

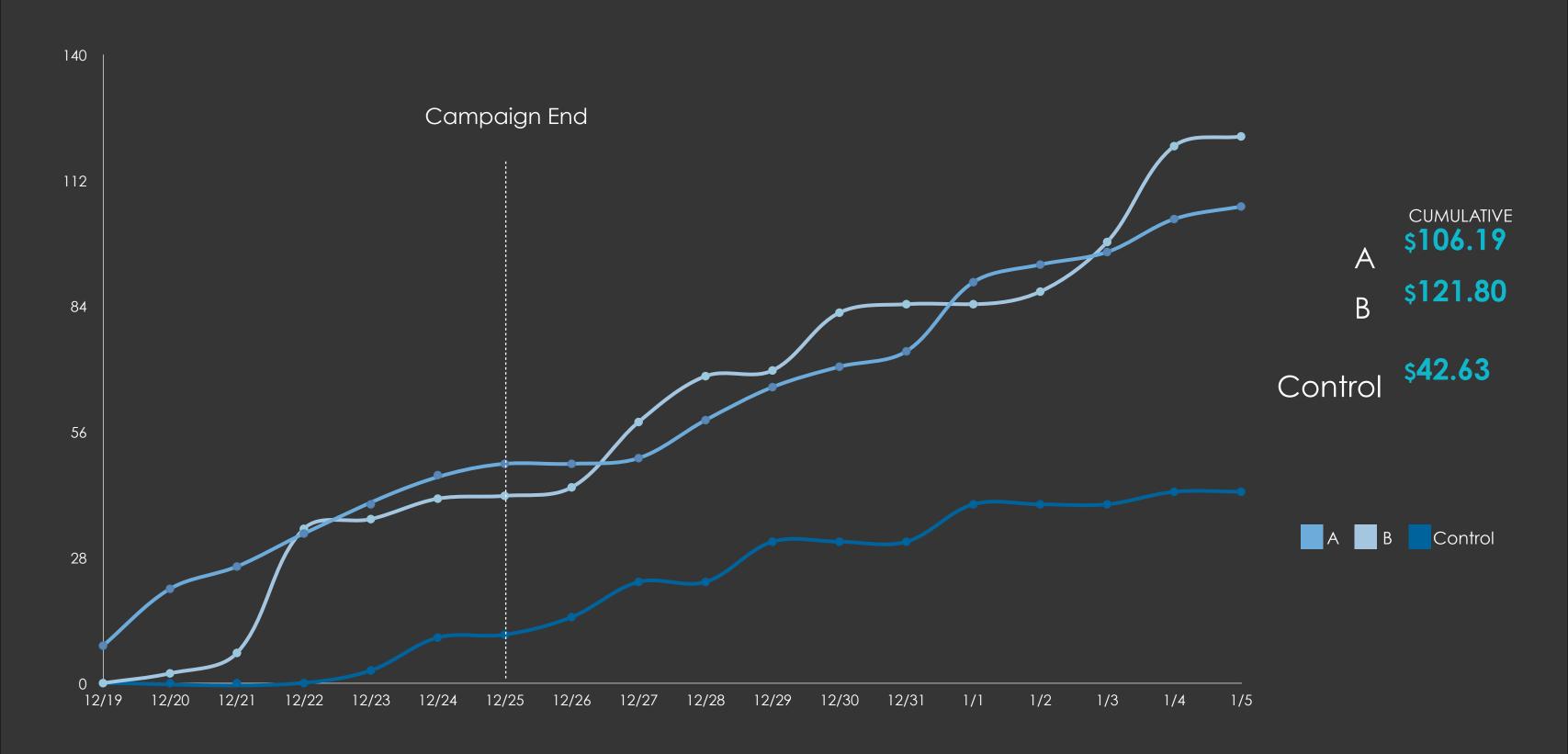
The Power of Adaptive Marketing for Games



## About **Playnomics**

- Founded in 2009 with offices in San Francisco and New York
- Over 100M Player Profiles and 30M+ Monthly Active Users
- Deep expertise in gaming, data mining, business intelligence, informatics, and marketing
- Venture backed by FirstMark Capital, x/Seed Capital, Metamorphic Ventures, and Vanedge Capital

## What's the point of predictive marketing?

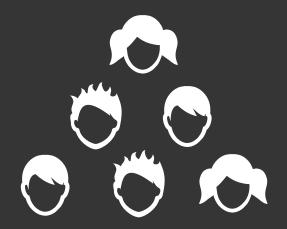


# Problems Worth Solving



#### **Nurture** VIPs

Retain and optimize revenue potential from your loyal spenders.



#### **Create** Payers

Identify likely spenders and send targeted, effective promotions that grow your payer population.



#### **Monetize** Everyone

Few players will pay. Target non-spenders with revenue generating ads and earn from everyone.

All players are different.

How do you maximize the value of each one?

## Mobile Monetization: is it as bad as it looks?

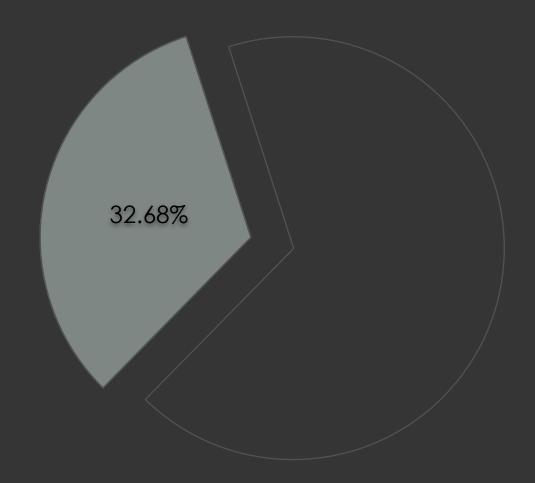
Our Q1 2013 Engagement Report examined over 1.7 million new players who joined during the first 2 weeks of 2013. For those players only, we observed their monetization behavior over the entirety of the first quarter.

## Less than 1% Pay to Play

Almost 14,000 players in the cohort of 1.7 million had monetized, or **only roughly 0.77%** 

#### **OF THOSE 0.77%:**

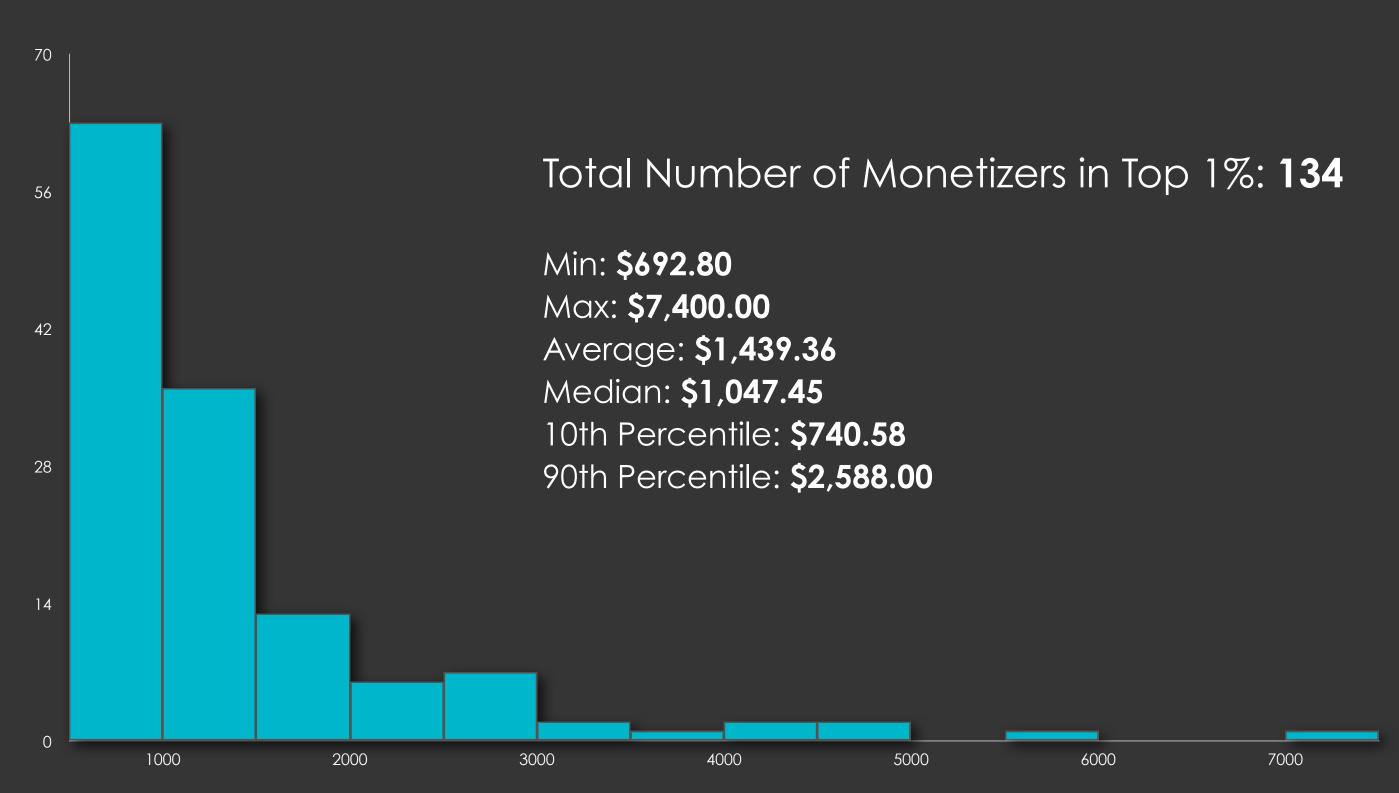
- Percentage of total spend accounted for by top 1%: 32.68%
- Percentage of total spend accounted for by top 20%: 90.50%
- Percentage of total spend accounted for by top 50%: 98.43%
- Percentage of total spend accounted for by top 60%: 99.09%



A very small group of players are in control of an outsized portion of the revenue

## A closer look at the top spenders

Not only is the distribution of LTVs highly skewed amongst all 14,000 monetizers, it is still significantly skewed even when we look at just the top 1% of spenders.



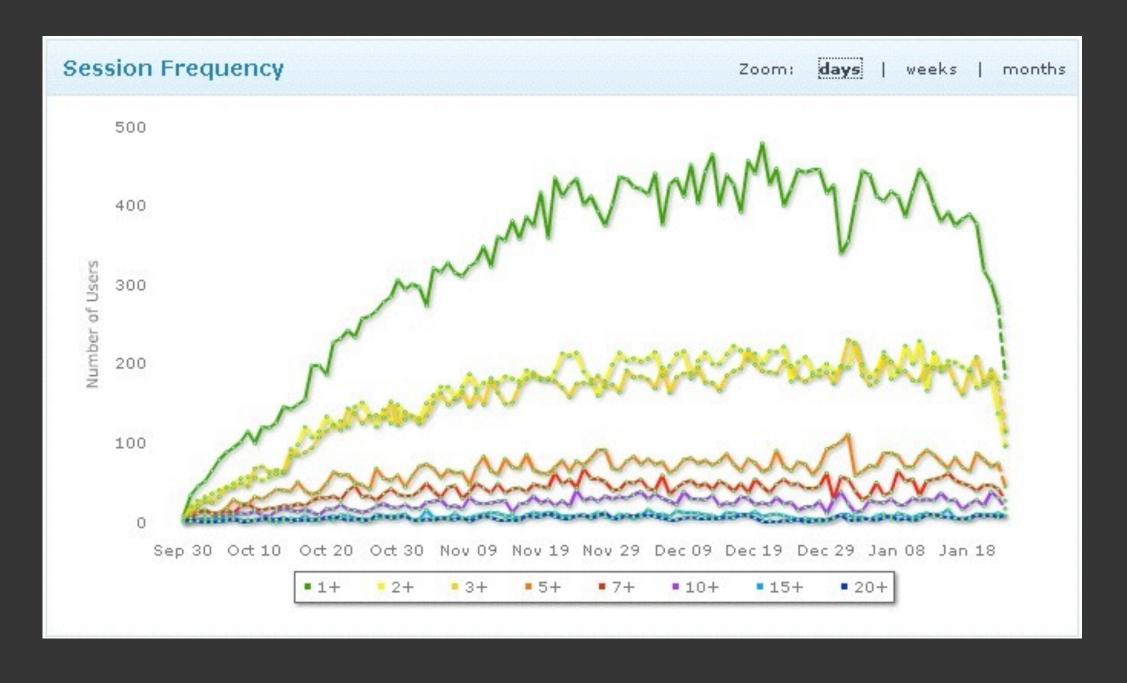
## Why does this happen?

The cost of getting new users to try out mobile apps is getting more and more expensive, hitting an all-time high on the Apple App Store in July.



Spending for Installs

## Why does this happen?



Analytics = Analysis. Lots of it.
Then what?

## One size fits all?

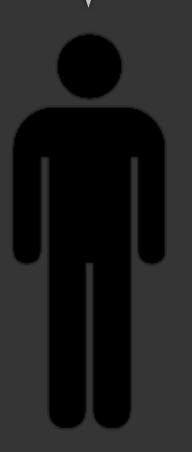


## Players are people too, unique and different







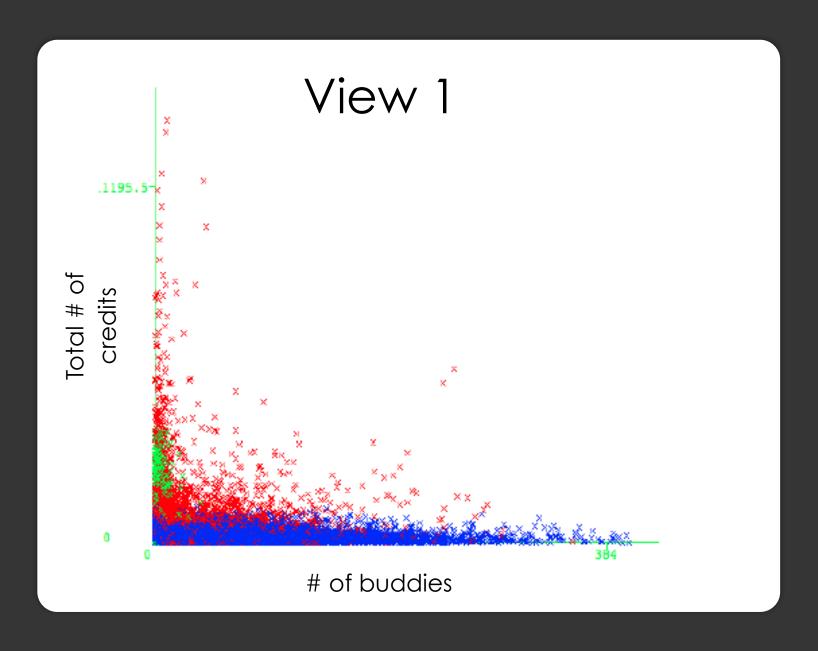


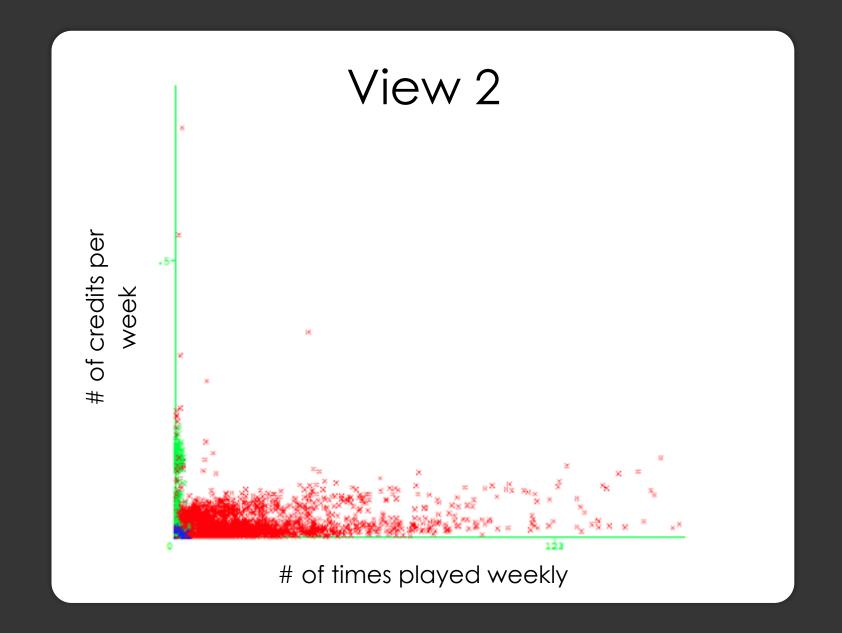
## Simple game, right?



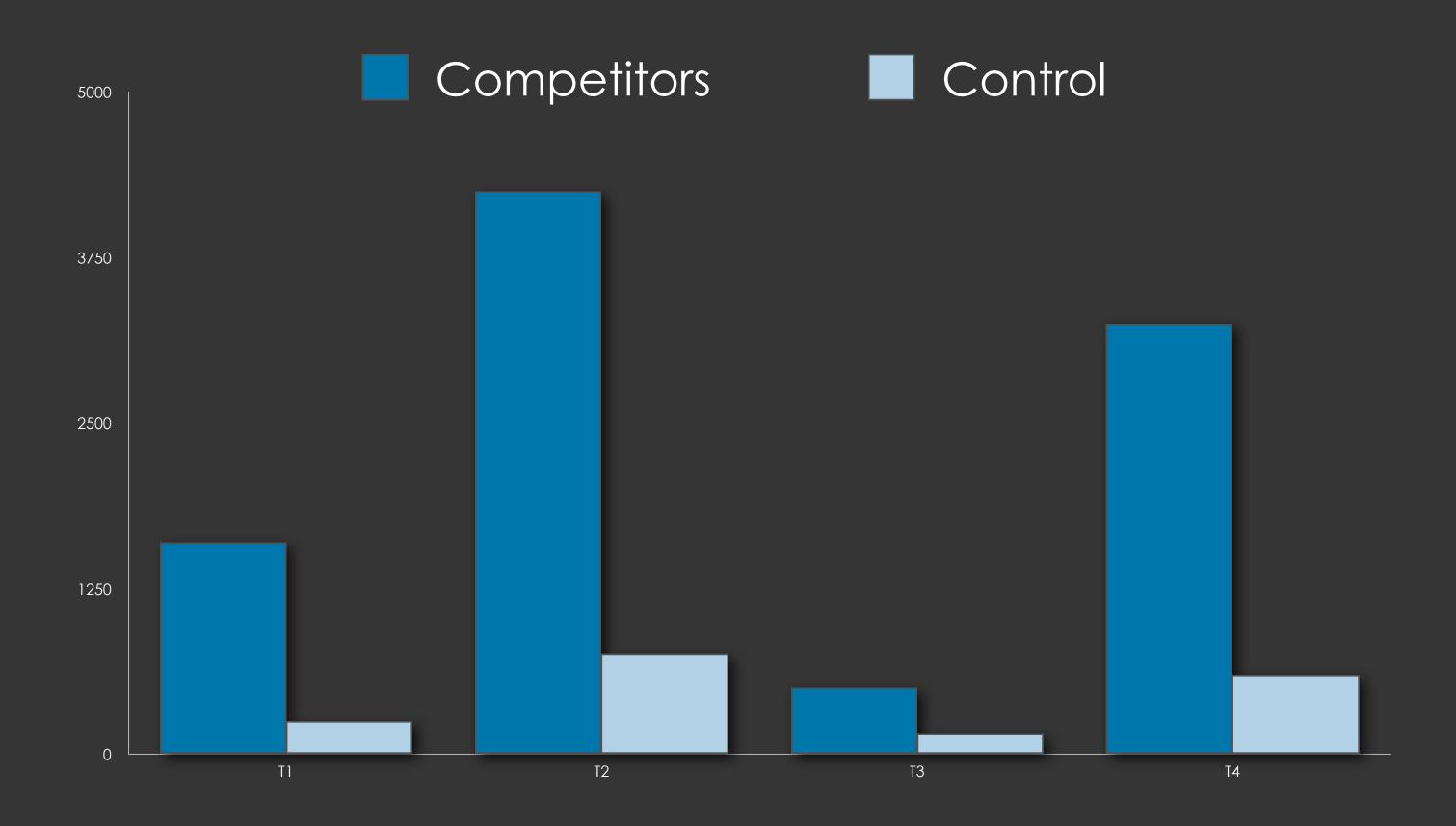
## Not so simple motivations

Collectors Socialites Competitors





## Big difference in outcomes from marketing



## Players are different!

Millions of users, all want something different



# **Predictive Marketing**: the right message for the right person at the right time

Marketing Managers 0 Game Managers

Understand, segment, and target your vast and diverse audience, so you can...

...reward payers with personalized incentives, messages, and rewards. Identify paying audiences for upsell and convert them to higher-spending categories.

...monetize non-payers by delivering highly-

targeted and relevant ads.

## Valuable (right) person?

#### **Entry Funnel**

Active Today
D1, D7, D14, D30
D1, D7, D14, D30 Monetized
D1, D7, D14, D30 Non-Monetized
D14, D30 Lapsed

#### **Engaged**

D30 Active Newly Engaged Highly Engaged Non-Engaged

#### Location

North America
Europe
MENA
APAC
Latin America

#### **VIP**

Recently Monetized
Highly Engaged Monetized
High Monetizer
Highly Viral
Recently Viral
Influencer
Non-Monetizing

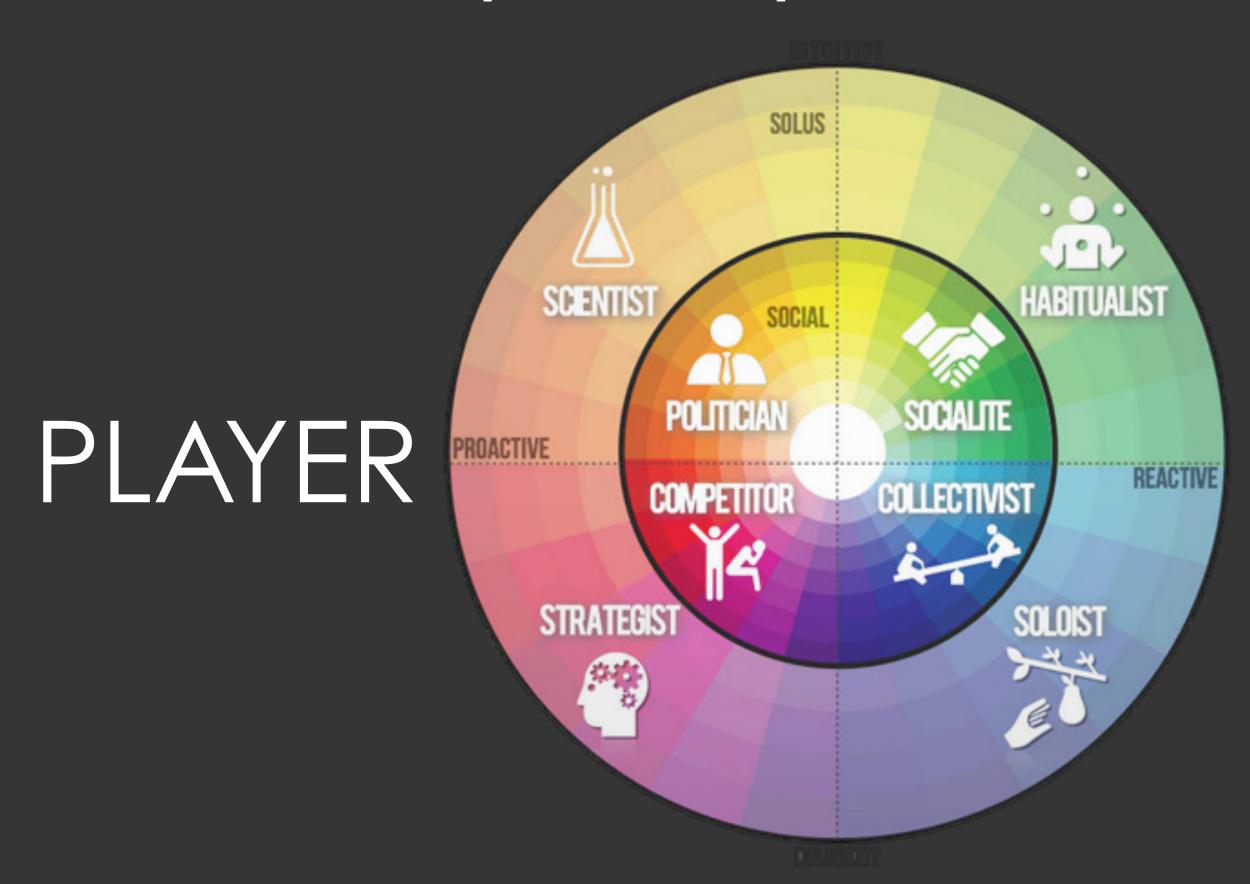
#### Milestones

Tutorial Started/Complete
Reached Level X
X% Level Complete
Achievement Gained
Collection Incomplete

#### **Predictive**

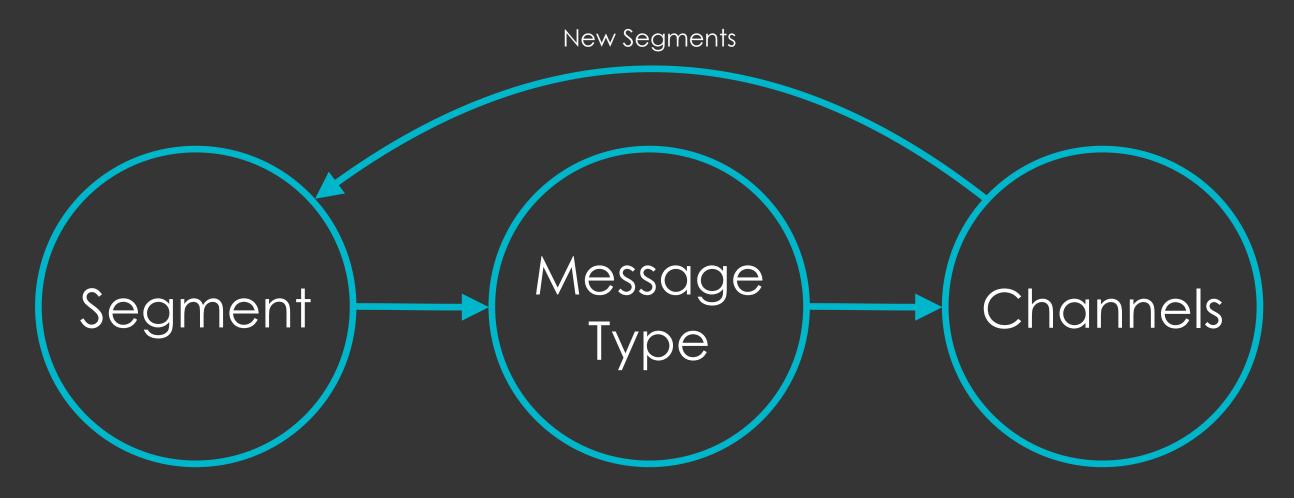
At Risk Engaged
At Risk Monetizer
Likely to Churn
Likely Engager
Likely Monetizer
Likely Viral

## Can also be personality based



## TYPES

## Right message = hard



Early Play Segments

Engagement Monetization

VIP

Location

Milestones

Predictive

Personalized Content

Tips & Tricks

Did-You-Knows

Invite Friends

Recognition

Rewards & Free Items

Discount Items

Advertising

In-Game Messaging

Out-of-Game Messaging

Push

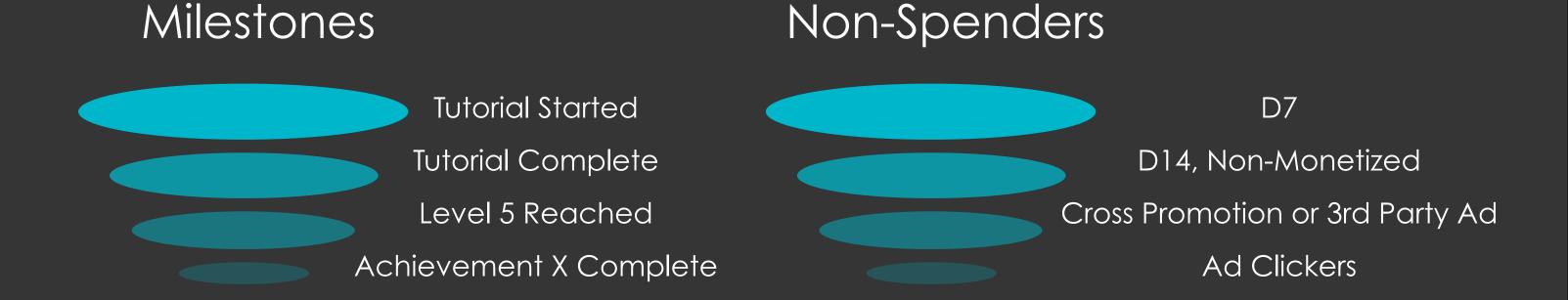
Email

Retargeting

Open Web Targeting

## Right time = hard

# Early Retention First 3 Days First 7 Days 7-14 Days 30 Day Active Monetized Recently Monetized Dolphin Whale



## Digital audiences present unique challenges

In the age of free mobile applications, engagement is the key in order to spur retention and monetization. Your customers are different and require unique experiences to stay engaged and loyal.







## Early Engagement

Time-consuming, costly, and hard to measure returns

## Retention & Loyalty

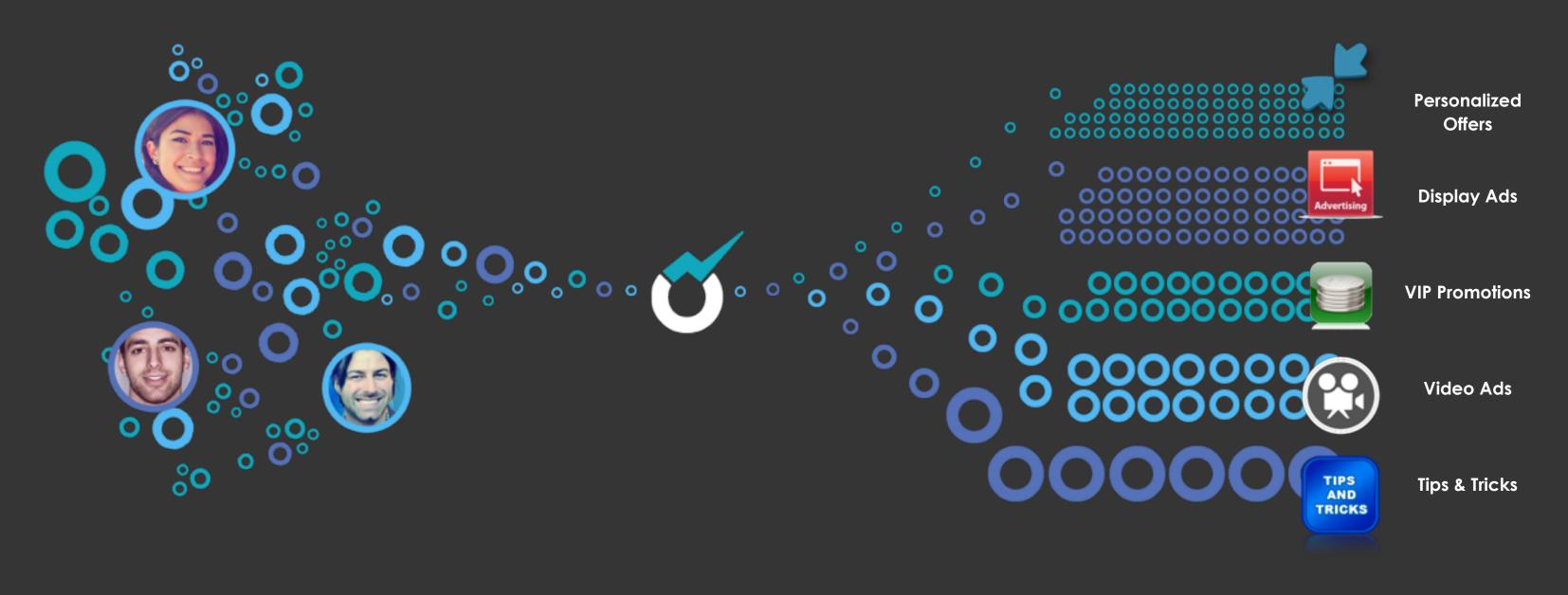
Difficult to create unique experiences and promote engagement

### Monetization

Not all users pay, and hard to predict user lifetime value

## Speak uniquely to audiences

Shaping behavior starts with understanding it. We begin with deep data and meaningful analytics that enable us to **behaviorally segment and target app users**, providing **predictive** insights and the ability to act on them in real time.



Everyone in your audience is different...

...so we segment and target them intelligently.

## First find the right metrics, the right person

Avg sessions per player in last 7 days

15.0

Avg gap between plays in days

1.0

Avg actions per session in last 7 days

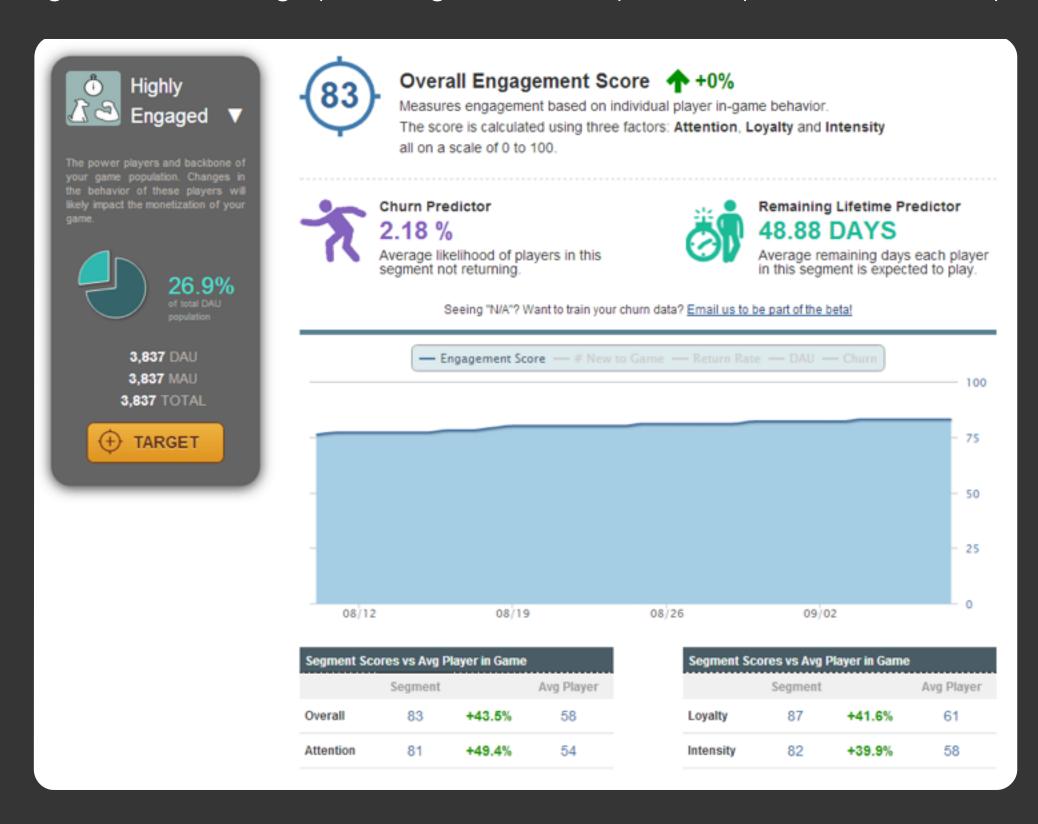
714.0





## Target Like-Minded Players

**Hyper segmentation** drives monetization. We aggregate the holy grail of consumer motivations, loyalties, and incentives, creating a rich behavior graph of targetable users, profiled by the incentives they respond to.



## Targets galore



#### Retention

Segments based on where a player falls in their lifecycle

Segment -	Engagement Score	DAU 🔷	MAU \$	Monetization Score	ARPDAU 🔷	Revenue Today	In-Game Status	Target
Active Today	23 🛦	99,232	99,232	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Everyone	23 🛦	99,232	2,725,815	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
First 3 Days	22 🛦	78,682	212,861	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
First 7 Days	22 🔺	80,547	426,538	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	

First 14 Days	22 🔺
First 30 Days	22 🔺
Newly Engaged	36 🔺
Lapsed 15 Days	0
Lapsed 30 Days	0



#### **Onboarding Funnel**

Segments based on different stages of the onboarding funnel

Segment	Engagement Score	DAU 🔷	MAU 🔷	Monetization Score	ARPDAU 🔷	Revenue Today	In-Game Status	Target
Load Start	29 🔻	65,757	132,469	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Title Screen	30 ▼	63,237	127,229	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Instruction Screen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	
Level Select	34 🔺	26,360	51,933	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Game Start	37 ▼	38,867	77,575	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Game End	37 ▼	33,015	65,441	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	

## Even more targets



#### Engagement

Segments based on a player's level of engagement

Segment	Engagement Score	DAU \$	MAU 🌲	Monetization Score	ARPDAU 🔷	Revenue Today	In-Game Status	Target
Highly Engaged	81 🔺	121	121	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Highly Intense	45 ▲	28,530	28,530	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Highly Loyal	62 🔺	125	179	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	

**Highly Attentiv** 

At Risk



#### Geography

Segments based on a player's geographic location

Segment	Engagement Score	DAU 🌲	MAU 🔷	Monetization Score	ARPDAU 🔷	Revenue Today	In-Game Status	Target
APAC	14 🔺	24,749	886,475	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Europe	25 ▼	12,785	325,891	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
Latin America	26 ▼	23,249	536,519	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
MENA	24 🔻	5,843	182,130	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	
North America	28 🔺	31,914	779,645	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	•	

## Then, the Right Message

Send the right message to the right person at the right time using **playFrames™**, engineered to allow for both in-app purchase promotions or rich, third-party advertising.



#### Targeted Video Ad

#### INSIGHT

Highly engaged but non-paying players are uniquely suited for rich media ads

#### **MECHANISM**

In-Game Video Ad

#### **SEGMENT**

Highly Engaged, Never Monetized Users

#### Incentivize **Engagement**

#### INSIGHT

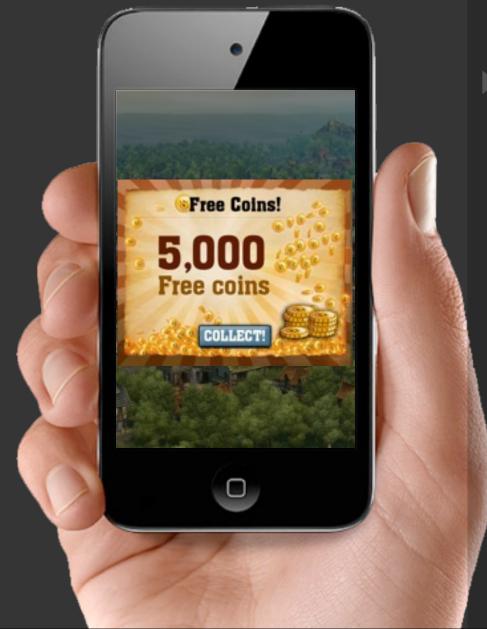
Users early in their lifecycle respond positively to free giveaways

#### **MECHANISM**

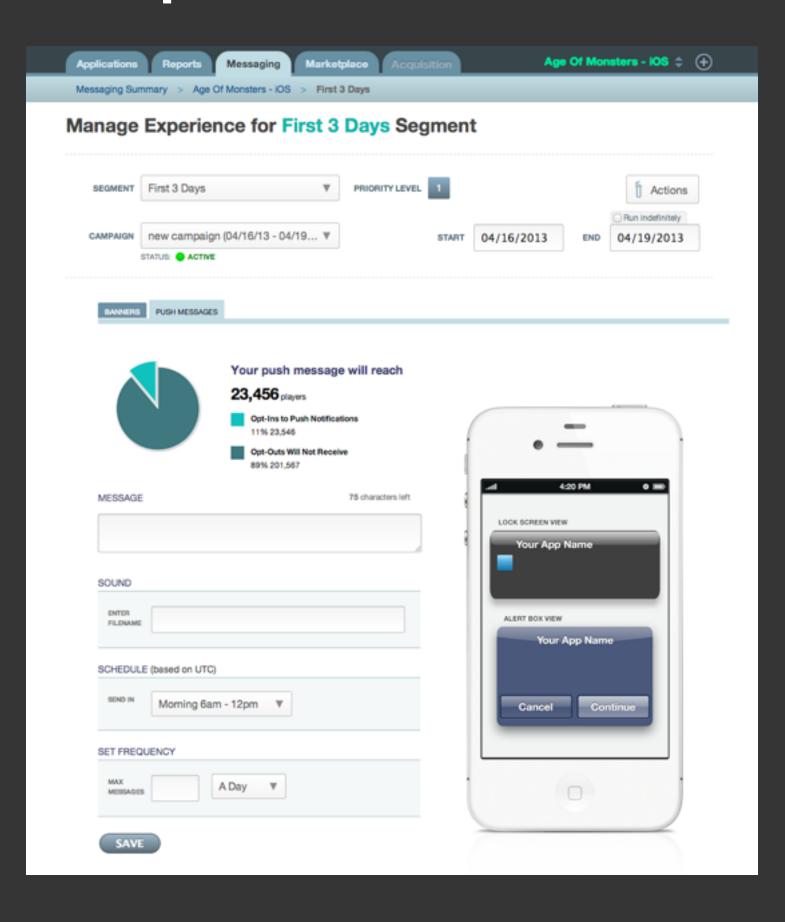
In-App Promotion

#### SEGMENT

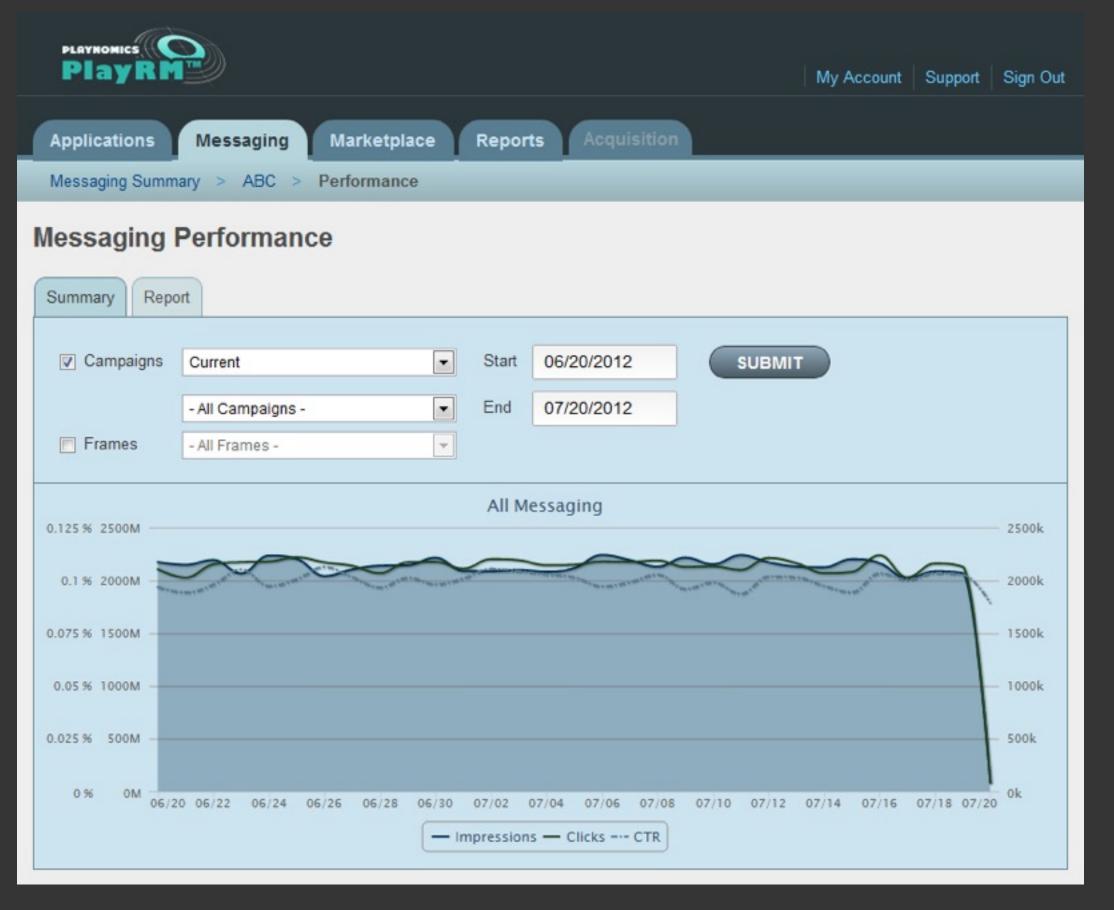
Newly Engaged Users



## Even behavioral push



## Do it again and again - adapt



## Case study: promote retention of new users

Developer of mobile game utilized **playRM<sup>TM</sup>** to target new users with specialized offers and messaging to increase gameplay time.

## Campaign Setup

#### INSIGHT

Segmentation revealed key behavioral patterns amongst first time users

#### TARGETED SEGMENTS

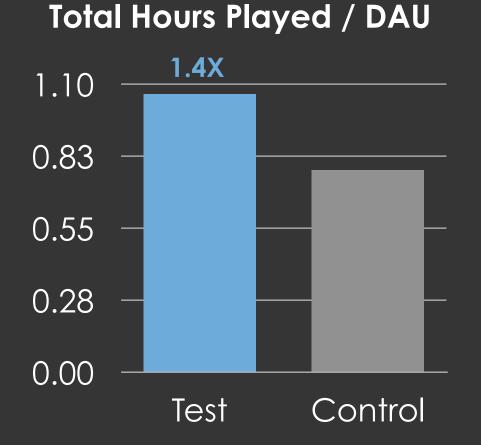
Targeted players in the **First 7 Days** of their lifecycle

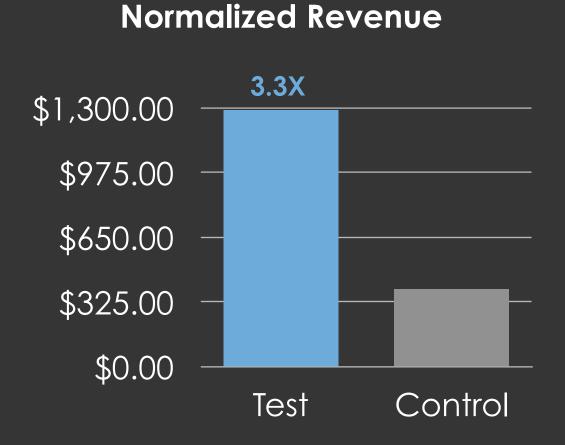
#### **CONTROL & MEASURE**

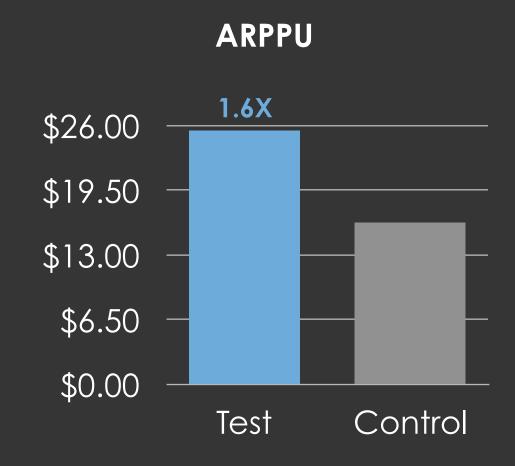
A/B test configured comprised of **Test Group** (75% of players) vs. **Control Group**(25% of players)



## Result: user retention & monetization







#### **User Retention**



37% Increase

Test Group's average of 1.06 hrs played per day outperformed the Control Group's 0.77 hrs

#### Monetization



231% Increase

Normalized revenue of \$1,293.04 for Test Group vs. \$390.60 for Control Group

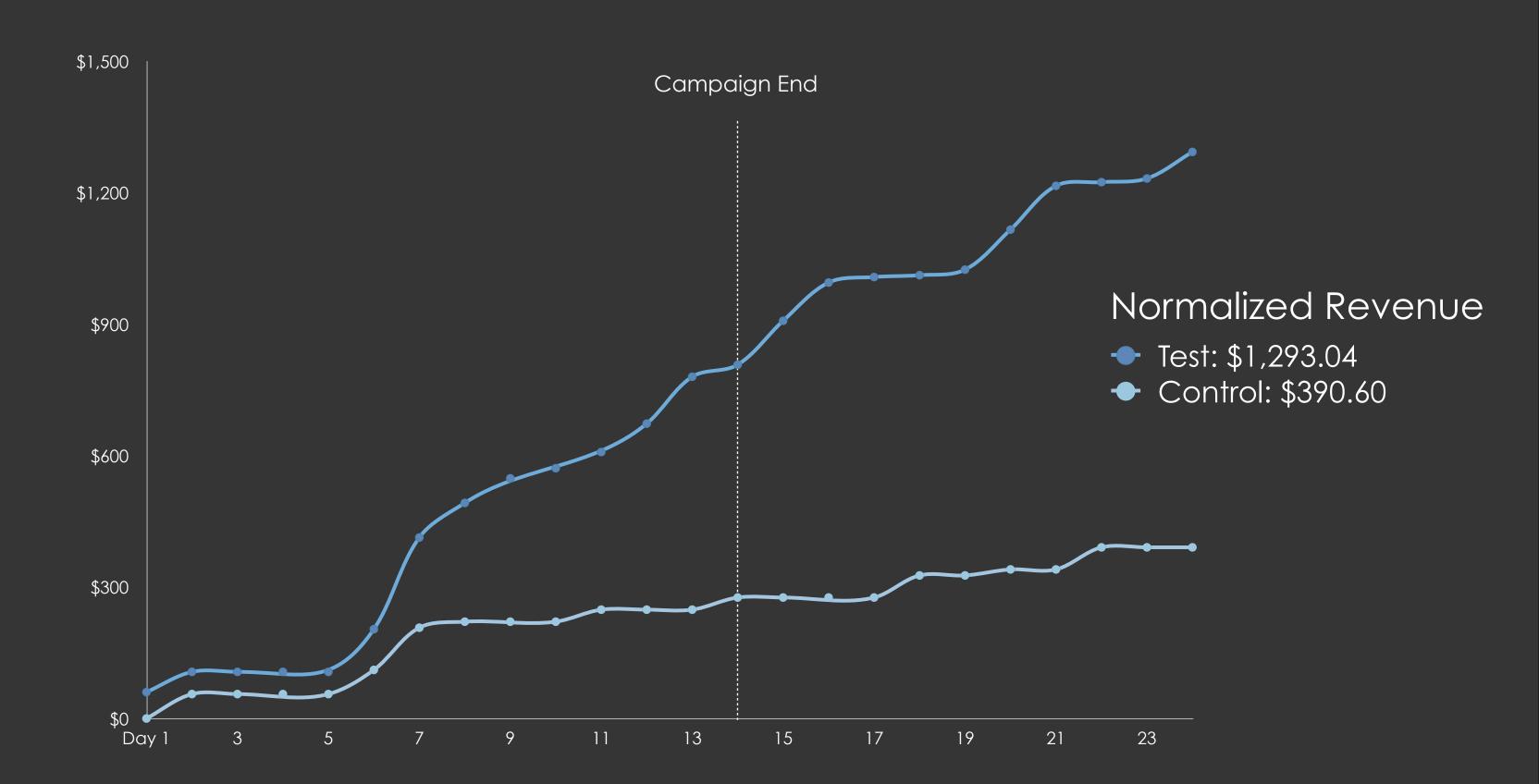


57% Increase

The Test Group's ARPPU of \$25.52 exceeded Control's \$16.28

## Performance gains increased over time

Even after campaign end, the Test Group continued to far outperform the Control Group's performance.



## Case study: predict behavior to protect VIPs

Developer of web-based game utilized **playRM<sup>TM</sup>** to target highly engaged and attentive users who started to exhibit early signs of player fatigue and were predicted to show drop-off in gameplay.

## Campaign Setup

#### INSIGHT

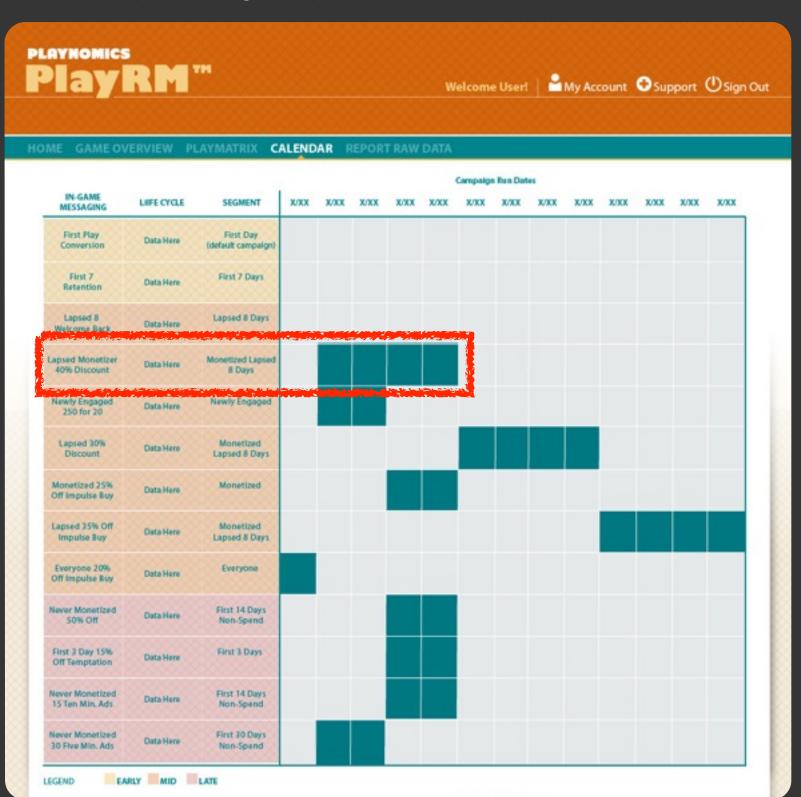
Predictive segments revealed early signs of player fatigue amongst specific high-value players

#### TARGETED SEGMENTS

Targeted players classified as At Risk

#### **CONTROL & MEASURE**

A/B test configured comprised of **Test Group** (50% of players) vs. **Control Group**(50% of players)

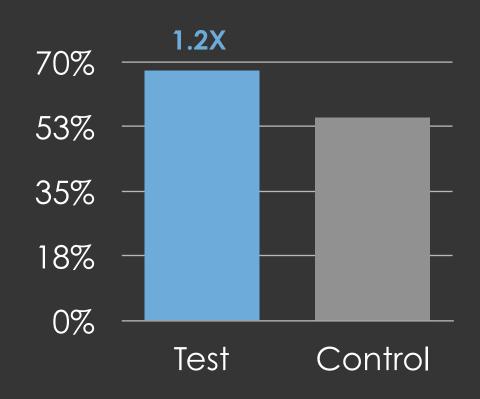


## Results: retention & engagement

#### Total Hours Played / DAU



#### Return



#### **Average Engagement Score**



#### **User Retention**



#### 23% Increase

Test Group's average of 1.93 hours played per day outperformed the Control Group's 1.59 hrs



#### 23% Increase

Test Group players returned 67.59% of the time, as opposed to 55.11% for the Control

#### **Engagement**

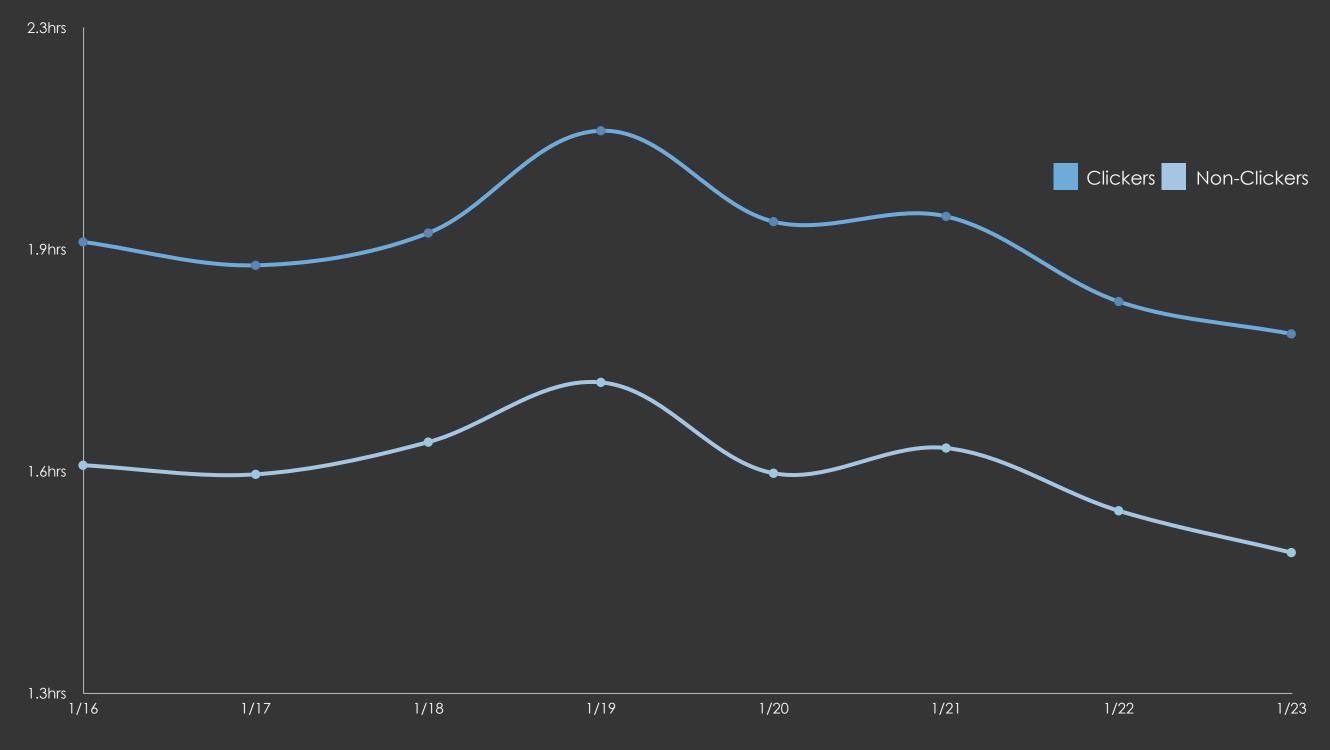


#### 25% Increase

Average Engagement Score of Test compared to Control was 62.47 vs. 49.81

## Player behavior remained persistent

Time-series analysis of various metrics starting three-weeks after campaign end show that messaging meaningfully impacted player behavior.



Total Hours Played per DAU

## Case study: segment-targeted third party ads

Developer of free-to-play game, struggling to generate revenue through in-app purchases, utilized **playRM™** to show ads, relying on Playnomics segmentation solution to minimize game-disruption and quality of play.

## Campaign Setup

#### INSIGHT

Segmentation identifies key behavioral patterns and monetization potential

#### TARGETED SEGMENTS

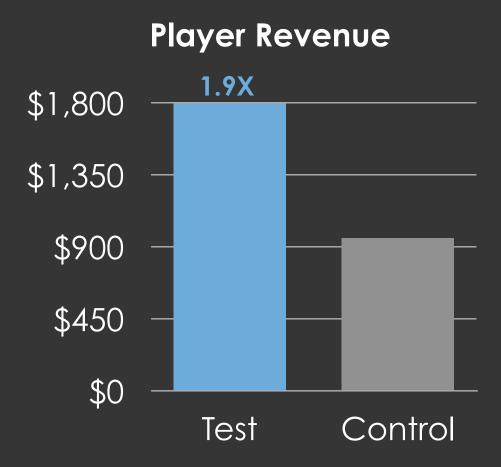
Targeted **Mature Never-Monetized** players to minimize game disruption

#### **CONTROL & MEASURE**

A/B test configured comprised of **Test Group** (90% of players) vs. **Control Group**(10% of players), with approximately **1.5m ad impressions** shown over period



## Results: monetization increase...





## Test Group

Engagement Score Hours Played per Player

22.9

.56

## Control Group

Engagement Score

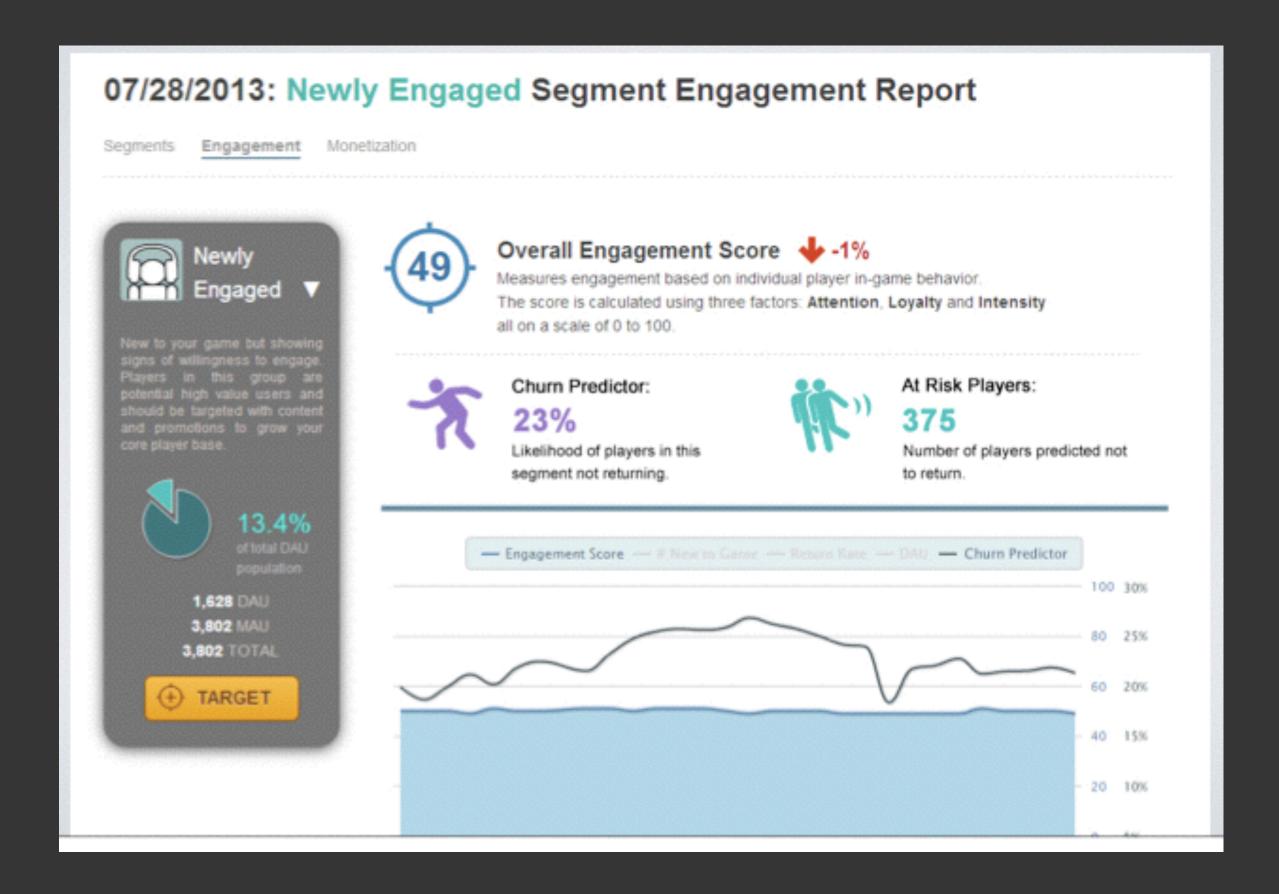
Hours Played per Player

15.8

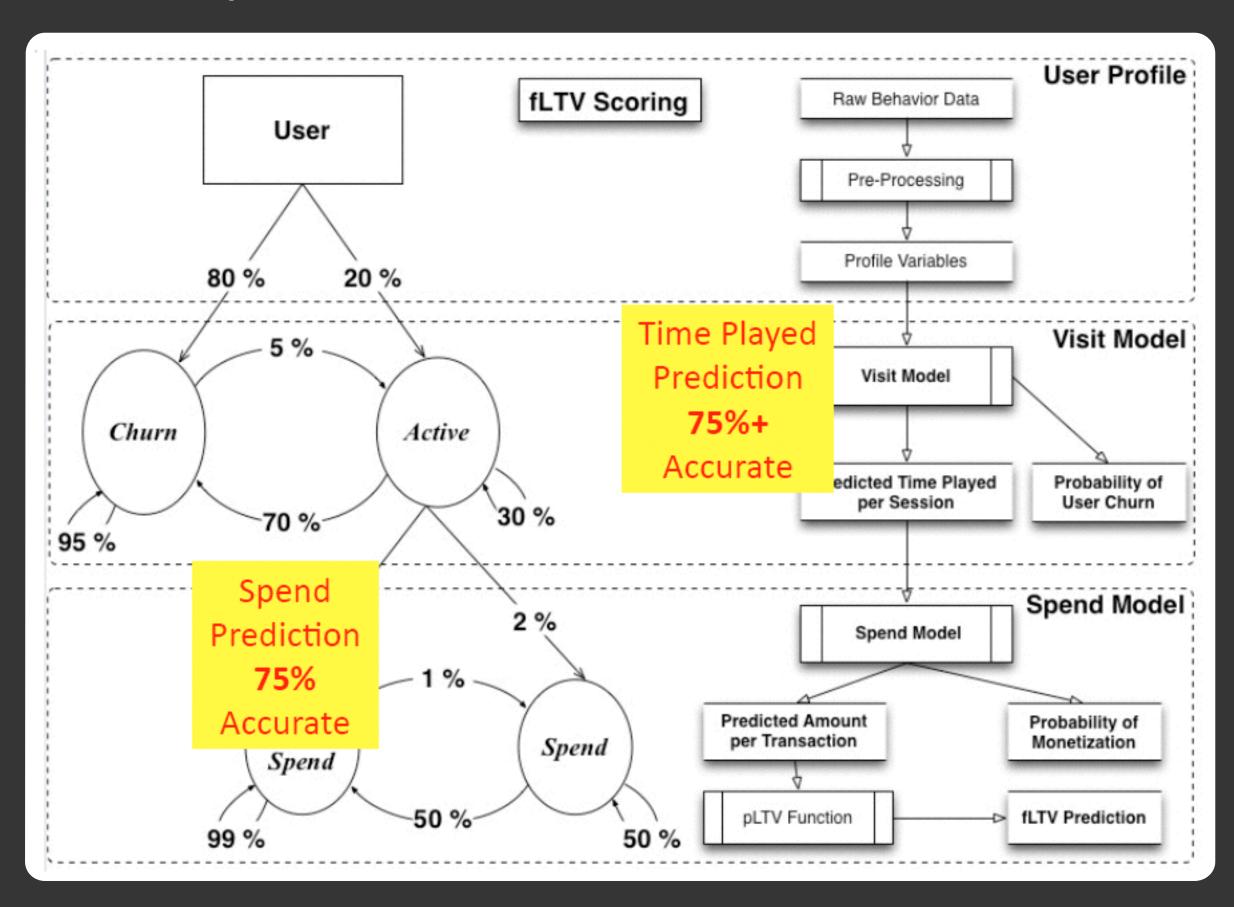
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...with no adverse impact on engagement

## The good (free) stuff: predicting churn



## Behind the predictive scenes

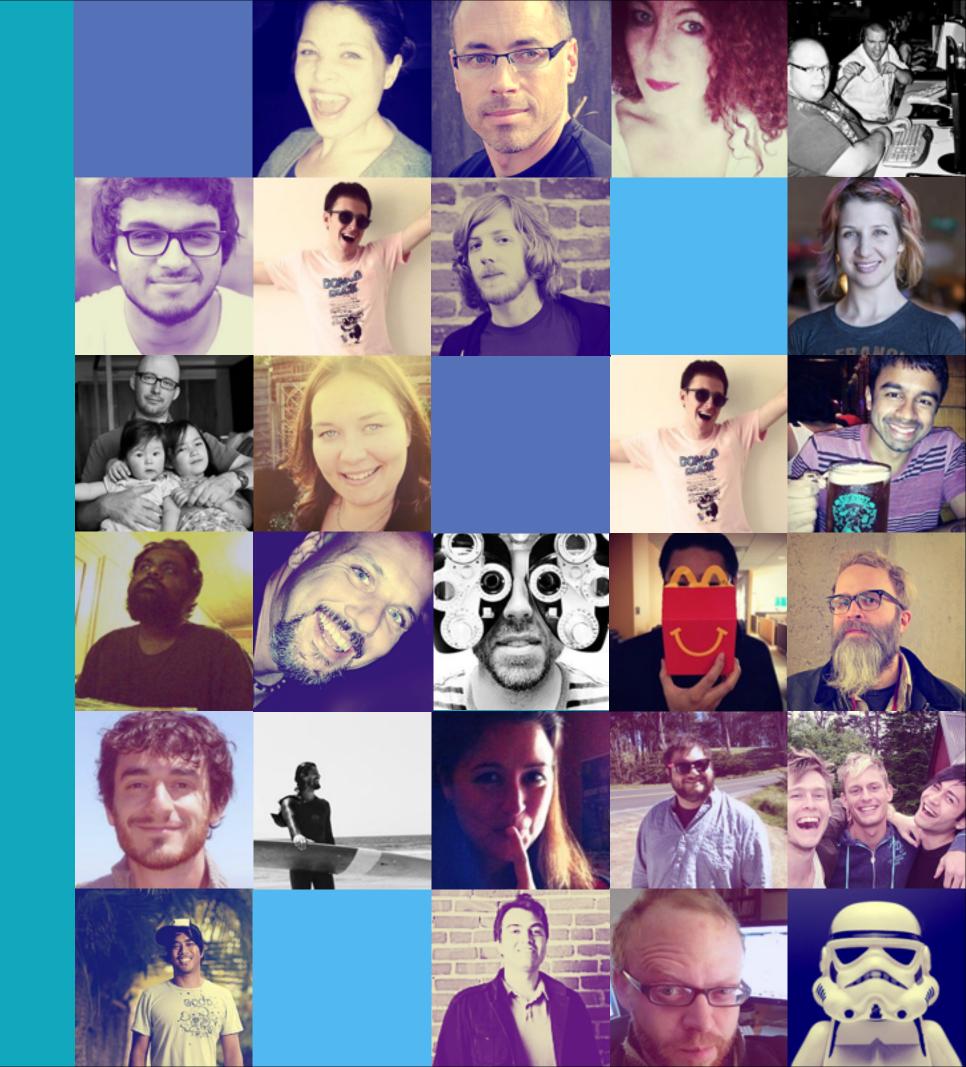


## We believe predictive marketing is the answer

- Free to play games have had a big monetization problem for FIVE YEARS
- Spending money on the wrong users and looking at endless charts hasn't worked
- You have to get value out of each player continuously to have a profitable game
- Millions of players, all with their own unique value it can't be done manually
- Instead, it has to be done continuously, and it has to be AUTOMATIC

WE HAVE A SIMPLE MISSION:

# Help F2P Games Earn from Everyone



## playnomics reinvent free



## Thank you.

## Case Studies



Campaign

Target players within First 3-7 Days with "50K Free Chips" and "100K Free Chips" to encourage player retention.

Results compared to control group

$$+5.3^{x}$$
  $+87^{\%}$ 
CUM. SPEND
 $+28^{\%}$   $+23^{\%}$ 

HRS PLAYED

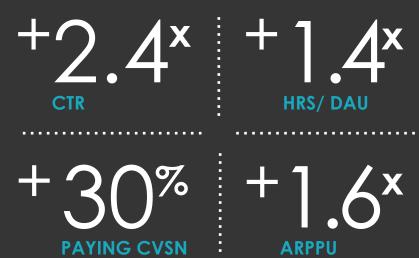
 Campaign was successful in increasing retention and monetization

**RETURN RATE** 

 The 50K Free Chip offer outperformed the 100K Free Chip offer



Encourage longer gameplay by targeting players in the First 7-Days of their lifecycle with personalized promotions.



- Longer Game Sessions
- Higher ARPPU & Conversion Rates
- Strong Correlation Between
   Monetization and Hours Played



Improve lifetime monetization by implementing targeted messaging to high value cohort tracking.





- High Monetizers Responded Well to Have Greatest Impact on ROI
- Wider Segment Targeting Achieved Additional Lift in Aggregate Monetization