



THE QUESTION

Does Header Bidding actually increase reach for buyers?

Header bidding is popularly known as the integration on the publisher's page that exposes each impression to programmatic demand before the publisher's ad server is called. It's often been considered a supply-side tool, helping publishers create more competition and understand the true value of their inventory.

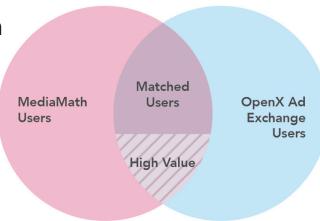
Header bidding's benefits for buyers are typically less discussed. For instance, it offers a superior technical integration between the publisher and the exchange to access valuable inventory. It can also give buyers the ability to reach users that they were unable to adequately reach from publishers on standard exchange tags.

MediaMath and OpenX teamed up to put header bidding to the test for the buy side.

THE TEST

Looking at audience data through MediaMath TerminalOne and OpenX's Header Bidding solution (OpenX Bidder)

OpenX took a sample of ad requests (900M) from the OpenX Ad Exchange and found a significant number of unique users and Matched Users (users identifiable to both MediaMath and OpenX). MediaMath selected a "high-value" audience pool that had shown actions favorable to top brands (whose success was measured through the MediaMath TerminalOne Marketing OS). These users were then mapped across the Matched Users, resulting in a subset of High-Value Users.





Strong incremental user reach

THE NUMBERS

Of the Matched Users, OpenX Bidder adds 24% more users on top of what tagbased already provided.

Of the Matched Users, OpenX Bidder adds 16% more High-Value Users to what tag-based only had provided.

Of all users in the ad request sample, OpenX Bidder adds one more new user for every 24 opportunities to engage with a customer.

One Thing Is Clear

Header bidding gives advertisers the ability to compete for a greater share of a publisher's inventory often including that which is direct-sold.

Advertisers can access OpenX Bidder enabled publishers through MediaMath's TerminalOne Platform, to reach new users that they were unable to efficiently reach before.

For an in-depth guide on Header Bidding Advantages for Buyers, please contact demandservices@openx.com and/ or supply_integrations@mediamath.com

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE BUYER?

Buyers should buy from header bidding enabled publishers as well as tag-based publishers. This achieves maximum reach and ensures no users are missed.

Buyers can more effectively access High-Value users through header bidding than on publishers that are only integrated through exchange tags.

Header bidding adds new users to the pool of known users, providing buyers additional reach.

