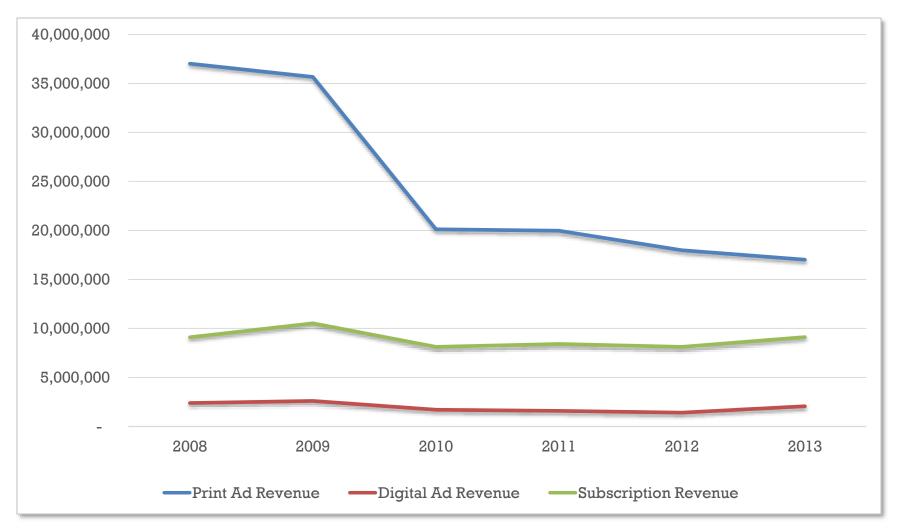
Membership Models

The intersection of brand engagement and audience monetization



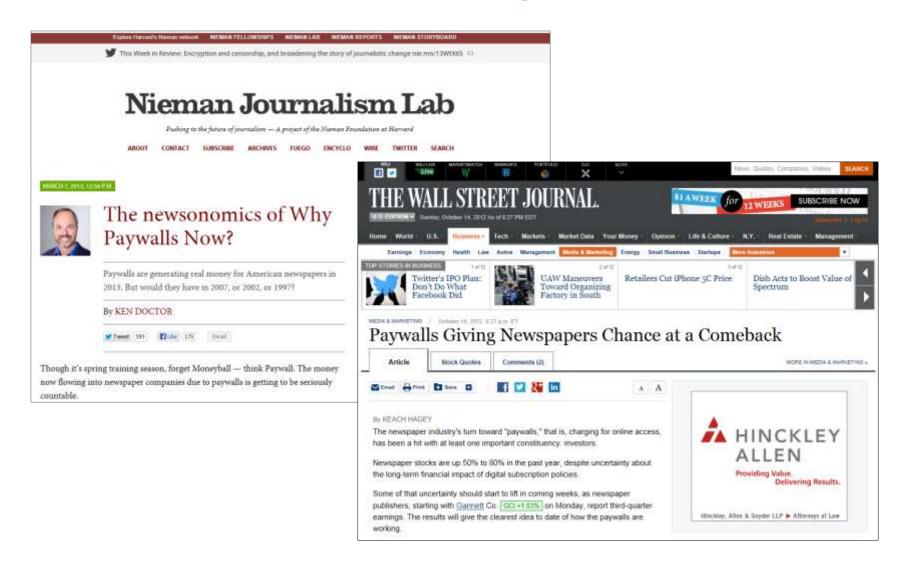
Newspaper Revenue Trends (2008-2013)



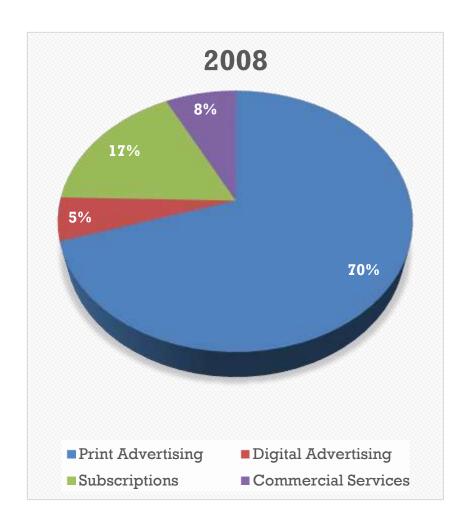
Source: Inland Press Association

Our best response?

Paid content models: the new rage...



Newspaper Revenue Allocation



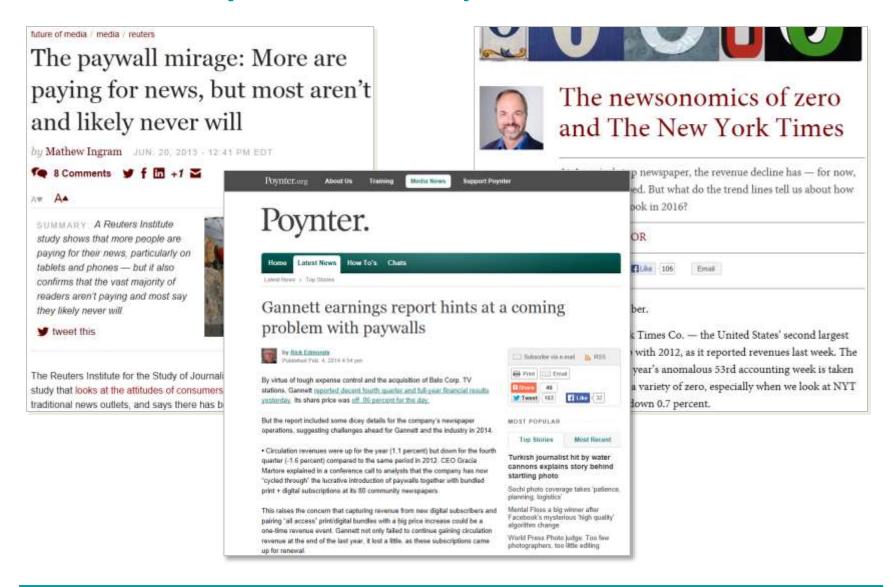
The slippery slope of paywalls

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The dilemma

Not necessarily a sustainable plan...



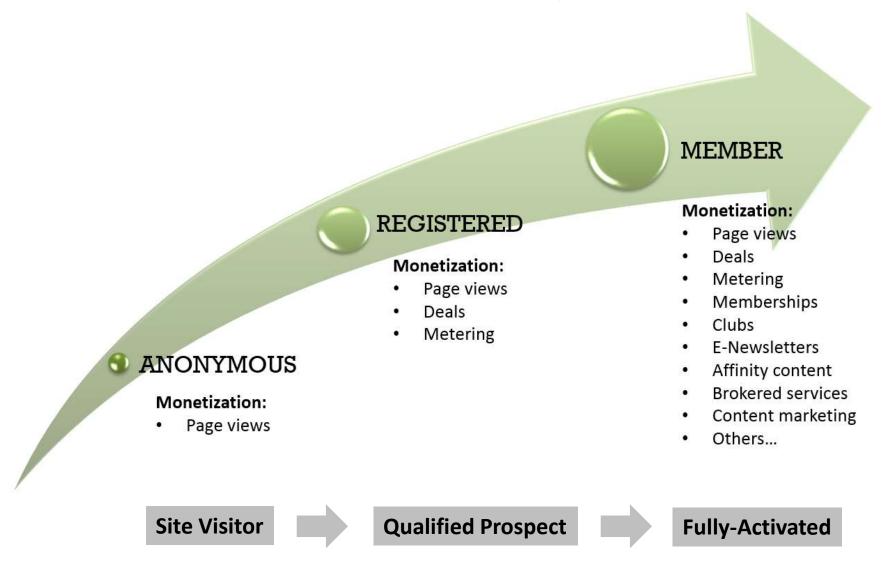
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- These factors and the continuous pressure to raise prices compromise our competitive advantage of efficiently connecting local merchants with high-potential consumers



The alternative

A consumer monetization hierarchy...



The Day Publishing Company

CASE STUDY

Three-year brand repositioning



"A hub of distributed content and conversation with a local connection from a trusted source."

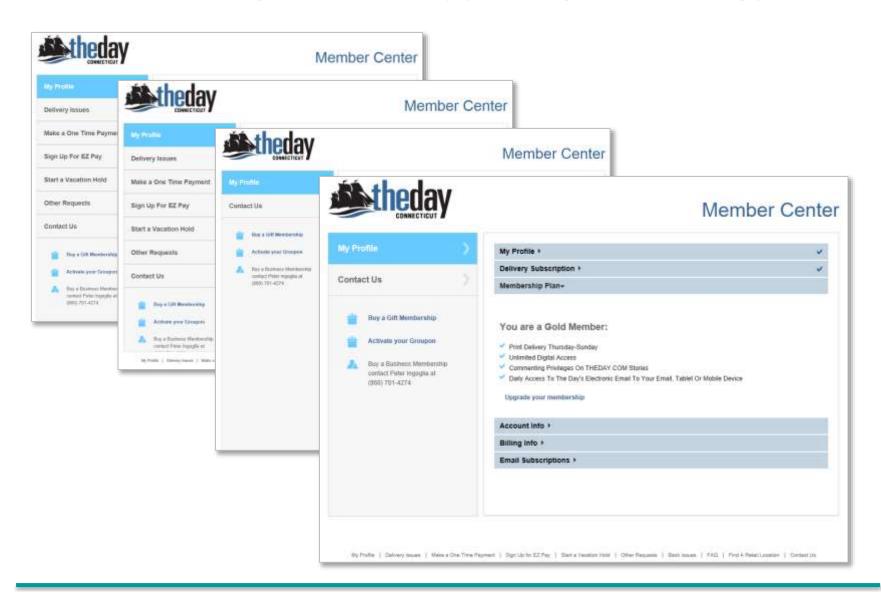
Four strategic imperatives

- 1. Unify the content management and digital publishing infrastructure
- 2. Derive a fair value from proprietary content and services
- 3. Create a customized user experience, with single sign-on authentication
- 4. Build synergistic business model that regards customers as strategic assets

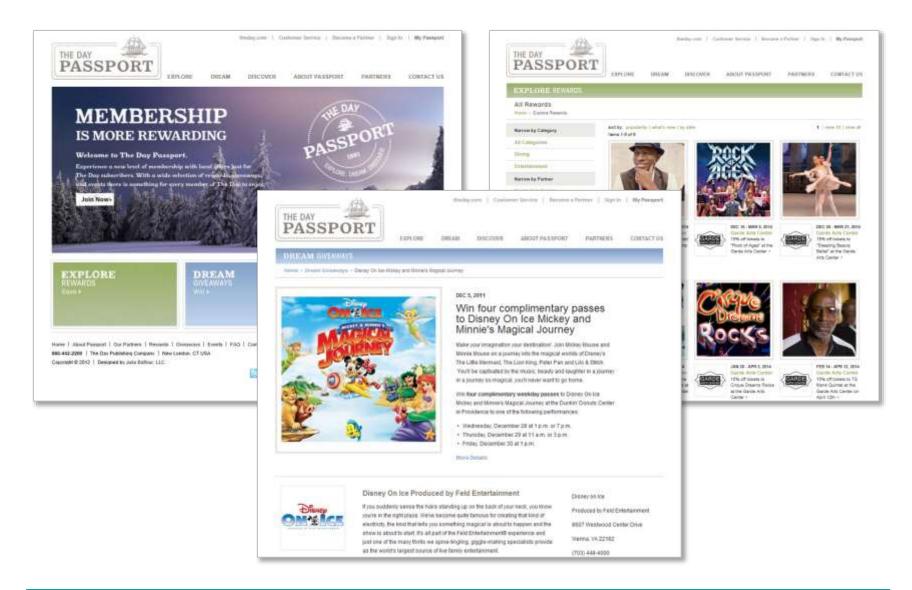
Stakes in the ground

- ❖ We will preserve our direct relationship with the reader
- ❖ We will be ubiquitous in the market
- ❖ We will create a "blue ocean strategy" rendering the competition irrelevant

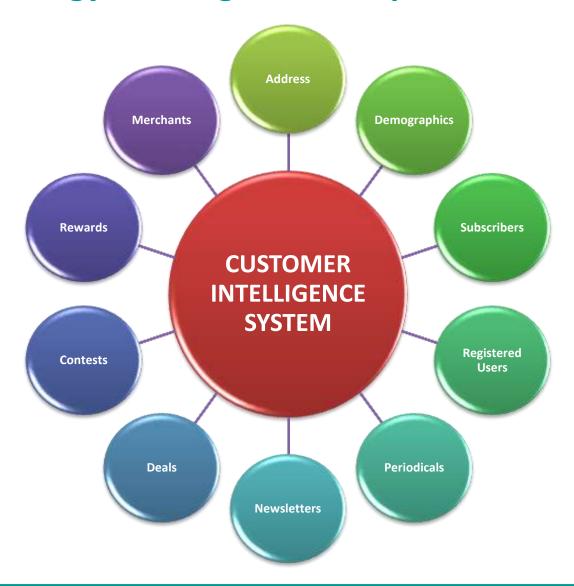
Metering: a tactic supporting the strategy



Rewards: create value for our members



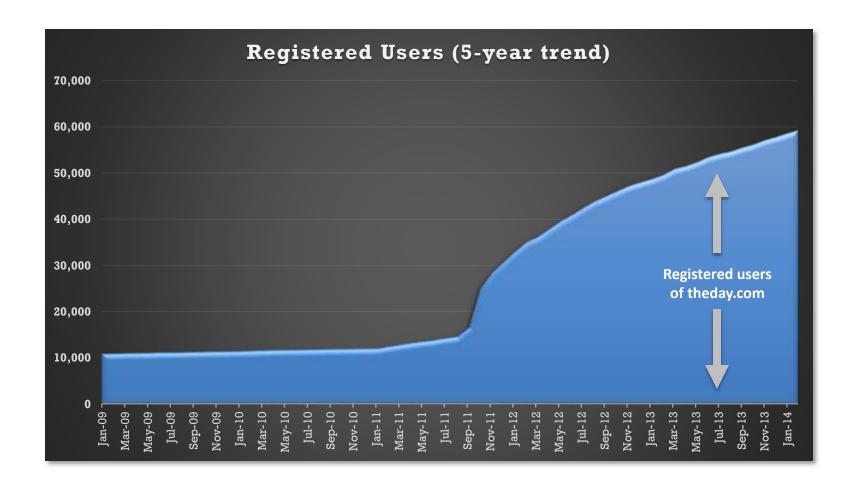
Technology: leverage our competitive advantage



Results

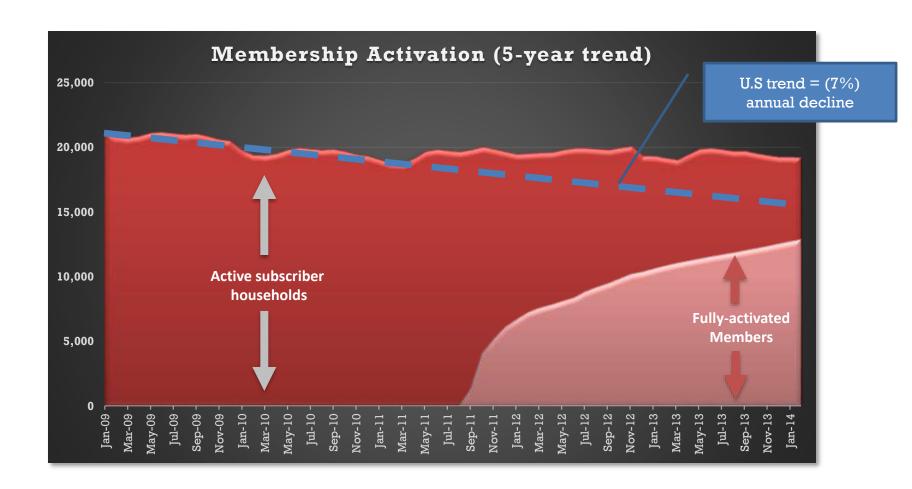
+329%

Anonymous visitors manifest themselves



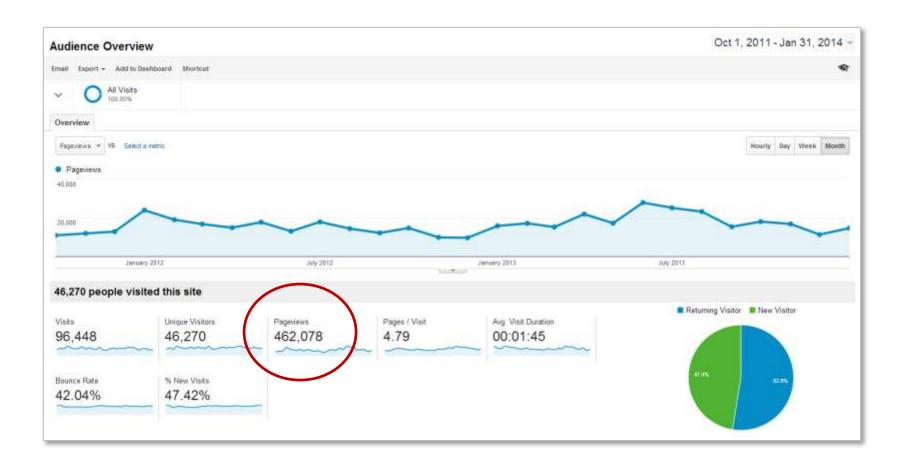
+71%

All-access content + rewards drive activation



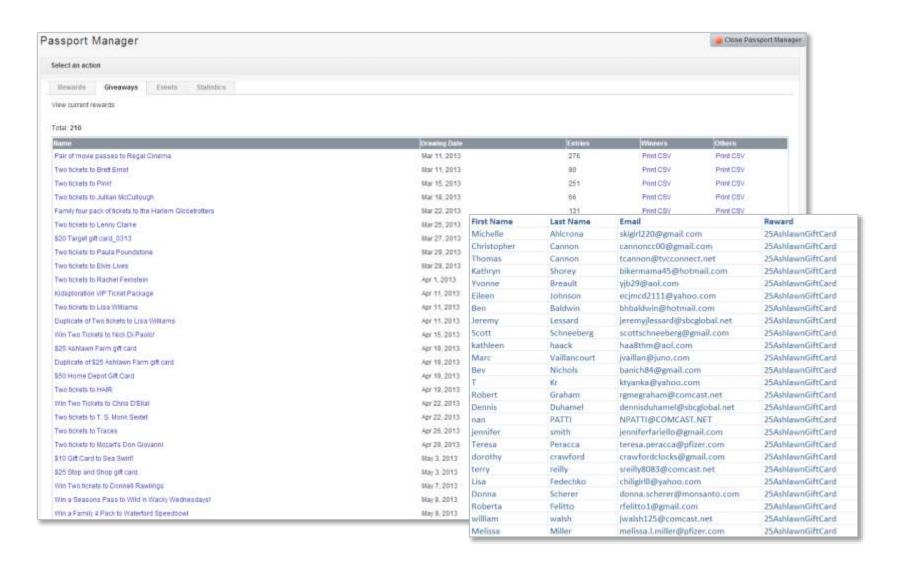
462,078

Sustained interest in membership rewards



89,658

High / frequent benefit usage feeds database



13,264,356

Relevant engagement drives brand loyalty

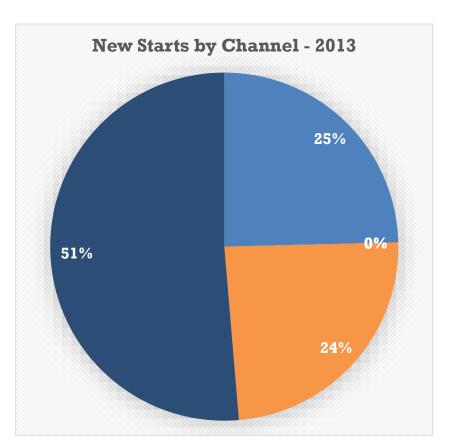


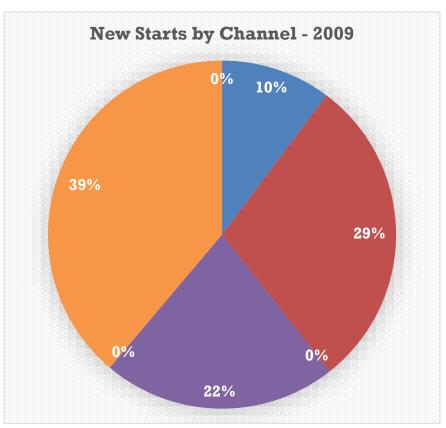




51%

Half of all new starts are fulfilled through web portal

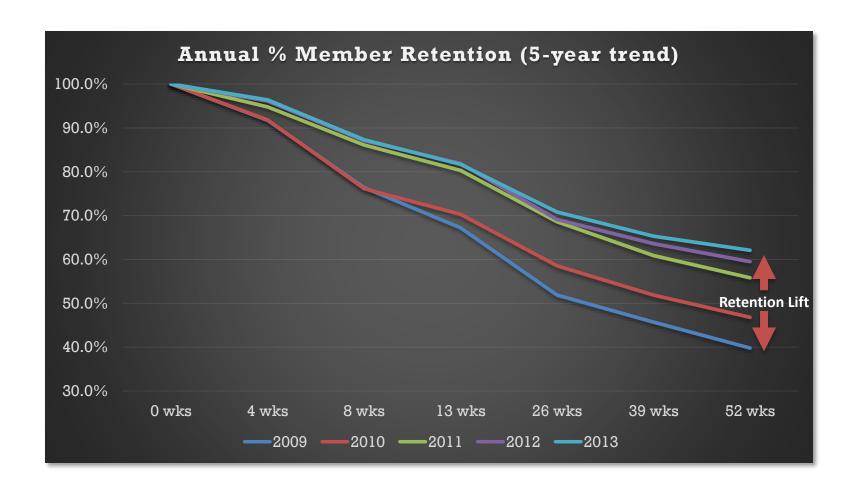






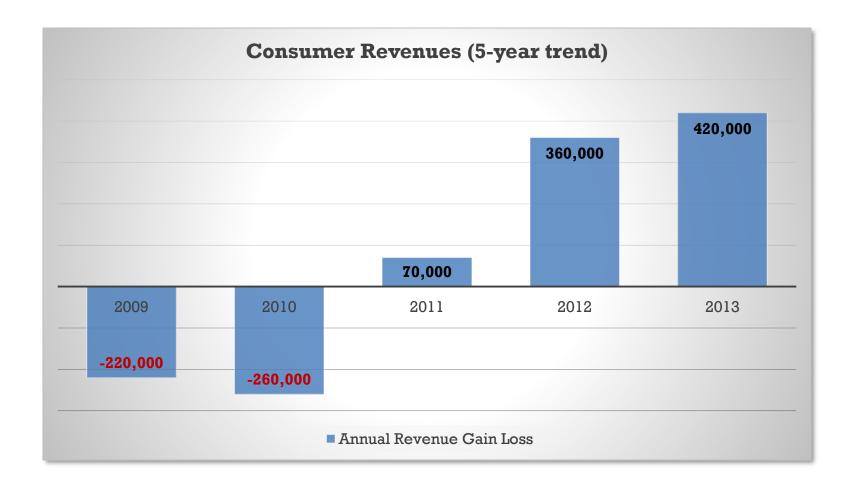
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Higher value proposition drives retention gains



+\$850,000

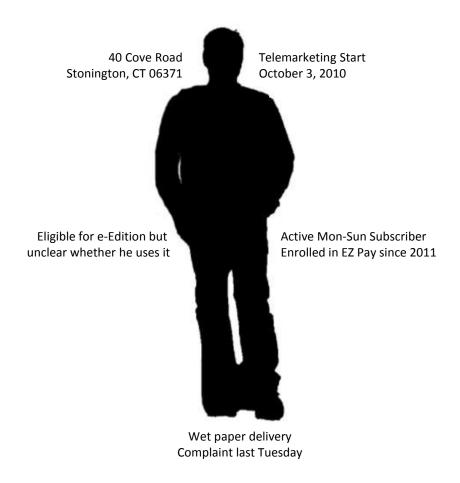
Achieved consistent revenue growth



100%

A new business model

OLD PARADIGM: static subscription profile "customer 12,343 or 29,562"



NEW PARADIGM: dynamic member profile "Carol and Michael Wiggins"

Born in 1958

Homeowners in Stonington, CT

Signed up for Deal of The Day and activated six offers in the past year

Signed up for mobile breaking news alerts

Reads Grace and Sound & Country magazines online

Custom Town Page: Stonington

Indexes high for Interest in Community

> Indexes high for International travel

Born in 1954

HH Income > \$150,000

\$780.16 in Consumer Revenues since 2009

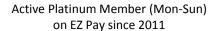
Two-week vacation every July since 2009

Registered for weekly Business e-newsletter

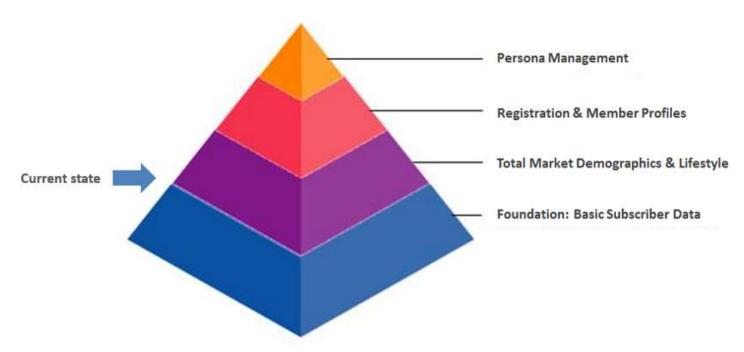
Acxiom Lifestage: 15M – Mature Wealth

> Downloaded tickets for Eastern CT Symphony via Passport Rewards site

Registered as "LymeMom" on theday.com website



The Path to Customer Intelligence



Subscriptions, registration and metering are customer intelligence tactics supporting a broader strategy: the transformation from an address-based subscription model to a user-based content access and service model. Customers are no longer commodities, but strategic assets.

Thank You

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