3 strategies for driving more conversion through eCommerce experiences

With economic conditions making growth an uphill struggle, it’s never been more important for eCommerce businesses to drive conversions. But it’s also never been more challenging.

Conversion rates in retail dropped by -3.5% in Q4 of 2022. Only standout eCommerce experiences will drive conversions and growth in the current climate.

Drawing on insights from the 2023 Retail Digital Experience Benchmark Report, this briefing sets out three macro market trends (and strategies) retailers need to know before providing an experience that drives conversions this year—and beyond.

**Trend:** A growing consumption crisis hits conversion rates

- **All retail session consumption KPIs, by device**
  - Mobile
  - Desktop
  - Overall

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The key session consumption metrics fell in 2022, hurting conversion rates. Cumulatively, these dwindling metrics suggest a growing consumption crisis.

**Strategy:** Make the most of every visit

Leading retailers are adapting to changing consumer habits and optimizing their customer journeys accordingly to encourage conversion.

- **Place your content wisely**
  - Adapt to declining scroll rates by placing your important content and CTAs higher up on the page to account for falling scroll rates.

- **Get your users interacting**
  - Activity measures how much visitors are interacting with your pages (with clicks, swipes, scrolls, etc.)—and encouraging it leads to more conversions.

Sites with the highest level of user activity earned +41% more conversions and -13% lower bounce rates than sites with the lowest user activity.

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Great digital experience drives 20–30% more conversion

That’s according to a recently commissioned Total Economic Impact™ study conducted by Forrester Consulting. Companies using Contentsquare’s Digital Experience Analytics Platform achieved a 602% return on investment*.

*Forrester’s study is based on the aggregated interviewees’ experiences and the results combined into a single composite organization over three years.

Strategy: Root out friction (start with site speed)

Slow page loads are conversion killers and site speed should be your digital team’s top priority. However, friction takes many forms—all damaging to your conversion rates.

Leading eCommerce digital teams are identifying where frustration is flaring up in their journeys, quantifying its impact to prioritize cases and rapidly solving its root causes.

Strategy: Take a full journey approach to mobile optimization

With mobile traffic skewing more towards new and paid visits than desktop, each mobile visit is potentially more impactful and costly than each desktop visit.

Retailers need to prioritize meaningful mobile optimization, eliminating friction and segmenting the experience to deliver a relevant shopper journey.

Share of visits with frustration

Any frustration factor: 37%
Slow page loads: 19%
Rage clicks: 6%

Trend: Mobile traffic is growing—and that’s costing you conversions

Mobile drove nearly 3 in 4 visits to eCommerce sites last year, and attracted an even higher share of new-to-you visitors (76%). However, paid traffic drove 1 in 3 mobile visits—and paid traffic converts poorly.

Trend: User frustration is common—and a conversion killer

Frustration impacted more than a third of sessions in 2022. Slow page loads were the most common and damaging factor, with the slowest loading sites having a 48% bounce rate (4 percentage points higher than the fastest-loading sites).