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First data-only campaign from Utiq: GroupM and iq digital boost performance

- Strategic partnership between adform, Utiq and iq digital enables precise targeting
- First campaign for GroupM was a complete success
- Use of Utiq led to a significant increase in net reach

Düsseldorf, December 16, 2024. iq digital, Germany's premium marketer, together with GroupM and Utiq, has implemented the first data-only campaign based on Utiq's 1st-party IDs for an automotive client. The campaign ran from August to September 2024 and delivered excellent results. Particular attention was paid to the performance of the campaign in non-Chrome browsers, comparing the effectiveness of Utiq and cookie-based targeting.

Thanks to the strategic partnership between adform, Utiq and iq digital, advertisers have been able to benefit from the advantages of targeting based on the alternative ID solution UTIQ since the beginning of August. The integration enables cross-publisher and cross-browser targeting and thus the recovery of relevant reach.

The results of the campaign make it clear that the targeted user approach and contact targeting by iq digital's Utiq-based target groups lead to increased campaign efficiency. Thanks to Utiq technology, advertisers can once again plan and implement successful campaigns in environments that are no longer covered by the cookies still available within Chrome.

Svenja Onasch, Head of Data Management at iq digital, comments: "The combination of privacy first, innovative technology and constantly growing reach makes Utiq the ideal partner in our eyes to give advertisers and agencies like GroupM more opportunities to enter into a constant dialog with target groups."

Strong performance with Utiq in non-Chrome environments

A key success factor was the superiority of Utiq in non-Chrome browsers. More than 90% of the impressions delivered were based on the Utiq ID - an uplift of 290%. The use of Utiq therefore led to a significant increase in net reach.



More stable frequency control thanks to ID solution

Another advantage of the campaign was the possibility of frequency control. The so-called "dual-look targeting" made it possible to optimize repetitions in the display of advertisements by using both third-party cookies and Utiq targeting. This enabled GroupM to control the frequency of contact and thus increase the advertising pressure on the right target groups. On average, Utiq users in non-Chrome browsers saw the ads 3.29 times. This shows that Utiq can be used effectively to optimize the repetition rate of advertising messages, especially in non-Chrome environments, thanks to its high stability, even over longer campaign periods.

Jens Depenau, Expert Partner Data Strategy at GroupM: "The cross-publisher Utiq data-only test based on data signals from the iq digital portfolio was a complete success from GroupM's point of view. With the help of our cookieless targeting evaluation metric PREPITS, we were able to record positive results across all seven dimensions. Based on the previous test and learn scenarios of the Utiq-based private deals, the Privacy, Precision, Transparency and Sustainability dimensions were already rated positively. With the help of the now completed data-only test, we were also able to further optimize the results for the areas of Reach, Efficiency and Interoperability."

The results at a glance:

- Re-identification: Up to 61% better re-identification rate via Utiq compared to the cookiebased target group
- Reach: 87% of net reach in non-Chrome environments via Utiq
- Average frequency: 3.29 touchpoints per user, optimized by Utiq

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