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How Analytics Drives the Largest Commerce Site in the Netherlands

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- About the eBay Classifieds Group and Marktplaats.nl
- Analytics as a Driver for Customer Success
- Predictive Analytics
- Some Fun



Marktplaats: no. 1 Classifieds Site in the Netherlands the 3rd largest eBay business in Europe



Marktplaats timeline



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eBay Inc. confidential

classifieds

Marktplaats – a Diverse, International, Fun and Innovative Organization

Marktplaats employees on Valentine's day

137 employees



19 Nationalities





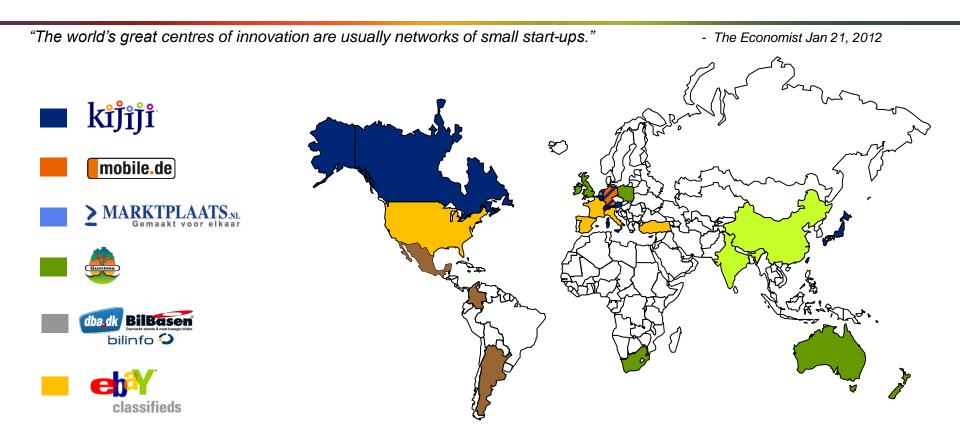




38% women in senior positions



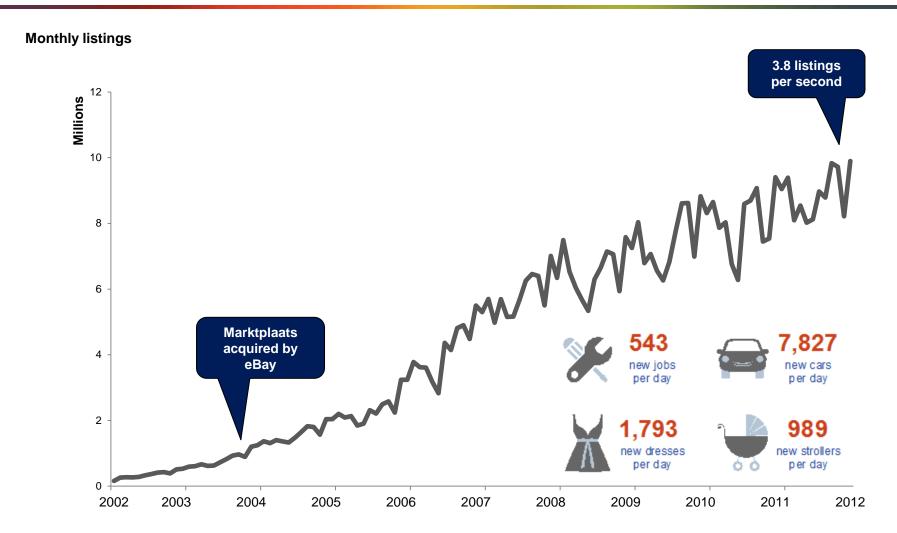
eBay Classifieds Group (eCG): Local Classifieds at a Global Level



85M global unique visitors
6B page views a month
18.3M total live ads
25 countries



Marktplaats has Grown Monthly New Listings 5.5X since eBay Acquisition...

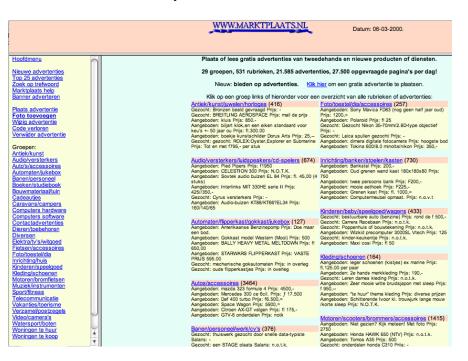


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... and Today Has 6,500,000 Live Listings

Marktplaats in March 2000



53 seconds per listing

Live listings: 15,000

Marktplaats Today



3.8 listings per second

Live listings: 6,500,000



... as Well as Mobile Web and Smartphone Apps, downloaded 1.7M times!

... vodafone NL 🤝 08:39 100% == Home Fiets Zoeken ... vodafone NL 🤝 08:41 O 100% -Naar resultaten Home O Zoek bij u in de buurt Betaalbare elektrische fiets, nieuw Gezien: 1227 keer sinds 10 apr. '12, 08:16 Betaalbare elektrische € 499,00 Vandaag Puch Radius elektrische € 899,00 fiets nu € 899,00 bij Vandaag € 59,95 Eindelijk! Coole & Hippe Fietshelm Skatehelm Helm Stuur e-mail Conditie Nieuw Dit is een geweldige elektrische fiets. En vooral betaalbaar! De fiets heeft een lage

m-web

apps





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Marktplaats: Serving Customers' Needs

- We partner with our clients to provide advice, not to simply sell products
- Meticulous data collection helps to understand customer behavior and translate it into action
- Behavioral targeting supports advertisers
- We help customers to get the best out of our products through customer lifecycle optimization
- Predictive analytics drives decision-making throughout the organization
- Near real-time analytics mostly fun



Tips for Success at Marktplaats.nl

- Add a photo, preferably with people in it
- Specify an asking price (do not use "bidding")
- Make your ad title specific and not too short

	GEEN FOTO	De laatste der Mohikanen James Fenimore Cooper	€ 2,50	Gisteren	0
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4 cd's van 538 (2x enkel+2 x dubbel cd)
Ik heb nog wat orginele cd s liggen die ik wil verkopen dit
zijn 4 cd s van 538 538 greatest hits II 538 greatest hits
538 dance smash hits 1996 538 dance smash hits 2002

Gereserveerd 11 jun. '10 3

The fastest way to unload your stuff?

List it as "GRATIS"

(most popular search keyword)



Behavioral Targeting: ANWB "My First Car" - reaching active buyers



- 50% of the Dutch population buy their first car around the age of 22-24
- Marktplaats users searching for cars priced under € 5.000 are often the ones looking for their first car
- Via financial targeting on Marktplaats.nl visitors are guided to car-buying advice site of ANWB (Dutch automobile association)
- The platform offers advice on the cars, prices, insurance and roadside assistance options
- Results 18% increase in ANWB membership in the target group



Admarkt – Advertising Engine for SMEs



Admarkt is a self-service, performance based lead-generation product

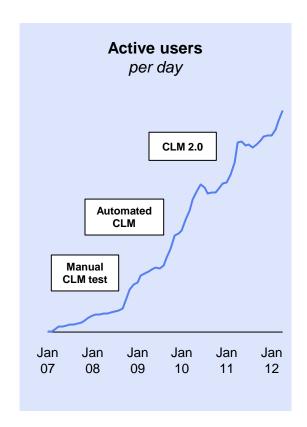
for small and medium businesses,

both online and offline

who pay per click on their ad



Admarkt CLM: Basis for User Growth and Success



2008: CLM pilot showed huge potential

Main challenge was in manual processes

2008-2009: Built and launched automated CLM

- User segmentation
- Automatic DM scheduler
- Activation, development, win-back, reactivation campaigns

2010-present: Continue to extend CLM program with more interaction and feedback

- Extended campaigns
- · Confirmation e-mails after contact
- Automated surveys



Admarkt CLM Results – Successful SME Users



- Golden Award "Admarkt Success Stories: Zomerzoen kids' furniture showroom and webshop
- Revenues doubled between 2010 and 2011
- 90% of visitors to the showroom come via Marktplaats
- Around 40% of the revenues are attributable to Marktplaats ads



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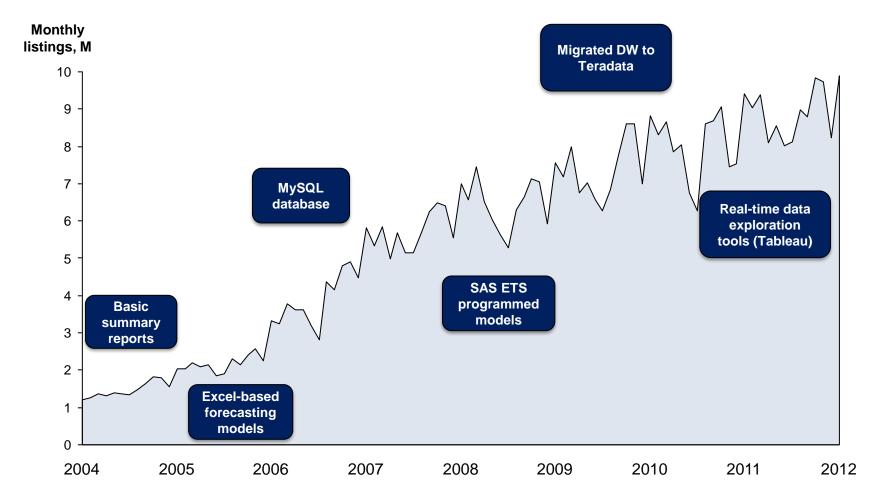
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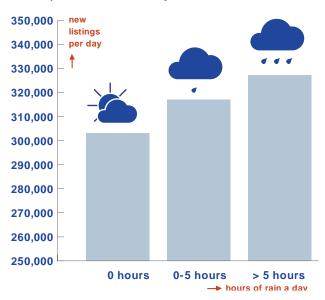
Evolution of Analytics at Marktplaats.nl: Infrastructure





Predictive Analytics: Models Used

Marktplaats loves rainy weather

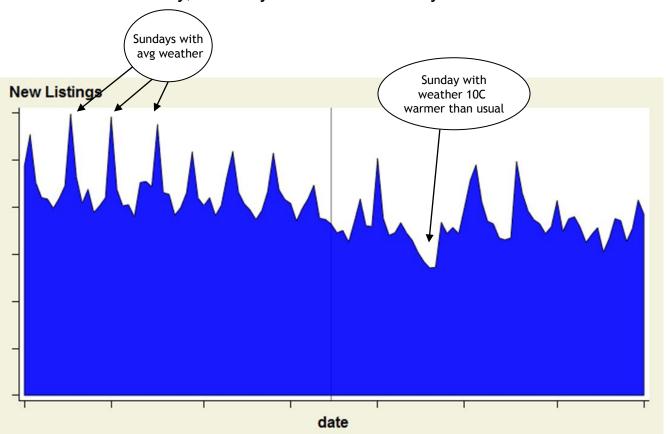


- Seasonal ARIMA's based on daily data
- Estimate effects of the day of the week, public holidays, vacation periods
- Weather (temperature, duration of precipitation) has statistically significant effects
- Use trend breaks to account for abrupt changes (both internal product changes and/or external market events)
- "Expert judgment" adjustment factors written into the model code to keep qualitative assumptions transparent



Effects of Weather on Listing Behavior: Sundays

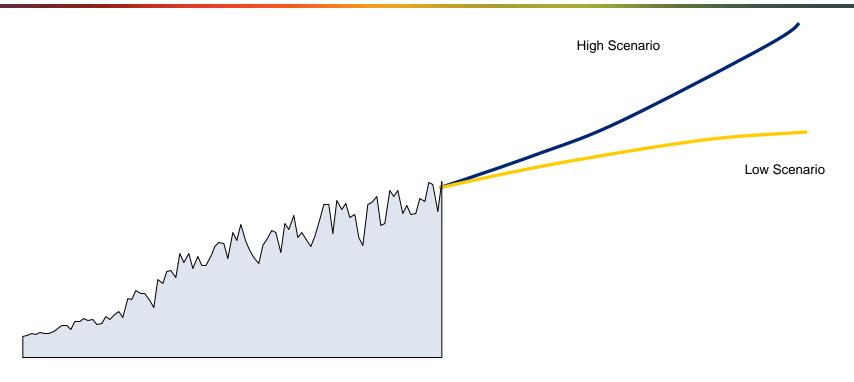




...unless the weather is great!



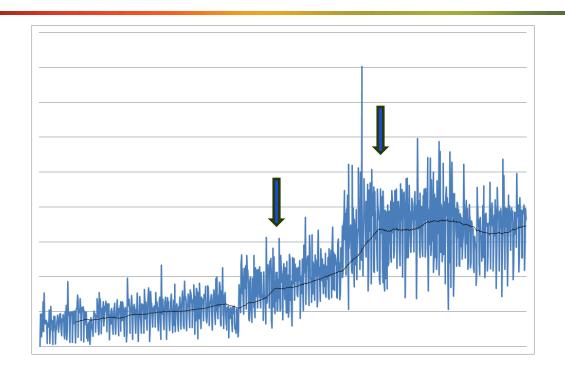
Predictive Analytics Challenges: Forecasting Long-Term Trends



- The data are very rich (possibility to drill down to individual listings and transactions)
- The length of the time series is relatively short
- Long-term trends not always identifiable from the past data
- Seasonal patterns estimates may be overly affected by idiosyncratic events

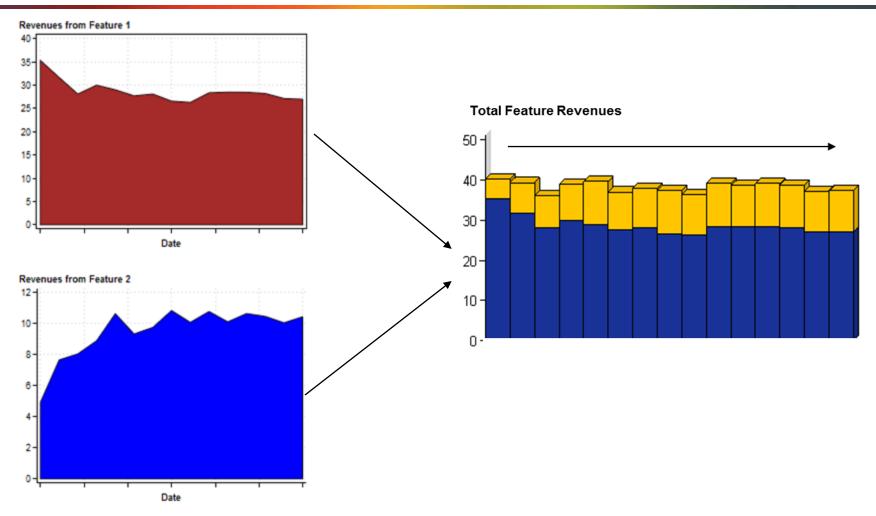


Predictive Analytics Challenges: Modeling Trend Breaks



- Variance of the data are relatively large
- This makes it almost impossible to correctly identify the trend break through statistical estimation
- Solution a combination of "expert-based" adjustments with manually imposed trend break points

Predictive Analytics Challenges: Cannibalization



- Modeling approach depends on the purpose of the analysis
- Total revenue forecast or cannibalization analysis require different level of detail



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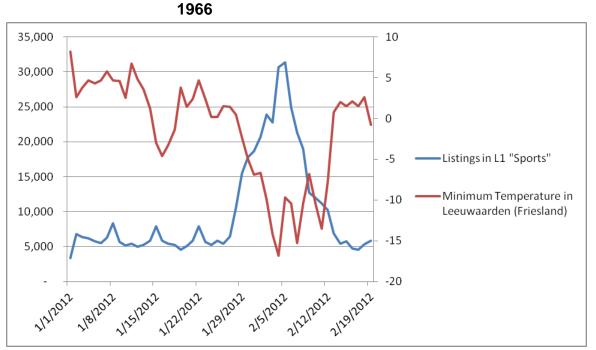
Marktplaats as Barometer of the Dutch Society: Winter Fever



Skating on the Keizersgracht in Amsterdam



2012



Searches for "skates" on Marktplaats.nl:

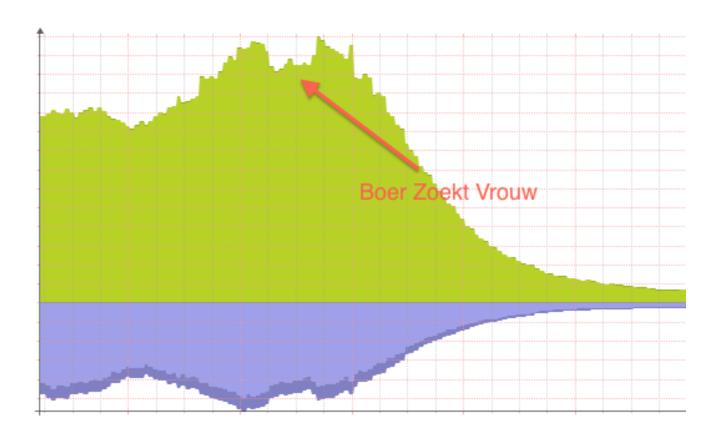
Jan 23, 2012 - 16,000

Feb 2, 2012 - 444,000

Source: Marktplaats.nl, Fotocollectie Anefo, At5.nl



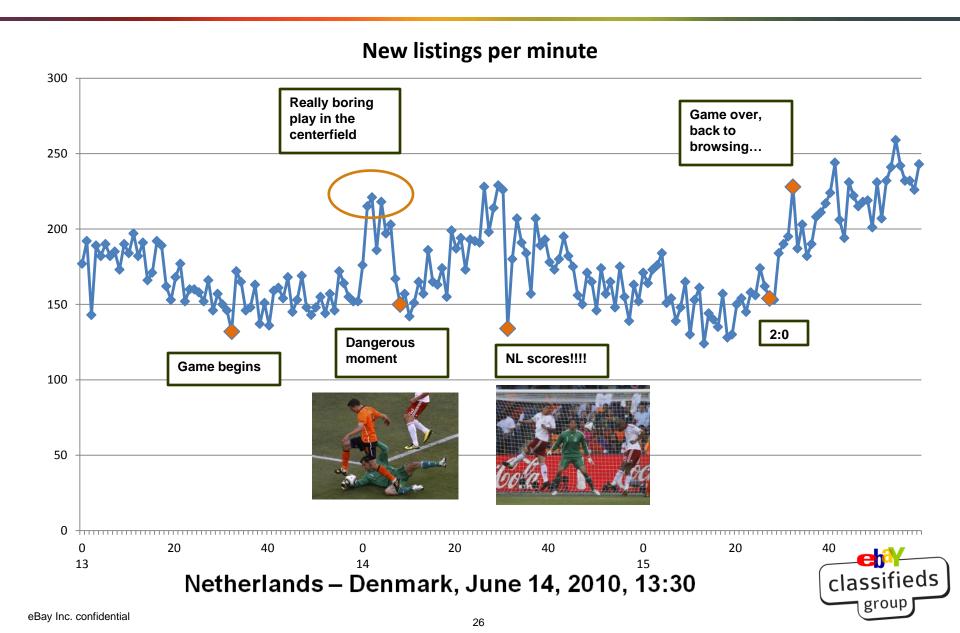
Marktplaats zoekt gebruikers...



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Real Time Analytics: Effects of the WK game schedule on Marktplaats listing behavior



Analytics and Empowered Decision-Making at Marktplaats.nl:

- Ability to quantify future performance and plan for it
- Timely monitoring of performance and deviations from expectations
- Fast reaction time to correct problems
- Better user experience
- Higher ROI for our customers
- Equal playing field across the organization when it comes to data availability for decision-making
- Fantastic new ideas based on data-generated insights



Analytics Power: Building the Future

