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Creating Compelling Websites That Convert

When somebody first hits your website, you have only a few seconds to **get their attention** and then only a few more to encourage them to stay. So how do you use those valuable few seconds? How do you design a landing page that works?

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Paul Boag is a leader in digital strategy and user experience design. He has been working with organisations such as The European Commission, PUMA and Doctors Without Borders for over 20 years. Through consultancy and training he helps organisations make better use of digital technologies. He helps them meet the needs of today's connected consumers.

Paul is also a well respected figure in the digital sector. Author of six books including [Digital Adaptation](#) and [User Experience Revolution](#) and [Click!](#) He also writes for industry publications including Smashing Magazine, Sitepoint and Net Magazine.

Finally, Paul speaks around the world on user experience design and digital transformation.

Alongside speaking he also hosts the award winning user experience podcast over at boagworld.com.



Our (loose) Agenda

The aim is to answer your questions, not focus on a specific program of work.

Morning

THE FOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL
PILLARS OF CONVERSION
FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL
APPLICATION

HOW TO CREATE A COMPELLING
OFFERING
FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL
APPLICATION

Afternoon

SHAPING PERCEPTION WITH
GOOD DESIGN
FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL
APPLICATION

OPTIMISING YOUR SITE FOR
CONVERSION
FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL
APPLICATION

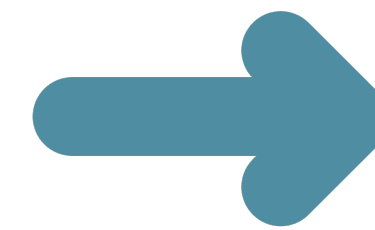
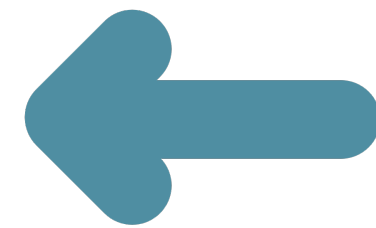
THE 4 PSYCHOLOGICAL PILLARS OF CONVERSION

WHY TALK PSYCHOLOGY?

We Are Not Logical



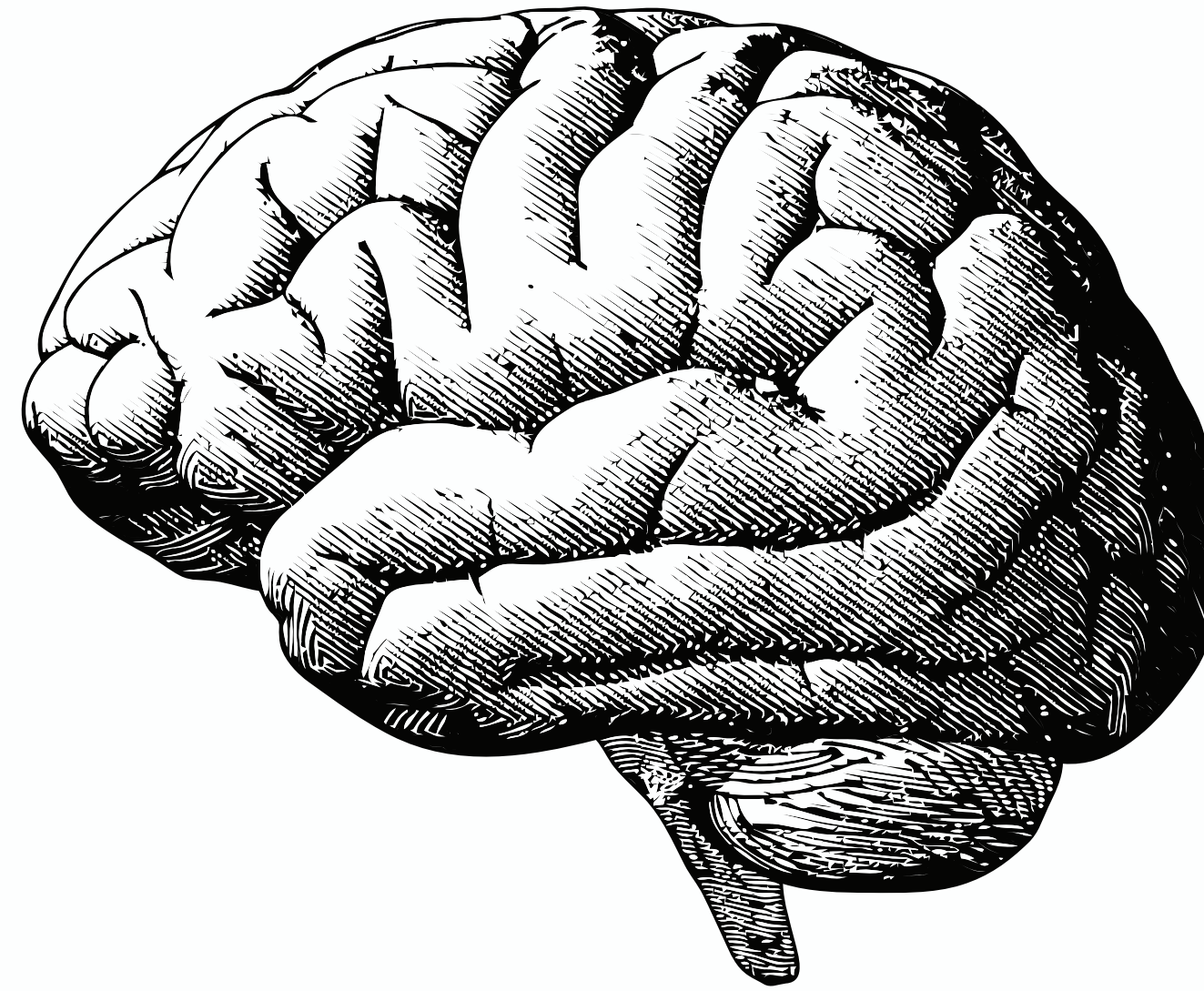
With the fruits?



In the Salad Aisle?

WHERE DOES A
TOMATO BELONG IN
A SUPERMARKET?

We Make Emotion Decisions



MEET THE PRIMAL BRAIN

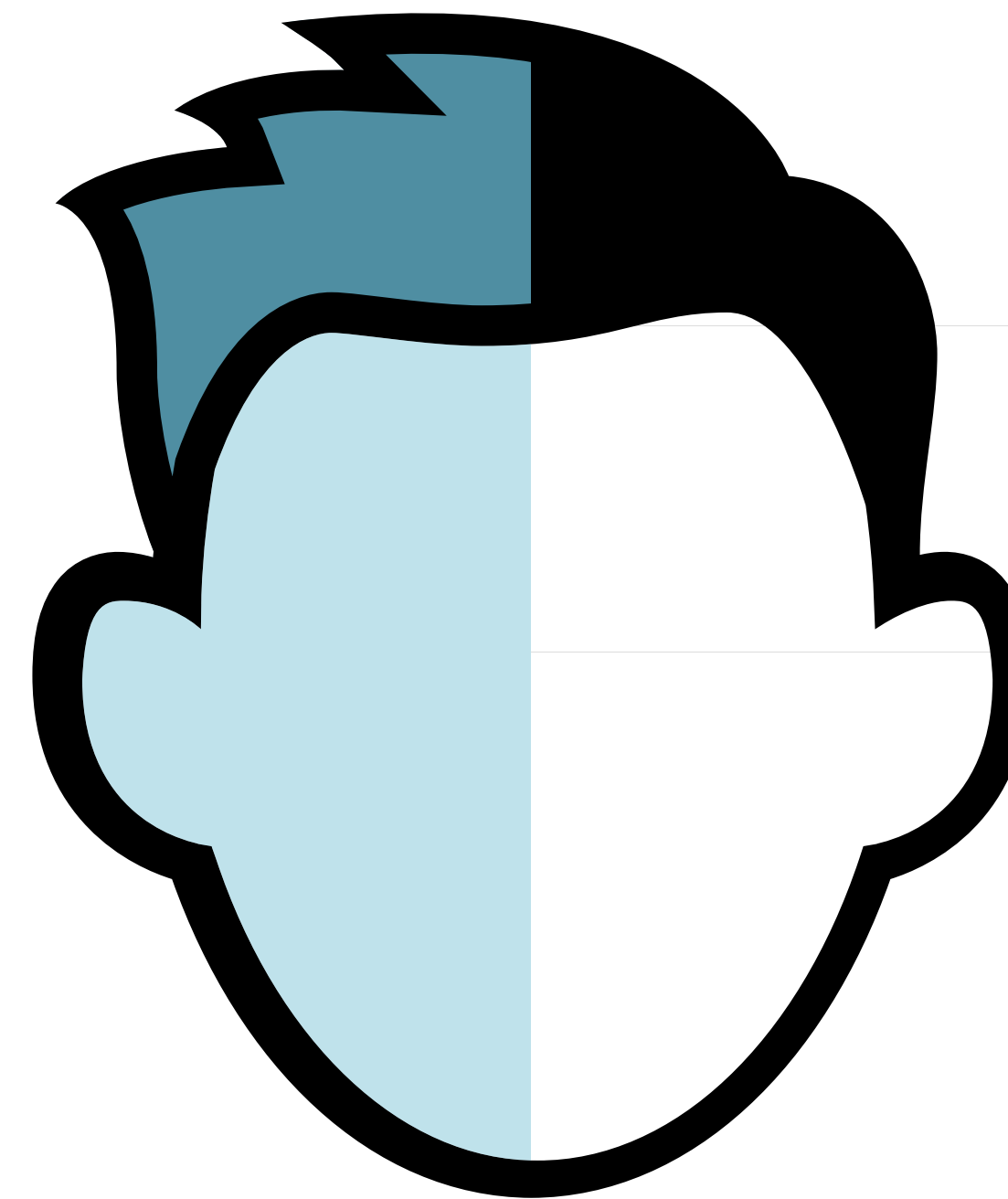
“**Primal brain**” refers to the oldest part of the **brain**, the **brain** stem, responsible for primitive survival instincts such as aggression and fear (“flight or fight”).

We Make Decisions Unconsciously

SYSTEM ONE

System 1 is our faster, automatic, intuitive and emotional mode of thinking.

Most of our daily decisions are made automatically and unconsciously using our System 1.



SYSTEM TWO

System 2 is slower, more effortful, and deliberate.

We use our more logical System 2 for decisions we have to consciously make, but this is a limited resource that is easily depleted as we get tired.

We Are Lazy Thinkers



Psychology Does Not Mean Dark Patterns



WHAT DO I MEAN BY DARK PATTERNS?

User interface elements that have been carefully crafted to trick users into doing things they might not otherwise do, often by means of psychological manipulation.



DARK PATTERNS AND
AGGRESSIVE PERSUASION



Back to catalog



Loewe

Multicolor Leather Low-Top Sneakers

Low-top buffed leather sneakers colorblocked in navy, yellow, red, and white. Round toe. Lace-up closure in black. Perforated at sides. Logo embossed at outer side. Textured rubber sole in red. Tonal stitching.

Details

Shipping

Sizing

Returns

Color



Size

39

40

42

44

45

[View size chart](#)

\$148

Or \$168 with insurance.

Add to Basket
without insurance

Add to Basket
with insurance



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Etsy

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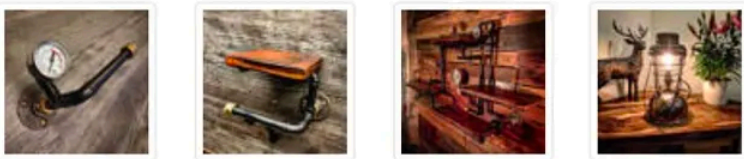
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Vintage

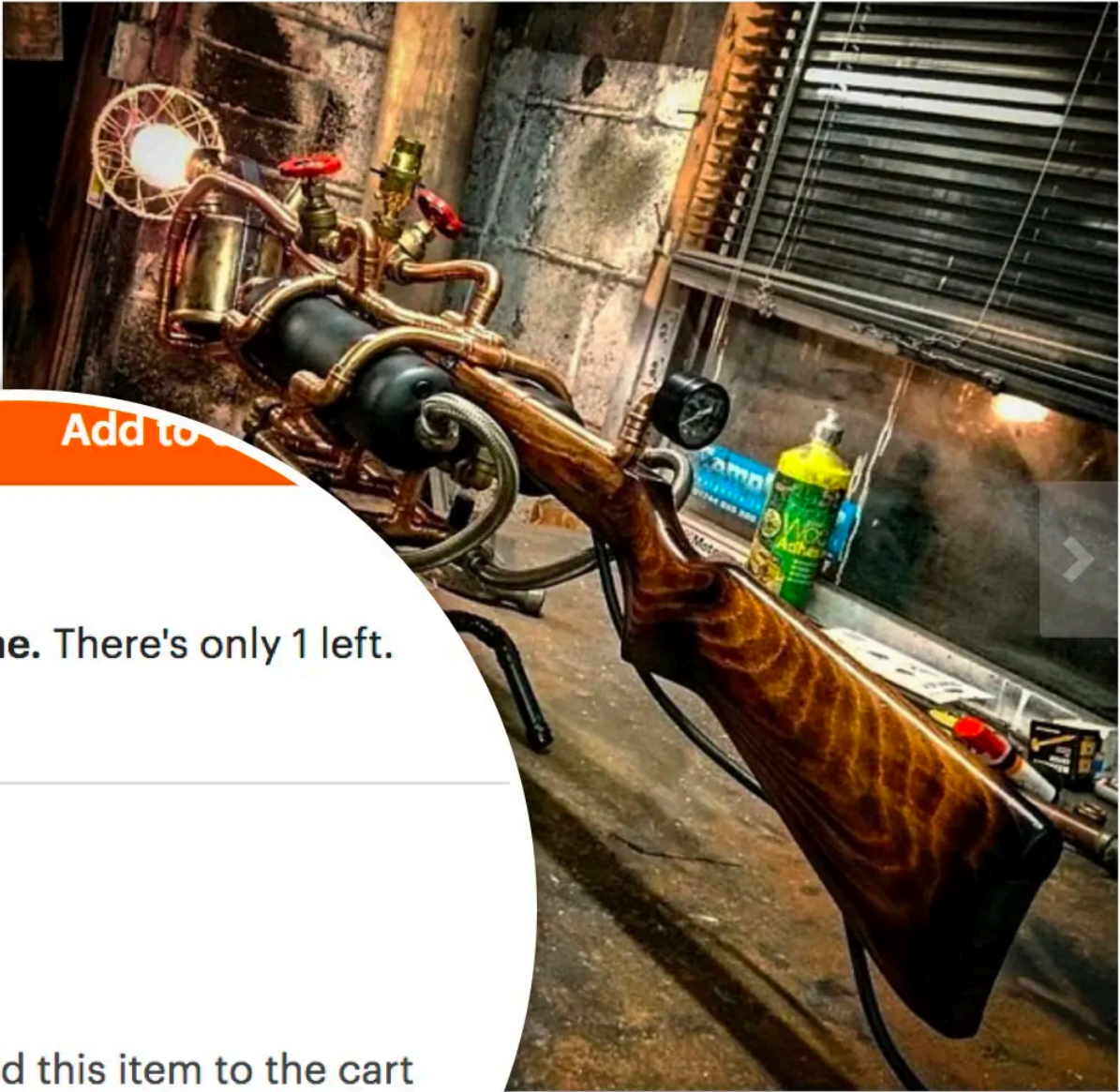


TheLittleVintageLamp

Favourite shop



42 items



Retro Industrial edison Style Flamethrower Table Lamp - urban steampunk art

£350.00

Ask a question

VAT included (where applicable)

Free shipping

Buy it now >

Add to cart

Almost gone. There's only 1 left.

Overview

- Handmade item
- Made to order
- 3 People have add this item to the cart
- Favourited by: 63 people
- Gift message available

This shop accepts Etsy gift cards

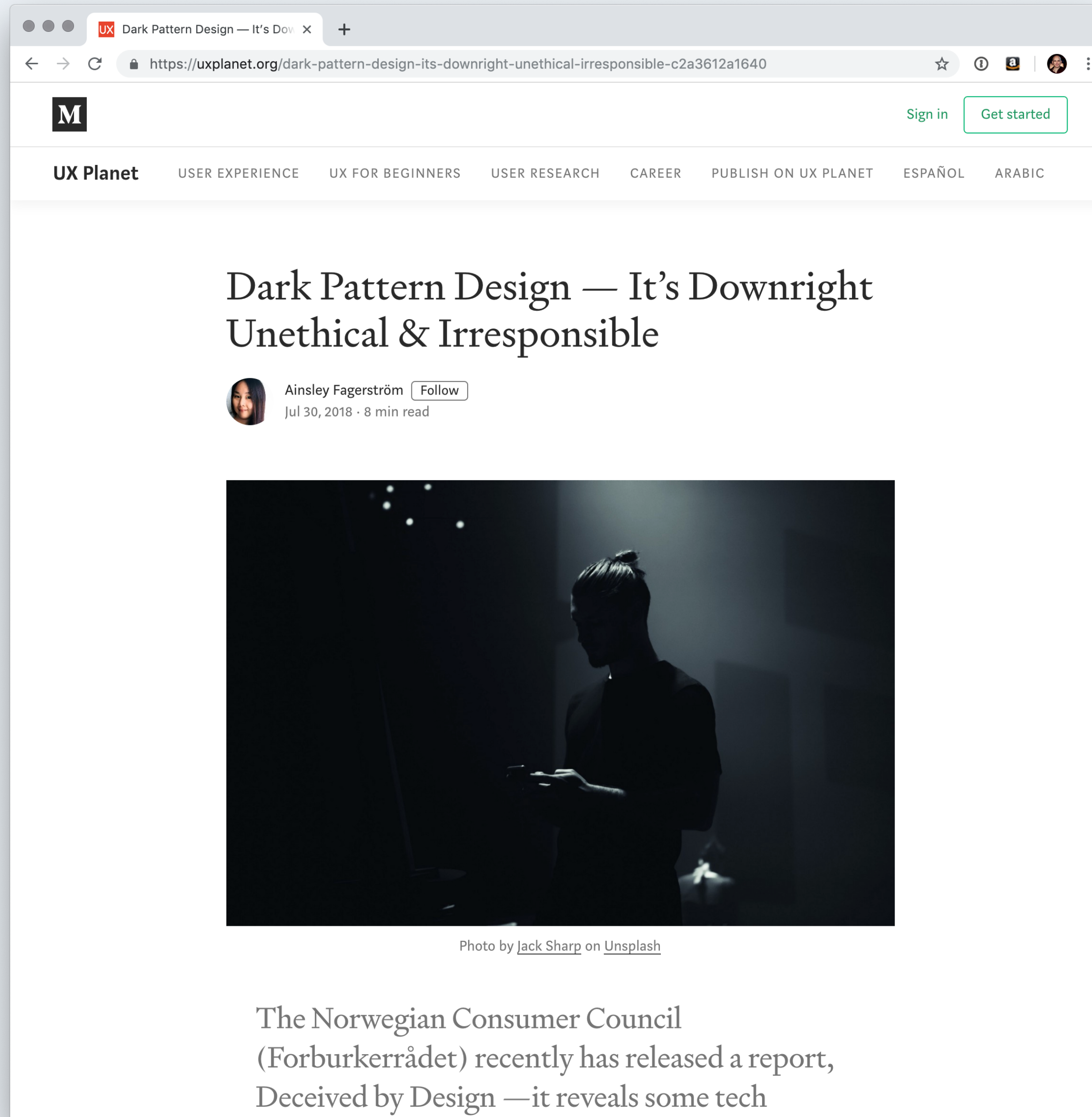
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3 BUSINESS REASONS AGAINST DARK PATTERNS

booking.com

From 15:00 until 00:00

(1-night stay)

"Friendly staff-early check in -Fantastic views from the room- very clean- bed comfortable. All facilities exceeded my expectations."

D

Debbie

United Kingdom

"Great location, clean and well equipped, nice staff, everything you need for self catering and close to amenities, room quiet even though we were facing the main road 😊😊 a wonderful stay. WiFi in the rooms and good t.v also air conditioning."

C

Carol

United Kingdom

"The location ... the best one if you are a visitor"

S

Salim

Oman

"The room was a good size, quality furnishings and the kitchen was an extra bonus...and although we didn't make good use of it for our overnight stay ...we will definitely be returning to this property for a longer stay in the future! There is a very good family Italian restaurant on the same block as the hotel aswell as a Sainsburys local. Westminster bridge was only a 10 minute walk away but the street the Marlin is in was very quiet at night. So had a great nights sleep...this was helped by the comfy beds and the sofa bed was far more comfortable than the Hilton that we had stayed at the previous night. Staff were very

Room type

▶ [Deluxe Room](#)

🔴 Only 6 rooms left on our site!

Choose your bed:

☐ 1 large double bed 🛏

☐ 2 single beds 🛏🛏

🏠 279 ft² 📺 Flat-screen TV

❄️ Air conditioning 🔊 Soundproofing

📶 Free WiFi

• TV • Telephone • Satellite Channels

• Cable Channels • Safety Deposit Box

• Iron • Seating Area • Heating

• Interconnected room(s) available

• Sofa • Hardwood/Parquet floors

• Wardrobe/Closet • Sofa bed

• Shower • Hairdryer • Free toiletries

• Tea/Coffee Maker • Kitchenette

• Refrigerator • Microwave

• Electric kettle • Kitchenware

• Stovetop • Toaster • Towels • Linen

🦽 Facilities for guests with disabilities

Prices are per room

Included: 20 % VAT

▶ [Suite](#)

🔴 Only 2 rooms left on our site!

Bedroom 1: 1 large double bed 🛏

Living room: 1 sofa bed 🛏📺

🏠 365 ft² 📺 Flat-screen TV

❄️ Air conditioning 🔊 Soundproofing

Sleeps

Today's price

Your package

Select rooms

👤

⚡

Expires in:

11 : 17 : 19

£201.24

• Non-refundable ?

0 ▾

I'll reserve

No booking or credit card fees!

21 other people looking now

👤👤👤

⚡

Expires in:

11 : 17 : 19

£228.24

• Non-refundable ?

0 ▾

👤

⚡

Expires in:

11 : 17 : 19

£225

• Non-refundable ?

0 ▾

🏷️ **Jackpot!** This is the cheapest price you've seen in London for your dates!

1 nights (Mon 21 May - Tue 22 May)

I hate all of this manipulative crap,
trying to convince me the room is
about to sell out. I just ignore this stuff.



USER RESEARCH SUBJECT

“The CMA has taken enforcement action to bring to an end misleading sales tactics, hidden charges and other practices in the online hotel booking market.”

“These have been wholly unacceptable.”



CMA CHAIRMAN,
ANDREW TYRIE

hotel booking - Google Search

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https://www.google.com/search?q=hotel+booking&rlz=1C5CHFA...

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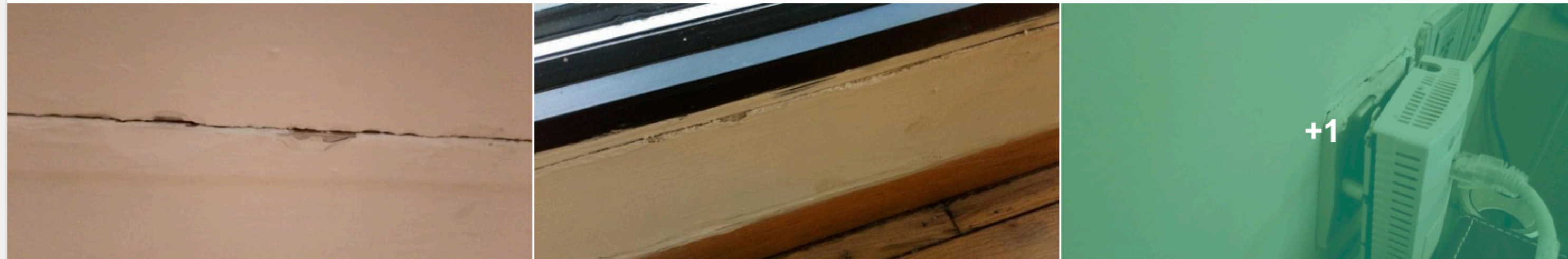
Booking.com: 29,156,926 hotel and property listings ...

<https://www.booking.com/>



Dan Lovrekovic wrote a review Jun 2019

📍 London, United Kingdom • 9 contributions • 1 helpful vote



Rooms old, not refurbished

“Run away, old rooms, hotel was refurbished long time ago, management after didn't invest more. If you don't like the room, they will offer you other room, again old one not refurbished room. Run Away!!!”

[Read more](#) ▼

Date of stay: June 2019



Helpful



Share



Response from Vivek-Shukla, General Manager at The Lalit New Delhi

Responded 3 weeks ago

Dear Guest, Namaskar !! Thank you for choosing to stay at The Lalit New Delhi and writing your review on TripAdvisor. I am very disturbed to read your feedback and am investigating the concerns highlighted by you to eradicate them from the root cause. Please accept my sincere apologies. I hope

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Technology

Promoted tweet used to complain about British Airways

By Jane Wakefield
Technology reporter

3 September 2013

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Share

In a modern spin on the tale of David and Goliath, a disgruntled customer has found a new way to use social media to take on a big corporation.

Fed up with the way British Airways was handling the issue of his father's lost luggage, businessman Hasan Syed decided to complain about it.

But rather than just put out a normal tweet, he paid to have one promoted.

Using promoted tweets in this way could represent a new trend, experts believe

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Lost luggage is a common problem for airline customers

Top Stories

Royals thank public for wedding support

The newly-weds attended an evening reception for friends and family in the grounds of Windsor Castle.

4 minutes ago

Man badly hurt by lava spatter in Hawaii

3 hours ago

Fast-moving lava seen from the air

4 hours ago

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Microsoft Surface

Thin, light and beautiful Surface Laptop

Learn more

See site for conditions.

Rising Tech Articles

This 3D-printed bicycle is stronger than titanium

Twitter is trolling Elon Musk for thinking he invented the subway

Jumping out of a virtual plane is perfect for those who can't or won't skydive IRL

A predictive keyboard wrote a 'Game of Thrones' script and it's hilariously perfect

How should cryptocurrency be regulated?

Live Nation Wants to Scan Your Face Instead of Tickets

POWERED BY MashableVelocity

Microsoft

Business

FOLLOW MASHABLE >

fLike

Follow

g+Follow

AdChoices

Ryanair

Video Marketing Company

Acquisition Strategy

Man Buys Promoted Tweet to Complain About British Airways

fShare on Facebook

Share on Twitter

+

WHAT'S THIS?

BRITISH AIRWAYS

Microsoft Surface

Thin, light and beautiful Surface Laptop

Learn more

See site for conditions.

guardian.com

Facebook

Samuel Gibbs

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This article is over 3 years old

Facebook apologises for psychological experiments on users

The second most powerful executive at the company, Sheryl Sandberg, says experiments were 'poorly communicated'



▲ Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg apologises for poor communication over psychological experiments. Photograph: Money Sharma/EPA

Facebook's second most powerful executive, Sheryl Sandberg, has

Hidden Costs

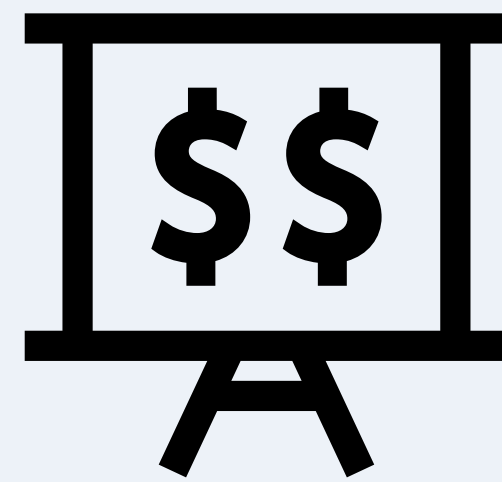


UX TEAM



Conversion rate
improves

DEPARTMENTAL BARRIER

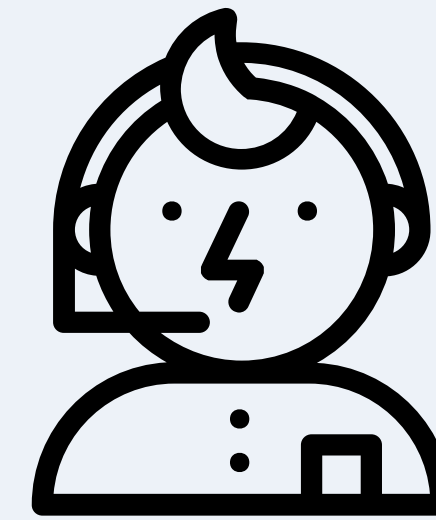


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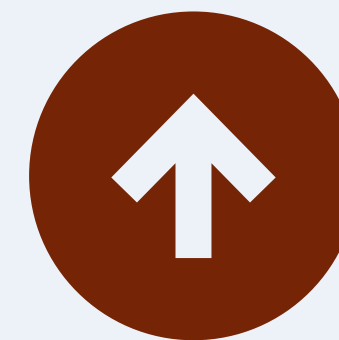


Marketing costs
increase

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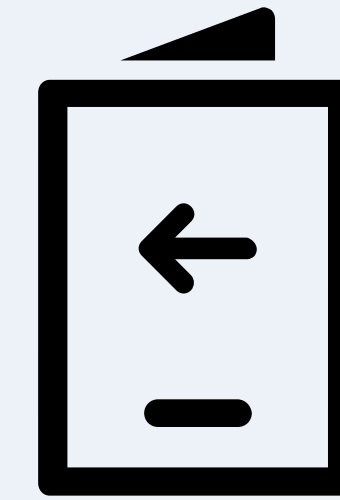


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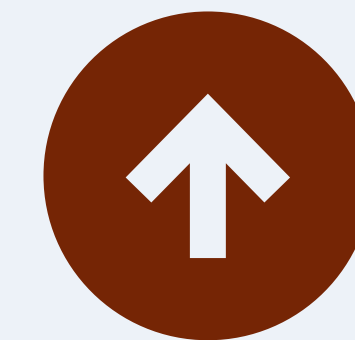


Customer calls goes
up

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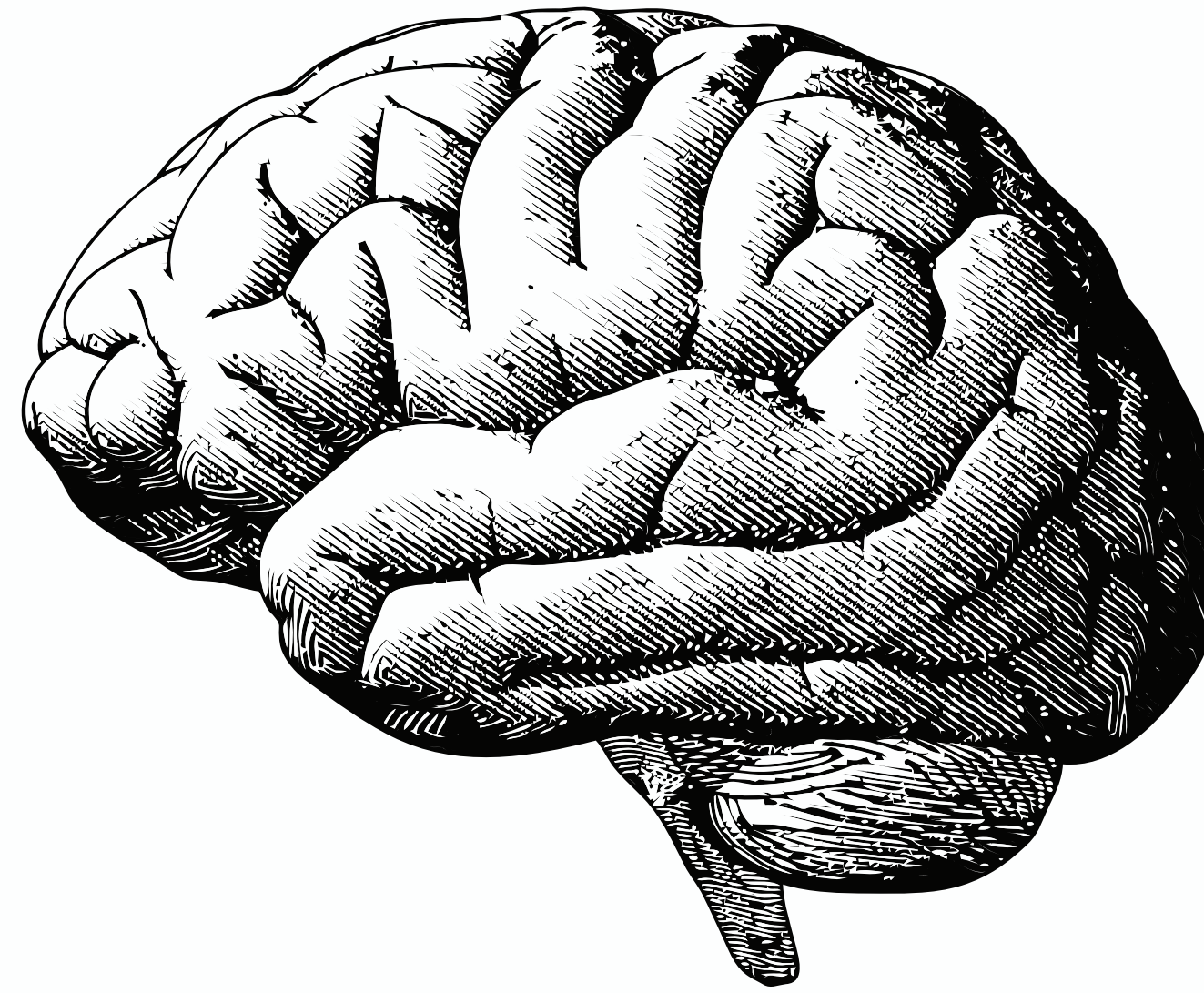
RETURNS



The number of
returns increases

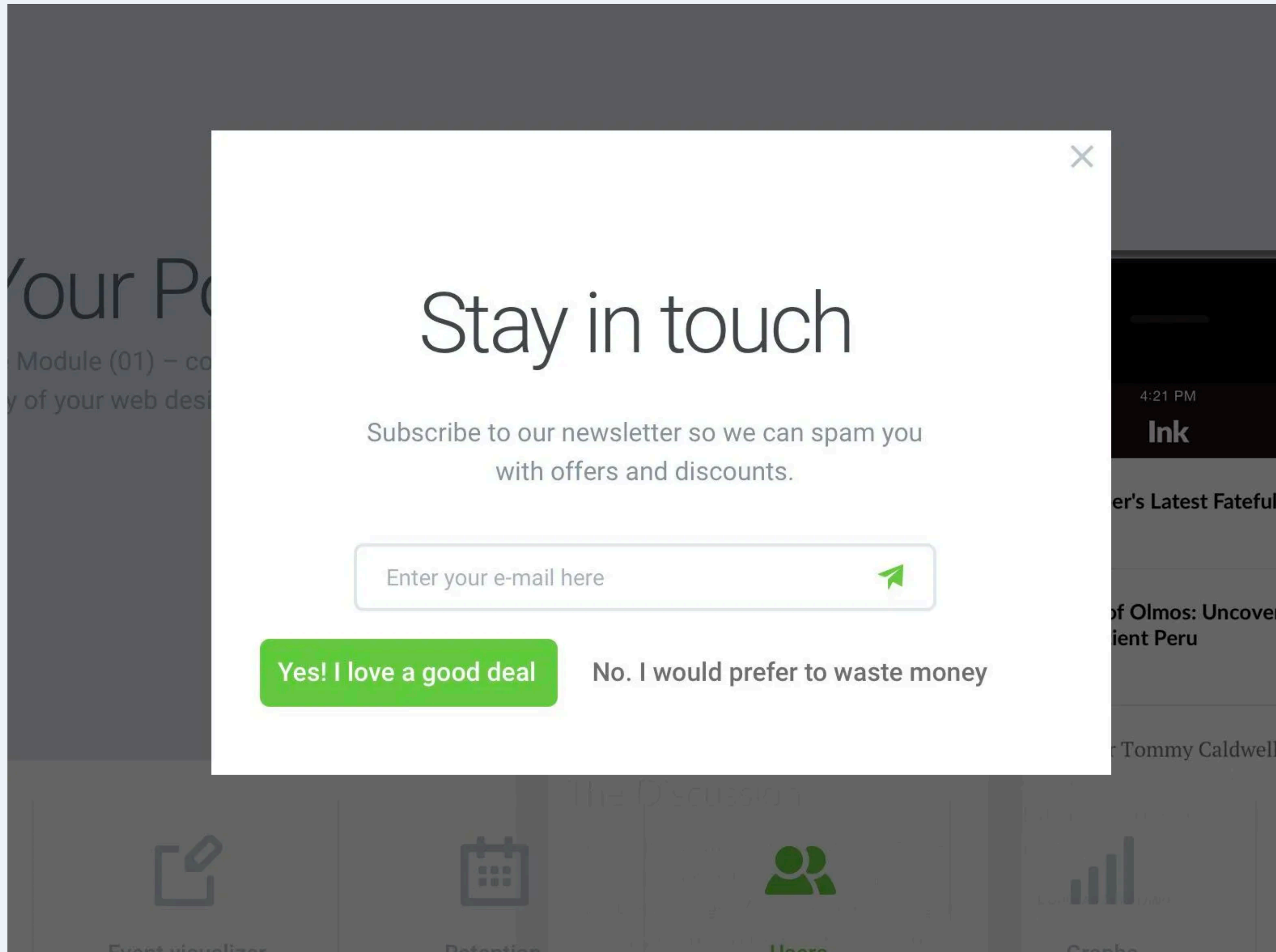
4 PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES YOU CAN USE

1. ADDRESS OBJECTIONS AND REDUCE RISKS



MEET THE PRIMAL BRAIN

“**Primal brain**” refers to the oldest part of the **brain**, the **brain** stem, responsible for primitive survival instincts such as aggression and fear ("flight or fight").




- What if they sell my email address to a third party?
- What if the content is rubbish?
- What if they make it hard to unsubscribe?
- What if they send me too many emails?
- What if they pressure me into buying?
- What if they get hacked?

DO NOT AVOID THE RISK


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Let's talk quality




We only use British and Irish beef.

FIND OUT MORE



It's always 100% chicken breast meat.


FIND OUT MORE




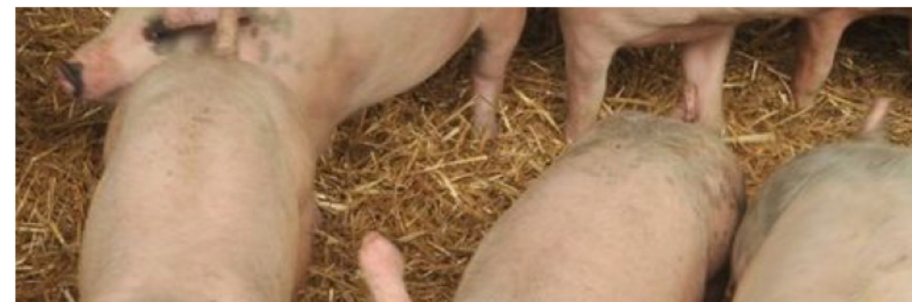
We're always improving our Happy Meal.

FIND OUT MORE

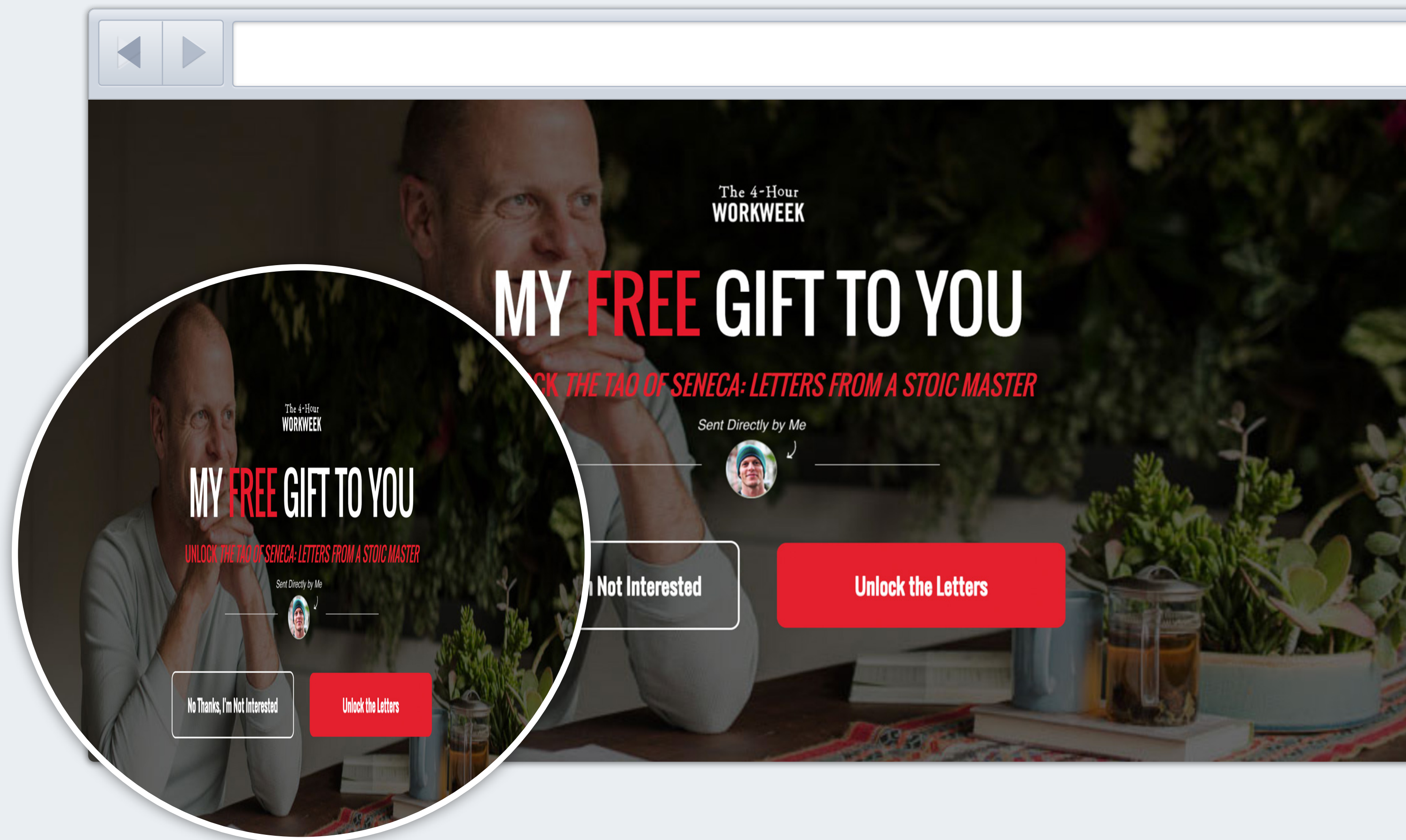
And that's not all







DO NOT MAKE THE USER SEARCH FOR ANSWERS



MAKE THE RISK WORTH TAKING



Focus on Benefits,
Before Features



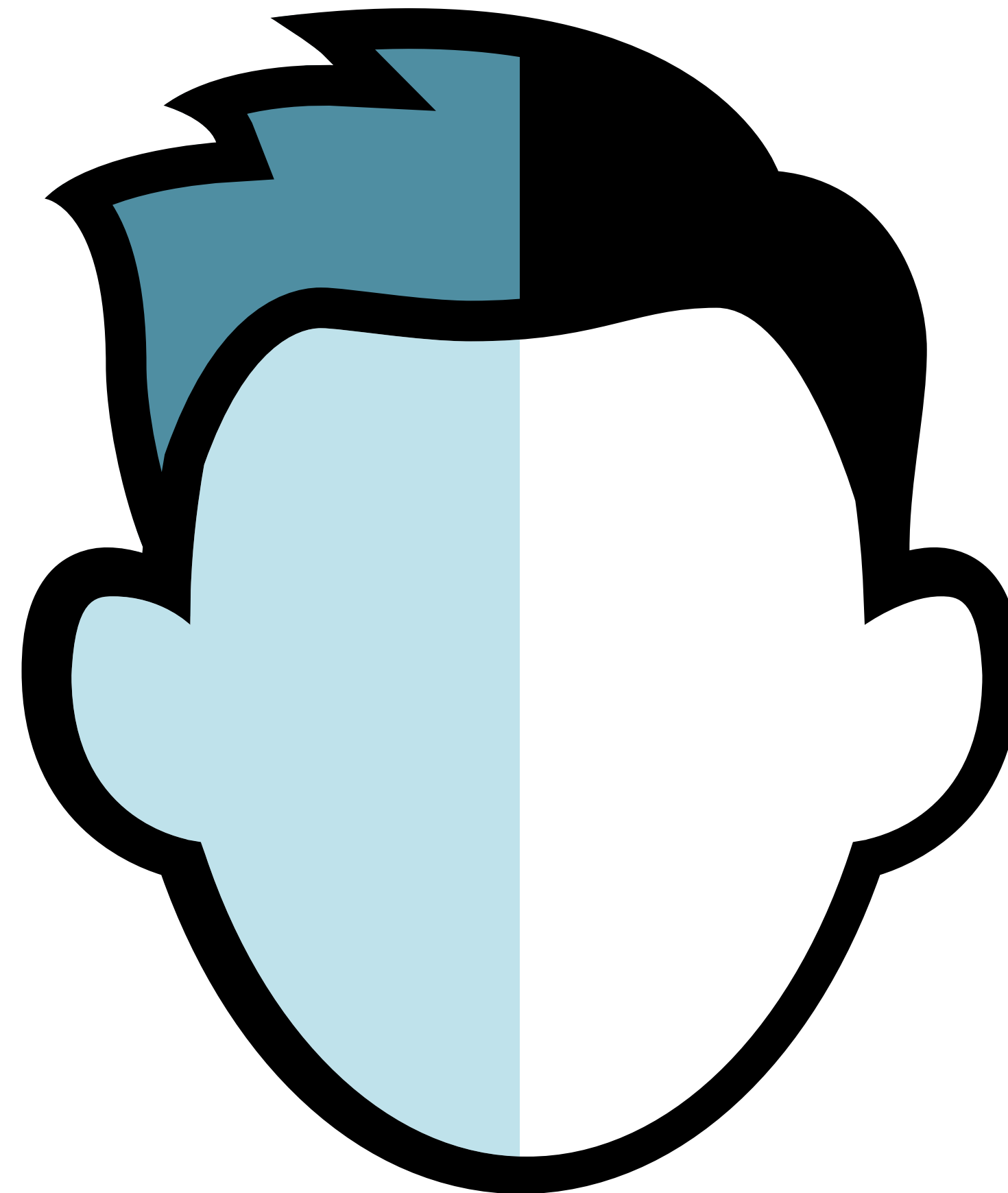
Introduce a new
reference point



Appeal to the
Selfish Gene

Give The User Control Of The Risk

Don't leave me to wonder what is happening. Keep me informed about what is going on.

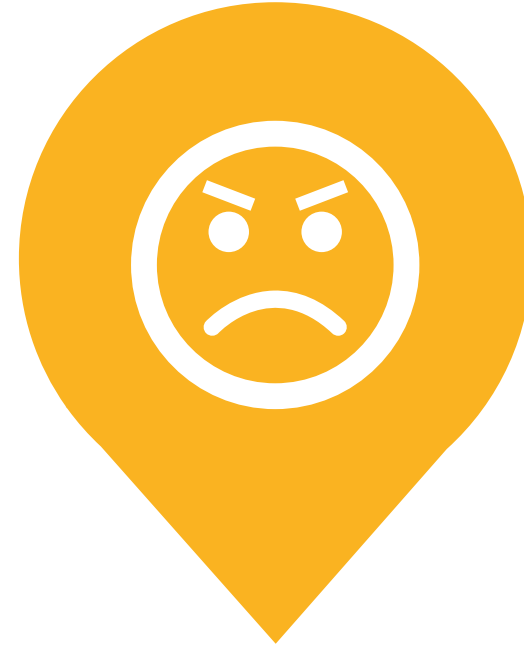


Let me undo things if I make a mistake. For example, can I return an item or easily cancel a subscription.

2. DEFEAT COGNITIVE OVERLOAD

CAUSES

Bad mood



Inconsistency



Confusing display



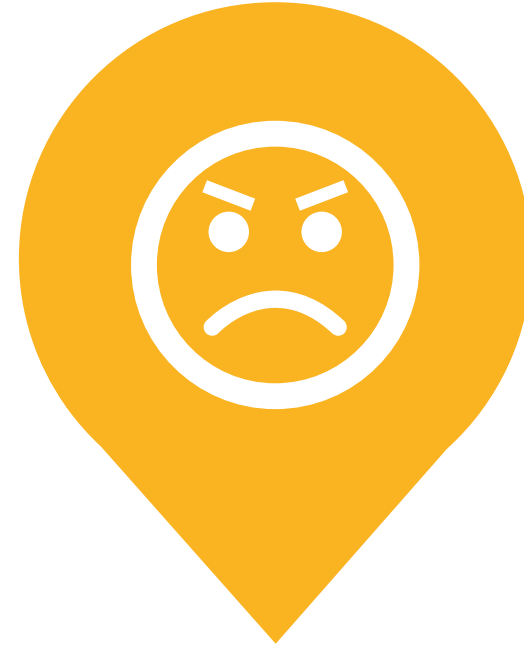
Poorly primed



COGNITIVE LOAD

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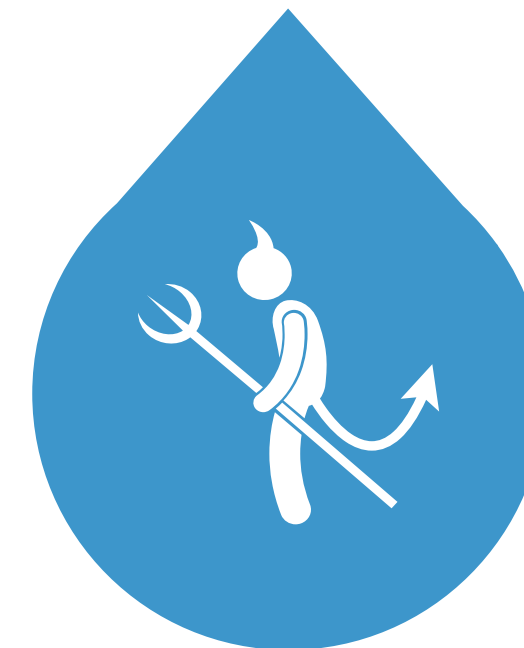
Feels hard work



Feels unfamiliar



Feels untrue



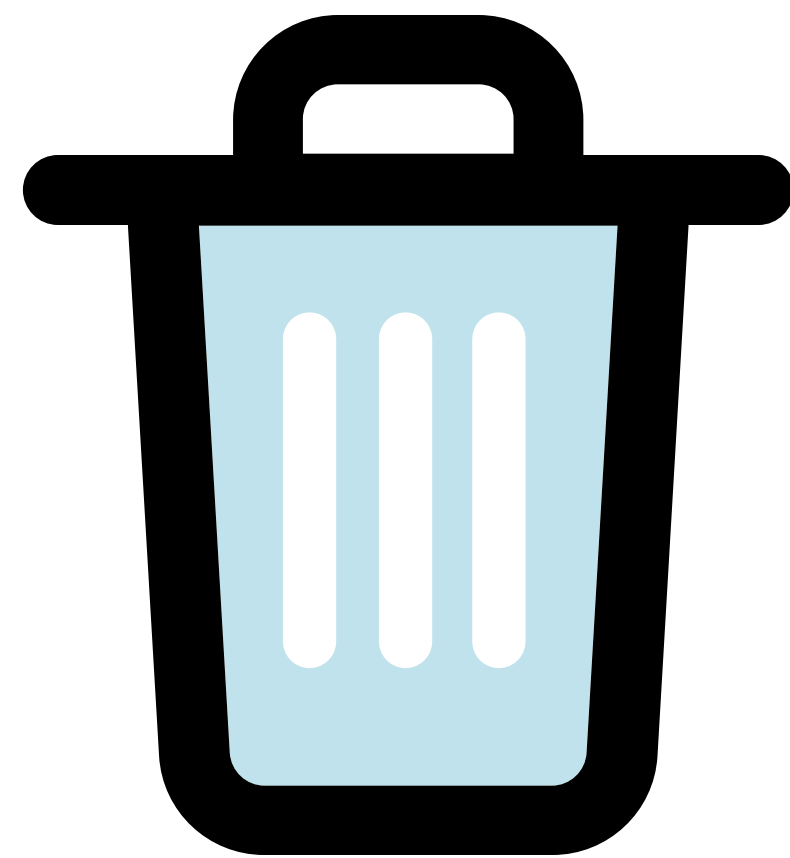
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CONSEQUENCES

Awareness Test

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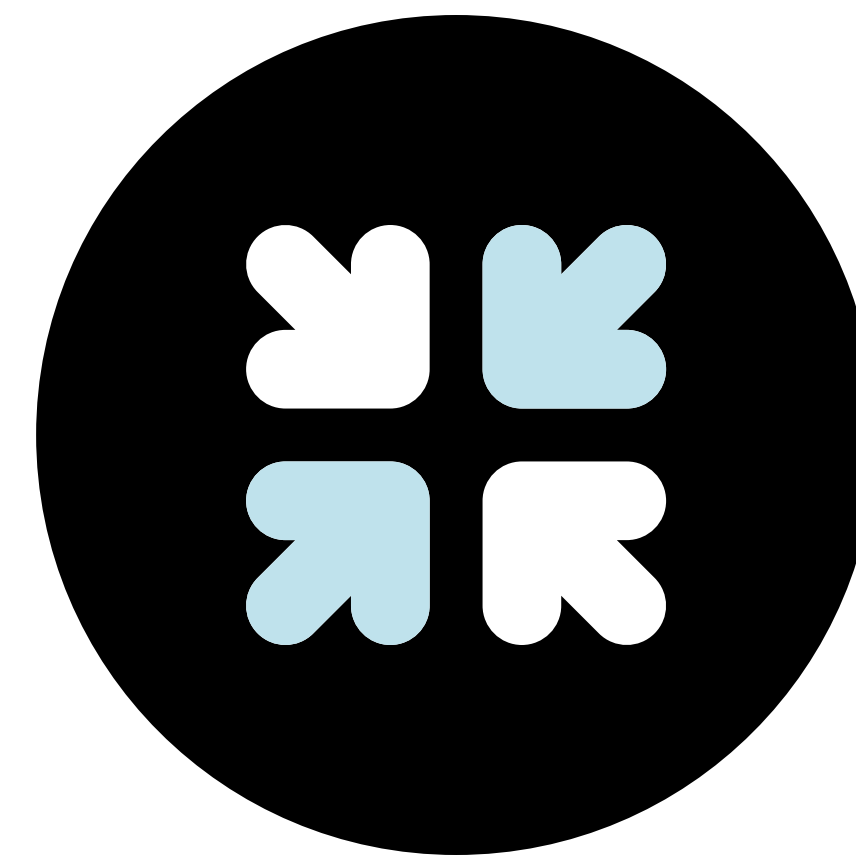
MORE LATER



Remove



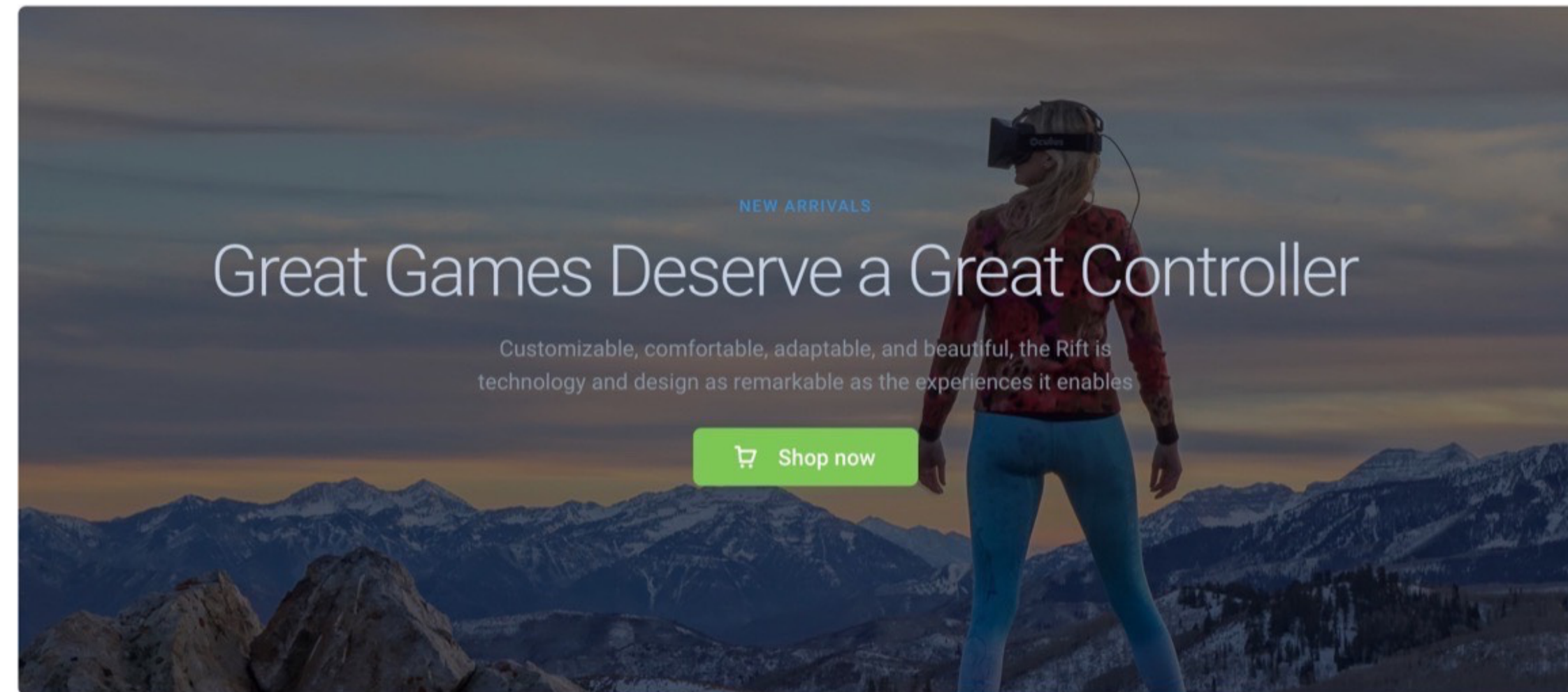
Hide



Shrink

DESIGN FOR MAXIMUM VISIBILITY

MORE LATER



NEW ARRIVALS

Great Games Deserve a Great Controller

Customizable, comfortable, adaptable, and beautiful, the Rift is technology and design as remarkable as the experiences it enables

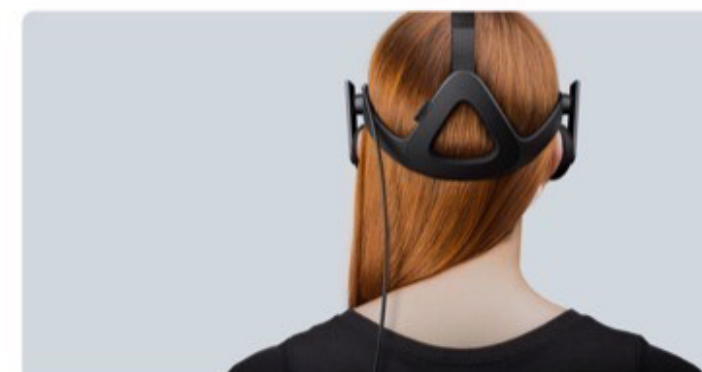
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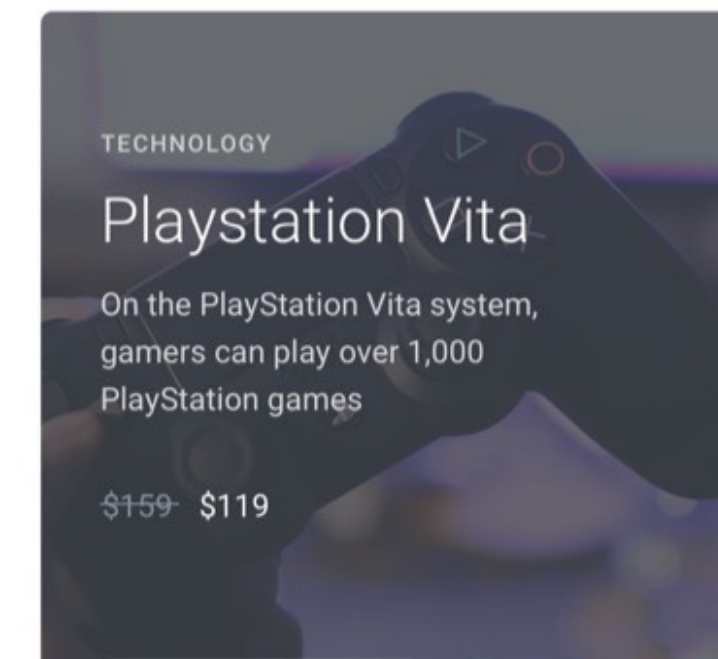
The Skypshere by Jono Williams

That perspective need also include, though,



TECHNOLOGY

One Hundred and One Rectangles



TECHNOLOGY

Playstation Vita

On the PlayStation Vita system, gamers can play over 1,000 PlayStation games

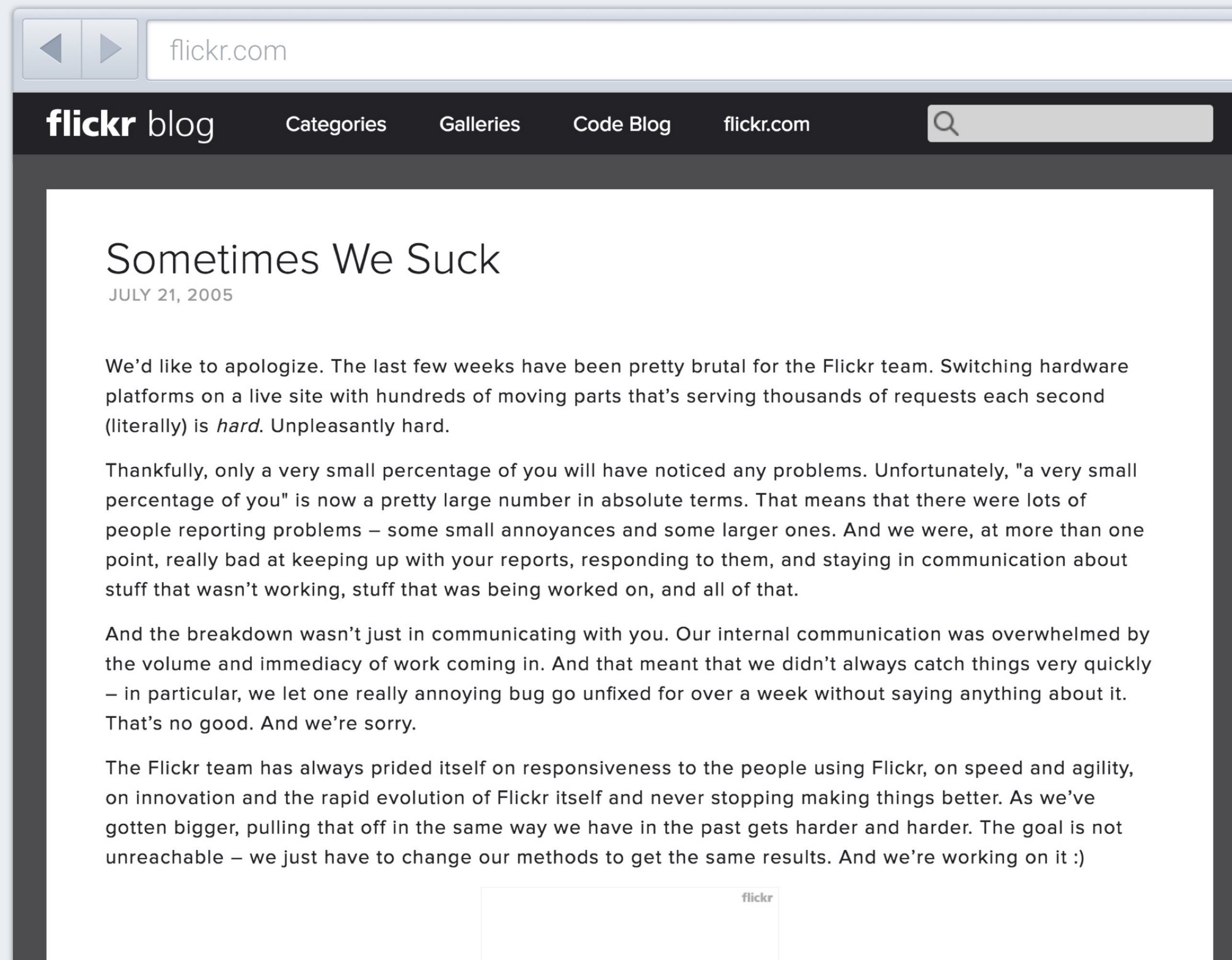
~~\$159~~ \$119

LIMIT THE NUMBER
OF OPTIONS OR USE
CHUNKING



3. ESTABLISH TRUST AND OVERCOME CYNICISM

BE OPEN, HONEST AND TRANSPARENT



DEMONSTRATE HUMANITY & EMPATHY


http://www.essex.ac.uk

The 4-Hour
WORKWEEK

MY **FREE** GIFT TO YOU


UNLOCK THE TAO OF SENECA: LETTERS FROM A STOIC MASTER

Sent Directly by Me

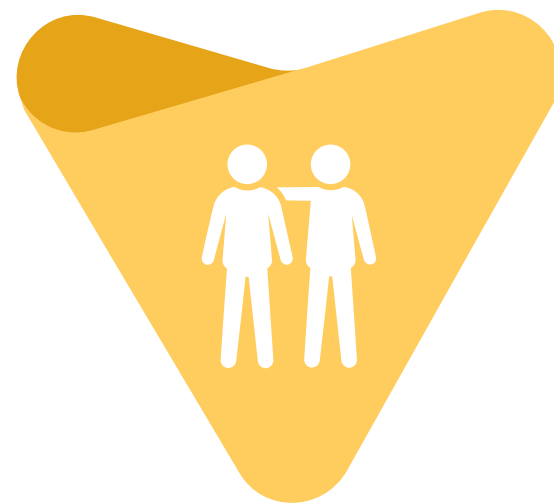


No Thanks, I'm Not Interested

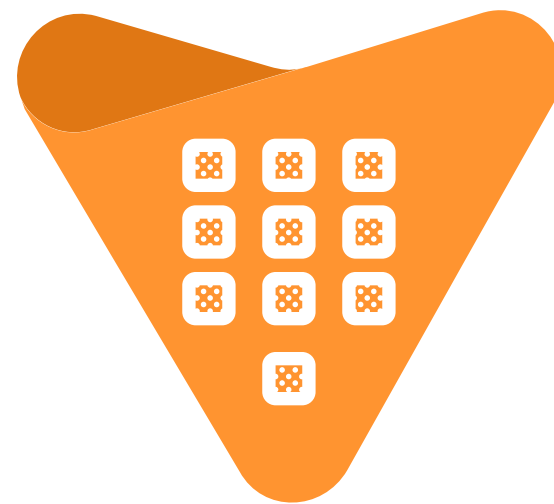
Unlock the Letters



UTILISE SOCIAL PROOF



Use a Known
Source



Rely on
Numbers



Don't Remove
The Negative



Use Social
Media



Using
Authentic
Video & Photos



Build
Community

Tell a Story

YOUR COMPANY



YOUR PRODUCTS



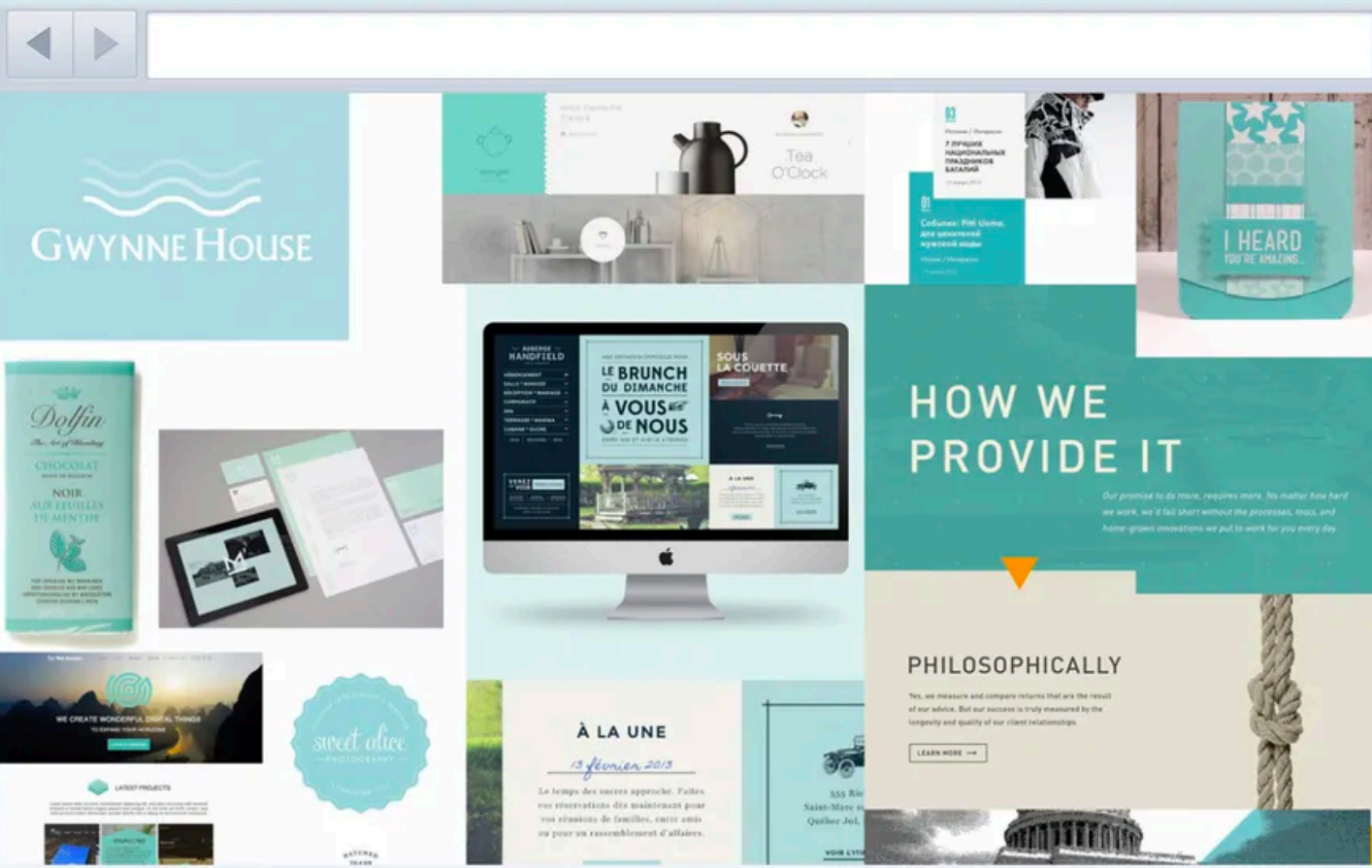
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YOUR CUSTOMERS

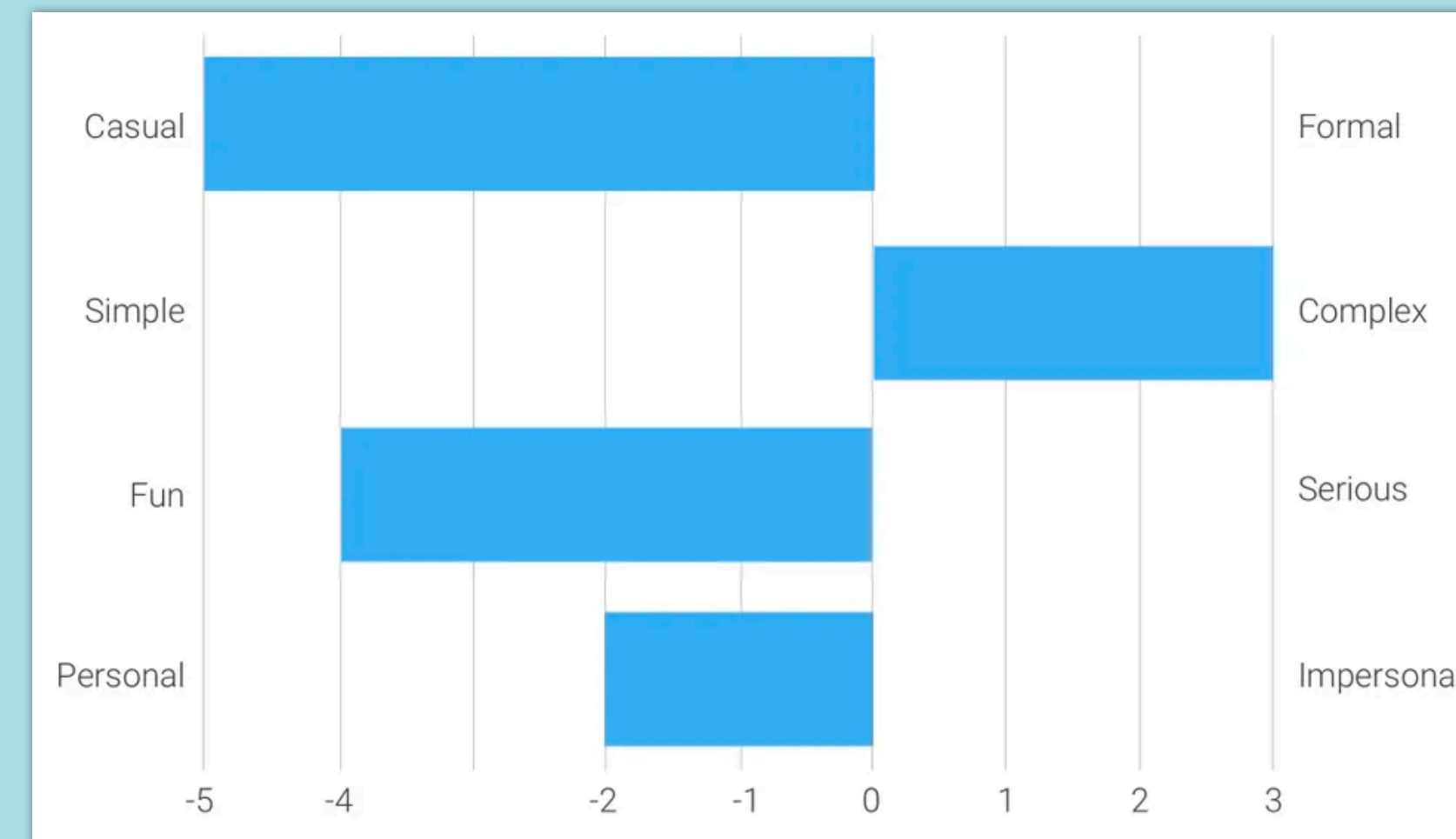


Design With Trust In Mind



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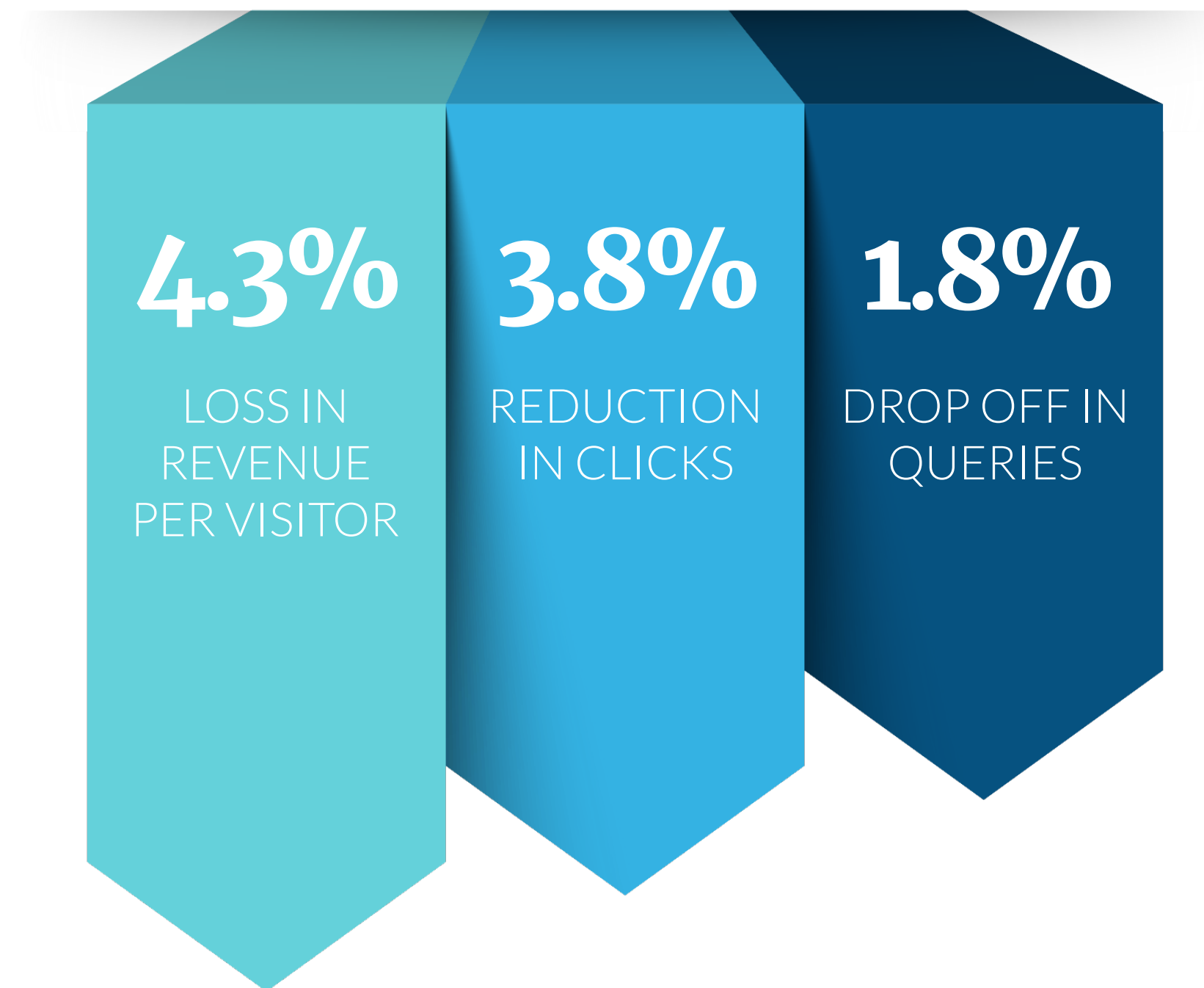
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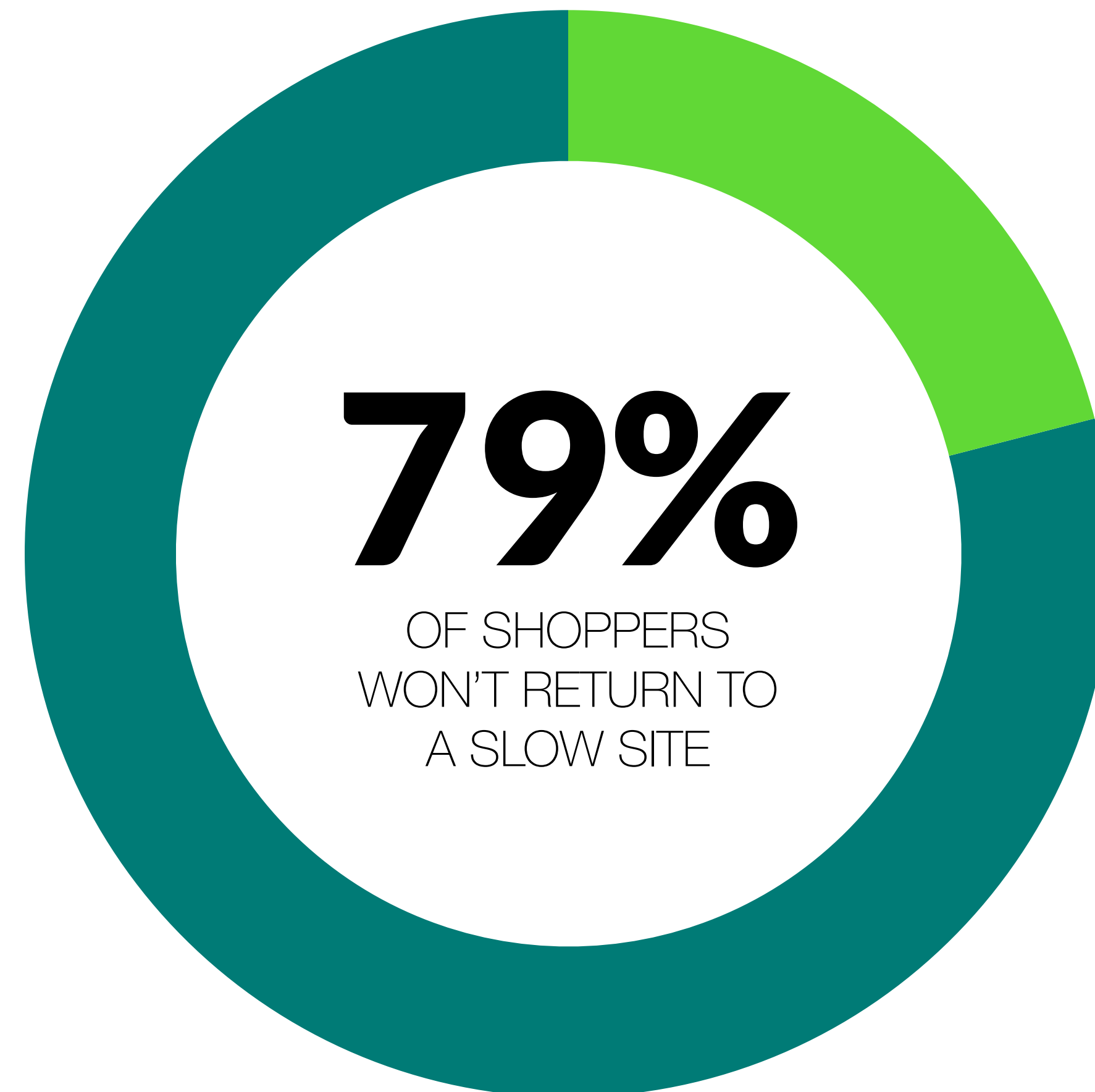
4. MAKE IT FAST!

PERFORMANCE IMPACTS CONVERSION

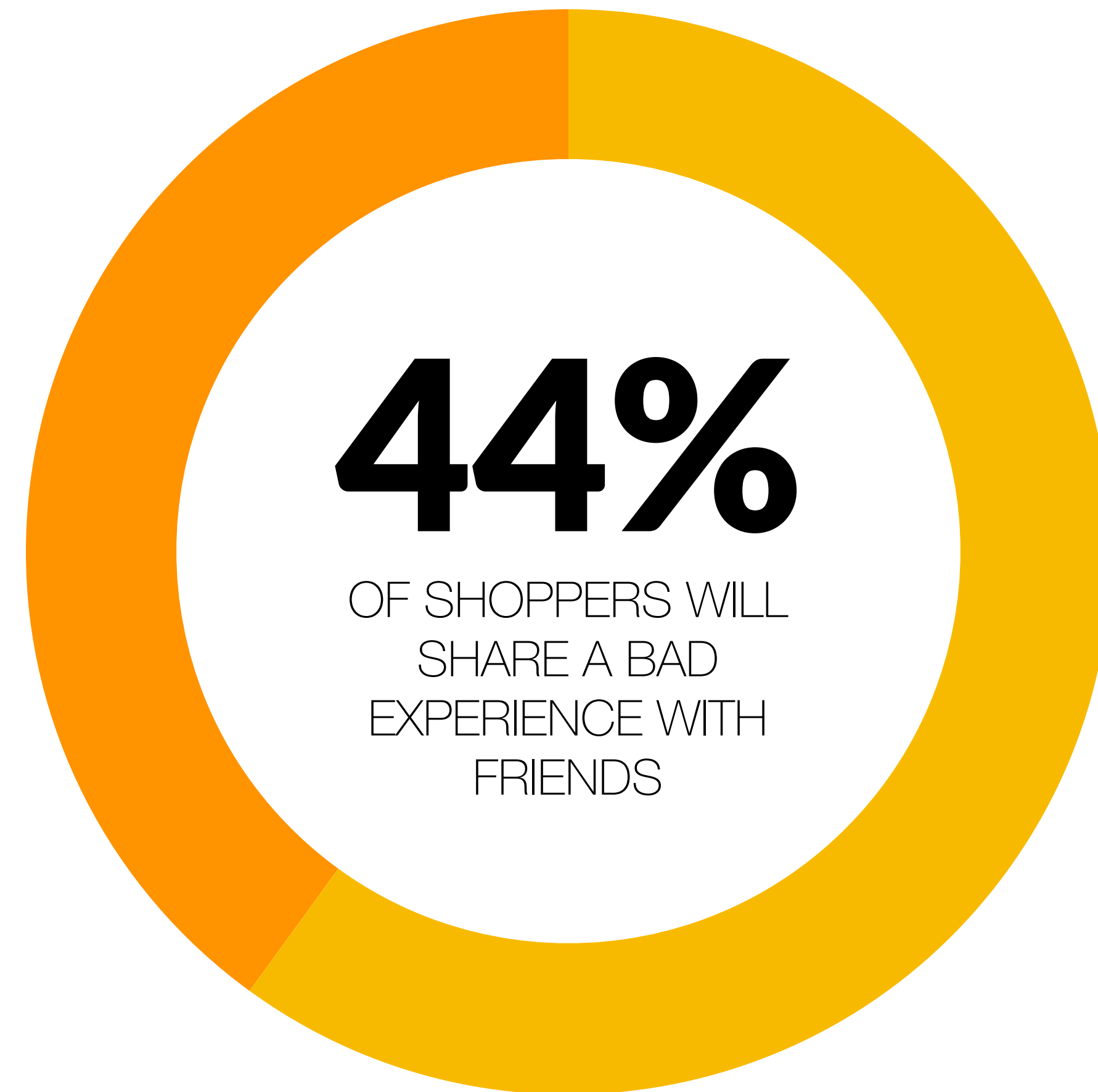
For every 2 seconds of load time



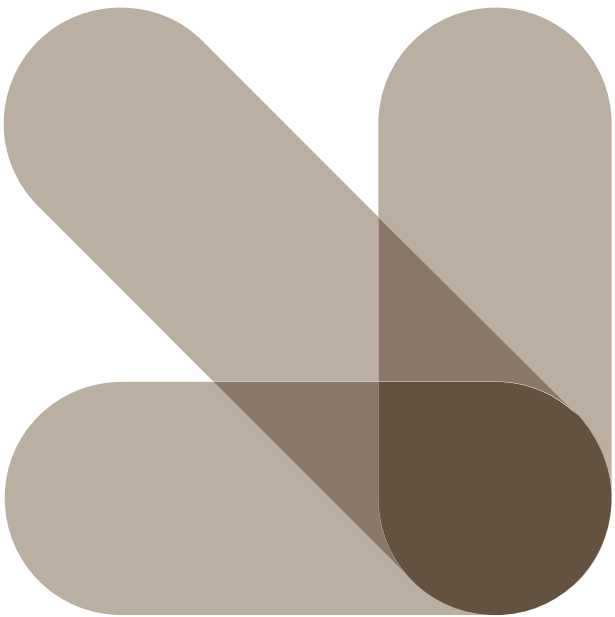
PERFORMANCE IMPACTS REPEAT VISITS



PERFORMANCE IMPACTS REPUTATION



Speed up
Imagery



Use a content
delivery network



IMPROVE
PERFORMANCE

Optimise CSS
and Javascript



Watch those web
fonts





KEY TAKE AWAYS

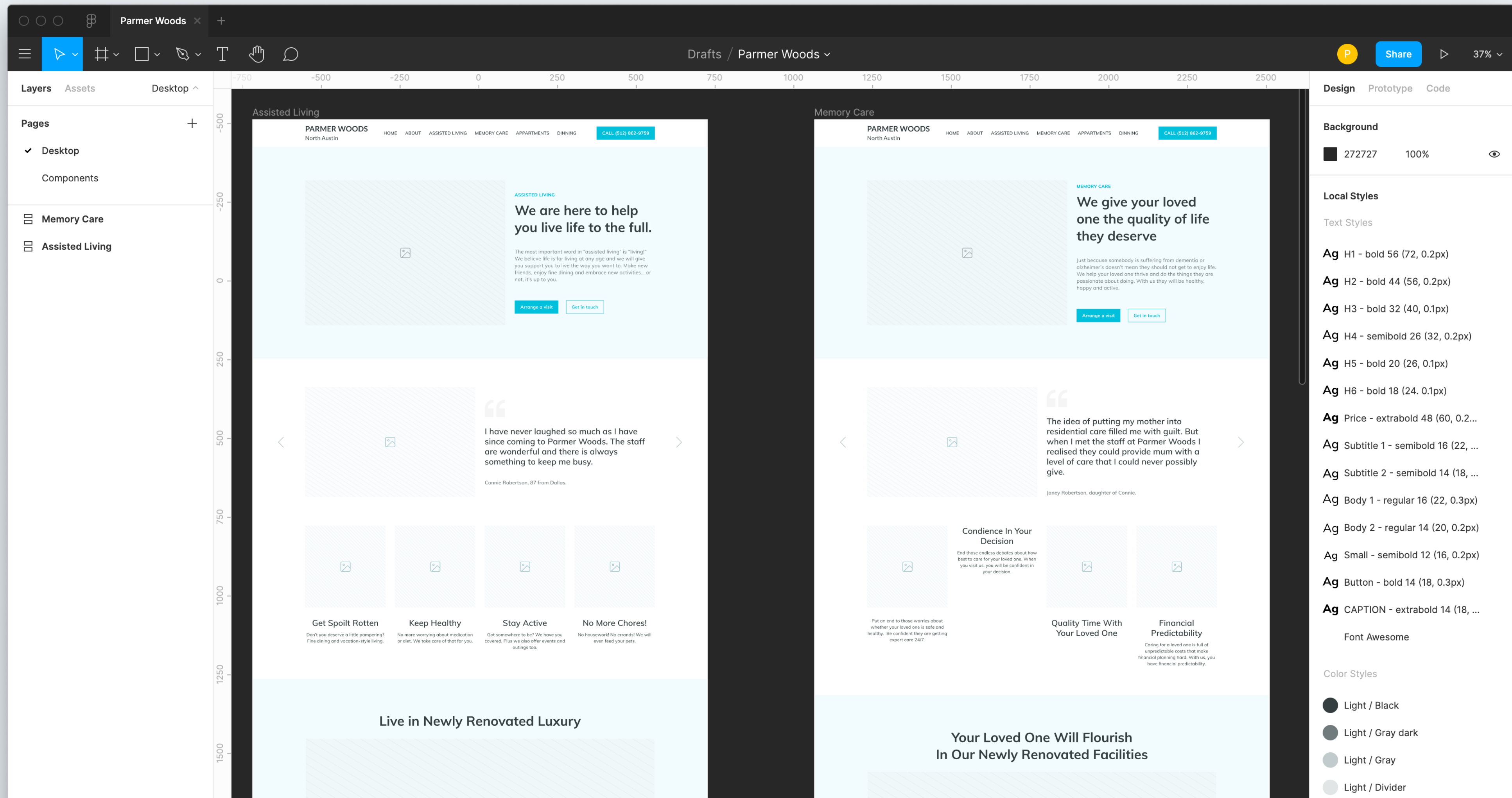
- Make a business (not ethical) case against dark patterns.
- Address the users objections, reducing risk.
- Focus on reducing cognitive load.
- Build trust and overcome cynicism.
- Prioritise speed.

QUESTIONS



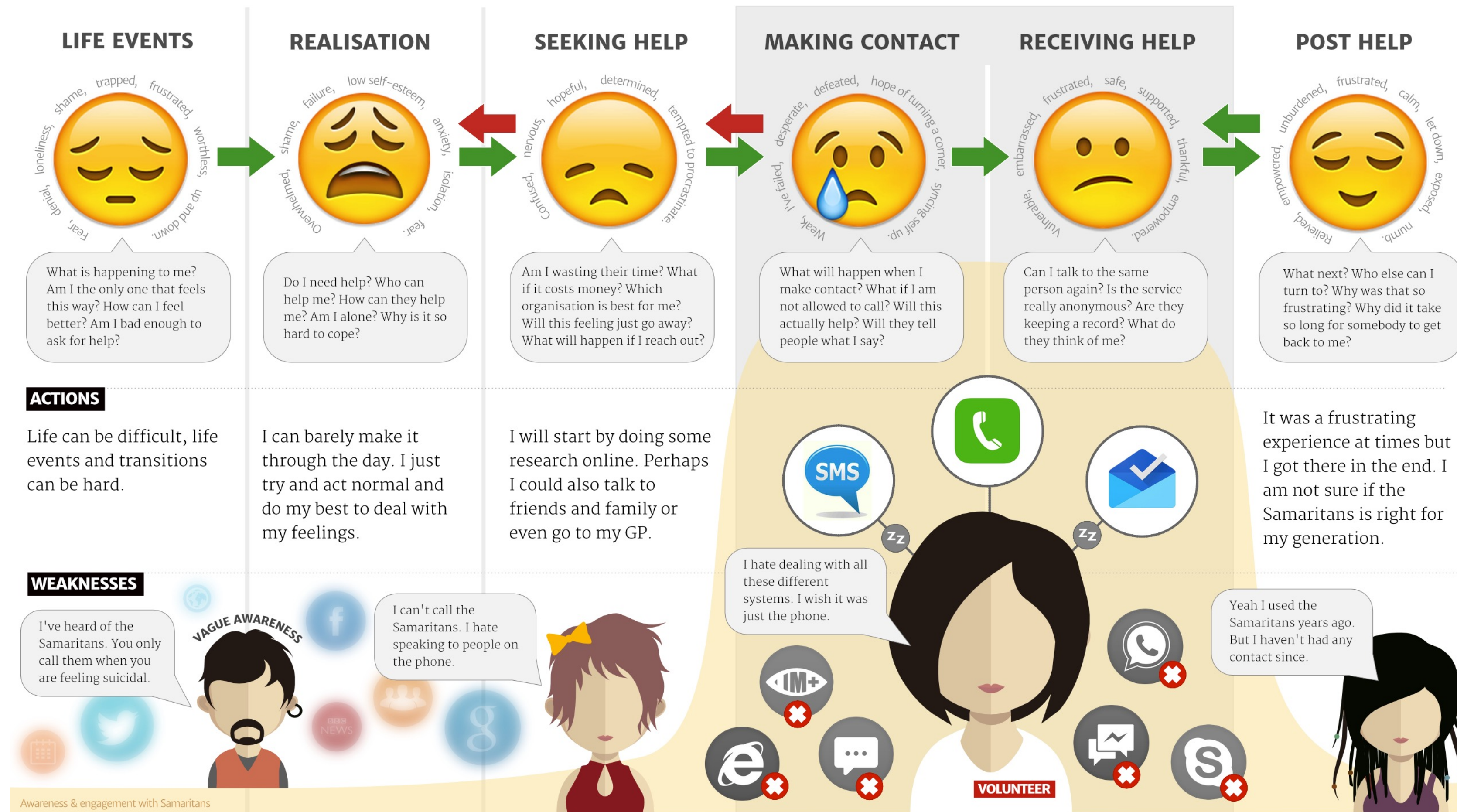
CREATING A COMPELLING OFFERING

DON'T WAIT FOR THE CLIENT WRITE COPY AS YOU WIREFRAME

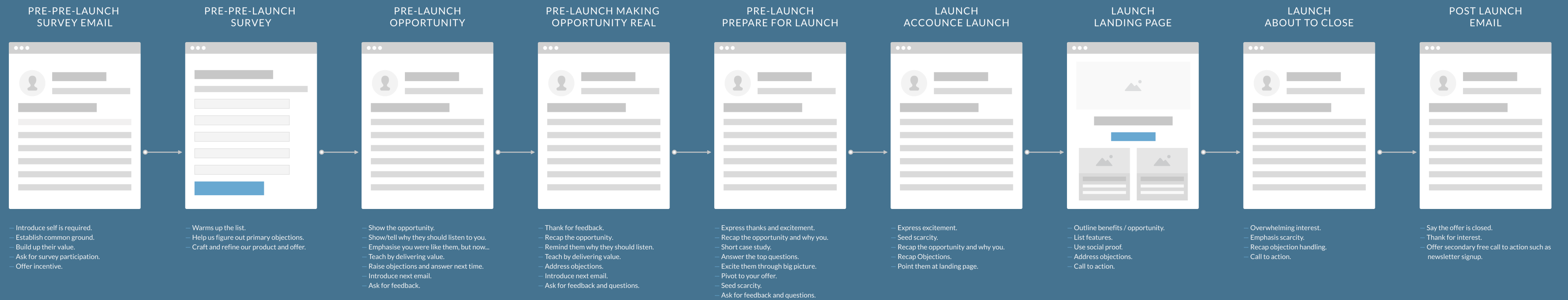


THE THREE CRUCIAL QUESTIONS

WHO ARE YOUR USERS?



WHERE DOES THE WEBSITE SIT IN THEIR JOURNEY?



WHAT DO YOU WANT THEM TO DO NEXT?



ATTRACT ATTENTION

MAKE CONNECTION

KEEP ENGAGEMENT

ENCOURAGE CONTACT

CREATING YOUR VALUE PROPOSITION

A value proposition is a company's promise to deliver specific value or benefits to a customer, and an outline of how it proposes to fulfil that promise.

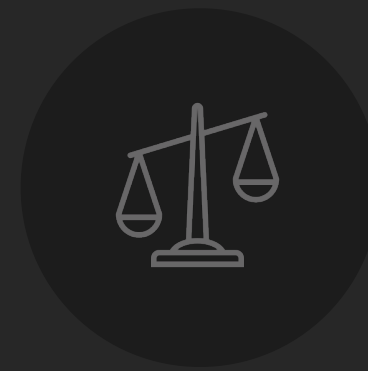


WHY AND HOW TO CRAFT
AN ONLINE VALUE
PROPOSITION

Questions the Value Proposition Answers



HOW DOES YOUR OFFERING
SOLVE MY PROBLEM?



WHAT BENEFIT CAN I
EXPECT TO GET?



WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE
YOU OVER YOUR
COMPETITORS?

Value Proposition Canvas

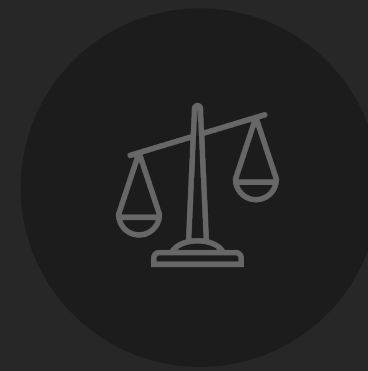


How To Communicate Your Value Proposition Online

3 Parts to Your Value Proposition



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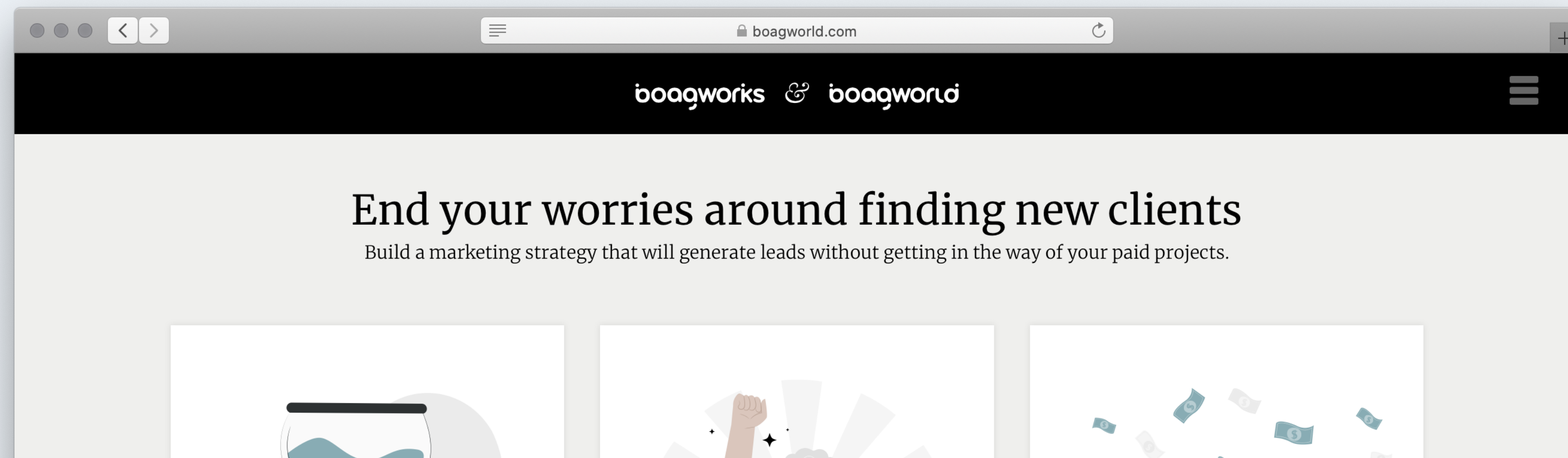




YOUR BENEFITS




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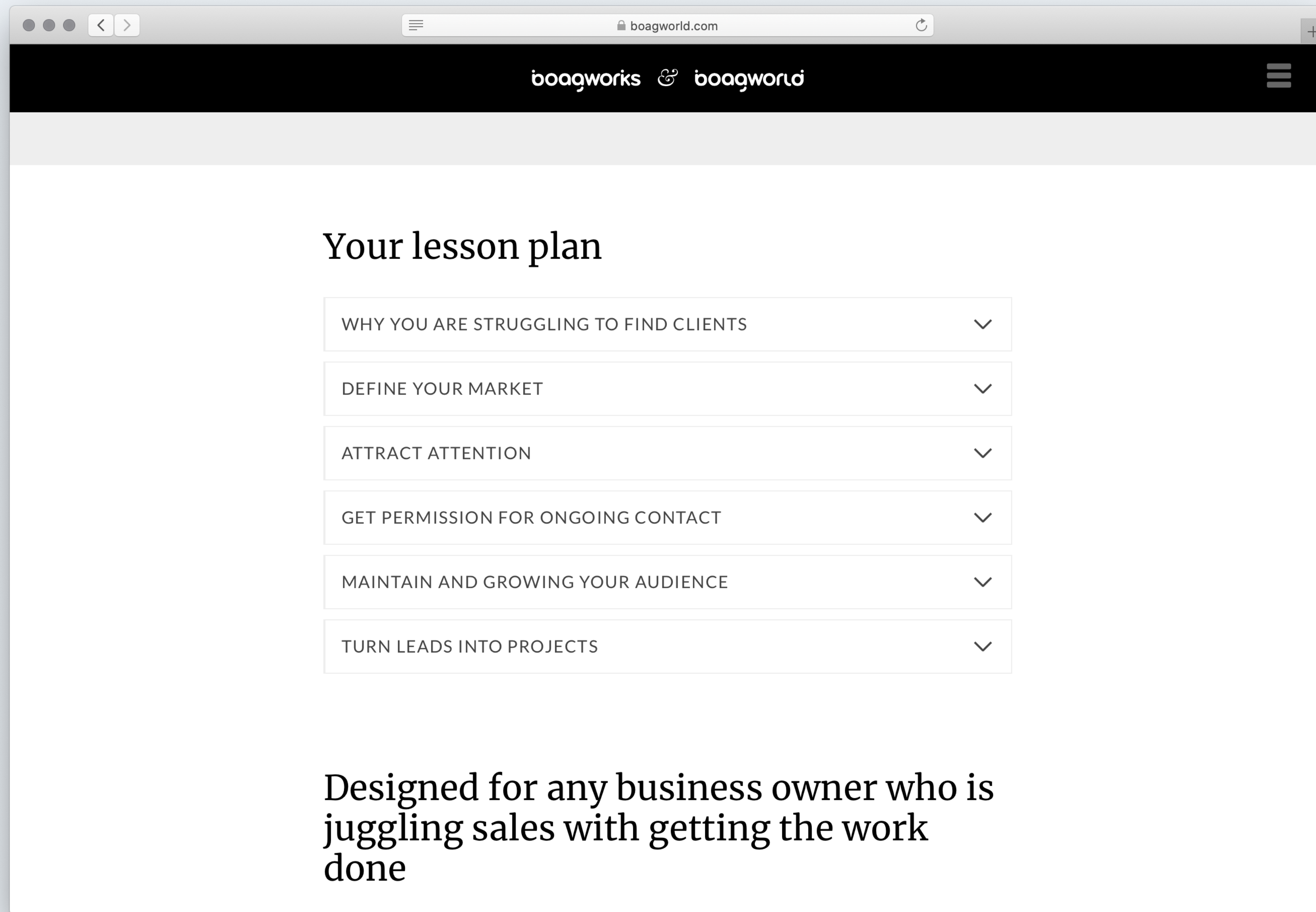
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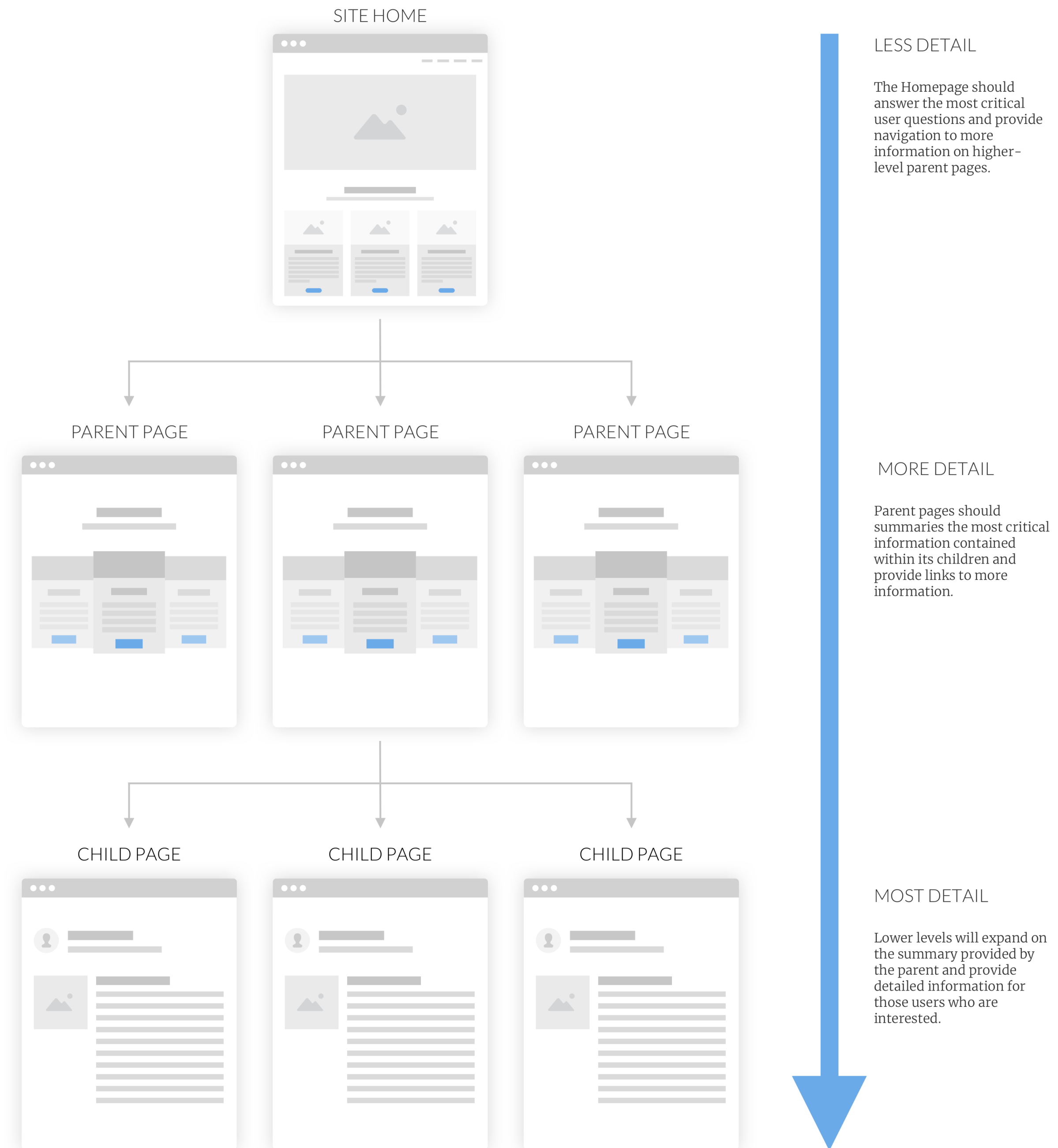
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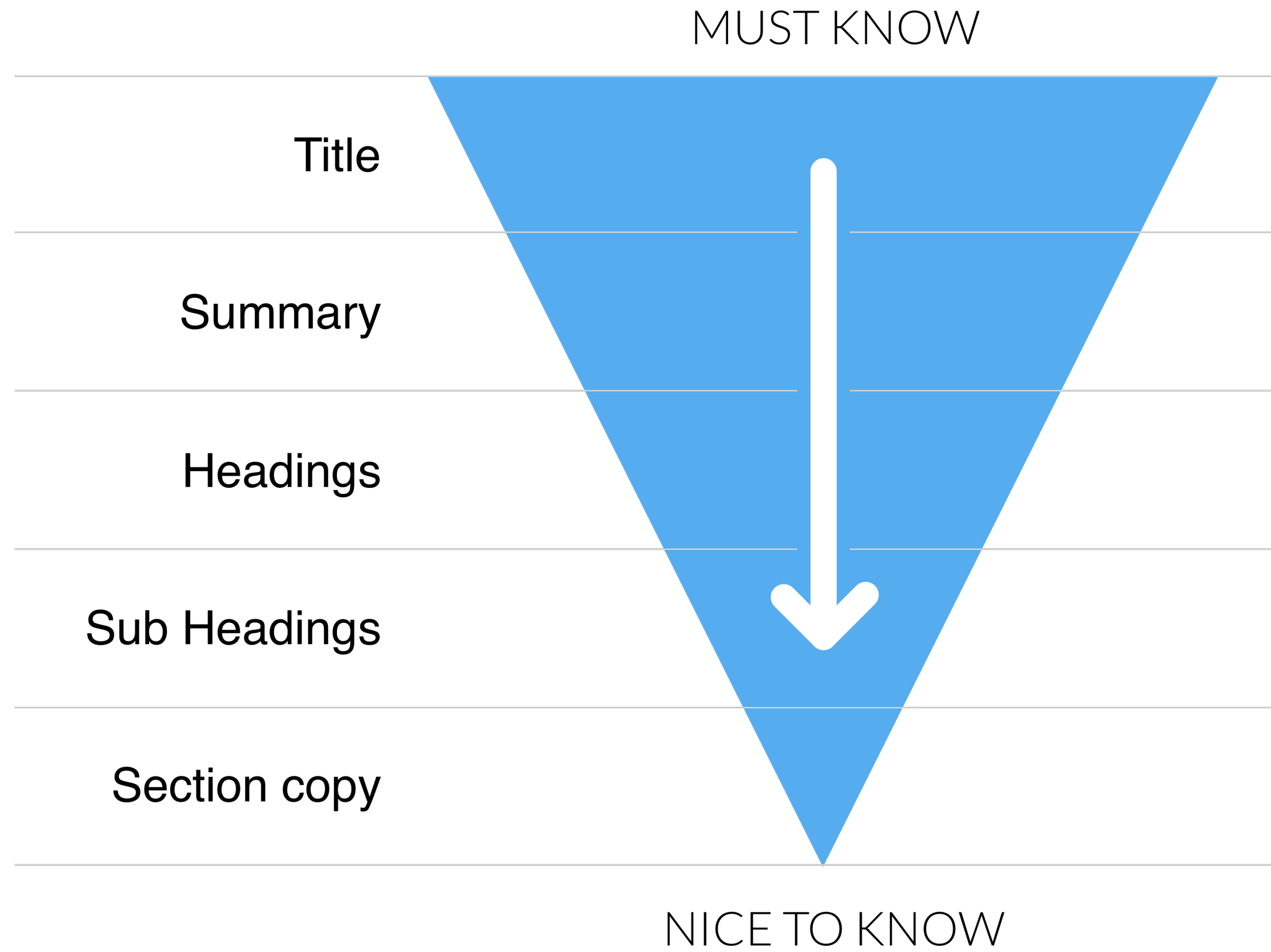
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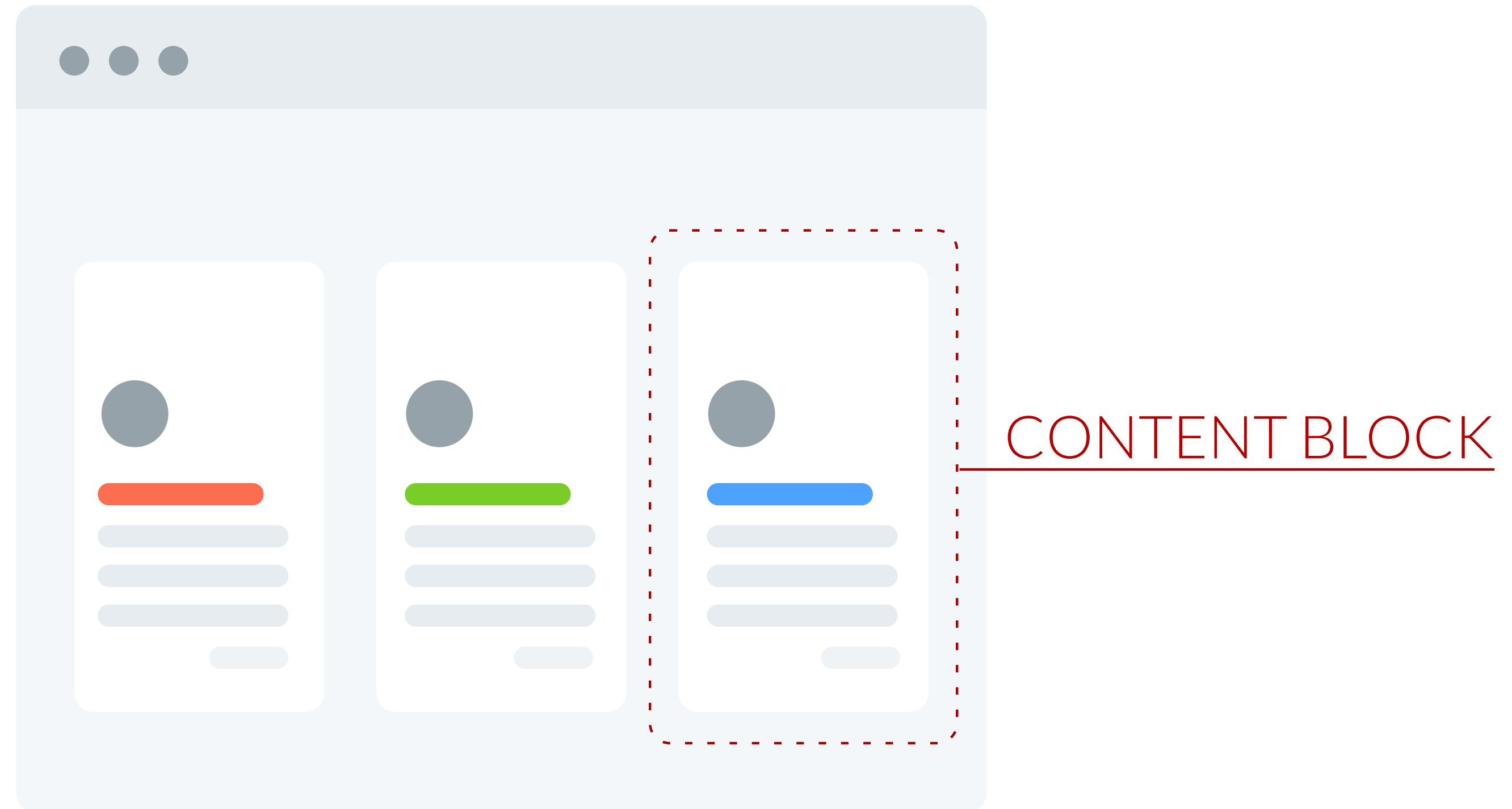
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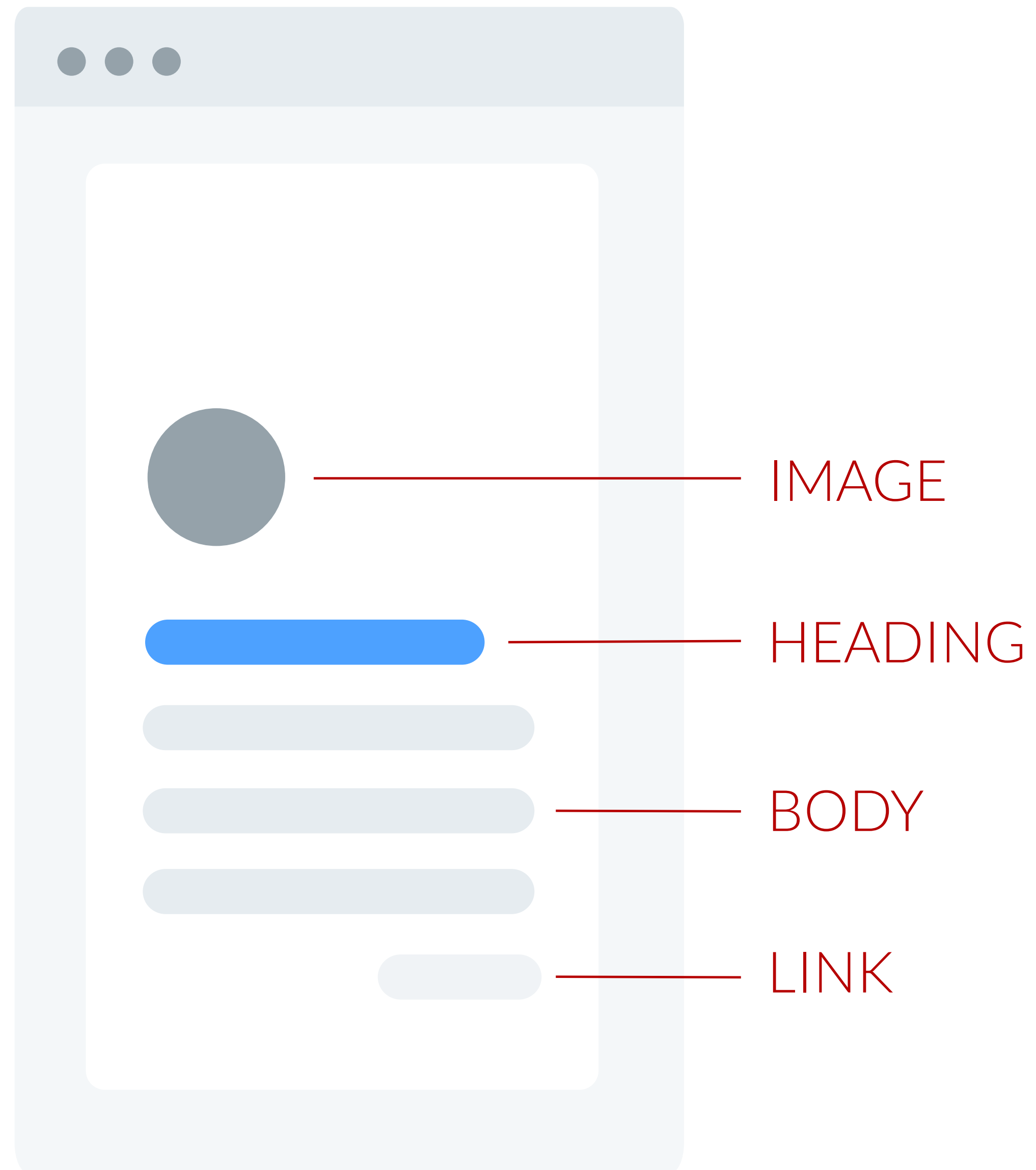
WRITING COMPELLING COPY

Creating Content Hierarchy









Creating Compelling Headlines



Creating Compelling Headlines

FEAR

Don't Get Left Behind.

GUILT

Your Contribution
Will Make All The
Difference.

TRUST

No Hidden Costs.

VALUE

You Won't Find A
Better Deal Anywhere.

COMPETITION

Be The Envy Of Your
Neighbours.

BELONGING

Join Today To Find
Out What People Have
Been Talking About.

INSTANT REWARD

Speak To Us Today
For Instant Peace Of
Mind.

LEADERSHIP

Be The First Of Your
Friends.

TIME

Clean Your House In
Half The Time.

Make Content Scannable

The screenshot shows the Hemingway Editor web application in a browser window. The address bar shows "Not Secure — hemingwayapp.com". The interface includes a top navigation bar with "Feedback" and "Help" links, a rich text toolbar with options like Bold, Italic, H1, H2, H3, Quote, Bullets, Numbers, and Link, and a "Write" button. On the left sidebar, there's a "Desktop App" button, a "Just Released! Version 3.0!" announcement with a green arrow, and social media buttons for "Like 72K" and "Tweet". The main content area displays a sample text with various highlights: yellow for complex sentences, red for dense sentences, blue for adverbs/weak phrases, and green for passive voice. The right sidebar shows the "Hemingway Editor" logo, a "Readability" score of "Grade 6" (Good), and a word count of "Words: 133". Below these are five colored boxes providing specific feedback: 2 adverbs, 1 use of passive voice, 1 phrase with a simpler alternative, 1 of 11 sentences hard to read, and 1 of 11 sentences very hard to read.

Feedback | Help

Desktop App

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Bold Italic H1 H2 H3 Quote Bullets Numbers Link

Write Edit

Hemingway Editor

Readability

Grade 6

Good

Words: 133

Show More ▼

2 adverbs, meeting the goal of 2 or fewer.

1 use of passive voice, meeting the goal of 2 or fewer.

1 phrase has a simpler alternative.

1 of 11 sentences is hard to read.

1 of 11 sentences is very hard to read.

Hemingway App makes your writing bold and clear.

The app highlights lengthy, complex sentences and common errors; if you see a yellow sentence, shorten or split it. If you see a red highlight, your sentence is so dense and complicated that your readers will get lost trying to follow its meandering, splitting logic — try editing this sentence to remove the red.

You can utilize a shorter word in place of a purple one. Mouse over them for hints.

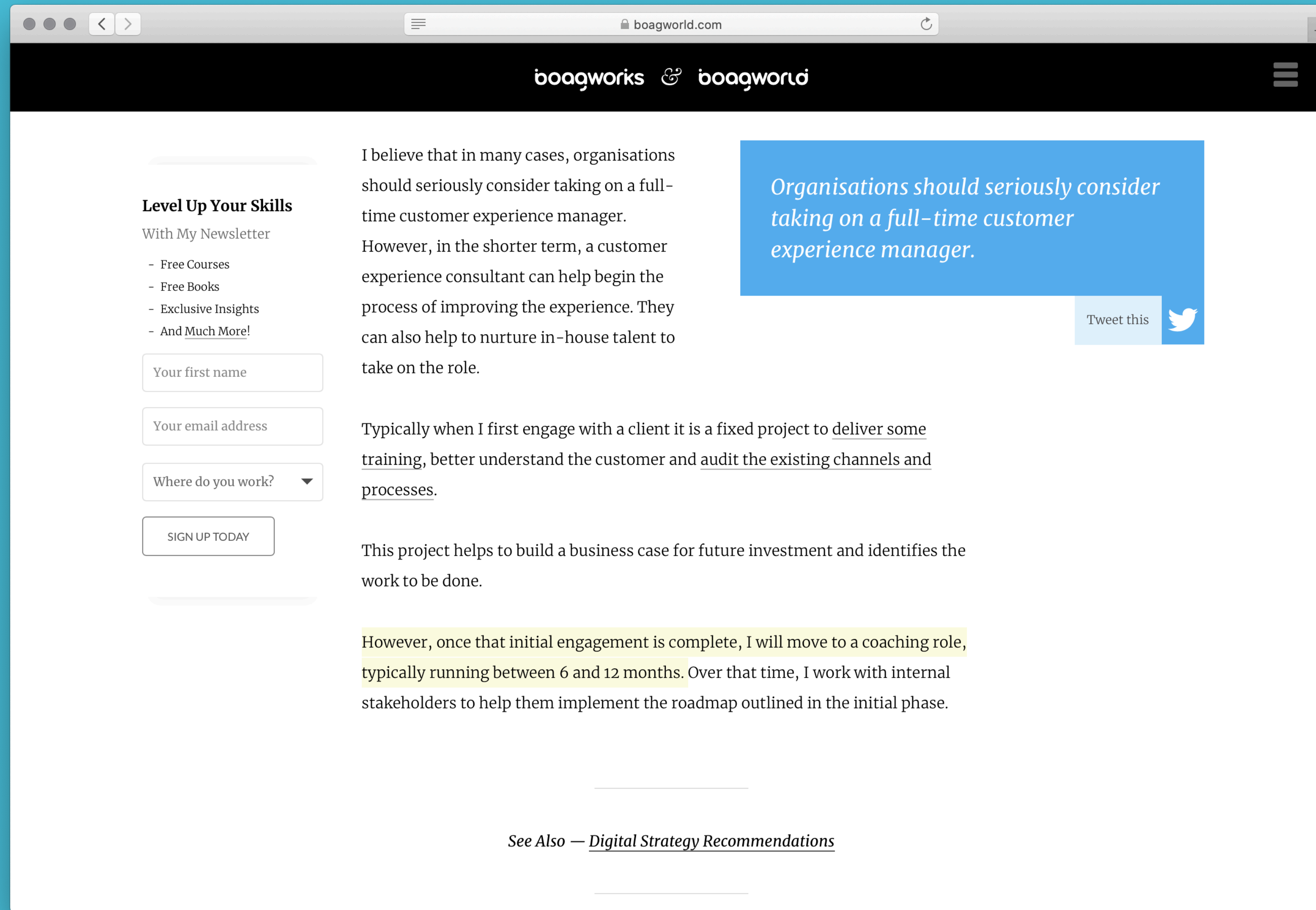
Adverbs and weakening phrases are helpfully shown in blue. Get rid of them and pick words with force, perhaps.

Phrases in green have been marked to show passive voice.

You can format your *text* with the toolbar.

Paste in something you're working on and edit away. Or, click the Write button and compose something new.

Make Content Scannable



Be A Human Being

As well as ensuring students make the most of their potential through their academic studies, the University of Essex also provides an environment which caters for all of the needs of its students through providing a range of accommodation, catering facilities, an active student union, sports and the arts.



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looking for: from accommodation and catering
through to an active student union, great sports
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Make It A Simple Choice

SIMPLIFY THE QUESTION

	CONSUMER	PRO
DESKTOP		
LAPTOP		

SIMPLIFY THE QUESTION



Is UNICEF the most worthy charity for my donation?



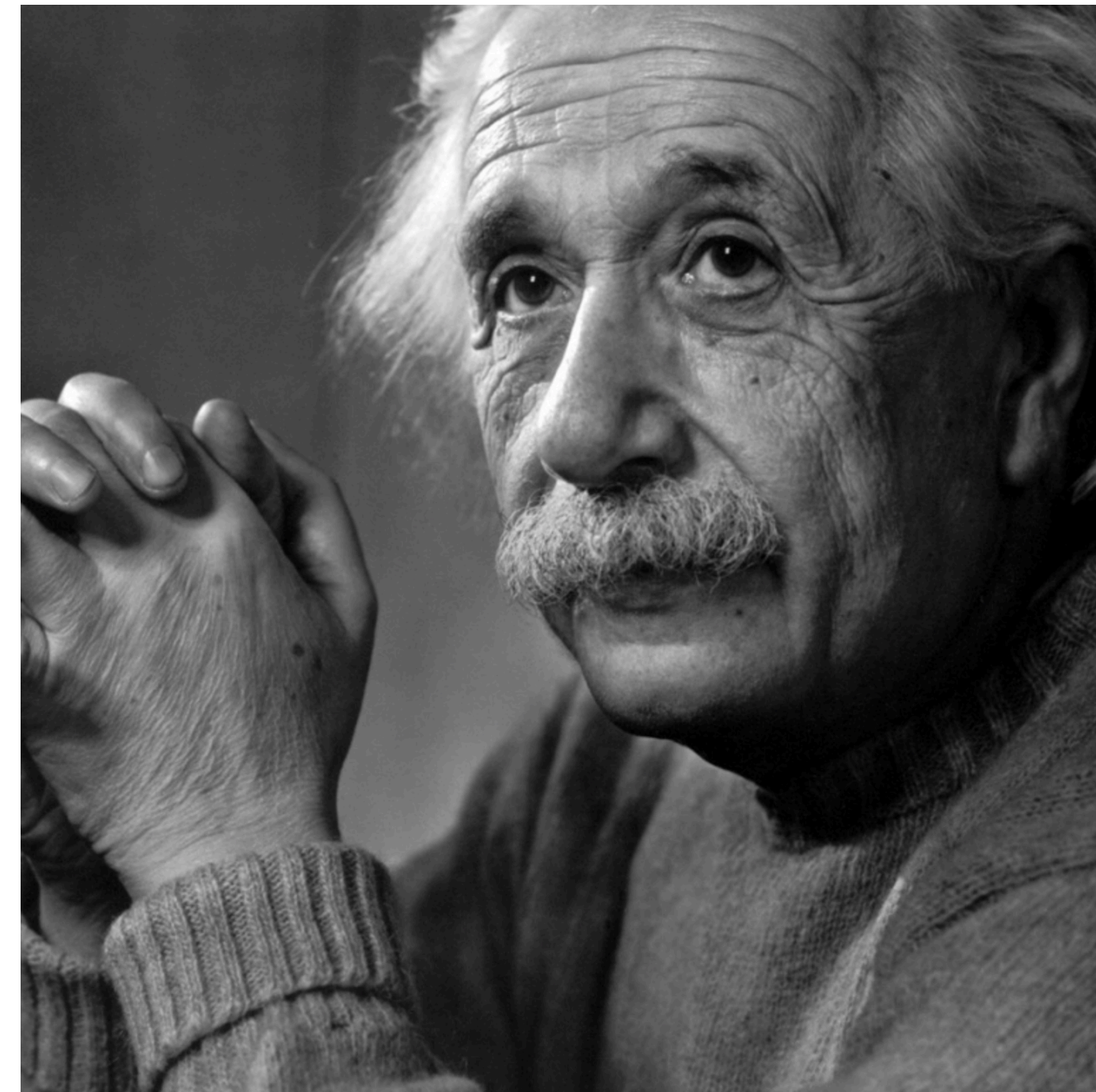
Do I want to reduce the suffering of children?

Prepare The User

Reflect Their *Mental Model*



THE ELEPHANT FABLE



THE EXPERT DILEMMA

“Jill Is Going To The Bank”

What is Jill going to do?

Jill Is Going To The Bank







KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Focus on understanding the user's journey.
- Understand where you sit in that journey.
- Be clear on what you need the user to do.
- Build a value proposition around the user.
- Write clear, structured and human copy.

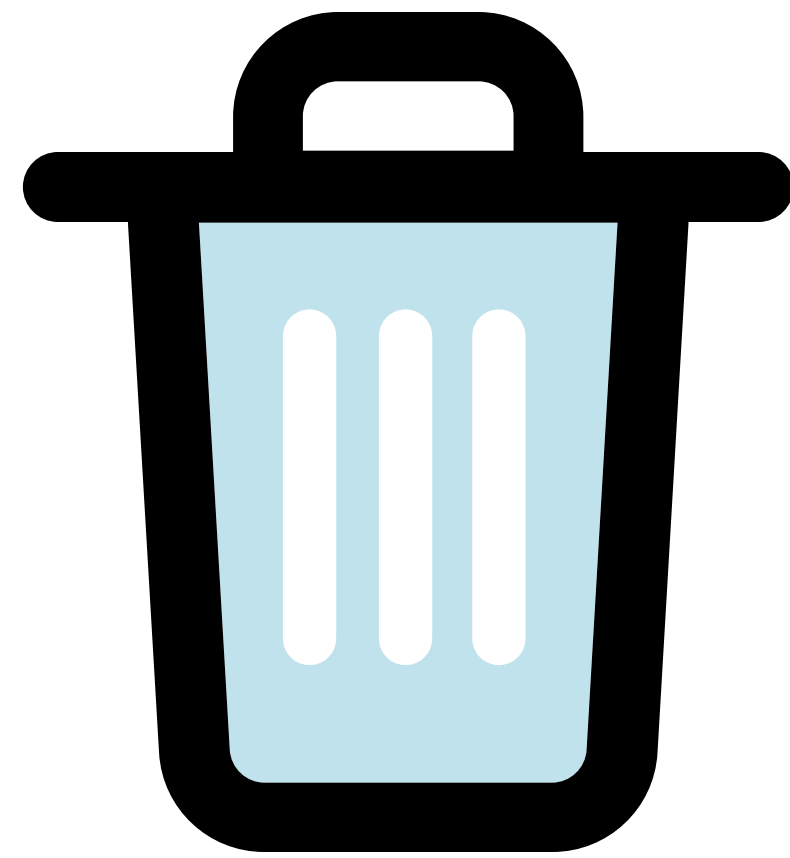
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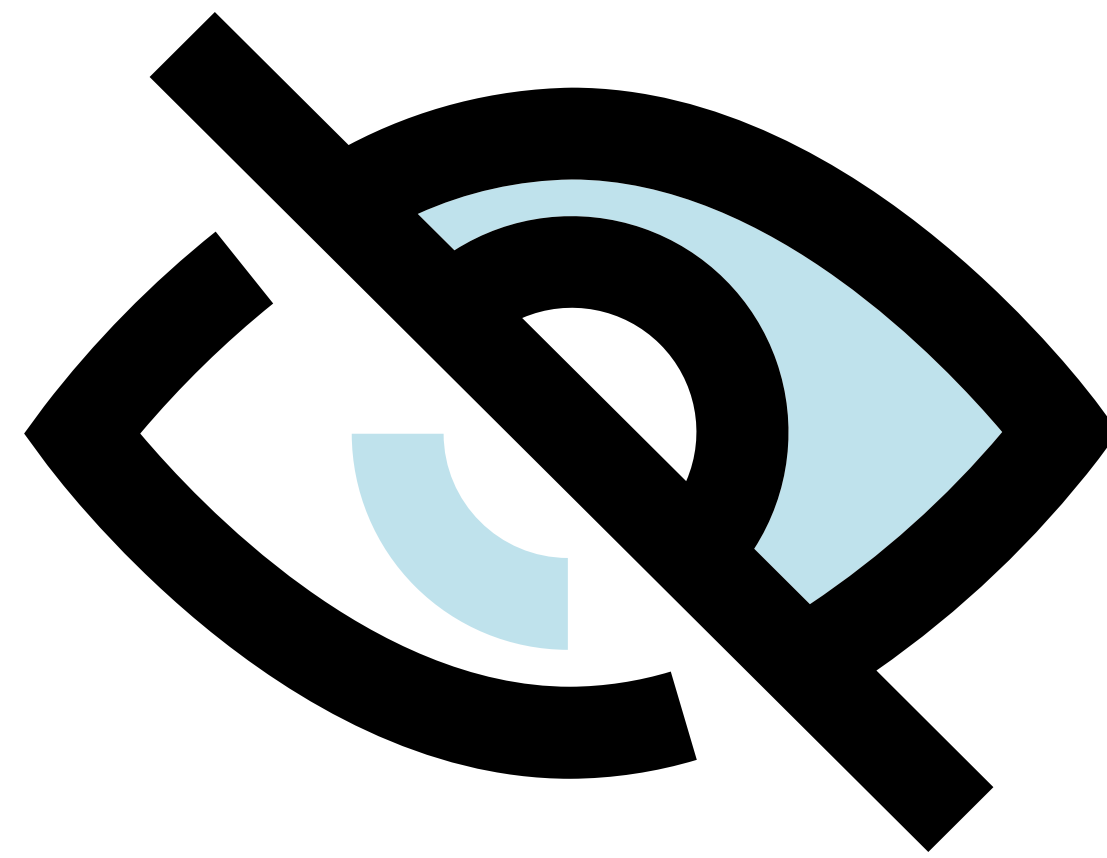
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LEADING THE USERS ATTENTION

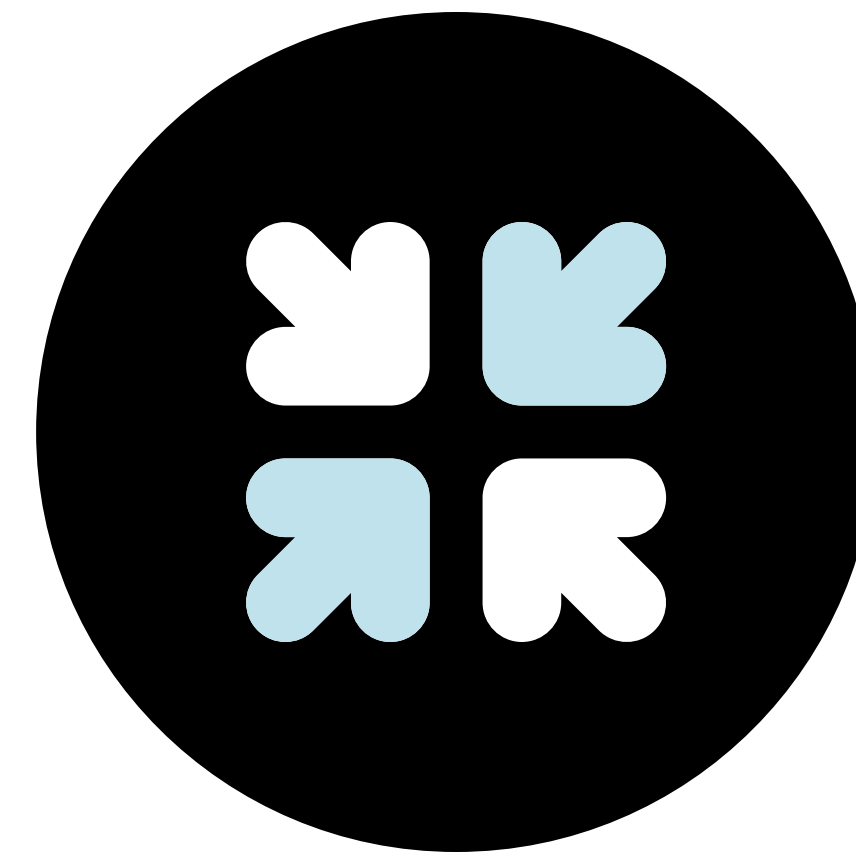
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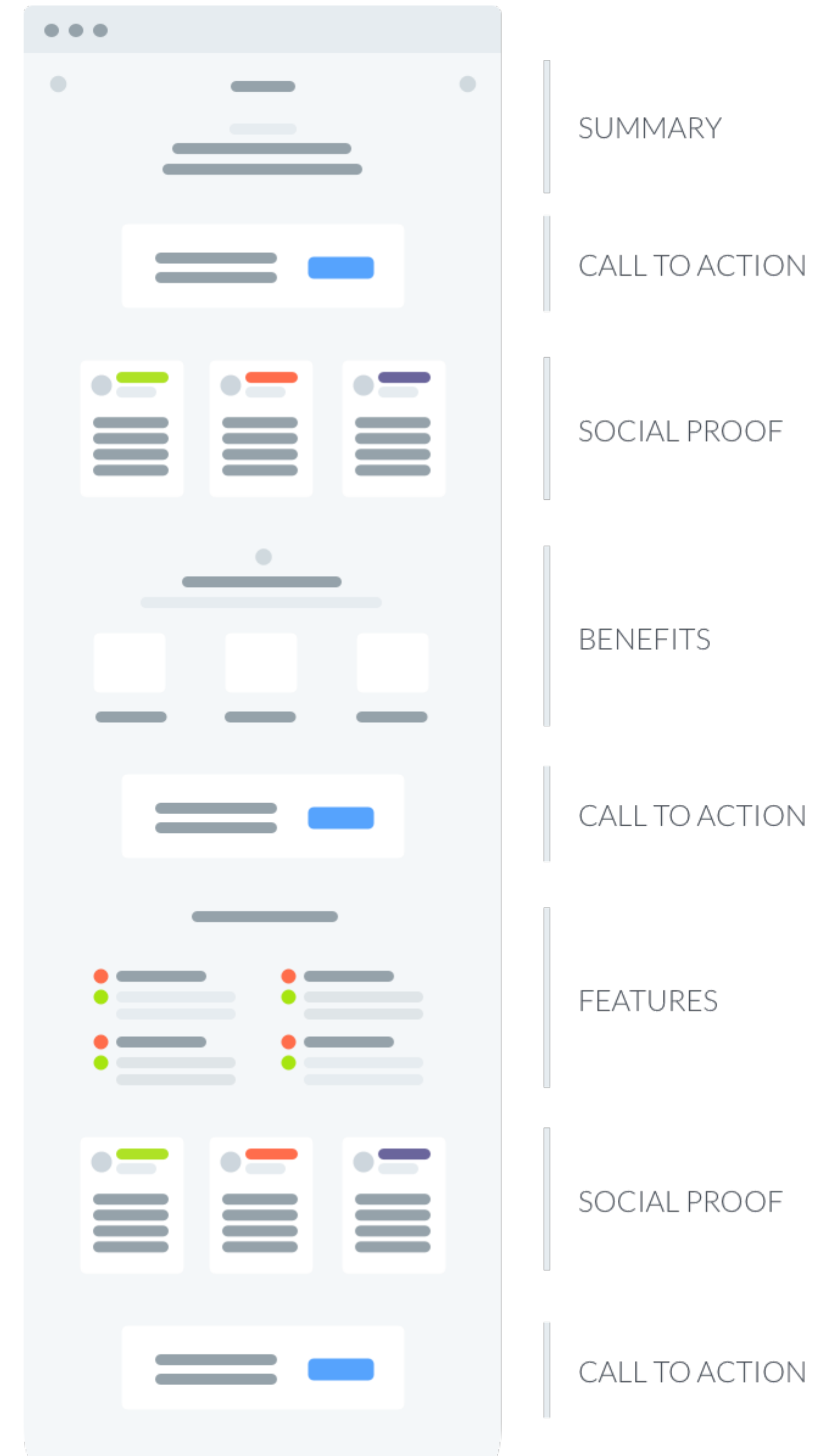


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Shrink

CONSIDER THE FLOW



CONSIDER HOW PEOPLE READ



SUPPORT SCANNING



What Is Customer Experience Specialist and How They Help?

Creating an outstanding customer experience lies at the heart of commercial success, and helping you get there is the role of the customer experience specialist.

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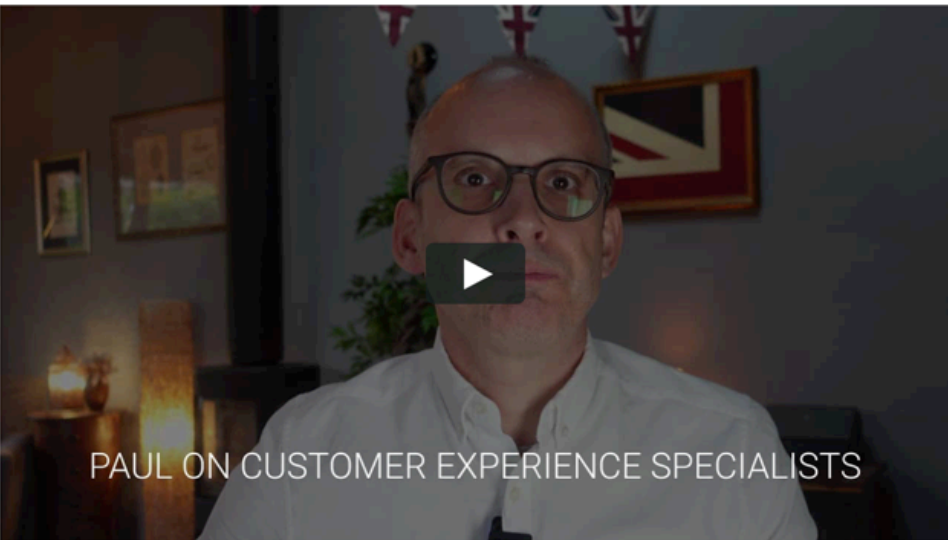
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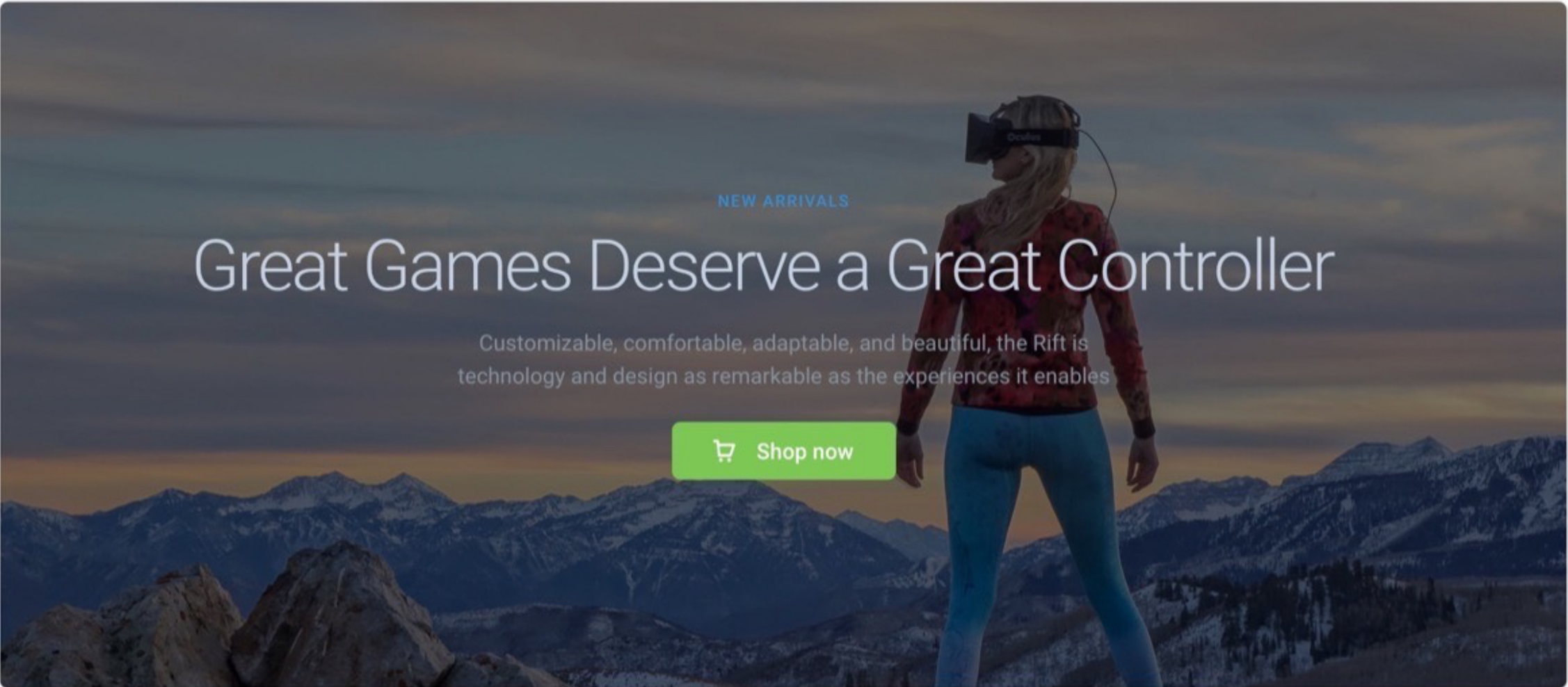
For a long-time, I called myself a user experience consultant. I still do sometimes. However, the way I help my clients does not stop at the edge of the screen. That is because many other areas impact the experience of the ‘users’ I am trying to support.

Whether you call it user or customer experience, in this post, I want to unpack how specialists in this area can help your business and how they typically go about doing that.

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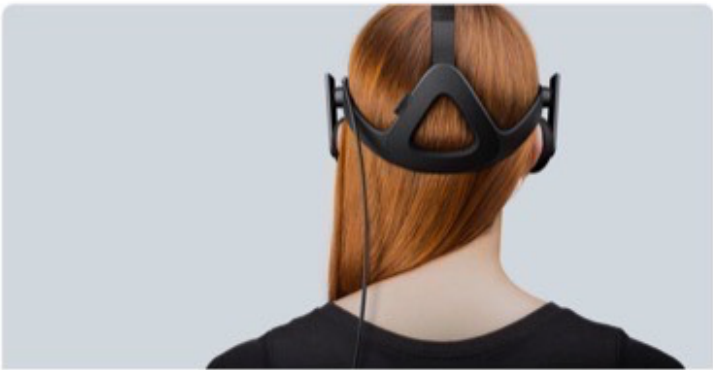
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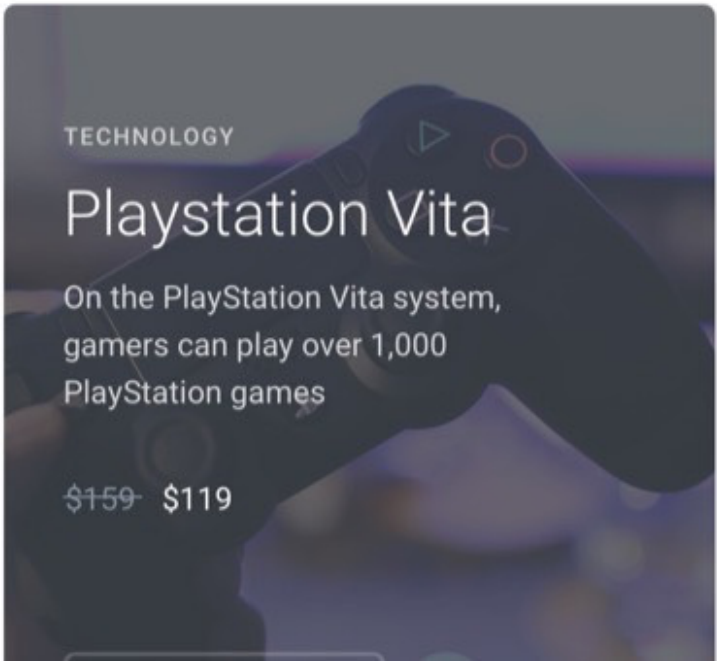
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That perspective need also include, though,



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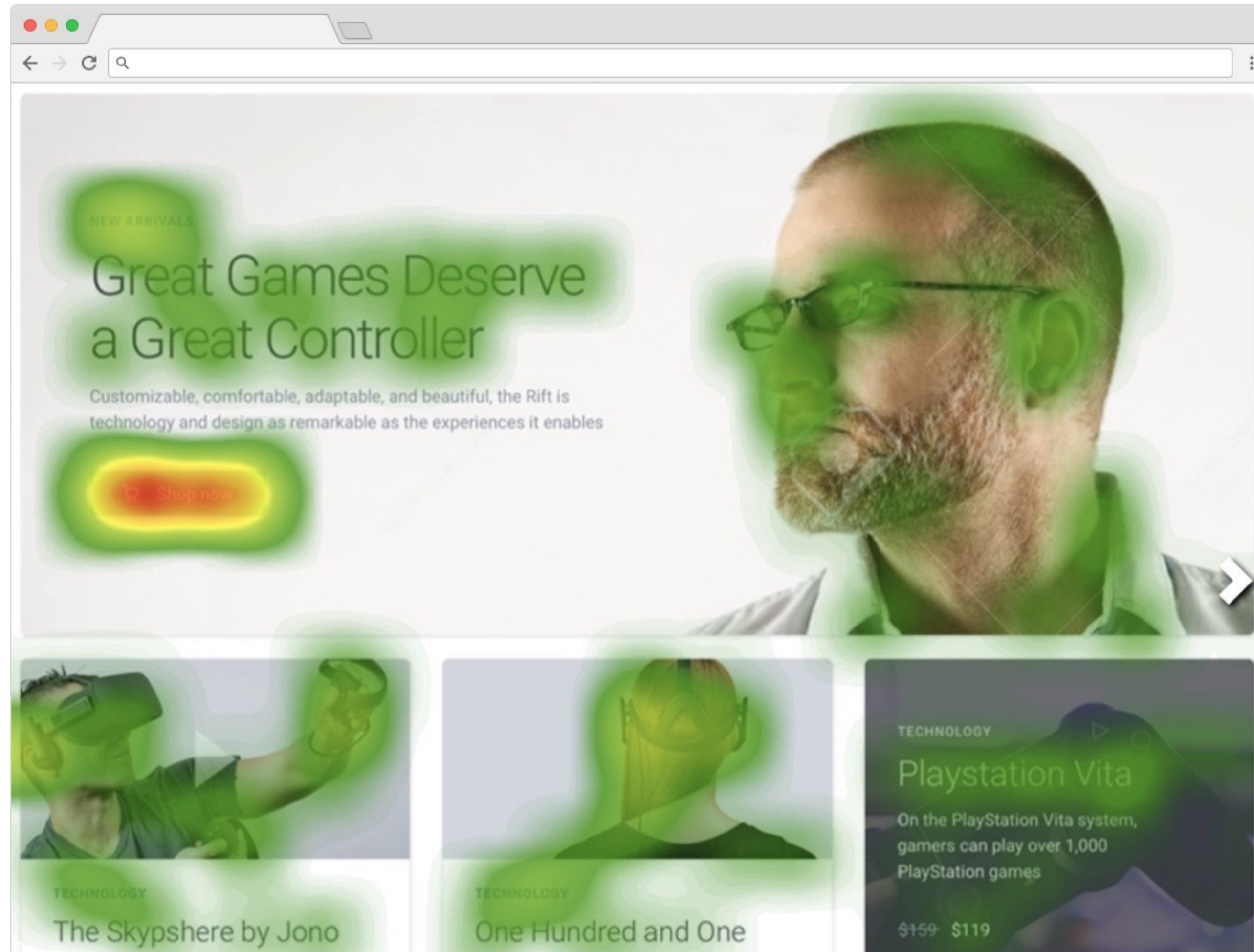
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Playstation Vita

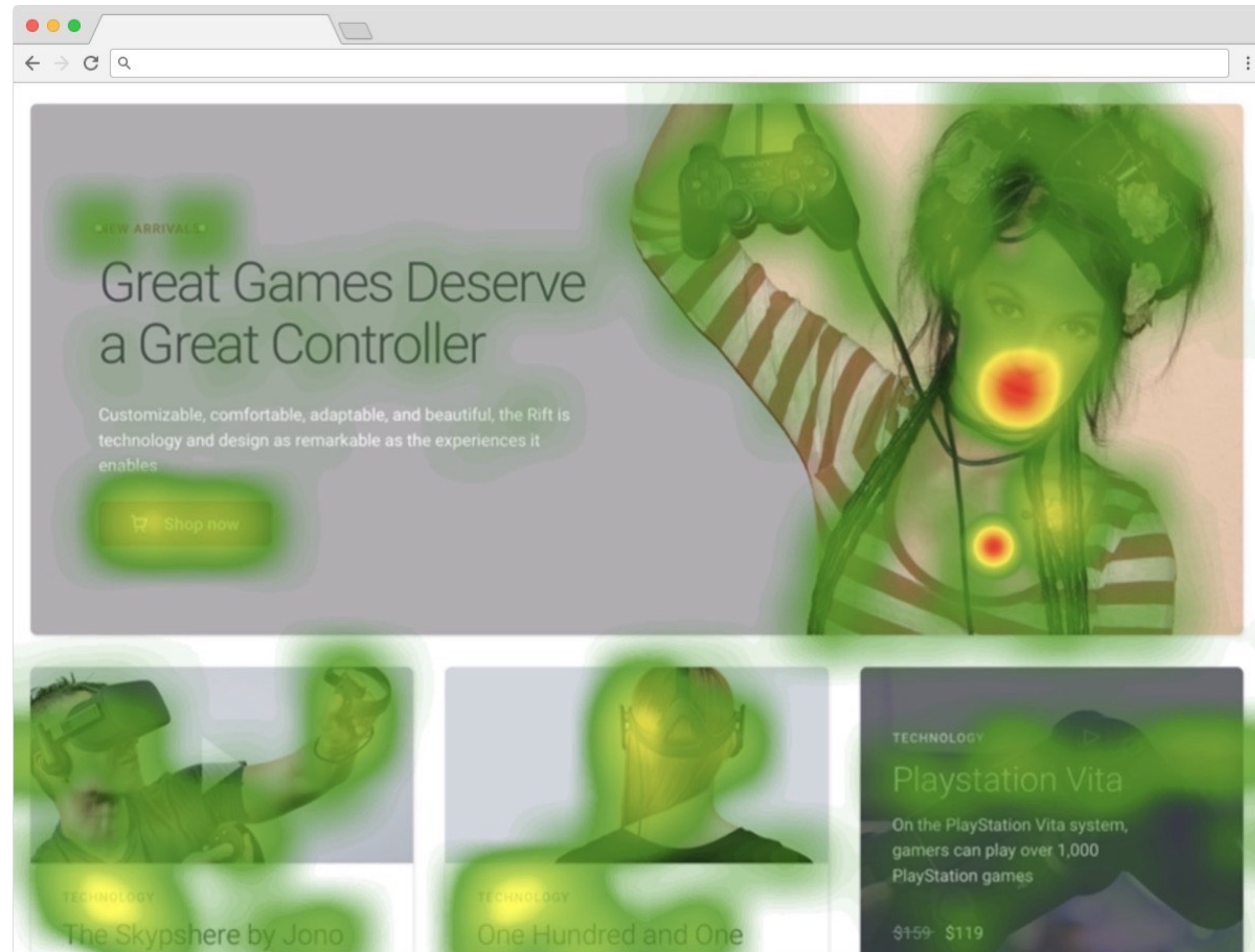
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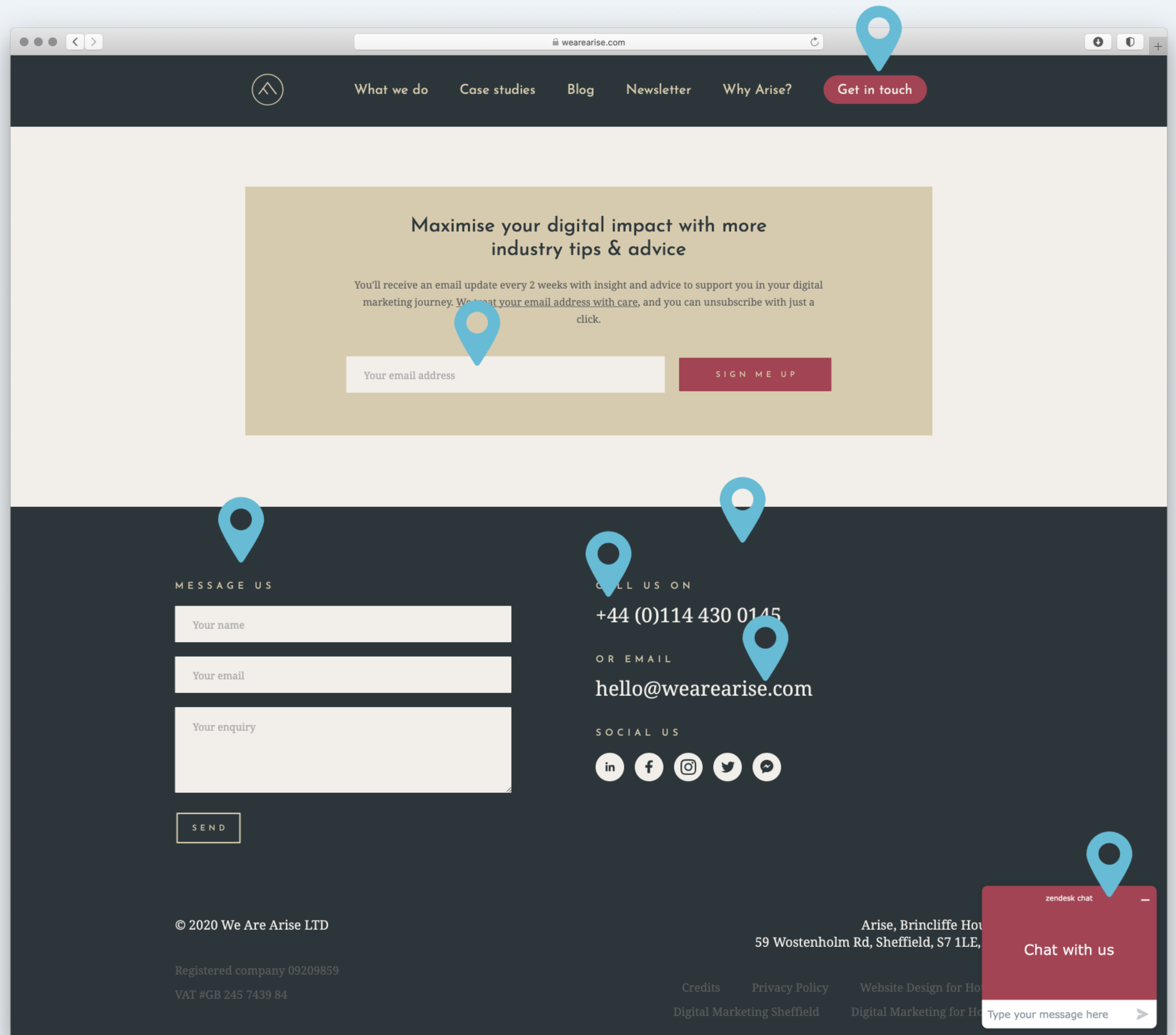
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CREATE COMPELLING CALLS TO ACTION

SIMPLIFY

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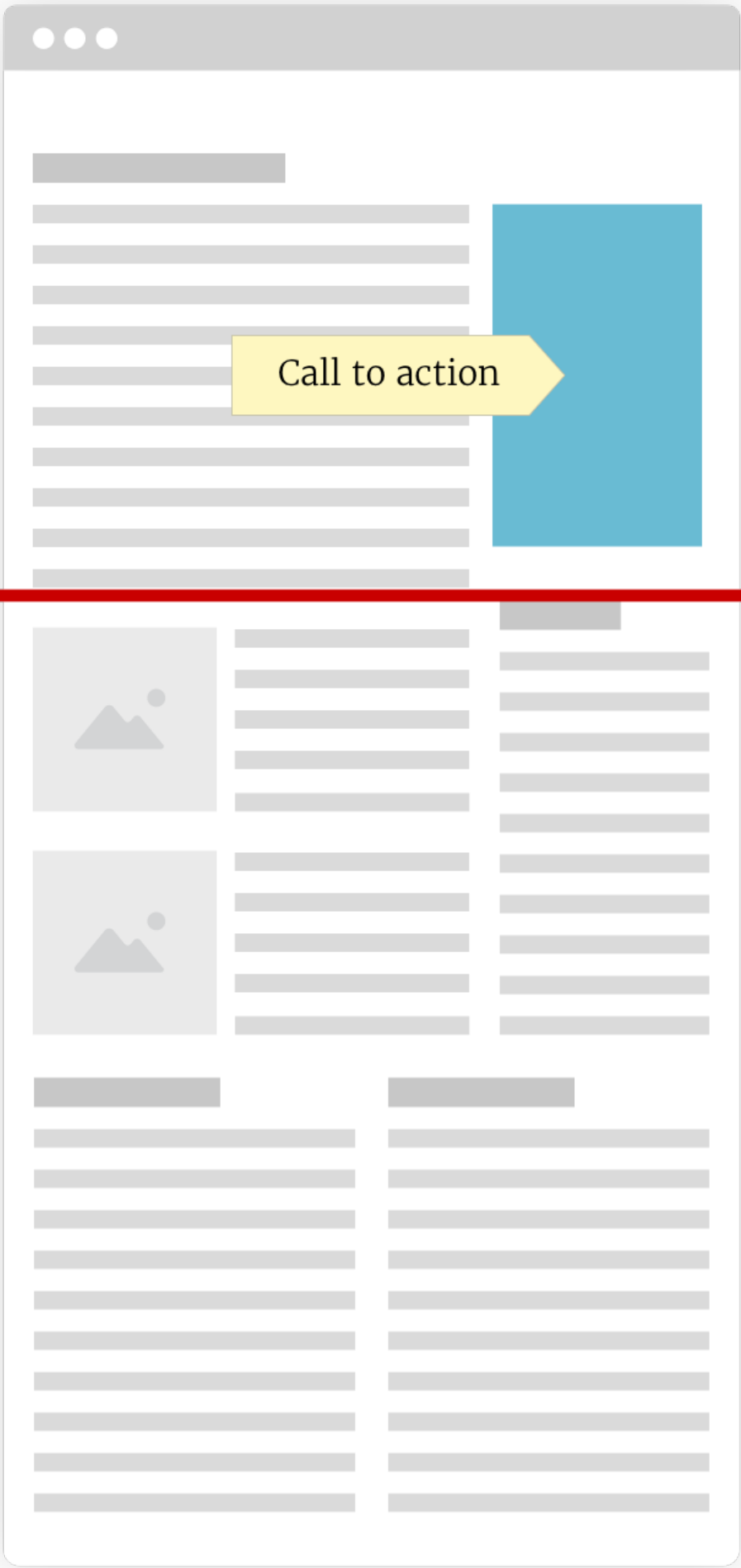
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DO NOT FIXATE ON THE FOLD

CONTROL

VERSION A

The Fold



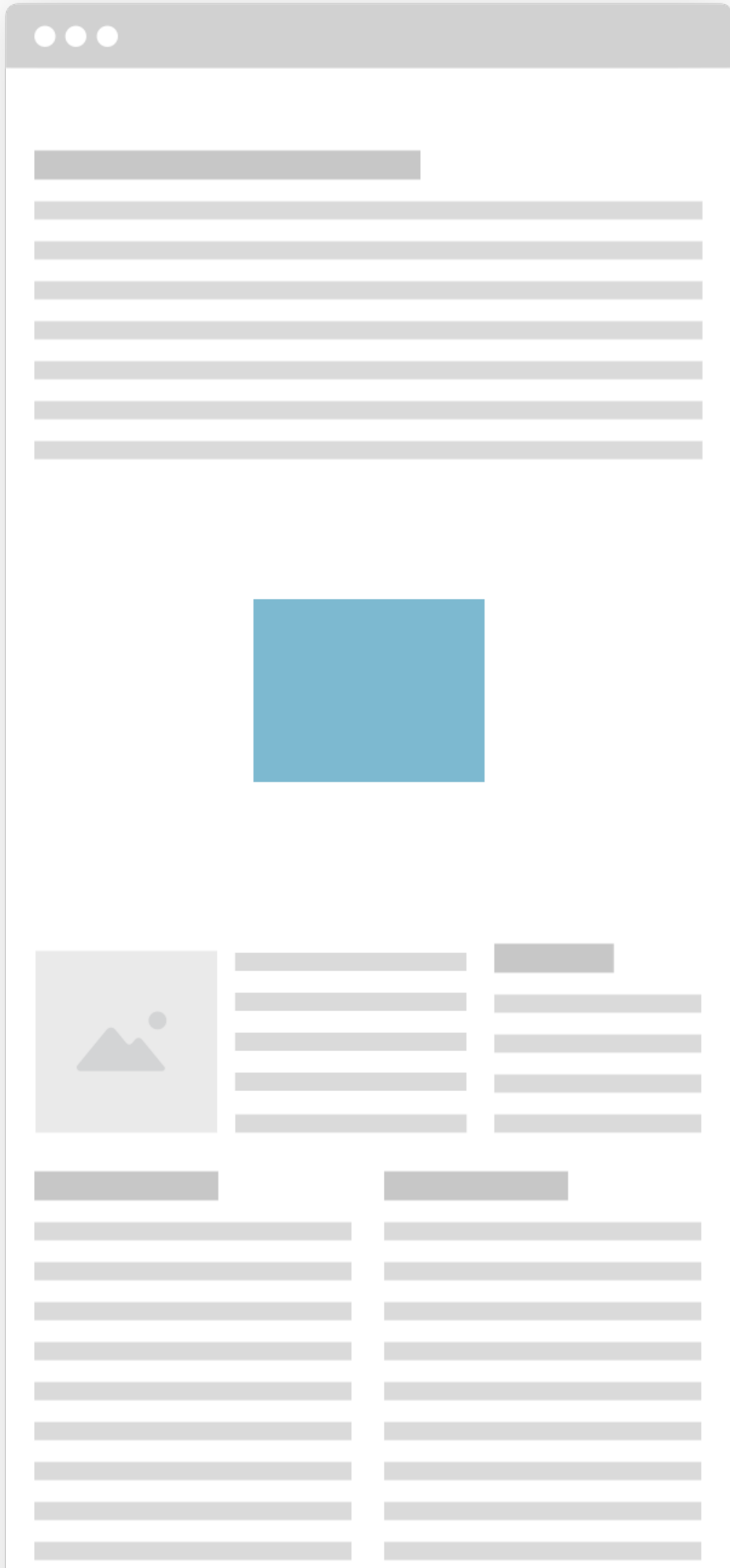
304% Increase
in conversions

USE NEGATIVE SPACE

VERSION ONE



VERSION TWO



MAKE USE OF COLOUR

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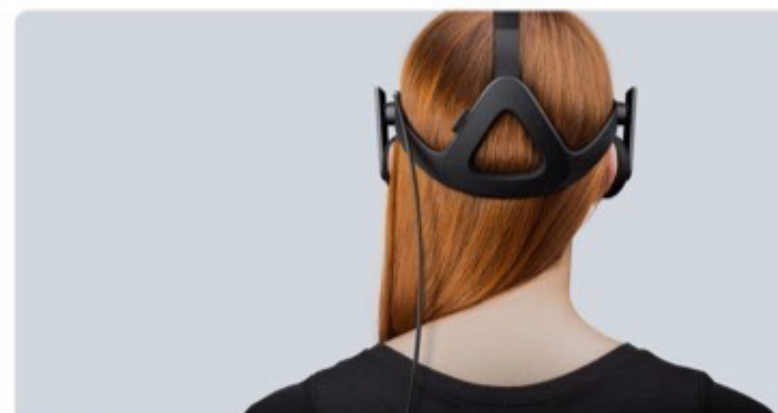
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
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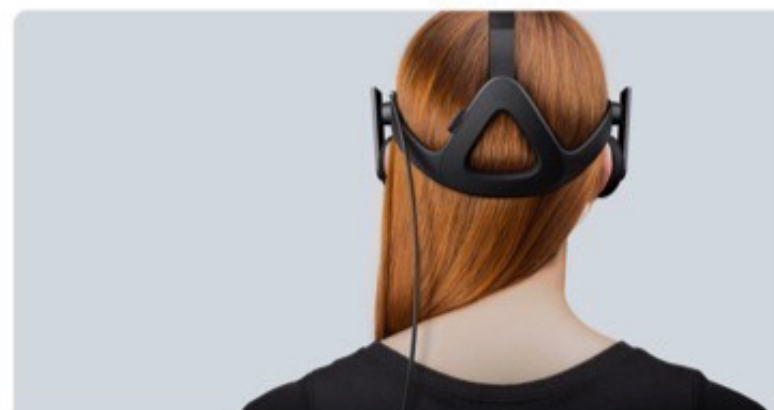
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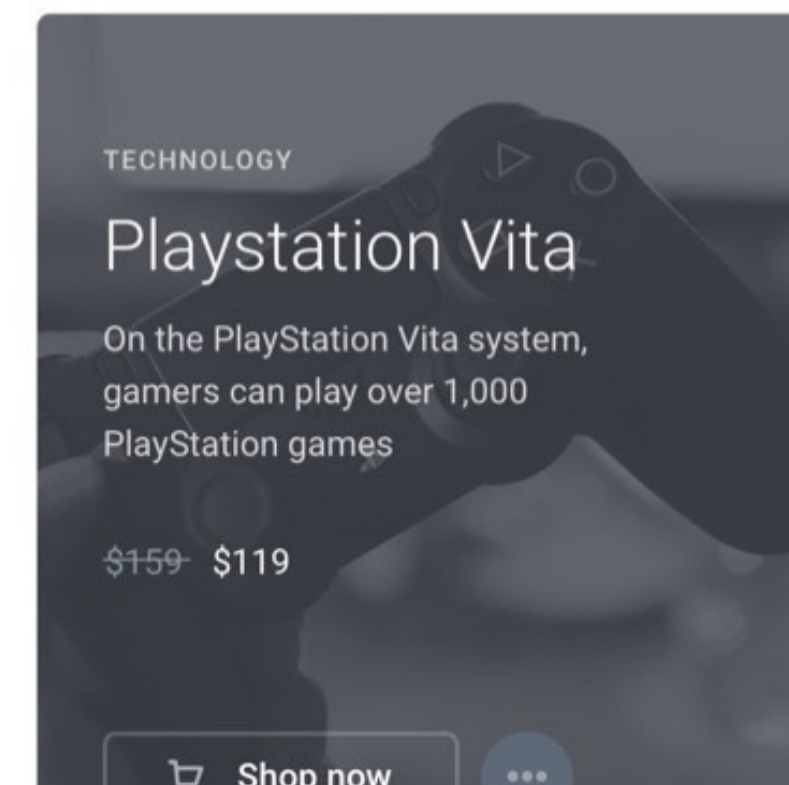
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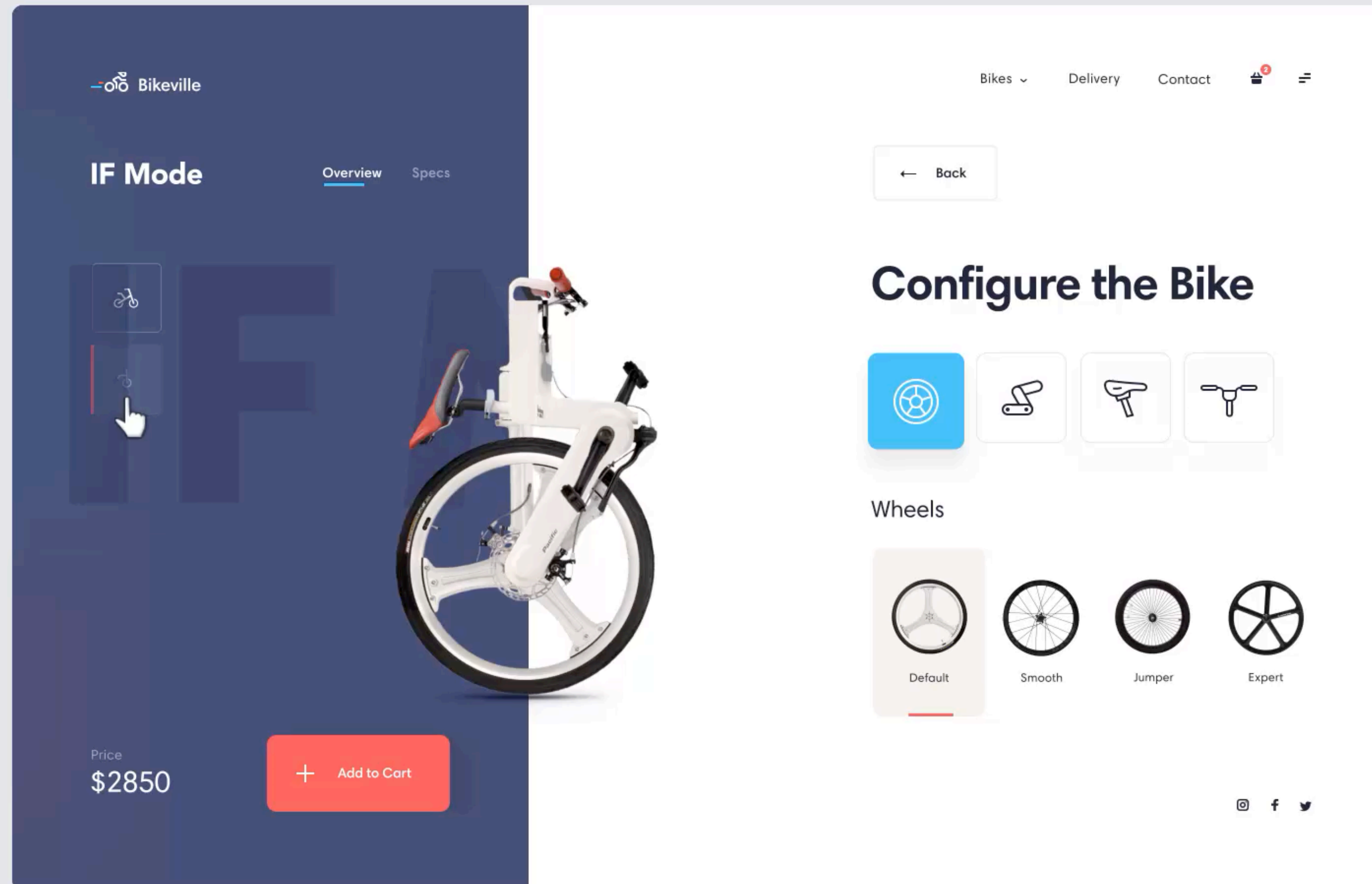
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USE ANIMATION (CAREFULLY)



BREAK COMPLEX ACTIONS INTO SMALLER STEPS



CONSIDER THE POST CLICK EXPERIENCE

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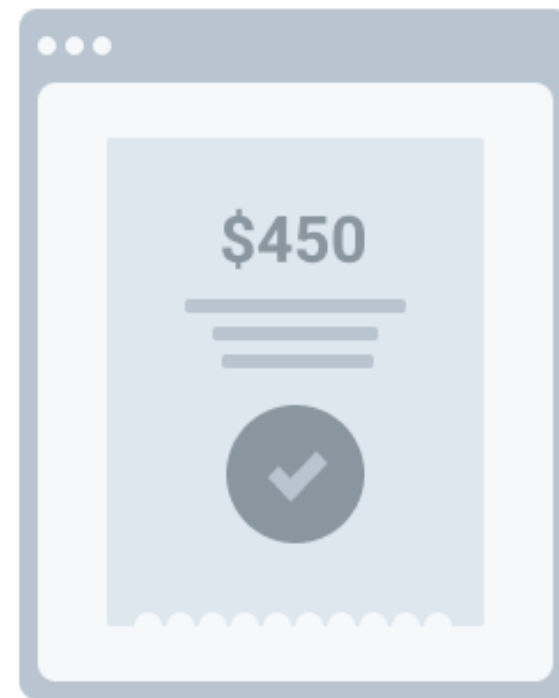
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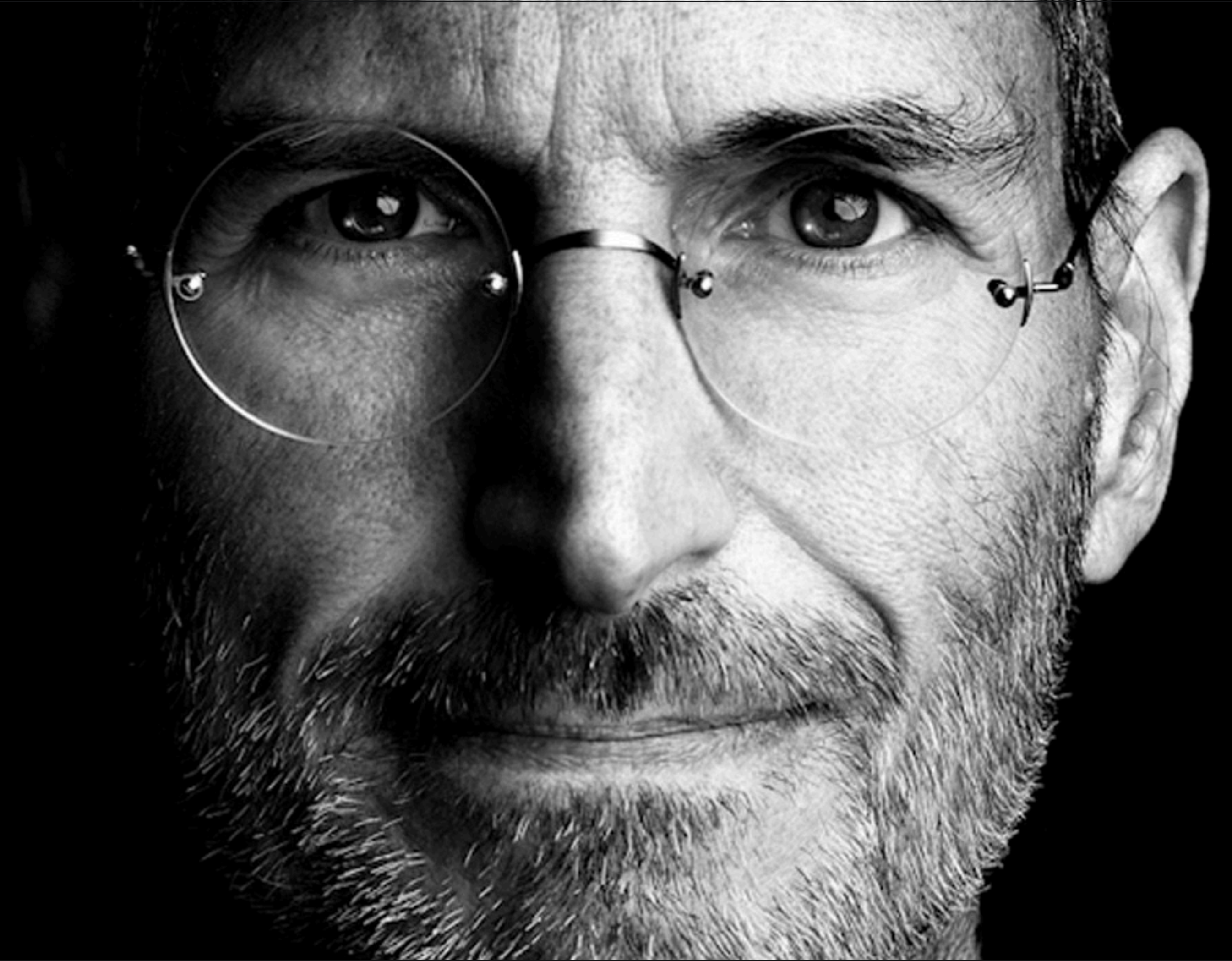


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WITH AESTHETICS

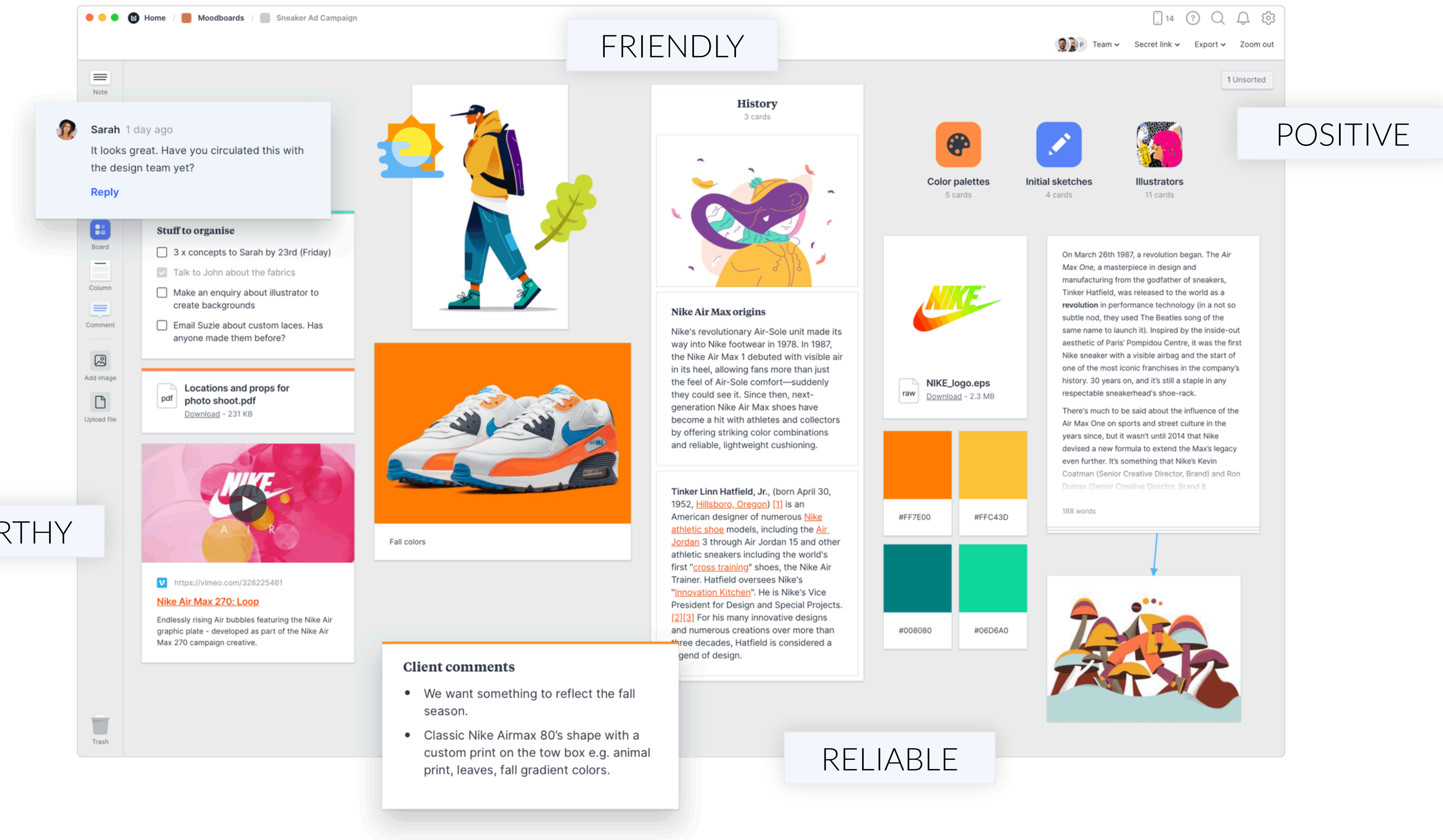
The Halo Effect





Win or Lose

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO COMMUNICATE?



USE STYLING TO SHAPE PERCEPTION

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Compose message



Inbox

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Drafts

ERROR #404



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Very best wishes, and sorry again,

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KEY TAKE AWAYS

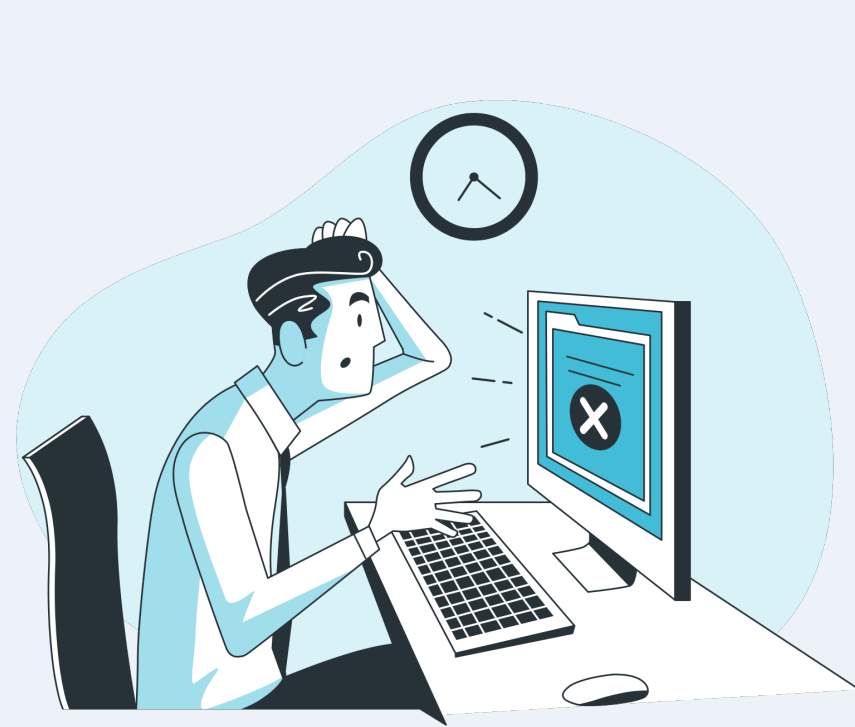
- Simplify mercilessly.
- Use imagery and shapes to lead attention.
- Pay particular attention to calls to action.
- Consider the post click experience.

QUESTIONS



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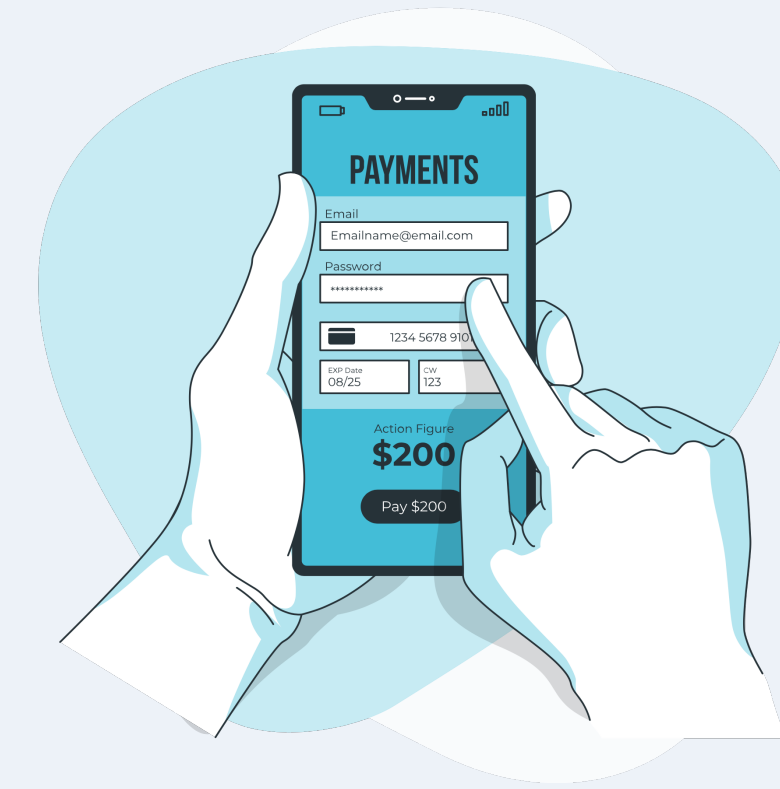
WHY TESTING IS **SO** IMPORTANT



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REDUCE TIME
CONSUMING
DEBATES



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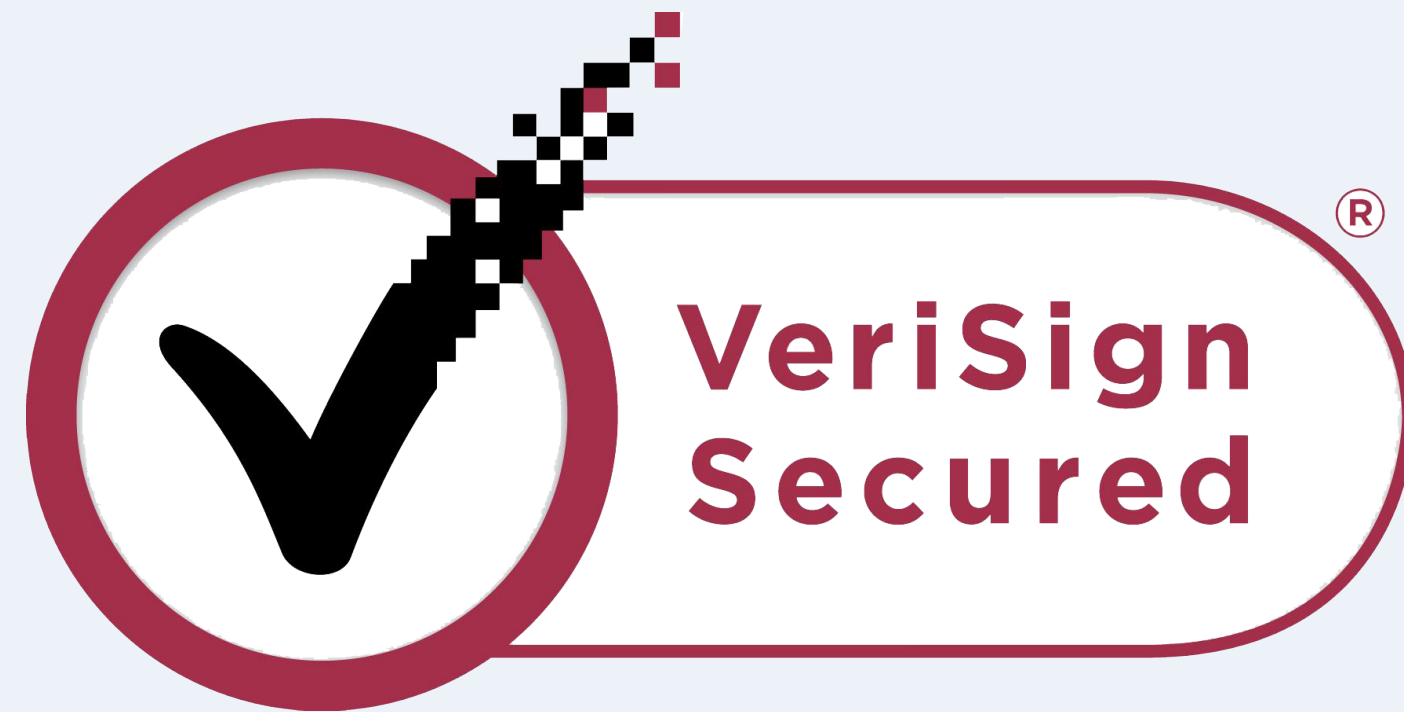


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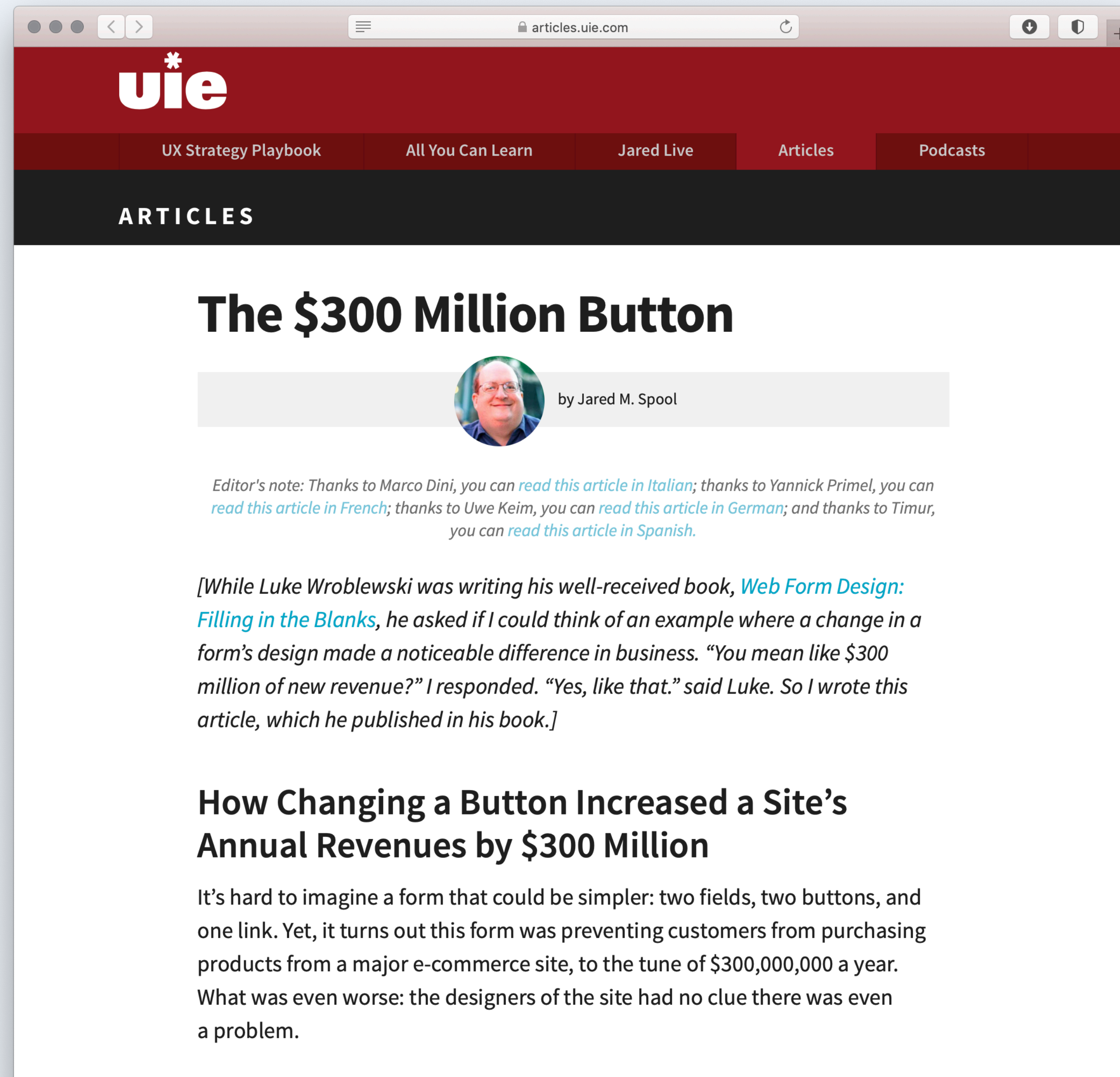
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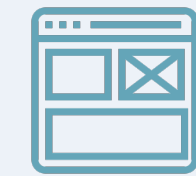




WHAT TO TEST



Brand Keywords



Visual Hierarchy



Calls to Action



Content

WHEN AND HOW TO TEST

Before You Begin

USABILITY TESTING ON YOUR SITE AND/OR COMPETITORS

The screenshot shows the Lookback.io website in a browser window. The browser's address bar displays "lookback.io". The website's navigation bar includes links for "Products", "Pricing", "Demos", "Customers", "Help", and "Blog", followed by the Lookback logo and buttons for "Log in" and "Start free trial".

The main content area features the headline "Talk to your users" in a large, bold, dark blue font, with the subtext "See how they're using your app or website." below it.

Below the text is a video player with a light blue border. The video displays four examples of usability testing sessions, each showing a user's screen and a video feed of the user. The examples are:

- Top-left: A user navigating the Instagram website.
- Top-right: A user navigating the Instagram mobile app.
- Bottom-left: A user on the Spotify website, with a "3 months of Premium for 0.99 CAD" offer visible.
- Bottom-right: A user navigating the Spotify mobile app, showing a "Work Songs" playlist.

The video player includes a play button, a progress bar showing "01:19", and standard video controls like volume and full screen.

EXIT INTENT SURVEYS

▼

Before you go, we would love to know why you decided not to sign up today.

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The price was too high.

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It didn't do what I needed.

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The site felt untrustworthy or manipulative.

☐

The website didn't feel trustworthy.

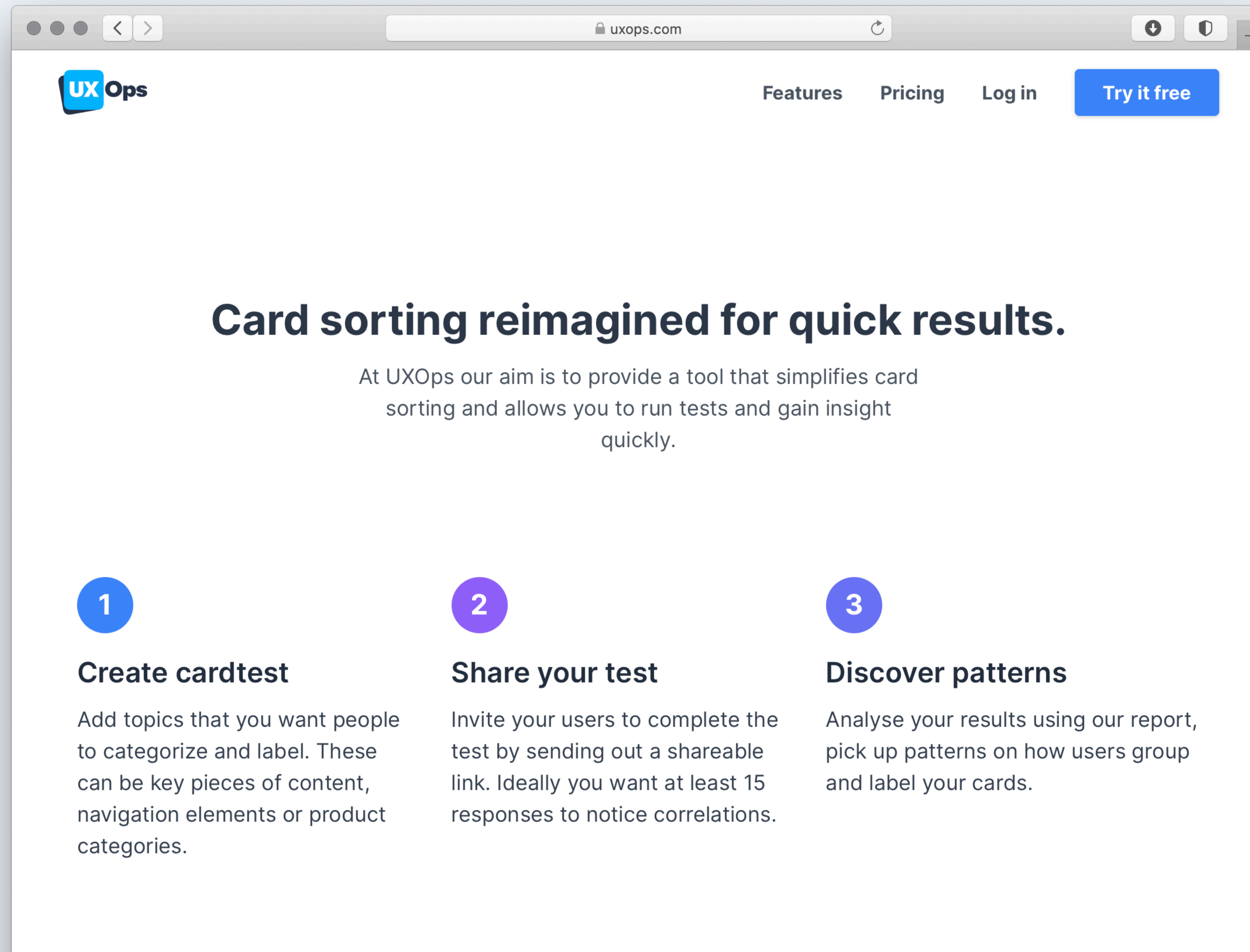
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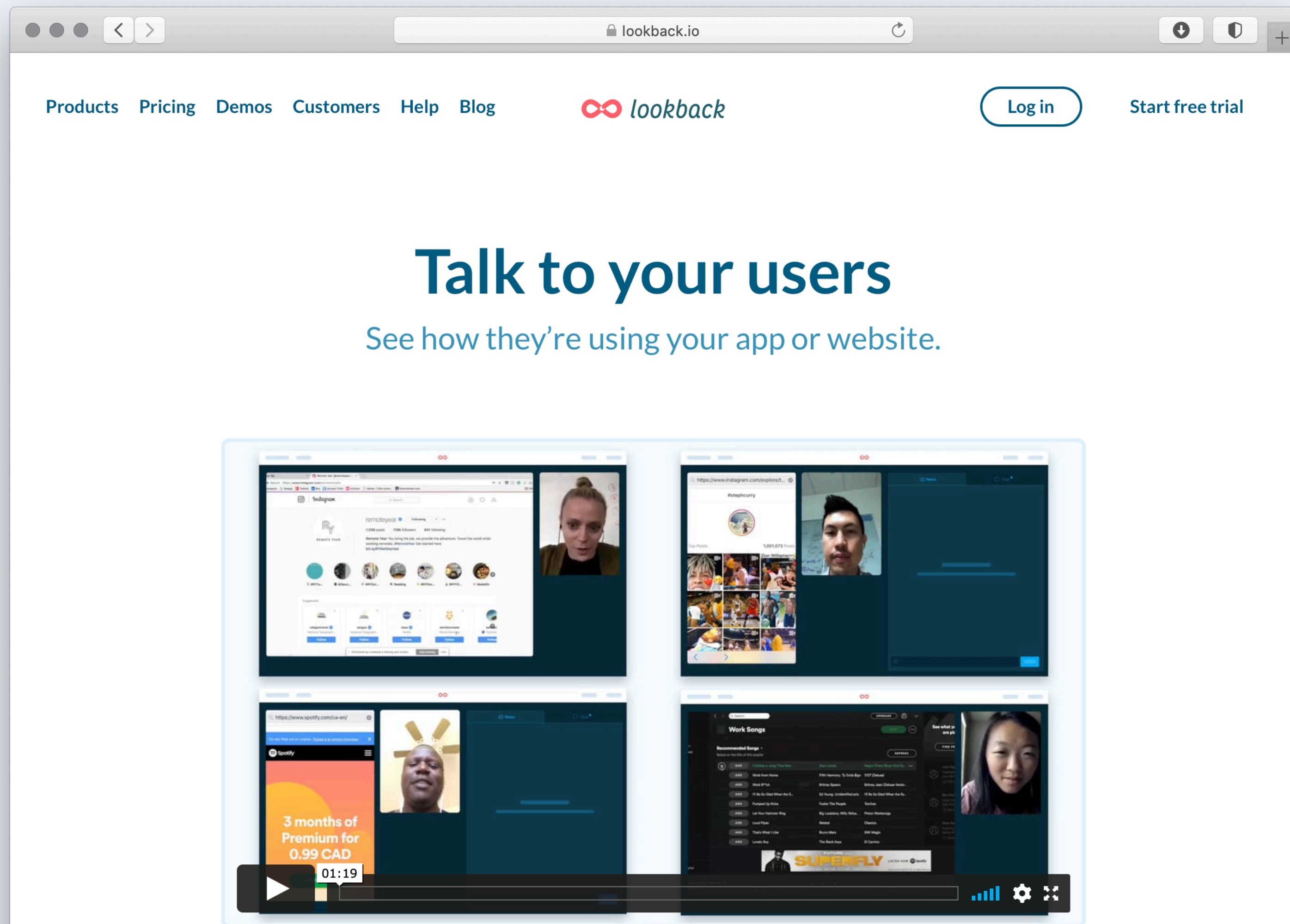
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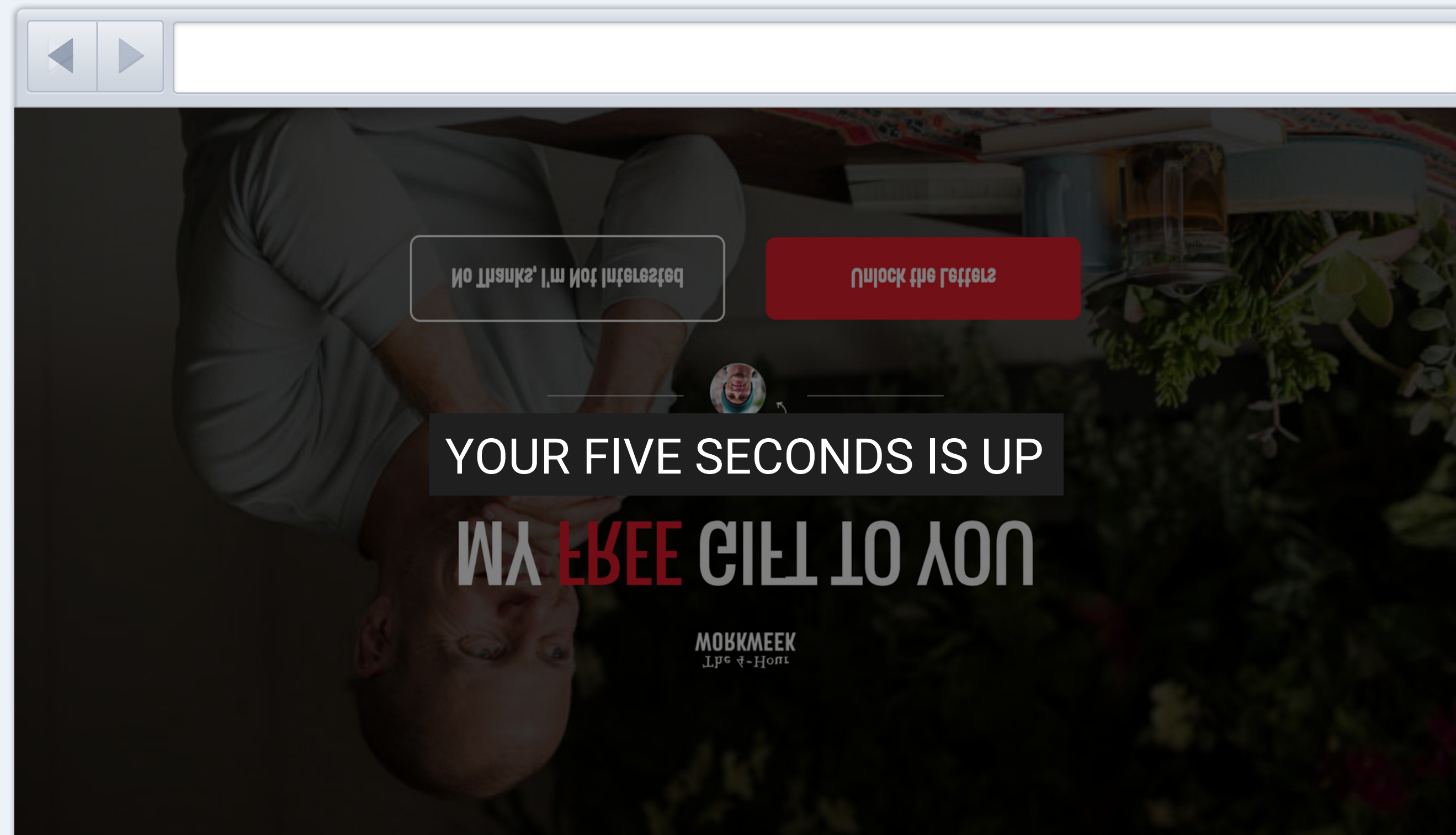


USABILITY TESTING REMOTE, FACILITATED



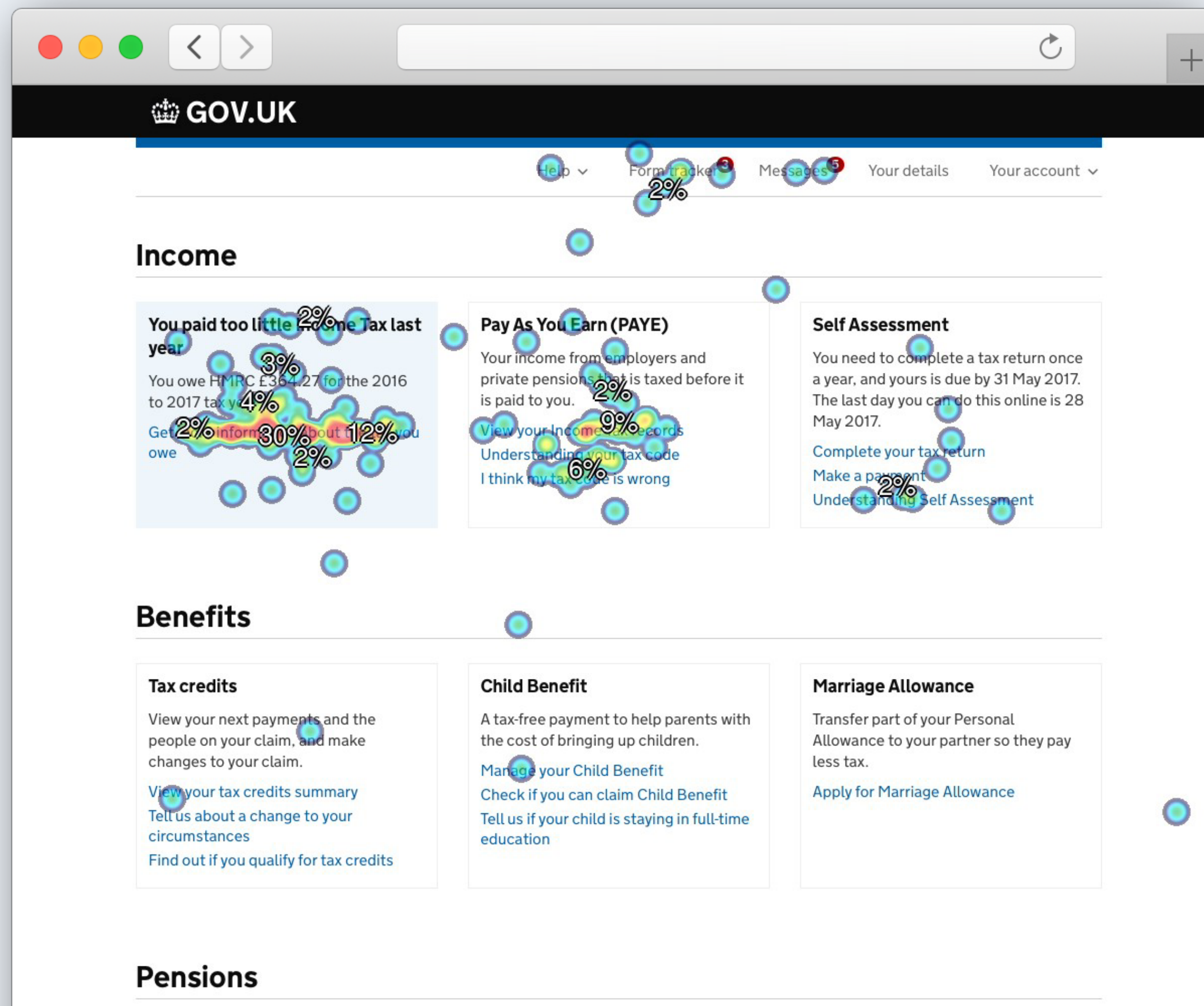
When Working On Design

FIVE SECOND TEST





In your own words, please describe what the website you have just seen offers.


FIRST CLICK




BRAND KEYWORD SURVEY


monthly



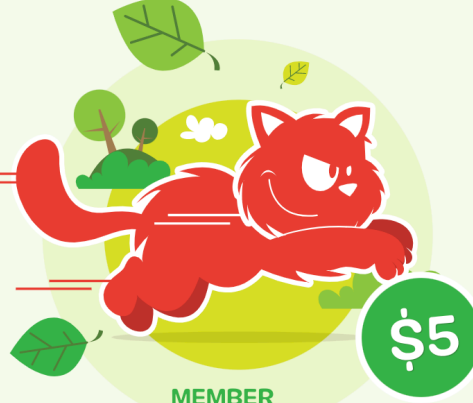

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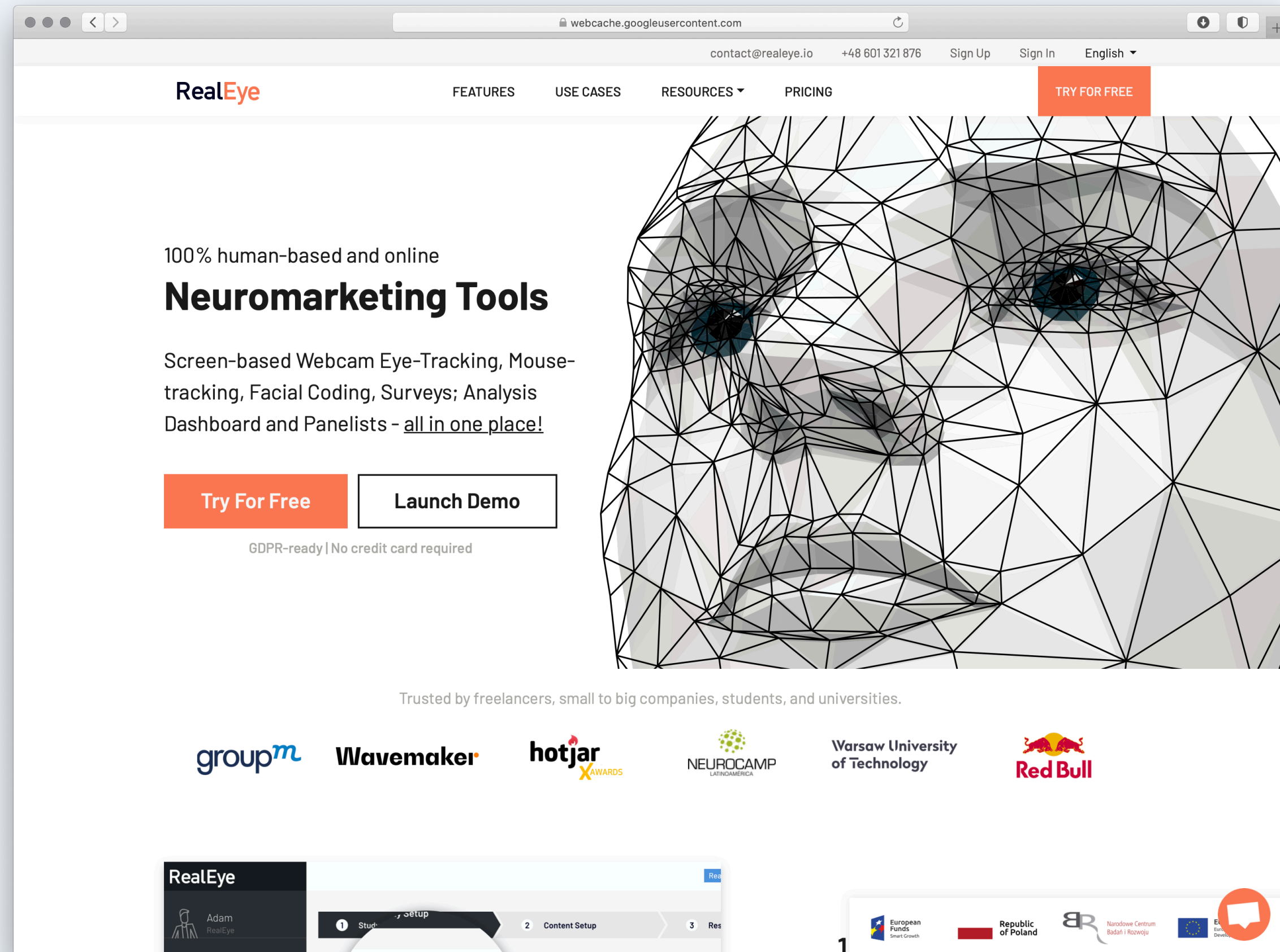
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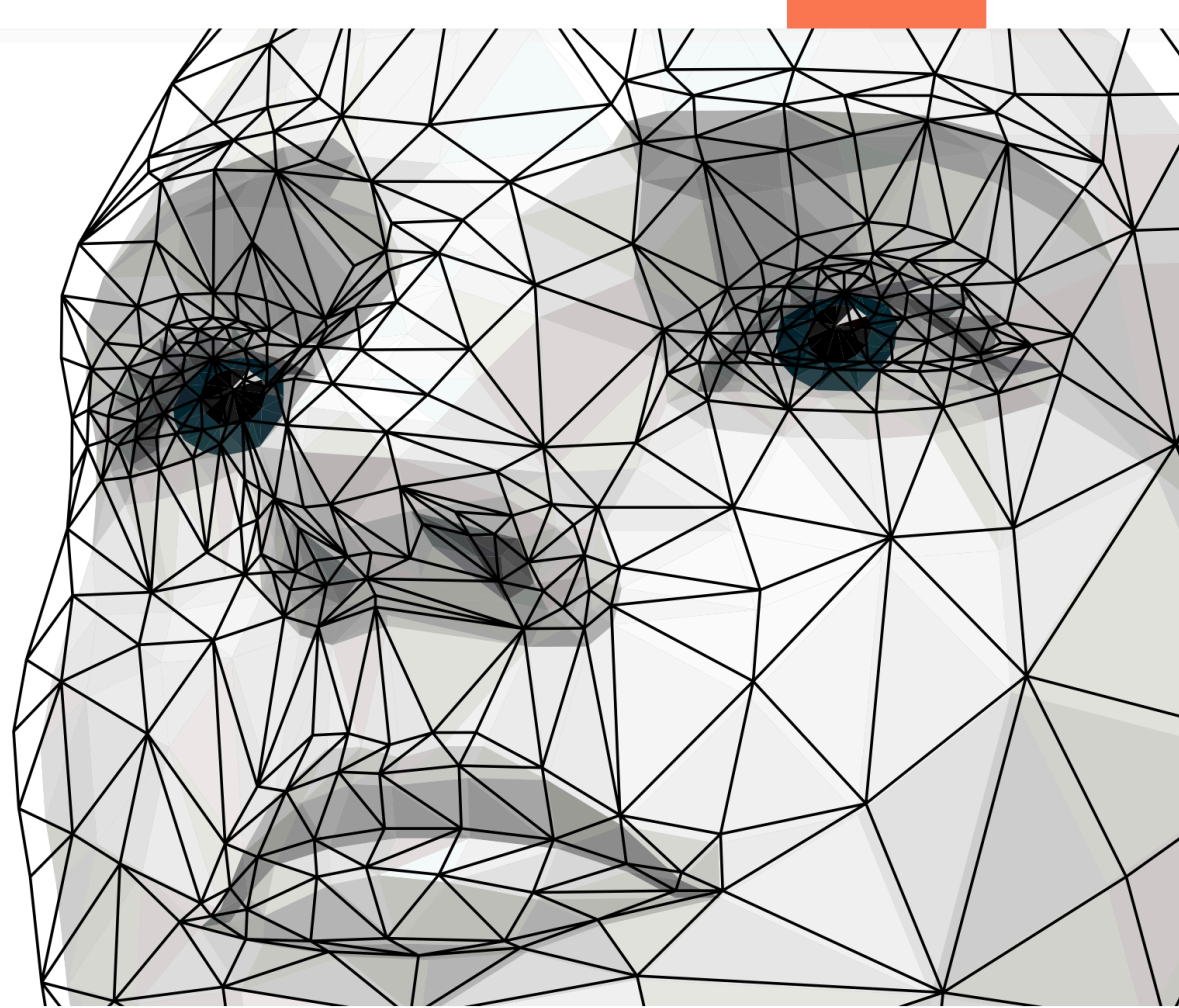
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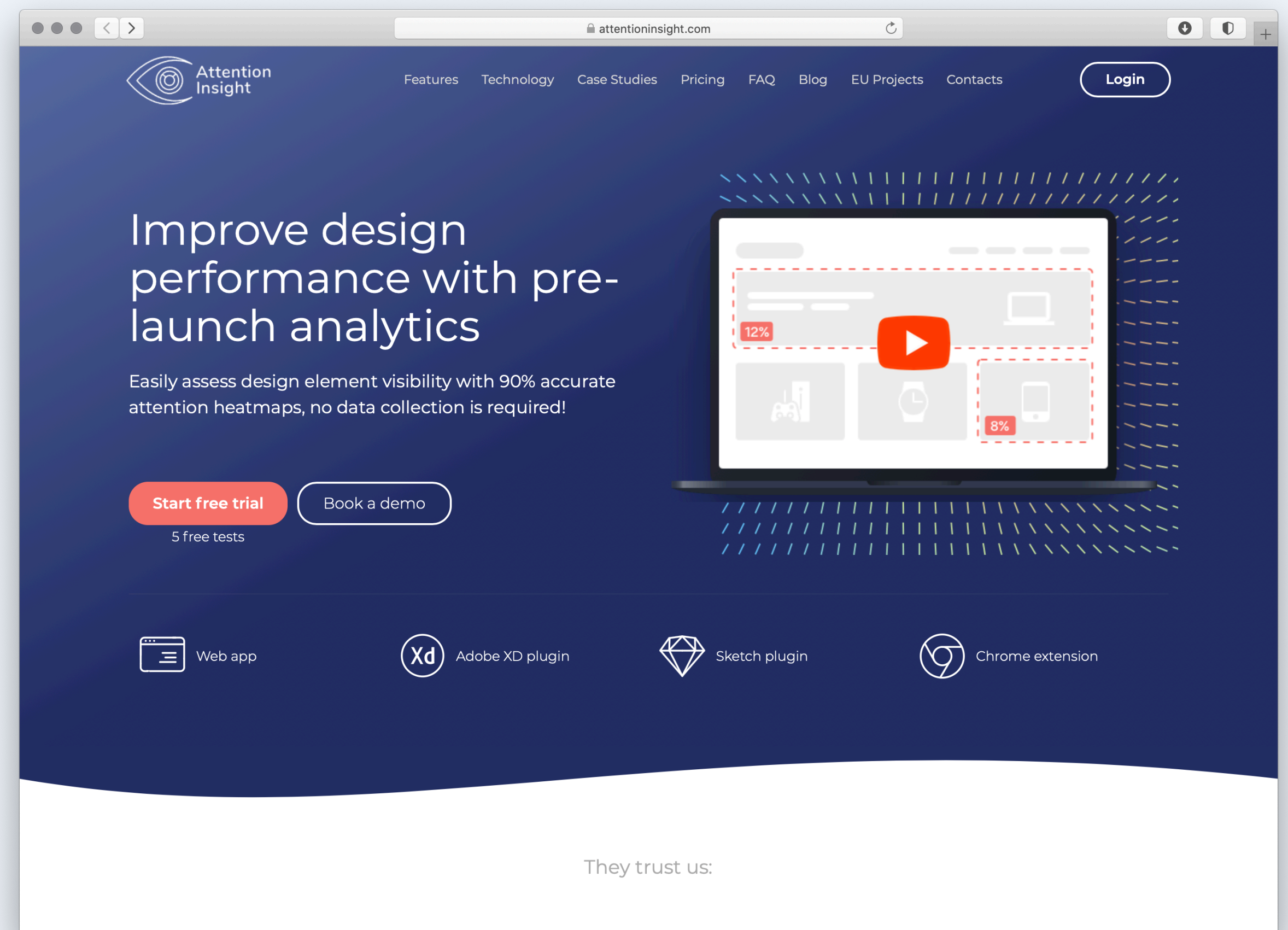
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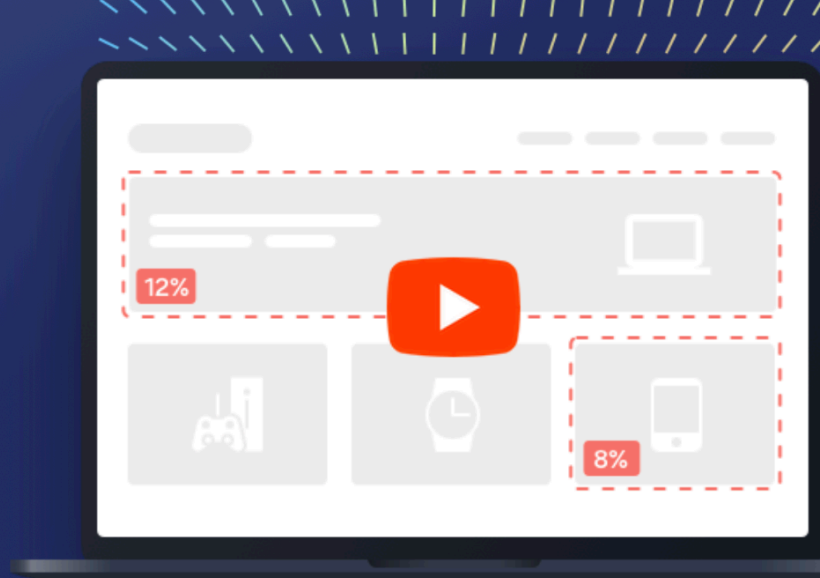
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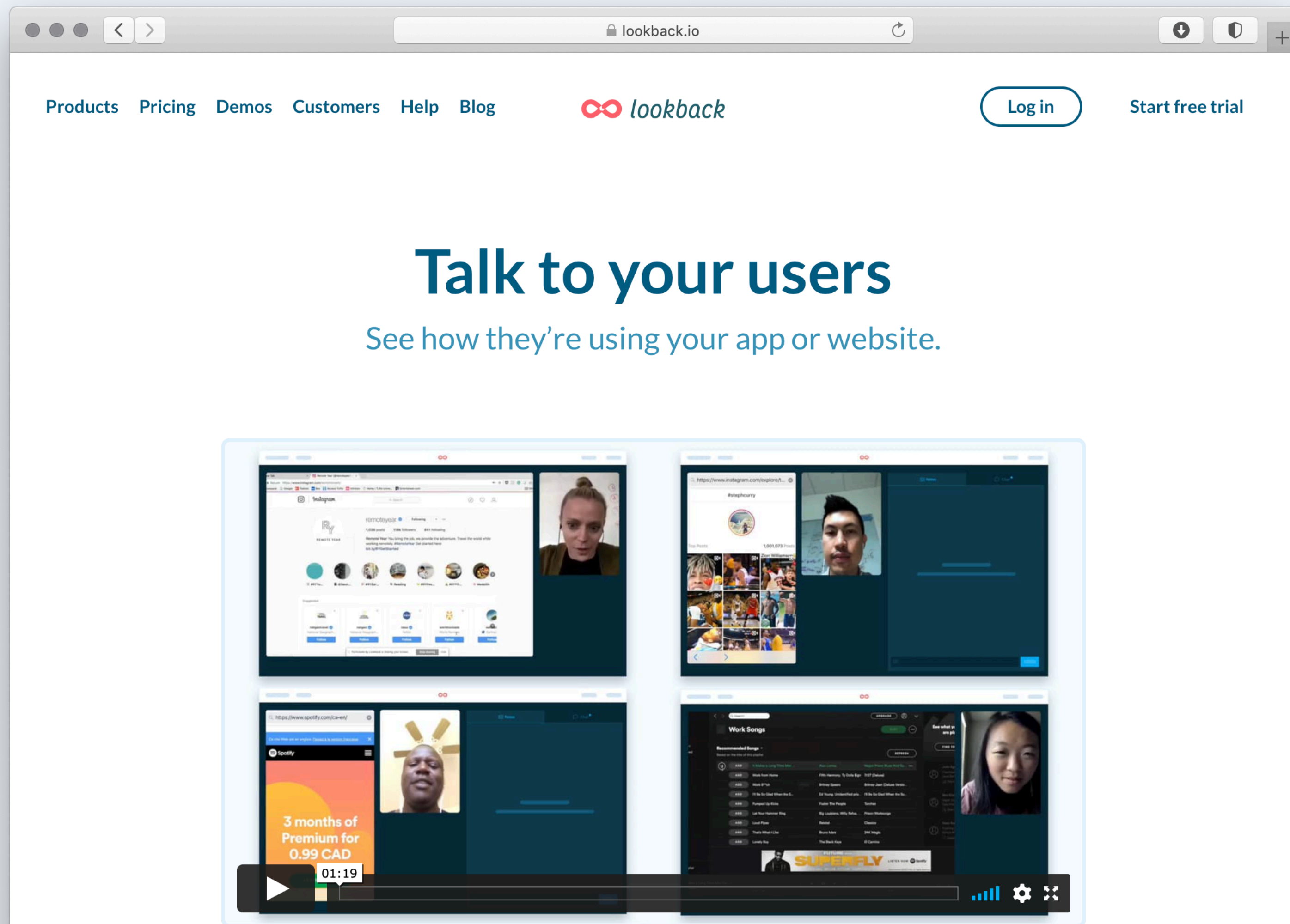


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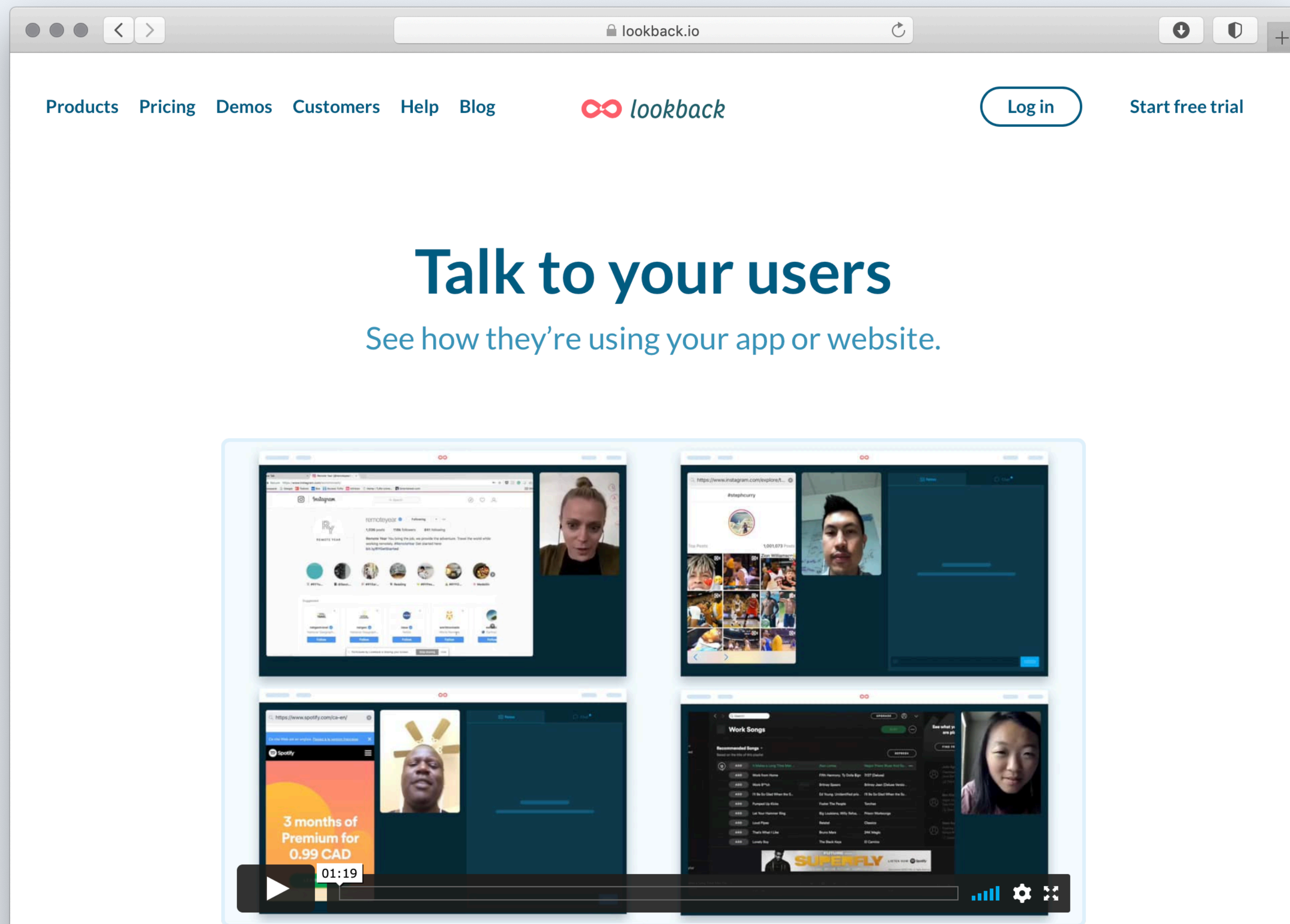
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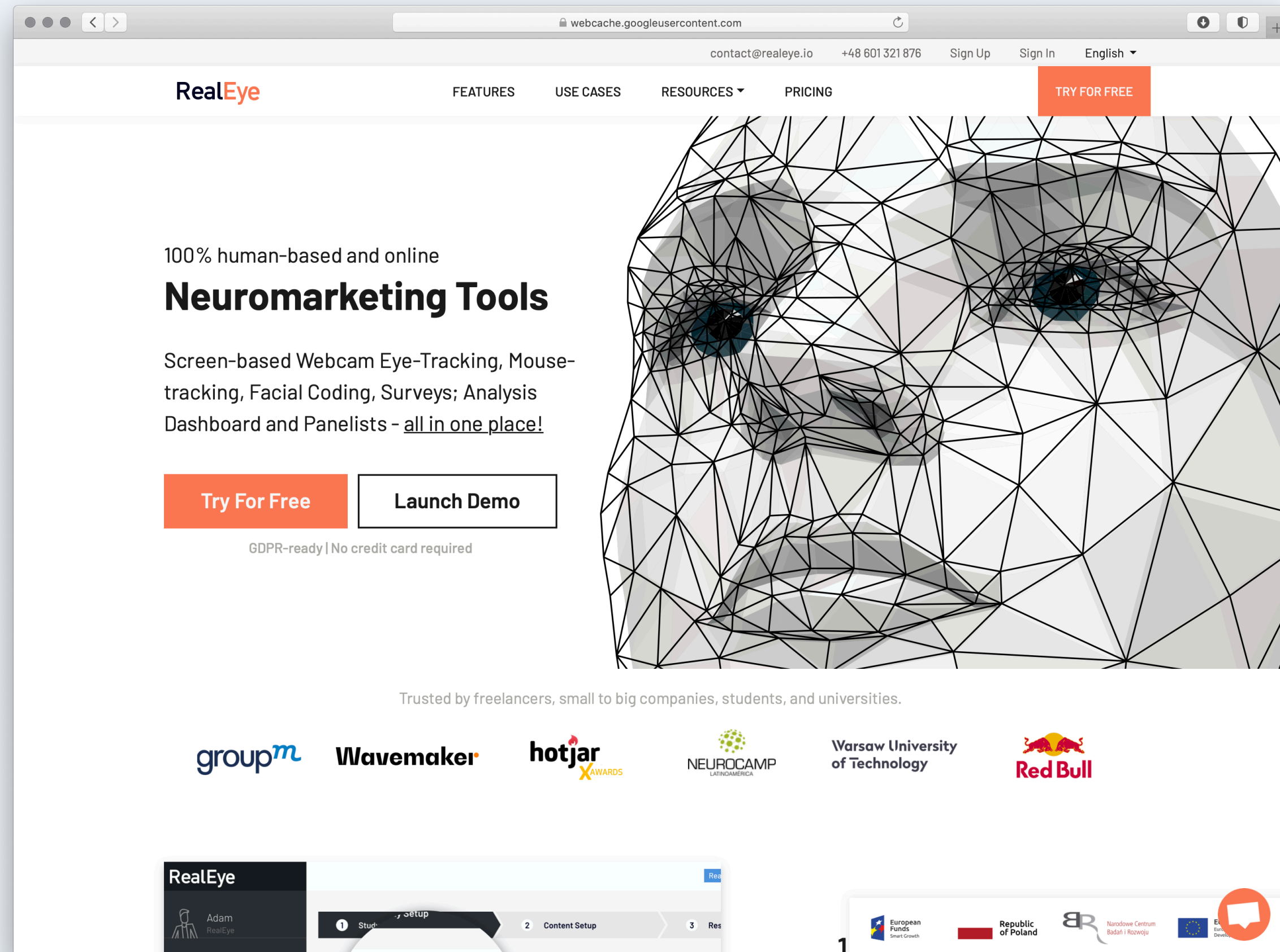
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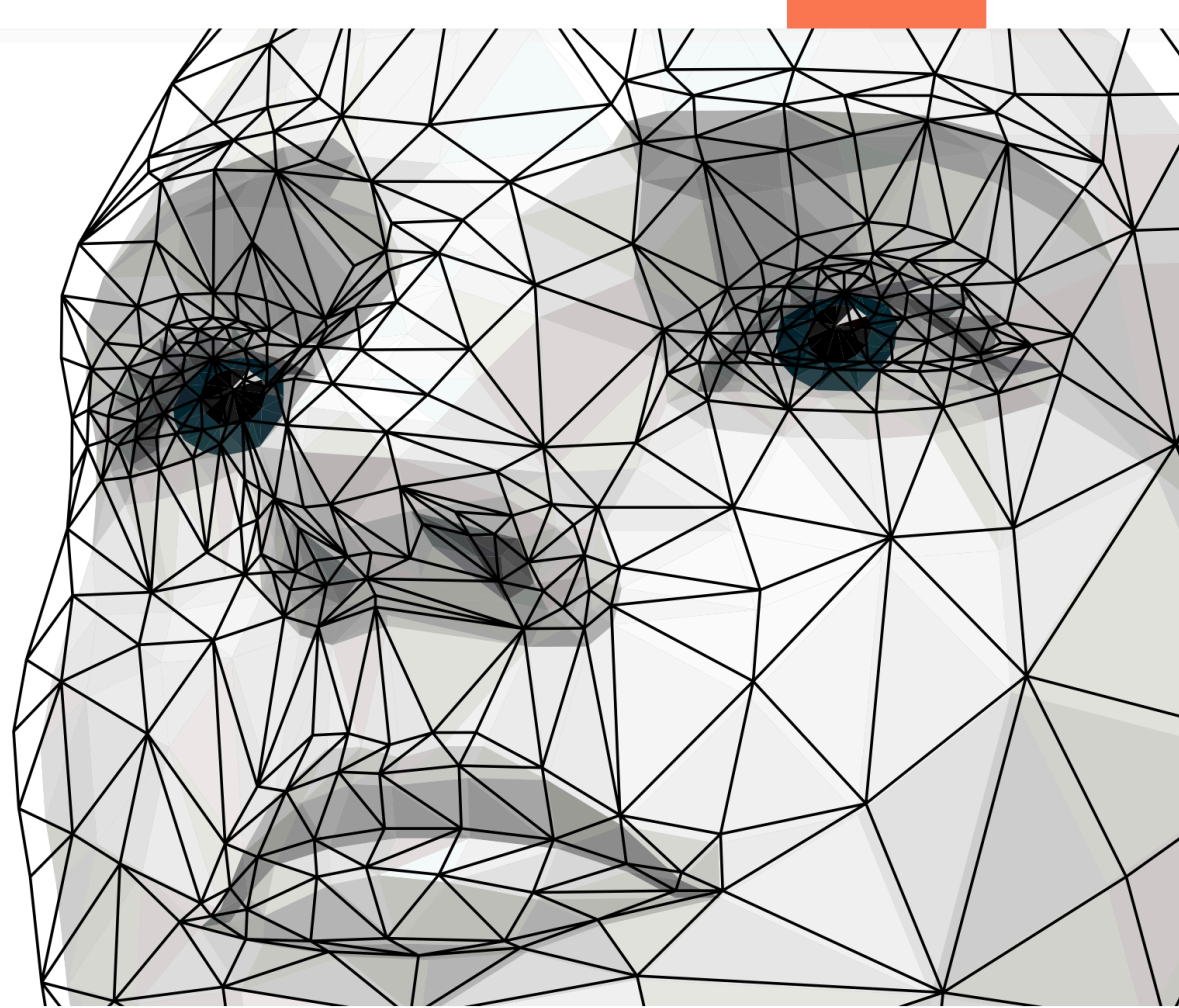
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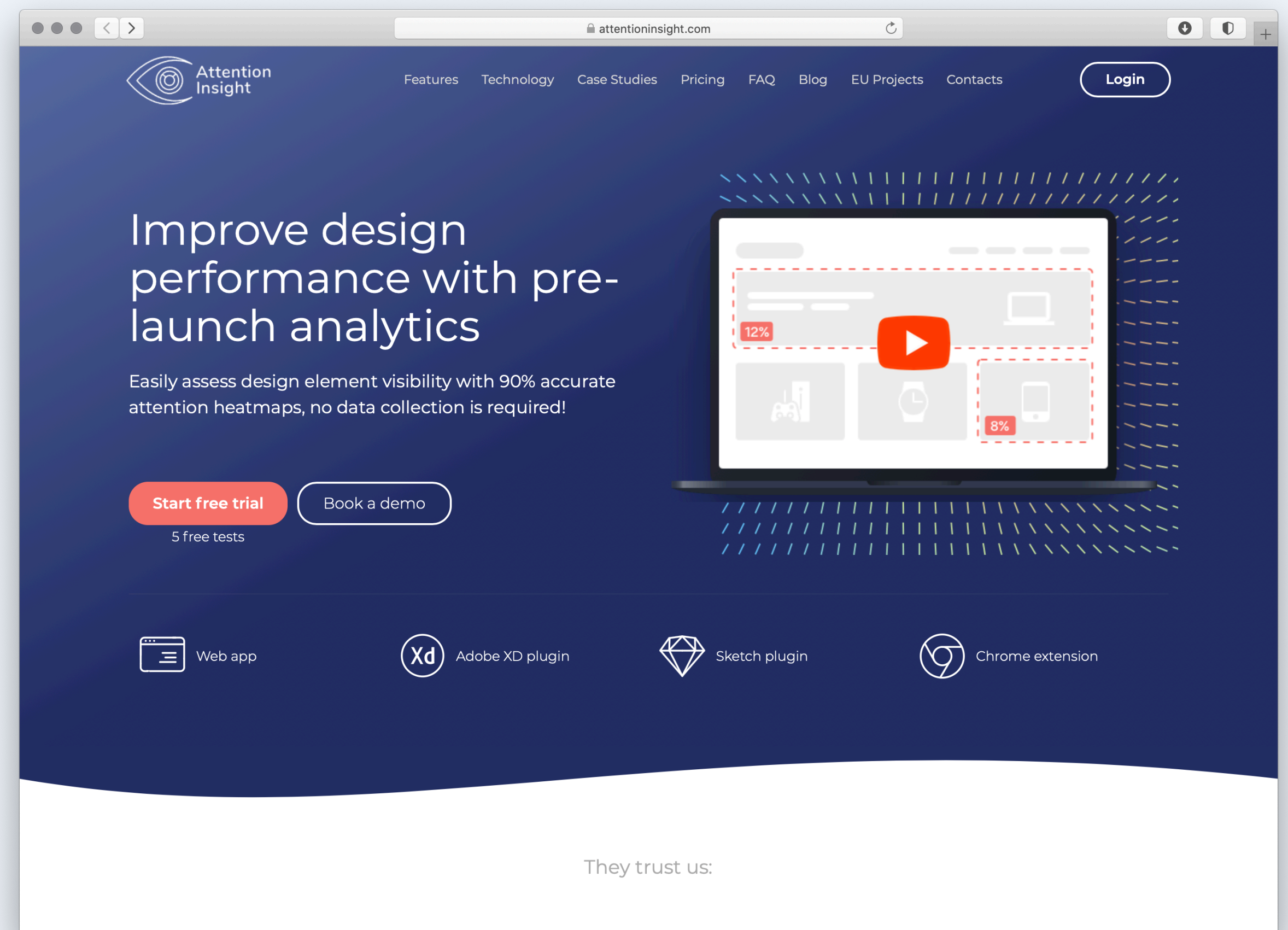
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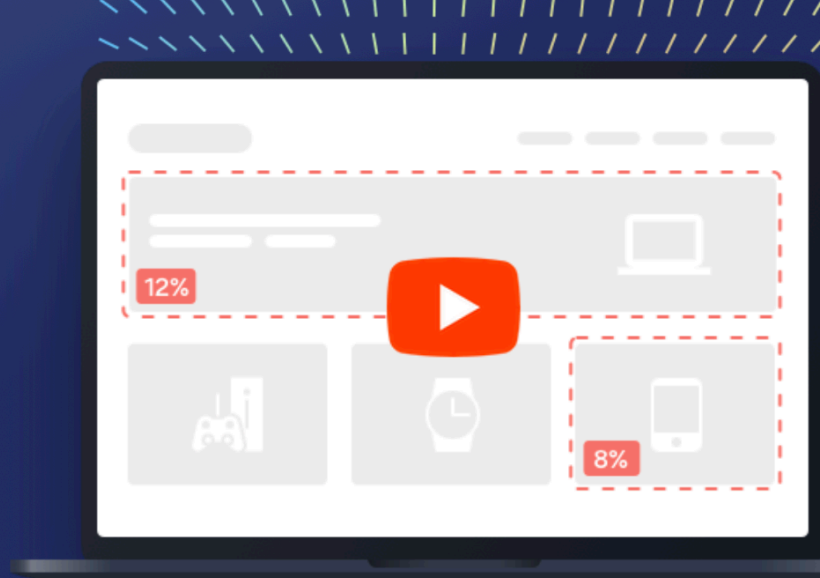
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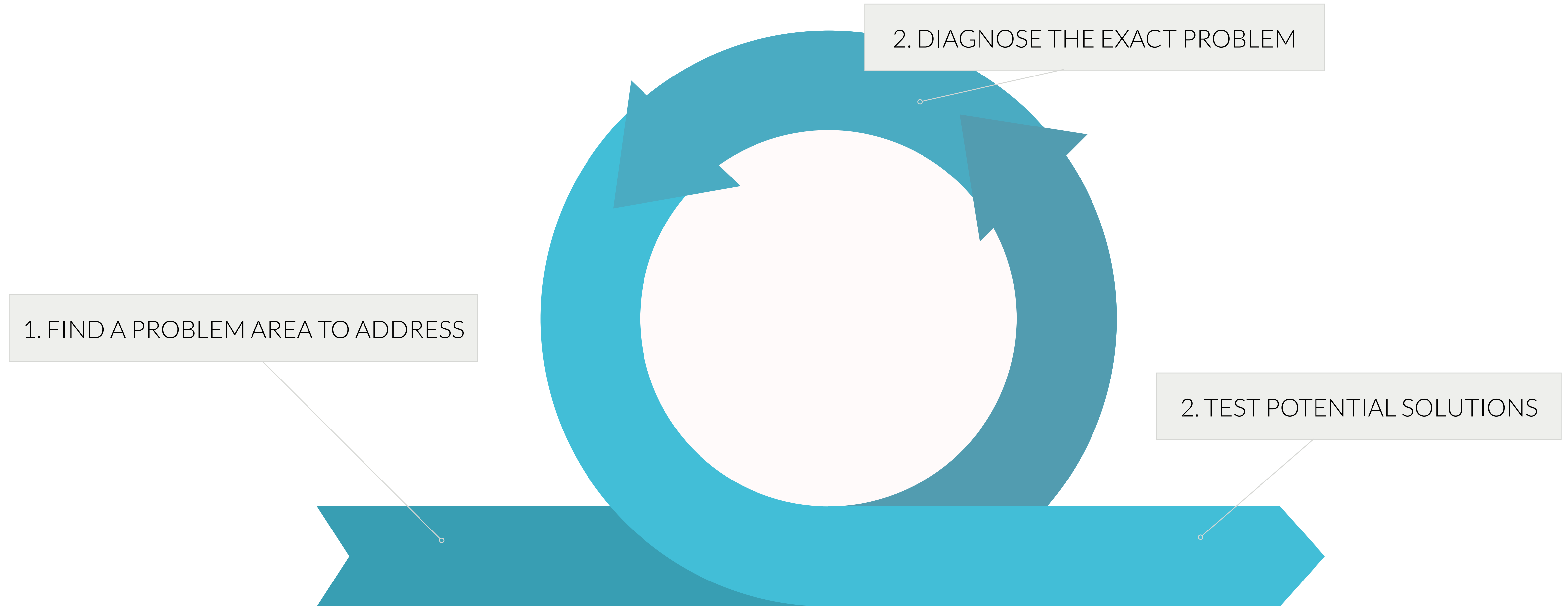


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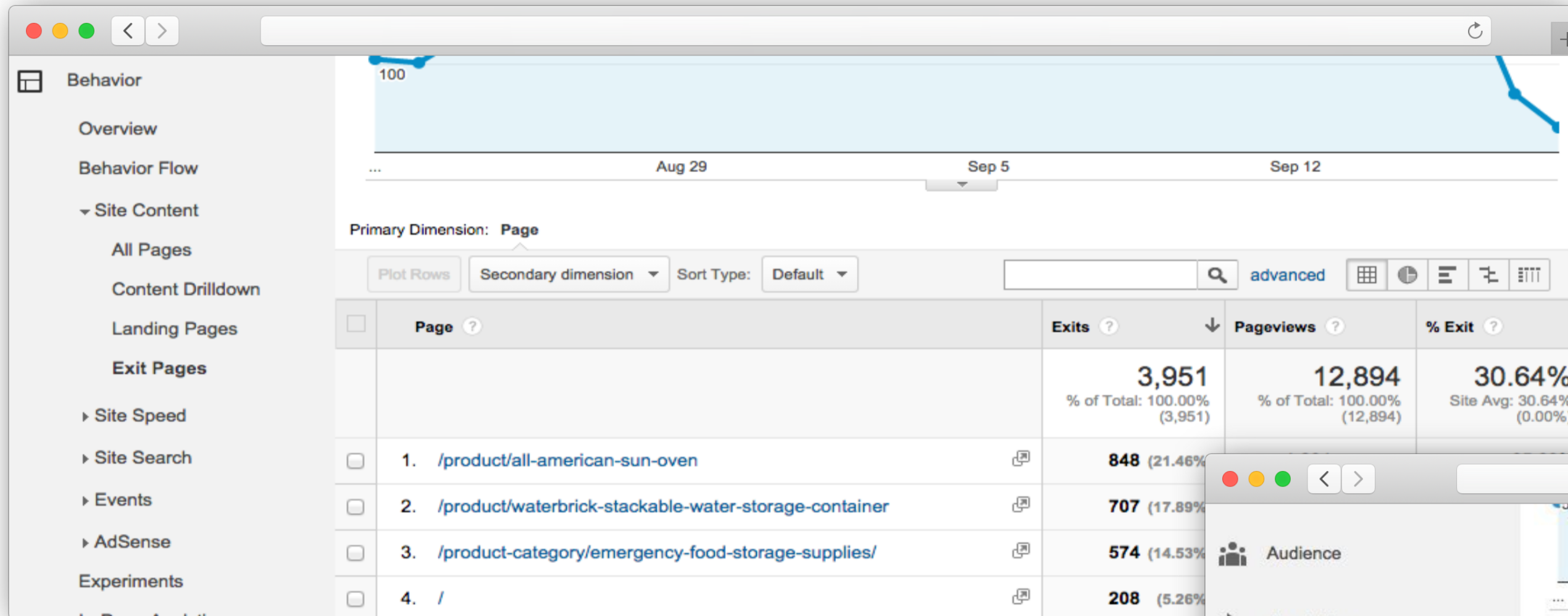
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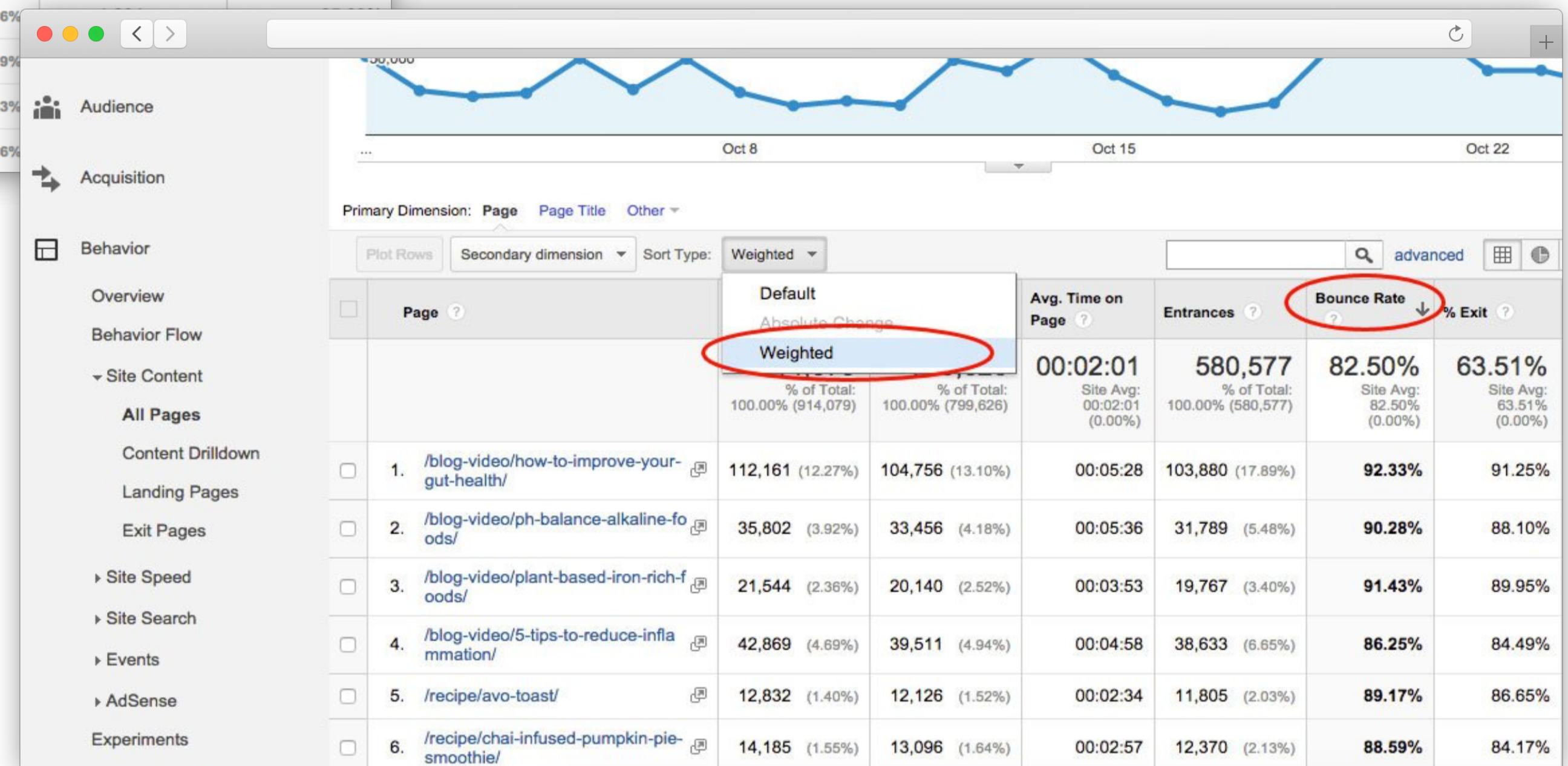


IDENTIFY A PROBLEM AREA WITH ANALYTICS



EXIT PAGES

BOUNCE PAGES



NARROW DOWN THE PROBLEM

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Clarity website. The browser address bar displays 'clarity.microsoft.com'. The page features a large hero section with the headline 'See what your users want - with Clarity.' and a sub-headline 'Replay user sessions and explore heatmaps to make your website work better for your customers and your business, for free.' Below the headline are two buttons: 'Get started' and 'Try Demo'. To the right of the text is an illustration of two people interacting with large digital screens displaying various data visualizations like line graphs, bar charts, and heatmaps. Below the hero section is a horizontal navigation bar with four items: 'SESSION PLAYBACKS', 'HEATMAPS', 'INSIGHTS', and 'PROVEN SCALABILITY', each accompanied by a small icon. The 'SESSION PLAYBACKS' section is highlighted, showing a large play button icon over a line graph. To the right of this illustration, the text 'Session playbacks' is followed by 'Watch and learn' and a paragraph explaining that individual session recordings allow users to examine user behavior as it happened.

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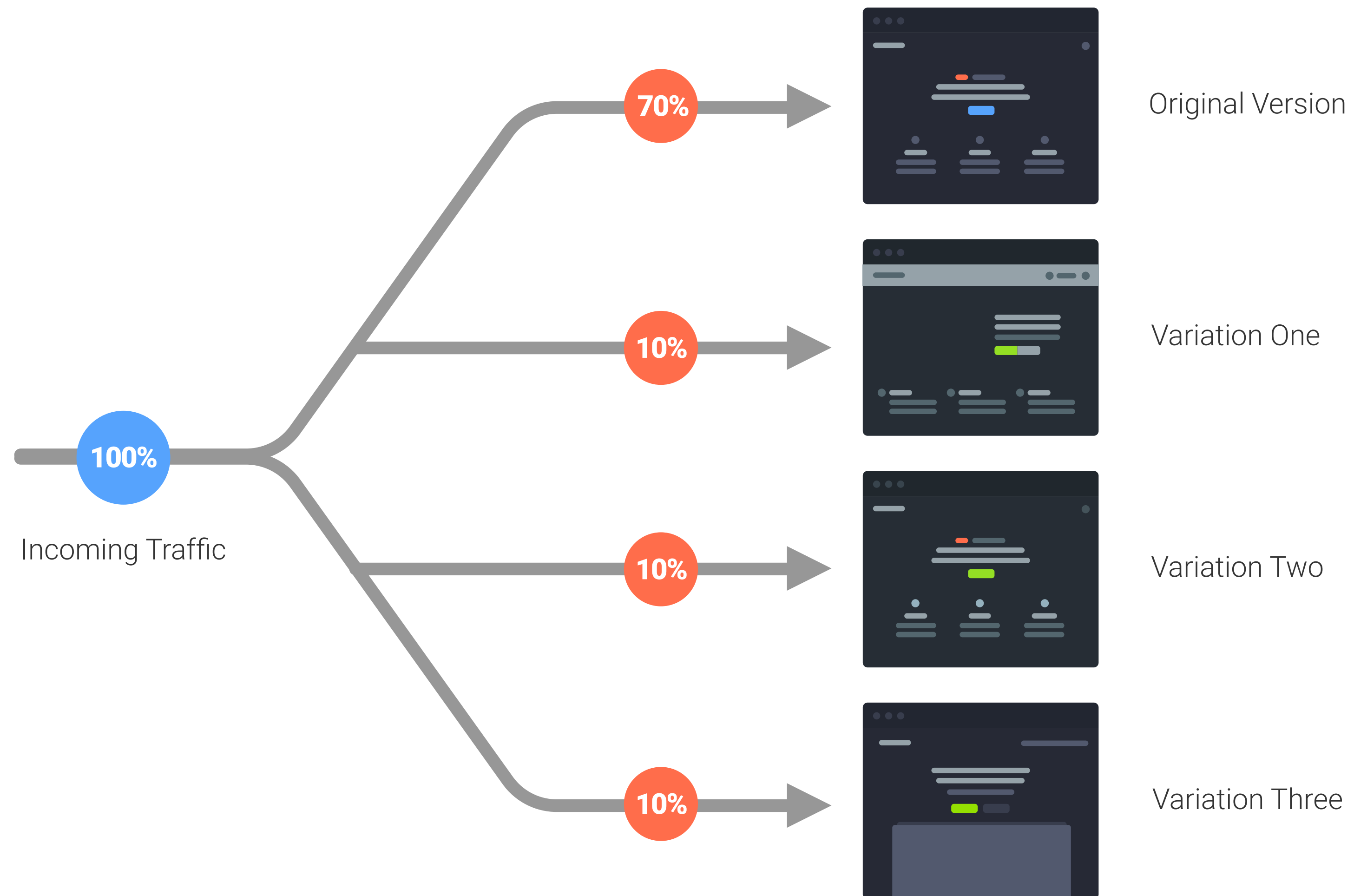
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Session playbacks

Watch and learn

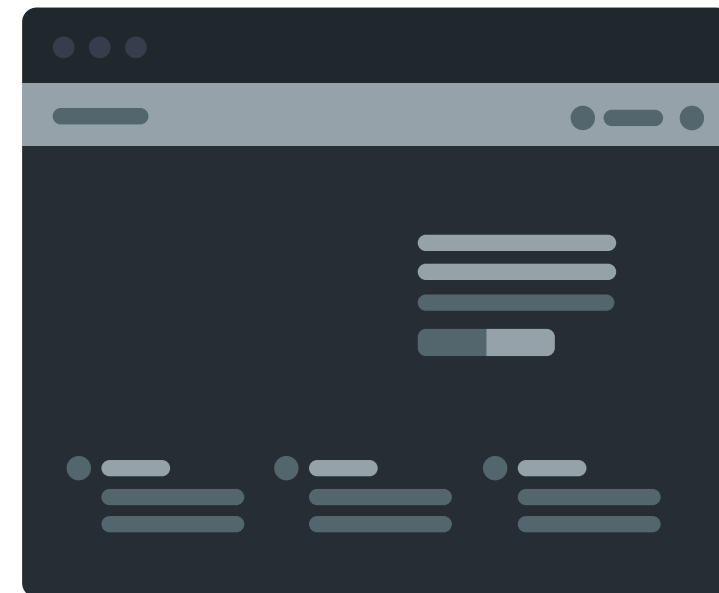
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TEST POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WITH SPLIT TESTING

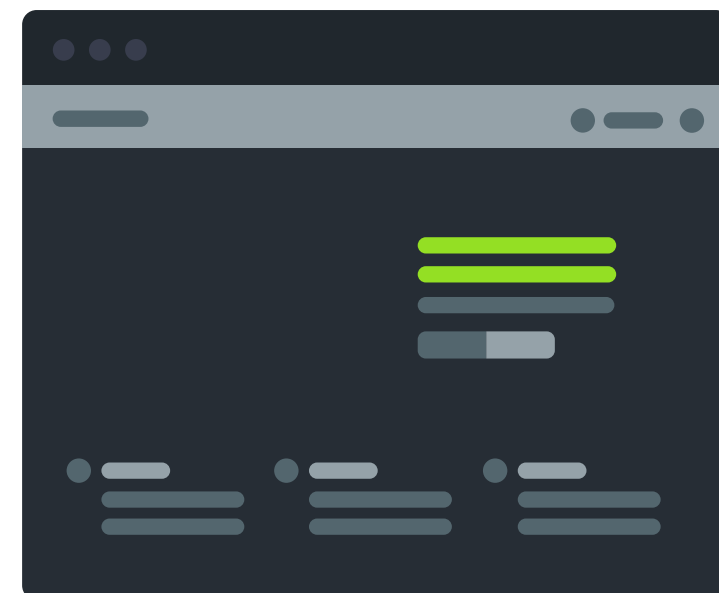


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A/B Testing

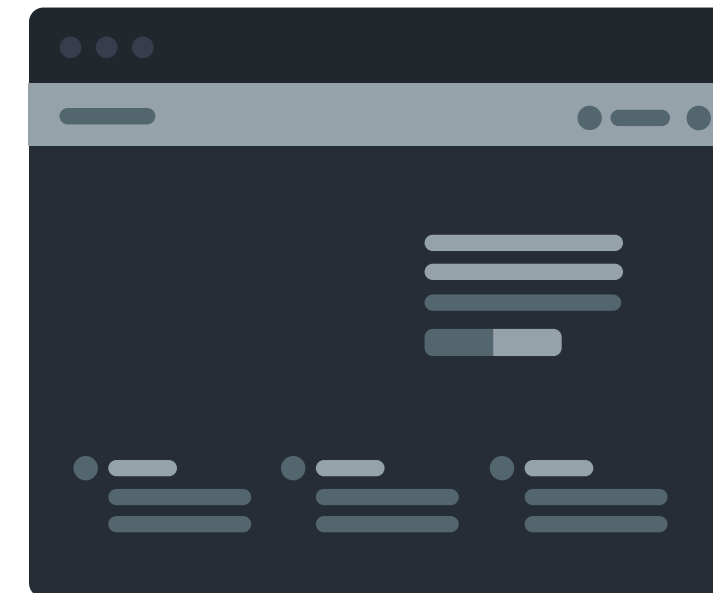


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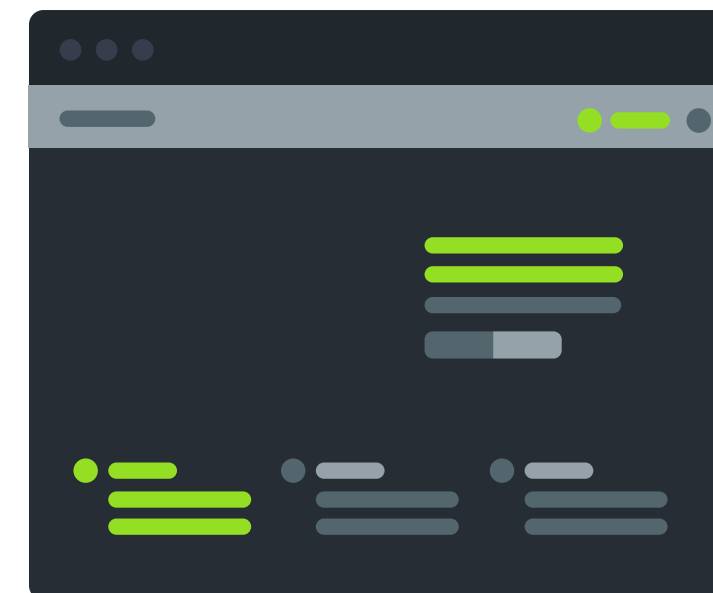


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Multivariate

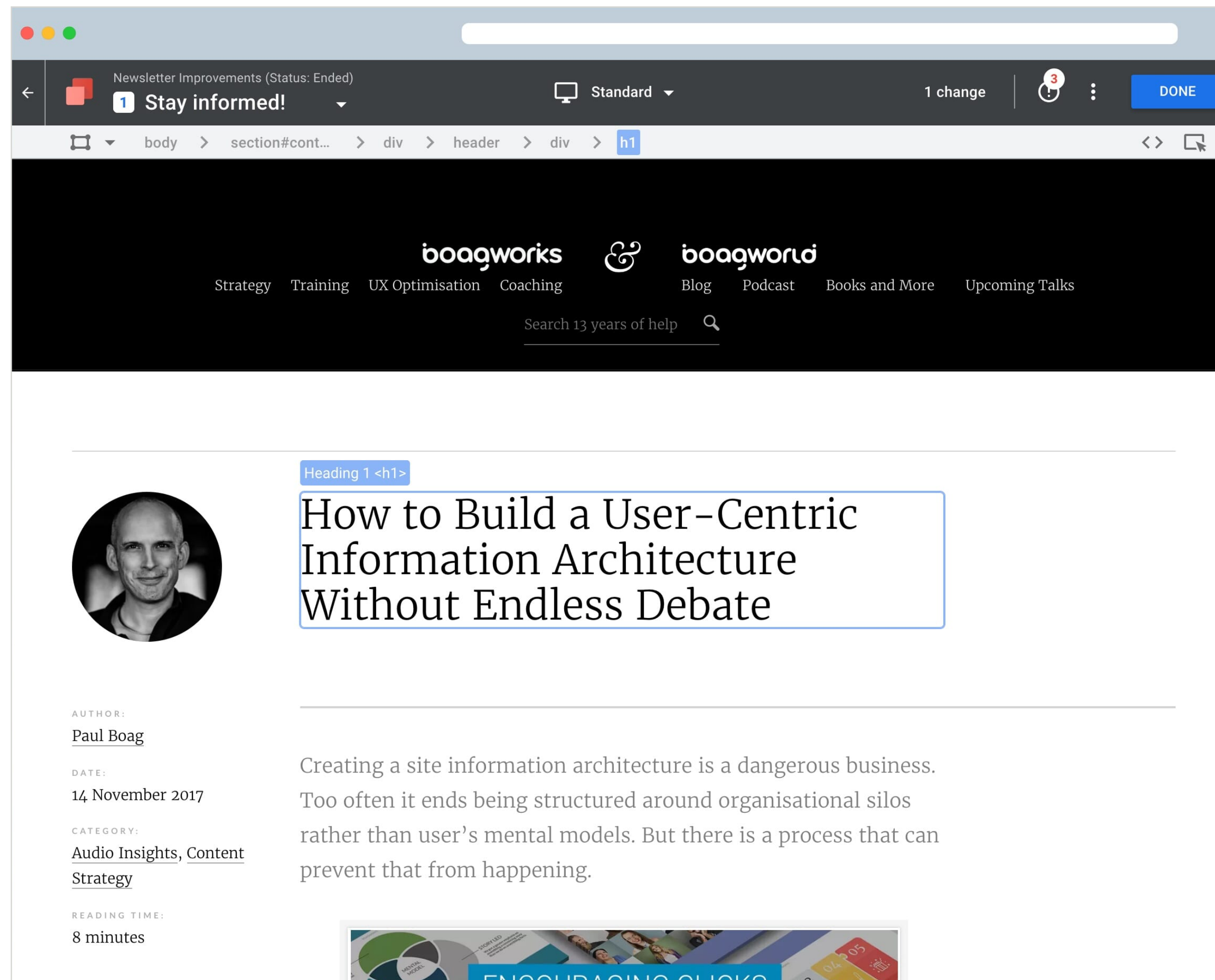


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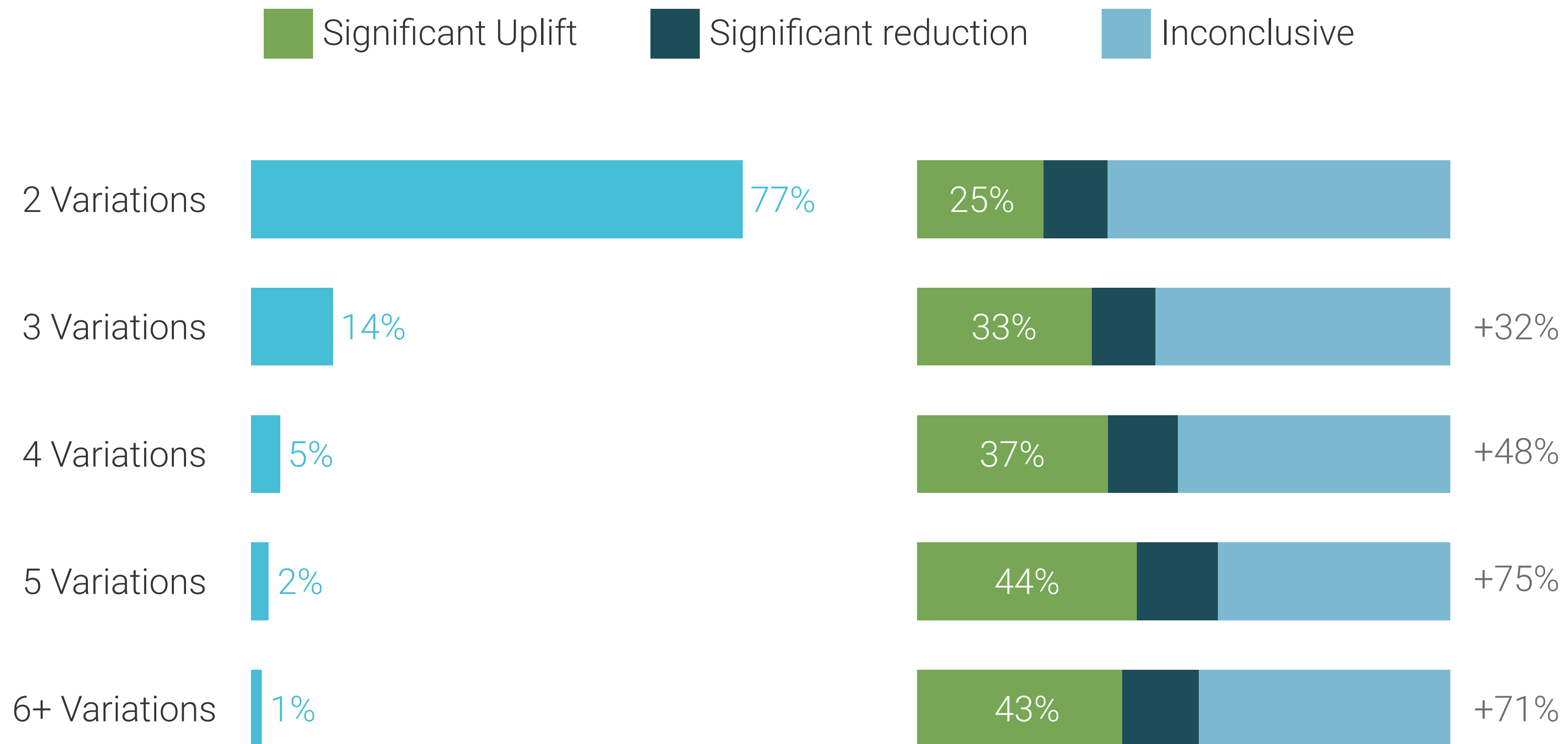
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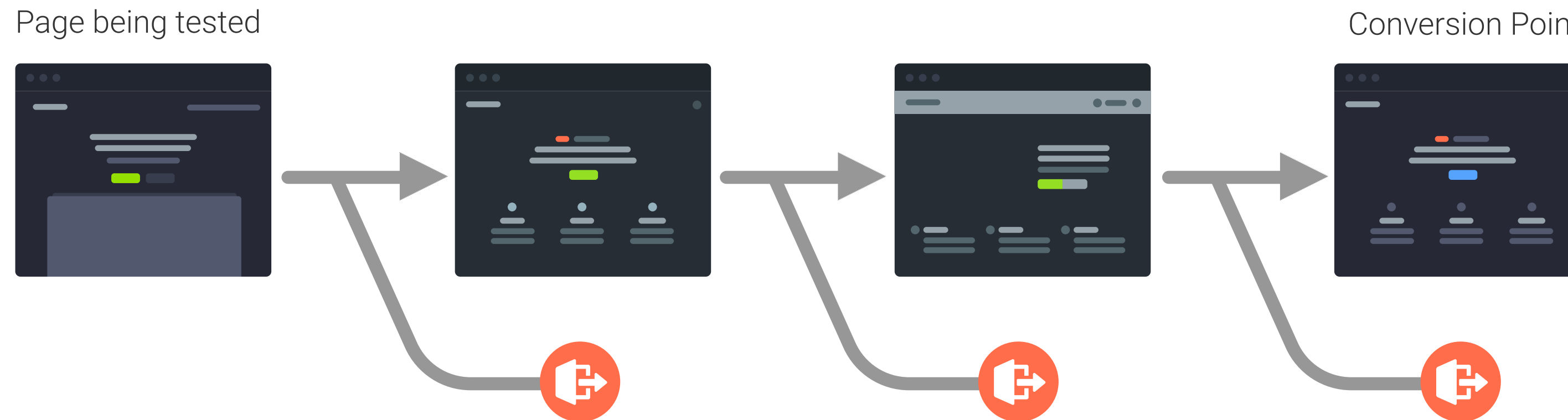


TEST LOTS OF VERSIONS*

*IF YOU HAVE LOTS OF TRAFFIC



WHAT ABOUT POOR TRAFFICKED SITES?



WAIT

Split testing can work on any website. However the lower the amount of traffic, the longer you will have to waiting to get statistically significant results.

REDUCE YOUR THRESHOLD

Most split testing tools will set a high threshold before it declares a winner. However, you can make a judgement call at a lower threshold if you like.

CLOSE THE GAP

The closer the thing you are testing to the point of conversion the less dropouts and the quicker you will get statistically relevant results.

Either pick a different conversion action or a different thing to test.



KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Testing is the key to improved conversion.
- Testing post launch is most important of all.
- Testing regularly leads to better results.
- Use both quantitative and qualitative testing.

QUESTIONS

