

# Retargeting is Not



# Audience Targeting

Retargeting might be popular as a lower-funnel online marketing strategy to reach a large pool of audiences. However, it might not be the best way to effectively target and deliver personalized messages.

## 1 When Does Retargeting Become Stalker-Like?

One of the biggest consumer complaints about retargeting is that advertisers are trying to get you to buy another one of the products you have already bought. Retargeting is not exactly audience targeting and it is easy to confuse the two. A user may have visited a website purely by:



Accident



Curiosity



Example:

If a man clicked on a website that his wife sent him about an interesting product, it does not necessarily reflect his intent to purchase.



This ad might then follow the user around on other websites like a “stalker”.

## 2 Why is Retargeting Not Audience Targeting?

Audience targeting is completely different to retargeting.

### Audience Targeting



Precise reach and personalized



Relevant ad to right user at the right time, in the right location



Personalized ads for consumer

VS

### Retargeting



Broader reach & less personalized



Serving irrelevant ad to the wrong user



Consumer backlash against ads and the rise of ad blocking

Resulting in...

### About Eyeota

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