# **Monetization in Digital Publishing Industry**

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# Introduction

Spot.IM

Spot.IM is a disruptive social engagement platform that brings together the online publishing industry and helps their digital media partners to curate their communities' social interactions directly, encouraging organic site engagement that enables over 3 billion monthly page views.

Goal of this project is to leverage Spot.IM's market position and current and near-future assets to collect and use data in a way that will deliver value to stakeholders in the publishing value chain and will be lucrative for the company.



# **Comment Data**

Opportunities in comment data are identified to form revenue streams

## **Statistical analysis**

Comments as statistics and measures

## Natural language processing Comments as content

User segmentation Viewability measure Sentiment

Categorize comments for different user groups

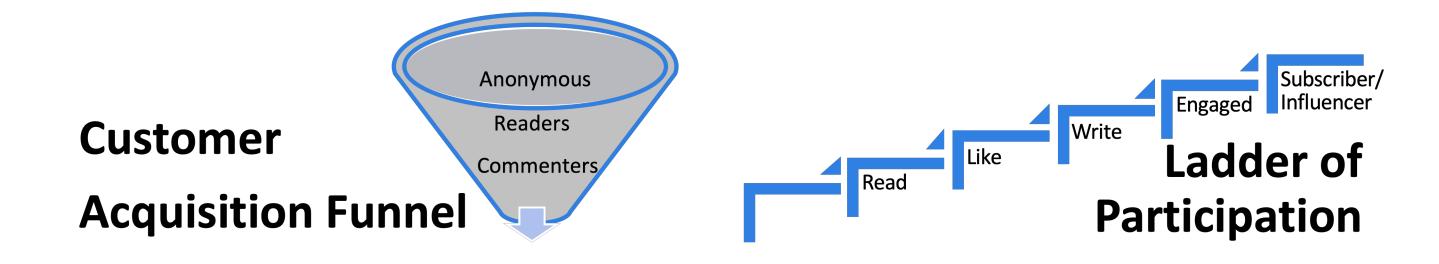
Display ad pricing, SEO ranking, campaign success evaluation

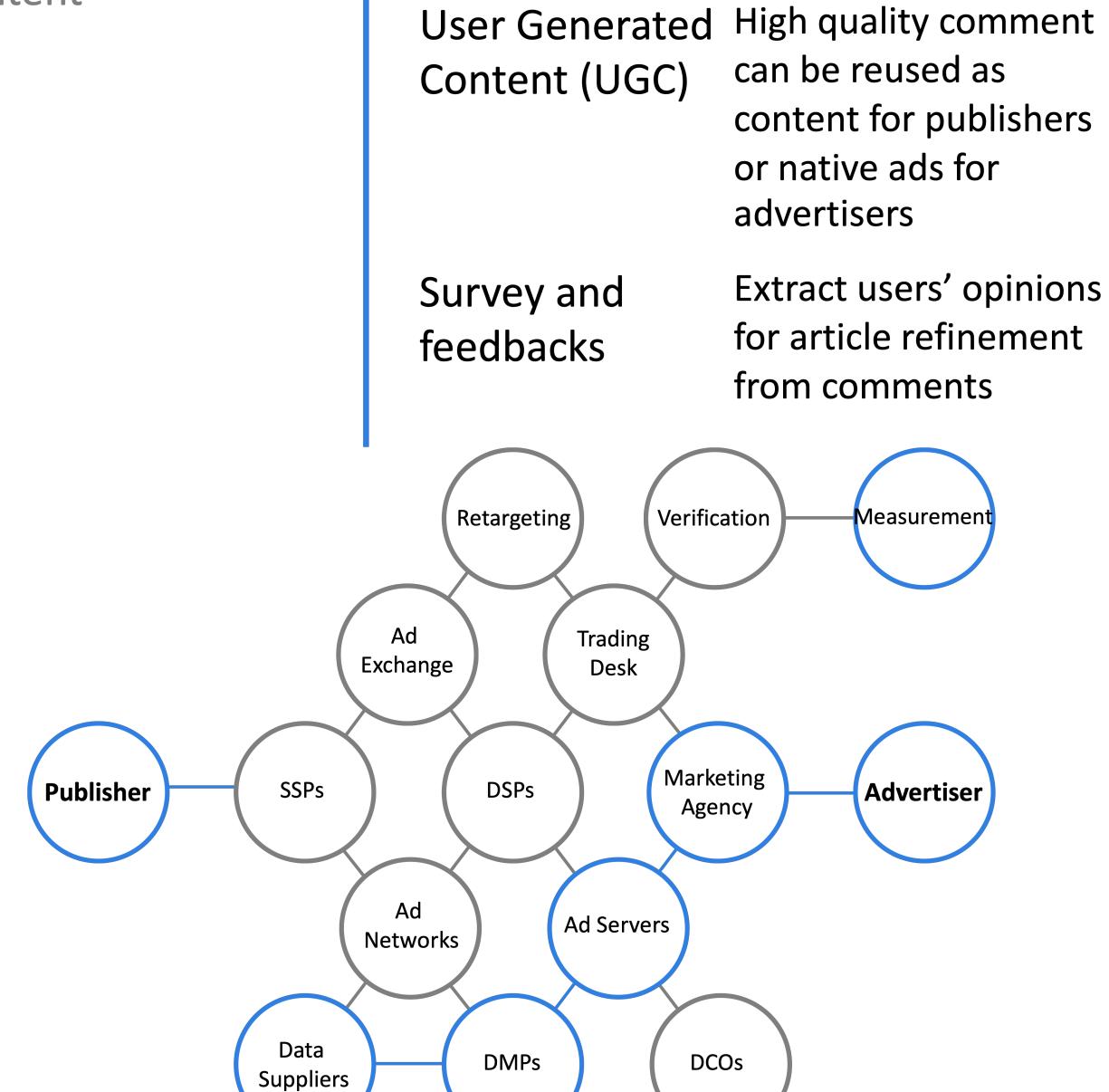
> Analyze sentiment in comments, such as positive vs. negative vs. neutral

A predictive model for user engagement level and willingness to pay is developed

# **User Data**

User management is proposed to apply a new Ladder of Participation model, instead of the Customer **Acquisition Funnel** 





### **Existing Data**

Replies (viewed /

clicked / shared)

- Publisher ID
- User ID
- Page View
- Article Clicks

Likes / Dislikes

Comments /

• Timestamp of each action

### **Additional Data**

Age

Industry

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- Gender Position  $\bullet$ 
  - Address
  - Education  $\bullet$ level

## Willing-To-Pay Score &

### **Encourage More Engagement**

Browser notification, virtual status, targeted email, reward redemption, public-powered journalism, paywall on premium content

### **User Engagement Score**

- Not engaged =  $0 \bullet$ Write = 3
  - Read = 1• Engaged = 5
  - Like = 2 $\bullet$ 
    - Influencer/
- Subscriber = 10

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