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STRATEGY + CAPABILITY EVENTS



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first movers lighting the way

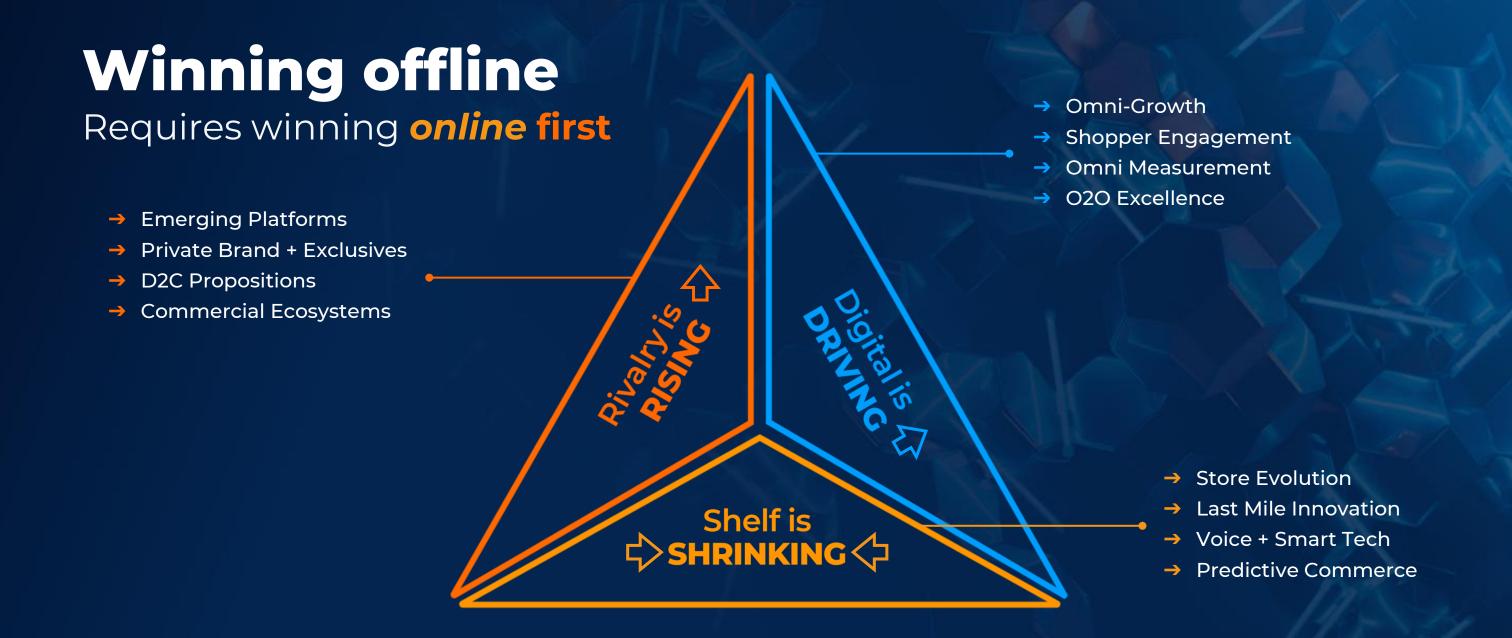
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Solving for the "Return" Trip



The Consortium to Reinvent the Retail Bag launched a pilot to test a returnable retail bag deposit model.

The overarching goal is to reduce single-use plastic bag waste by providing alternatives. Customers at CVS Health and Target stores in New Jersey, where a plastic bag ban took effect last year, can purchase a reusable bag for \$1 at the checkout and get the deposit back when they return the bag during a return trip. The bags are washed and redistributed for reuse.

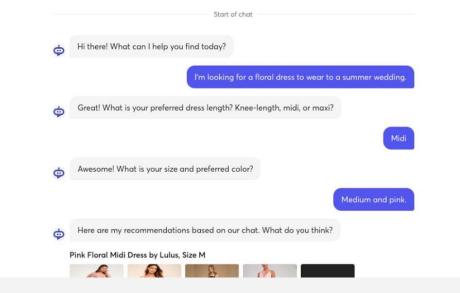


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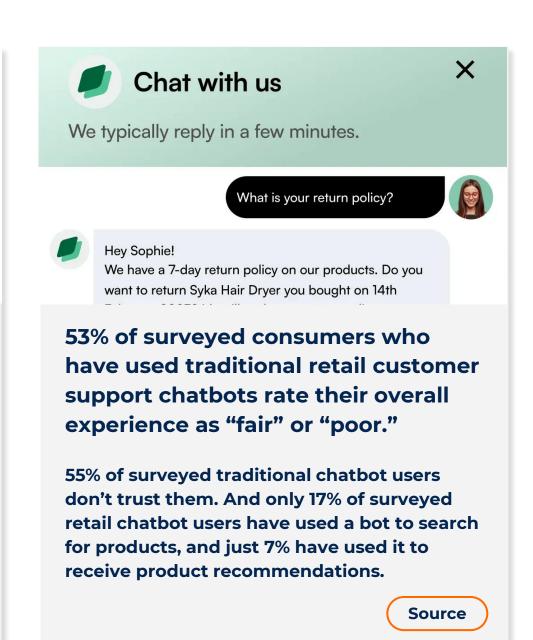
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Will ChatGPT do your shopping?



Mercari taps ChatGPT for search, recommendation functions.

Mercari, the secondhand goods marketplace, debuted Merchat AI, a shopping assistant that uses the artificial intelligence software ChatGPT. With Merchat AI, shoppers can ask the chatbot questions regarding the products they want and select the product recommendations.







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Metaverse Gamification



Gucci and Vans launched a scavenger hunt between their two worlds on Roblox.

"Gucci Town x Vans World" will allow users to navigate obstacles and explore both digital spaces. Additionally, players are tasked with a scavenger hunt to find fabrics and patterns, which can be turned into a shoe accessory or skateboard backpack when all swatches are collected. The final product can be worn by the user's avatar.

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Walmart winds down Roblox play as metaverse lands in privacy crosshairs.

The move follows a push by TINA.org and other watchdogs to assess Universe of Play for potential "manipulative stealth marketing" to kids. Universe of Play launched in September as part of the big-box store's efforts to reach Gen Z consumers through the metaverse.



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Clinique launches virtual lab



Building upon its in-store lab concept, Clinique has launched The Clinique Lab.

- a digital environment where customers can create custom avatars and browse its products. Through The Clinique Lab experience on desktop or mobile, customers can explore six different environments where they can purchase products, talk with a Clinique consultant and learn about product formulas and the company's origins.



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Nfinite Launches Next-Generation Immersive Online Shopping Experiences

Nfinite, the leader in next-generation 3D visualization for retail, announced a set of new features including the release of Dynamic Display, a major new capability of its SaaS platform. Dynamic Display allows retailers and brand owners to quickly and seamlessly embed interactive, shoppable showrooms on any webpage.



Store Evolution

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Uber is uber innovative...



Uber rolls out delivery robots in new market.

The Uber Eats on-demand delivery subsidiary of Uber is expanding an automated delivery partnership with self-driving robot provider Cartken. Customers at the Mosaic District, a shopping and dining destination owned and operated by Edens, can now order Uber Eats deliveries from select participating retailers.

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Uber offers virtual restaurant platform to delivery partners.

Uber Eats is introducing a new Certified
Virtual Restaurant Program. This initiative,
launched in partnership with virtual food
service brand builders Virtual Dining
Concepts, Nextbite, and Acelerate, aims to
create a more consistent, reliable virtual
restaurant experience for consumers who use
Uber Eats.

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The "Exclusive" Revolution...







Revolution Beauty is the latest beauty brand to form a wholesale partnership with Walmart as it continues to expand its category footprint.

Revolution Beauty's offering with Walmart will feature the brand's new Relove by Revolution collection, exclusive to the mass merchant, in 2,500 of the retailer's locations as well as on its website.



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Taking "care of" business



DTC vitamin supplement brand Care/of has launched an exclusive offering of its products within 308 Sam's Club stores across the U.S.

The launch of Care/of at Sam's Club follows the brand's initial foray into wholesale through its partnership with Target announced in 2021. Consumers shopping the product at Target are able to purchase single bottle SKUs.



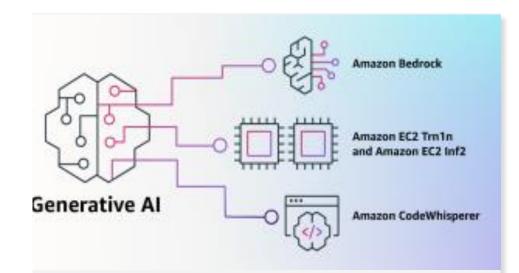


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Amazon's Flywheel keeps turning



AWS is launching a limited preview of a new generative Al model called Bedrock.

According to Amazon, Bedrock foundational models can be customized to fit the workflows of specific industries and perform a range of tasks including writing blog posts, generating images, solving math problems, engaging in dialog, and answering questions based on a document.



Amazon opens IoT initiative to developers.

The e-tail giant is opening Amazon Sidewalk, a secure, low-bandwidth, long-range network designed to provide Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity for one billion devices, for developer testing.

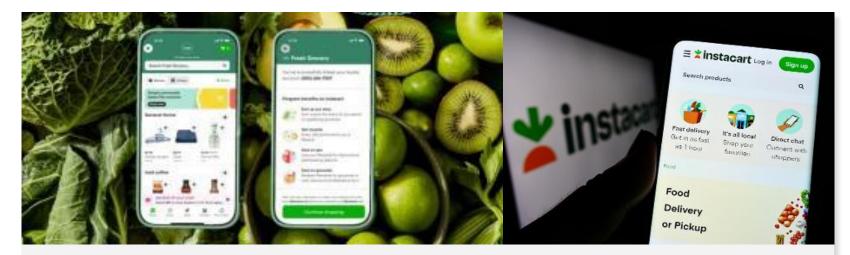


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Instacart expands its own cart



Instacart is rolling out new capabilities for retailers designed to increase customer personalization and access to loyalty programs.

Instacart is introducing Instacart Marketing Solutions, as well as introducing the ability for retailers to allow customers to sign up for their store loyalty programs directly from the Instacart app.



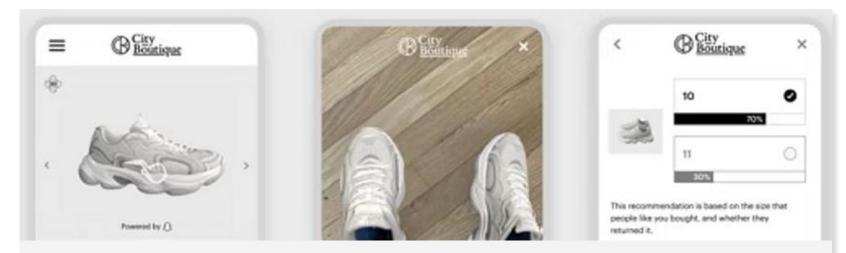


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Oh Snap!



Snap offers AR tech tools to businesses.

Snap announced the launch of AR Enterprise Services, a division of the company that will allow businesses to integrate its augmented reality technology in their own operations, "transforming the way they engage with consumers."



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