

Optimizing the Global Digital Marketing Budget of Victorinox Swiss Army Watch SA

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Digital Marketing Budgeting (in a Nutshell)



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Digital Marketing Budgeting

Digital marketing investments can be changed in a matter of seconds, even automatically.

- → The investments can be shifted from less-performing channels/countries to better performing ones
- → The overall investment can be adjusted depending on the company's sales performance in near real time

Questions:

- 1. How much performance boost can we expect from our budget optimization efforts?
- 2. How can we select the optimal budget for our digital marketing channels?



Digital Marketing Budgeting Problem Definition

The overall number of conversions (or the conversion value if available) needs to be maximized:

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An example of a possible model for Google AdWords



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Marketing budget optimization steps:

- 1. Build precise models for predicting the conversions for all channels/countries for any spend.
- 2. Run multidimensional maximization routines to find the optimal investment for all channels/countries.
- 3. Validate your model by assessing the accuracy of your predictions for all involved channels/countries.









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Challenge: How to allocate budget for >120 individual initiatives to achieve the highest number of conversions?





We have built and calibrated a model involving all 33 markets and all the relevant marketing channels.

We have predicted the impact of two different scenarios:

- 1. Budget shifts between different countries.
- 2. Budget shifts between different channels.





Case Study: Victorinox Watches Analysis Results

The country-level optimization analysis revealed a ~5% optimization potential.

However, the results of the channel-level optimization analysis were showing a quite incredible potential:





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Conclusions

In the digital world marketing budgets must be adjusted on a regular basis.

By using predictive analytics techniques one can find the optimal investment levels.

In has been proven that this approach has tremendous business value and can lead to significant performance improvements.





Thank you for your attention.

