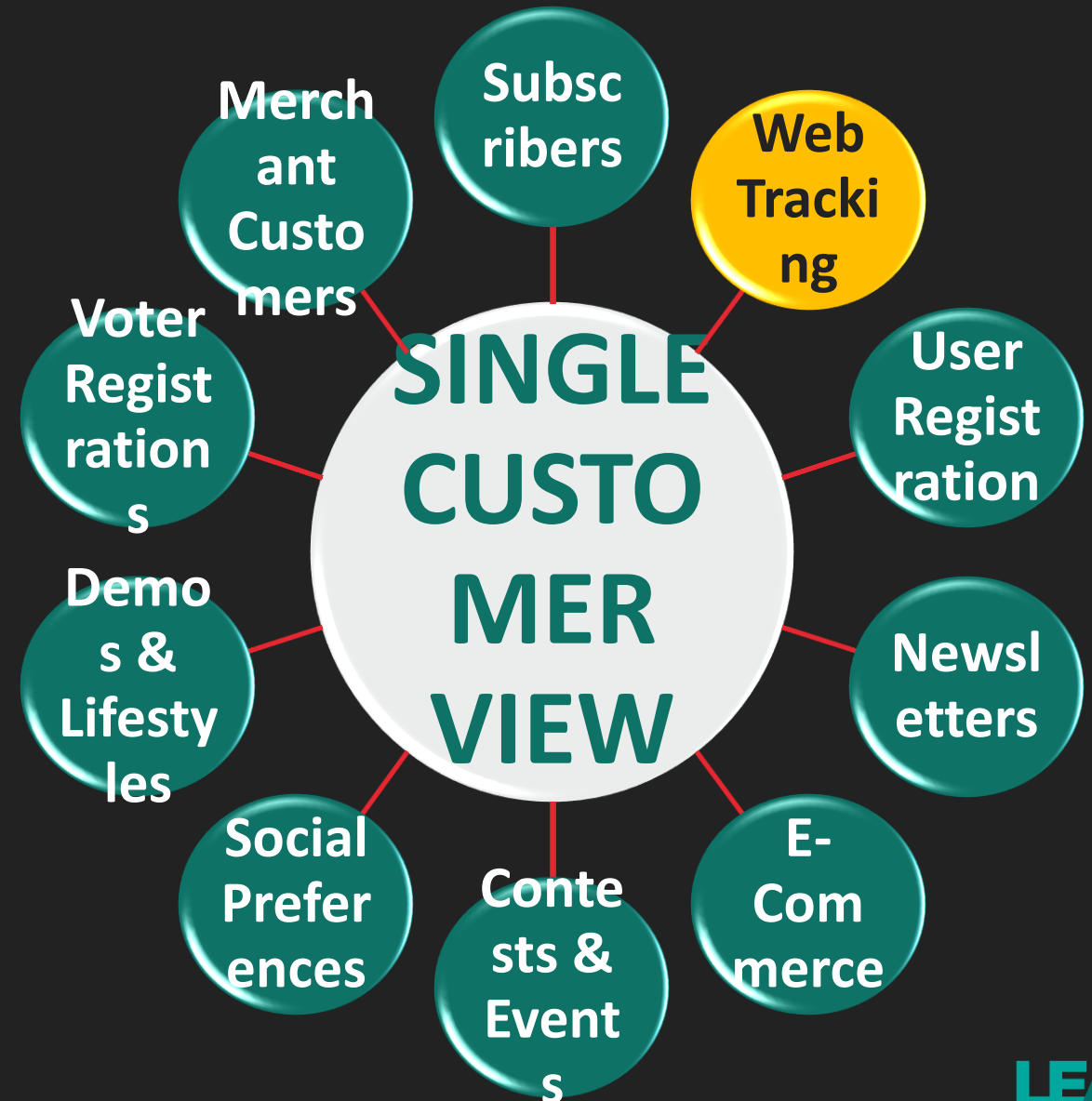
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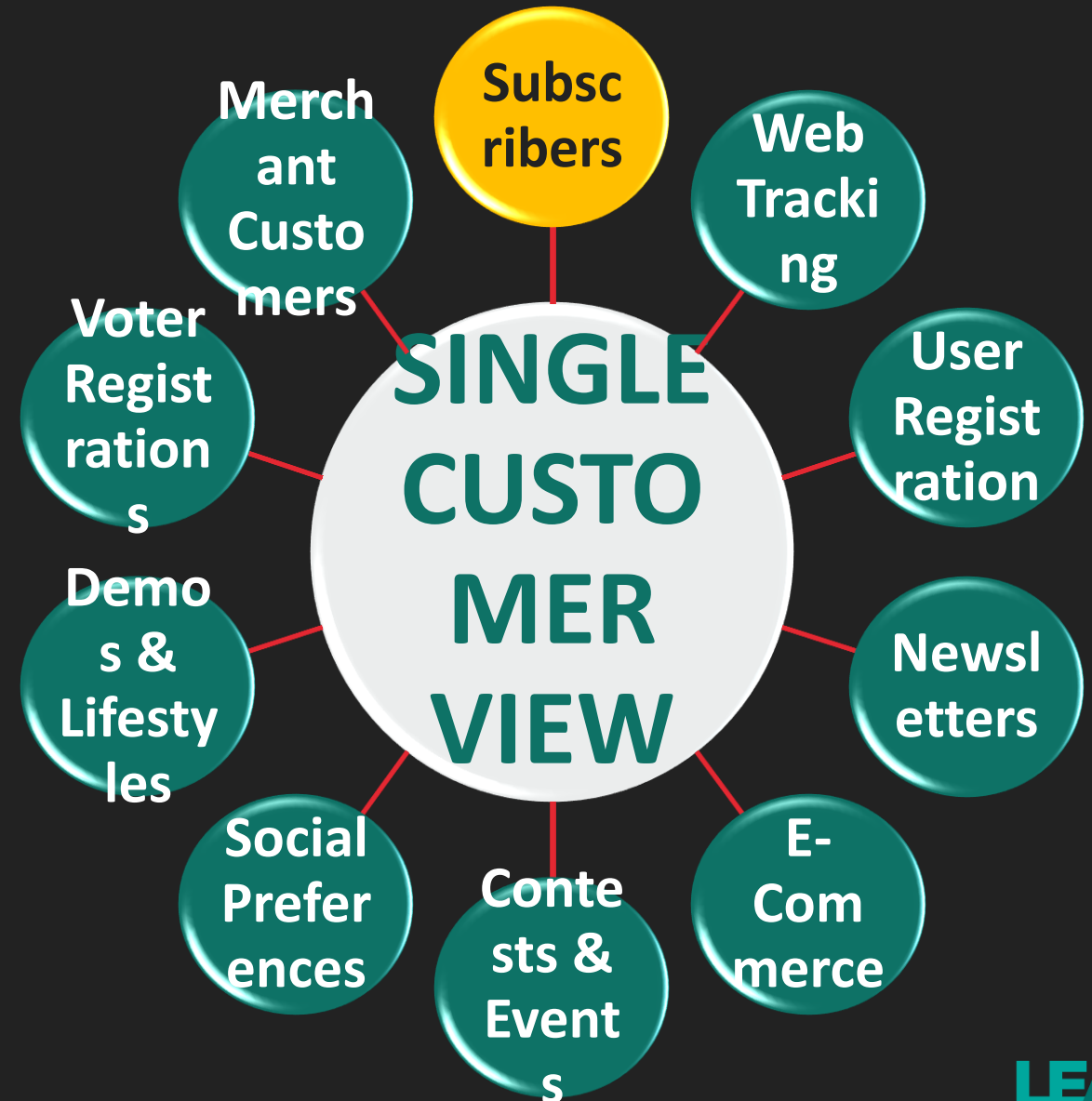
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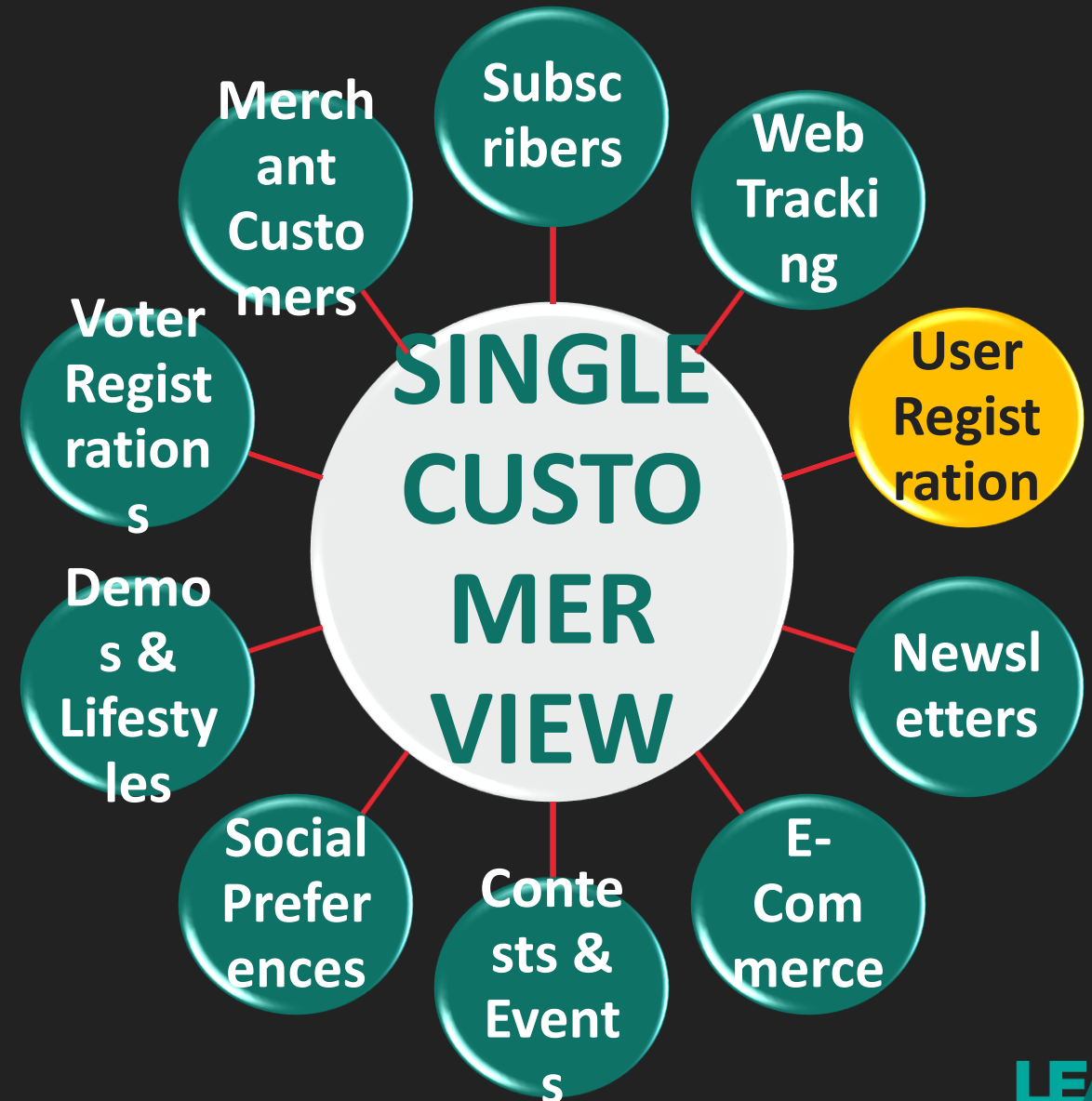
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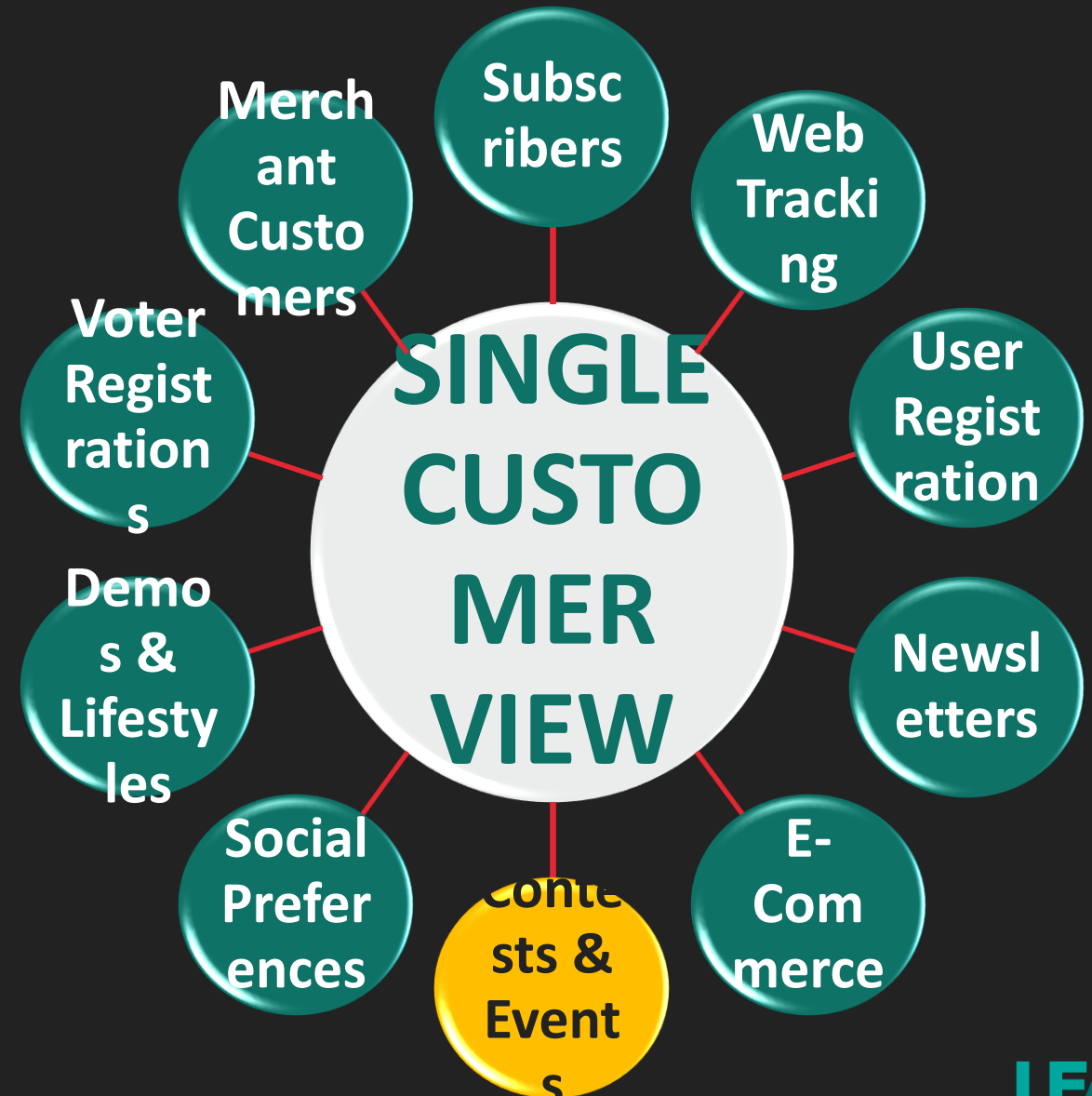
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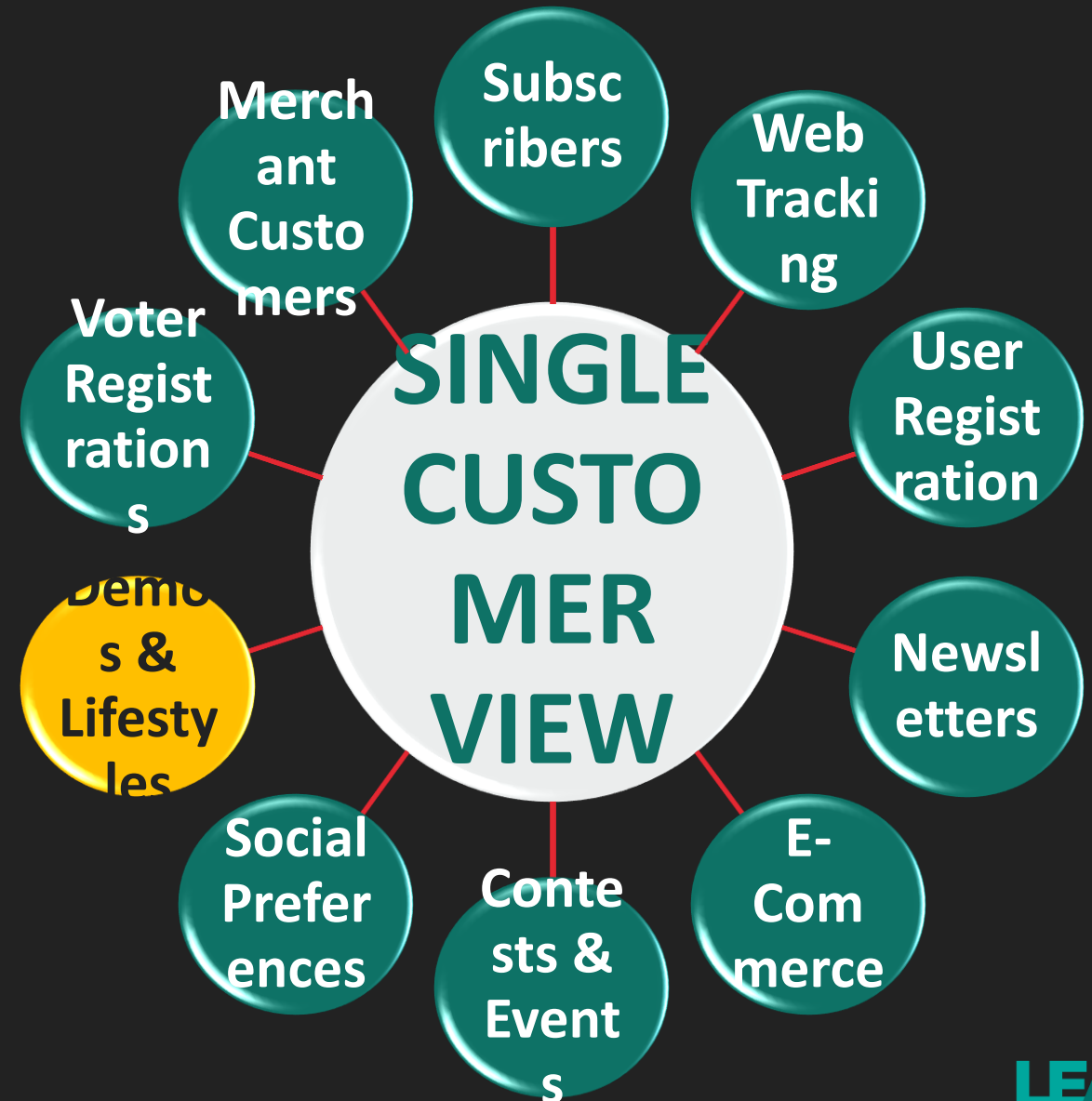
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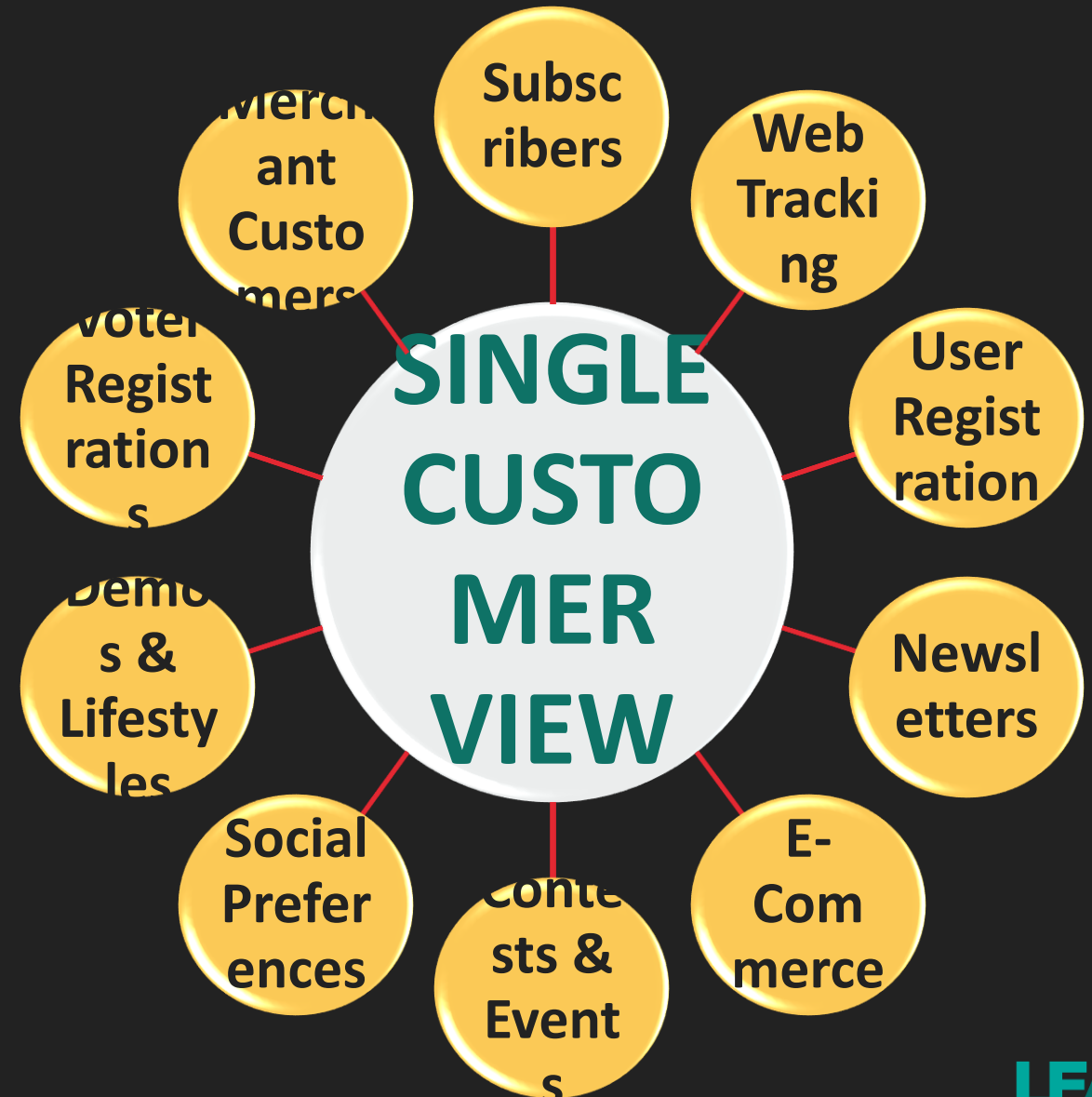
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# PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

## LEAP | Interest: Furniture & Decorating

InterestFurnitureAndDecor	Number of Recor..	Number of Subscr..	Avg. Subscriber P..	Number of Non-S..	Active Index
YES	128,938	30,916	24.0%	98,022	156
NA	129,731	8,857	6.8%	120,874	44
Grand Total	258,669	39,773	15.4%	218,896	

## LEAP | Interest: Gardening

InterestGardening	Number of Recor..	Number of Subscr..	Avg. Subscriber P..	Number of Non-S..	Active Index
YES	117,696	29,694	25.2%	88,002	164
NA	140,973	10,079	7.1%	130,894	46
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## LEAP | Interest: Home Improvement

InterestHomeImprovementDiy	Number of Records	Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscriber Penetration	Number of Non-Subscribers	Active Index
YES	39,153	11,989	30.6%	27,164	199
NA	219,516	27,784	12.7%	191,732	82
Grand Total	258,669	39,773	15.4%	218,896	

## LEAP | Interest: Real Estate Investments

InterestRealEstateInvestments	Number of Recor..	Number of Subscr..	Avg. Subscriber P..	Number of Non-S..	Active Index
YES	29,447	8,874	30.1%	20,573	196
NA	229,222	30,899	13.5%	198,323	88
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## LEAP | Interest: Self-Improvement

InterestSelfImprovement	Number of Recor..	Number of Subscr..	Avg. Subscriber P..	Number of Non-S..	Active Index
YES	30,030	8,069	26.9%	21,961	175
NA	228,639	31,704	13.9%	196,935	90
Grand Total	258,669	39,773	15.4%	218,896	

## LEAP | Interest: Stocks & Bonds

InterestStocksAndBonds	Number of Records	Number of Subscribers	Avg. Subscriber Penetration	Number of Non-Subscribers	Active Index
YES	24,754	8,944	36.1%	15,810	235
NA	233,915	30,829	13.2%	203,086	86
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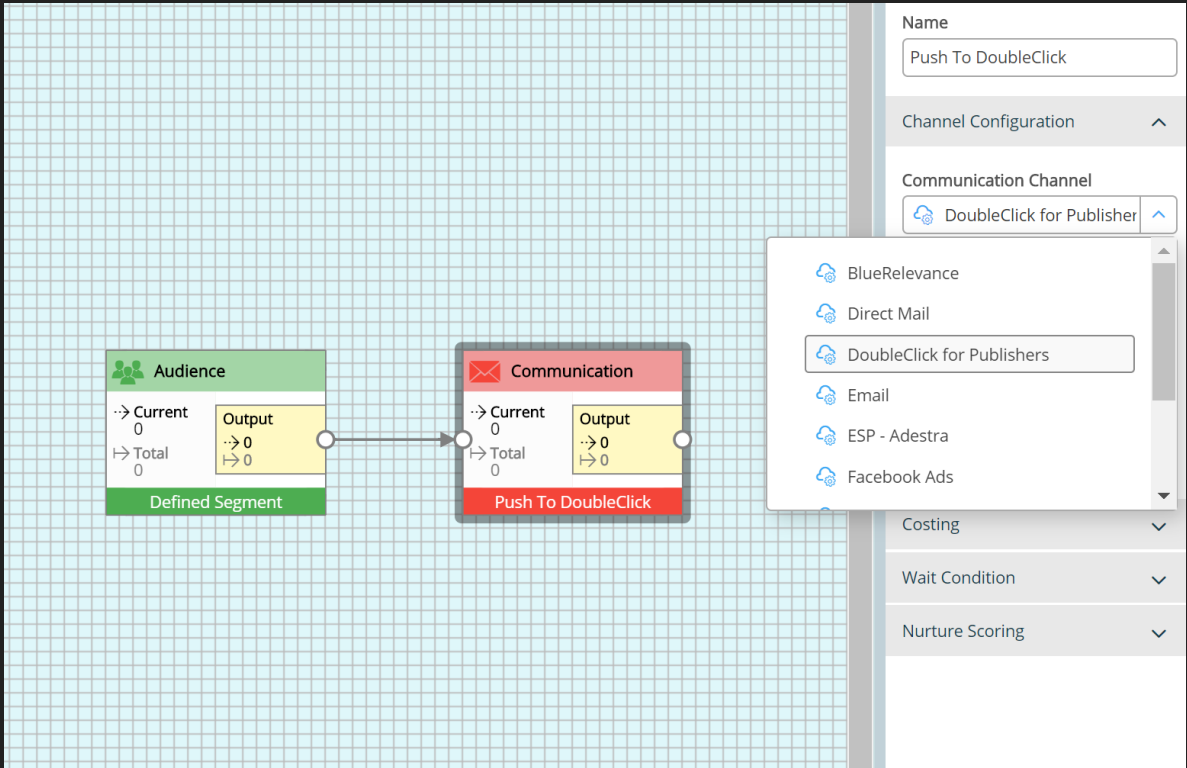
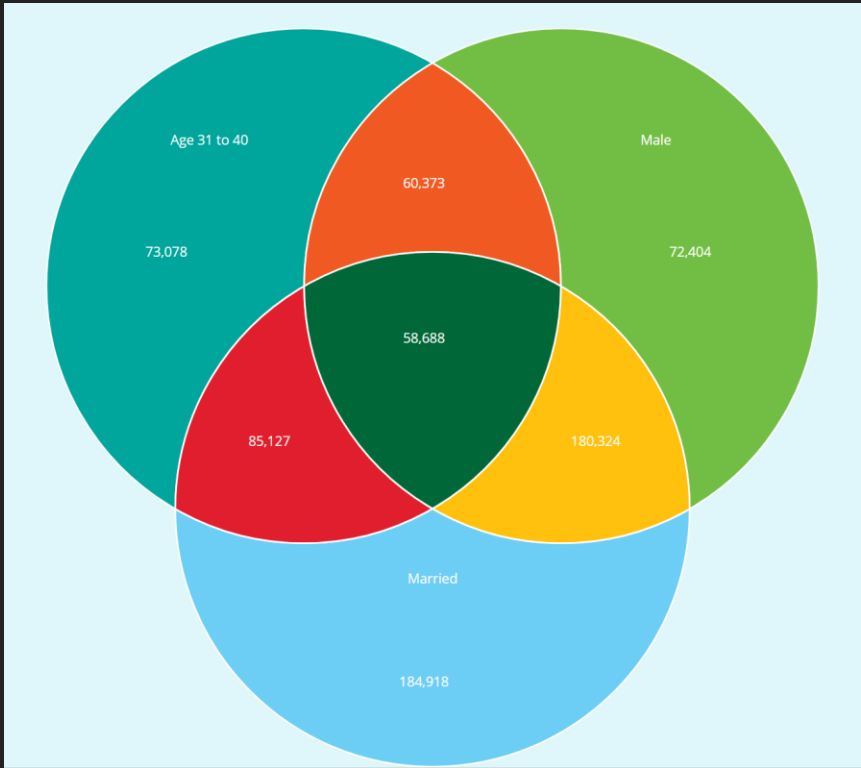
- ? What are the content interests of our audiences?
- ? What are the content interests of prospective new audiences?
- ? What are their preferred platforms?
- ? To whom do I promote my new content?



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OUTPUT AUDIENCE SEGMENTS TO SOCIAL & DIGITAL AD PLATFORMS



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## AFFILIATE MARKETING

? How can I monetize my audiences in nontraditional ways?

Also, don't miss this holiday deal from our valued partner:

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50% off educational books for your kids + free shipping

**Shop Now**

of value to prospective business partners?

could be of potential value to my audiences?

Chart: Email Database by Children Age Range

AgeRangeChildren	Total Households	% of Total Households	Valid Email Records	% of Valid Email Records	Active Index
AGES 0 - 2	9,839	3.80%	3,417	4.64%	122
AGES 3 - 5	6,823	2.64%	2,351	3.19%	121
AGES 6 - 10	18,100	7.00%	6,000	8.15%	116
AGES 11 - 15	10,652	4.12%	3,501	4.75%	115
AGES 16 - 17	5,120	1.98%	1,614	2.19%	111
NONE	208,134	80.46%	56,766	77.08%	96
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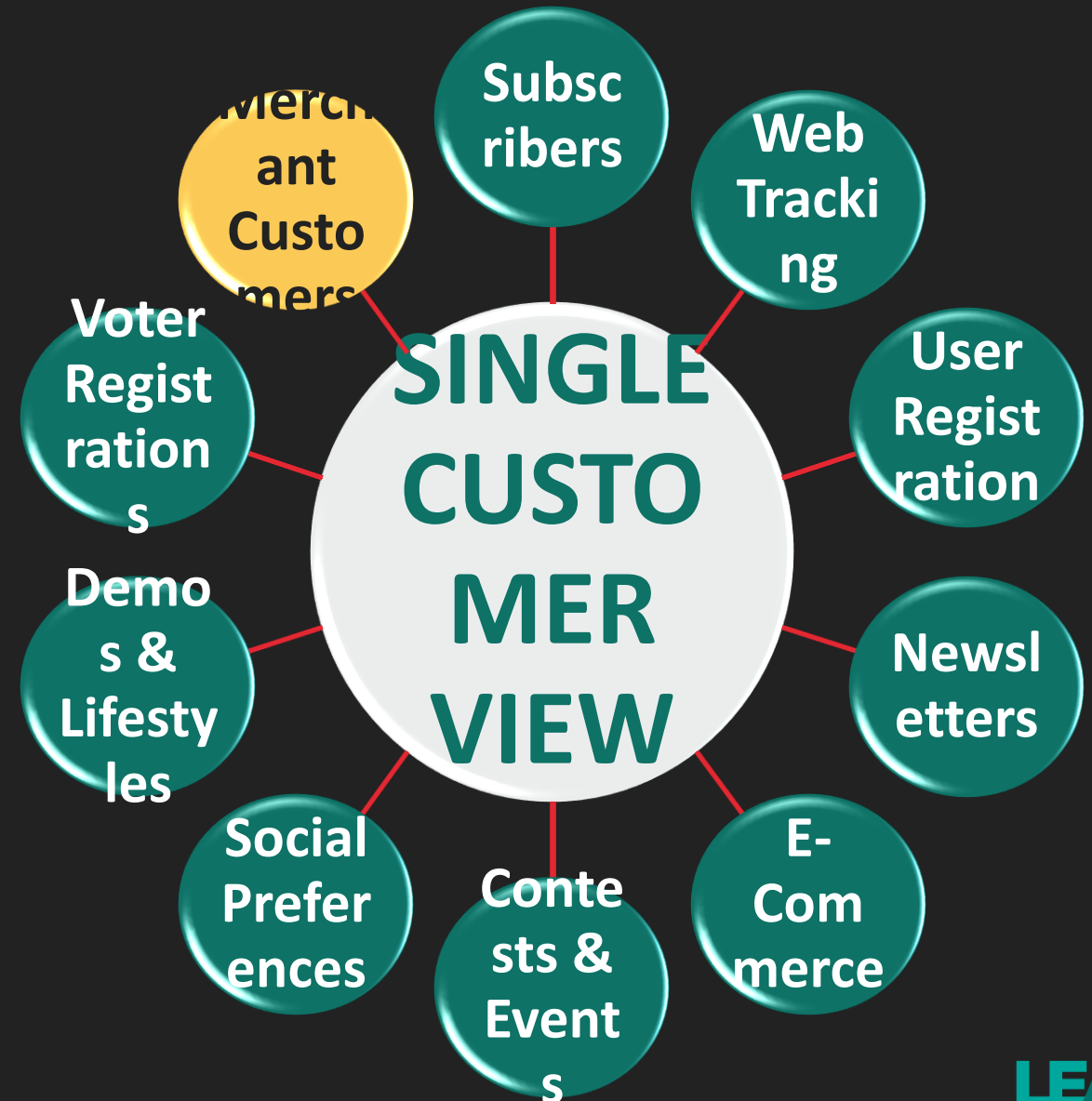
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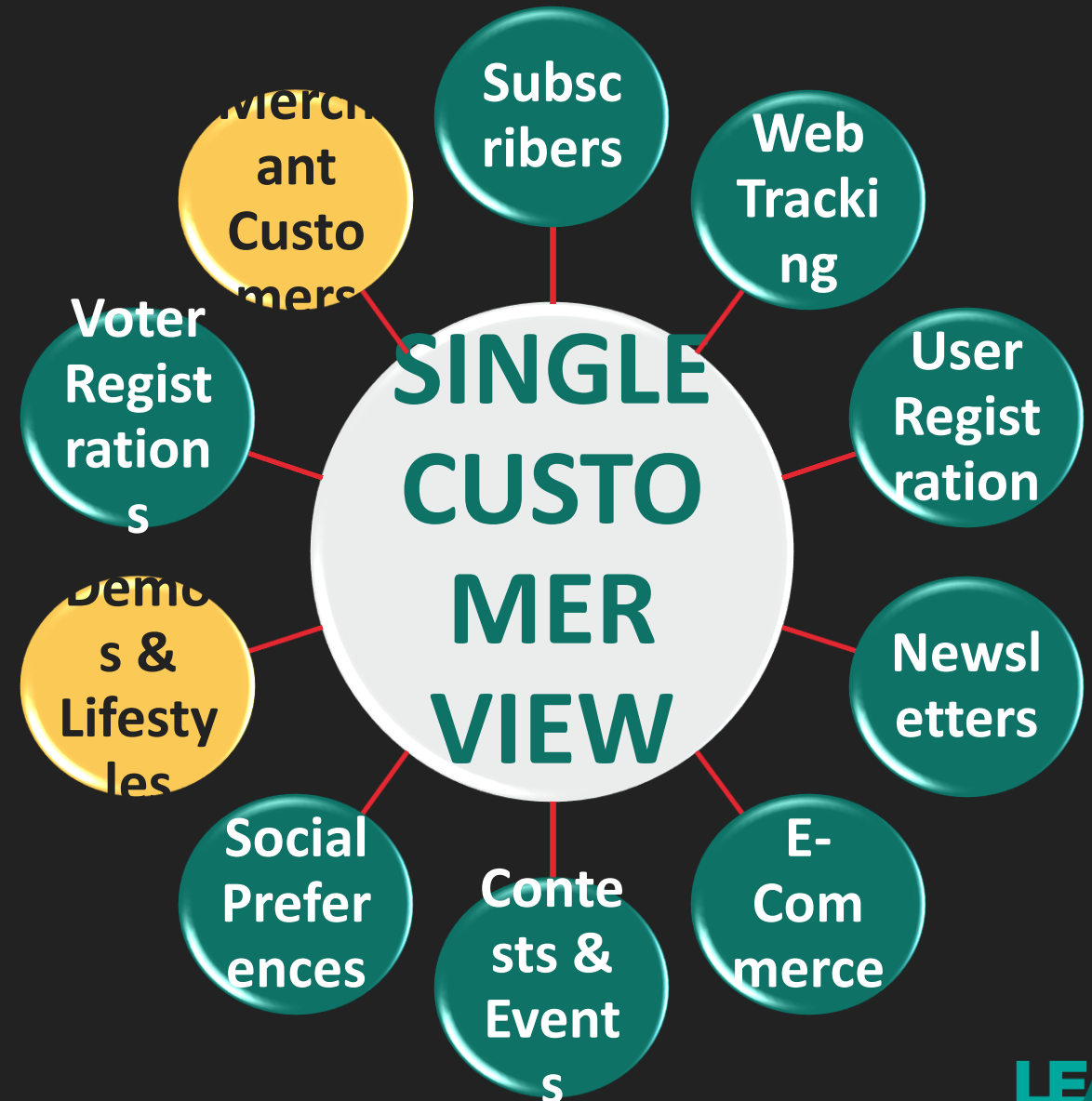
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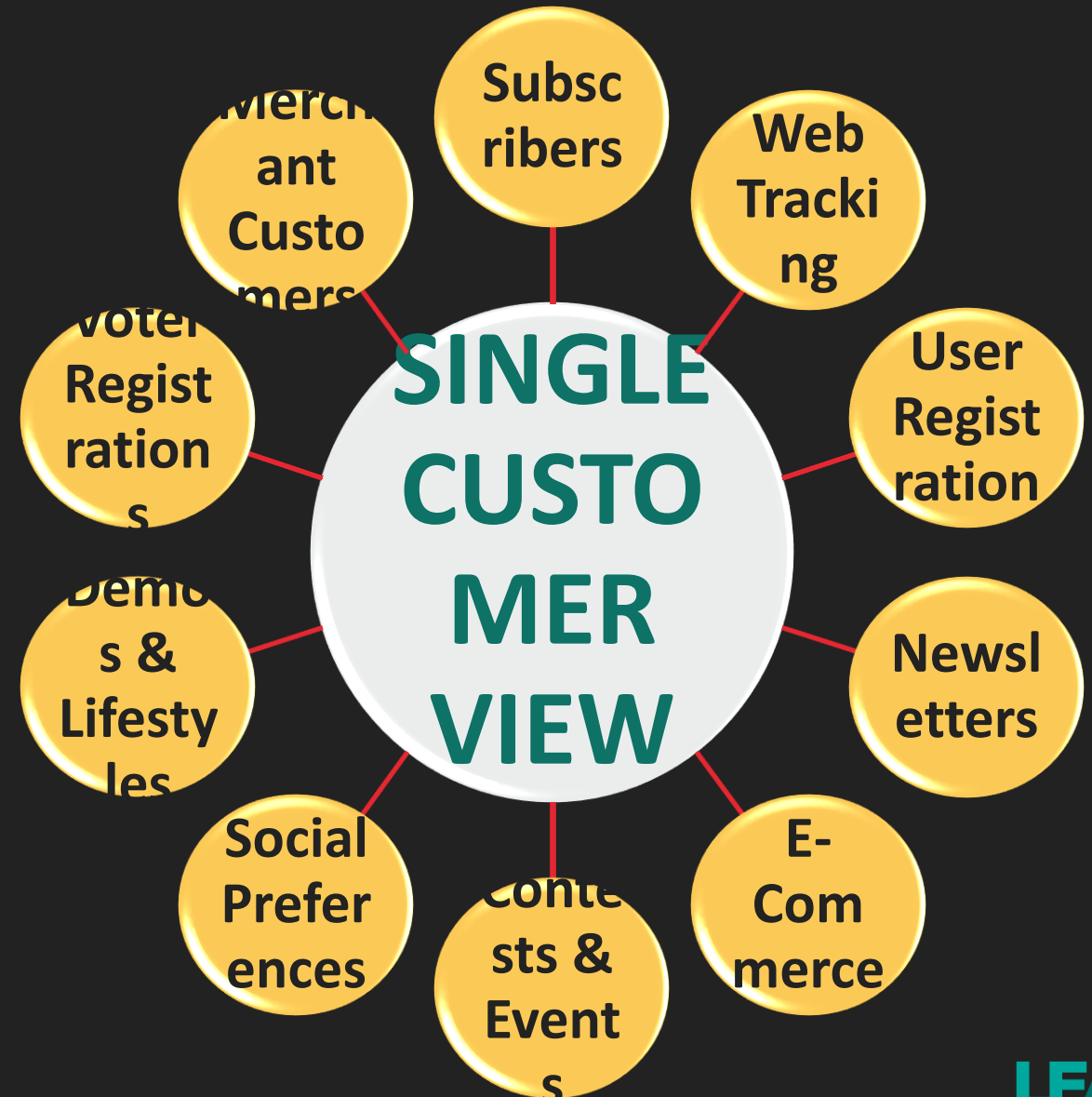
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## AXIOM #4: THE RELATIONSHIP IMPERATIVE

*You can't monetize a relationship that doesn't exist*



**THANK YOU**

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## **Using Audience Data to Find Sponsors and Dollars**

### **The opportunity:**

After seeing how other media companies have created custom sponsorship solutions for sports content, RTD Managing Editor Mike Szvetitz and Digital Sales Director Broderick Thomas worked together to create an advertising package for our Washington Redskins content. The Washington, D.C.-based team is the local team for many of our readers. Since their summer training camp is held in Richmond, we knew that we had an opportunity to expand our Redskins vertical.

### **The plan:**

In the summer of 2017, we evaluated our coverage of the Redskins and created a custom sponsorship package for an advertiser who wanted to reach local fans. Data from Google Analytics told us that we have a significant niche audience for Redskins content, and our newsroom has often dedicated resources to covering the nearly local team. But the more significant data use didn't come into play until pricing the sponsorship.

*See next slide*



## **Richmond Times-Dispatch (continued)**

### **Richmond, Va.**

## **Using Audience Data to Find Sponsors and Dollars**

### **The role of audience data:**

Thomas says that the data let him know how to determine the best price for the package. We offered advertisers the exclusive opportunity to advertise alongside our unique Redskins content wherever it appeared in print and online. Although we've offered targeted sponsorships before, in this case we were able to extend the sponsorship to video and email newsletters, in addition to traditional print and digital banner ads. A restaurant chain, owned by a Redskins fan, bought the sponsorship, and his business benefited from partnering with us to sponsor our Redskins coverage.

### **Instant replay:**

With the 2018 professional football season kicking off soon, we're evaluating our audience and revenue data associated with this sponsorship and preparing our game plan for the second part of this year. After reviewing the data, Thomas has been able to build additional revenue opportunities into our Washington Redskins sponsorship package that could include additional advertisers or an increased presence for one advertiser who is ready to take on the entire vertical. Our revenue potential is 100 percent higher going into the second year of this sponsorship because we have a clear picture of our audience's behavior, and we have a solid understanding of what will translate into success for our advertisers. As Thomas puts it, audience data are our barometers for predicting opportunities.



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## Join us again on July 19:

**“How your news coverage impacts your revenue” is the subject of our next P2P video conference call.**

Thursday, July 19, from 2-3 p.m. (EDT).

***The price of admission: submit an example of how your news coverage has impacted your revenue by July 13. Publishers who share an example will gain access to the video conference and the entire collection of ideas submitted. Send one idea, get many more.***

In submitting your idea, please tell us:

- How your news coverage has impacted your revenue – either positively or negatively.
- What has been key to growing revenue through news coverage?
- What’s a challenge your newsroom faced and how was it overcome?
- Contact name, number and email of the person who can provide more information, if another SNPA member has follow-up questions.

### To register:

- Send an email by July 13 to Edward VanHorn ([edward@snpa.org](mailto:edward@snpa.org)) with the subject line: P2P.
- Include at least one example of how your news coverage has impacted revenue.
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