

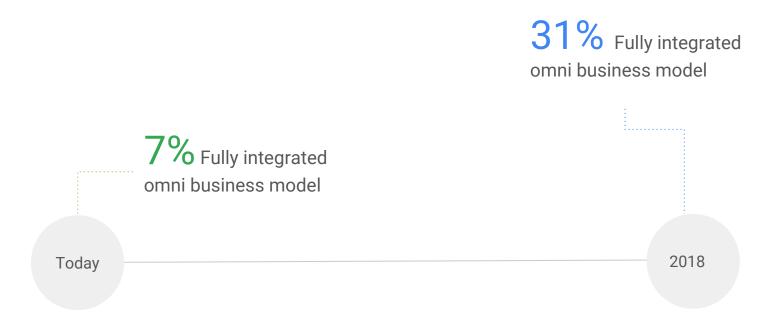
### Making Attribution happen in Google Search

#### A typical customer journey today





#### Very few have mastered multi-screen attribution





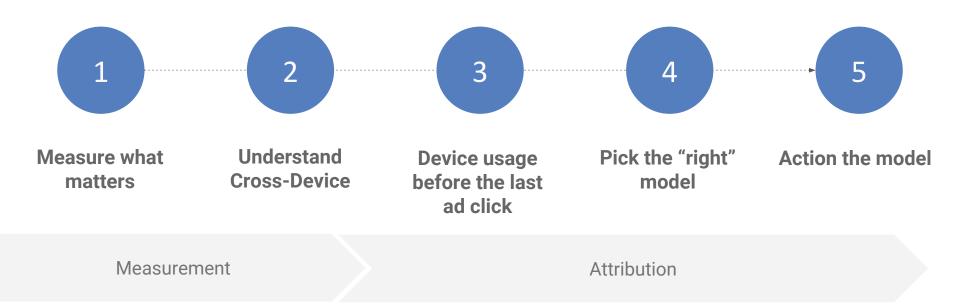


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# Perfect is the enemy of good



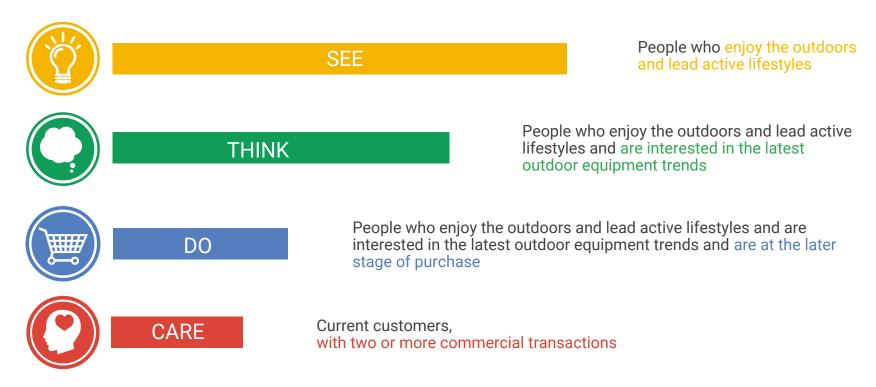
#### 5 Steps towards Attribution in Google Search





### Measure what matters

### What are the relevant actions for your business? A customer-centric view



#### Define KPIs in a measurement plan: example

#### Help people enjoy the outdoors through innovative products and cultivate their love for the outdoors.

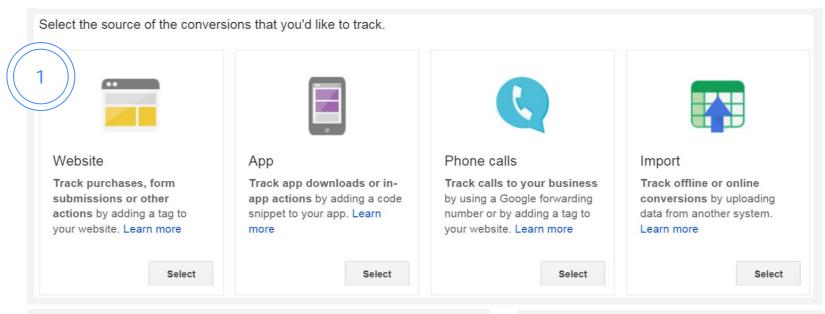


Alternative KPIs

Google

Conversions

#### What is possible in AdWords? Three types of conversions





Automatically reported
Store Visits
Cross Device Conversions

Goals/ eCommerce Transactions from Google Analytics

### Why you should make the "Conversion" column your source of truth

You can **customize** it: which conversion types do you want to bid against?

It is the source of truth for **Smartbidding** in AdWords: target CPA, target ROAS and eCPC

If you change your **Attribution model,** this column will reflect the changes

Campaign	Conversion	All Conv.	Cross-Device Conversions
DE_DSA	700	1200	200
Sales	400	510	110
Leads	300	390	90
App Installs		300	



Pimp your conversion tracking with 5 settings

- ---- Adjust counting settings
- ----- Include in Conversions column
  - --- Adjust time window
- ---- Assign a dynamic or static value
- ---- Evaluate using cross-account conversion tracking



#### 1/ Adjust counting settings



Count all instances or unique instances



#### 2/ Include in Conversions column



Identify conversion types that should be included in your "conversions" column



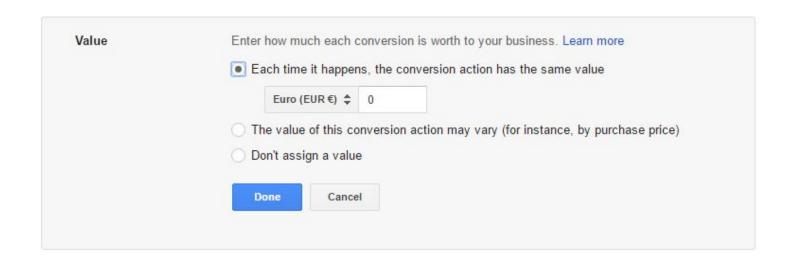
#### 3/ Decide on appropriate conversion window



What should be the maximum time window between click and conversion?



#### 4/ Assign static or dynamic a conversion value



What should be the maximum time window between click and conversion?



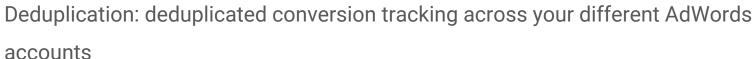
# 5/ use cross-account conversion tracking where appropriate



Cross-Account Attribution modeling tool: understand how users interact across your different accounts/keywords



Simplified tagging: one tag for all AdWords accounts per conversion action



One single conversion tag across all of your AdWords accounts under an MCC



### Understanding cross-device

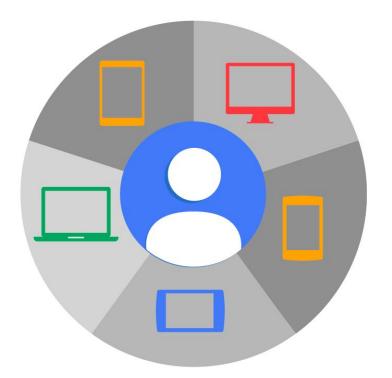
#### Cross-device and same-device conversions



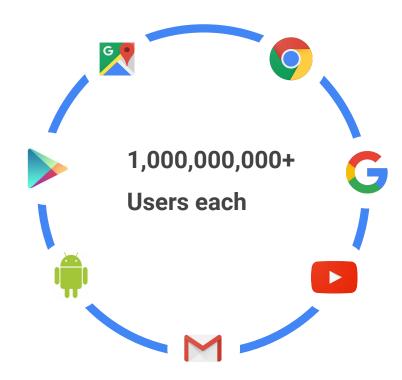


#### AdWords measures cross-device across search, display, app

Cross-device measurement works across all device types and, for display, across web and app.

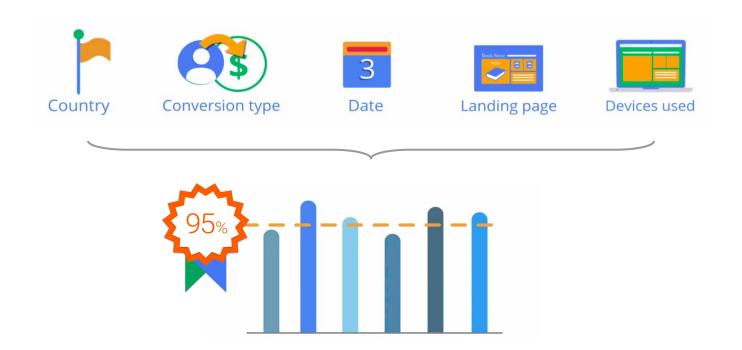


#### Google's panel is huge and diverse





#### Cross-device methodology for extrapolation



#### Cross-device conversion column is available in AdWords

(Same-Device) + Cross-Device = All Conversion

-	1888	0	Posture (F)	Otatus (E)	house (m)	Olista 🗐 .	0	0		All same (E)
	•	Campaign	Budget ?	Status ?	Impr. ?	Clicks ? ↓	Conversions ?	Cross-a	evice conv.	All conv. ?
		Total - all campaigns	EUR2,600.00/day		10,795,221	1,021,632	58,432.00		3,368.00	61,800.0
	•	Rrand Campaign	EUR900.00/day 🗹	Eligible	3,800,676	703,125	45,703.00	+	2,971.00	48,674.00
		Q Generic 1	EUR60000/day	Limited by budget ?	4,147,465	145,161	4,544.00	+	114.00	4,658
	•	Shopping Campaign	EUR400.00/day	Limited by budget ?	1,190,476	57,143	2,971.00	+	137.00	3,108
	•	Q Generic 2	EUR400.00/day 🗹	Eligible ?	1,625,135	115,385	5,192.00	+	145.00	5,337
		Q Generic 3	EUR300.00/day	Limited by budget ?	31,469	52,941	22.00	+	1.00	23.00

+ 5%



#### Cross-device conversion lift depends on the device

	Impr. ?	Clicks ?	Conversions ?	Cross- device conv.	All conv.	
Total - search	10,795,221	1,021,632	58,432.00	3,368.00	61,800.00	+2% Desktop
Computers	4,426,041	459,734	28,632.00	438.00	29,070.00	12% Desktop
Mobile devices with full browsers	4,641,945	423,977	22,204.00	2,593.00	24,797.00	+12% Mobile
Tablets with full browsers	1,727,235	137,920	7,596.00	337.00	7,933.00	+4% Tablet



#### Performance improvements boost themselves



### Value cross-device behaviour by including cross-device conversions

#### Change under Tools>Conversions>Settings

#### for each account

Conversion bid metric	?	Conversions	
Include cross-device conversions	?	✓ Include cross-device conversions in your "Conversions" column, which is used by any conversion-based bid strategies you might have have set up.	



#### Case Study: ~30% more conversions for mobile

"We knew that people start on mobile and then convert on desktop. Due to this we had a problem where we underbid on mobile; we were losing a lot of potential valuable mobile clicks this way."

Steven Tellers, SEM Manager

47%

Mobile Search Ads

Traffic

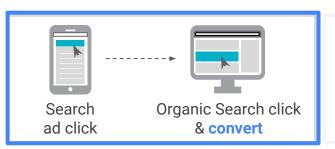
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Conversions
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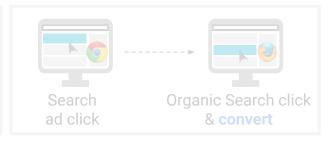


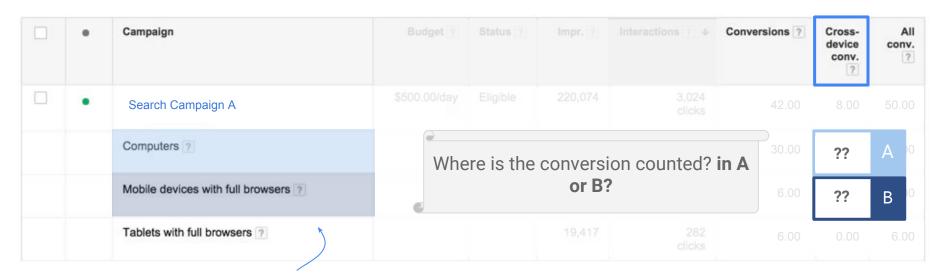
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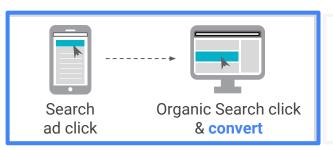






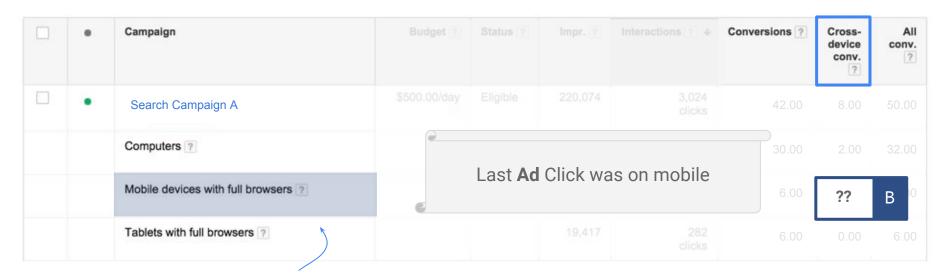


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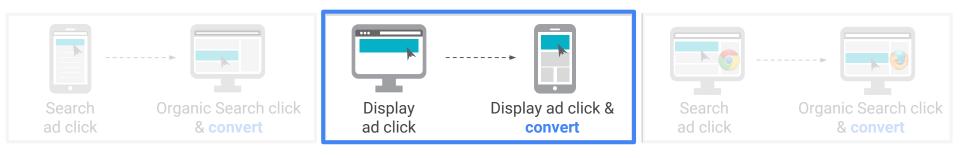


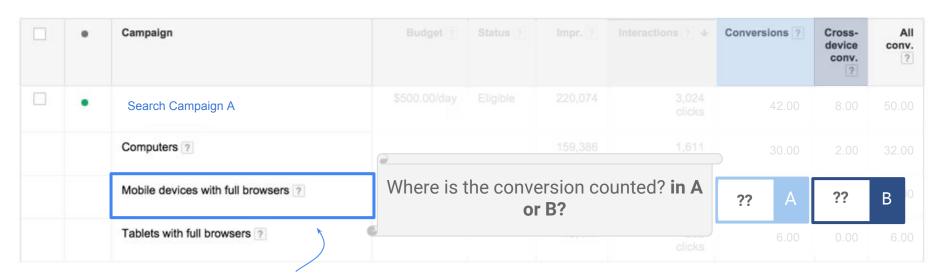




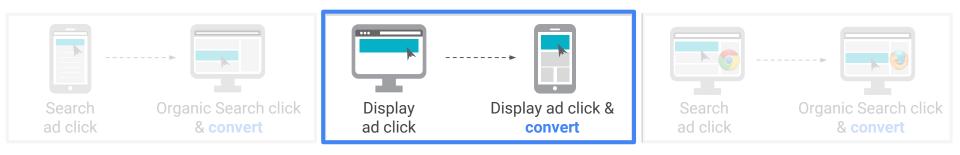


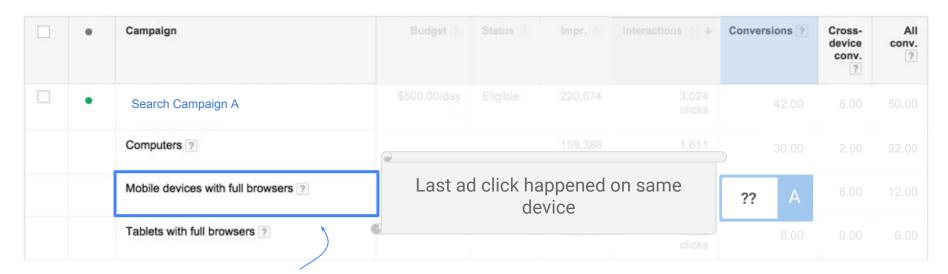
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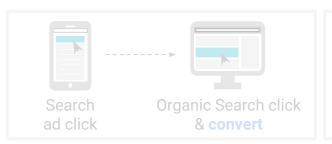


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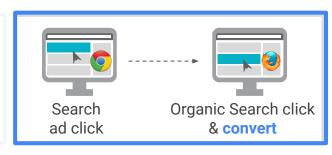


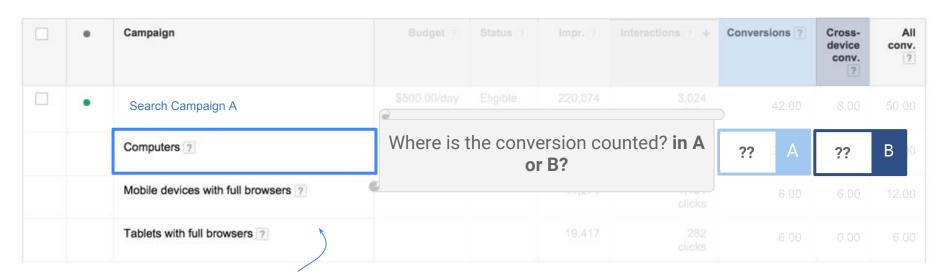


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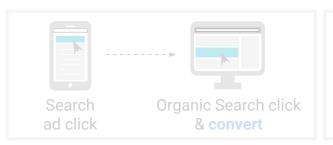




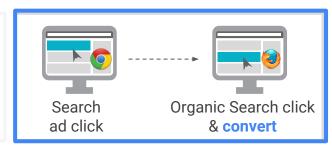


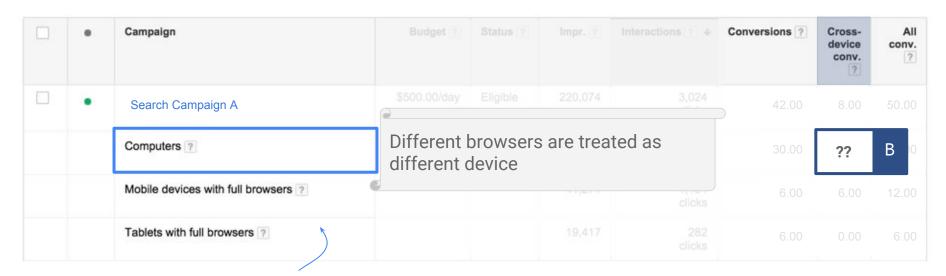


AdWords Campaign report segmented by device type









AdWords Campaign report segmented by device type

### Before the last ad click

#### Cross-device activity starts before the last ad click

Same-Device Conversions AdW Ad Click Conversion **Cross-Device Conversions** AdW Ad Click Conversion **Cross-Device Activity** AdW Ad Click AdW Ad Click AdW Ad Click Conversion



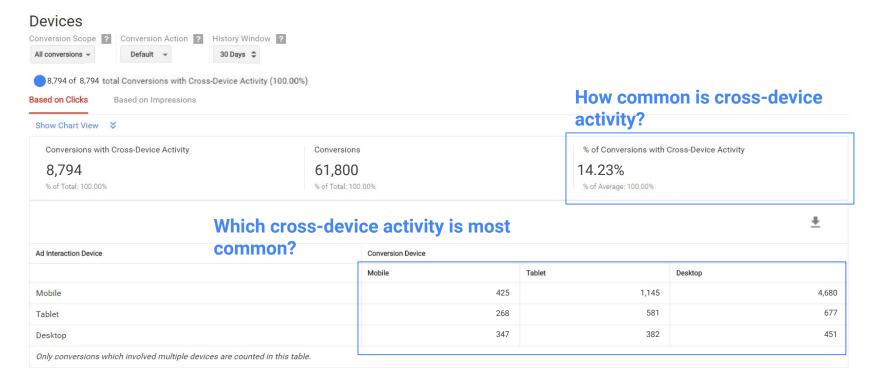
## Three Cross-device reports in AdWords answer multiple questions

- 1. How common is cross-device activity?
- 2. Which cross-device activity is most common?
- 3. What is the assist ratio per device?
- 4. Which cross-device journeys are most common?
- 5. How valuable are they? What is my conversion value ratio?
- 6. How many more cross-device touch points could I leverage?



#### 1/ Devices

Tools > Attribution > Cross-Device Activity > Devices



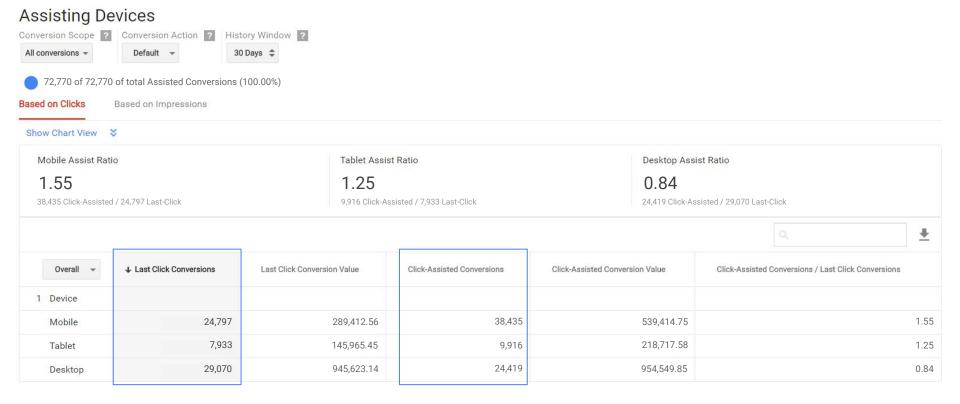


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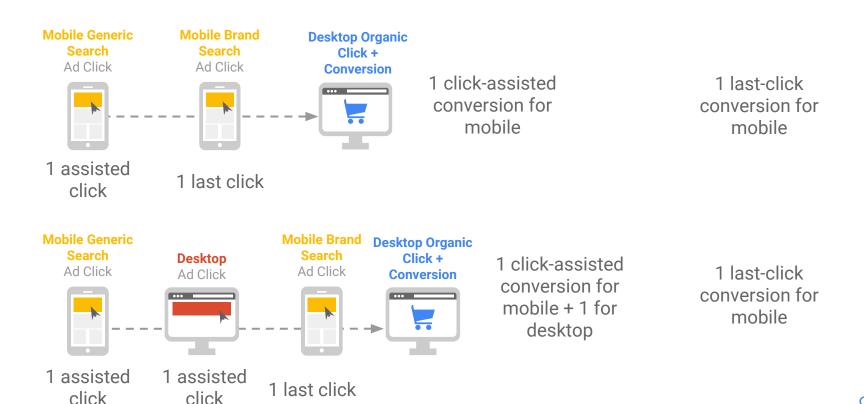


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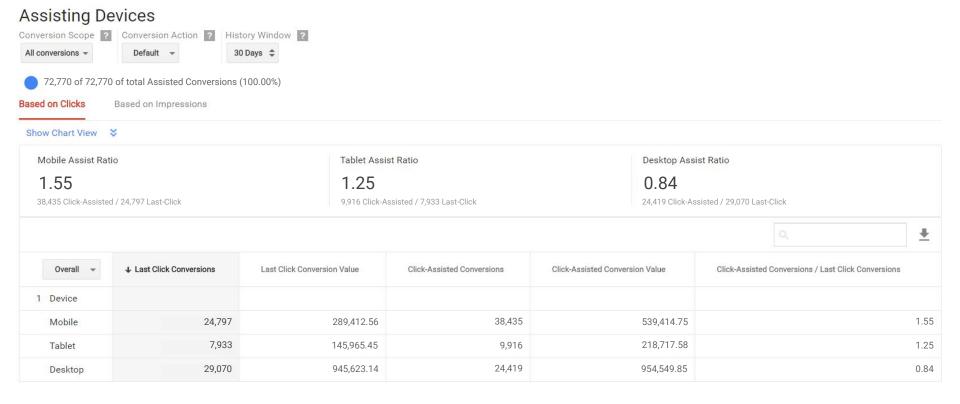




# Click-assisted conversion = conversion with min 1 click before to last-click

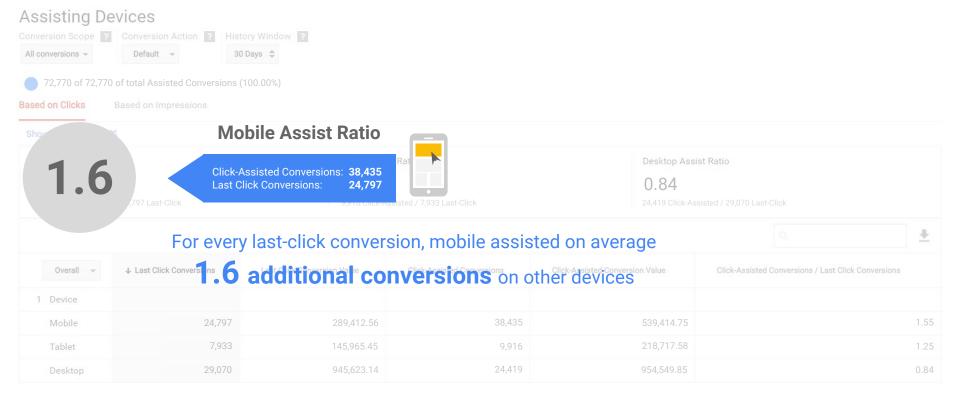


## Assisting devices report reveals the assist ratio





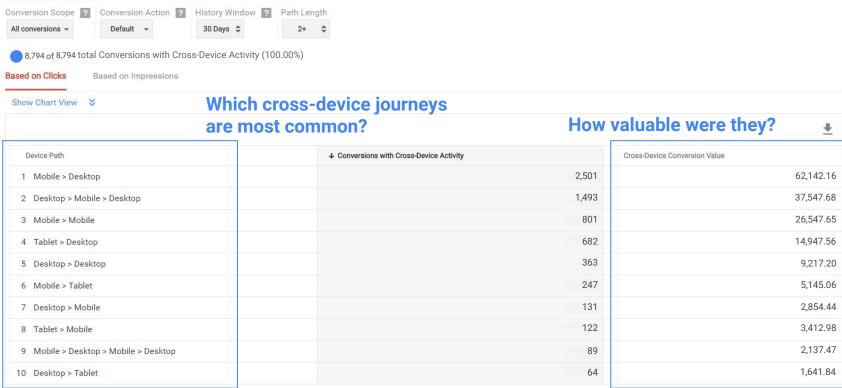
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#### 3/ Device Paths

#### **Device Paths**





Conversion Value Ratio = Average value conversions with cross-device activity

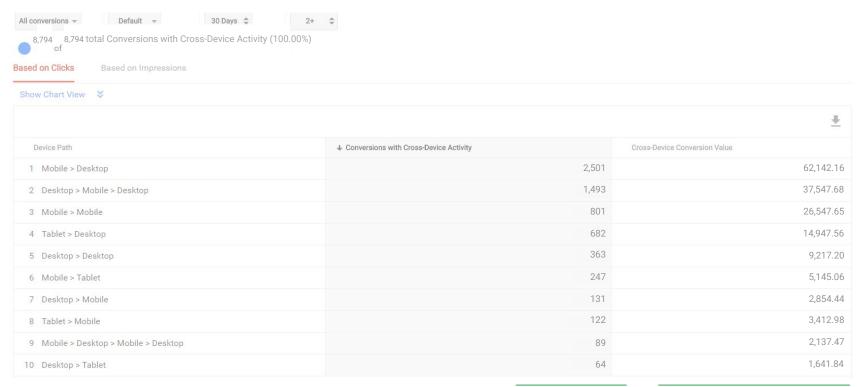
Average value all other conversions

Average value conversions with cross-device activity:

Value Conversions with cross-device activity
Conversions with cross-device activity



## 3/ Device Paths



All conversions with cross-device activity /

~ Σ 8,794

223,807 €

Value of all conversions with cross-device activity



Average value conversions with cross-device activity:

Value Conversions with cross-device activity
Conversions with cross-device activity



Average value conversions with cross-device activity:



Average value conversions with cross-device activity:

=

25.45 €



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Average value all other conversions:
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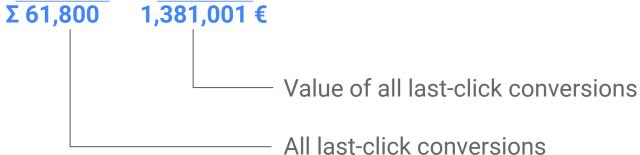
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(Value of all last-click conversions - Value conversions with cross-device activity)

(All last-click conversions - Conversions with cross-device activity)
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## 2/ Assisting Devices

Overall 👻	↓ Last Click Conversions	Last Click Conversion Value	Click-Assisted Conversions	Click-Assisted Conversion Value	Click-Assisted Conversions / Last Click Conversions
1 Device					
Mobile	24,797	289,412.56	34,487	539,414.75	1.55
Tablet	7,933	145,965.45	9,485	218,717.58	1.25
Desktop	29,070	945,623.14	49,153	954,549.85	0.84





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Average value all other conversions:
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(Value of all last-click conversions - Value conversions with cross-device activity)

(All last-click conversions - Conversions with cross-device activity)
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Average value all other conversions:



Average value all other conversions:



Average value all other conversions: = 21.83 €





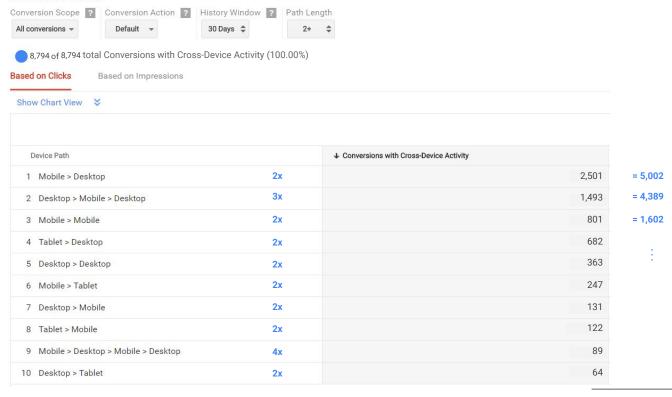
Conversion Value Ratio = 1.17

A conversion with cross-device activity is **1.17x as valuable** as a conversion without.



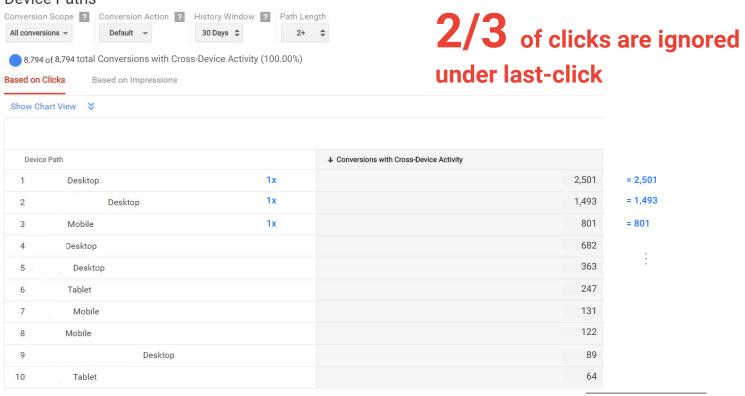
## Device Paths surfaces multiple touch points

#### **Device Paths**



## Last-Click only knows path length = 1

#### Device Paths



# Pick the "right" model

# A simple question: "How to get married?"



## The different steps may look like this











The first date



Live together



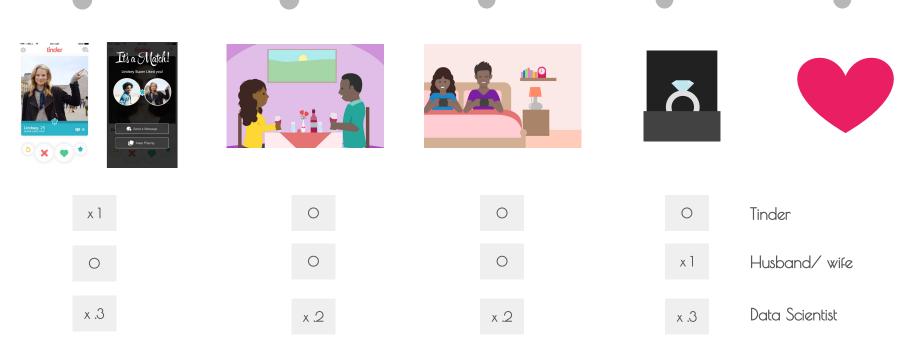
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#### Which one deserves the credit?





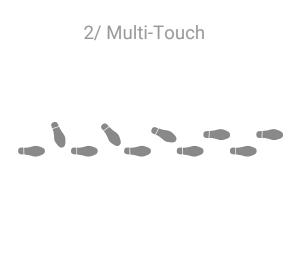
# Typical customer journeys in Google search





## Search attribution needs to account for two aspects





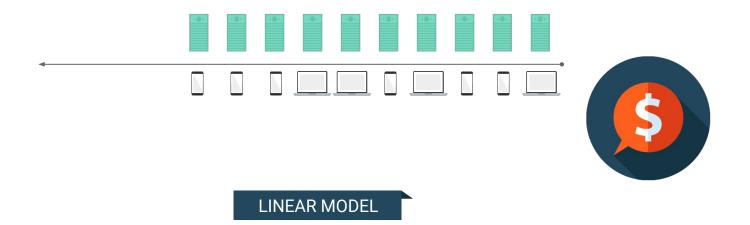




Which model should I pick?

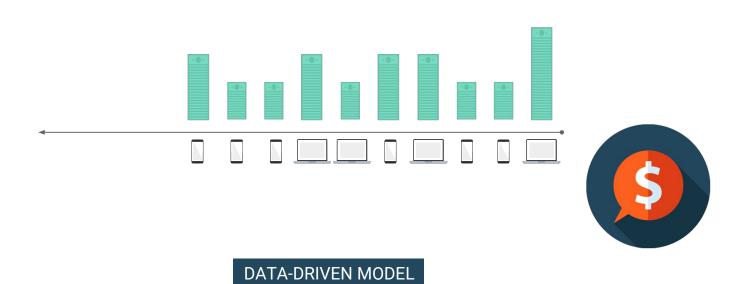


## Rules-based models have existed for a while



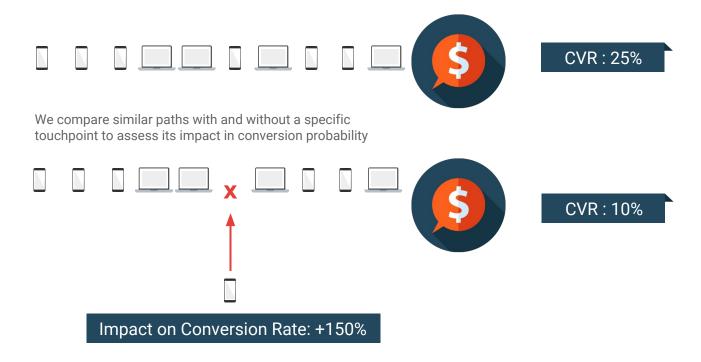


#### The alternative: a Data-Driven model in AdWords





#### How does it work?





## Advantages of a Data-Driven attribution model

1

#### Unique

A DDA model is based on your individual AdWords account (either MCC-level or single account-level) 2

#### **Dynamic**

A DDA model accounts for changes in the auction and in the account. It retrains on a regular basis



## Case Study: Purble Brick -28% CPA for generics

"[...] Targeted CPA and
Data-driven Attribution have given
us lower CPAs, and allowed us to
compete and thrive in a
competitive and volatile space."

Neil Jones, Digital Acquisitions Manager, Purplebricks 28%

Reduzierung des
CPA f. Generische
Kampagnen

70%
Anstieg der
Conversion Rate
für Mobile





# Requirements for a DDA model: conversion-type level





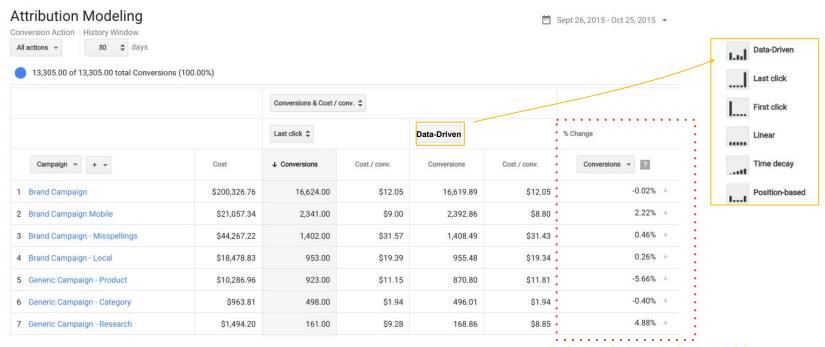
#### A DDA model is cross-device enabled



Attribution Model	Mobile	Mobile	Desktop
Last-Click Model Default Today	0 (ignoriert)	0 (ignoriert)	1 Conversion
Data-Driven Attribution Model	0.3 Conversion	0.1 Conversion	0.6 Conversion



#### You can model the impact of a DDA model

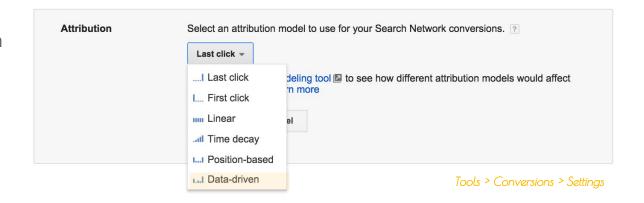


Tools > Attribution > Attribution Modeling



#### The activation of the new model only takes seconds

Always chosen at conversion type level. If cross-account conversion tracking is used, model needs to be switched at MCC-level



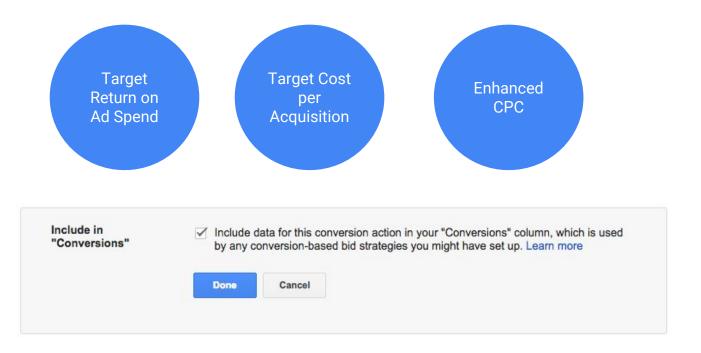


# Taking action via bidding



How do I leverage my DDA model in my bidding and budget allocation?

#### 1/ Simple integration into AdWords Smartbidding





#### 2/ Integration into manual bidding strategy



Under the new model i.e. DDA

Campaign	Conversions	Cost per Conv.
Local	3009	€24
Generics	700	€21
Brand	8211	€17



#### 3/ Availability in the API for bidding tools



Conversion data under the new model can be exported via the API and used for bidding in external tools. However, implementation very much depends on the individual tool provider. Please discuss details with your partner.



#### Summary slide

- Identify the **metrics that matter** and measure them in AdWords
- Include **Cross-Device** Conversions in your "conversions" column
- Understand Cross-Device activity for your AdWords accounts
- Model and implement a **Data-Driven Attribution model**
- Adjust your **bid management** and budget allocation accordingly



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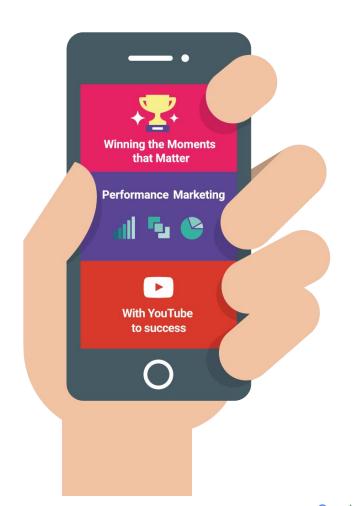
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## Thank You.

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#### Define KPIs in a measurement plan

Your Business Objective					
Marketing Objective	Marketing Objective	Marketing Objective	Marketing Objective		
Goal A	Goal C	Goal E	Goal G		
<b>KPI</b> (+Target)	KPI (+Target)	KPI (+Target)	<b>KPI</b> (+Target)		
User-Segments					
Marketing-Channels					

