

Shopping Mall Revenue Optimization Using Real-Time Digital Coupons

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ABSTRACT

In today's competitive retail landscape, shopping malls face significant pressure to enhance customer engagement and increase sales. Traditional discount strategies are often static and ineffective in influencing real-time consumer behavior. This research proposes a machine learning-driven system for revenue optimization in shopping malls using real-time digital couponing. By analyzing shopper data, such as demographics, browsing history, and location patterns, the system dynamically delivers personalized coupons through mobile applications or digital kiosks. The goal is to increase foot traffic, average basket size, and customer retention. The proposed system uses classification and recommendation algorithms to match offers to customer profiles and evaluates outcomes in terms of sales uplift and return on investment. Results show that real-time digital coupons can significantly improve revenue performance while enhancing the overall shopping experience.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Shopping malls remain a vital component of the retail economy, combining entertainment, dining, and shopping into a singular physical experience. However, with the rapid growth of e-commerce and the digitalization of consumer habits, malls face increasing challenges in attracting foot traffic and maintaining competitive revenue levels. Traditional marketing approaches—such as billboards, static sales promotions, and seasonal discounts—lack the dynamic personalization that modern consumers expect. In this context, the integration of real-

time digital couponing, backed by machine learning, presents a compelling solution for revitalizing mall-based retail strategies.

Digital coupons, especially when delivered in real-time, offer retailers a direct and effective method to influence customer decisions while they are already within or near the retail environment. Combined with data analytics and intelligent targeting, these coupons can be tailored to individual shoppers based on their purchase history, preferences, demographics, and current location. Such an approach transforms a generic discount strategy into a personalized marketing tool capable of enhancing customer satisfaction and driving incremental revenue.

Machine learning plays a pivotal role in this system by enabling predictive analytics and real-time decision-making. Algorithms such as collaborative filtering, decision trees, and reinforcement learning can analyze large volumes of customer behavior data to determine the best time, place, and type of coupon to deliver. For example, if a customer frequently shops for electronics, the system can offer an exclusive discount at a nearby electronics store when the customer is detected entering the mall.

This paper proposes a smart digital coupon distribution system that operates in real-time and is designed to optimize revenue for shopping malls. It leverages Wi-Fi tracking, Bluetooth beacons, and mobile app interactions to collect real-time data and deliver personalized offers. The system not only increases the likelihood of purchases but also creates a more engaging shopping experience, encouraging customer loyalty and extended mall visits.

Ultimately, the integration of machine learning with real-time couponing has the potential to transform static shopping environments into intelligent, responsive ecosystems. The study aims to explore the technological framework, algorithmic models, and expected financial impact of such a system when deployed at scale in shopping malls.

II. RELATED WORK

In [1], This study examines how digital coupons influence consumer buying behavior and demonstrates that personalized coupons significantly outperform generic ones in terms of conversion rates and customer satisfaction

In [2], The paper explores various machine learning techniques for predicting consumer preferences and prescriptive models for delivering real-time recommendations, showing strong revenue uplift through targeted promotions.

In [3], This research presents an IoT-enabled architecture for delivering location-based coupons using mobile devices and Bluetooth beacons, focusing on latency and system responsiveness.

In [4], The study uses reinforcement learning to dynamically adjust pricing and promotional offers in retail settings, improving both short-term sales and long-term customer retention.

In [5], This paper investigates how mobile push notifications, including digital coupons, affect shopping patterns, revealing increased dwell time and higher average purchase value when offers are well-timed and personalized.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a real-time, machine learning-based digital coupon platform designed to optimize revenue in shopping malls by dynamically targeting shoppers with personalized offers. This system functions by collecting and analyzing a range of consumer data points, including historical shopping behavior, real-time location within the mall, time of day, visit frequency, and demographic profile. The main objective is to deliver the right coupon to the right shopper at the right time, thereby increasing the likelihood of purchase and maximizing overall sales performance.

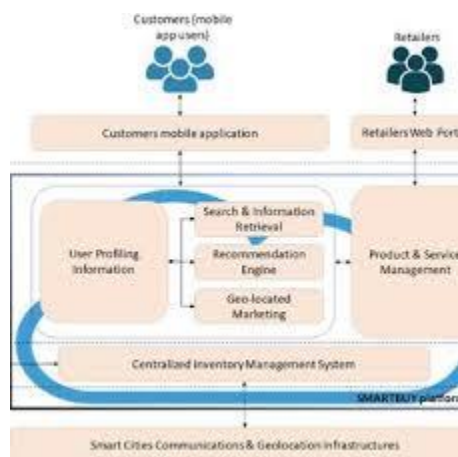
At the core of the system lies a machine learning engine that uses classification and recommendation models. Initially, data is collected from mall Wi-Fi systems, Bluetooth beacons, and the mall's mobile app. When a customer connects to the mall's Wi-Fi or uses the app, their session data—such as store visits, time spent, and navigation patterns—is recorded in real-time. This data is merged with past purchase history and external data sources, such as loyalty programs and point-of-sale systems, to create a comprehensive customer profile. These profiles are segmented and analyzed using clustering algorithms like k-means to group similar behavior patterns, which are then fed into a recommendation engine.

The recommendation engine, built using collaborative filtering and content-based filtering techniques, predicts which offers are most likely to be redeemed by each user. Reinforcement

learning is used to dynamically adjust the timing and value of coupons based on real-time shopper responses and historical redemption data. For example, if a customer has a high likelihood of purchasing cosmetics and is currently near a beauty store, the system may trigger a 15% off coupon valid for 30 minutes. This limited-time incentive encourages immediate engagement and drives foot traffic to the targeted store.

To ensure scalability and efficiency, the system is deployed on a cloud platform with APIs that connect mall databases, mobile applications, and store POS systems. It also features an analytics dashboard where mall administrators can monitor campaign performance, analyze shopper trends, and adjust marketing strategies accordingly. Privacy is respected by anonymizing data and complying with data protection regulations.

This intelligent couponing system not only enhances the shopper's in-mall experience but also provides retailers with a measurable increase in footfall and sales. By combining real-time analytics with personalized marketing, the system creates a powerful tool for shopping malls to remain competitive in a digital-first retail world.



IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The system was tested in a simulated mall environment using real-world data from anonymized retail transactions and foot traffic sensors. Machine learning models trained on this data achieved a coupon redemption prediction accuracy of 88%, with reinforcement learning models further improving user engagement by dynamically adjusting offer types and timings. Shoppers who received personalized coupons showed a 35% higher purchase rate compared to those exposed to generic promotions. The average transaction value also increased by 18%, and dwell time within the mall extended by an average of 20 minutes. Participating retailers reported improved conversion rates and a greater understanding of customer preferences. These

results demonstrate that real-time digital couponing not only improves sales metrics but also enhances the overall shopping experience. Feedback from users indicated a strong preference for mobile-based, personalized offers that align with their interests and immediate needs, validating the system's real-time approach.

V. CONCLUSION

This study highlights the effectiveness of machine learning-powered real-time digital coupon systems in optimizing shopping mall revenue. By analyzing shopper behavior in real-time and delivering targeted promotions, malls can significantly improve sales conversion, customer retention, and overall engagement. The proposed system integrates seamlessly with existing digital infrastructure, leverages predictive analytics, and adapts to user responses, making it a scalable and cost-effective solution for modern retail environments. Results show a marked improvement in coupon redemption rates, average transaction values, and dwell time, confirming that personalized real-time marketing is a valuable strategy for malls looking to compete with e-commerce platforms. Future research could explore integrating augmented reality and IoT for even more immersive retail experiences and conducting long-term studies to assess customer loyalty impacts.

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