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What is it?

The eSocial module provides a centralized website that allows attendees to connect with other attendees before, during and after an event. The eSocial site allows attendees to see who else is coming, schedule appointments and message one another through email or SMS text messaging. Event planners and organizers can use the eSocial module for a variety of different programs including hosted buyer programs, networking and matchmaking programs, mentoring programs, cohort learning programs and more. Event marketers can utilize the site as a new sponsorship offering by including banner ads, sponsor content and interactive widgets such as embedded video, Twitter and RSS feeds.

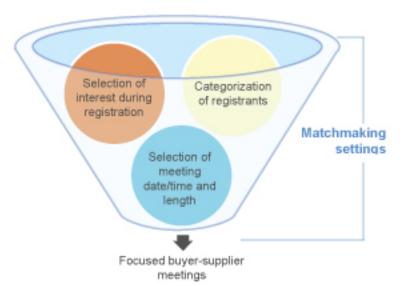
Within the eSocial module there is a special feature called "Matchmaking" that allows administrators to automate the matching process between the role of vendor versus attendee. The feature allows you to designate different attendee types as vendor or supplier and then auto-generate meetings.

Why use it?

One of the most important criteria used to evaluate whether an event was "worth it" is whether the people that registered are perceived as the "right" type of people for an attendee's purpose. While event planners and organizers know that identifying and

connecting the right people is the top priority at an event, few planners or organizers are actually doing this because it is an extremely challenging and time consuming process. eSocial's Matchmaking capability is designed to make the facilitation process easy.

The 'Matchmaking' feature set allows organizers, attendees and exhibitors an easy way to identify, connect and communicate with the individual they want to meet. It can support any type networking program and allow attendees to opt into pre-designed networking activities, as well as create their own and thus provide an exceptional experience at the event.







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How do I use it?

The 'Matchmaking settings' feature set is found within the eSocial module available in the etouches' Pro package. The Matchmaking feature set within eSocial consists of 3 different sections:

- Vendors/attendees
- Interests
- Meeting restrictions

Feature Focus: Matchmaking

The matchmaking feature of eSocial works with the eReg module to allow attendees to select interest areas or topics/categories during their initial registration or at a later date when the attendee wants to modify their registration. The selected interest areas, topics or categories can be used to match attendees to one another, or match various attendee categories together.

Vendor/Attendees

The Vendors/attendees section allows pairing different categories of registrants. This feature helps in differentiating between attendees and vendors at your event.







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Interest

The 'Interest' section allows you to enter your interests during registration. Interests can be either added or imported.





Attendee Interest Selections

Additionally, attendees can weight their interests based upon which interests are most important to them. Attendees can also be given a certain minimum and maximum number of interests they should select. Weighted interests require the attendee to rank their selected interests in order of importance to them. This will give better matches when it comes to matching your attendees with vendors.





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Vendor Interest Selections

Vendors can also weight their interests based upon which interests are most important to them. Vendors can be given a certain minimum and maximum number of interests they should select. Weighted interests require the vendor to rank their selected interests in order of importance to them. This will give better matches when it comes to matching your vendor with attendees.

Meeting Restrictions

The 'Meeting restrictions' section lets you select the meeting date, time and length. You can specify the meeting length, minutes that the time dropdowns should increment when using this meeting type.



Matchmaking Report

eSocial allows event administrators to auto-match attendees together and automatically generate meetings. The matchmaking reports are color-coded to demonstrate the goodness of fit between areas of interests of attendee and vendor.

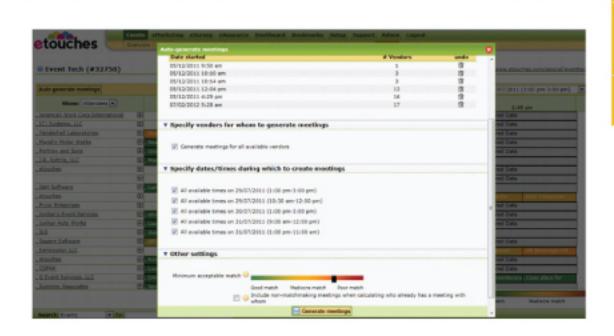
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When you click on the 'Auto generate meetings' tab, you can do the following:

- Check the vendors for which the matchmaking auto-generations have been partially completed.
- Check the vendors for which the matchmaking auto-generations have been fully completed.
- Specify vendors for whom to generate meetings.
- Specify dates/times during which to create meetings.
- Specify a 'minimum acceptable match'- Use the slider to specify a minimum score a match must have for an appointment to be created.
- Include non-matchmaking meetings when calculating who already has a meeting with whom – This setting is useful if you are allowing the attendees and vendors to schedule their own meetings in the system.