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Tech talk: Programmatic Advertising in under 300 milliseconds



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Tech Talk: Ways of working in the Triad of Engineering, Product, and Design



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Programmatic Advertising under 300 ms

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The Market

The BIG Players

- Alphabet/Google - Google Ads, Search, YouTube
- Amazon
- Microsoft
- Meta - Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp
- TikTok

2024 global online advertising revenue expectations

- Google - US\$190.5bn
- Meta - US\$146.3bn
- Amazon - US\$52.7bn

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Digital Marketing categories:

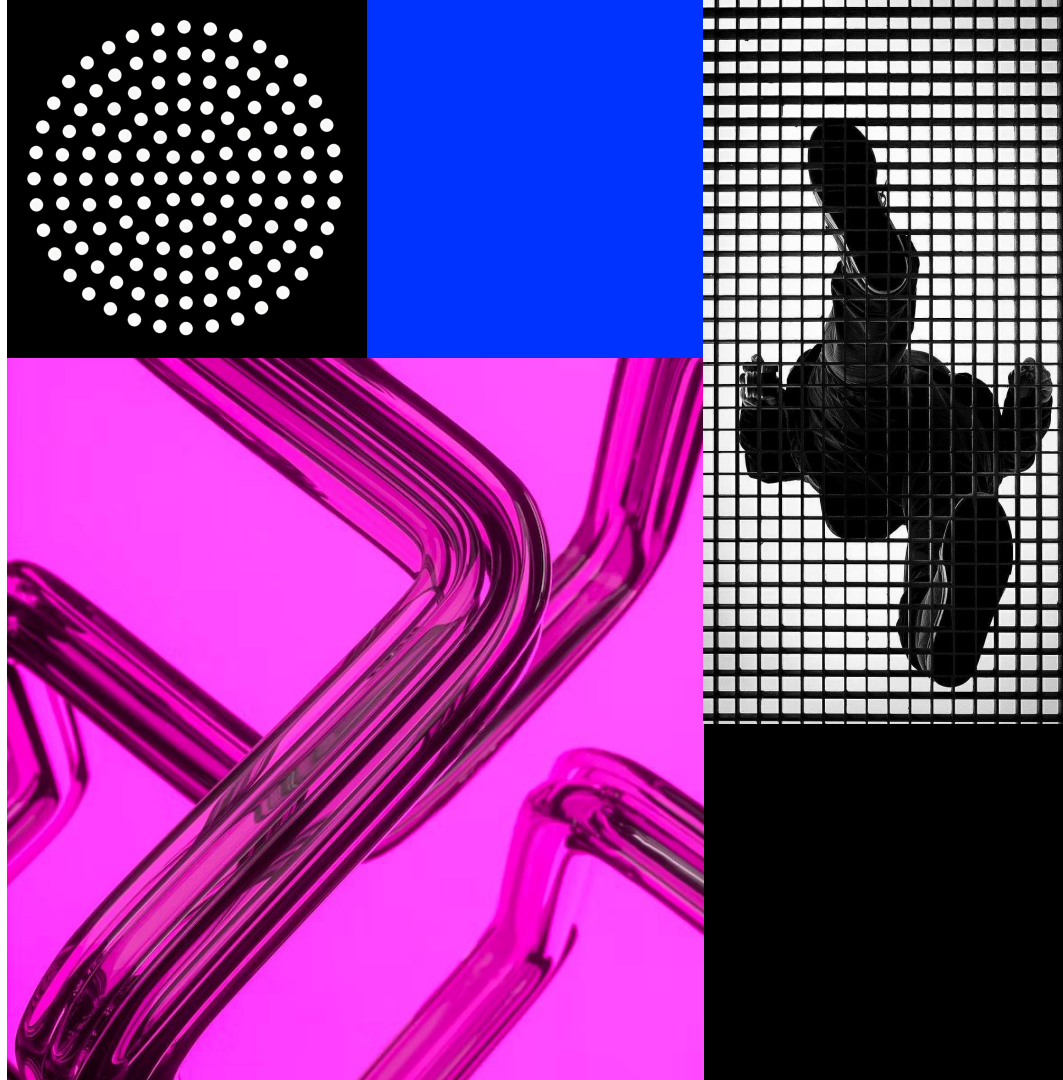
- Search Engine Marketing (S.E.M)
- Email Marketing
- Social Media Marketing
- Content Marketing
- Influencer Marketing
- Affiliate Marketing
- Mobile Marketing

2024 projections

- Ad spending in the Digital Advertising market to reach US\$740.3bn
- The largest market is Search Advertising with a market volume of US\$306.7bn
- In global comparison, most ad spending will be generated in the United States - US\$298bn

WHAT WE DO

Deliver memorable digital
advertising and content
experiences



WHAT WE DO

PUBLISHERS

We work with publishers to provide **performant** ad experiences that **improve** user experience across the **Open Web**.

- web pages
- video players
- smart TV home screens
- etc.

SUPPLY



ADVERTISERS

We work with advertisers to build **eye-catching** ad experiences that provide more **awareness** for their **Brand**.

DEMAND

KARGO OPTIMIZES STANDARD CREATIVE

STANDARD CREATIVE ASSETS



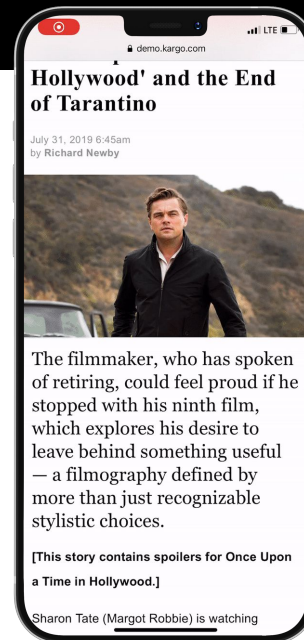
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IN-ARTICLE



VIDEO



ALL EYES ON KARGO





KARGO

**CAMPAIGNS,
ADs
&
CREATIVES**

We work with advertisers to set up their advertising **campaigns** and **ads** and build their **creatives**.

Campaign is high level entity that contains a set of ads to promote a product or service.

Ads contain creatives and other information used in the bidding process.

Creatives are the graphical representation of the ad.

CAMPAIGN

- Flight Dates
- Budget
- Contextual Targeting

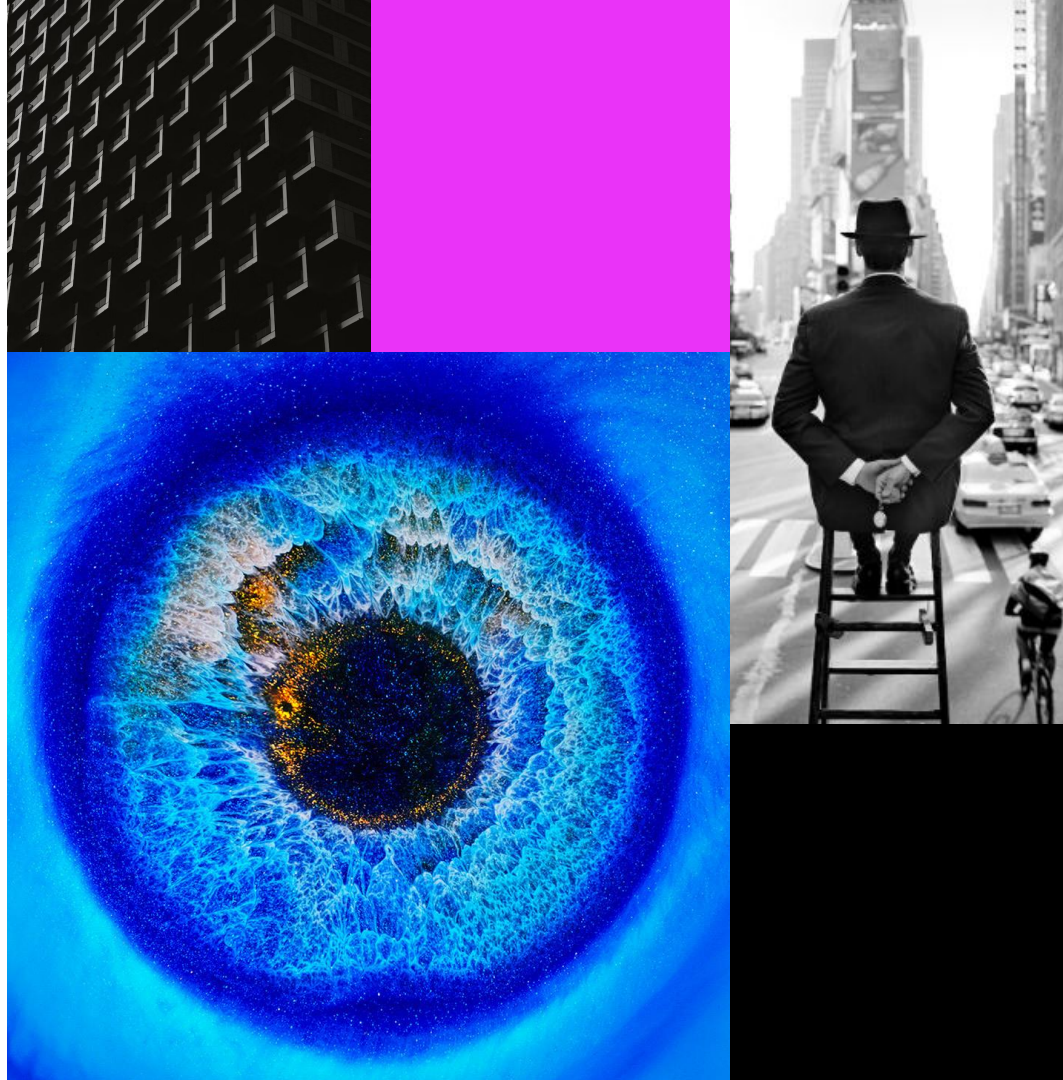
AD (aka line item)

- CPM
- Contextual Targeting
- Geo
- Day Parting
- Ad Markup

CREATIVE

- Image
- Animation
- Video
- Text

Ad Markup is the design definition for a creative.



Components of the Ad Markup

Creative Assets



Execution Info

- JavaScript - execution instructions
- Format

Trackers

- Impression Tracker
- View Tracker
- Click Tracker
- Video Action Trackers

Bid params

- Ad Slot params
- IDs

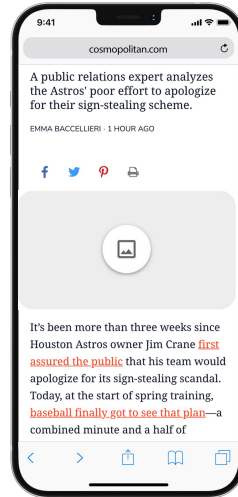


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**BIDDING
PROCESS**

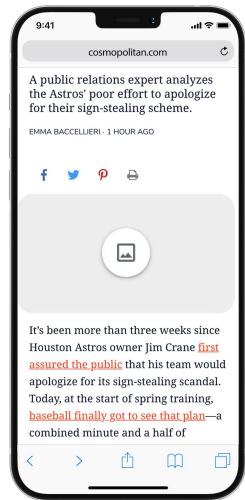
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Header
Bidder

bid request

Supply-Side Platform

Kargo
SSP

Header Bidder

JavaScript code that the publisher adds to the header of their website.

We work with 2 header bidder wrapper technologies: Prebid and Index

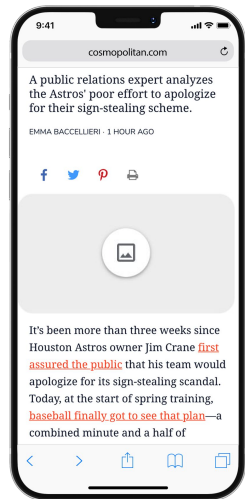
- receives ad request call from the publisher's website
- sends out the bid request to all the connected partners

later...

- receives the bids
- selects the highest bid

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SSP 1

SSP 1

SSP n

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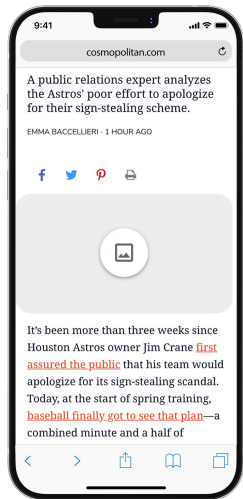
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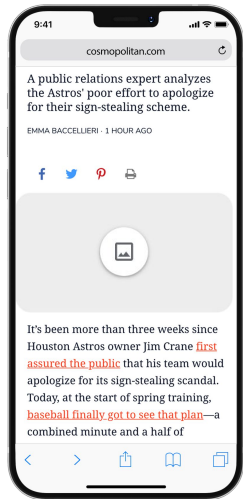
Enrichment Services

Additional information

- Geo lookup based on IP address
- Contextual information
- Bot-detection
- Brand safe
- etc.

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Demand-Side Platform

DSP 1

DSP 2

DSP n

Advertisers

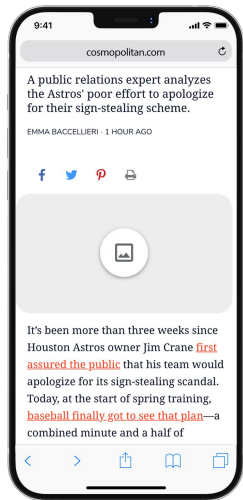
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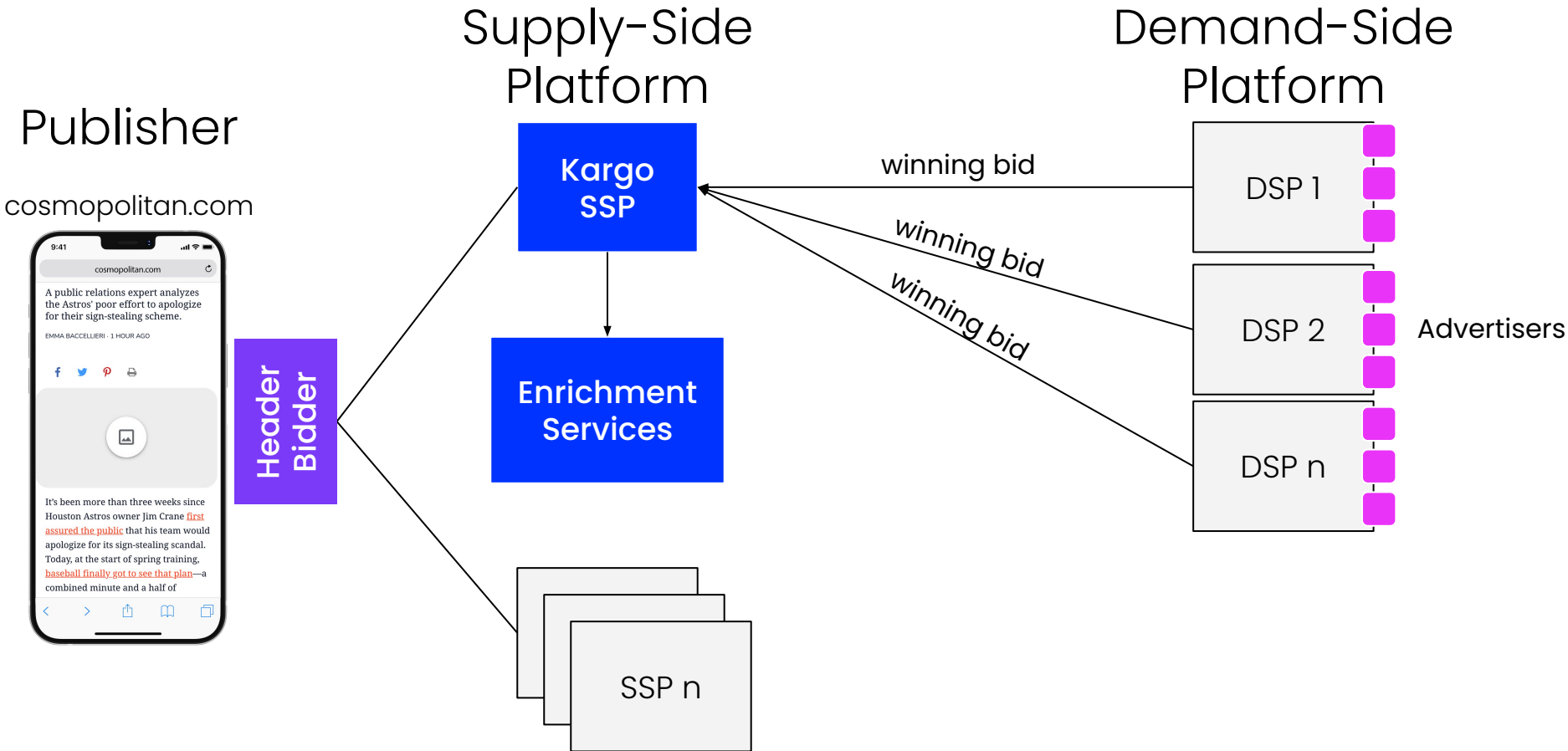
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Advertisers

winning bid

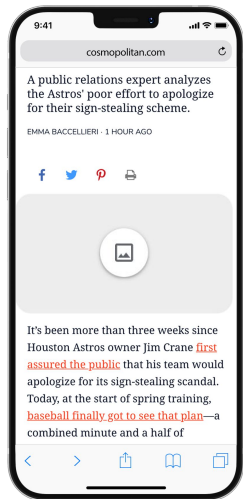
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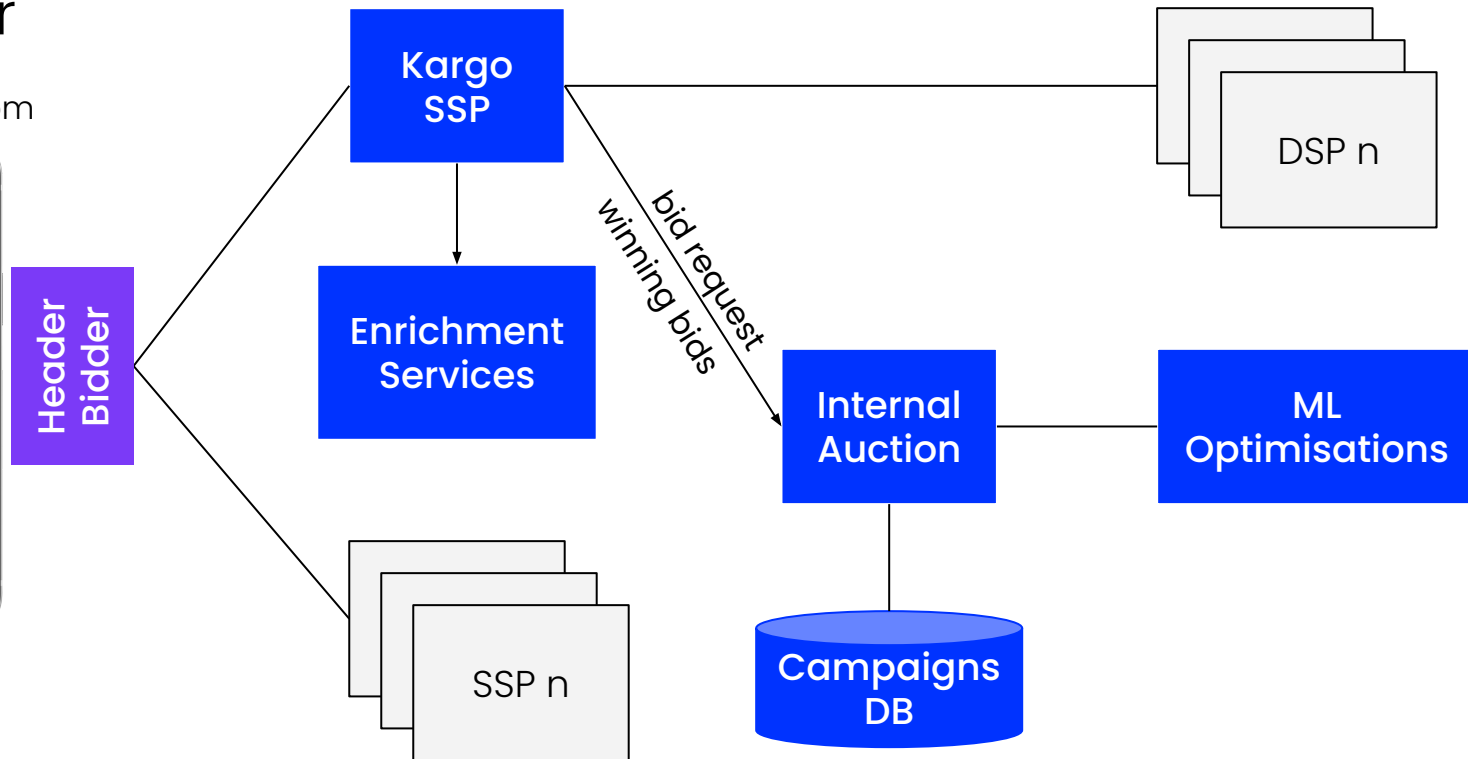
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Internal
Auction

ML
Optimisations

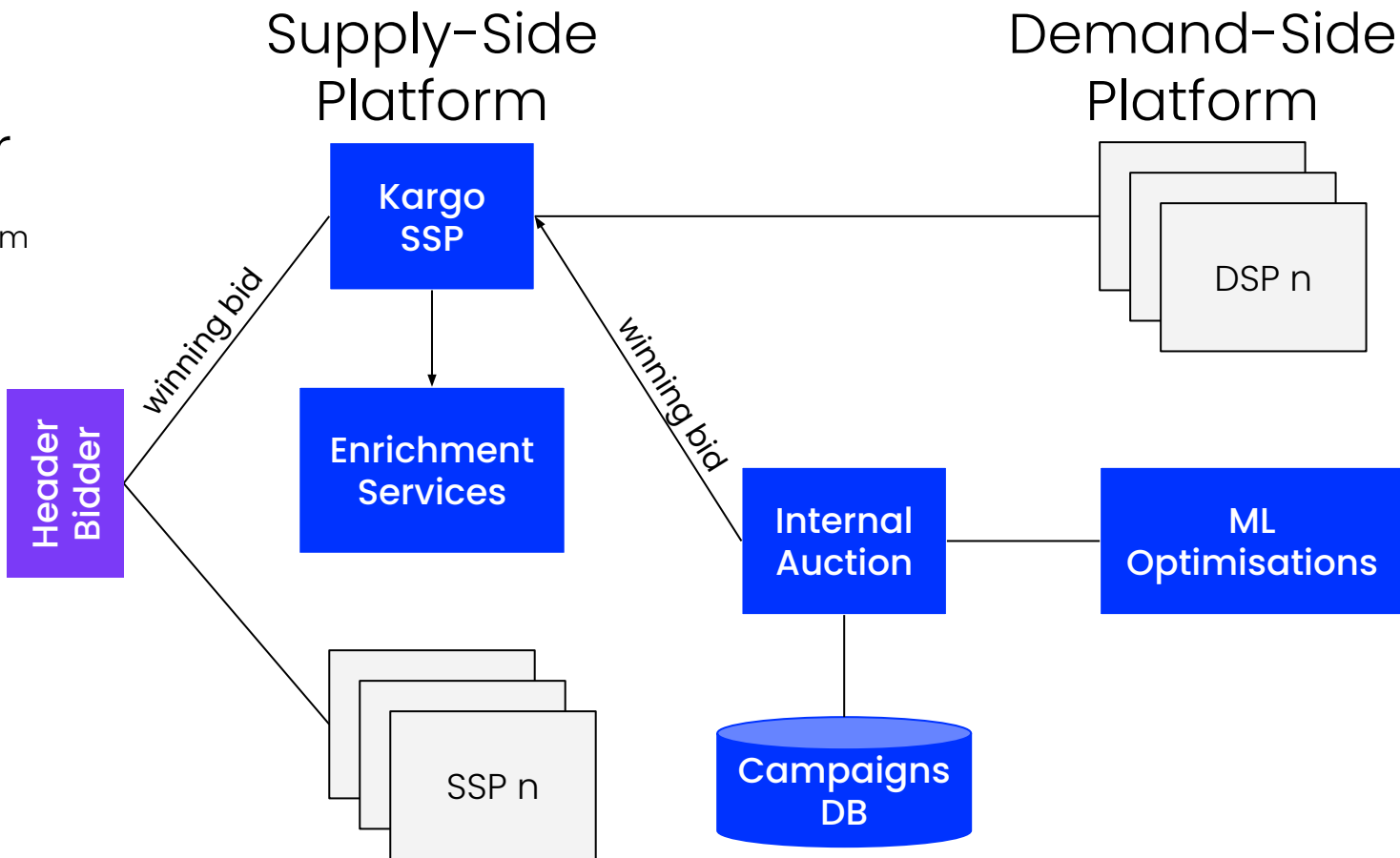
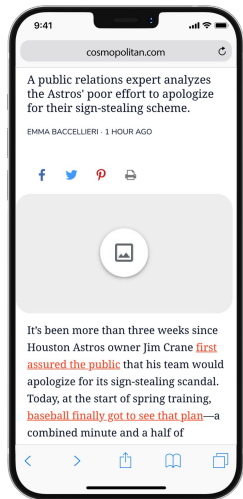
Campaigns
DB

bid request
winning bids



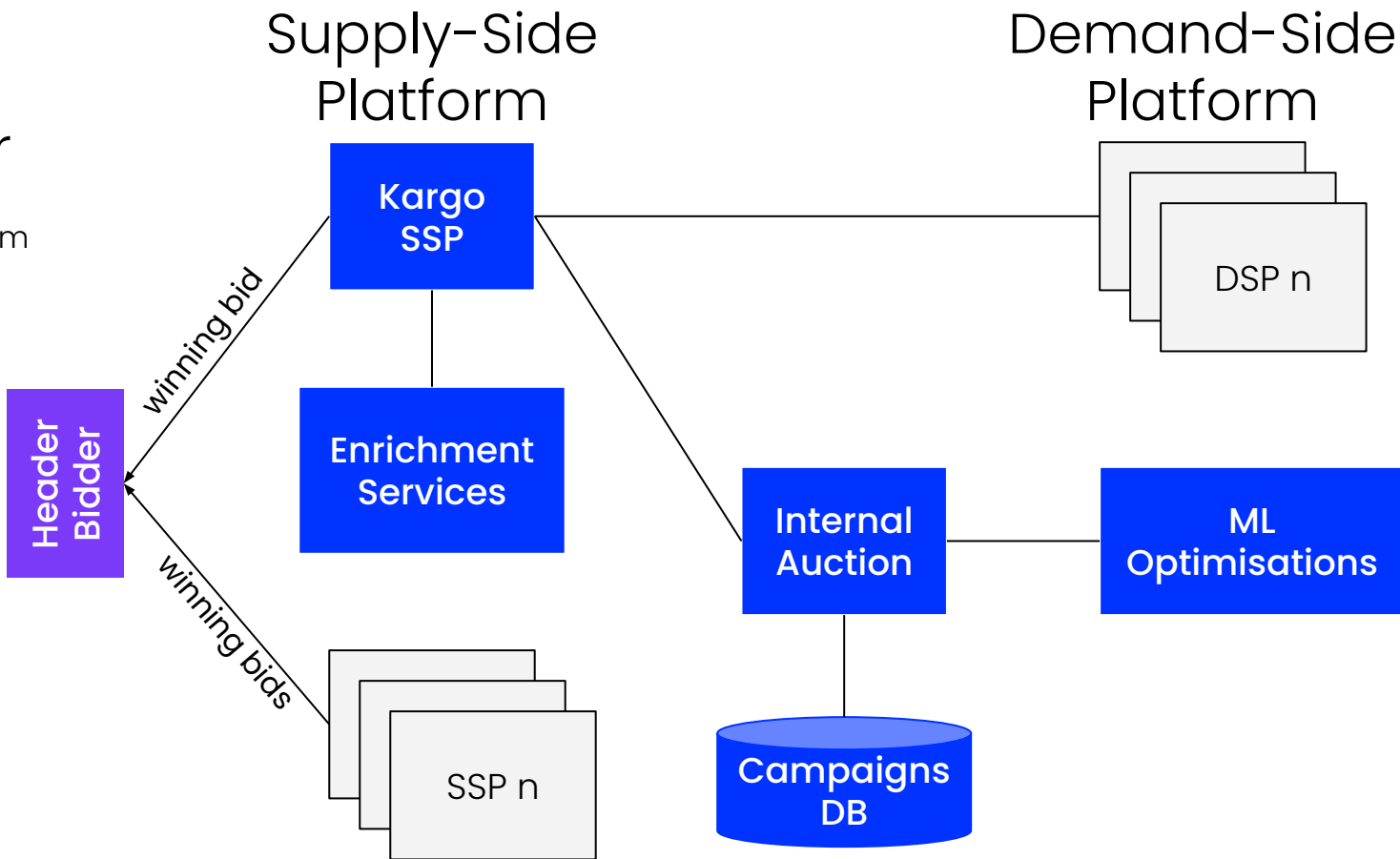
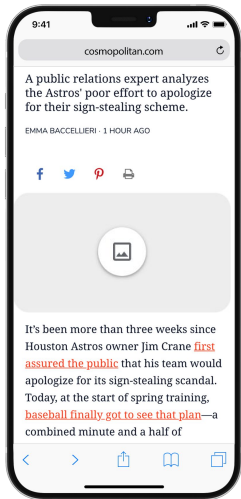
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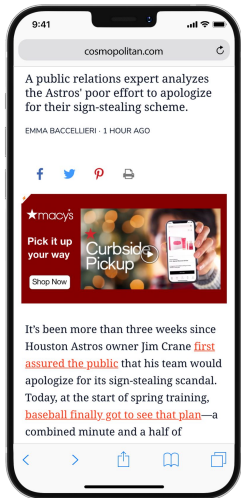
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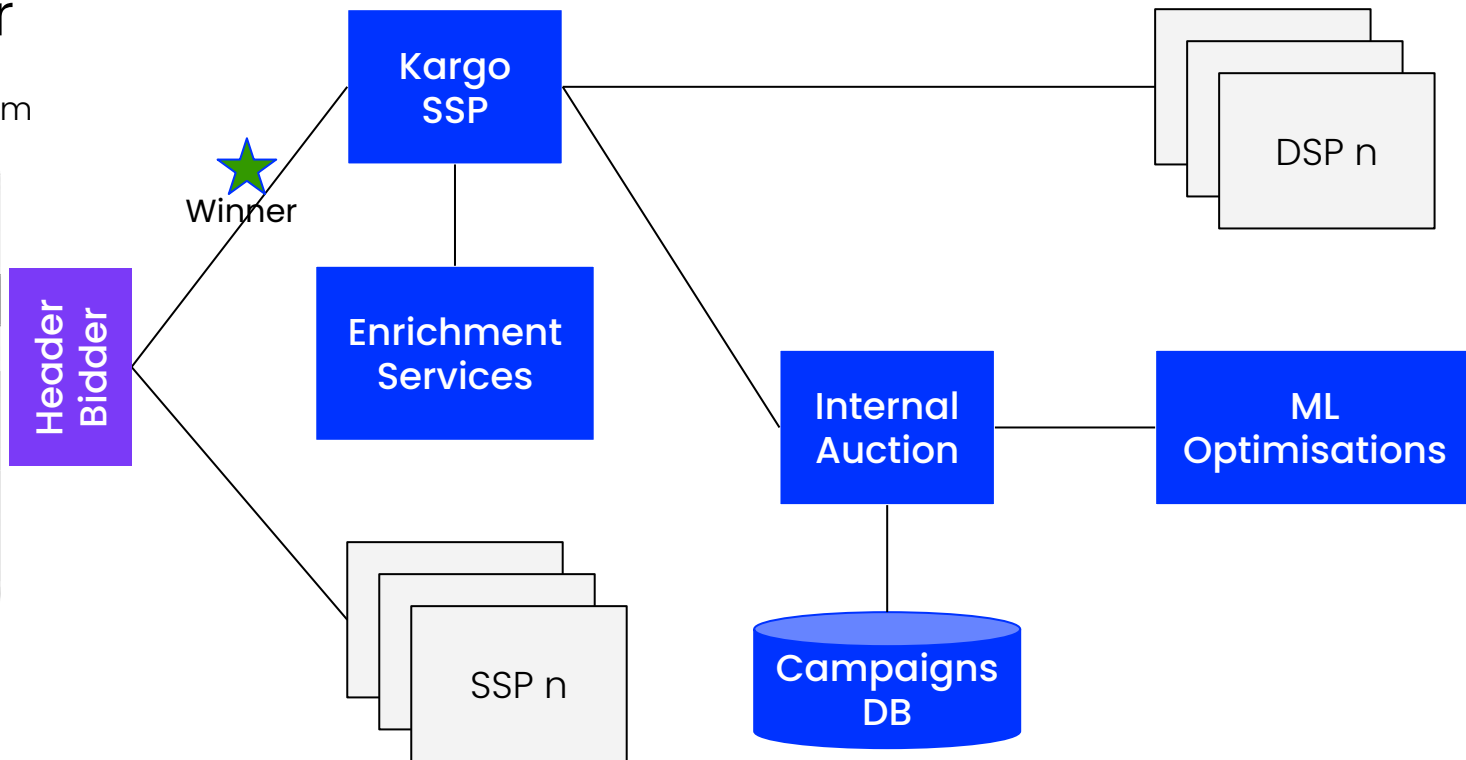
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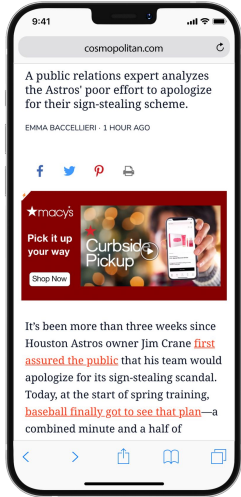
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What happens next?

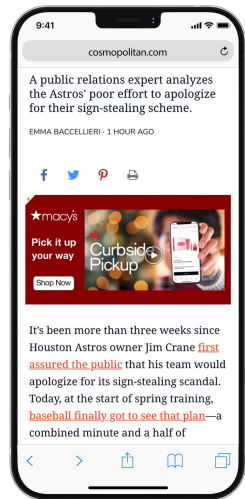
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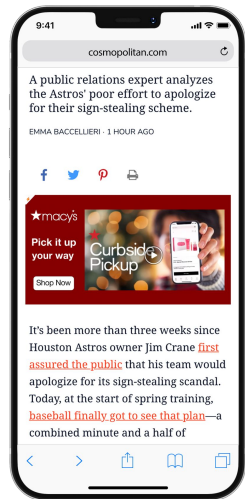


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events

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Service

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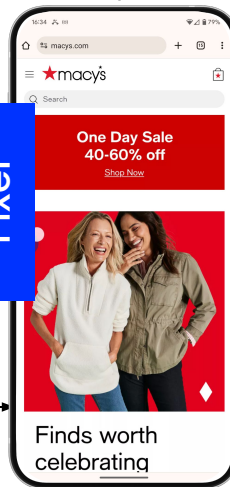
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Pixel

click on ad, load advertiser site

Advertiser

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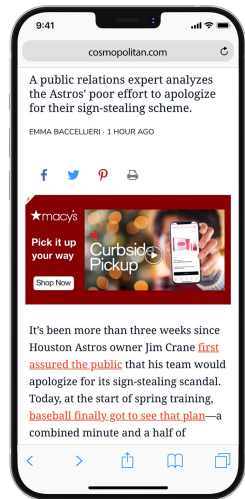
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Sends events to Kargo when certain events occur:

- Page load
- After x seconds
- Add to cart
- Purchase
- etc.

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Data
Warehouse

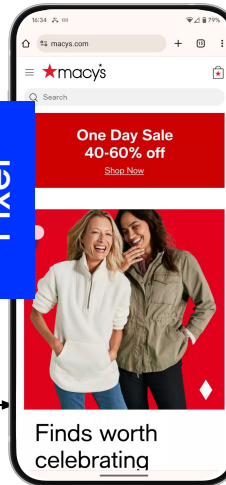
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INFRASTRUCTURE

Tooling

Go, React, JavaScript

AWS – EKS, S3, Firehose, Kinesis

Infra – AWS Cloudwatch and Prometheus
with various kubernetes plugins

App – Telegraf exporting to InfluxDb

Presented through Grafana

Snowflake, databricks

mix of github actions and TravisCI

Papertrail

and so much more ...

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