

How Blockchain Capability is Changing the Industry/Marketers Jobs.

Blockchain-based Loyalty Programs: What's in it for Marketers

Many internationally recognized brands are jumping headlong into blockchain-based loyalty programs, and understandably so. AdAge publishes a running list of brands and use cases for this technology, including Spotify's gated playlists, Tribeca Festival's special access passes, and Nike's Dot Swoosh platform.

The reason for this adoption is clear: Brands are capitalizing on a huge opportunity. According to analyst firm CB Insights, global blockchain funding surpassed \$26.8 billion in 2022. That's because, according to one marketing researcher, "brands then design tailor-made marketing strategies appropriate for each marketing funnel stage."

Tokens as Standalone Brand Components

Community Building Aspects of the Tokens

Create exposure to brand elements:

- 1. Token product launch
- 2. Creative Token marketing actions

Pre-Purchase Stage (e.g., Brand Awareness)

Leverage customer engagement in Token communities

Leverage cross-selling by persuading consumers to buy:

- 1. Token replicas of the physical products
- 2. Uniquely-designed brand Token
- 3. A bundle containing both 1 and 2

Purchase Stage (e.g., Consideration, Purchase Intent, Actual Purchases)

Give consumers unique perks and access in Token communities

Increase perceived ownership of brand elements by designing a system of flexible ownership rights Post-Purchase Stage (e.g., Customer Satisfaction)

Create brand attachment through improved loyalty programs, lore and storytelling This is crucial because attribution has always been a great challenge for marketers and customer experience leaders. Blockchain can make this part much easier. Because each transaction is recorded in real time on the distributed ledger that can refer back to the stages of the purchase funnel, marketing teams can correlate with precision what offers led to what transactions.

Further, marketing teams get customer attribution at the individual level rather than looking at aggregate customer data. Companies can also track how individual customers interact with a brand across different channels like websites, retail stores, mobile apps, and so on, even when customers are anonymous at some touch points. By tying together data about a customer's interactions with each of these channels, companies can get a fuller picture of that customer's behavior and personalize their experiences even more, further increasing engagement.

McKinsey analysts discuss eight levers business leaders can pull to improve their customer loyalty:

Take advantage of redemption elasticity.
Measure "breakage" by high-value segments.
Enlist partners to enhance offers and rewards.
Offer points-plus-cash options to make a real difference.
Measure success based on engagement, not just accruals.
Segment customers into groups you can handle.
Personalize test-and-learn across such segments.
Create a standalone P&L for transparency on returns.

To simplify, blockchain technology accomplishes each of these and more.

<u>Find out how</u> blockchain and web3 capabilities can transform the loyalty program experience for customers. (link to article #4)