User behaviour research

How people buy online



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Who participated in the research

I invited 8 respondents.

«Ordinary people» — not connected with IT and E-commerce: office employees, creative workers, who are in a relationship or in a marriage. Work and professional growth do not require frequent use of online shops by members of this research, they all make purchases online with varying frequency.

How I collected this data

I prepared a list of questions and tasks for people involved in testing of the site.

I make every test personally face to face. It took approximately 30 min per session.

I watched the respondents during the time they performed the tasks from the questionnaire: their task was to assemble the food basket for themselves and their families as they usually do.



How I processed the data

Behaviour. I was closely watching the respondents during the testing of the site. She noted those moments where they had questions or difficulties.

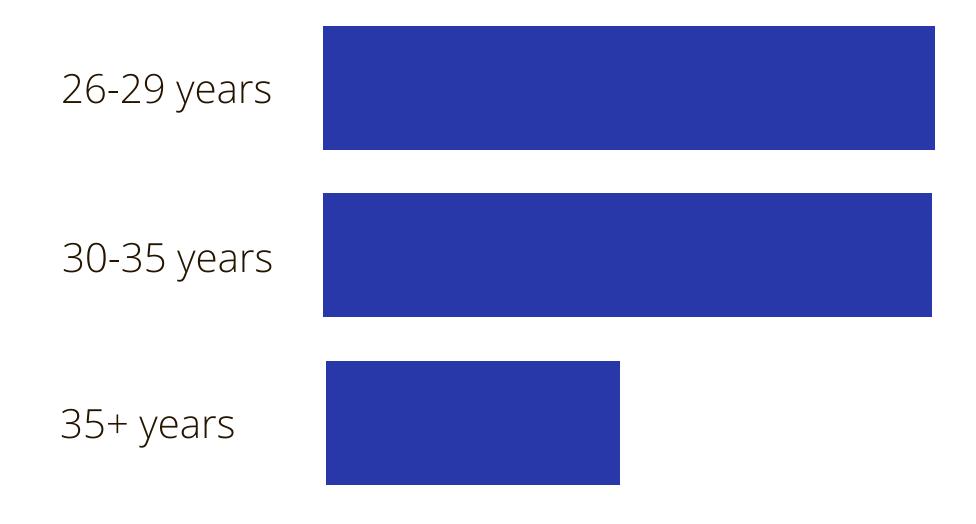
The time spent on tasks. Some respondents were literally stuck at the steps of adding goods to the basket or registering the purchase.

Mood of the respondents. One of the tester, having encountered problems in ordering, simply closed the site and said that he would never use it again.

The repeated difficulties encountered by the respondents, or the most critical complications for continuing the order, became the basis for determining the main problems of the site in terms of usability.

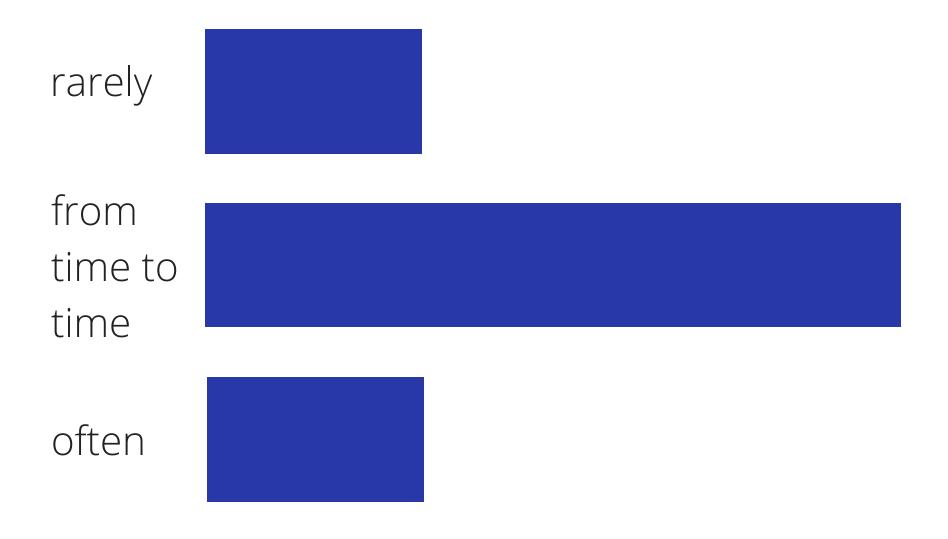
Part 1. Respondents

Respondents' age



Each respondent is married or in a relationship.

Frequency of purchases online



Part 2. Test

2.1 Products choice

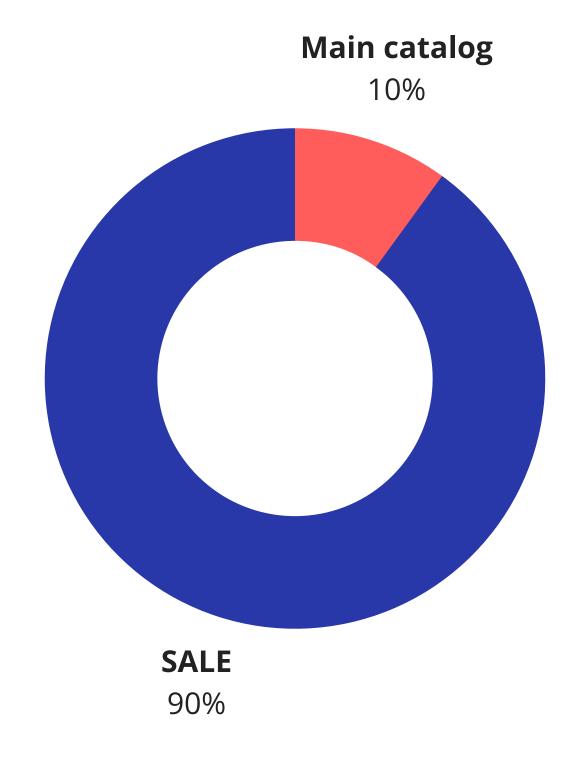
How respondents started choosing products — the vast majority immediately entered the section Angebote.

Interesting!

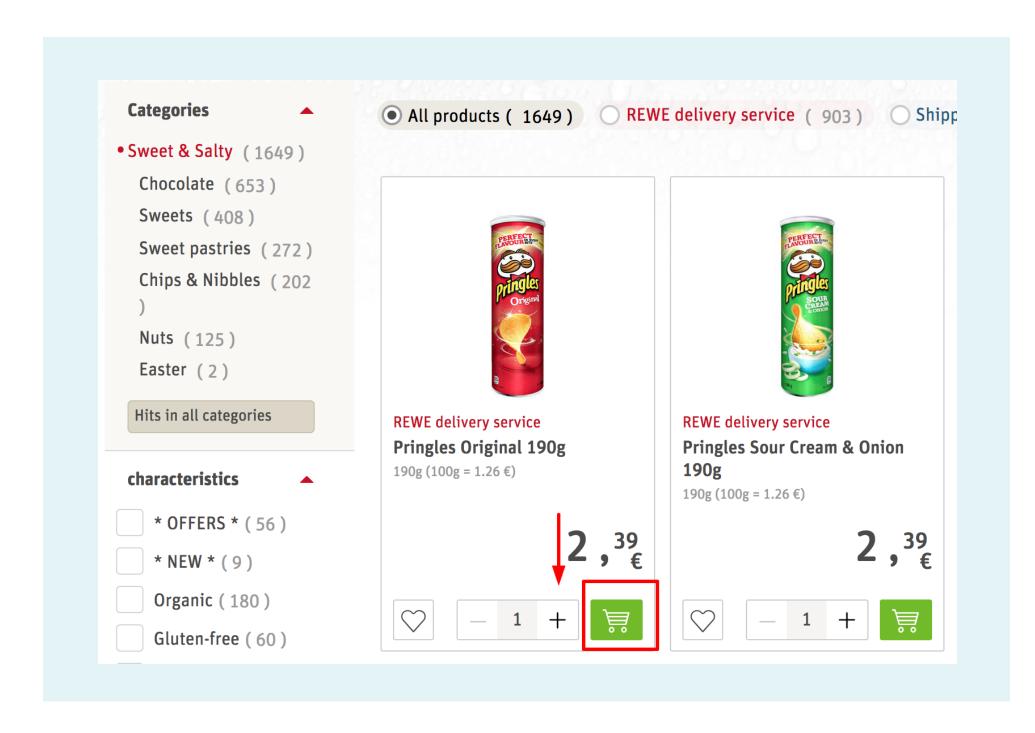
Nobody used Search field.

Nobody went to a product card.

Each respondent added products to a basket from a catalog.



Issue 1



40%

of respondents did not understand how to add products to the basket.

They clicked "+" instead of green basket As a result, they had to once again put the goods in the basket.

Interesting!

People, even if they knew what they wanted to buy exactly, went to Angebote. They have not not searched anything special — they have scrolled all pages will the end to looking at interesting offers. They made spontaneous purchases!

«It is like in a supermarket — if I came there and saw discounted products that I have never tried, I might take them. It is always a chance that my friends will come to me and then that discounted apple pie will be so good with a tea», — Respondent, a woman, 35 years.

«The catalog is very convenient. Good quality pictures, I liked to consider everything that is here and choose products for me. Me and my husband, we like Rewe», —

Respondent, a woman, 27 years.

«The catalog made well. I like that products with discounts placed in a special part if the site all together», —

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«I did not immediately find meat and eggs. It took time to understand that they are in a branch Freshness & Cooling», —

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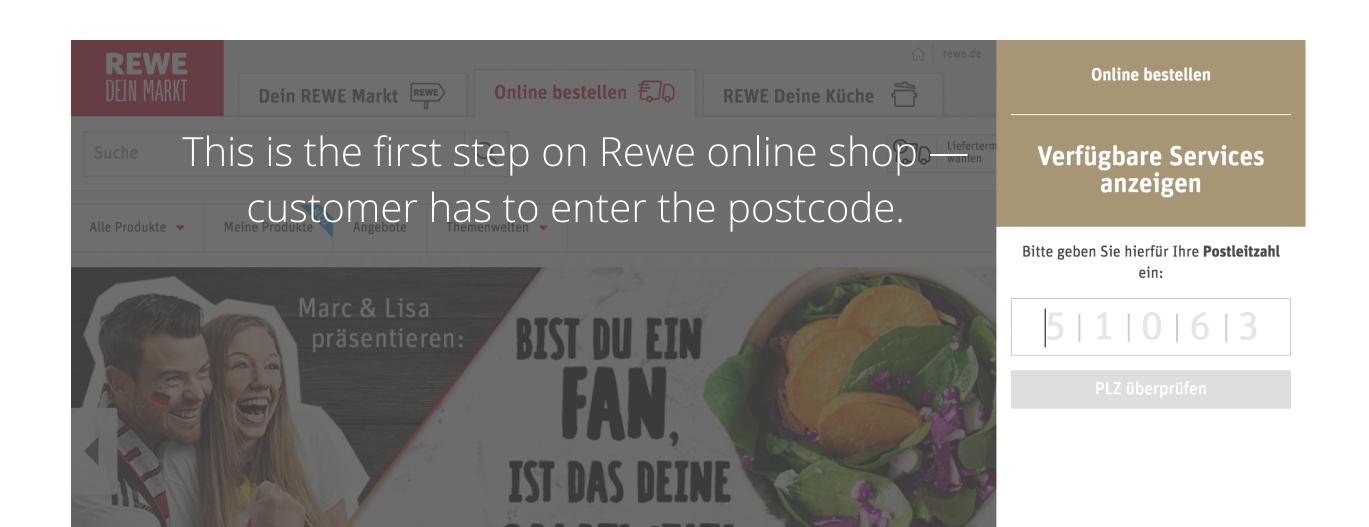
2.2 Order

Issue 2

40%

of respondents did nor remember exactly their postcode.

They left Rewe online shop for checking it.



Delivery services

Delivery is possible only for orders worth more than 40 euros. Currently available for special regions.

There is pick-up service for orders up to 40 euros.

Client can pick their orders in a selected store. Store selection is on the second step after entering a postcode.

Issue 3

To checkout REWE delivery service 7 items shopping cart Minimum order 40 € delivery fee Delivery date not yet selected Total 10,14 € All prices include VAT

40%

wanted to change delivery to pick-up after they realised that their orders up to 40 Euro.

They could not find the way to changed it without the cleaning the basket and re-start.

One respondent close the site page:

«I do not remember what I added to the basket. It is stupid to do it again from the beginning».

Issue 4

There is a recommendation service in a shopping basket based on previous similar purchases of other customers.

60%

of respondents thought that recommended products are their product that they added to the shopping basket.

One respondent said that it is too annoying to check is it her products or just recommendations.

