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## Welcome to the AppNexus Industry Reference!

This guide is for anyone who wants to learn more about online advertising and ad trading. It contains information on:

- Ad tech concepts
- How ad trading and ad serving work
- Key industry terms that will help you understand online advertising and ad tech
- Important issues related to online advertising and the Internet, like privacy and data collection

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