DARK PATTERNS

User Interfaces designed to trick people

Why would I make a guidebook for evil designers?

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EVERYONE ELSE



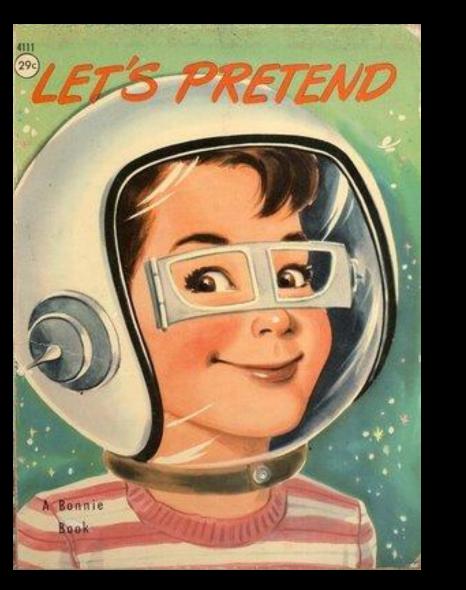
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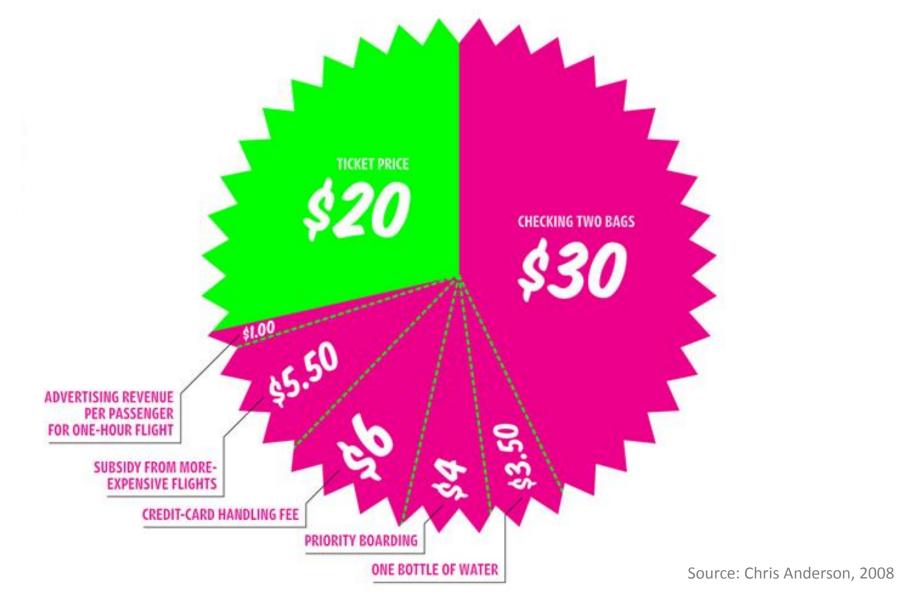


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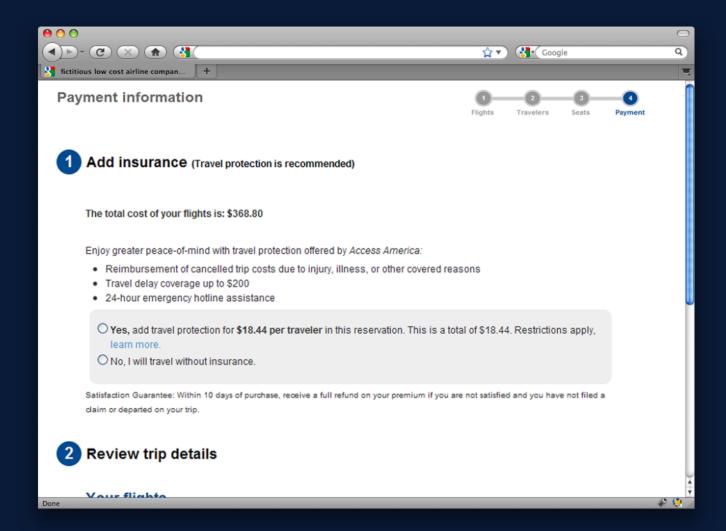


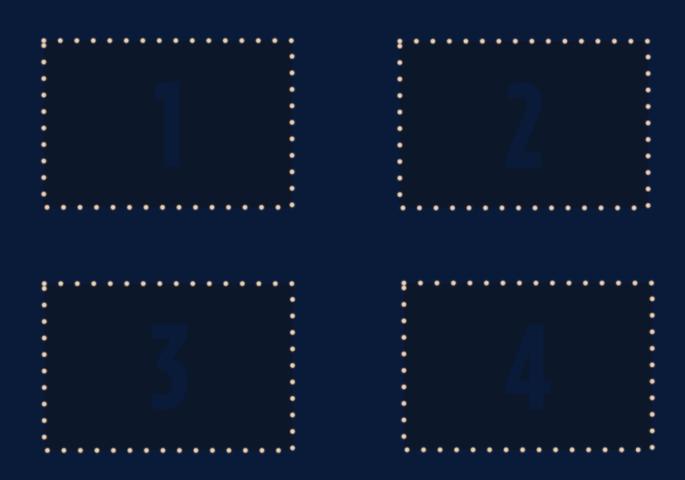


"Let's talk about sources of revenue"



Your first task: achieve an uplift in insurance purchases







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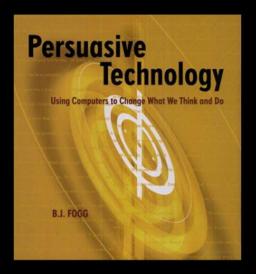
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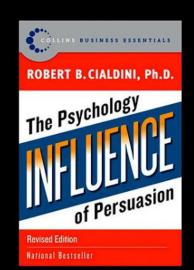




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Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness

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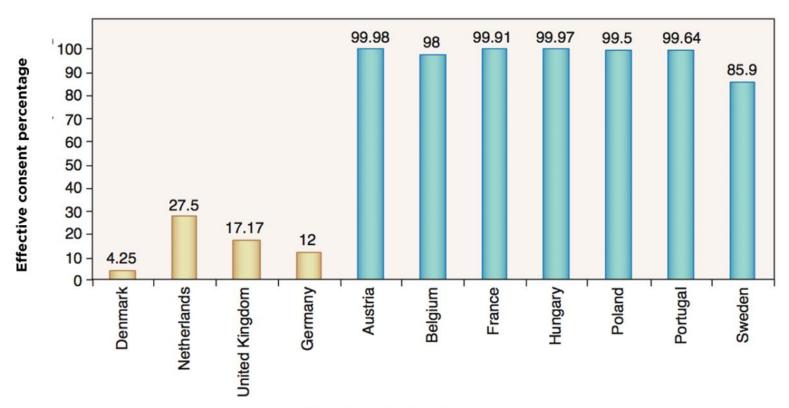
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Call 0845 60 60 400

www.uktransplant.org.uk

Do Defaults save Lives?

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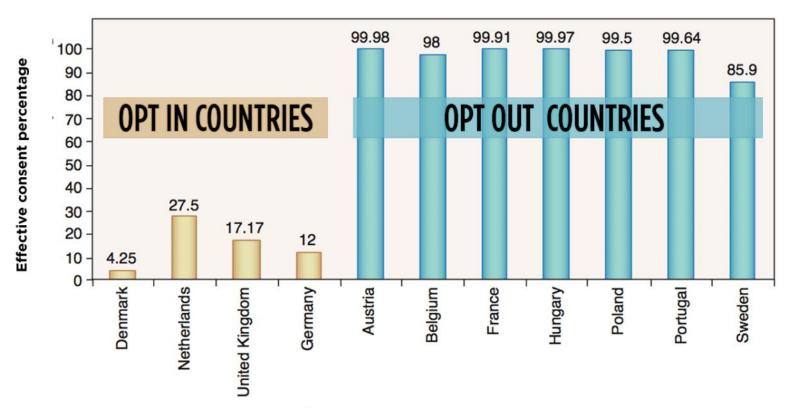


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I wish to make a donation of:

- Regular monthly donation
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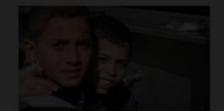
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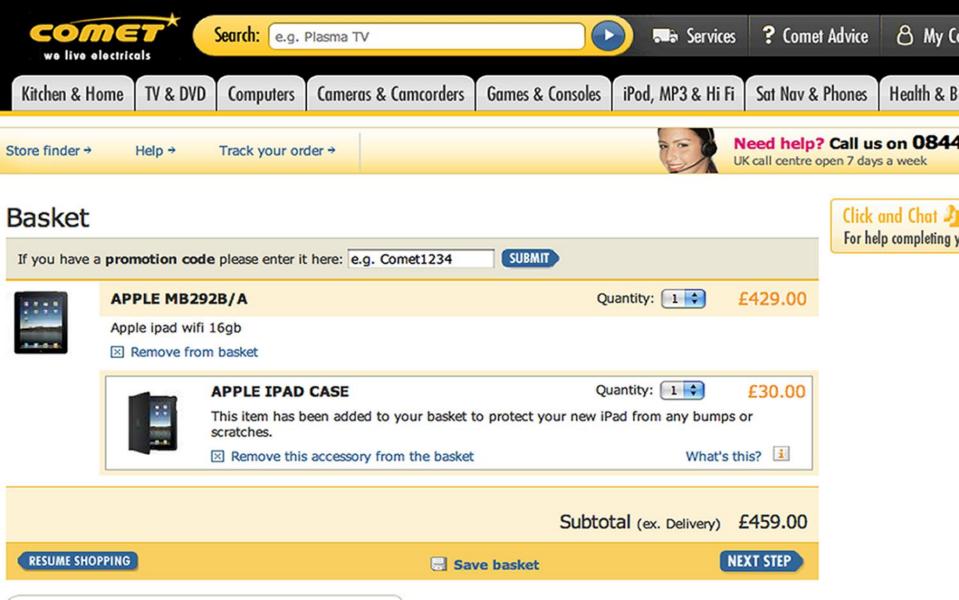


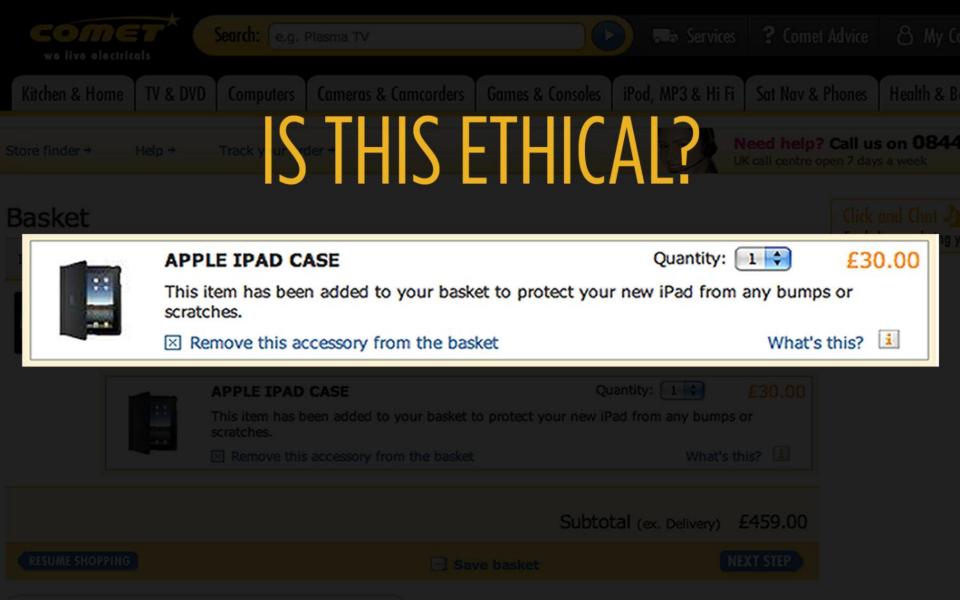
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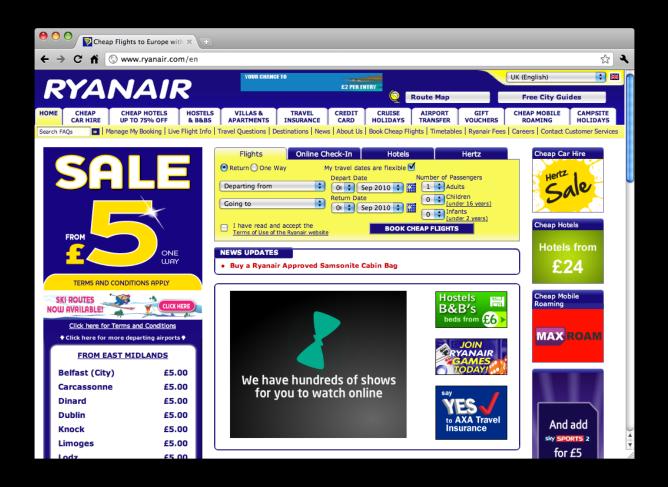


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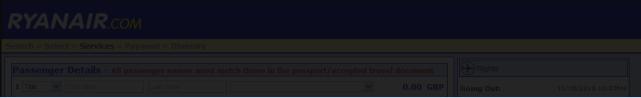
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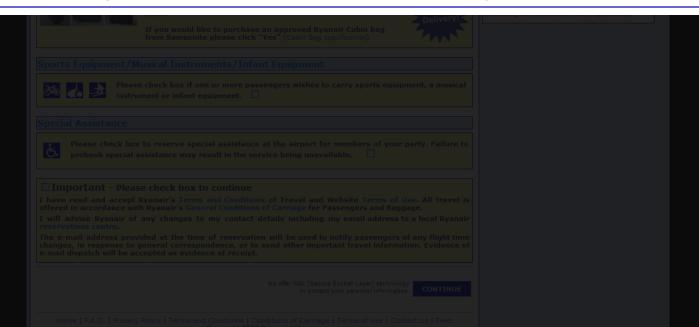
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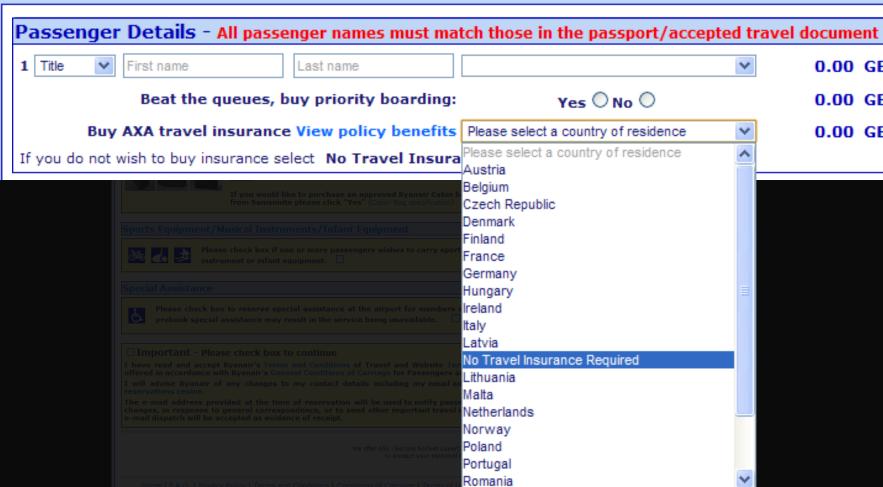




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Let's say you give in to your dark side, and

change the insurance default to opt-out.





"Now our call-center is overwhelmed with insurance cancellation calls — FIX IT!"









| Easy in: | Difficult out: |
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Easy in:



Difficult out:



Easy in:



Difficult out:

"Your request to cancel your fitness membership cannot be processed online."

"You may cancel your membership [...] by mailing in written notice of your cancellation request to LA Fitness, P.O. Box 54170, Irvine, CA 92619-4170"



Easy in:

Difficult out



Easy in: ≈ 5 minutes

Search Flights Select Tickets Make Purchase

Difficult out



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Up to 2 days

Locate 24hr call-centre number

Make call

Get referred to a different company (working hours only). Call insurance company

Cancel Insurance

Our recipe so far:



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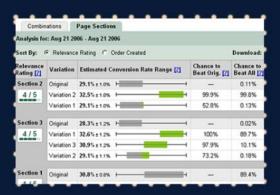
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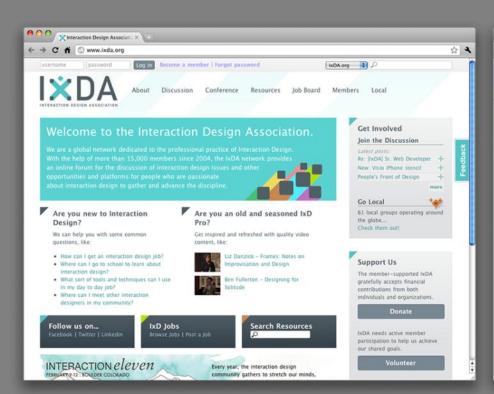
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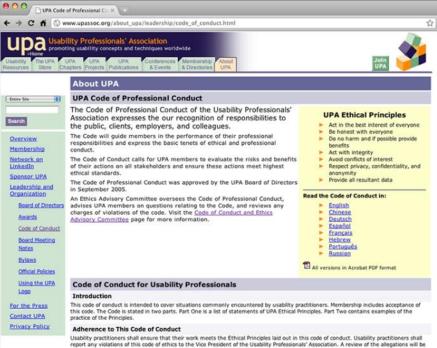
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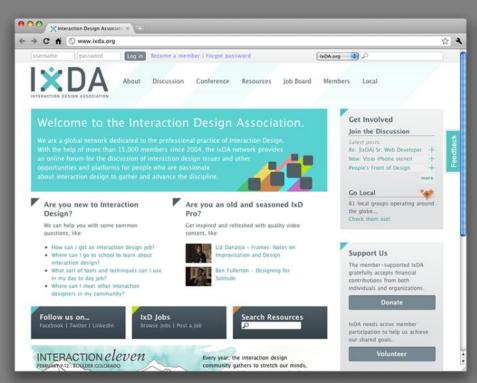
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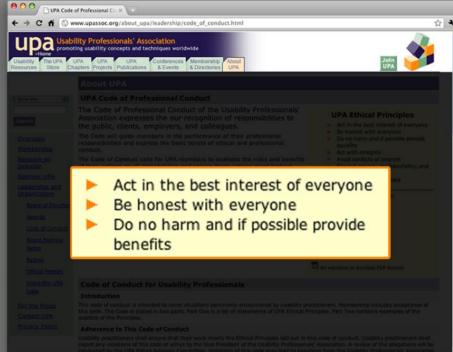






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