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First- and Last-Touch Attribution with CoolTShirts.com

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1. Get familiar with CoolTShirts

By running queries given in example bellow we can see that CoolTShirts website is running total of 8 campaigns by using 6 sources for that, including websites such as Facebook, Buzzfeed, NYTimes, Google. There are also two campaigns that are done by sending email.

We also can see that the website has 4 pages: landing_page, shopping_cart, checkout, purchase.

select count(distinct utm_campaign) as total_campaigns from page_visits;

select count(distinct utm_source) as total_sources from page_visits;

select distinct utm_campaign, utm_source from page_visits;

Select distinct page_name from page_visits;

Campaign	Source
getting-to-know-cool- tshirts	nytimes
weekly-newsletter	email
ten-crazy-cool-tshirts- facts	buzzfeed
retargetting-campaign	email
retargetting-ad	facebook
interview-with-cool- tshirts-founder	medium
paid-search	google
cool-tshirts-search	google

2. User journey

By looking at the spreadsheet below we can tell that campaigns ran on medium, nytimes and buzzfeed sites drove most of the users to the website. The biggest number of first touches is attributed to "interview-with-cool-tshirts-founder" campaign.

total_first_touch	utm_source	utm_campaign
169	google	cool-tshirts-search
576	buzzfeed	ten-crazy-cool-tshirts-facts
612	nytimes	getting-to-know-cool-tshirts
622	medium	interview-with-cool-tshirts- founder

WITH first_touch AS (SELECT user_id, MIN(timestamp) as first_touch_at FROM page_visits GROUP BY user_id) SFI FCT count(ft.first_touch_at) as total_first_touch. pv.utm_source, pv.utm_campaign FROM first touch ft JOIN page_visits pv ON ft.user_id = pv.user_id AND ft.first touch at = pv.timestamp group by utm_campaign order by 1;

Although, by analyzing data of user's last touches we can see that majority of it is attributed to facebook "retargetting-ad" campaign and "weekly-newsletter" campaign sent via email. In total those campaigns had 890 last touches which led to 228 purchases. See the spreadsheet on the next slide.

total_last_touch	utm_source	utm_campaign
60	google	cool-tshirts-search
178	google	paid-search
184	medium	interview-with-cool-tshirts-founder
190	buzzfeed	ten-crazy-cool-tshirts-facts
232	nytimes	getting-to-know-cool-tshirts
245	email	retargetting-campaign
443	facebook	retargetting-ad
447	email	weekly-newsletter

WITH last_touch AS (
 SELECT user_id,
 max(timestamp) as last_touch_at
 FROM page_visits
 GROUP BY user_id)
SELECT count(lt.last_touch_at) as
total_last_touch,
 pv.utm_source, pv.utm_campaign
FROM last_touch lt
JOIN page_visits pv
 ON lt.user_id = pv.user_id
 AND lt.last_touch_at = pv.timestamp
group by utm_campaign
order by 1;

SELECT count(distinct user_id) as total_users, page_name from page_visits where page_name = '4 - purchase' group by page_name;

Total of 361 users made a purchase. Here is a breakdown of how many users made a purchase and what campaign it was attributed to.

total_last_touch	utm_source	utm_campaign
2	google	cool-tshirts-search
7	medium	interview-with-cool-tshirts-founder
9	nytimes	getting-to-know-cool-tshirts
9	buzzfeed	ten-crazy-cool-tshirts-facts
52	google	paid-search
54	email	retargetting-campaign
113	facebook	retargetting-ad
115	email	weekly-newsletter

WITH last_touch AS (SELECT user_id, max(timestamp) as last_touch_at FROM page_visits where page_name = '4 - purchase' GROUP BY user_id) SELECT count(lt.last_touch_at) as total last touch. pv.utm_source, pv.utm_campaign FROM last touch lt JOIN page_visits pv ON lt.user_id = pv.user_id AND It.last_touch_at = pv.timestamp group by utm_campaign order by 1;

3. Optimize the campaign budget

By analyzing data of user journey for CoolTShirts website we can come to a conclusion that company should surely re-invest in "Paid search" campaign as it's resulted in 29% of the users ended up making purchase.

Also, "retargetting-ad" and "weekly-newsletter" campaigns demonstrated good results out of all campaigns and have \sim 25% conversion rate.

"Retargetting-campaign" can be another candidate for reinvestment as it had 22% conversion rate.

"Interview-with-cool-tshirts-founder" and "getting-to-know-cool-tshirts" had largest numbers of first touches but it ended up only in 1% of all users ended up their journey by doing actual purchase, so I would not include it to the list.

Thanks!