# Digital Marketing Strategy Report



Consultants: Anastasiya Koziychuk, Alfonso Corona, Jennifer Serafino, Boren Wang



## Meet the Team



Social Content Creator **Social Media Lead Boren Wang** 



**Owner**, Plug **SEO Lead** 





**Content Lead** Analytics 

## Client Overview

Plug is a marketplace for individuals to buy and sell rare sneakers. Founded in 2017, Plug is looking to debut its mobile app in the next 2 months.



## Competitors



	StockX	eBay	GOAT	Plug
Seller's fees	Sellers pay 8.5-9.5% commission on all sales, plus \$13.95 for shipping	Sellers pay 10% commission on all sales, plus shipping costs (depending on listing preferences)	Sellers pay 9.5% +\$5 of every sale	Sellers pay 8% plus \$8 shipping costs per sale
Verification Methods	Shoes are shipped from the seller to StockX when a sale occurs and then to the end customer. StockX has one warehouse in Detroit.	None	Sellers must get approved to sell on GOAT, and then all shoes are shipped to GOAT once sold, then are sent to the customer. GOAT has a warehouse in LA and one in NJ.	Sellers must get approved to sell on Plug, and then all sales will be sent from the seller to a consignment store to be verified, to the buyer. Plug has already partnered with 3 consignment stores.
Shipping Speed	5-10 Business Days	Depending on listing preferences	5-10 Business Days	2-6 days

# E Blug

# Target Market

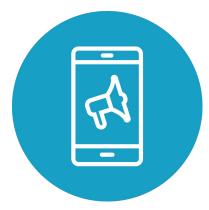
Consumers between 15 and 30 who have demonstrated interest in purchasing or selling rare, popular, sneakers.

# Agenda



- Campaign Objectives & Strategy
- Increase Brand Awareness
  - Social Media
  - Blog
  - Mailchimp
  - Corporate Relations
- Increase Paid & Organic Search
   SEO
  - Google Ads
- Improve User Experience
  - Website Redesign
  - Commitment to social responsibility
- Next steps & Long-term Strategy

# Campaign Objectives



### 1. Increase Brand Awareness

## 2. Increase Paid & Organic Search



#### 3. Improve User Experience



## Campaign Strategy

New website & focus on social responsibility to increase user experience Consistent Brand Image

Use IG, Twitter, FB to increase Brand awareness

> Increase professional Network

Use SEO and Google Ads to increase reach

# Agenda



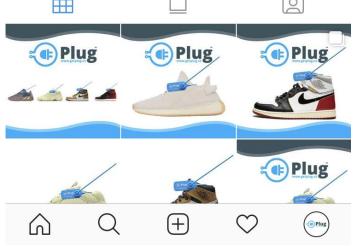
- Campaign Objectives & Strategy
- Increase Brand Awareness
  - Social Media
  - Blog
  - Mailchimp
  - Corporate Relations
- Increase Paid & Organic Search
   SEO
  - Google Ads
- Improve User Experience
  - Website Redesign
  - Commitment to social responsibility
- Next steps & Long-term Strategy

## Social Media Objectives



- 1. Develop brand awareness
- 2. Accurately target audience
- 3. Increase brand loyalty





Plug Blug

# Social Media Strategy

- 1. Increases Impressions by 20%
- 2. Increase meaningful engagement with followers
- 3. Post content weekly
- 4. All images promote a consistent brand image

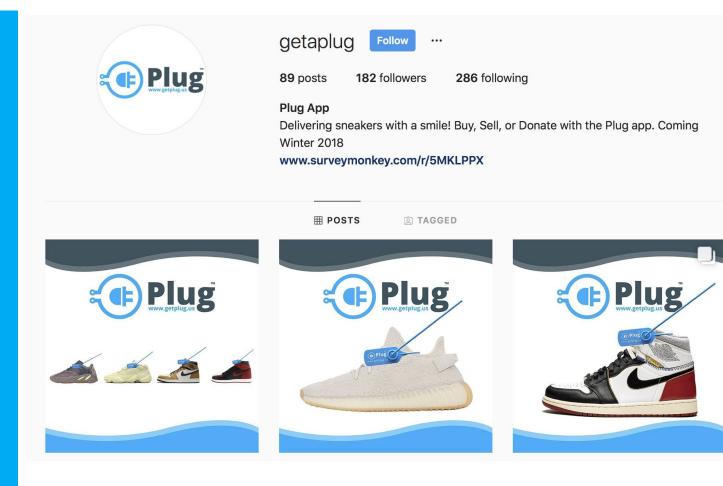
## Facebook

- **Gained more impression**
- Same picture format with <u>The Plug Logo</u>
- **Content of recent** released sneakers
- **Content posted with a** professional tone



Plug App

...



- Business profile
- Gained more followers
- Professional content

### Instagram

- Profession profile picture and profile description
- Link to towards to the main page of our website
- Leveraged interactive tweets to interact with followers.
- Maintained the professional picture style.

# 

## Twitter



#### Plug App @getaplug

Delivering sneakers with a smile! Buy, Sell, or Donate with the Plug app. Coming Winter 2018

#### S getplug.us

Joined October 2017

#### 81 Photos and videos



### Twitter

#### Plug App @getaplug · Nov 19

The Jordan 11 "Concord" made its long-awaited return with a surprise drop on SNKRS last week. Regarded as one of the best colorways for Jordan 11s, will you be looking for a pair?

**Plug** 



- Average 5 likes on each post for twitter
- Professional content with same picture style

 Earned the most impressions out of all social media channels

### **Twitter results**





### Social Media Results



### Social Media Results

@getaplug

Did you cop the Off-White x Converse Chuck 70 today?

12 /0	No		
36 vote	es • Final resu	lts	
	VI - 8 Oct 201	0	
4:44 PI	vi - 8 Oct 201	0	

#### Tweet Activity

• Interactive Tweet

- 369 impressions
- **36 votes**

Plug App @getaplug	Impressions	369
Did you cop the Off-White x Converse Chuck 70 today?	Total engagements	21
Promote your Tweet Your Tweet has 369 total impressions so far. Get more impressions on this Tweet!	Votes Detail expands	19 2
Promote your Tweet		

Plug Bugg

- Strong focus on relevant news associated with the sneaker world
- Professional tone
- Promoted on Medium.com
- Seeking impressions
- Interaction through "claps" (equivalent to likes)



# Blog Objectives

Medium

## Blog Promotion on Medium.com

The most convenient marketplace to buy and sell sneakers.	(I) Plug
1 Following 3 Followers	
Profile	
Latest	
Service Plug Oct 16 ⋅ 1 min	
Contraction of the second s	STATISTICS IN CONTRACTOR
Contraction of the second seco	

#### Nike Running Away with Summer

When you're a company that invests in Research and Development as much and long as Nike has, you always...

#### Ö



#### "Yeasy" 500s?

This past Saturday, July 7th, will be remembered as a milestone in the Yeezy brand legacy. On this day, the Yeezy 500 released in a third colorway, dubbed "Utility Black". Although the 500s never garnered the same attention as the 350, 500, or 750 line of sneakers, the quick sellout times that have...

**5** 4



Mailchimp Strategy

- Plug will use this template to email the Beta and implement the soft-launch on TestFlight
- Email to:
  - Friends and family
  - Influencers (listed in comprehensive report in Appendix)
- This will give Plug valuable data for official launch to app store



## Mailchimp Campaign

## Join Our Beta!

We are very proud to introduce a new era in the world of sneakers. We invite you to a revolutionized mobile marketplace to buy and sell sneakers. Plug App allows buyers to find the best deal on each style, and purchase guaranteed authentic sneakers delivered faster than ever.

We focus on providing quality service and authenticity to all of our customers.

Learn more about our promise on our website.

Be the first on Plug!

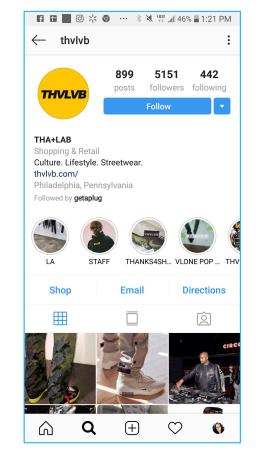
Apply to Sell

#### Note: No results are available yet

Supplies Margan

**Expanding Corporate Relations** 

# Helped build client's network with local business owners within market niche







**Story Release:** 

11/27/18

Generate content derivatives to be leveraged across all media platforms

Plug: build awareness with students who have \$109 million in discretionary income



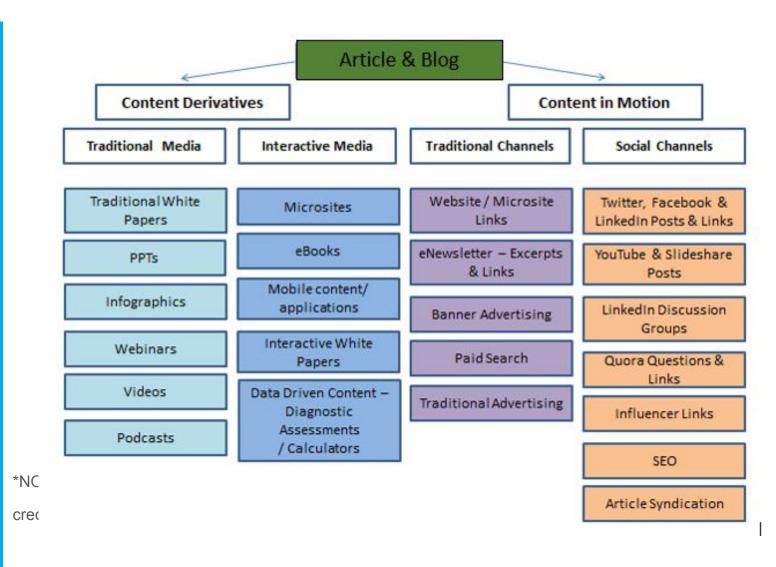
Expanding Corporate Relations Expanding Corporate Relations *Leveraging our most accessible market* We reached out to Temple news to do a feature on Plug Alfonso [Owner] interviewed: 11/1/18

Jennifer [5th Floor Analytic Representative] interviewed: 11/9/18

Reporter: Mary Diaz de la Portilla

Jennifer Serafino <tuh39085@temple.edu> Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 4:05 PM To: tug94131@temple.edu Hi Laura. I am part of the team for Fith Floor Analytics, a student marketing firm who is representing Alfonso Corona, an entrepreneur who attends Fox. Alfonso has started a designer sneaker e-commerce company. Plug, that is positioned to one day be a rival to market giants like StockX. His unique business model focuses on a combination of supply chain and a mobile app which makes connecting buyers and sellers a seamless, fast experience. Plug explained by Alfonso: "Plug marks a new era in the world of sneakers: one where buyers can purchase guaranteed authentic sneakers and receive them faster than ever before.' How it works: "With Plug, all listings posted by our vetted sellers are compiled so our buyers only see what matters most: the best deal on each style. Once a buyer purchases a pair of sneakers, the seller ships them to one of our verification centers, we verify that the sneakers are 100% new and authentic, and then we ship to the buyer. Because our expert personnel receives these shoes and examines them prior to shipping, we offer a 100% Authenticity Guarantee. For more information please feel free to check out our website and social media: https://www.getplug.us IG: getaplug Twitter: getaplug Please let me know if I can provide you with any more information! Warmest Regards. Jennifer

Expanding Corporate Relations



Blug

# Agenda



- Campaign Objectives & Strategy
- Increase Brand Awareness
  - Social Media
  - Blog
  - Mailchimp
  - Corporate Relations
- Increase Paid & Organic Search
  - SEO
  - Google Ads
- Improve User Experience
  - Website Redesign
  - Commitment to social responsibility
- Next steps & Long-term Strategy

# SEO Objectives

Improve organic search rankings for website SEO for Lead Acquisition & Direct Marketing

### SEO for Branding

credit:

https://moz.com/blog/the-6-goals-of-seo-choosing-the-right-ones-for-your-business

# SEO Strategy

Conduct competitor organic keyword research

Submit sitemap to Google for scraping Configure website to attract relevant traffic



SEO Results

#### Plug App (@getaplug) | Twitter

https://twitter.com/getaplug \*

The latest Tweets from Plug App (@getaplug). Delivering sneakers with a smile! Buy, Sell, or Donate with the Plug app. Coming Winter 2018.

#### Plug App (@getaplug) • Instagram photos and videos

https://www.instagram.com/getaplug/

134 Followers, 240 Following, 75 Posts - See Instagram photos and videos from Plug App (@getaplug)

# • Updated H1 Tags and Metadata for optimal SEO keywords.

- Earned a backlink from Temple News article, massively boosting domain authority and organic rankings.
  - Ranking raised Increase:
  - Google:  $0 \longrightarrow 1 & 2$
  - Bing: 0\_\_\_\_6



#### Plug App (@getaplug) | Twitter https://twitter.com/getaplug -

The latest Tweets from Plug App (@getaplug). Delivering sneakers with a smile! Buy, Sell, or Donate with the Plug app. Coming Winter 2018

## Google Ads Objectives

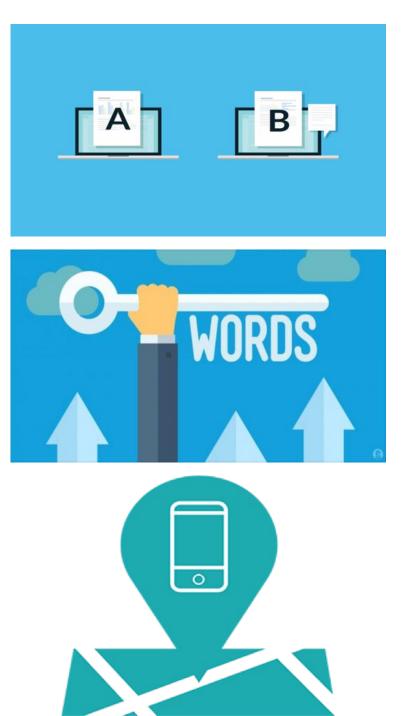


1. Generate 1,000 impressions per week

2. Reach a 2 % CTR

3. Increase overall brand awareness

# Google Ads Strategy



1. Select two ads to use for A/B testing

2. Leverage what works, change what doesn't

3. Utilize keywords

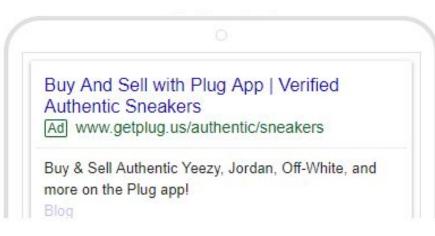
# Google Ad Results

O Buy And Sell with Plug App | Verified Authentic Sneakers Ad www.getplug.us/authentic/sneakers Buy & Sell Authentic Yeezy, Jordan, Off-White, and more on the Plug app!

- Test 1: October  $9^{\text{th}} 15^{\text{th}}$ 
  - 53 clicks
  - 4.99 K impressions
    - **1.06% CTR**
- Average CPC: \$0.92
- \$48.93 spent (\$5 daily budget)
- Keywords: (clicks) "StockX" (38) / "Stock X" (10) )/"Legit Sneaker Sites" (1)

#

# Google Ad Results

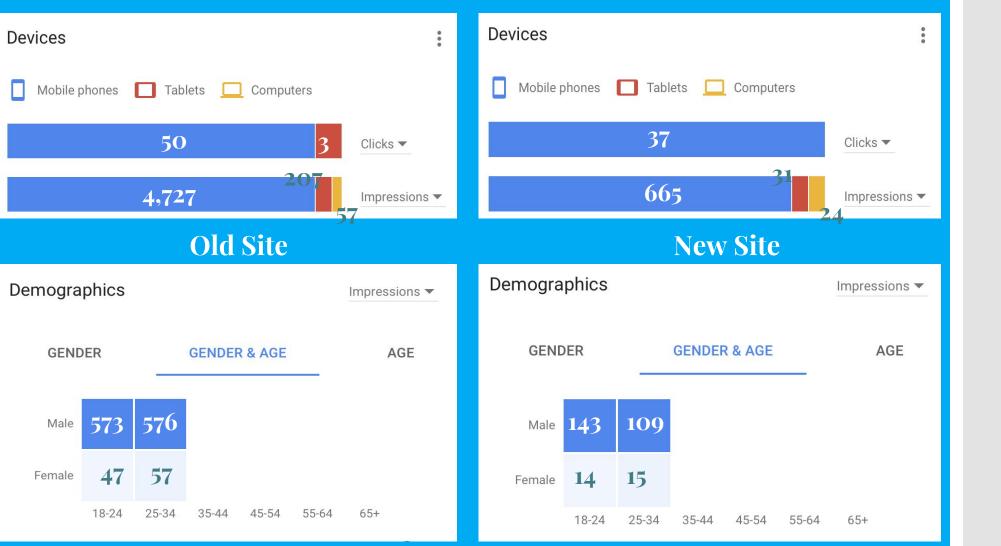


- Test 2: November 6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>
- 37 clicks
- 720 impressions
  - 5.14% CTR
- Average CPC: \$1.00
- \$36.88 spent (\$5 daily budget)
- Keywords: (clicks)
  "StockX" (26) / "Stock X" (10)



Google Ad Results Summary

- Reached and exceeded goal for CTR
- For both tests, results saw primary interactions through mobile devices
- Confirmed target market



Test

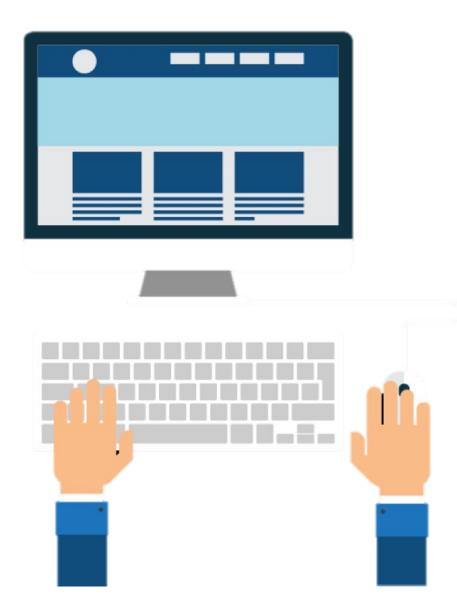


# Agenda



- Campaign Objectives & Strategy
- Increase Brand Awareness
  - Social Media
  - Blog
  - Mailchimp
  - Corporate Relations
- Increase Paid & Organic Search
   SEO
  - Google Ads
- Improve User Experience
  - Website Redesign
  - Commitment to social responsibility
- Next steps & Long-term Strategy

## Website







Home Blog Shop

info@getplug.us 🔿 🕑 f

## INTRODUCING PLUG

A Mobile Marketplace to Buy and Sell Sneakers

Plug marks a new era in the world of sneakers: one where buyers can purchase guaranteed authentic sneakers and receive them faster than ever before.

Be the first on Plug!

😁 Let's Chat!

# Website: BEFORE

**Plug** 



Home

g Sh



## Plug App

#### The World's Friendliest Sneaker Marketplace | Coming Winter '19

The Plug app delivers sneakers with a smile. Our professional sneaker experts authenticate every pair of shoes sold on our app, ensuring you the smoothest experience of any marketplace. 7 authentication centers means everything happens faster!





**Plugus** www.getplug.us

### https://www.getplug.us

THE MARGENERS

- Client now has access to google analytics
- This will help Plug track:
  - Organic reach
  - **Demographics**

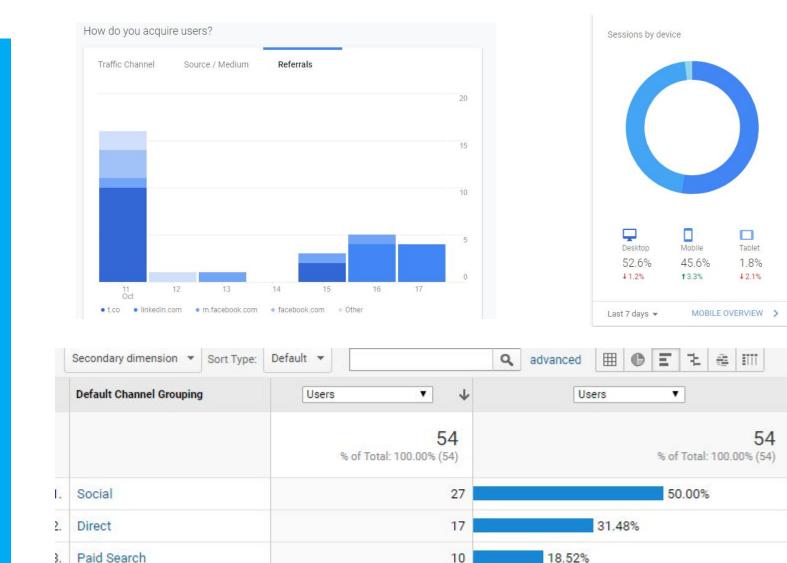
Website

Results

- How users are accessing the website
- Organic reach increased by over 100%
- Bounce rate down by 80%



## Website Summary





### Social Responsibility

#### Shoes for good

Helped client hlight efforts
 of social responsibility by:

- Clickable link in new website design
- Media Coverage in Temple
   Newspaper

We believe that sneakers have the power to spark joy in someone's

life. This led us to partner with nation-wide nonprofits and develop the Plug Donate program to provide sneakers and a smile those in need. Simply tap the "Donate" tab in-app and we'll provic you with everything you need to change a life. Repeat donors get free Plug merch!

Tell Me More

Plug users can also donate old shoes to Shoes that Fit, a nonprofit that provides athletic shoes to children in the United States, with the purchase of a pair of shoes on the app or website.

"Plug is a marketplace that allows people to purchase their shoes with a better experience than ever before, so it really made sense to partner with a nonprofit that helps those in need to feel the same joy and comfort that shoes can provide," Corona said. Social Responsibility Quantified

Based on a Report by IO Consulting & Babson College:

RETURN ON

INVESTMENT

Social Responsibility can improve ROI by:

- 6% over 15 years
- Market value can increase by 40%-60% above peers
- Reduce credit spread by 40%
- Reduce share price volatility by 2%-10%

credit:https://www.inc.com/maureen-kline/how-corporateresponsibility-can-deliver-roi.html

## Agenda



- Campaign Objectives & Strategy
- Increase Brand Awareness
  - Social Media
  - Blog
  - Mailchimp
  - Corporate Relations
- Increase Paid & Organic Search
   SEO
  - Google Ads
- Improve User Experience
  - Website Redesign
  - Commitment to social responsibility
- Next steps & Long-term Strategy

Short-term Goals post: 11/27/18 Article Release Use content derivatives to maximize news coverage for brand awareness

Listed in comprehensive report:

- Infographics
- Powerpoints
- Executive webinar
- Short-interviews on Podcasts

Short-term Goals post: 11/27/18 Article Release

### Content derivative continued

- Re-cycle reviews
- Contact Influencers
- Post article to FB groups
- Create Q & A on Quora
- Start thread on Reddit
- \*NOTE: more detail in comprehensive report

ers Blug

### Maximize hype around app launch

- Use PR articles pre and post app launch
- Well placed, well planned press coverage
- Manage reviews

Short-term

**Goals:** 

**December** App

Launch

- Have a plan for how to handle bad reviews
- Create an outreach plan
- Make sure release date is non-conflict with others in tech indust



\*see report

Short-term Goals: December App Launch

## Maximize hype continued

- Use TestFlight to organize soft launch
- Use feedback from soft launch for hard launch
- Include keywords in app description
- Create video: preview trailer
- Post "How to download" video to discussion forums



dIn ng

- LinkedIn: post investor powerpoint under projects on Plug LinkedIn
- Alfonso create a video resume to give a 'face' to plug
- Optional: Alfonso create a video for Plug LinkedIn explaining why he built the app and emphasizing his commitment to be socially responsible (charity/Plug)
- Youtube: Create an app-launch video about app features and post link through all social

Short-Term Goals: 3 months - 1 year

ker

- Create a walkthrough video for how to use app
- Mailchimp: send out a monthly (to start) newsletter with updates on Plug
- Facebook: connect and post content within sneaker groups
- Ads: continue with google ads, consistently re-evaluating what works and what doesn't

### Short-Term Goals: 3 months – 1 year

Short-Term Goals: 3 months – 1 year

- Think about advertising with Temple News.
   Access \$109 million of Temple's student's discretionary income. (Contact: PHUONG TRAN, lanphuong.tran@temple.edu)
- Other groups to contact at Temple: Ascend, CCSA, entrepreneurs club, ALPFA

Recommended Future Plan for E-mail Campaign

- Send out campaign to attract more beta testers
- Analyze data for how many customers actually followed through with the campaigns call-to-action
- After app launch, create another campaign to reach out to customers about their review of the app
- Make appropriate changes to campaign and mobile app (if applicable).

- Create/Send out campaign in the middle of the Semester to attract graduating seniors to order their "graduation sneaker" from Plug
- Keep track of e-mail delivery (bounce rate), impressions, opens, click-throughs, and actions/purchases.



## Appendix

• The Appendix can be found <u>here</u>.