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# HOW APARTMENT LIST PARTNERED WITH BYTEGAIN TO *IDENTIFY AND TARGET* ITS HIGHEST VALUE USERS

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ByteGain makes artificial intelligence available to any business. We work with some of the top companies in the world to harness the ability of machine learning to better engage and market to customers. Here's the story of how one leading apartment search marketplace saw great success using ByteGain's technology.



# Apartment List is a leading online marketplace for rental homes and apartments

John Kobs and Chris Erickson both had terrible experiences trying to rent an apartment. Together in 2011, they founded Apartment List with the aim of making the rental process more efficient, transparent, and enjoyable. Today, Apartment List is the fastest growing apartment site in the U.S. with its website and mobile apps reaching millions of renters every month, and matching them with a home that fits their needs.



## OBJECTIVE

# Identify and engage in-market renters

Companies in the online apartment rental space find it difficult to distinguish between renters browsing for an apartment and those actively in-market to sign a lease.

While the industry traditionally markets to every renter the same way, regardless of intent, Apartment List sought to identify only those in-market renters to focus marketing efforts.

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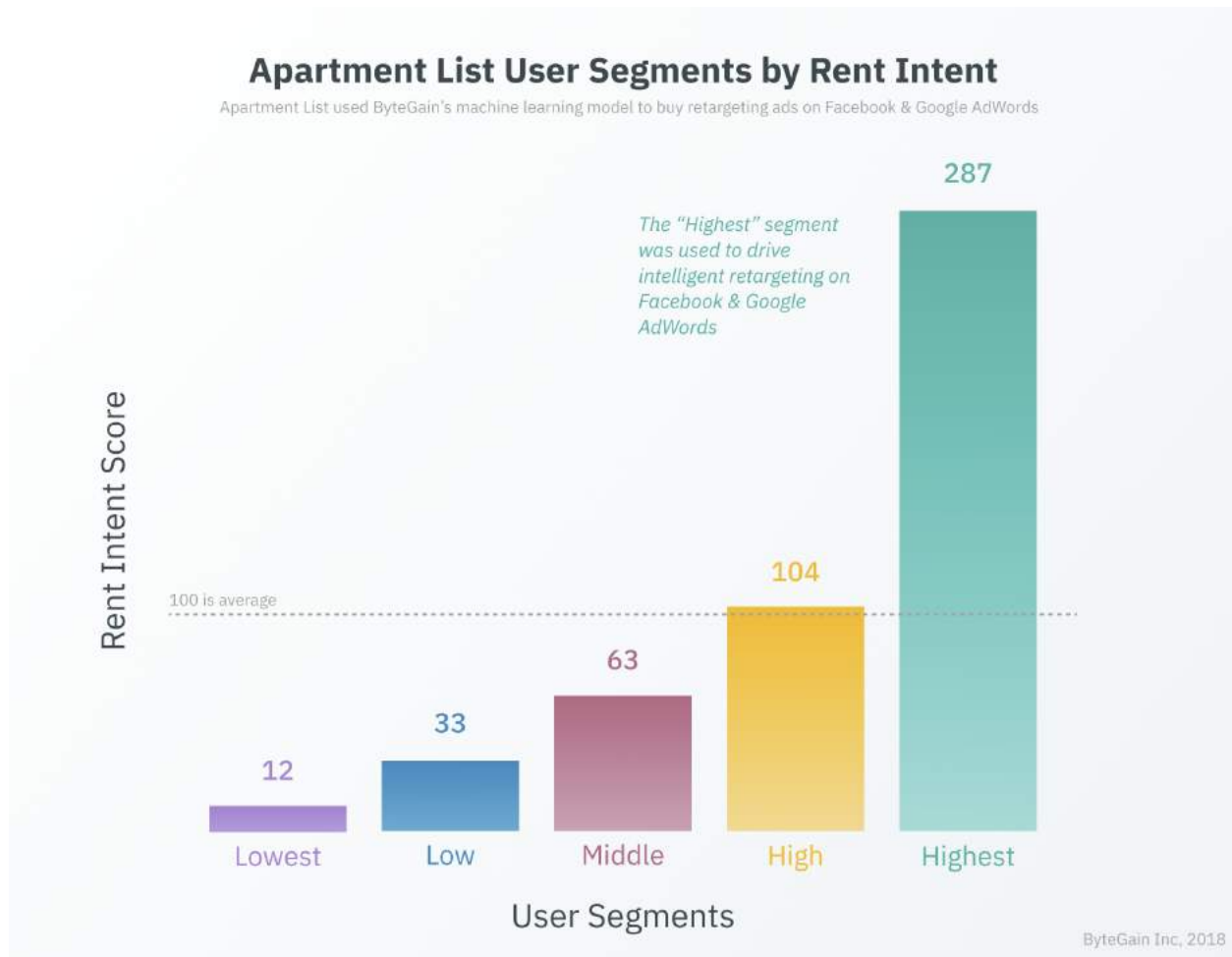
# STRATEGY

## Predict user behavior using a deep learning model

Every marketer's dream is to **understand the intent** of a customer. Using tens of billions of data points, Apartment List partnered with ByteGain to train a deep learning model to predict the preferences, behavior, and intent of every renter who visited Apartment List's website and apps.

First, the model predicted whether a user was likely to sign a lease in the next few months. And if so, whether they would organically sign with Apartment List or go elsewhere.

Using this model, ByteGain helped Apartment List buy retargeting ads on Facebook and Google Adwords to **re-engage the most valuable segments** of users.



# RESULTS

Apartment List saw a vast improvement in their campaigns.

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## 51%

Increase in  
CLICK-THROUGH-RATE

## 17%

Increase in  
USER ACTIVITY

## 108%

Increase in  
REVENUE

Using insights from the deep learning model, Apartment List dramatically improved marketing efficiency. ByteGain technology accurately provided predictions about:

- Which users were in-market for an apartment
- For those that were in-market, which would sign a lease on Apartment List versus elsewhere
- The optimal sorting of rental listings to maximize conversion
- The best method of retargeting in-market renters via Adwords, Facebook, and Doubleclick

“ByteGain allows us to do things that we never thought possible. Their models help us target renters intelligently, leading to greater efficiency, increased revenue, and ultimately happier users. Looking forward to continued insights from our partnership.”

**CHRIS ERICKSON**  
*Co-Founder, Apartment List*

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To excel at marketing, your company needs an intimate understanding of each customer's needs and wants. You can invest months of your time into surveys, focus groups, and data gathering. Or you can automate the entire process through ByteGain.

## **Minimal Implementation Cost**

ByteGain works with existing data warehouses and has its own data gathering capabilities. Because of this, there's often little or no implementation required by the client.

## **Big Gains**

ByteGain's deep learning models provide big gains in click-through rate and return on investment for ads and other marketing interactions.

## **Reliability**

ByteGain's models refresh weekly. This ensures that predictions keep up with changing websites and user behaviors.

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