



E-retail factors for customer activation and retention

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INTRODUCTION

- Business Problem Framing

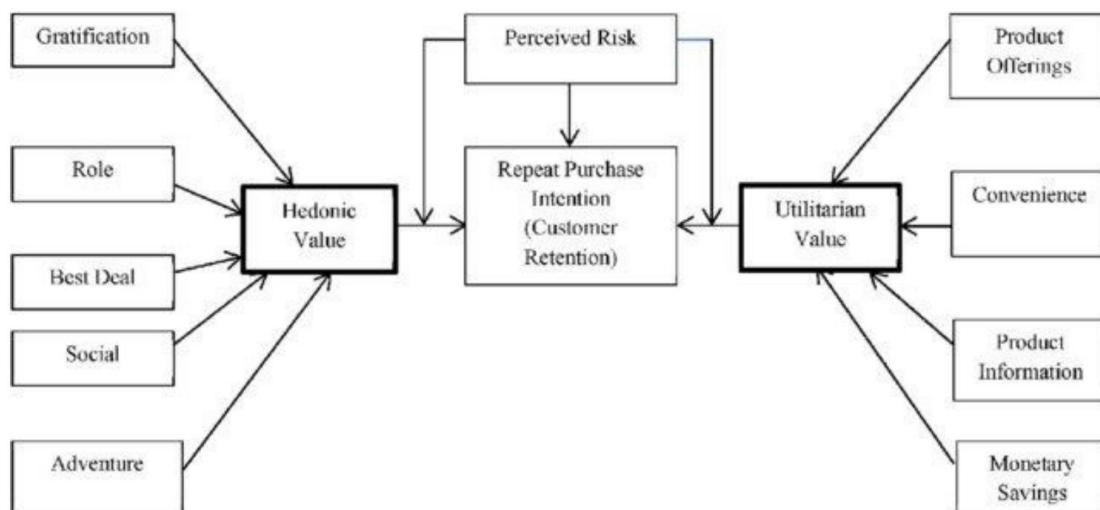
Customer satisfaction has emerged as one of the most important factors that guarantee the success of online store, hence analysing the extent to which the factors that leads to customer retention becomes significant.

- Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem

Online shopping customer retention becomes significant for the store and data needs to be taken from the sample pool of the customers and analyze the factors that influence them in choosing a website.

- Review of Literature

Research has been done on a dataset which contains various parameters that can cause the success of an online store. Extensive research has been done on various parameters such as:



- Motivation for the Problem Undertaken

The objective of the projects was in understanding what all parameter can make an online store more efficient. It has been fascinating to understand the parameters like offers, as to how much less significance it can have. The domain is interesting as the current market is online.

Hence through this analysis, any online store could be made better.

Analytical Problem Framing

- Mathematical/ Analytical Modeling of the Problem

Visualization of various factors have been done through matplotlib and seaborn.

- Data Sources and their formats

Data set is in CSV format, it needs to be cleaned (columns mainly)

The columns contain the factors which can potentially affect the customer retention, where the factors contain how strongly the respondents agree to the factor in hand. Also some columns contain respondent's analysis as to which website has performed the best in the factor.

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- Data Preprocessing Done

A.Encoding of the data done allowing the easy usage of the data

B.Column names we cleaned

- Data Inputs- Logic- Output Relationships

Data input and output are both categorical. The input is all the columns which are the factors and the output/label is the website that the respondent will refer a friend to.

- the set of assumptions (if any) related to the problem under consideration

The assumption taken here are that the respondent has knowledge about Amazon, Flipkart, Snapdeal, Paytm and Myntra.

- Hardware and Software Requirements and Tools Used

Hardware: PC Windows 10

Software: Jupiter notebook, Panda library, numpy library, Matplotlib library, Seaborn library.

Model/s Development and Evaluation

Identification of possible problem-solving approaches (methods)

The factors need to be found which can impact the customer retention capacity. This can be done by analysing the various factors and the store the respondent prefers. This will be done by checking each of the factors impacts the respondent's decision making.

Visualizations

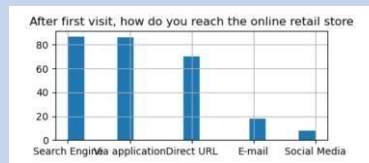
Customer activation

Methods used by respondent during customer activation



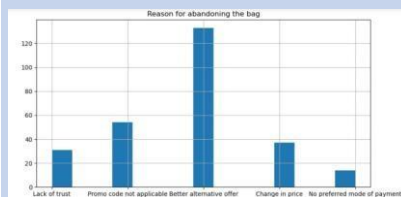
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Method used by customer in 2nd time (Customer Retention)



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Factors hindering the customer activation

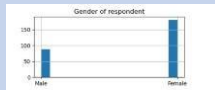


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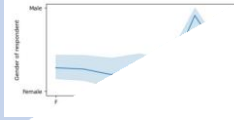


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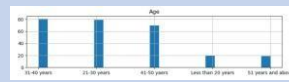
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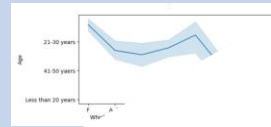
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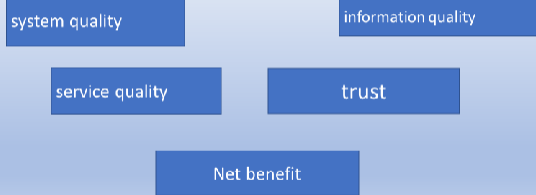
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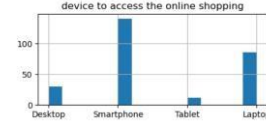
Five major factors that contributed to the success of an e-commerce store have been identified as:



System quality

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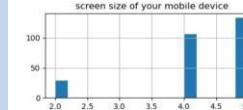
Smartphone 141
Laptop 86
Desktop 39
Tablet 12
Name: device to access the online shopping, dtype: int64



Largest number of online shopping done through Smartphone and least through tablet



Others 134
5.5 inches 99
4.7 inches 26
5 inches 7
Name: screen size of your mobile device, dtype: int64



Others is highest with 134 respondents for the device size



Maximum OS used are Windows



The respondent who would prefer	Device used	mobile device screen size	OS
amazon alone	smartphone	4.7 inches	windows/IOS
flipkart alone	Smartphone and tablet	not 4.7 inches/5.5 inches	windows
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amazon, myntra and flipkart	laptop	not 4.7 inches/5.5 inches	Windows
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Easy to use: websites and the device they used

This shows the device is most suited for the website



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Paytm alone	Desktop
Amazon, myntra, flipkart and snap deal	tablet
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Information Quality

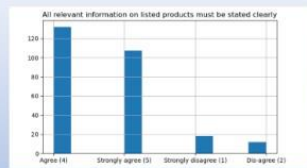
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Clarity of content

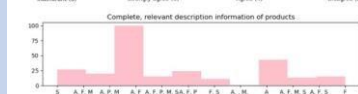
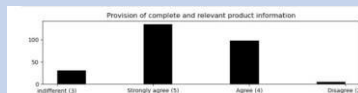
All relevant information on listed products must be stated clearly



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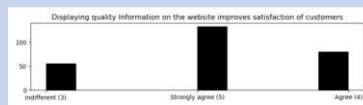
Complete, relevant description information of products websites/apps



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Relationship between product information and gratification

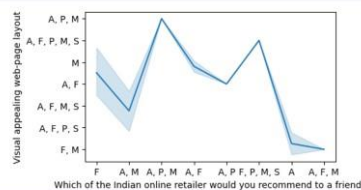
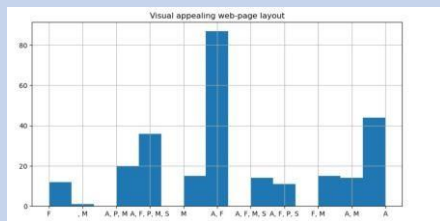


Displaying the quality of the product is very important for customer gratification

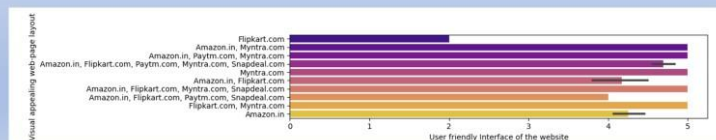


Visual appealing web-page layout

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- it is not impacting much as a factor to be chosen again by the customer



Visual appeal has less impact on recommendation to a friend



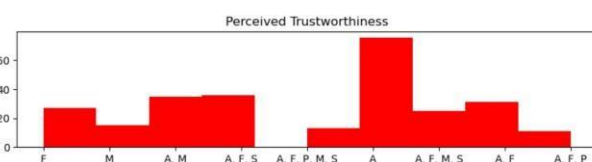
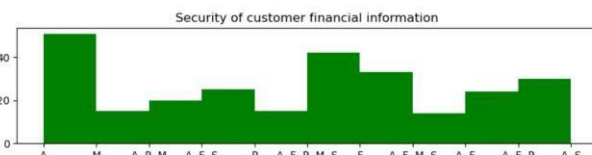
SERVICE QUALITY

PRIVACY

It is very important for an individual to have privacy and the highest privacy of customer information is seen in amazon

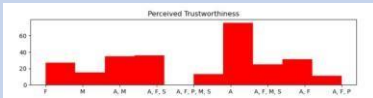


Highest privacy of customer financial information and perceived trustworthiness is also seen in amazon

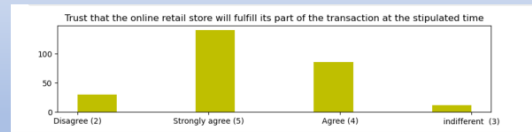
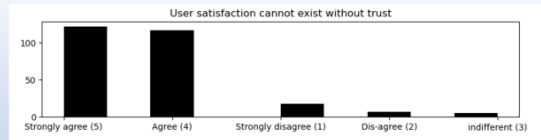
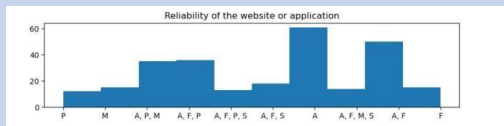


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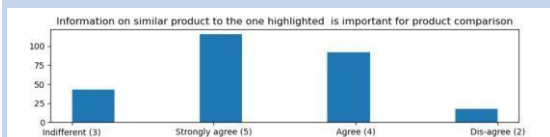
Amazon is the most trust worthy



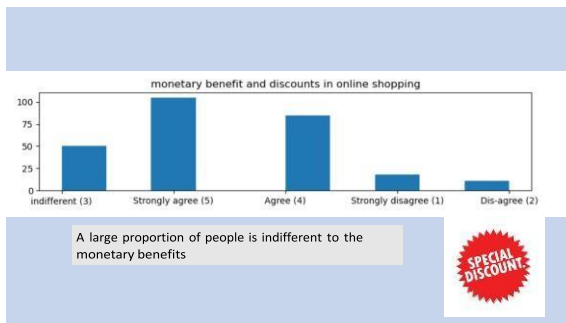
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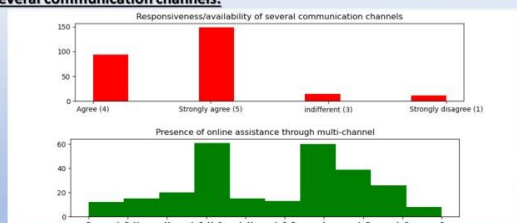
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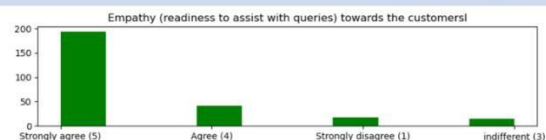
Need for several communication channels:



There is a high need for several communication channels and Amazon is the best in online assistance through several communication channels



Empathy (readiness to assist with queries) towards the customers:



Interpretation from the visualization done are:

1. Search engine has been the primary usage during the first attempt to reach site.
2. In the second time, the method has search engines usage but also an equal usage of Via application.
3. Maximum people and the highest frequency of dropping the bag is because of Better alternative.
4. More number of female respondents. They consist 3/4th.
5. Male have chosen all flipkart, myntra, snapdeal and paytm but not amazon.
6. Whereas women have chosen all ranges.
7. The respondents have been mostly between 21-50 years.
8. 21-30 years have not chosen snapdeal.
9. 41-50 years like all of them.
10. Largest number of online shopping done through Smartphone and least through tablet.
11. Others is highest with 134 respondents for the device size.
12. Maximum OS used are Windows.

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23. Highest privacy of customer financial information and perceived trustworthiness is also seen in amazon.
24. Amazon is the most trust worthy.
25. User satisfaction is directly proportional to trust that the product will be delivered in the proper amount of time.
26. There is a wide proportion who does not need the product comparison and check net benefit.
27. A large proportion of people is indifferent to the monetary benefits.
28. A large section is indifferent to loyalty programmers.
29. There is a large section of respondents who are indifferent about shopping online and also many who strongly disagree that enjoyment is not present in shopping online.
30. Return and replacement is very important for shopping online.
31. Customers derive satisfaction only when the website quality is good.
32. Displaying the quality of the product is very important for customer gratification.
33. Mostly people don't get affected emotionally by which online store they buy from as they have no much attachment to it.
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35. There is ease in patronizing a retailer.
36. It is not an accepted idea among respondent, that online shopping increases the social status of the people are indifferent to it.

37. Even though some respondents respond they come into the website for adventure in some small sense. But There is also a large number of respondent were indifferent to it.
38. the largest section of respondent strongly agrees or agree that userfriendly websites impacts in taking decisions.
39. Amazon, flipkart, paytm and myntra all are easy to use websites.
40. Amazon takes most amount of time to get logged in due to promotions and sales.
41. Loading speed of amazon is fastest.
42. Longest time in displaying graphics and photos is amazon and flipkart.
43. Prices are declared late the most is myntra.
44. Flexibility is very important factor for decision making.
45. Amazon is the quickest for transactions.
46. Delivery speed is highest for Amazon.
47. It is very significant to show similar products descriptions as more than 70% have agreed to it.
48. Even though a large group of people are drawn towards online shopping through discounts and loyalty shopping, a large group of people are indifferent to it.

- **Interpretation of the Results**

The Customer retention depends on all the factors largely other than:

a. Status increase through online shopping

b. Discounts/offers and loyalty

c. Programmed Adventure

CONCLUSION

- Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study

- a. The customer retention improvement should be focused on the hedonic and utilitarian factors (other than adventure) i.e.

Hedonic values	Utilitarian values
1. gratification	1. Product offering
2. role	2. convenience
3. best deal	3. product information

- b. Also the success of the online store depends on:

- i. system quality
- ii. service quality
- iii. Net benefit
- iv. information quality
- v. trust

- Learning Outcomes of the Study in respect of Data Science

Matplotlib and Seaborn helped in making the vast data into more understandable and hence helping a person to analyze the data.