

# mSite UX - overall approach

[based on 25 principles  
of mobile site design]

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# 50%

of smartphone users said if they were unhappy with their experience on a mobile site or an app, they would be less likely to buy products or services from that company in the future

# Opportunity

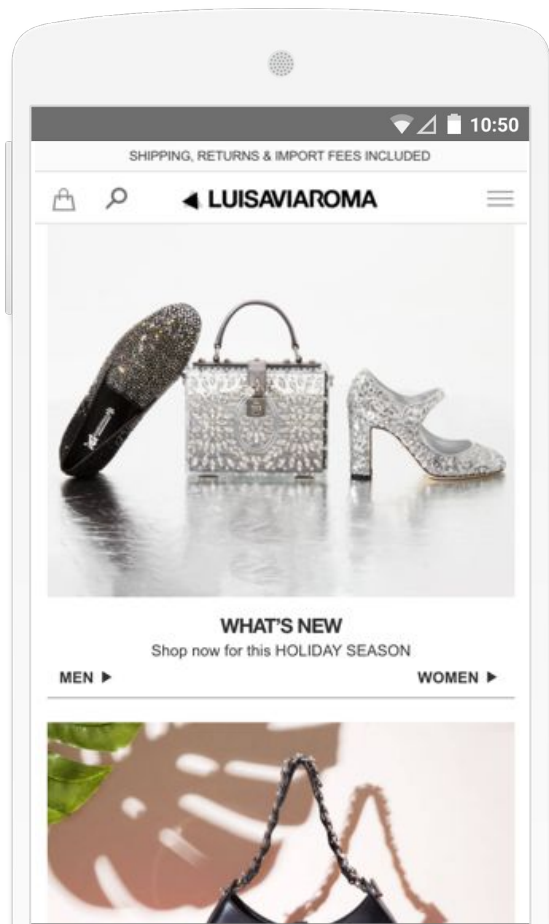
Increasing the mobile conversion rate by only **5%** can bring  
**additional \$\$M annualized revenue**

Start with A/B tests for higher site conversion rate!

How to calculate: Google Analytics ecommerce report

# Case study: LUISAVIAROMA

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- ✓ 91% increase in mobile transactions
- ✓ 53% increase in mobile traffic
- ✓ **69% increase in mobile revenue**
- ✓ 48% of all transactions are influenced by mobile

Case study link:

[http://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/luisaviaroma\\_ga\\_external\\_case\\_study\\_final2.pdf](http://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/luisaviaroma_ga_external_case_study_final2.pdf)

## A few success stories....



**+21% Overall Conversion Rate**

[Link to Case Study](#)



**+40% Mobile Conversion Rate**

[Link to Case Study](#)



**+4% Online Mobile Revenue**

[Link to Case Study](#)



**+25% Overall Conversion Rate**

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**+91% Mobile Transactions**

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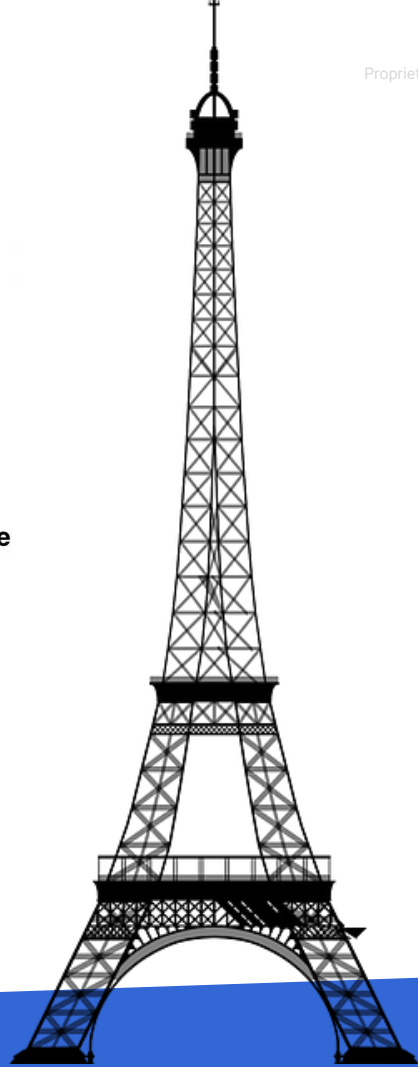
**+41% Mobile Conversion Rate**

[Link to Case Study](#)

# Which treatment had the highest number of sign-ups?

**+78% more  
sign-ups**

New page



Everything discussed now is for  
A/B testing!



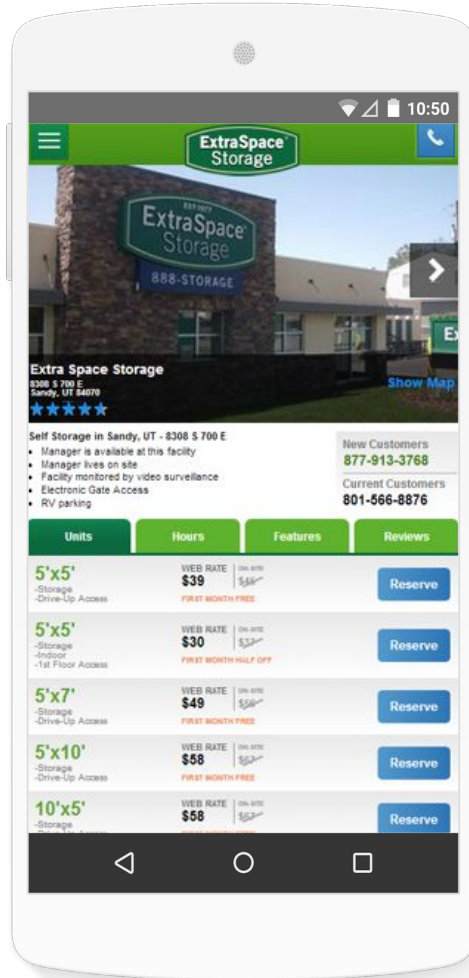
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a silver smartphone. The phone is held vertically, and the bottom edge is visible, showing a circular port and a speaker grille. To the right of the phone is a white disposable coffee cup with a black lid. The lid has some text on it, including 'MAKI' and '25'. The background is blurred, showing warm, bokeh light effects. A blue rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom right of the image, containing the text 'Why to A/B test?'.

Why to A/B  
test?

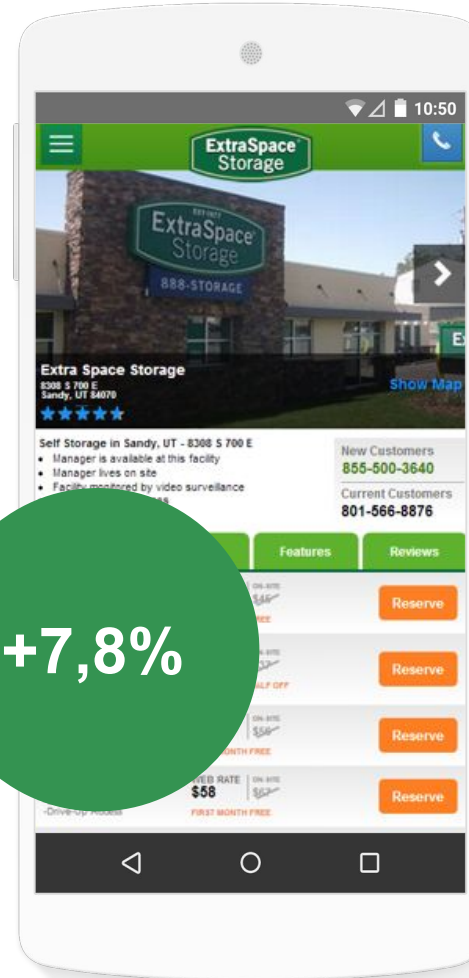


“On average 30% of a/b tests are successful.”

Without **a/b testing** there is a **70%** chance that you implement a change on your website with no or a negative impact on your revenue



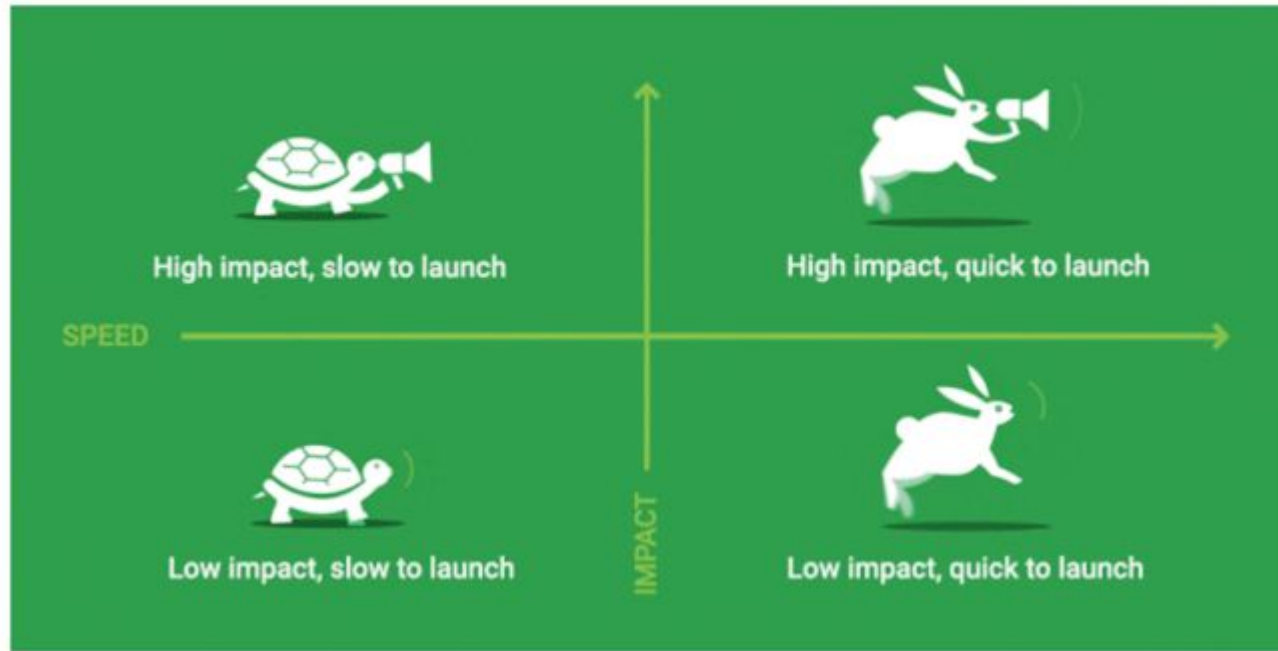
+7,8%



# Prioritize

Avoid testing everything at a time. It makes it hard to assess impact.

# Prioritize: speed-versus-impact grid



# What is that?

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**DEALS OF THE WEEK**

1 Disney under \$5  
2 Hot Wheels under \$5  
3 New CDs under \$6  
4 New DVDs under \$8  
5 PlayStation 2 Games under \$10  
6 Xbox Games under \$15  
7 LEGO Sets under \$20  
8 Yu-Gi-Oh! Packs under \$20  
9 DVD Box Sets under \$30  
10 Dell Notebooks under \$400 **PayPal**

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[Started](#)

[How to Register](#)

[How to Shop on eBay](#)

■ [Tips for Safe Commerce](#)

■ [Learn about PayPal](#)

**Featured Items** *all featured items...*

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Following

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Electronics

Leisure

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Health & Beauty

Motors

Deals & Special Offers

Local

# As Good as New

Save up to 50% on refurbished tech vs. new.\*

12 Month Warranty

[Shop Now →](#)

\*Conditions apply.

Smartphones



Computing



## Shop the Car Parts you Need

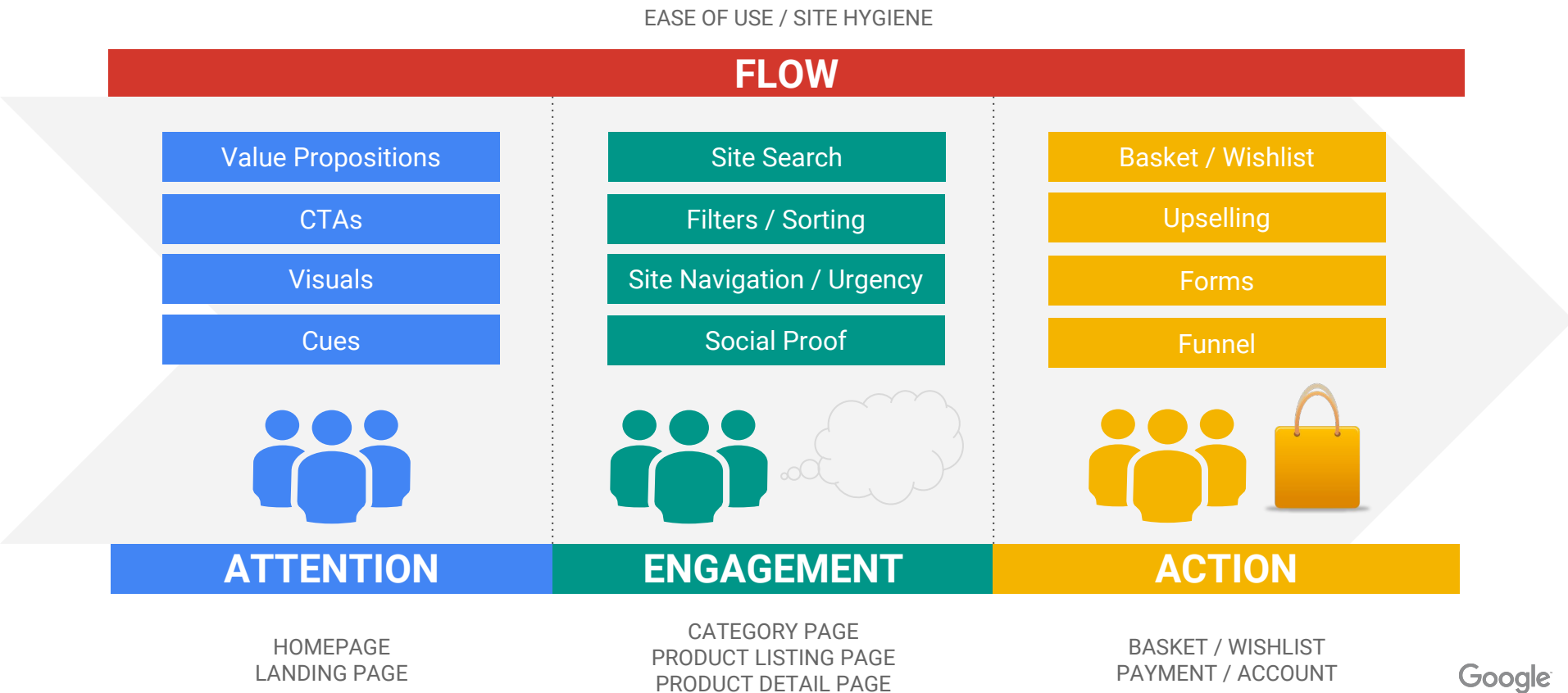
[Shop now →](#)

## Today's Featured Collections



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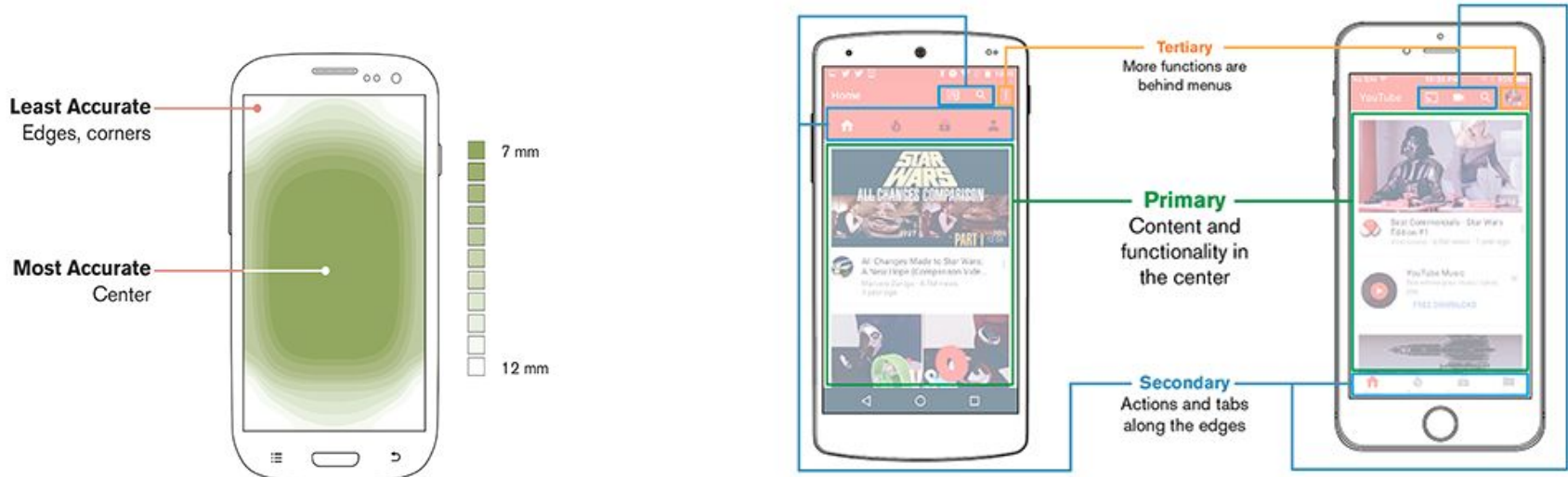




# General Hygiene

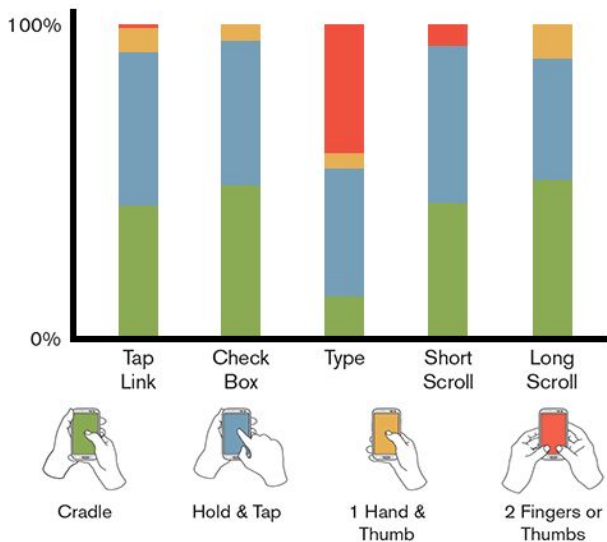
# Touch-Friendly Information Design

- “Regardless of the type of touchscreen device, people prefer to **touch the center of the screen.**”
- “[...] always **place the primary content at the center** of the screen [...] **Place secondary** actions along **the top and bottom edges.**”
- “People prefer to **view content in the center** of the screen. Plus, they notice content in the middle of the screen more quickly and read it more accurately.”



# How Do Users Hold Mobile Devices?

- 75% of users touch the screen only with one thumb.
- Fewer than 50% of users hold their phone with one hand.
- 36% of users cradle their phone, using their second hand for both greater reach and stability.
- 10% of users hold their phone in one hand and tap with a finger of the other hand.



**Cradled**



**Hold and Touch**



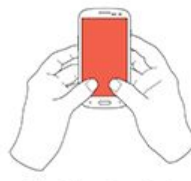
**Two Hands – Landscape**



**One Hand – First Order**

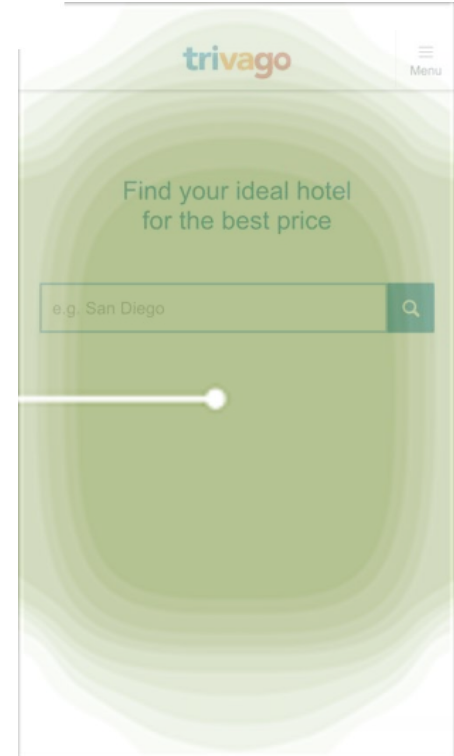
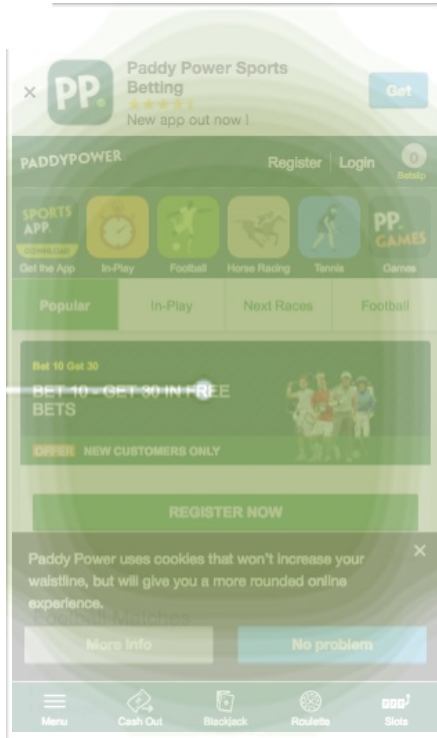


**One Hand – Second Order**



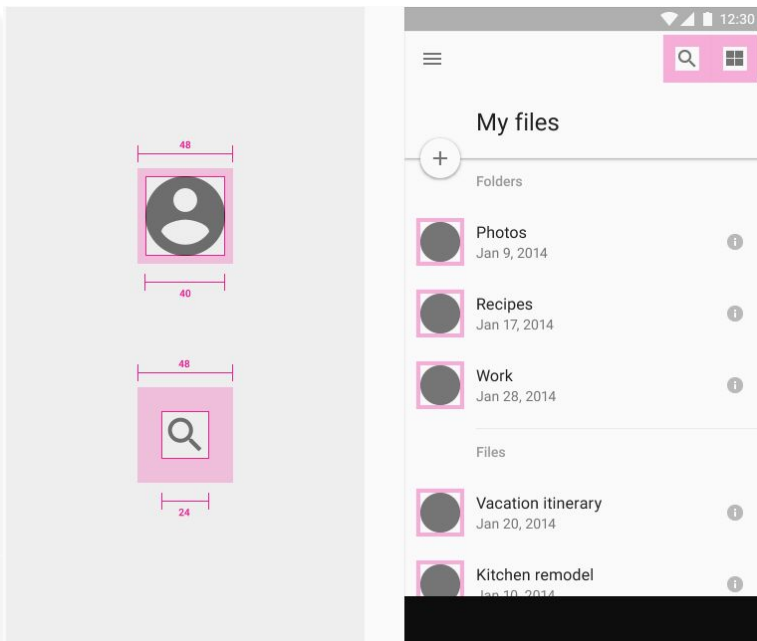
**Two Hands – Portrait**

# How far can users reach?



# Make sure users are comfortable to tap elements

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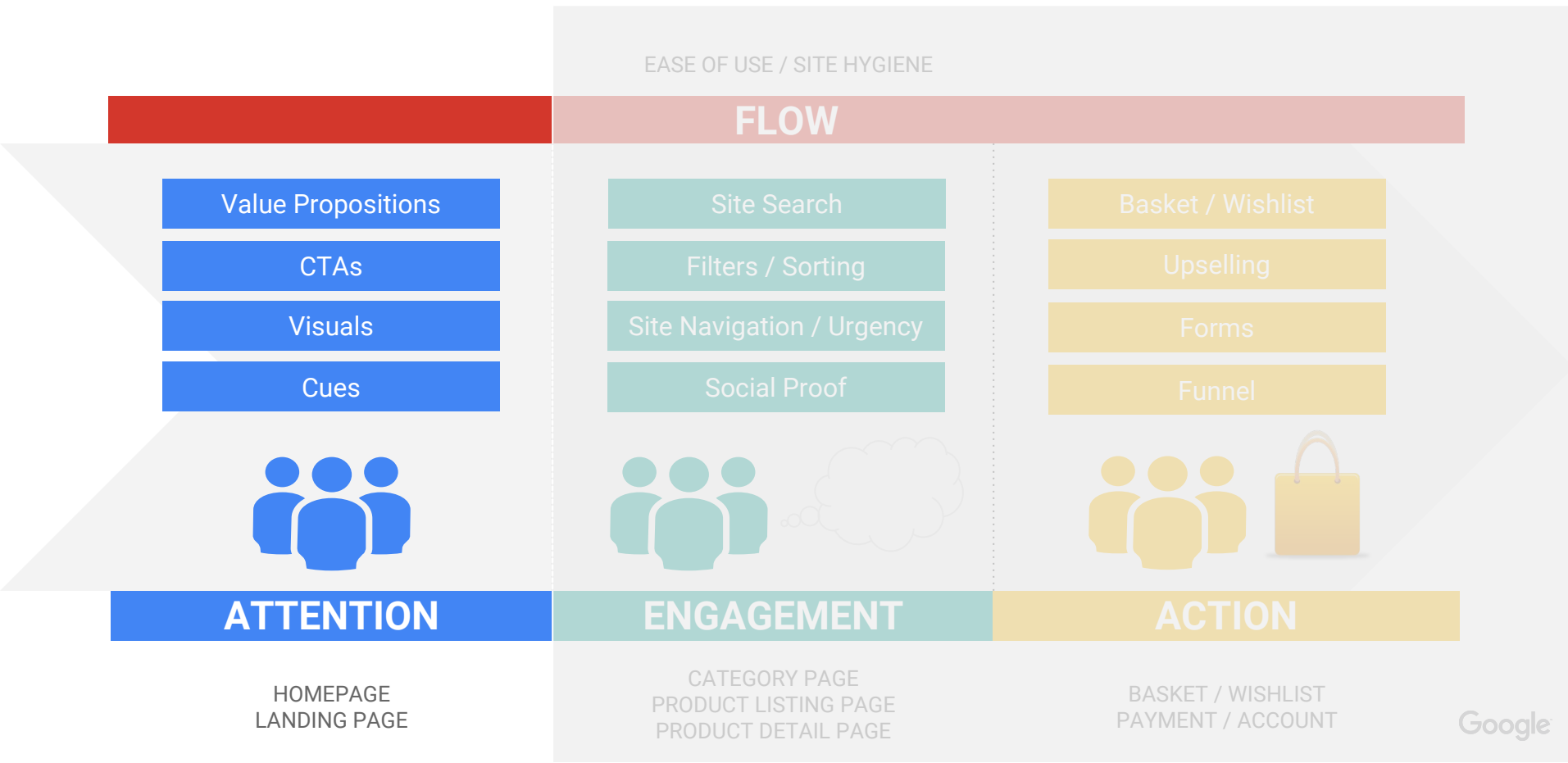
**Idea to A/B test:** Touch targets extend beyond the visual bounds of an element. For example, an icon may appear to be 24 x 24 dp, but the padding surrounding it comprises the full 48 x 48 dp touch target. ([more details](#))



# Attention

# Conversion Principles

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# The 3 most important elements of the homepage

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1. A clear **Value Proposition**
2. A clear **Call To Action**
3. **Visuals** of your products/services

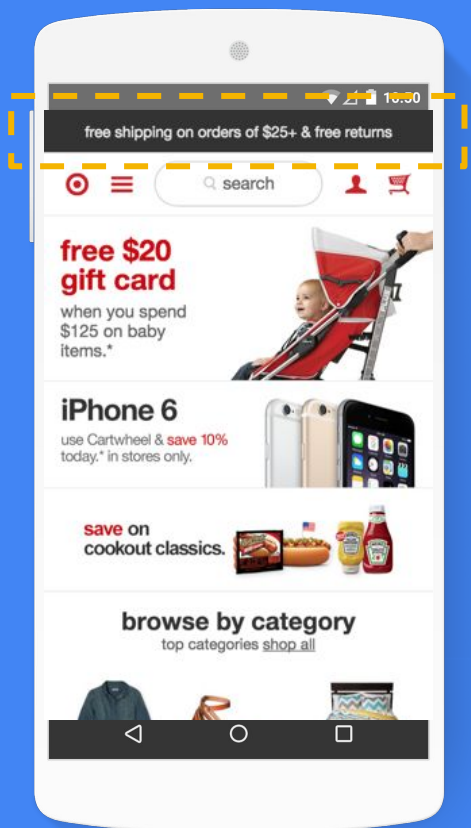


# Elements of a good value proposition

- ★ **Add value/resolve anxiety** from the start.
- ★ Not a slogan nor a positioning statement.
- ★ **Specific, customer-oriented, with a clear benefit and answer the question “Why buy from you?”**
- ★ **Number 1 concern in retail is about delivery costs.** Use “Free delivery” if you can or clarify the delivery costs from the start.

EXAMPLE

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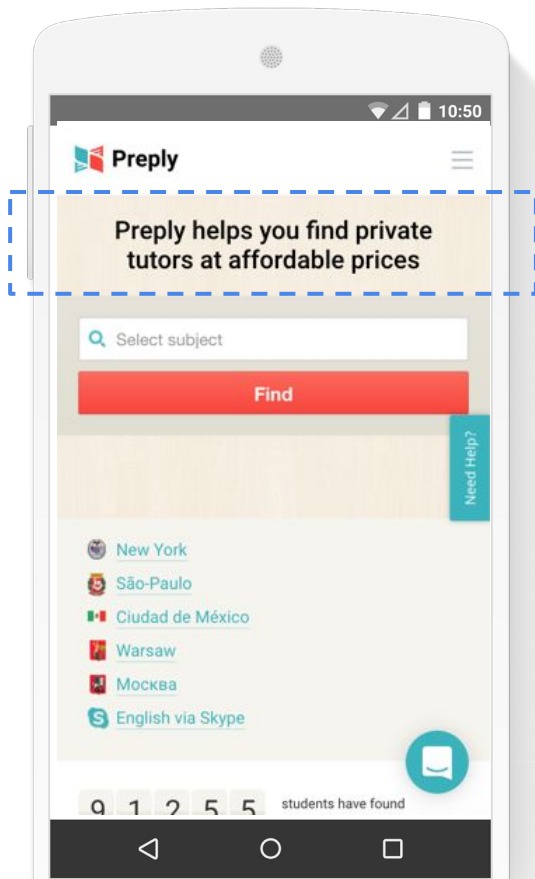
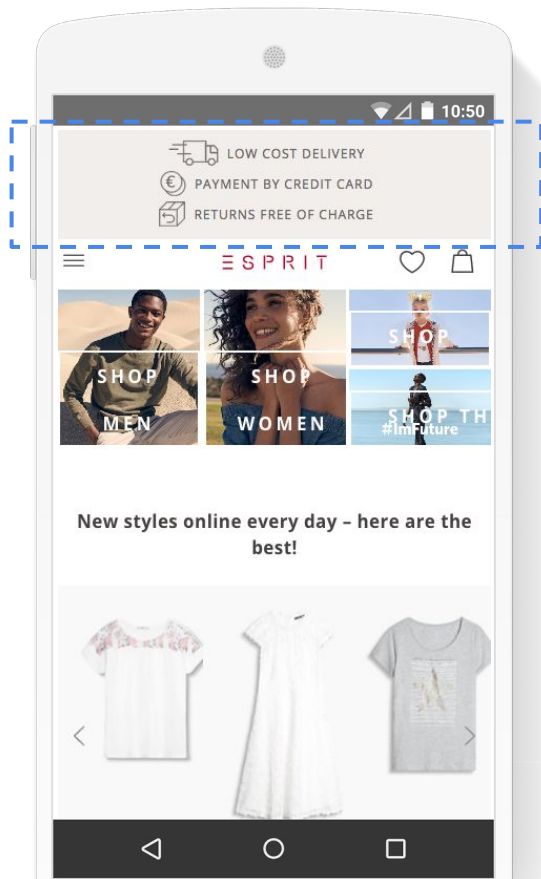
# Main value propositions (interpreted)

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- 1 Free delivery, return
- 2 Free trial
- 3 20% discount
- 4 Secure payment

# Try exposing your main **value proposition** prominently

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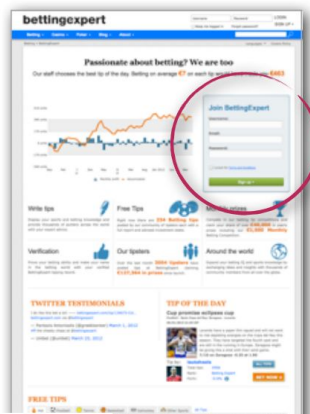


Ensure your users are always aware of your value propositions. Show it prominently.

**Sign Up**

**Sign Up & Get the Best Daily Tips**

# Focus on benefit oriented call-to-actions



Control:

Treatment:

**Join BettingExpert**

Username:

Email:

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**Sign up +**



**Get FREE Betting Tips**

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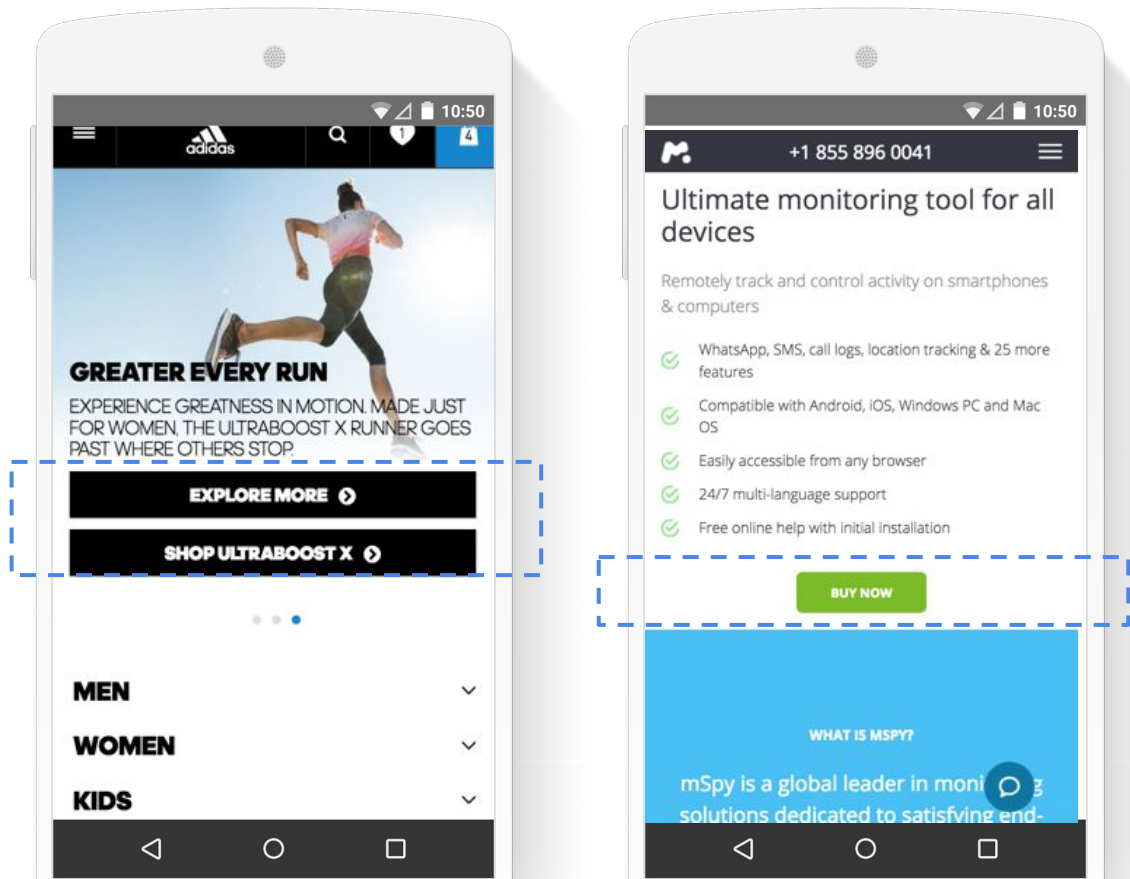
**Sign Up & Get the Best Daily Tips**

BettingExpert.com tweaked the **form copy** (headline & button text), led to an increase of **33% in membership sign-ups**

Original: Sign Up  
Test: Sign Up & Get the Best Daily Tips

# Try adding **call to action** clearly

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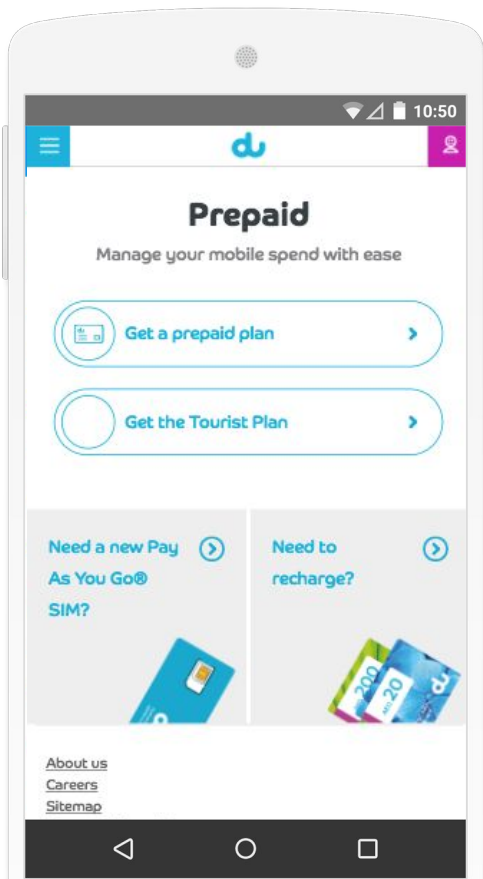
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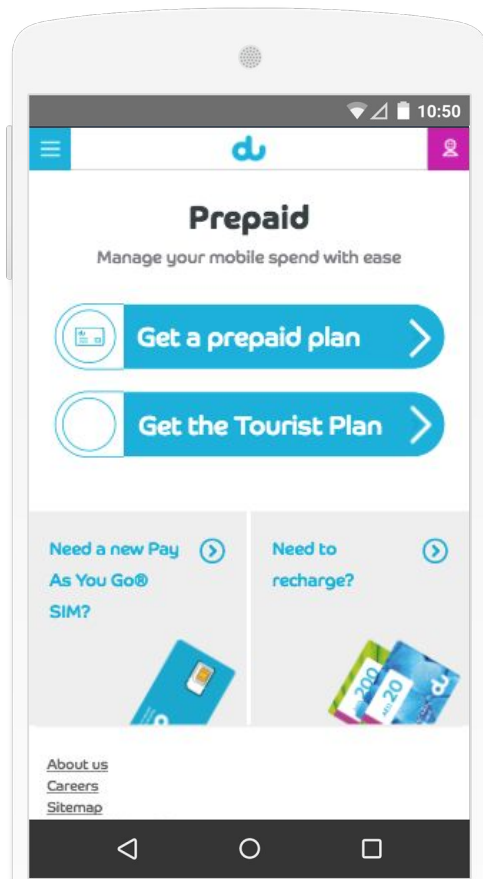
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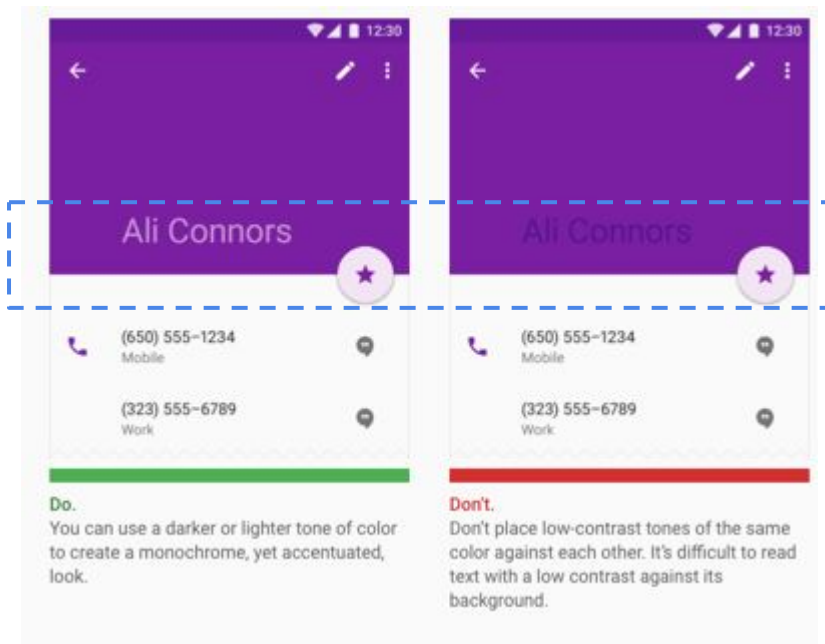
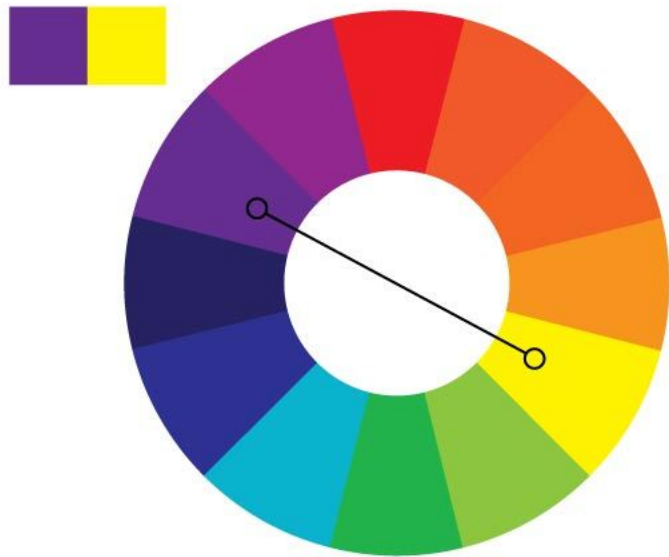
Option 1



Option 2



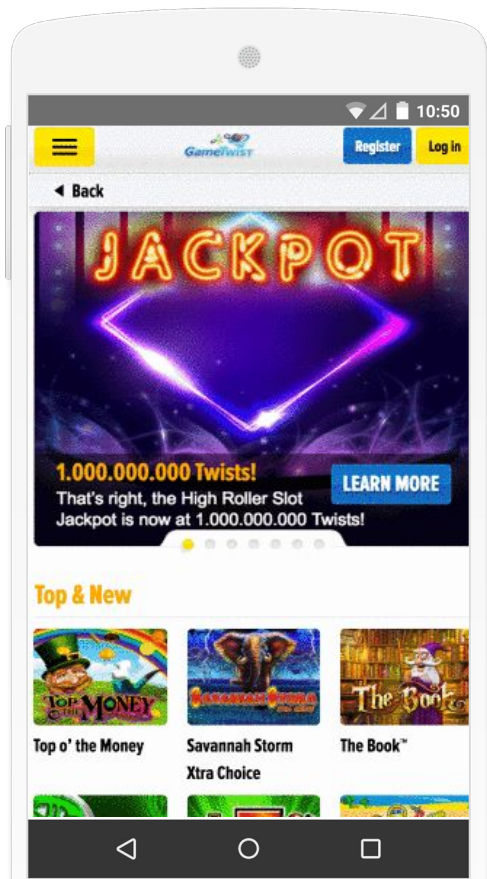
Guide your users: Try showing call to action prominently and play with contrasts.



This color wheel depicts contrasting CTA colors opposite to their main colors. You can simply pick the color shown opposite to your site's background color from the color wheel and test it out. Check: [google material design](https://material.google.com).

# Be careful with image sliders

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**Idea to A/B test:** Automatic image sliders can be tricky, as take too much space and attention, which drags the focus away from important CTAs.

What's more, users can't go back to the messages they like.

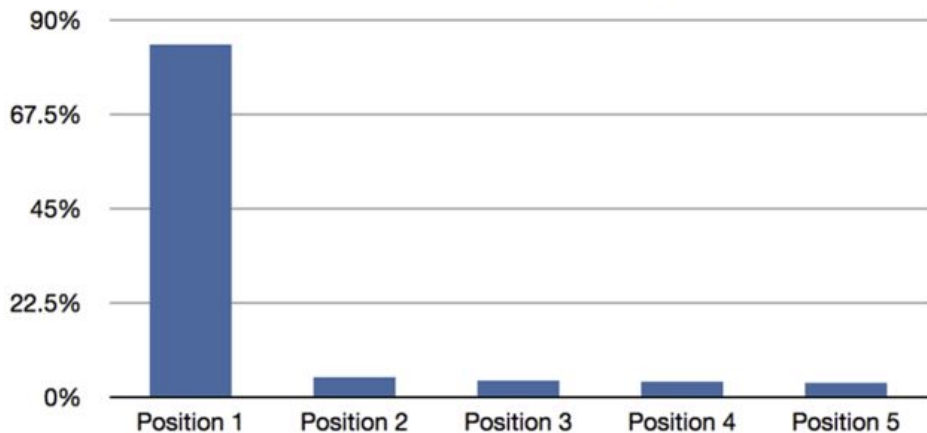
Thus, you could try “user initiated” image sliders where you let people swipe to see your different offers.

Indicate that they can do it by displaying a part of the next image and use dots.

# Statistics show that carousels rarely work

Carousels can be perceived as banners and therefore will be ignored.  
The user should be always in control.

ND.edu Feature Click-Through Rate



**Luke Wroblewski**

@lukew



Following

.@erunyon basically that data tells me don't use carousels. cc/ @brad\_frost



Reply



Retweet



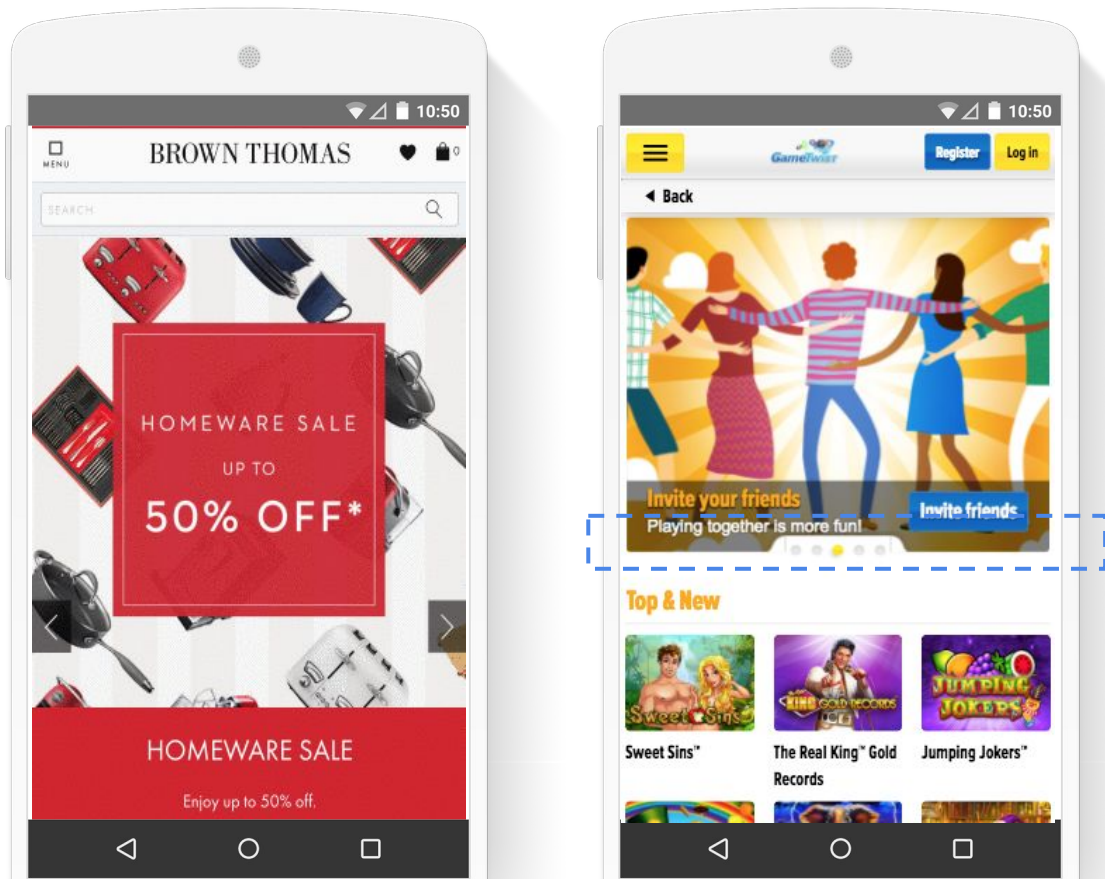
Favorite



More

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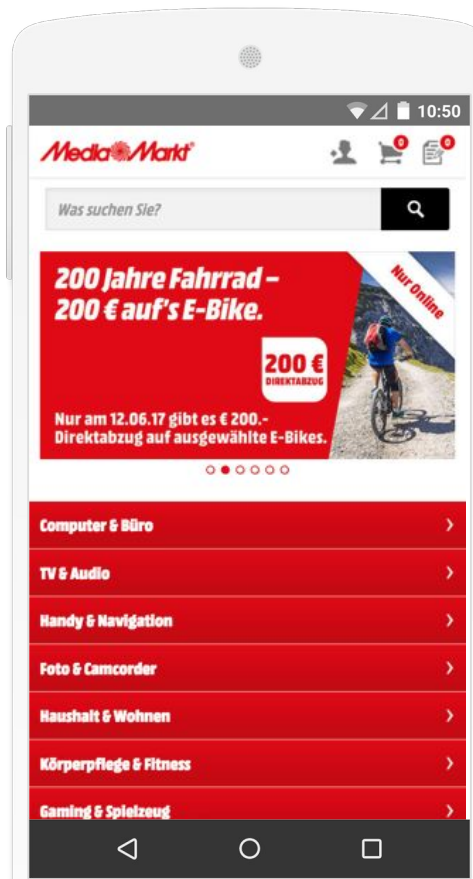
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Retail: 30-40% of the space on homepage goes to the top-level categories



### Idea to A/B test:

When landing on the homepage of a new site, users will try to infer the scope of the site they've landed on.

On the homepage and landing pages, brands should give references to minimum of 30-40% of the top-level categories

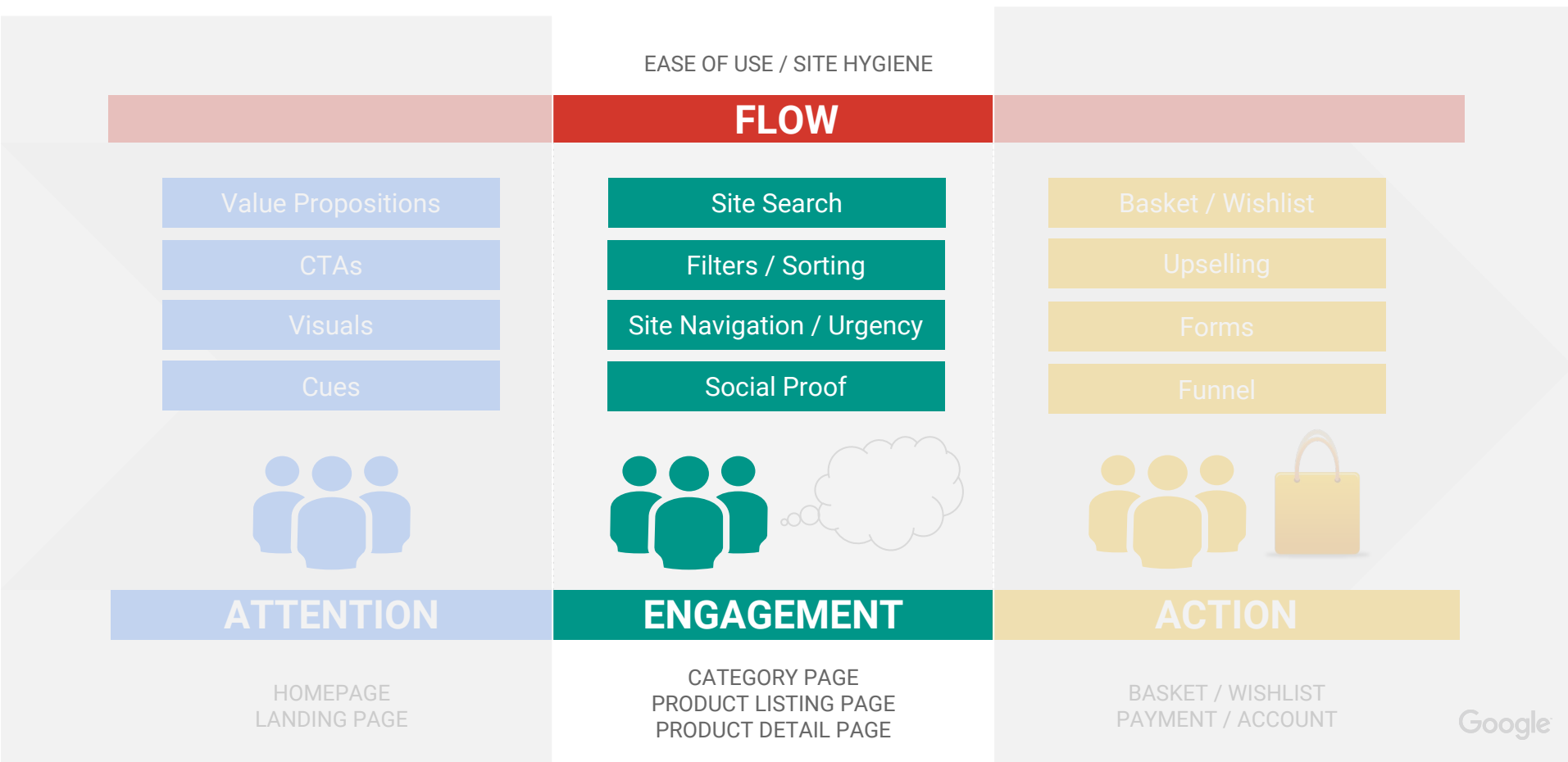


# Engagement



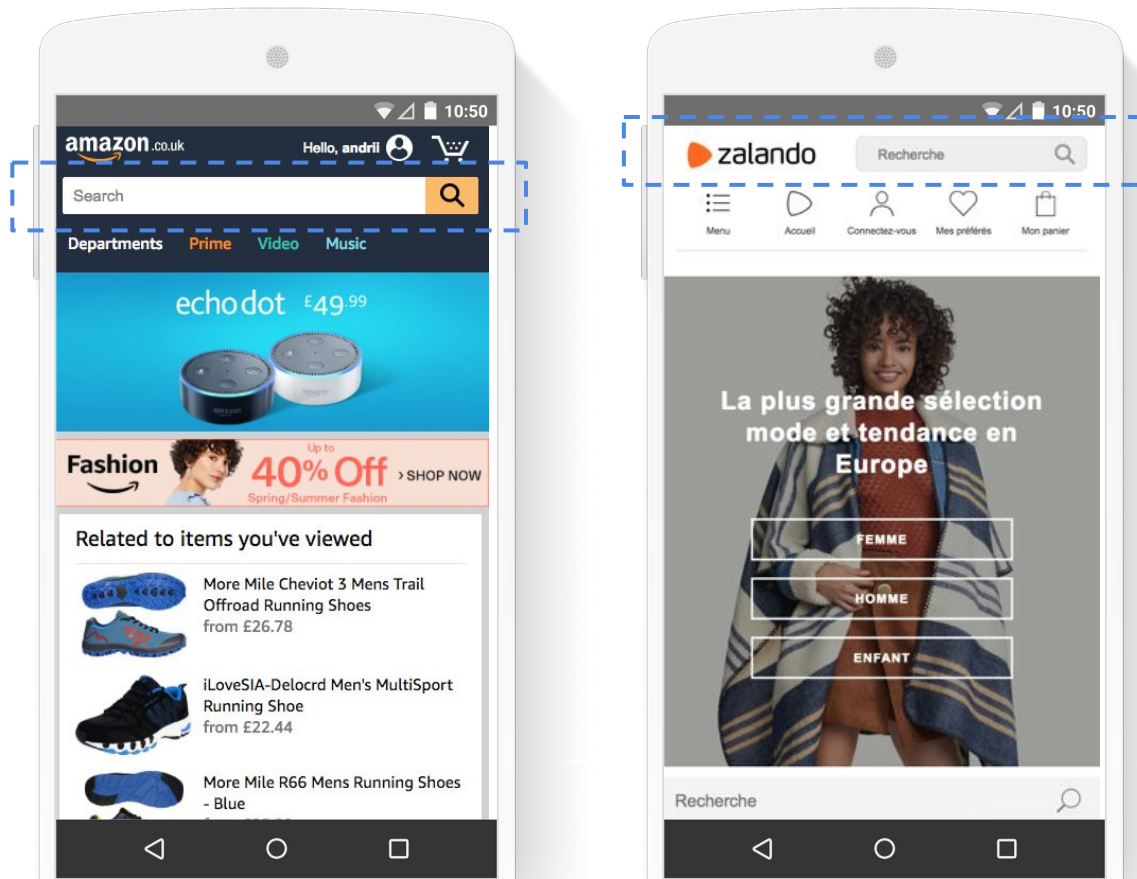
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# Try to show search prominently

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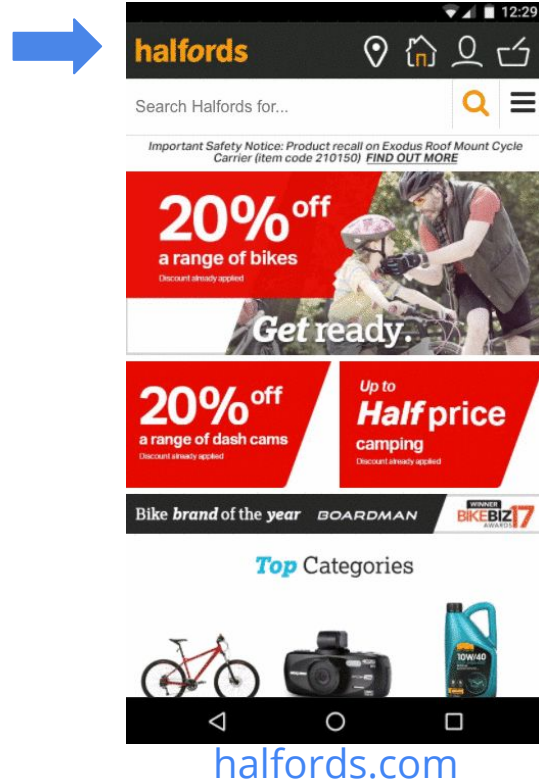


Search bar is very actively used on websites of specific types (retail, travel).

Users, who engage with search generate 2-3x higher conversion rates, therefore, are 2-3x more valuable.

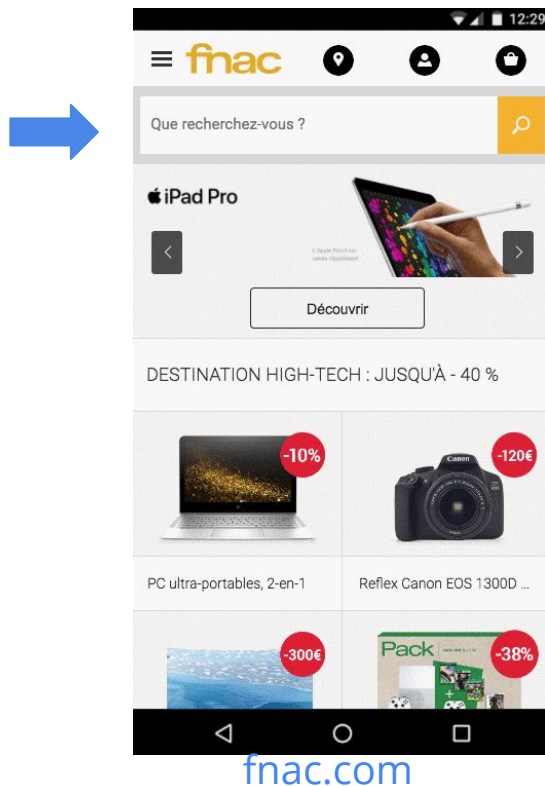
Zalando shows a prominent search bar using the full width of the screen, also indicating what it is that users can search for.

# A/B testing iteration: search bar sticky on the top



Try to to stick the search bar to the top of the page like Halfords does.

# Next A/B testing iteration: header sticky on the top



Go even further by making the whole header sticky on the top of the page like fnac does.

# If not used correctly Site Search can lead to bad user experience



- 22% of searches give zero results
- 85% of searches don't return what the user is looking for
- 80% will abandon the website



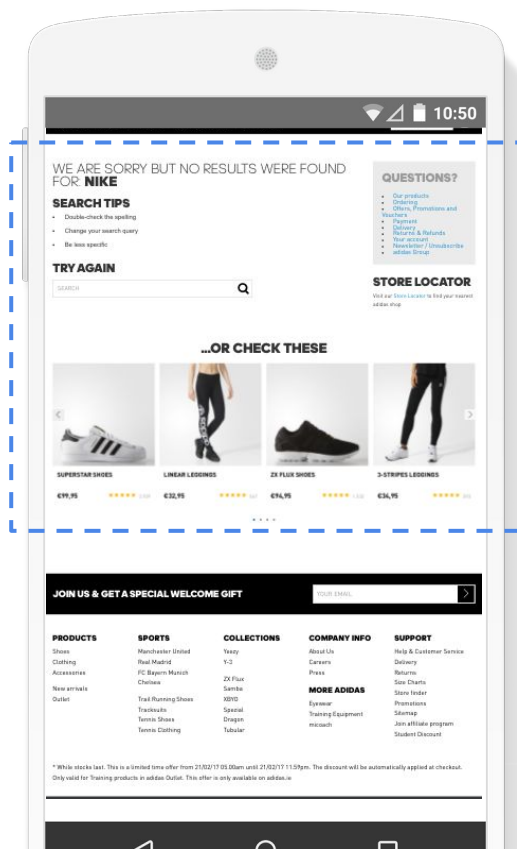
**Avoid dead ends in  
the user  
experience**



# If no search result is returned try to give users an alternative

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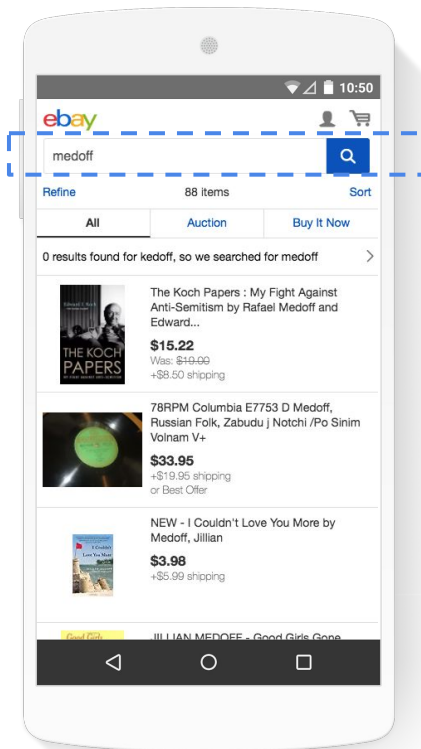
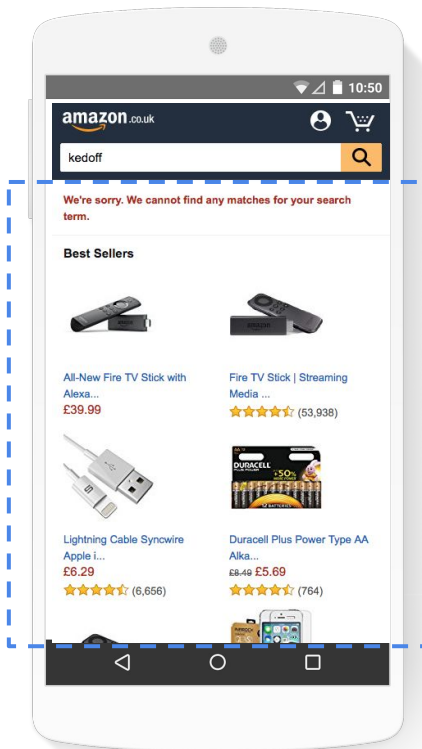
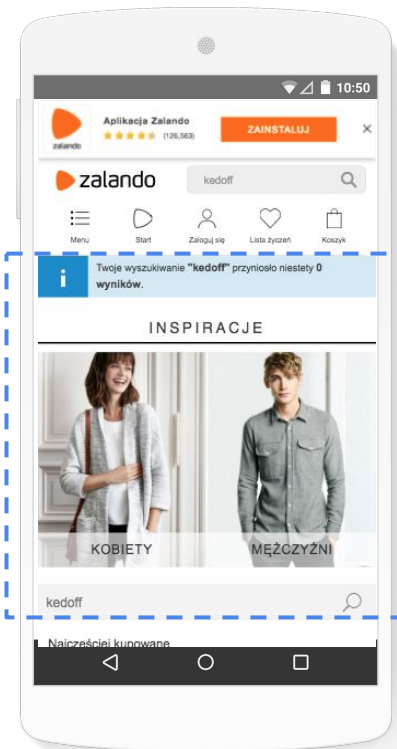
Adidas.com



**Idea:** provide users with a clear call to action, avoid dead ends. Inspire!

Highlight your most popular products to ensure that users are not getting stuck.

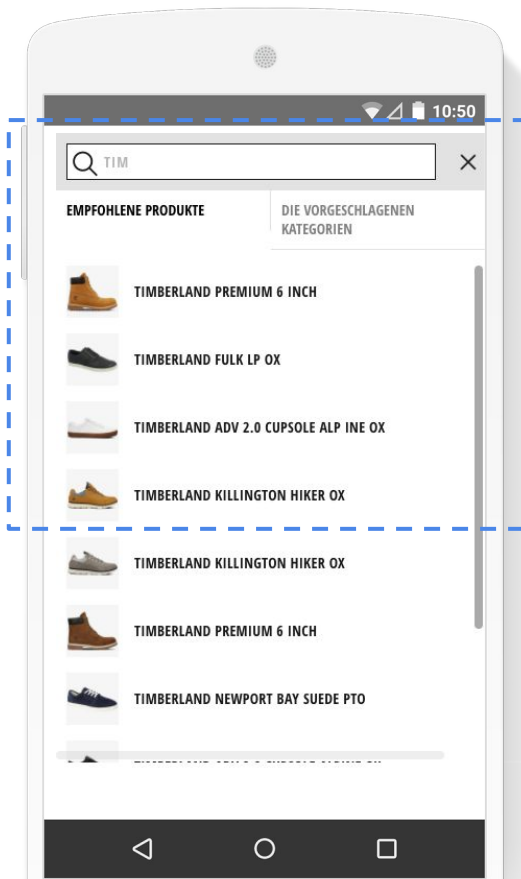
# More ideas





# Try to offer recommendations while users are typing

sizeer.de

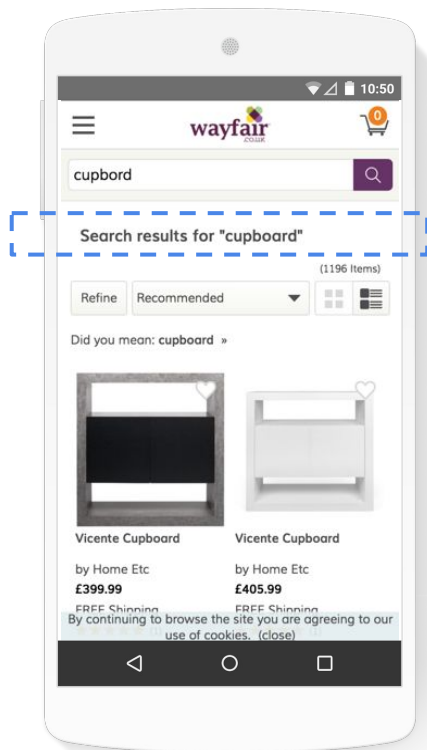
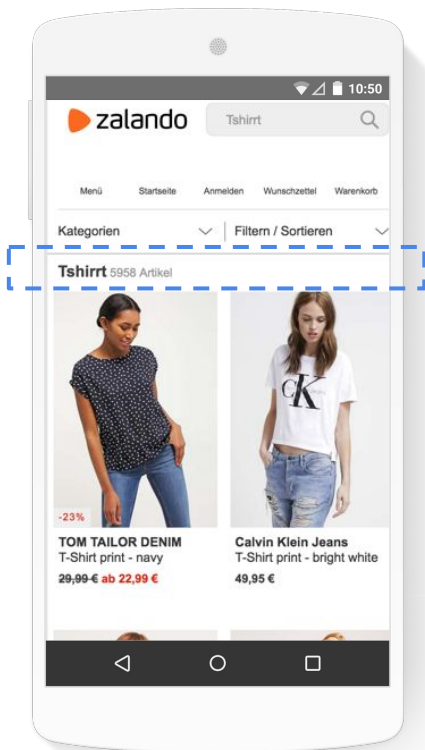
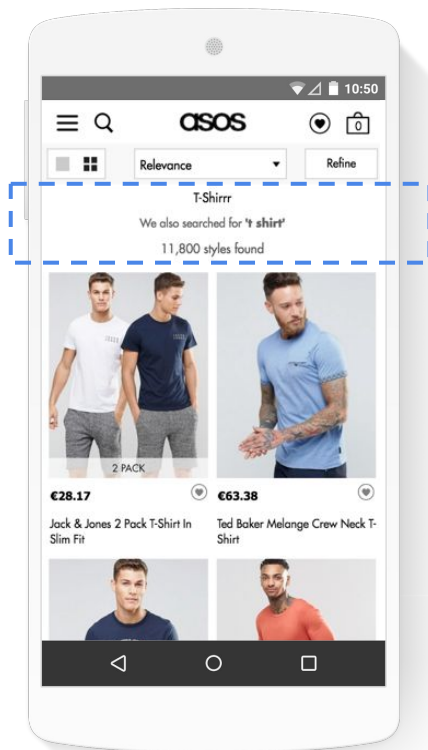


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**Idea:** By offering recommendations you ensure that users find can find the products they are looking for more easily. Please ensure your site search returns the strongest results first.

# Try implementing an autocorrect function to compensate for common spelling mistakes

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“the hamburger button is almost as popular as search on mobile websites”

Apparel and Accessories sites had on average the highest hamburger menu engagement rate (26%). And within that category, certain sites had as much as 59% of mobile site visitors interacting with the hamburger menu.



By Maria Corcuera

# “Hamburger” versus Text menu icon

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## 1st Test



**Original**



**-22.2% (CvR)**



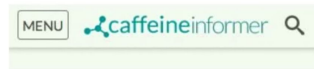
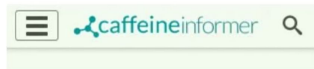
**+5.7% (CvR)**



**+12.9% (CvR)**

## 2nd Test

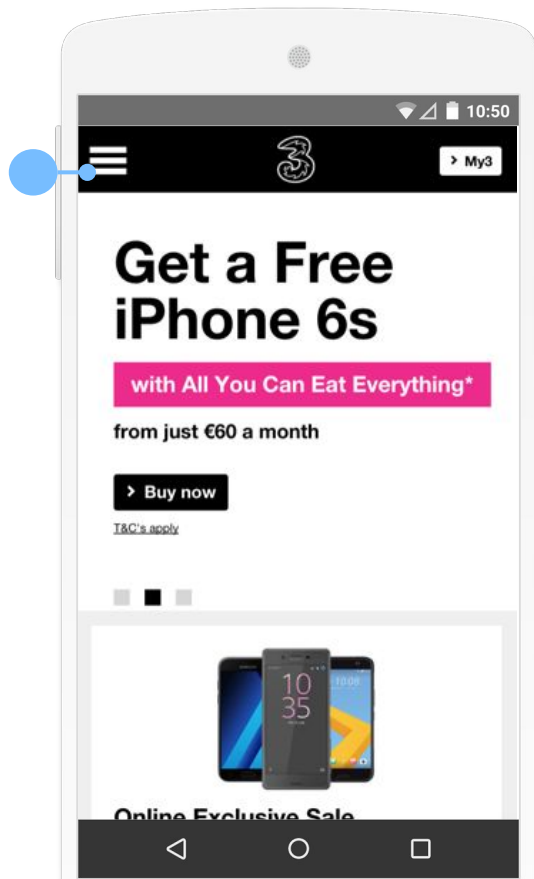
**240,000**  
unique mobile visitors



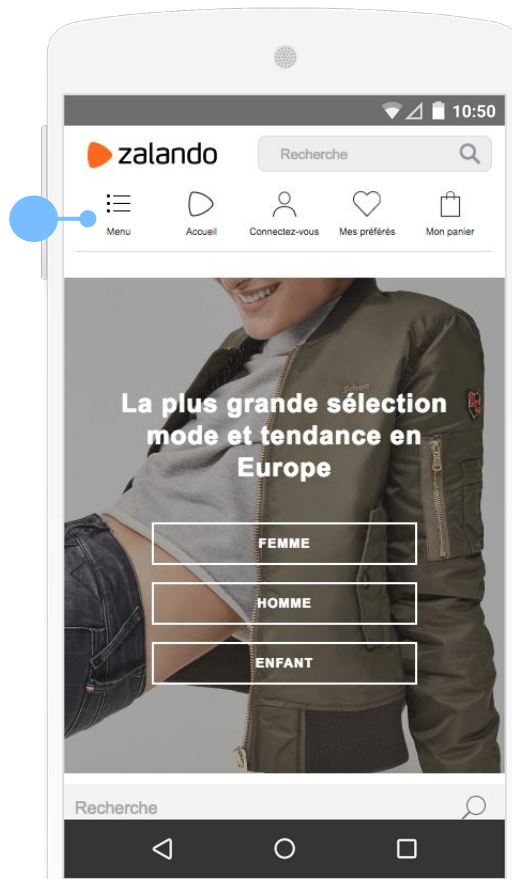
“MENU was selected by 20% more unique visitors than the icon.”

# Hamburger menu

three.ie



zalando

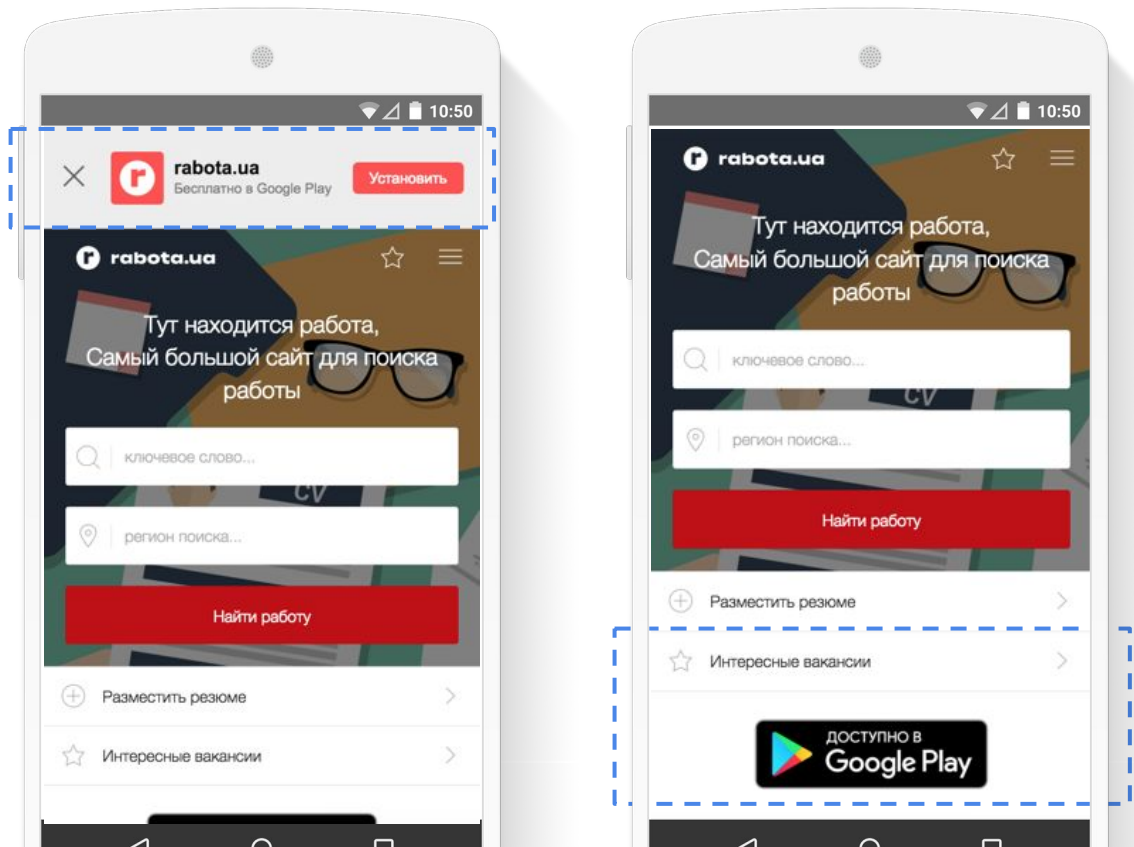


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Consider testing different versions of menu icon - with / without text

# A/B test the position of the app promo banner: top and bottom of the screen

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When users visit the homepage they see the app promo message. This might block the user from the ability to navigate through the site or to engage with their account.

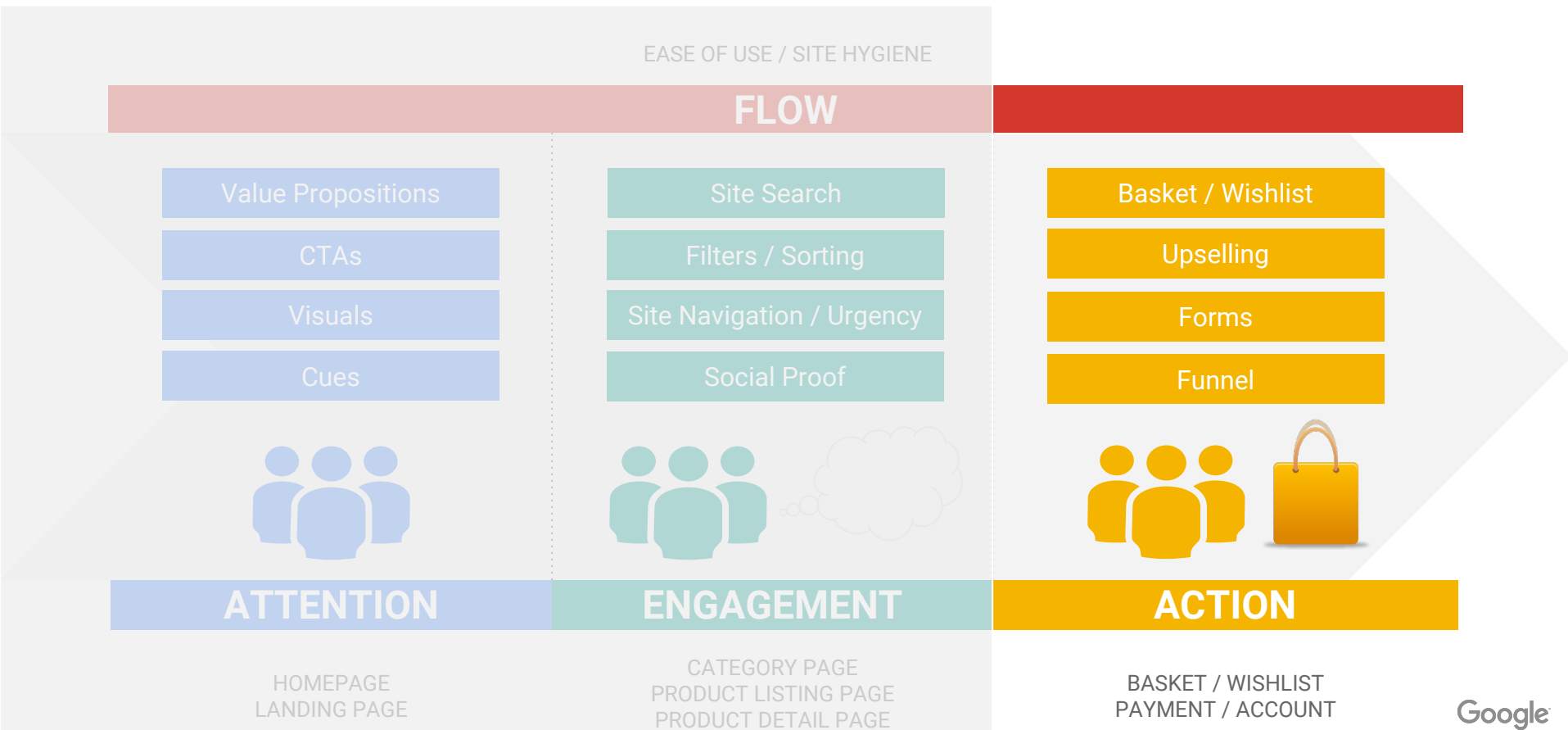
A/B test both option.



# Action

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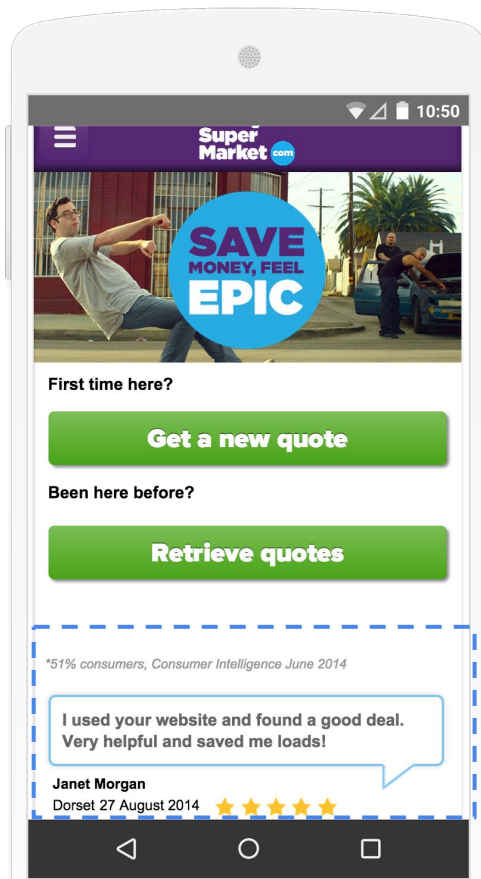




# Try to use social proof

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moneysupermarket.com



**According to a Nielsen report 70% of consumers trust consumer opinions online. 63% more likely to buy when reviews are displayed**

**Idea to A/B test:** use social proof (eg. user testimonials, ratings, number of people using your services/products etc.) on mobile experience

# Social proof in Retail

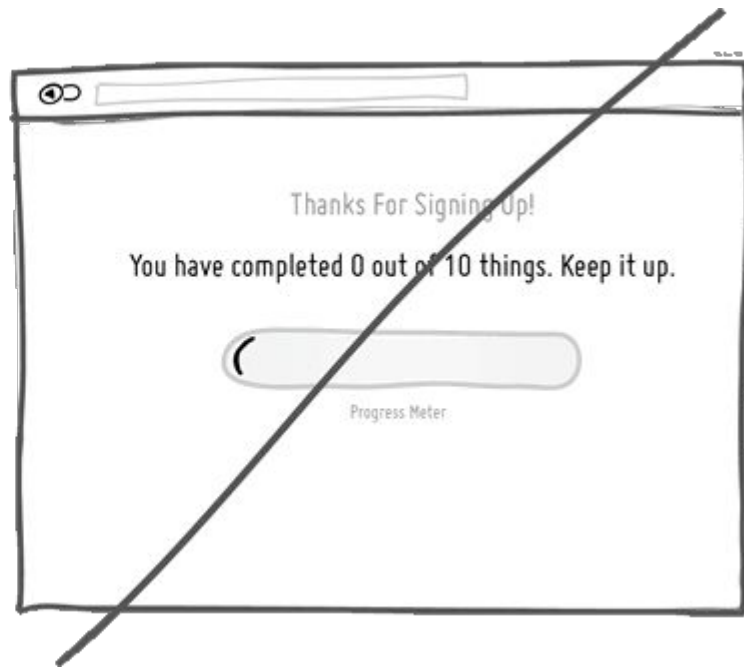
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# Try Upfront Progress instead of starting with a blank

There is more motivation for getting things done the closer we are to completion



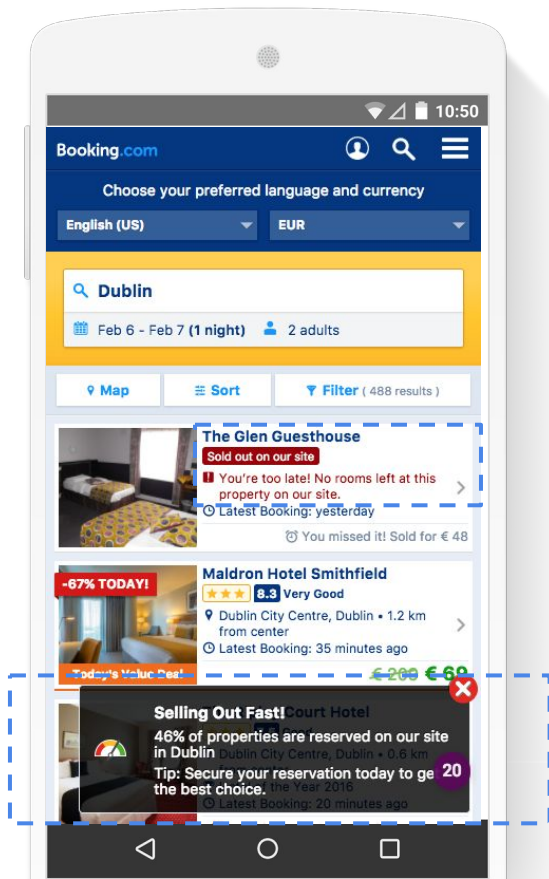
**Urgency** is a powerful **motivator**, if done well.  
There are 3 ways to create urgency:

- **Quantity limitations** (Only 3 tickets left at this price)
- **Time limitations** (Discounted tickets until July 1st)
- **Contextual limitations** (Valentine's Day is coming, get a gift now)

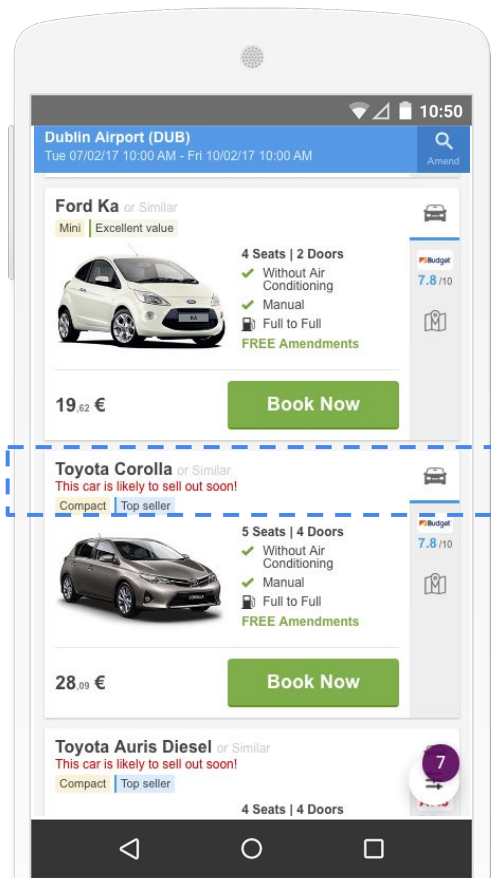
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rentalcars



**Idea:** Test urgency elements on the relevant pages

# Average checkout displays twice as many form fields as needed

the average checkout contains 14.88 form fields. Yet our checkout usability testing also reveals that most sites can achieve a 20-60% reduction in the number of form fields displayed by default.

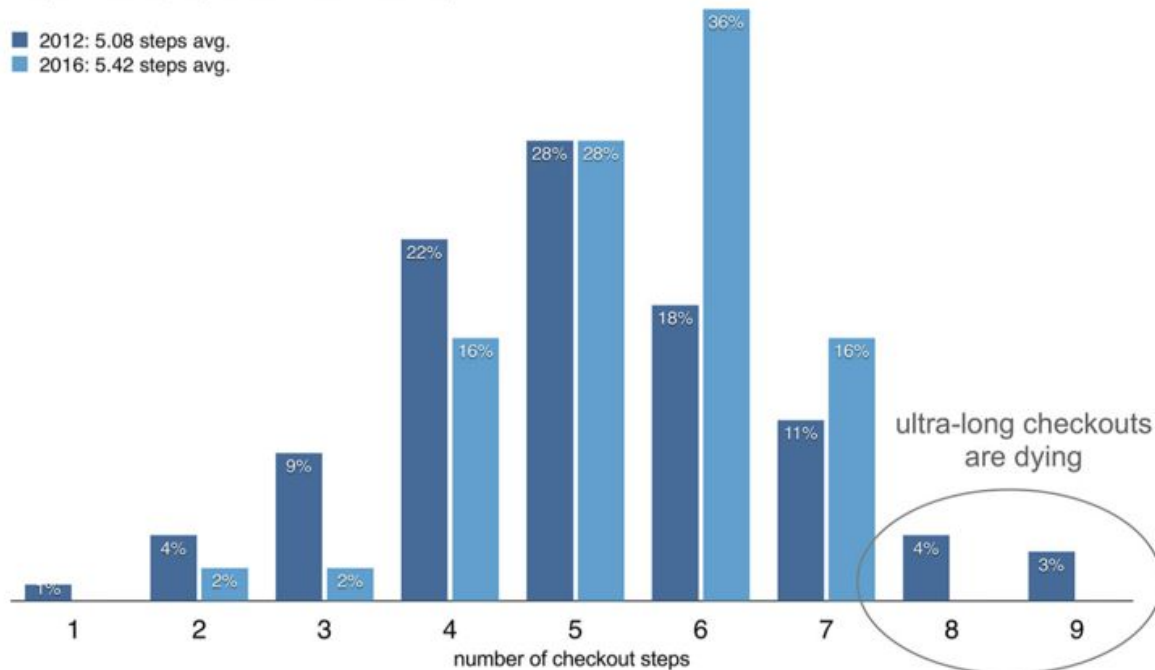
# Shift is towards 6- and 7-step checkout flows – with a 6-step checkout flow now being the most common

## The number of checkout steps (2012 vs 2016)

Among the top 50/100 grossing US online retailers

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■ 2012: 5.08 steps avg.  
■ 2016: 5.42 steps avg.



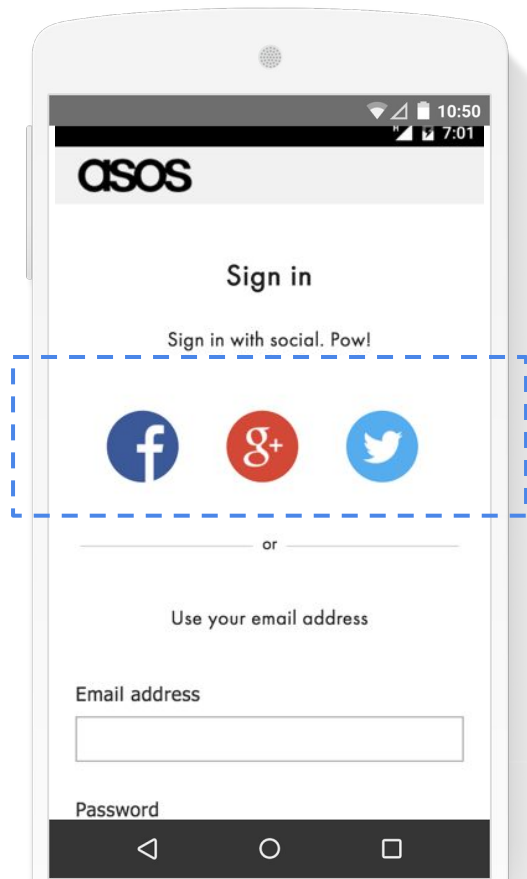
“ With further optimization work we find that checkout flows with as little as 6-8 form fields can be achieved. ”

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# Try using social media for easier login and registration

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**Idea to A/B Test:** Also consider enabling social login.

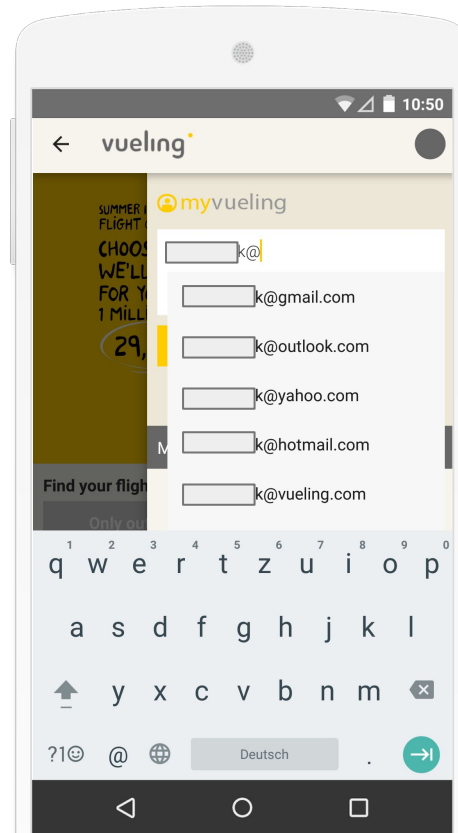
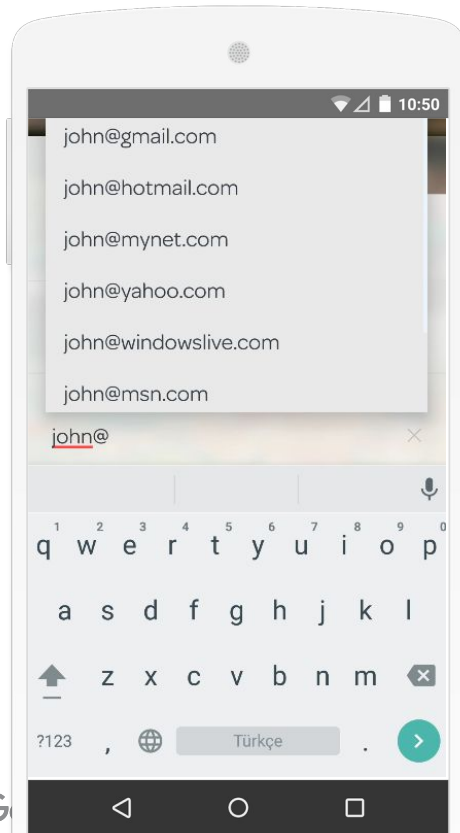
For users it can be more convenient to use social accounts for signing in and registration to avoid creating and having to remember a password.

It is difficult to type on mobile

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me\_every\_time@

# Try to use auto-suggestions when users type in their email address



When users type in their email try to use auto-suggestions that recommends the most common email addresses.

# “Mailcheck” script to verify email addresses

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```
<script>
var domains = ['gmail.com', 'aol.com'];
var secondLevelDomains = ['hotmail']
var topLevelDomains = ["com", "net", "org"];

var superStringDistance = function(string1, string2) {
  // a string distance algorithm of your choosing
}

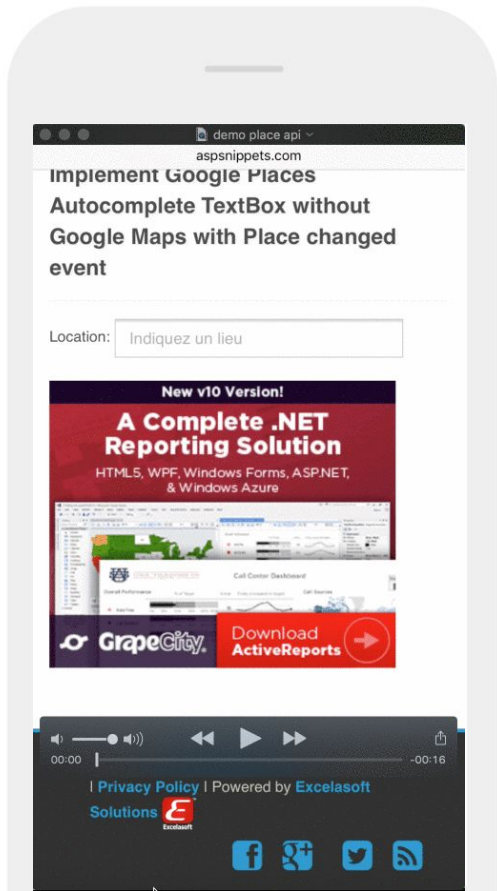
$('#email').on('blur', function() {
  $(this).mailcheck({
    domains: domains,           // optional
    secondLevelDomains: secondLevelDomains, // optional
    topLevelDomains: topLevelDomains,       // optional
    distanceFunction: superStringDistance,  // optional
    suggested: function(element, suggestion) {
      // callback code
    },
    empty: function(element) {
      // callback code
    }
  });
});
</script>
```

## How to implement?

[goo.gl/8XDQkX](https://goo.gl/8XDQkX)

# Implement address autocomplete

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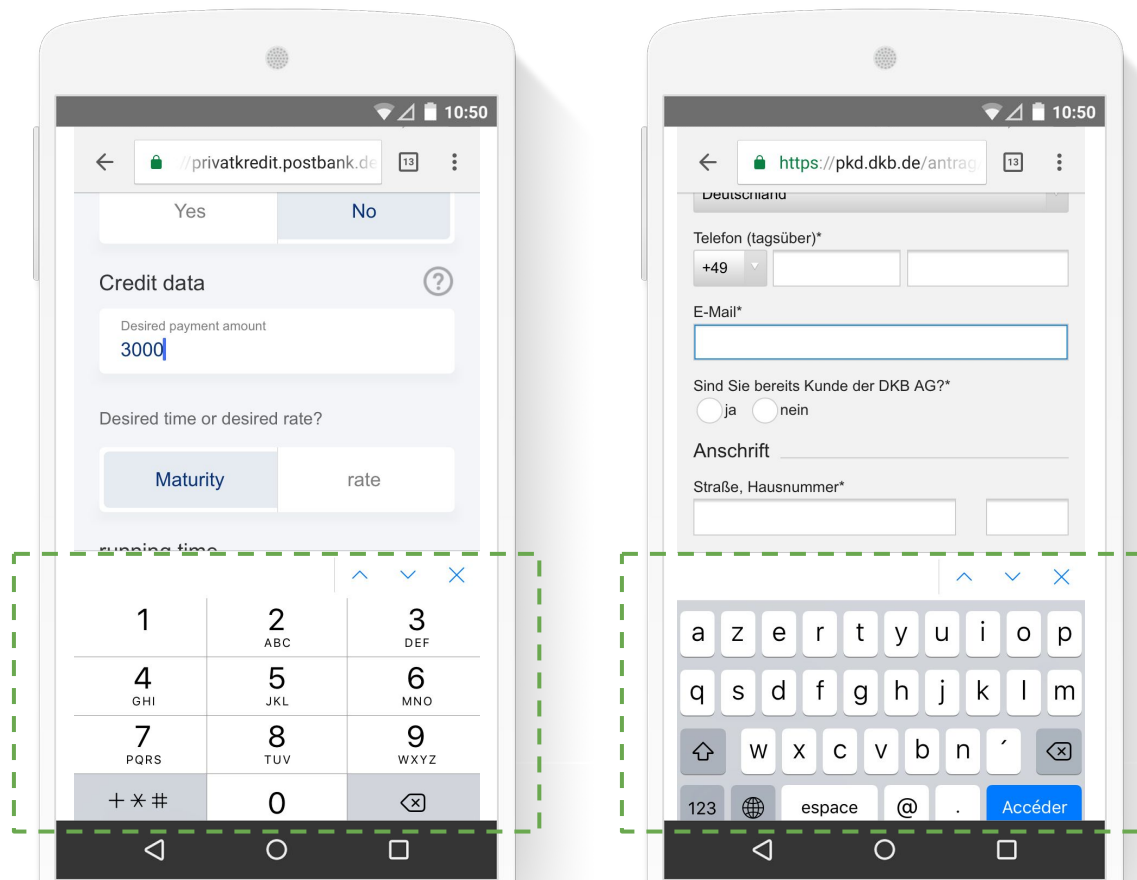
## What is the Google Place autocomplete API?

When the user selects an address from the list of suggestions, your application can then populate the correct fields of the address entry form.

Demo [link](#)  
[Link](#) for implementing address autocomplete

# Display the right keyboard for each field:

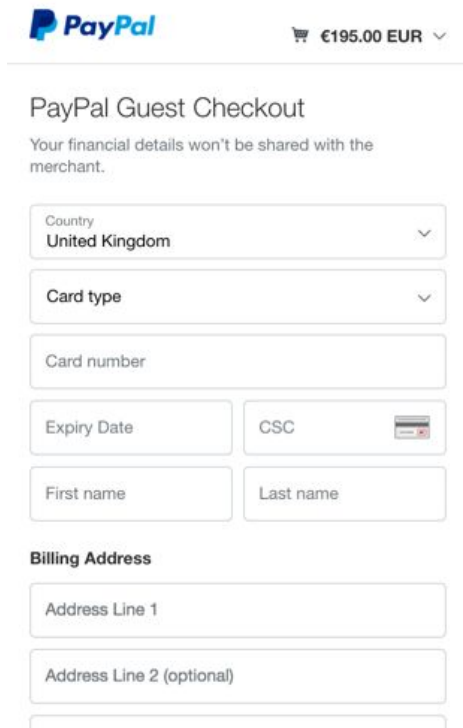
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By providing **the right keyboard for each field**, you can save 2 or 3 extra tap per field for users. There are 3 keyboards type available: letter, email and number

When a number is asked, display the number keyboard. Similarly, display the email keyboard when an email is asked

# Inline text in form fields: More examples



PayPal Guest Checkout

Your financial details won't be shared with the merchant.

Country  
United Kingdom

Card type

Card number

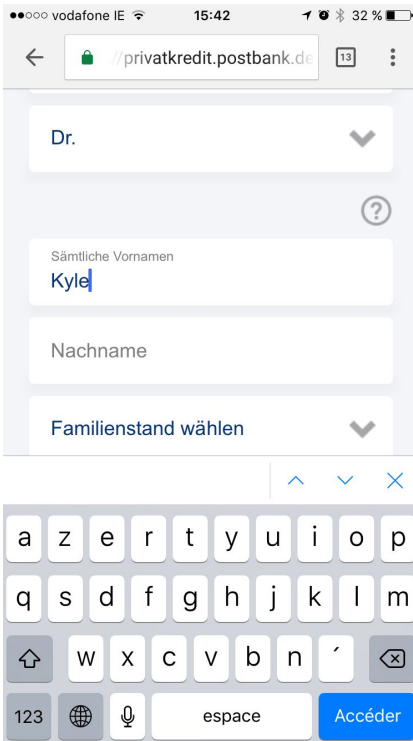
Expiry Date CSC

First name Last name

**Billing Address**

Address Line 1

Address Line 2 (optional)

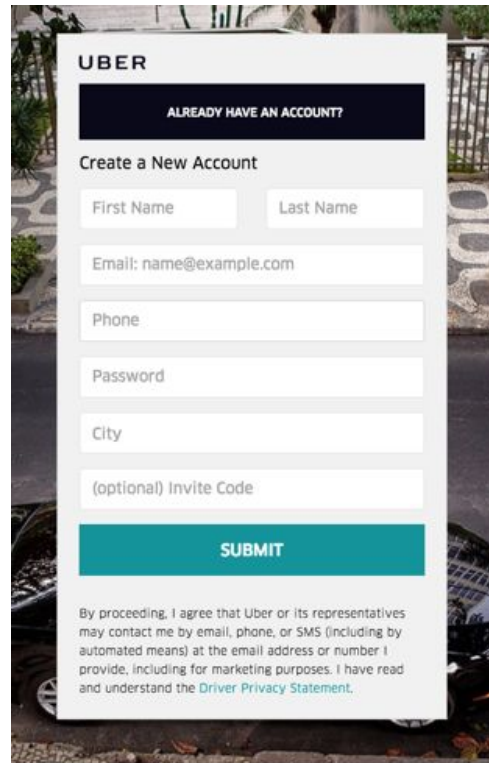


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**UBER**

ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT?

Create a New Account

First Name Last Name

Email: name@example.com

Phone

Password

City

(optional) Invite Code

**SUBMIT**

By proceeding, I agree that Uber or its representatives may contact me by email, phone, or SMS (including by automated means) at the email address or number I provide, including for marketing purposes. I have read and understand the [Driver Privacy Statement](#).

Integrating the text in the form fields, that way the form looks shorter

# Inline text in form fields

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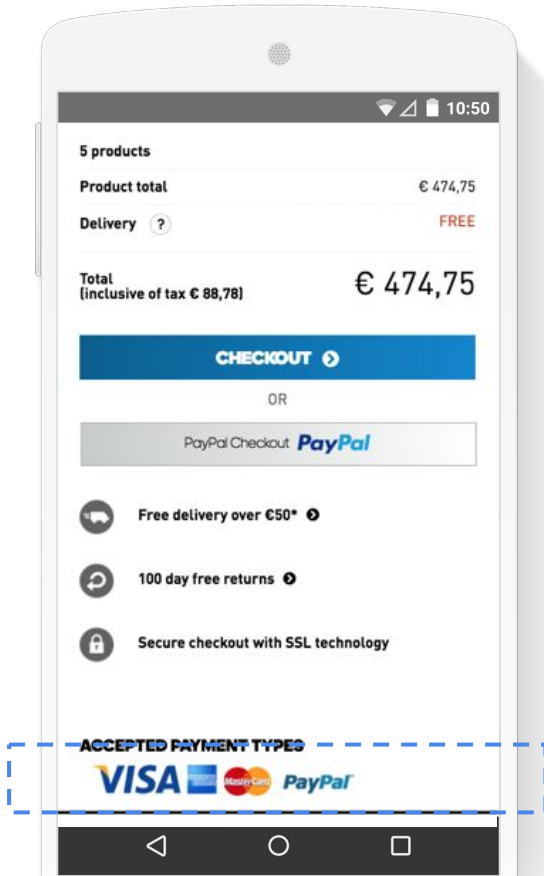
The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a registration form for 'eobuwie.pl'. The form is titled 'Zamówienie' and has a progress bar with four steps: 1. DANE, 2. DOSTAWA, 3. PŁATNOŚĆ, and 4. PODSUMOWANIE. The first step, '1 Twoje dane', is active. It contains a 'ZALOGUJ' button, a link 'Masz już konto? Kliknij żeby się zalogować.', and radio buttons for 'Osoba prywatna' (selected) and 'Firma'. Below these are input fields for 'Adres e-mail', 'Imię', 'Nazwisko', 'Tel. komórkowy', 'Ulica', and 'Nr'. A green button at the bottom says 'PRZEJDŹ DO WYBORU METODY DOSTAWY' with a right arrow. The phone's status bar at the top shows signal, Wi-Fi, battery, and the time 10:50.

Eobuwie, Paypal save space in the form by integrating the text in the form fields, that way the form looks shorter



# Consider showing popular payment methods visually

adidas.com

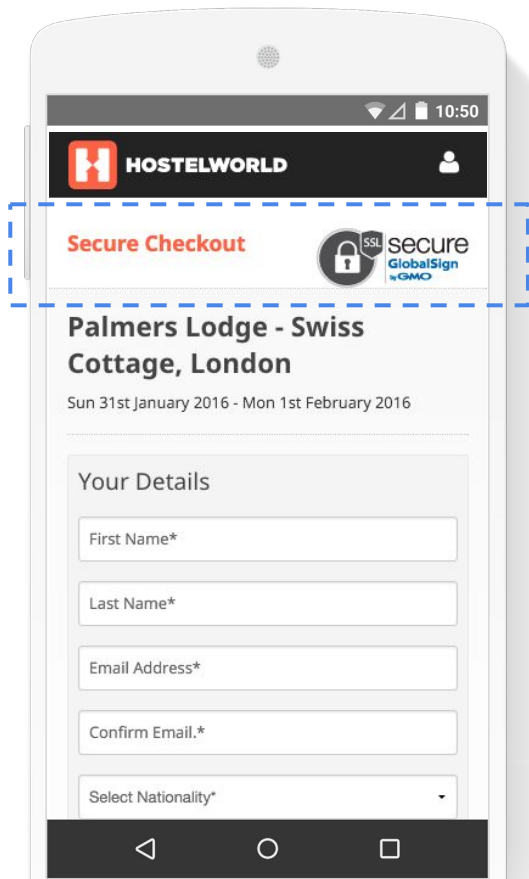


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**Idea to A/B test:** it is not quite clear if payment with popular systems (VISA, MasterCard) is allowed

# Test to show trust marks on the payment page of the conversion funnel

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Trust marks boost credibility and confidence

# Key Thing to Remember

Please, make a conversion on your website. Make sure everyone in the company does the same.

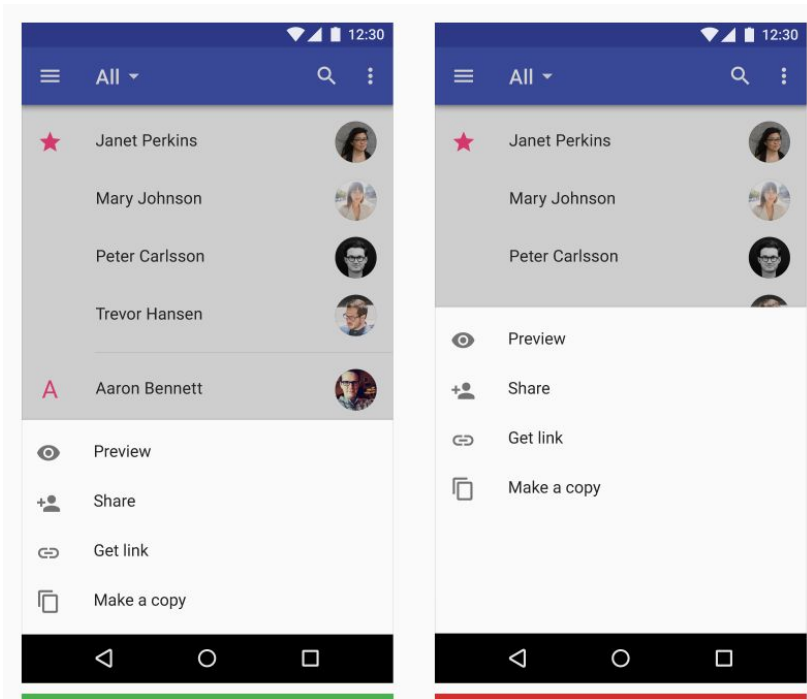
Resources:

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**[goo.gl/nVQpEo](https://goo.gl/nVQpEo)**

# Google Material Design

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**Do.**  
For modal bottom sheets, don't initially overlap the app bar. Allow the user to tap/swipe to dismiss.

**Don't.**  
The height of the bottom sheet should be dictated by the amount of content it contains.

## Alert



add alert



error



error outline



warning



view agenda

24dp



### STEP 1: Setup Icon Font

Follow the [instructions](#) to embed the icon font in your site and learn how to style your icons using CSS.

### STEP 2: Use Icon in Your Site

```
<!-- For modern browsers. -->  
<i class="material-icons">view_agenda</i>  
<!-- For IE9 or below. -->  
<i class="material-icons">&#xE8E9;</i>
```

# Google's Mobile Site Review

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## Case study

### TRAUMFERIENWOHNUNGEN

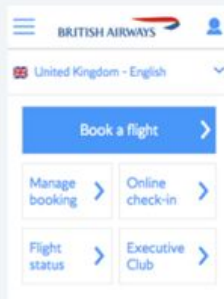


TraumFerienwohnungen got full marks for its home page.

- It is clearly structured and well designed.
- The key functions are obvious, clearly visible and exactly where users would expect them to be.
- There is no distracting or unnecessary information.

## Case study

### BRITISH AIRWAYS



British Airways got 100% for its on-site search.

- Tap-targets for form elements and calendars are optimised well for mobile.
- When the first result was unavailable, this was clear, and relevant results were listed below it.
- There was clear information about availability, baggage allowance and other relevant details for that result.

## Case study

### KRAS

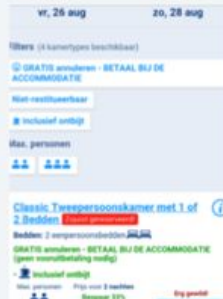


Kras.nl achieved a 100% score for its Product Pages.

- The holiday overview and detail page are clearly laid out. Information is easy to scan.
- They show relevant information, such as prices, included services and cancellation policy.
- The website offers a clear and sticky CTA, which remains in sight when the user scrolls down the page.

## Case study

### BOOKING.COM



Booking.com achieved 93%, joint top with hotels.com and Niumba.

- The registration process is clear and straightforward.
- Selling points are reinforced throughout the conversion funnel.
- Form labels are always visible and form input is validated in real-time.

THANK YOU