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INSIGHTFUL STATS AND USE CASES



VALUE OF AI OPPORTUNITIES FOR B2B COMPANIES



Analysts estimate that the use of AI opens up opportunities for B2B companies worth approximately \$87 billion in 2023, with projections to reach a staggering \$407 billion potential by the end of 2027.

Source: MarketsandMarkets Research, PRNews.com



82% of e-commerce executives from B2B companies agreed or strongly agreed that AI would allow them to differentiate their organizations from competitors.



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76% of e-commerce executives from B2B companies believe that success in the business-to-business arena will require implementation of AI-based systems.

For 88% of e-commerce executives from bigger B2B firms (with annual revenue over \$100M) AI is an organizational priority, of which for 51% AI is one of the highest priorities.





57% of bigger companies that have identified AI/ML as one

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of their priorities rely on external service partners, vendors, or cloud service providers to source AI/ML capabilities.

Source: "AI in B2B Ecommerce: Removing the Roadblocks"; Digital Commerce 360



MOST COMMON USE CASES OF AI/ML IN B2B E-COMMERCE

COMPANIES WITH ANNUAL REVENUE <\$100M PRODUCT 67% PRICE **50%** SITE 54% PRODUCT **45**% RECOMMENDATIONS SITE 42% CHATBOTS, 46% VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS ANOMALY 46% UI 42% OPTIMIZATION PRICE 42% CUSTOMER 39% SEGMENTATION CUSTOMER FRAUD SEGMENTATION 42% 34% DETECTION

COMPANIES WITH ANNUAL REVENUE >\$100M













Source: Digital Commerce 360 survey of e-commerce executives



EXAMPLES OF AI USE CASES IN B2B E-COMMERCE¹

SEGMENT CUSTOMERS

74% of personalization leaders create segments using predictive models.²

AI helps with customer segmentation by:

Identifying and creating valuable segments without involving a data analytics team

Al tools feed customer behavioral data, e-commerce data, and data from other sources into models that score customers' likelihood of taking certain actions in the future. With these propensity scores, merchants can create propensity-based segments and personalize shopping experiences.

Augmenting segment qualification in real time

AI tools can automatically shift customers from one segment to another in response to their real-time behaviors.

¹ Based on "5 AI-powered strategies for ecommerce personalization" by Adobe ² Forrester Consulting



EXAMPLES OF AI USE CASES IN B2B E-COMMERCE

2 FACILITATE PRODUCT DISCOVERY

The number one channel for inspiration and product search for B2B buyers is the supplier's website.¹ Therefore, with personalized search and product pages, merchants can increase conversion by an average of 21%.²

AI can facilitate product discovery by:

Optimizing search experiences

AI tools can make suggestions as customers type, seamlessly handles typos, and understand context to offer synonyms.

Enhancing browsing experiences

AI can intelligently rank the product order on category browsing pages or personalize site navigation.

Delivering the right product recommendations

AI can use segmentation to deliver highly relevant product recommendations in response to real-time buyer behavior.



¹ Wunderman Thompson ² Intershop

EXAMPLES OF AI USE CASES IN B2B E-COMMERCE

CREATE PERSONALIZED CONTENT

59% of B2B customers expect fully or mostly personalized content when researching and exploring the brand's products or services.¹ That is why, B2B companies that increase the relevance and engagement of their content may experience a 5-10% revenue lift.²

Automating personalized content generation

Al can be used to automate the process of analyzing vast amounts of customer data in order to create content tailored to individual interests and preferences.

Producing content variations across channels

Al can generate many variations of each content piece for different channels and devices, and then personalize

each one to different customers.

Optimizing content over time

Al can optimize and adjust each content piece by analyzing data on its performance.





EXAMPLES OF AI USE CASES IN B2B E-COMMERCE

DYNAMICCompanies leveraging AI-based price optimization mayPRICINGincrease gross profit margins by 10 to 15%.1

Adapting prices to market variability

Al can be used for price optimization based on various factors such as market conditions, competition, demand, inventory, or seasonality. Al is capable to continuously analyze myriad combinations of multiple factors and consider different pricing scenarios aimed at various objectives like winning a bid, maximizing profit, or strengthening customer relationships.

Identifying pricing anomalies and inconsistencies

By analyzing pricing data across products, markets, and customers, AI can signal issues such as pricing errors or

inconsistencies that can affect both CX and profitability.

Determining optimal incentive scenarios

AI can provide highly relevant recommendations for discounts or promotions for the customer to convert while retaining margins. STRIPED

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EXAMPLES OF AI USE CASES IN B2B E-COMMERCE

DELIVER THE NEXT BEST INTERACTION

79% of personalization leaders leverage a decisioning engine to determine which customers receive which message(s)/experience(s) over which channels.¹

Determining & delivering the next best experience

AI/ML-based decisioning engine can prioritize the best message to serve a customer at a given time based on their propensity model score(s). This accounts for both the kind of content and the way it is delivered, including across apps, devices, screens, and channels.

Targeting KPIs

AI-based decisioning engine can use models that optimize actions based on prioritized key performance indicators (KPIs). For example, if a brand is looking to maximize its conversion rate or revenue, the engine will consider experiences that target high-value customers.





TOP BOTTLENECKS TO AI ADOPTION IN ENTERPRISES



The biggest bottlenecks to AI adoption in enterprises are lack of skilled people, along with a lack of data or data quality issues (both at 20% on average), followed by finding appropriate business use cases (16%).

Source: "AI adoption in the enterprise"; O'Reilly, 2022



MAIN OUTCOMES B2B E-COMMERCE EXECUTIVES EXPECT OF THEIR AI INITIATIVES







Source: "AI in B2B Ecommerce: Removing the Roadblocks"; Digital Commerce 360



MAIN OUTCOMES ORGANIZATIONS ACTUALLY REPORT AFTER ADOPTING AI

INCREASED OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY	66%	
IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE	57%	
ACCELERATED INNOVATION	49 %	
IMPROVED EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY	48 %	
DEVELOPED NEW PRODUCTS OR SERVICES	39%	
INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS/	25%	





Source: Google Cloud Gen Al Benchmarking Study, July 2023



HOW B2B MARKETERS ARE USING GENERATIVE AI



Generative AI brings to marketers what other forms of AI have already brought to other functions like data science, finance, and software development: the ability to outsource tedious tasks to a machine so you can focus on higher value tasks.

Sources: "B2B Marketing Benchmark"; Linkedin, 2023



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