





Resolving Unknown Identities

Preparing for Identity Management in a Cookieless World

MOVING ON FROM A 30-YEAR RELATIONSHIP

As businesses and marketing organizations, we've been reliant on **browser cookies** to support behavioral **targeting**, channel **attribution**, and spend **optimization** since they were first invented almost 30 years ago by Netscape.

Although Apple has been rapidly moving a large part of the digital world into a cookieless state since 2017, we've maintained cookie-based capabilities in Google Chrome and Android devices thus far. All of that will change in the coming months as Google follows the industry trend, moving to also **block all third-party cookies by the end of 2024**.

Our ability to manage consumer identities in the digital space will degrade along with the sunset of cookies, also impacted by other data privacy changes coming to market in the next six months.

What can we do now to ensure our business and digital stack is prepared to support identity resolution in the cookieless world?

STATE OF THE (DATA) UNION

The future feels nebulous. The walled gardens are growing taller.

Data capture restrictions are intensifying through technology changes and expanding privacy law. Consumers are increasingly in control of their relationships with brands.

Is identity dead? No, the strategies and tactics of yesterday simply need to evolve. Although the impact varies across businesses, we are all more or less on the same playing field.

The new playing field of the cookieless world.

53% of digital marketing campaigns leverage third-party data and cookies

Datonics: Programmatic Audience Targeting Survey 2023

61% of high-growth companies are shifting to a first-party data strategy

Deloitte: Global Marketing Trends 2023

"focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new"

Socrates

NAVIGATING THE NEW WORLD

Business leaders including CMOs and CTOs are facing increasingly complex challenges from data-driven personalization in a changing privacy environment to the need to assess omni-channel performance in a multi-screen world.

To successfully manage unknown and known consumer identities, businesses need to ensure they are following a new set of best practices and investing in a next generation data ecosystem.

54% of firms will increase investment in their analytics platforms in 2023

Forrester: Q3 B2C Marketing CMO Pulse Survey, 2022

60% of marketers will use AI / ML to drive marketing campaigns in 2023

LXA: State of MarTech 2022/2023

THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE

There are five key market trends impacting Identity Management and driving a renewed commitment to First-Party Data.



Real-Time Engagement



Personalized Experiences



The Data Tsunami



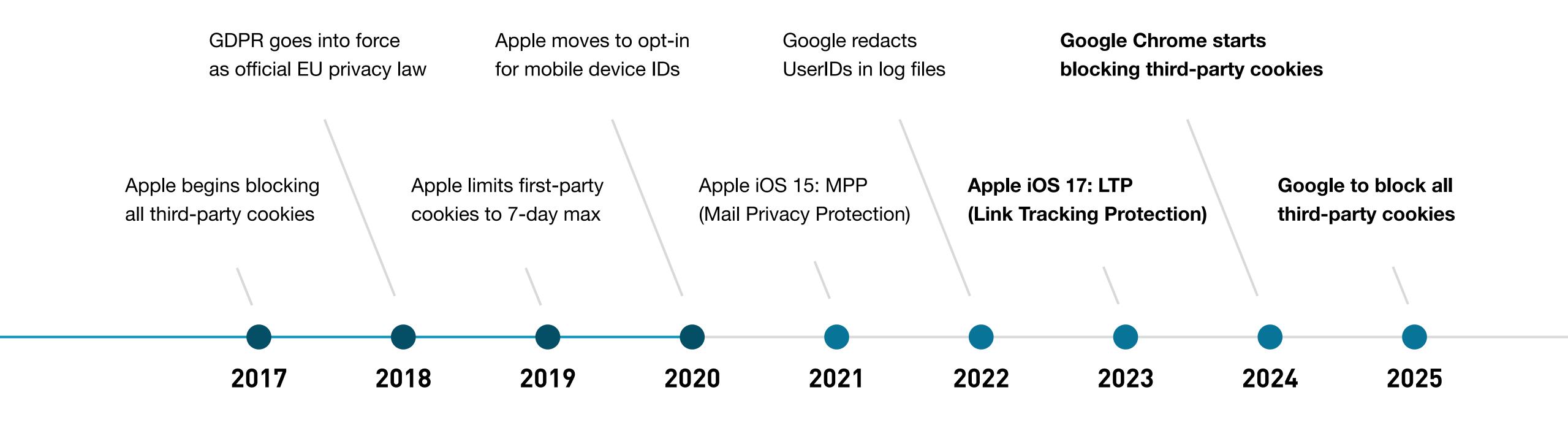
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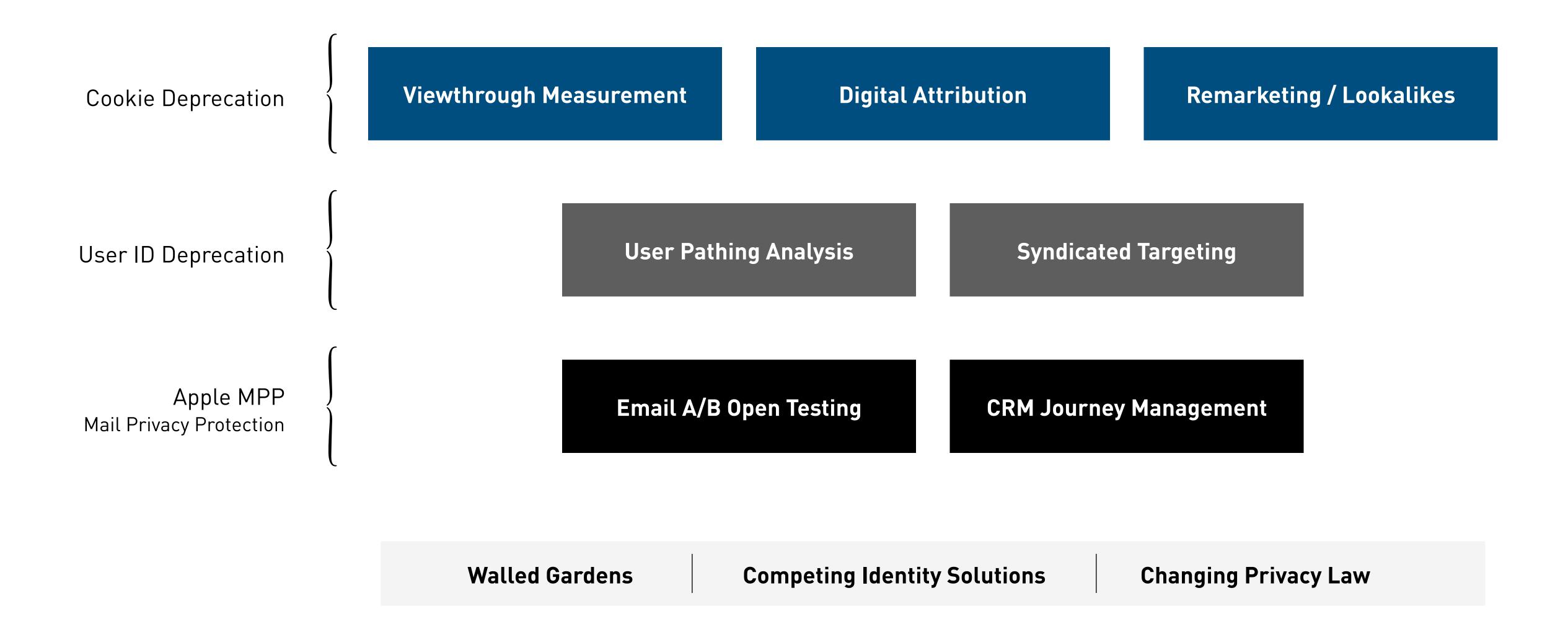
The Right to Privacy

WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

What began as a focus on restricting cookies is rapidly expanding to limitations that will impact all aspects of **precision marketing**, including **CRM journey management**, **URL-based data signals**, and ultimately consumer **identity resolution and management**.



HOW IS IDENTITY RESOLUTION IMPACTED?



WHAT ABOUT APPLE LTP?

When Apple releases iOS 17 and macOS Sonoma in September 2023, it will introduce a myriad of new consumer privacy features including Link Tracking Protection. iPhones, iPads, and Macs will begin restricting our ability to pass non-PII person-level identifiers in URLs.

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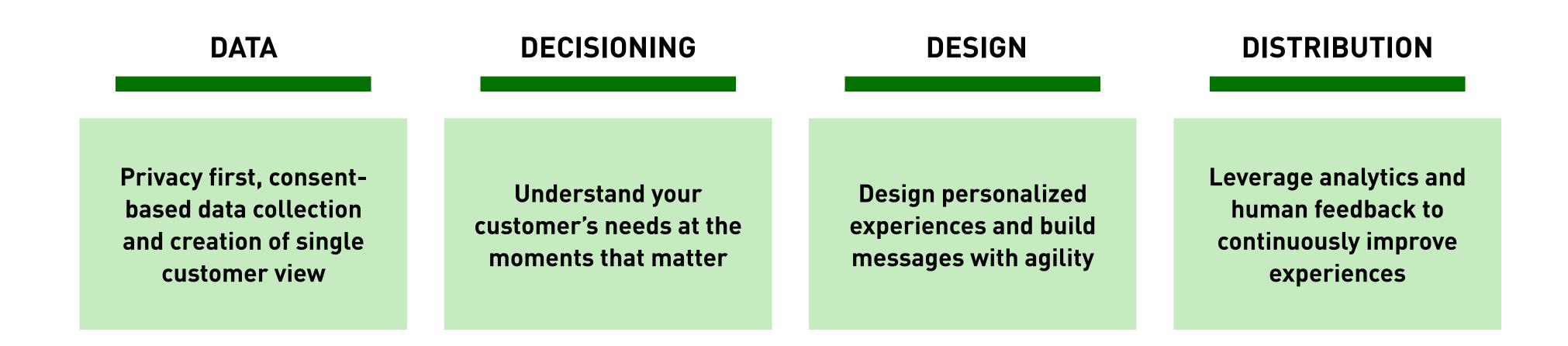
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WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO PREPARE?

Understand Your **Prioritize First-Party Data** Data Asset Inventory Future-Proof Data Strategy Business Org Alignment Consumer Audience Customer Data Platform **Evolve Your MarTech Stack** Use Case Envisioning Identity Resolution Plan Business-Wide Integration (CDP) Stand-Up Fill in the Data Gaps via AI / ML Imputation Impact Assessment T3 Audit **Reboot Your Measurement Setup** Domain Strategy Tagging, Tracking, & Taxonomy [°]& Triage Plan

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL?

Brands that establish a next generation data ecosystem supporting evolved identity management will thrive.



Although the changing playing field presents challenges, it also affords new competitive opportunities.

The winds of change are blowing strong but with a coherent data strategy brands can continue to resolve consumer identities and optimize their marketing initiatives.

To prepare for continued changes as we move fully into the cookieless world, businesses need to ensure they have established a strong foundation that **prioritizes first-party data assets**, includes an **evolved martech stack**, and leverages a **durable measurement instrumentation**.

Ready to get started? Kick off with comprehensive audits and define a holistic plan to build your **next generation data ecosystem**. And remember, we are all more or less on the same playing field.





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