CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

transmitting, by a computer-based system configured for targeting an ad impression, a list of customer records to a service provider system,

wherein the service provider system ~~that~~ identifies a matched customer by comparing a first set of personally identifying information ("PII") to a second set of PII, and

wherein the service provider system installs a cookie on a web client associated with the matched customer;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the computer-based system, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the computer-based system, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the computer-based system, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the computer-based system, ~~an~~ first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression; ~~and~~

comparing, by the computer-based system, the first expenditure to ~~an~~ second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive ~~an~~the ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request.; and

reporting, by the computer-based system, a result of the comparing.

~~2. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing the results of the comparing.~~

~~3. The method of claim 1, further comprising permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested.~~

~~4. The method of claim 1, further comprising removing, by the computer-based system, a flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested.~~

25. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

36. The method of claim 25, wherein the click through is shown in comparison to a click through associated with customers who did not receive the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

47. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving, by the computer-based system, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

58. A system comprising:

a processor configured for targeting an ad impression;

a tangible, non-transitory memory communicating with the processor for spend based targeting and measurement;

the tangible, non-transitory memory having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by the processor, a list of customer records to a service provider system,

wherein the service provider system ~~that~~ identifies a matched customer by comparing a first set of personally identifying information ("PII") to a second set of PII, and

wherein the service provider system installs a cookie on a web client associated with the matched customer;

receiving, by the processor, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the processor and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the processor, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the processor, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the processor, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the processor, ~~a~~an first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression; ~~and~~

comparing, by the processor, the first expenditure to ~~a~~an second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive the~~a~~an ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request.~~;~~; and

reporting, by the processor, a result of the comparing.

~~9. The system of claim 8, further comprising generating, by the processor, a report showing the results of the comparing.~~

~~10. The system of claim 8, further comprising permitting, by the processor and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the customer is interested.~~

~~11. The system of claim 8, further comprising removing, by the processor, a flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested.~~

6~~12~~. The system of claim 5~~8~~, further comprising generating, by the processor, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

7~~13~~. The system of claim 6~~12~~, wherein the click through is shown in comparison to a click through associated with customers who did not receive the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

8~~14~~. The system of claim 5~~8~~, further comprising receiving, by the processor, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received the~~targeted~~ ad impressions.

9~~15~~. An article of manufacture including a non-transitory, tangible computer readable

storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by a computer-based system configured for targeting an ad impression, cause the computer-based system to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by the computer-based system, a list of customer records to a service provider system,

wherein the service provider system ~~that~~ identifies a matched customer by comparing a first set of personally identifying information ("PII") to a second set of PII, and

wherein the service provider system installs a cookie on a web client associated with the matched customer;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the computer-based system, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the computer-based system, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the computer-based system, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a~~n~~ first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression; ~~and~~

comparing, by the computer-based system, the first expenditure to a~~n~~ second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive the~~an~~ ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request; and~~.~~

reporting, by the computer-based system, a result of the comparing.

~~16. The article of claim 15, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing the results of the comparing.~~

~~17. The article of claim 15, further comprising permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested.~~

~~18. The article of claim 15, further comprising removing, by the computer-based system, a flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested.~~

1019. The article of claim 915, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received thetargeted ad impressions.

1120. The article of claim 915, further comprising receiving, by the computer-based system, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received thetargeted ad impressions.

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wherein the service provider system installs a cookie on a web client associated with the matched customer;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the computer-based system, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the computer-based system, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the computer-based system, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression;

comparing, by the computer-based system, the first expenditure to a second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive the ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request; and

reporting, by the computer-based system, a result of the comparing.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the click through is shown in comparison to a click through associated with customers who did not receive the ad impressions.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving, by the computer-based system, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.

5. A system comprising:

a processor configured for targeting an ad impression;

a tangible, non-transitory memory communicating with the processor for spend based targeting and measurement;

the tangible, non-transitory memory having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by the processor, a list of customer records to a service provider system,

wherein the service provider system identifies a matched customer by comparing a first set of personally identifying information ("PII") to a second set of PII, and

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receiving, by the processor, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the processor and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the processor, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the processor, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the processor, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the processor, a first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression;

comparing, by the processor, the first expenditure to a second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive the ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request; and

reporting, by the processor, a result of the comparing.

6. The system of claim 5, further comprising generating, by the processor, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the click through is shown in comparison to a click through associated with customers who did not receive the ad impressions.

8. The system of claim 5, further comprising receiving, by the processor, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.

9. An article of manufacture including a non-transitory, tangible computer readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by a computer-based system configured for targeting an ad impression, cause the computer-based system to perform operations comprising:

transmitting, by the computer-based system, a list of customer records to a service provider system,

wherein the service provider system identifies a matched customer by comparing a first set of personally identifying information ("PII") to a second set of PII, and

wherein the service provider system installs a cookie on a web client associated with the matched customer;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a campaign request from a merchant;

permitting, by the computer-based system and via the web client, the matched customer to select a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is interested;

transmitting, by the computer-based system, the campaign request to the service provider system which adds a flag to the cookie based on the campaign request and instructs a media buyer system to bid on an ad impression for the matched customer based on the flag;

removing, by the computer-based system, the flag from the cookie in response to a selection by the matched customer of a type of ad impression in which the matched customer is not interested;

modifying, by the computer-based system, the cookie to at least one of: associate or disassociate the matched customer with at least one of: a category or type of ad impression;

receiving, by the computer-based system, a first expenditure associated with the matched customer who received the ad impression;

comparing, by the computer-based system, the first expenditure to a second expenditure associated with a customer who did not receive the ad impression based on the campaign request but fits parameters associated with the campaign request; and

reporting, by the computer-based system, a result of the comparing.

10. The article of claim 9, further comprising generating, by the computer-based system, a report showing a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.

11. The article of claim 9, further comprising receiving, by the computer-based system, an updated campaign request from the merchant in response to at least one of: a report showing the results of the comparing and a click through associated with customers who received the ad impressions.