Personalization - Price & Product Recommendation

Shoppers visit retail store check the prices, read product/store reviews online, compare with competition and move away. Where do they go? Competitors? Online stores? Nobody knows. It is increasing every single day, thanks to technological advances like smartphones.

Survey shows that

- 84% of “showrooming shoppers have conducted research while shopping
- 82% have their smart phones when they shop
- 33% consumers admitted to comparison shopping on a competitor’s site while in another retail store
- 6% were likely to abandon an in-store purchase for a competitor

These data points show the real story behind reduction in-store sales and loss of loyal customers to competitors. Though there is no single solution to address the showrooming problem, but providing personalized experience to customers shopping in-store can somehow result in more sale and retain your loyal customers. In this paper, we will describe how in-store personalization mobile application solution backed by analytics engine will overcome the problem of showrooming.

Solution description

Happiest Minds in-store personalization solution has built on mobile application backed by core analytics engine running dynamic pricing algorithms that helps in sending contextual price with product recommendations based on transactional data available from Internal (loyalty data, social data, Geo spatial data etc) and External (Neilson Spectra/IRI & Store data, government & News alerts) data sources.
Here is an example:

**Consumer Intent**

Shopper launches in-store mobile/Kiosk app which provides store locations (both local & global) and their respective product catalogue.

**Correlation with Past Transactions**

Loyalty Data → Sales & Stock Data → Decision Platform

Price Promotion Data → Social Integration

The app runs on a personalization analytics engine. Predictions are run based on both internal and external data sources.

**Inference Logic**

Price and product suggestions based on the context and regional choices.

**Personalization**

Shopper accepts the recommendations & add products to the cart to generate order number automatically. Shopper goes to the till and shows the order number and completes the transaction.

**Increase in Sales**

Shopper gets product recommendations with a personalized offer including reward encashment. E.g.: Shopper travelling to Singapore gets product & price recommendation with reward points as per regional preferences.
How Personalization Engine Works:

Data Ingestion:
- Loyalty Data
  - Customer Segmentation
  - RFM & CLTV score
- Sales & Stocks Data
  - Product Sales
  - Inventory & Stocks
  - Prices & Promotion
- Social Data
  - Social Interests
  - Klout Score
- Secondary Data
  - Store Location
  - Competitive Intelligence
  - Census info

Data Processing:
- Hadoop Cluster
- Harmonize Customer & Product data
- HDFS File Storage
- Data Warehouse
- Zookeeper-Distributed configuration
- Oozie Scheduler

Analyze Shopping Behavior:
- Mahout
  - Clustering
  - Product Identification
  - Customer Profiles
  - Product Association
  - Collaborative Filtering

Data Visualization/Action list:
- Visualization-Customer Insights
- Action-Product recommendations
Solution Benefits

- Product Recommendations based on the transaction history
- Dynamically push ad-hoc campaigns based on the customer location or any events
- Personalized price incentives/matches based on the customer segments
- Reward point encashment

Why Happiest Minds

Analytics based Personalization engine based approach enables a set of unique use cases to be enabled, to act during the “window of opportunity” while customers are in the store, rather than after the fact.

A repository of pre-built business rules, analytical models and integration interfaces that ensures acceleration in time-to-market and robustness of implementations.

End-to-End Approach

An end-to-end personalization engine that integrates the in-store consumer mobile application with retail’s back-office systems (Loyalty, Sales & Stock, price & promotions) and other external data sources and performs real-time predictive analytics.

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