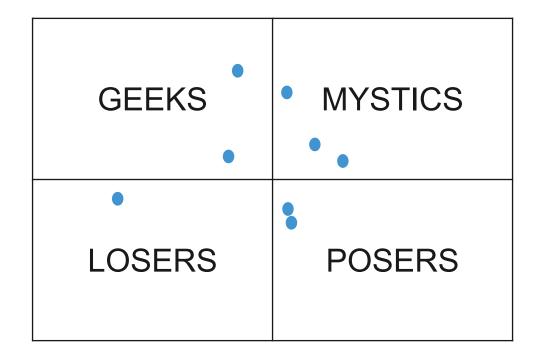


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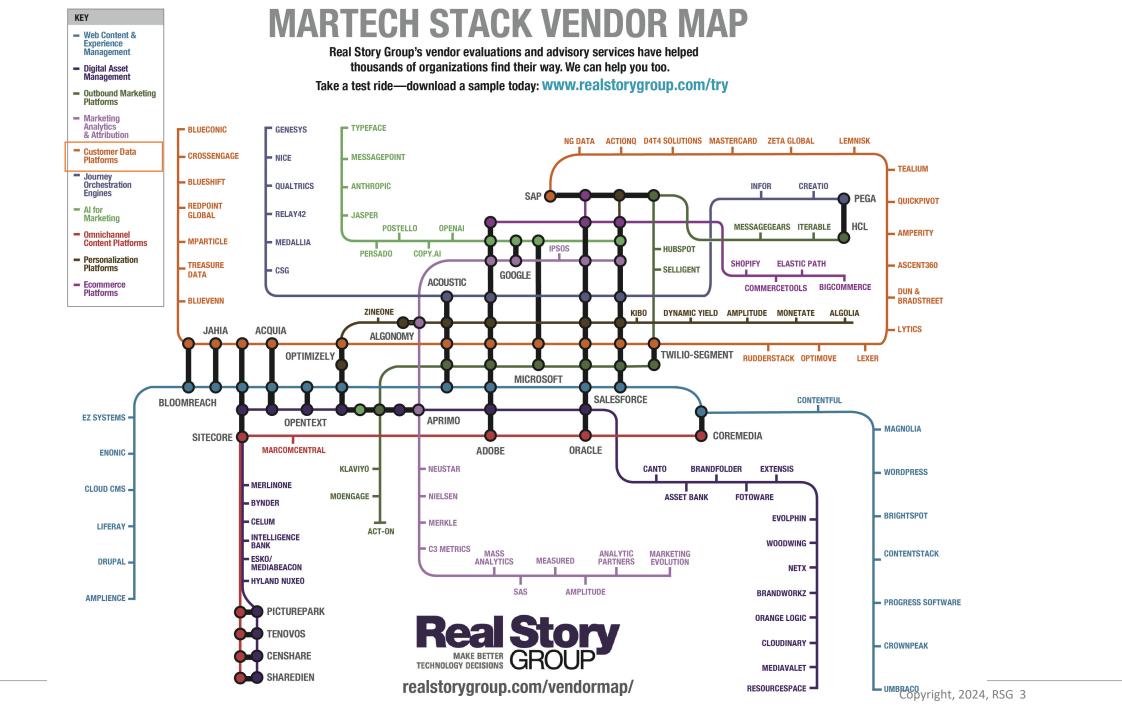


A Different Kind of Analyst Firm...



"the mystical quadrant"

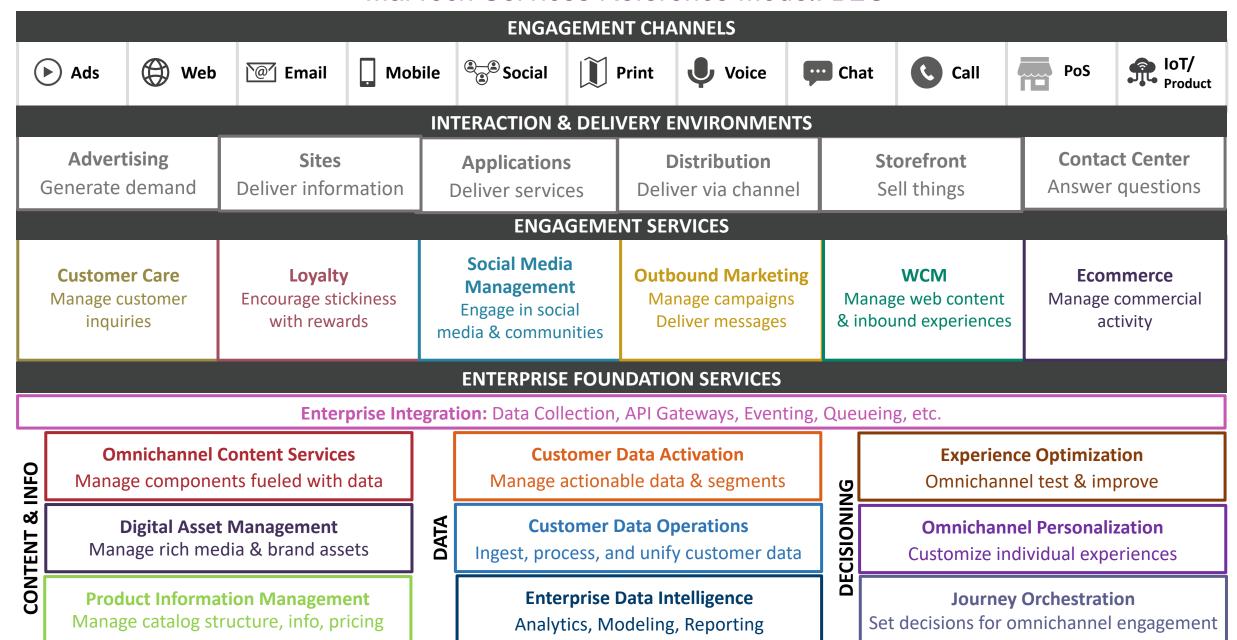
INDEPENDENCE FACTORS	REAL STORY GROUP	OTHER FIRMS
CONSULT TO VENDORS?	NO	YES
SPEAK AT VENDOR EVENTS?	NO	YES
ACCEPT EXPENSES & HOSPITALITY FROM VENDORS?	NO	YES
WRITE PAPERS FOR VENDORS?	NO	YES



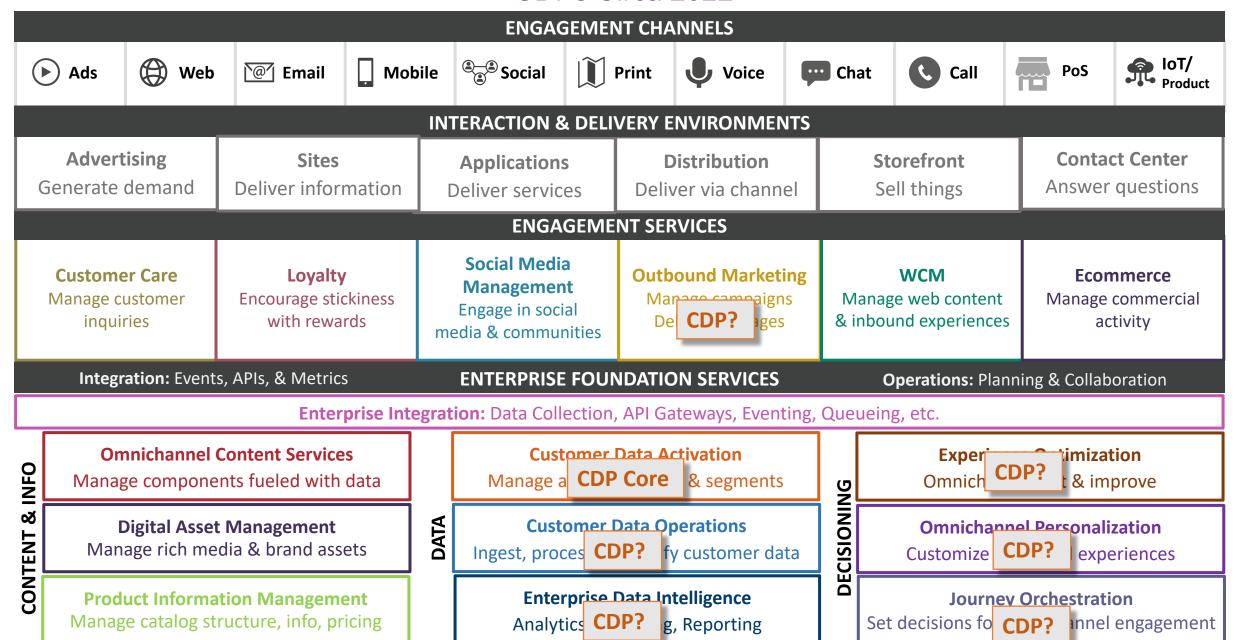
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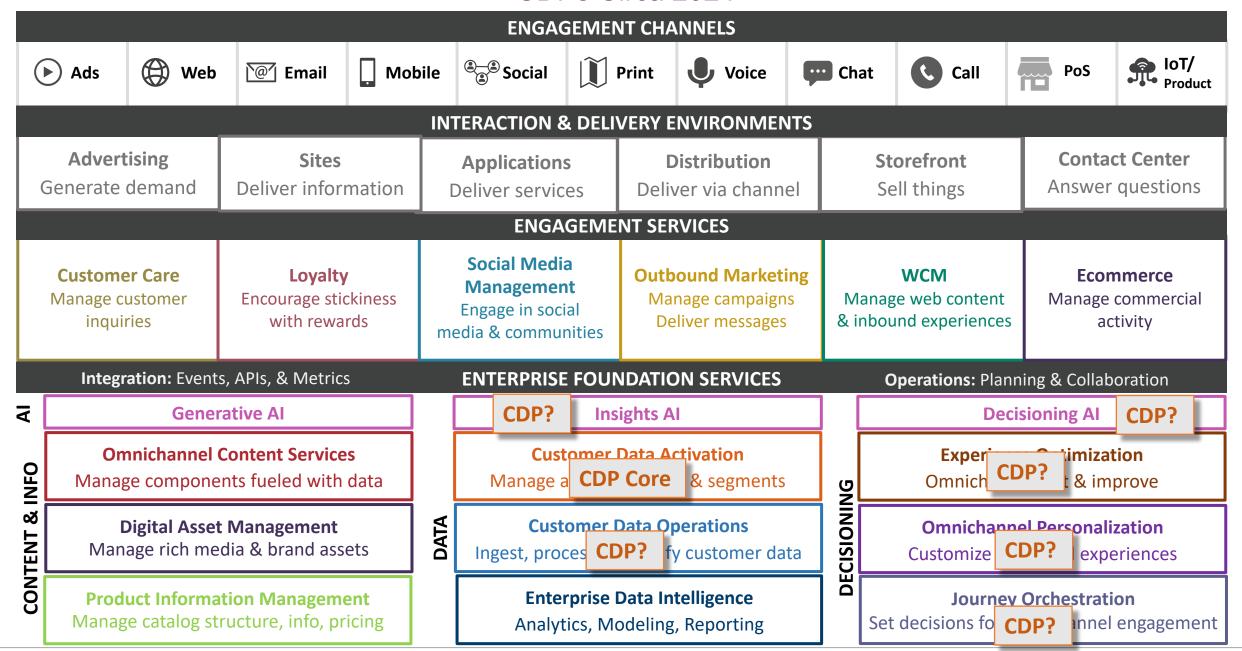
MarTech Services Reference Model: B2C



CDPs Circa 2022



CDPs Circa 2024



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CDP Marketplace, Circa 2024



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PROCESSING



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Theme 1) Reverse ETL Hangover



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Theme 2: The Unresolved B2B Conundrum



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Theme 3: Beware Adobe and (especially) SF

Don't get (cross-) sold



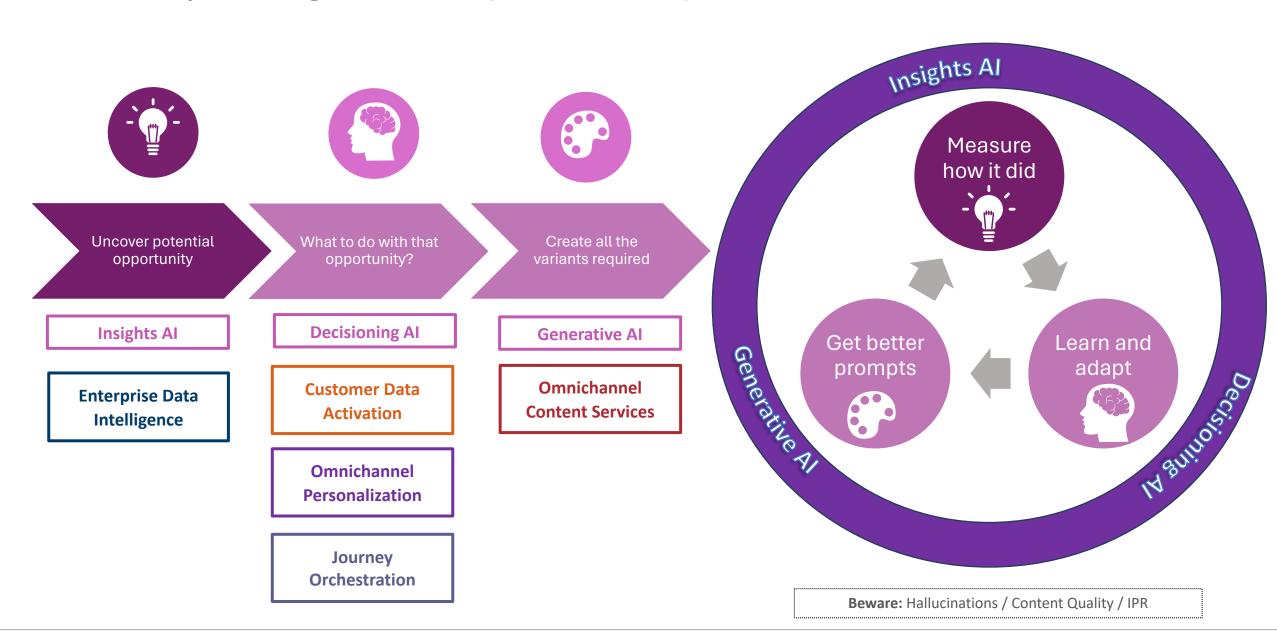
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Theme 4) Closing the Al Loop at an Enterprise Level



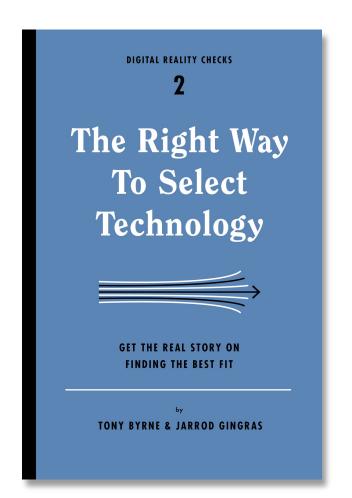


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Always Test Before You Buy...

"Design-Thinking" **Business-focused Team-based Empirical Iterative Adaptive**



Ten Potential CDP Business Use Case Categories



Advanced Customer Data Management



Predictive Analytics



Outbound Marketing Campaign Support



Online Personalization & Experience Optimization



Ecommerce Recommendations & Optimization



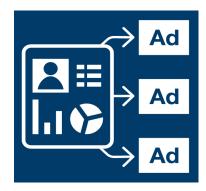
Omnichannel & Offline Aggregation



Realtime Behavioral Analysis



Household / Channel Marketing



Paid Media Support



Loyalty & Rewards Management

Key Considerations:

- Not all CDP vendors support all use cases, or support them evenly
- Do you want the CDP platform to support or execute?

EMPATHIZE:

Create Diverse User Stories

DEFINE (4-8):

Create RFP and Vendor Shortlist

IDEATE (4):

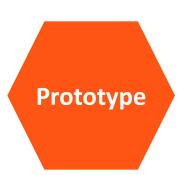
Review Proposals and Demos

PROTOTYPE (2):

Hands-on Bake-off

TEST (1):

Optional PoC



DON'T SKIP THIS STEP!

Conduct competitive proofs-of concept:

- Real scenarios
- Dummy data
- Real people
- Real environment



- 1) CDP market is turning into a complexity spectrum
- 2) Major MarTech Suite vendors still lag
- 3) Push back against Salesforce BS
- 4) Reverse ETL-as-CDP will likely fade
- 5) Serious B2B remains unresolved
- 6) Some differentiation on decisioning...
- 7) ...But other factors may matter more
- 8) Al for CDP is mostly about decisioning
- 9) Beware AI silos via vendor click-wraps
- 10) Take an design-thinking approach to vendor evaluation and selection



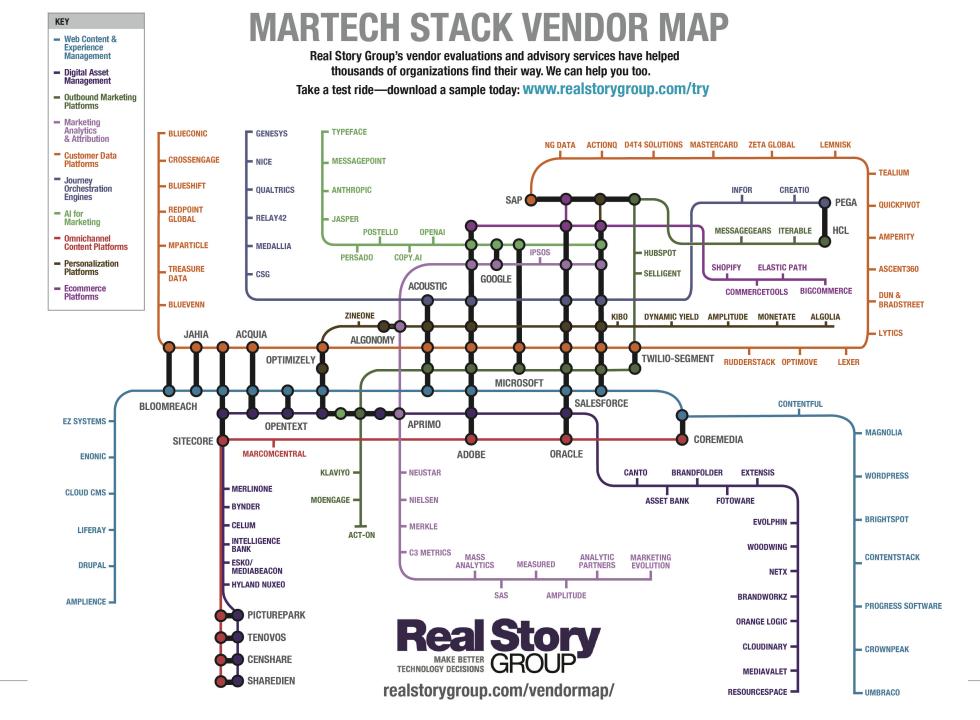
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