Vendor evaluation worksheet

FOR SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT

Choosing the best solution for your business

The purpose of this worksheet is to help you determine which elements of a subscription management solution are most important for your business so you can select a provider that best meets your business needs.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to subscription management. Every provider has different specialties, and every business has different goals. What's more, every subscription offering has a unique customer base with its own needs and preferences—one that is directly impacted by the providers you choose.

It's important to work methodically and thoroughly when choosing your subscription management solution.

Whether you're new to subscriptions or looking to migrate, this approach will help set up your business up for long-term success and form lasting customer relationships. This tool can help facilitate the process for your business.

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Analytics	Importance High, medium, or low	VENDOR #1	VENDOR #2	VENDOR #3
Revenue overview and planning				
Analytics dashboard				
Customer overview				
Subscription overview				
Industry benchmarks				
Customer actions				
Revenue KPIs				
Product dashboard				
Media attributions				

Ease of use

Out-of-the-box subscriptions solution

Ability to make changes at any time

Migration support

Integrations

Shopify platform integration
Magento platform integration
BigCommerce platform integration
Tax partner integration
Retention tools integration
Upsell integration
Headless frontend integration
Payment processor integration
Customer service integration
Analytics integration
Shipping integration
Fraud integration
Email/marketing integration
Gifting integration
Inventory management integration
Loyalty integration
Referrals and affiliate integration
Subscription workflows integration

Innovation & development

Reputable list of existing customers
Customer references and proof points
Funding and/or revenue invested back into the growth of the company
Product roadmap
Publicly listed uptime stats

Merchant tools	Importance High, medium, or low	VENDOR #1	VENDOR #2	VENDOR #3
Out-of-the-box discount solutions				
Out-of-the-box tax solutions				
Out-of-the-box shipping engines				
Out-of-the-box email notifications				
Out-of-the-box customer retention strategies				
Merchant admin portal				
Robust and flexible APIs				
SMS workflows				
Custom checkout domain				

Payments

Payment processor support (Stripe, Authorize.net, and Braintree)

Payment method support (credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal SEPA, and iDEAL)
Secure payment vaulting
Ability to automatically notify customers when their credit cards expire
Ability to retry failed payments (custom interveral)
Ability to pre-authorize transactions

Quality of support

Dedicated account manager
Access to documentation
Guaranteed same-day response
Email support
Phone support
Dedicated launch partner
Introductions and partnerships with agencies
Annual industry conference
Slack support channel
High customer satisfaction rating
Ability to start migration immediately

Customer tools

Customer portal
Ability for customers to add one-time products to a subscription order
Ability for customers to reschedule or skip deliveries
Ability for customers to swap products
Shopper SMS notifications
Customizable shopper portal
Ability to enable one-click upsells from email, SMS, and shopper portal

Additional features

Fill in other features that are important to your business needs