#### Mixed methods

How UX Research can supercharge your experimentation and CRO practice



#### Hello!



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#### **▼**CONVERSION

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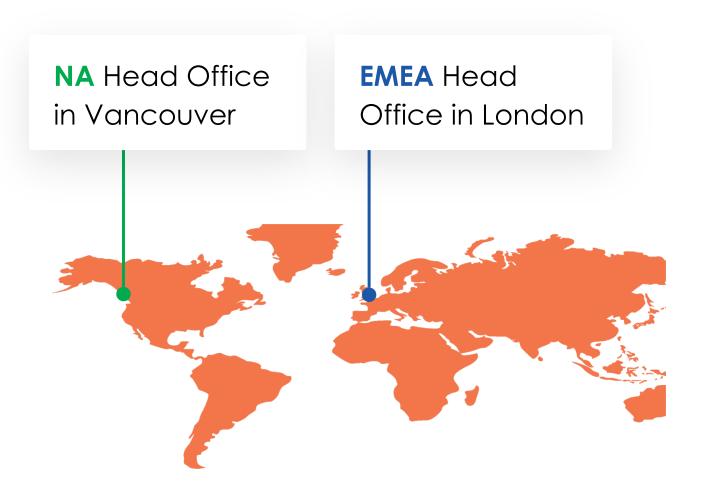






As part of the Sideshow Group, Widerfunnel and Conversion merged in 2022.

Growing team of **107 people** dedicated to creating value from mixed methods experimentation.







## Evidence based decision-making

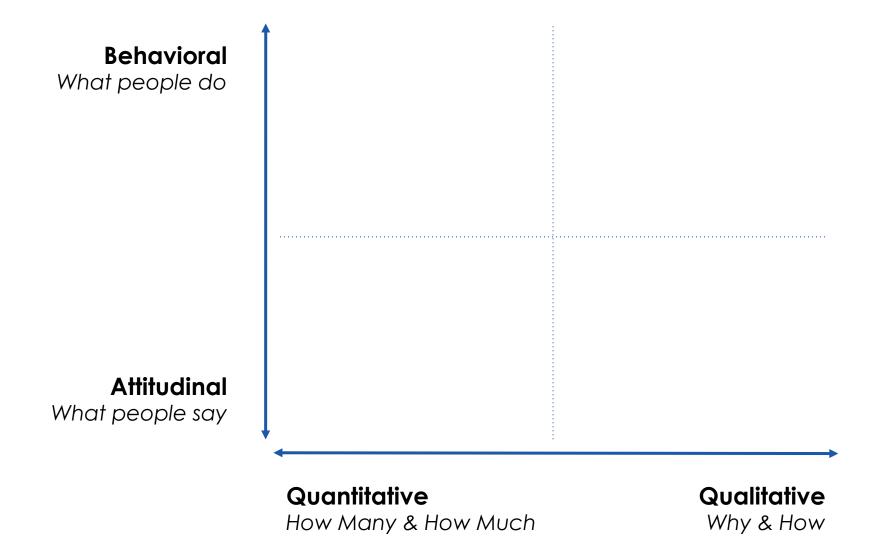


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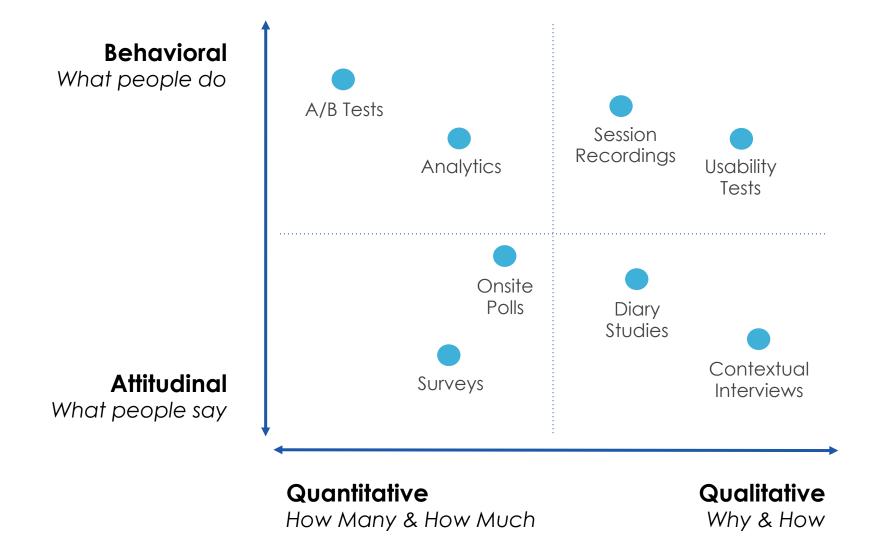


The combination of different types of evidence generating activities to inform decision-making.

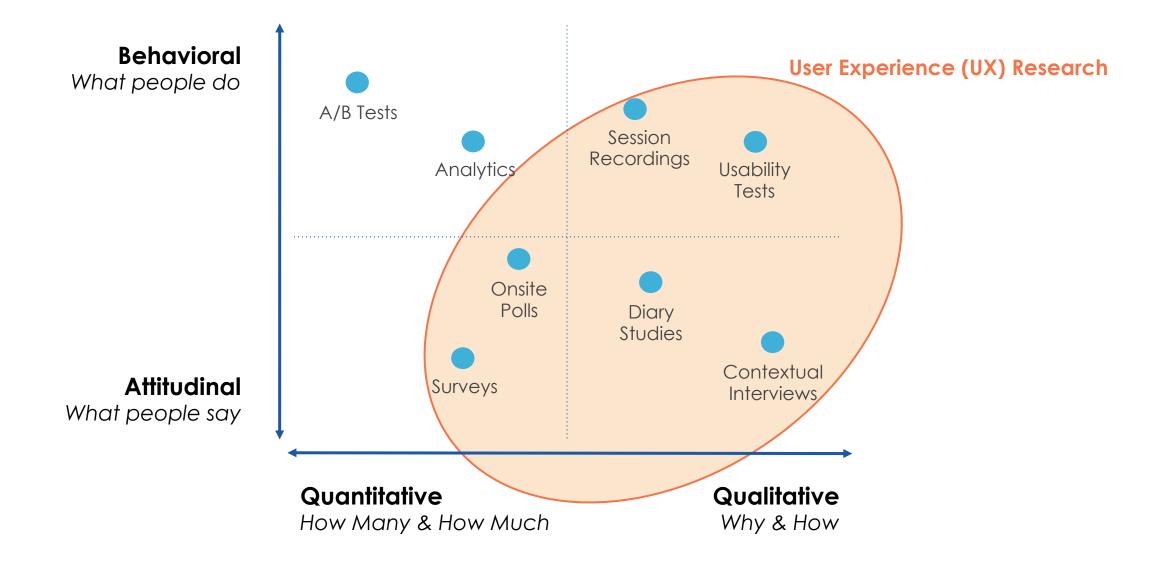














The study of the needs and experiences of target users to guide decision-making across product, marketing and broader business strategy.



#### **UX** Research

#### Methodologies

Usability studies

Contextual interviews

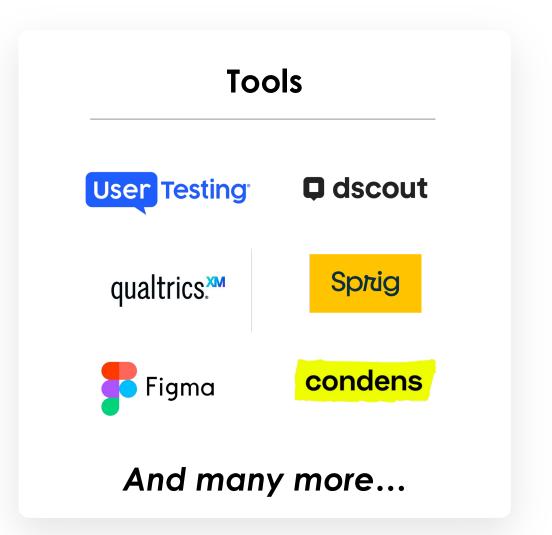
Surveys

Diary studies

Tree tests

Card sorts

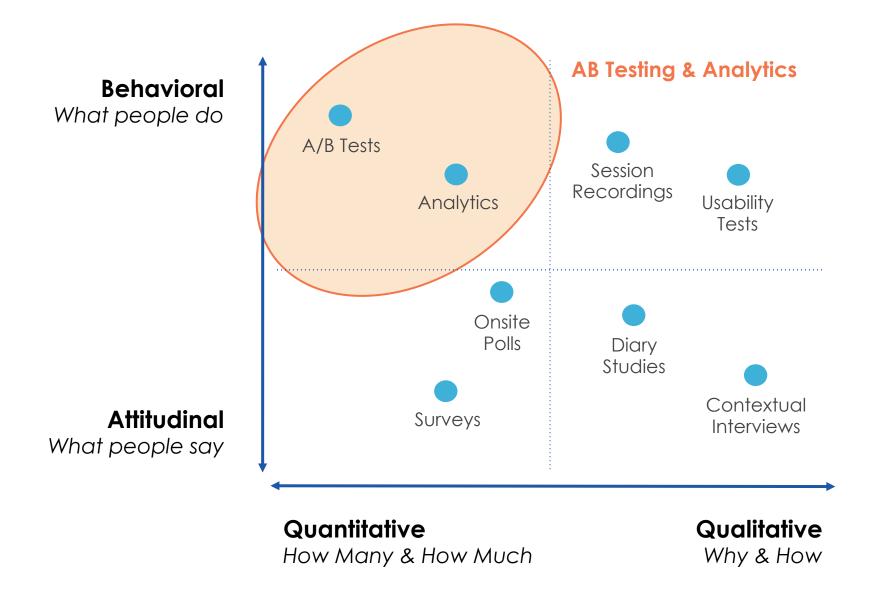
And many more...





What people say \neq What people do



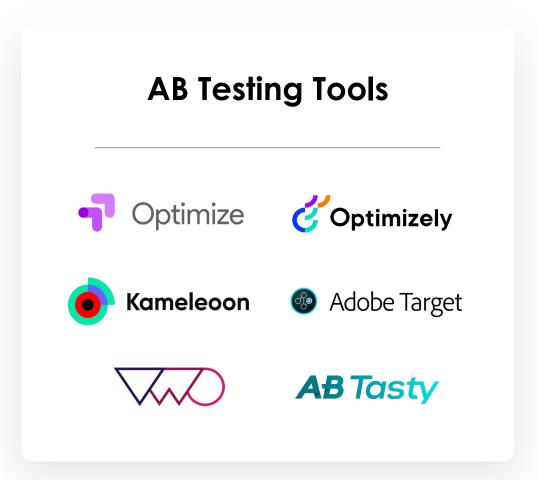




Showing two or more versions of a webpage to users at random and applying statistical analysis to determine which performs better for a given goal.



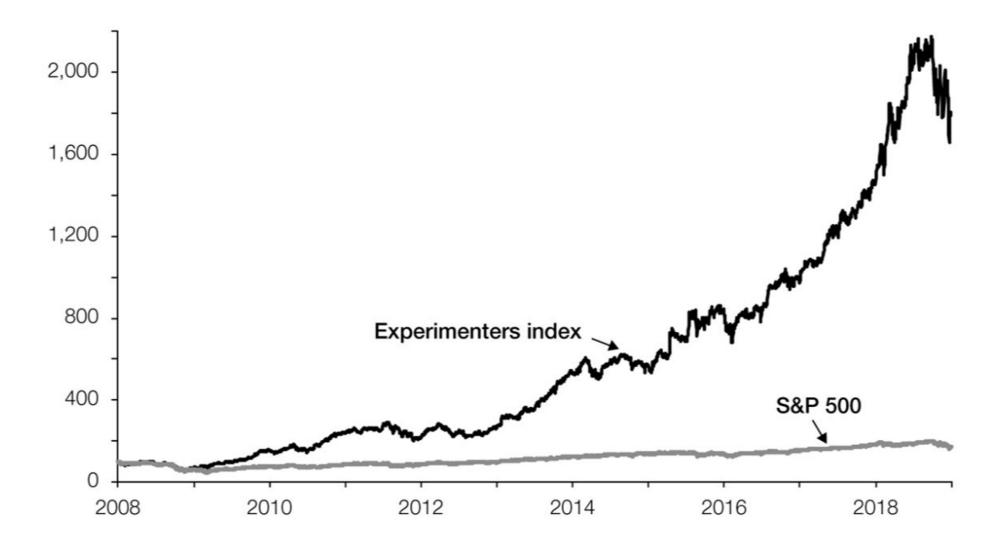
#### Tools to enable AB testing



# Analytics & Quantitative Research Adobe Analytics Adobe Analytics Google Analytics Heap

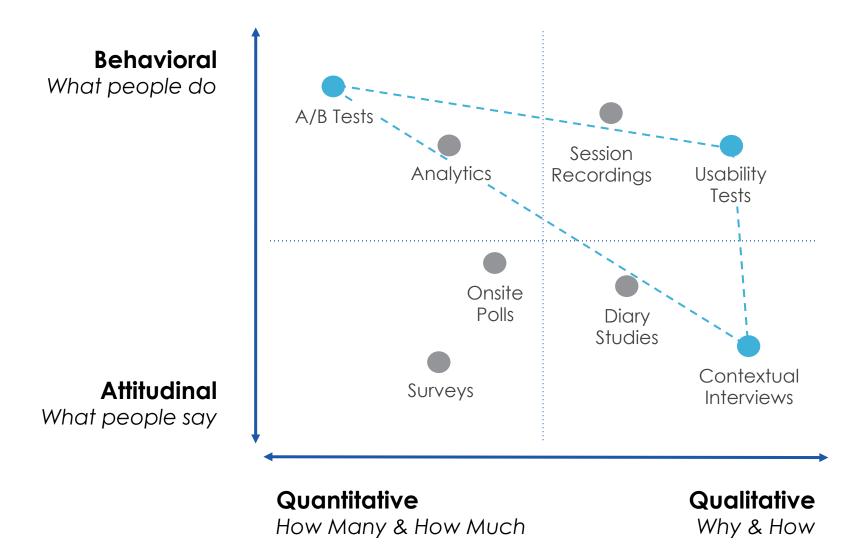
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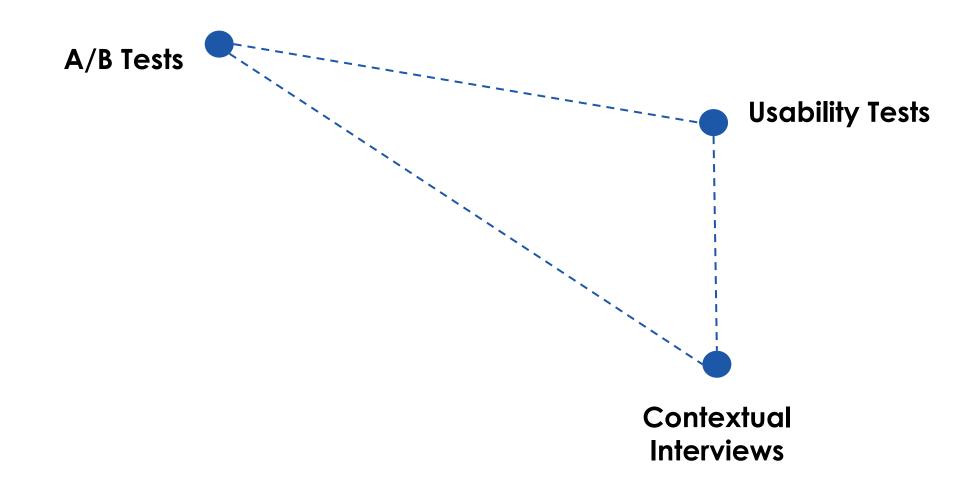




Why should I take a mixed methods approach?

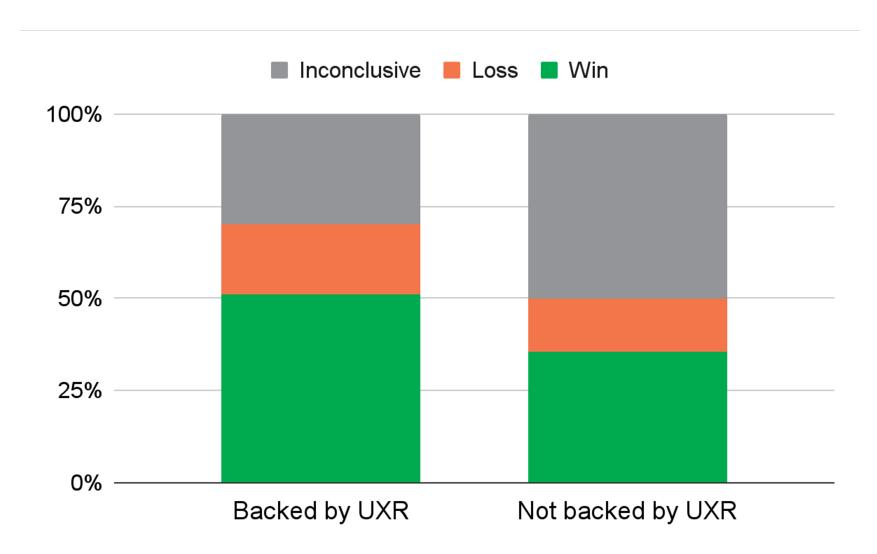


#### ...it increases confidence





#### ... it improves experiment outcomes

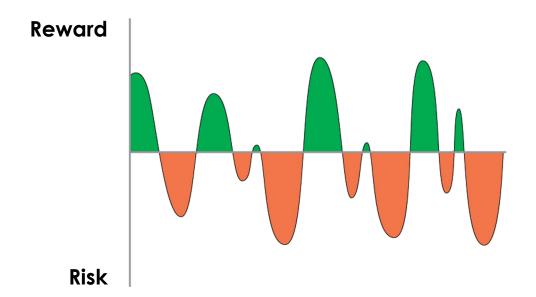


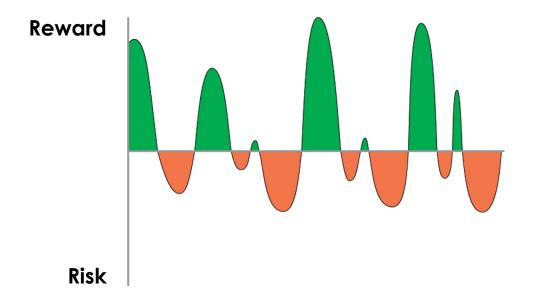


#### ... it creates more business value

Without mixed methods experimentation

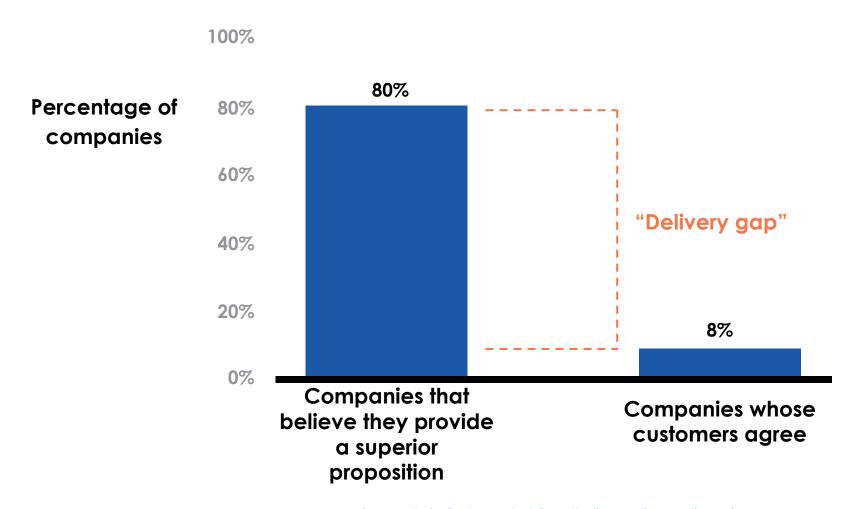








#### ...it focuses on the customer



Source: Bain Customer-led Growth diagnostic questionnaire



#### How can I put this into practice?



#### Test and Learn

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How people think, behave, and make decisions based on inhibiting and promoting factors.



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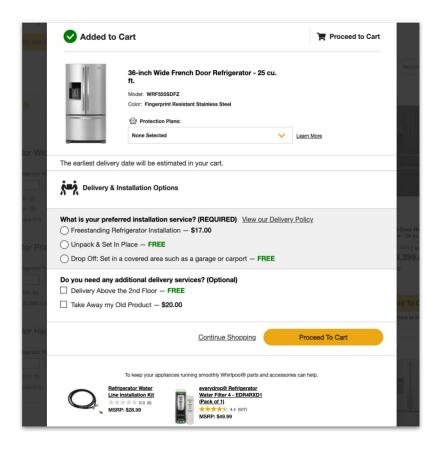
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via mixed methodologies







#### **Business Objective**

Optimize the appliance interstitial and drive higher sales of additional services

#### **Key Research Questions**

How do users think about additional services?

How can we improve conversions and the user experience of the interstitial?



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Unexpected by the majority of customers

Did not match what the most sought after services were

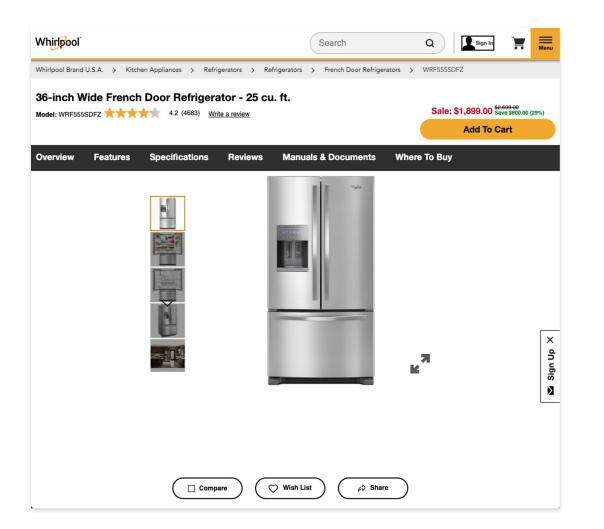
Available installation options were confusing, affecting the perceived value

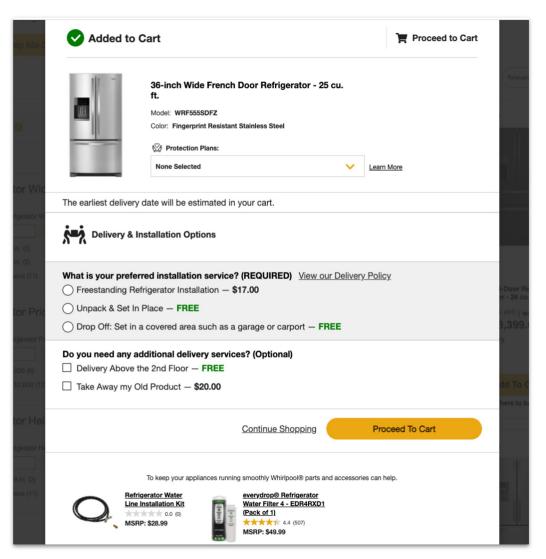
What would I expect to see if I clicked on 'Proceed to Cart'?... I would expect to see... like the address and things like that

Add to cart, now this pops up... see that's not even something I thought about...

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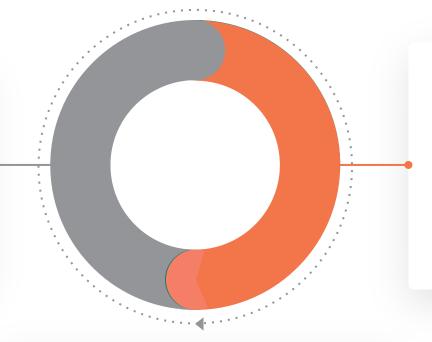






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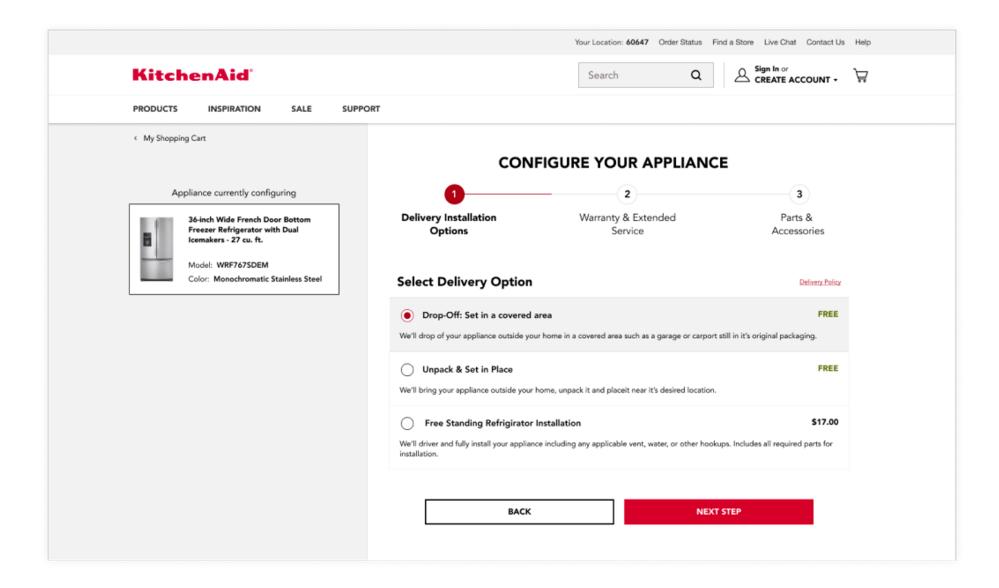
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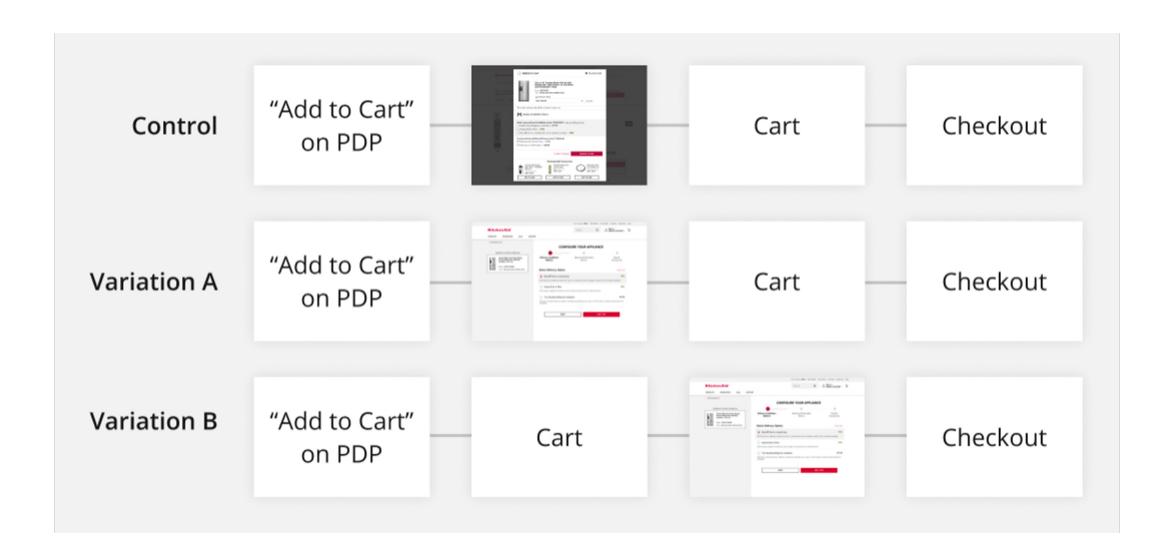
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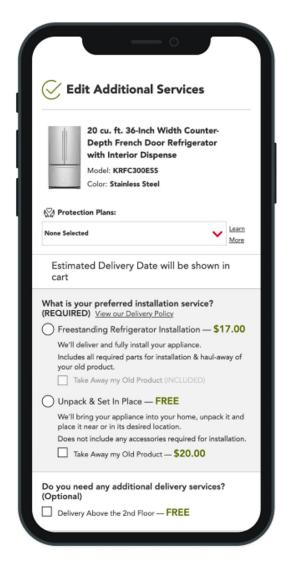


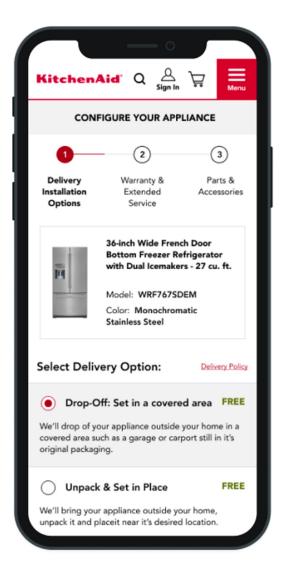


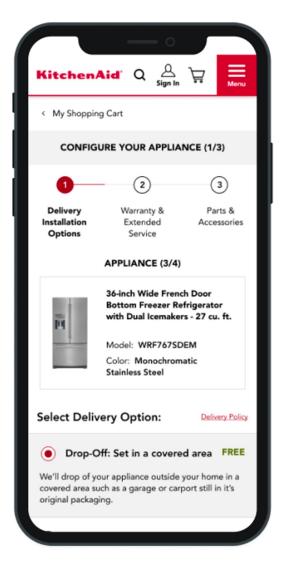












Control Variation A Variation B



It was a pleasant surprise to see this, I didn't expect to see options for install and I would have expected to see that info on the main page as well.

- MOBILE USER



I was surprised at the option to haul away the old oven, wasn't expecting this but this was a pleasant surprise!

- DESKTOP USER

#### **Select Delivery Option**

**Delivery Policy** 



Drop-Off: Set in a covered area

FREE

We'll drop of your appliance outside your home in a covered area such as a garage or carport still in it's original packaging.

**Unpack & Set in Place** 

**FREE** 

We'll bring your appliance outside your home, unpack it and placeit near it's desired location.

Free Standing Refrigirator Installation

\$17.00

We'll driver and fully install your appliance including any applicable vent, water, or other hookups. Includes all required parts for installation.





#### Whirlpool case study

## An example of a mixed methods program in action

Read the Case study →



### Thank you.

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