# Using geodemographics to manage customer relationships

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#### Agenda

- Managing relationships with consumers: some of today's challenges
- Why we (still) need geodemographics
- What can we do with geodemographics?
- Final thoughts.....

# Managing relationships with customers: some of today's challenges

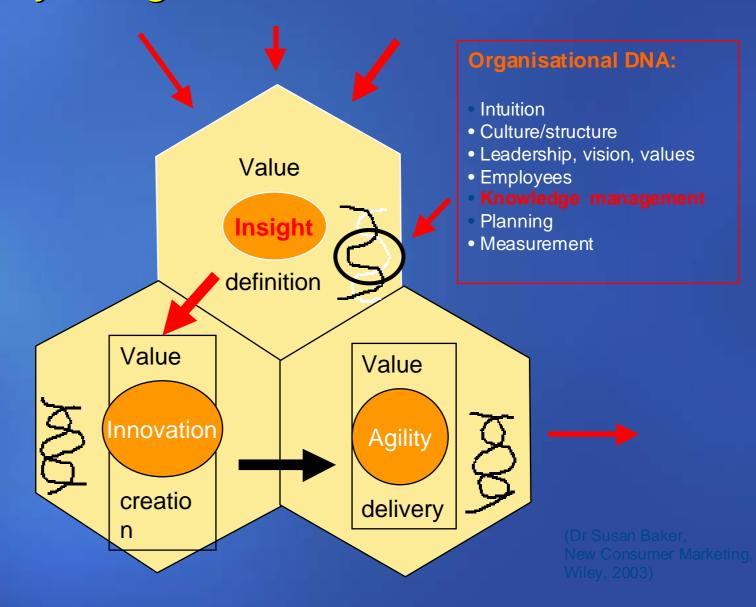
### "Disjointed marketing"

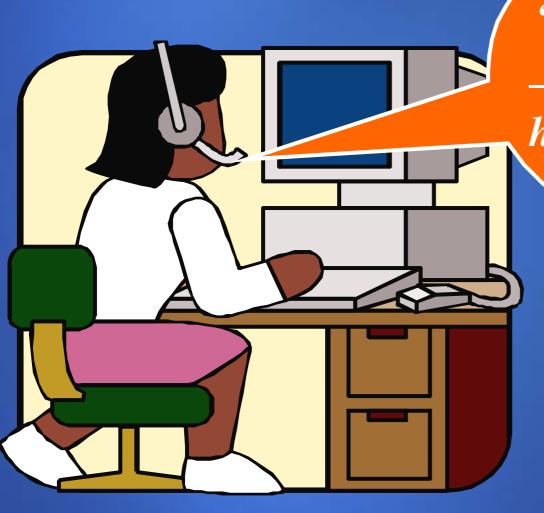
 Marketing in many companies is now composed of highly specialist tasks often de-centralised across business units,

therefore.....

no-one has a really clear overview/understanding of the marketing function (or the customer) within the organisation

# New Consumer Marketing model: Driven by insight





"Customer Service

- how can I seem to
help you..?"

#### **Data driven communications**



#### Right message at right time

#### **SEGMENTS**



#### Personalisation Test

Quality of the data

Depth of Knowledge

Assumptions about needs/behaviour

Failed?

### The rise of "customer data virgins"

- The rise of interactive marketing &
   (associated) demise of intermediaries means
   more organisations are dealing with the
   consumer for the first time
- Customer data seen to create empowerment but.....

do organisations have the right skills and tools to deal with consumers direct and apply data driven marketing?

#### New Skills for CRM: Financial Services

#### **Traditional**

- Intermediary driven
- Acquisition led
- No brand relationship
- Minimal customer data
- Minimal cross/up selling



- Direct to customers
- Retention focus
- Develop brand relationship
- More customer info.
- Data driven marketing
- LTV approach
- Support intermediaries



#### CRM: 360° view of the customer a myth?



#### The Mirage of CRM

### Customer Contact Communications

	Comms.	Comms.	Campaigns	CRM	D'base
	Vol.(m)	Cost (\$)	per year	Cost PA	Cost
			(no.)	(\$m.)	(\$m.)
DB/W'house				5.5	1.6
Direct mail	3.0	0.6	2	3.6	3.6
E mail	3.0	0.04	4	0.48	0.48
CRM/d'base costs				9.6	5.7

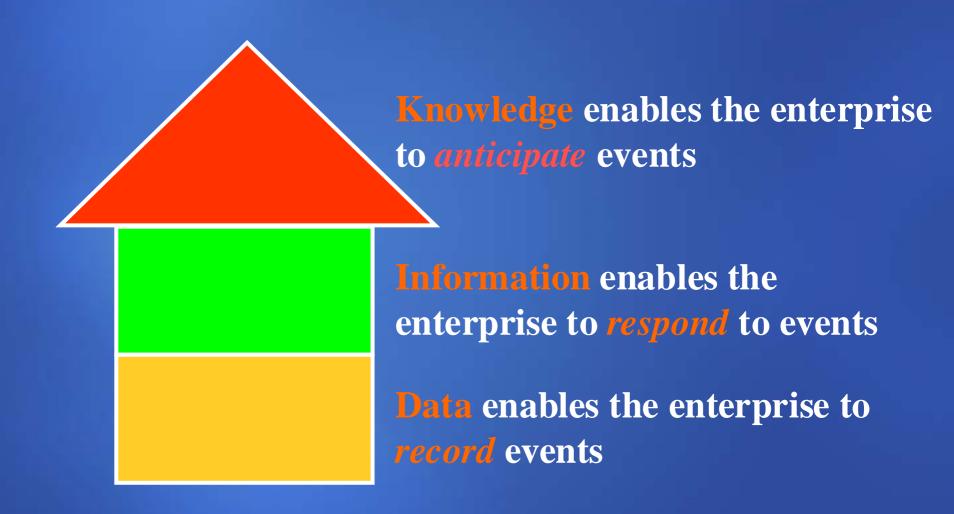
**Products** 

Competitors

Fulfilment

Customer service complaints

### A knowledge based culture



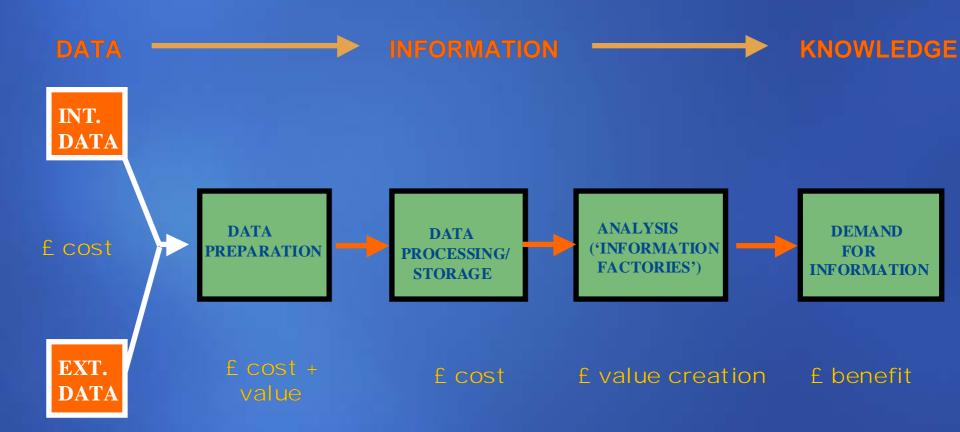
## CDB as a source of knowledge to support marketing: Is the data available?

Marketing Knowledge/Insights	Score
<b>Profile of Customers</b>	4.16
Contact Strategies	3.93
<b>Buyers V Targets</b>	3.78
Sales Potential/LTV	3.70
When do Customers Buy	3.62
Channel Preference	3.32
Customer Needs	2.93
<b>Customer Satisfaction</b>	2.82
<b>Future Needs of Customers</b>	2.80
Views of Customers	2.74
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1=Not Useful; 5=Extremely Useful

(Source: IDM/Strathclyde 2001)

# Justifying the investment in data: Information Supply Chain



#### Data quality: Lost revenue

#### Factors:

- Goneaways
- Suppressions
- Missing/incorrect data Items

<b>Gross Value:</b>		(no))	
	1,000	100,000	m.
		1 year	5 years
<b>Core Product</b>	£80K	£800K	£4M.
Cross-sell	£ 4K	£400K	<u> 22M.</u>
	£84K	£1.2M.	£6M.

# Reasons for CRM failure: No data 'literate' culture

"Managers wishing to fail at CRIM or salootage a CRIVI project need look no further than 'data' to find the weakest link in the project Nick Siragher, Hewson Consulting, 'Carving Jelly', Chilton, 2001

"Data is very much the poor relation in CRM & e-commerce projects. The number of cases where companies have spent millions on projects but swept data issues under the carpet is frightening" Simon Jennings, ETI

42% of the customer information collected and held by companies was inaccurate

AnswerSets survey

Barriers	limiting the role of the CDB	HV	LV
	Data Quality	3.3	3.6
	Lack of IT specialists	3.2	2.7
	Fragmented systems	3.0	3.3
	D'base development costs	2.9	3.3
	Lack of analytical skills	2.8	2.6
HV=CDB	D'base maintenance costs (software)	2.7	2.8
Delivers High	Inability to integrate multi-channel strategies	2.7	2.5
Value LV=CDB	D'base maintenance costs (information)	2.7	3.0
Delivers High		2.7	3.0
Value	D'base maintenance costs (hardware)	2.7	2.7
	Insufficient commitment	2.6	2.9
	Insufficient support from IT vendors	2.6	2.5
1=No Barrier;	Organisation culture	2.3	2.9
5=Major Barrier	Organisation structure	2.2	2.6
	No board level support	2.1	2.6
(Source: IDM Strathclyde 2001)	Fragmented marketing/sales	2.0	2.2
Strauletyde 2001)	Poor relations: IT & marketing	1.9	2.1
	Poor relations: sales & marketing	1.7	2.0

# Data protection legislation: UK Data Protection Act 1998



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# Why we (still) need geodemographics

### Personal data v geodemographics

#### Collecting personal data can be:

- Costly
- Slow
- Limited coverage
- Inaccurate & out of date
- Subject to data privacy legislation

#### Geodems

- Cheap
- Fast
- Good credentials (long established, ubiquity)
- Excellent coverage
- Avoids legal/ethical issues (not personal data)
- Provides links/matching



#### Core data set: The key to success

- Title
- Name (full names, initials)
- Address (conditioned)
- Company name/address
- Telephone nos.(home, work, mobile)
- E mail address

Consistent through all channels

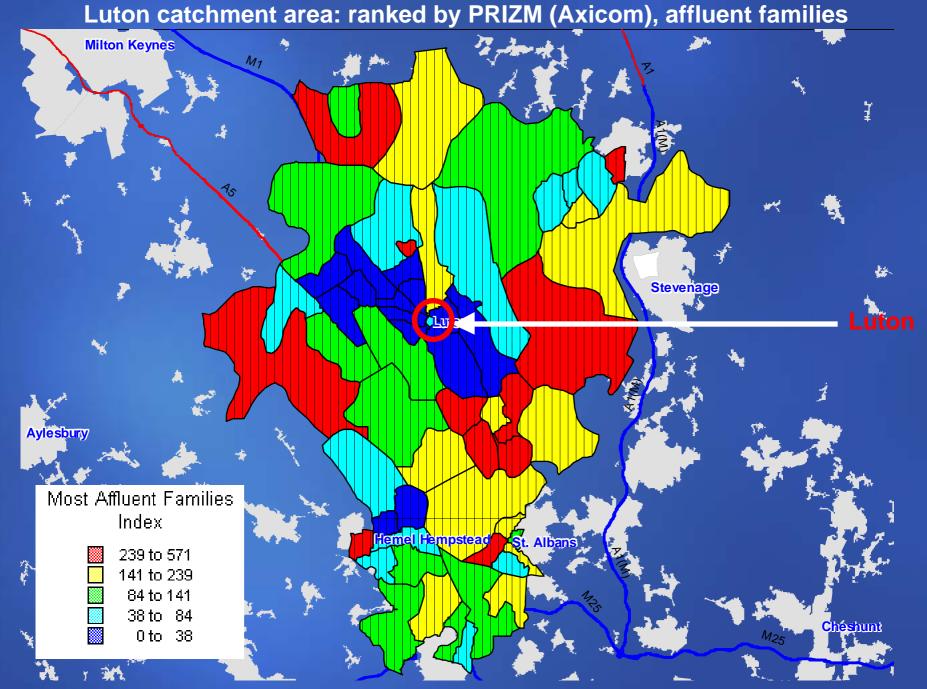
### Data capture audit



# What can we do with geodemographics?

#### What do we need geodemographics for?

- Segmenting customers
- Selecting customers for campaigns
- Database enhancements
- Improving the value of rented lists
- Identifying media consumption
- Comparisons with competitors
- Identifying customer value
- Profiling channel usage
- Profiling new v retained customers
- Developing value propositions
- Loyalty/warranty data analysis
- Recency/frequency/monetary (RFM) comparisons
- Retail planning
- Modelling
- MR sampling
- Analysing MR surveys
- Etc !!!!!!



(P. Sleight, A Guide to the 2001 Census, ed. Dugmore & Moy, TSO 2004)

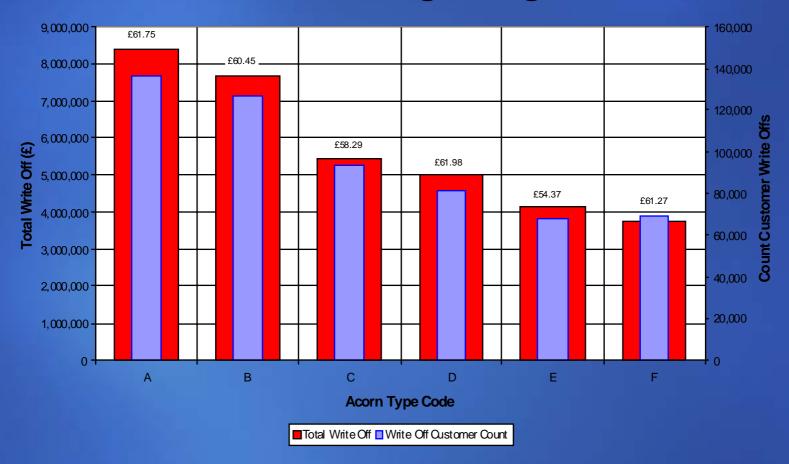
#### Acorn Driven Sales Targeting

#### **Debt Reduction**

- Historic methodology (using in house data) would have suppressed 25% of write off, totalling £13,457,714
- Acorn driven methodology will suppress 83% of write off, totalling £44,345,178

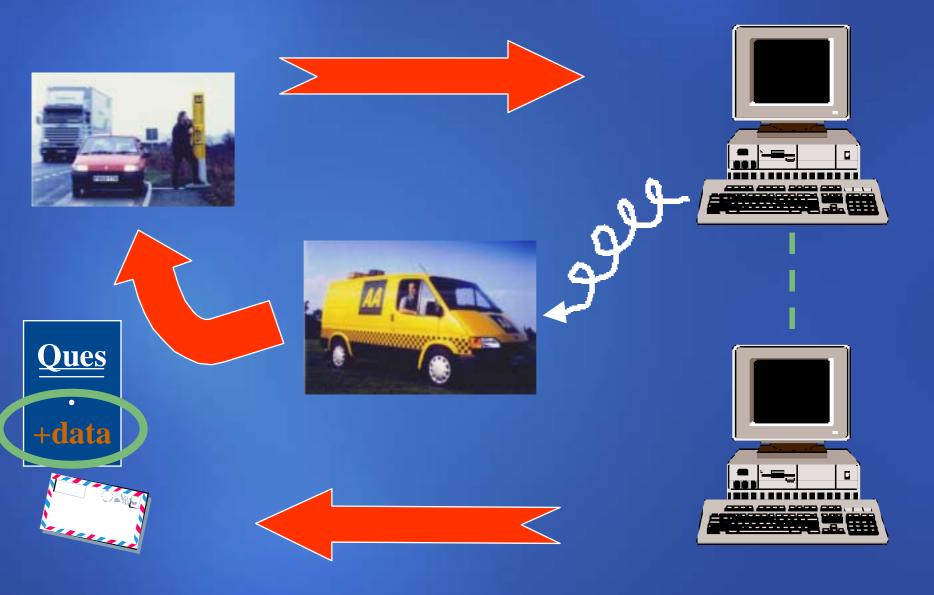
**58%** better targeting than the original methodology

#### **ACORN: Sales targeting**

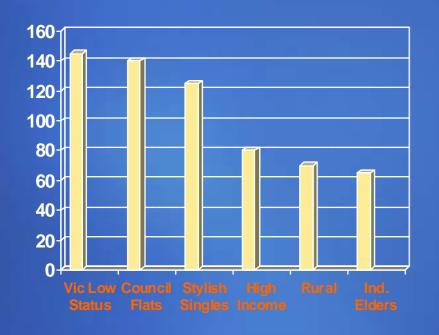


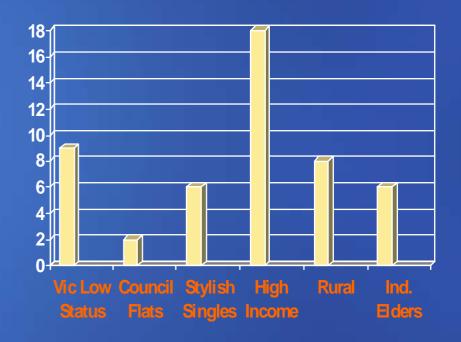
 6 demographic codes out of the 57 demographic codes available account for £32 million pounds of write offs debt, which equates to 60% of the total (CACI, 2004)

#### Measuring customer satisfaction



## Profiling service usage: AA Breakdown Service (Mosaic, 1997)

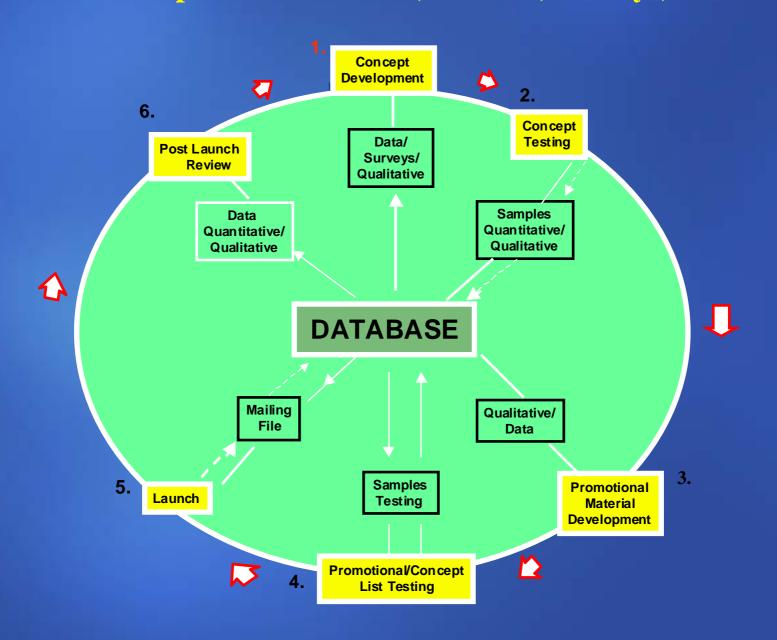




Service usage

Members profile

### Integrating market research and the customer database: A six step model for mail (& online) surveys)



#### The 1980's.....

**CONSUMER DATA** 

**MARKET RESEARCH** 

Groups

Depths

Field Phone Mail Panels

Retail

**Omnibus** 

Etc..

#### Today.....

**CONSUMER DATA** 



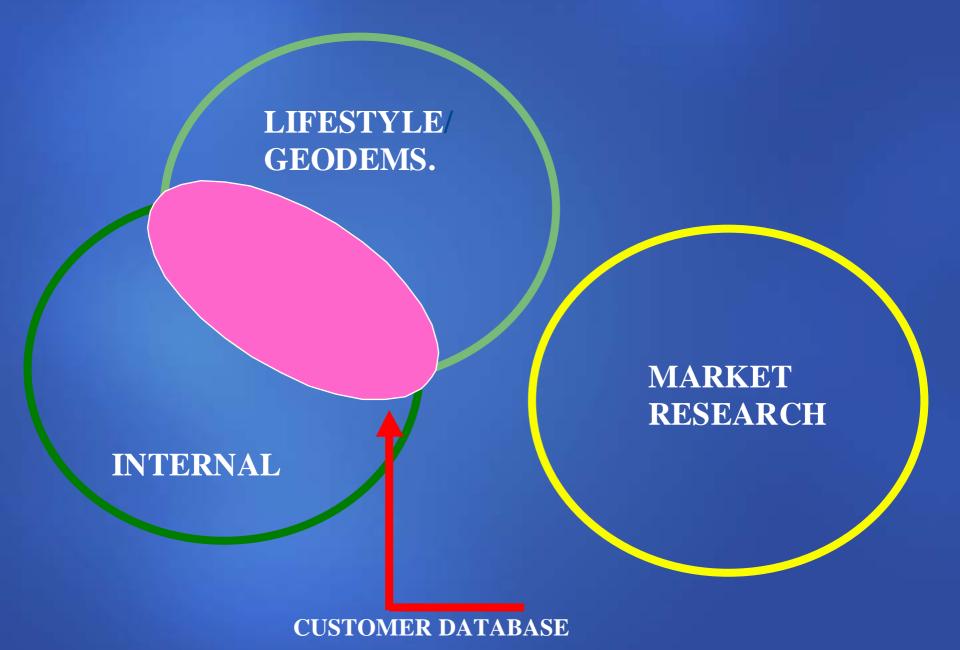
**Time line** 

#### Customer Database: 360 degree view?

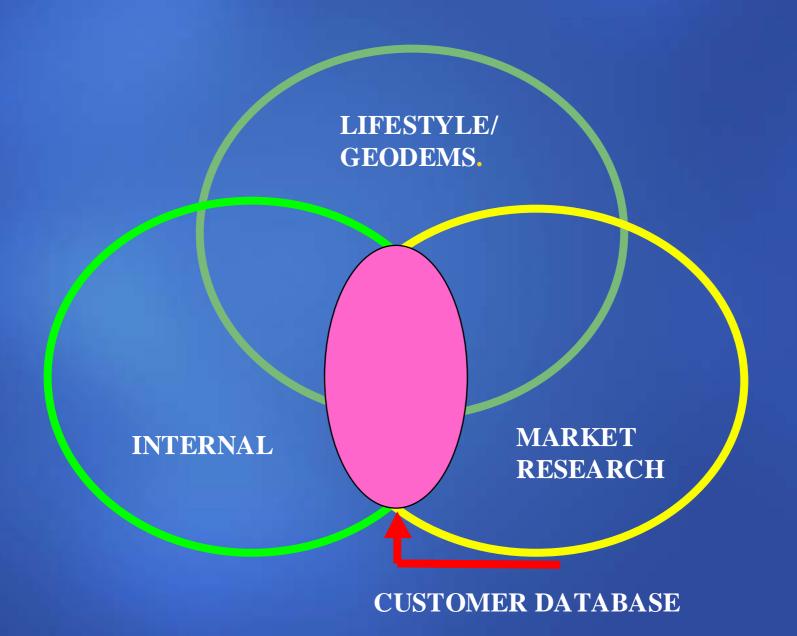
DATA HELD IN THE CDB	Percentage of companies with data %
Customer details	97.73
Contact history	95.45
Transaction data	95.45
Loyalty scheme data	55.81
Market research	52.27
Customer service data	51.16
External Data	48.84
Complaints	45.45

(Source: IDM/Strathclyde 2001)

#### **Evolving data models: Historic**



#### **Evolving data models: Integration**



# Surveys linked to geodemograhpic classifications

Research supplier	Survey	Markets
BMRB	TGI	All markets/media
Ipsos	NRS	Newspapers/magazines
NOP	FRS	Financial services
MORI	FS	Financial services
TNS Sofres	Superpanel	Groceries/impulse
AC Neilsen	Homescan	Groceries
BARB	BARB	Television viewing
ONS	EFS	Expenditure & food

### Data Matching & modelling example: the "FIRST T" Process (Dunn Humby/BMRB)

Match customer database to 3 years' of **TGI** respondents Customer segment (Geo)demographics Name and Lifestyle address Customer **TGI Database Product Attitudes Portfolio Payment** Method Media **Anonymised database of** common individuals

Profile customer segments by TGI variables

#### 'First T' segments (AA)

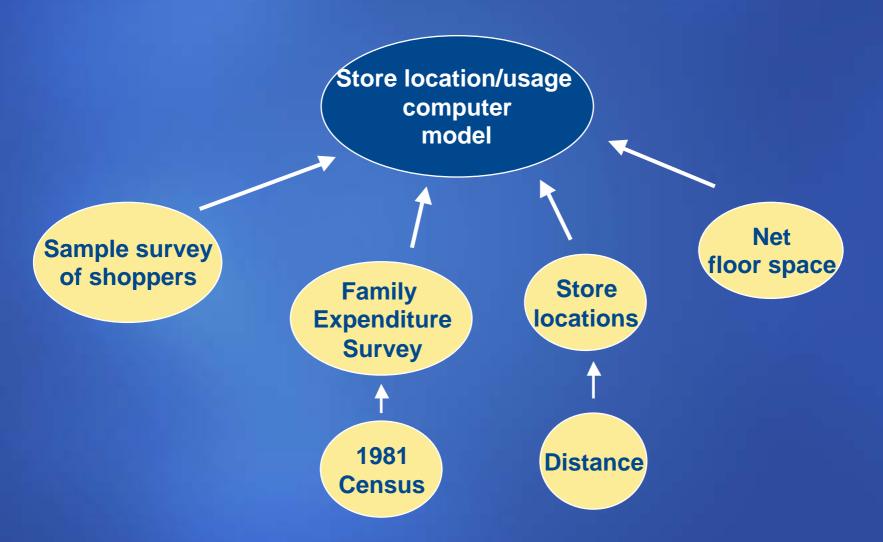
#### Segment X

- Younger people, lower income with children
  - family important
- Aspirational
  - interested in new technology
- Finances
  - Use credit to fund lifestyle
  - Limited savings
- Lifestyle
  - budget conscious
  - use of money off vouchers
  - enter competitions

#### Stream Y

- Traditional empty nesters
  - secure financial situation, happy with standard of living
  - risk adverse, not interested in new technology
- Retired
  - have time on their hands
- Loyal
  - unlikely to switch stick with traditional British brands they know
- Lifestyle
  - motivated by quality
  - holidays

#### Retail modelling: 1987

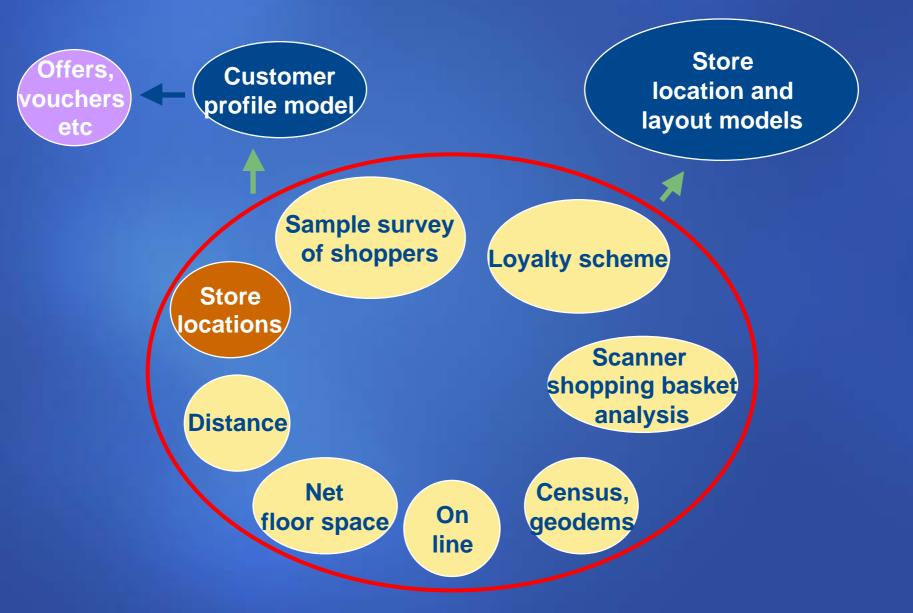


(Handling Geographic Data, HMSO 1987)

## Communicating locally: Retail point locations

Type	Outlets
Petrol stations	12,000
Post offices	18,000
Pubs/clubs	12,000
Convenience stores	22,000
Estate agents	16,000
Financial services	25,000
Non-food	30,000
Automotive	22,000
Clothing	30,000
Household goods	30,000
Leisure	30,000
Food	25,000

#### Retail modelling: 2004



### Final thoughts.....

- The thirst for consumer data presents a few challenges......
- Geodemographics (still) delivers a simple, cheap and elegant solution
- A key that opens the door to wider knowledge