Dark Patterns

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What are dark patterns?

Patterns of interaction that make you do things you didn't intend.

Types of dark pattern in visualizations

Comparison Prevention

The visualization makes it hard for you to compare two related items, so you cannot make an informed decision.

Misdirection

The design focuses your attention on one thing, taking attention from a more important thing.

Bait & Switch

You set out to do one thing, but a different, undesirable thing happens instead.