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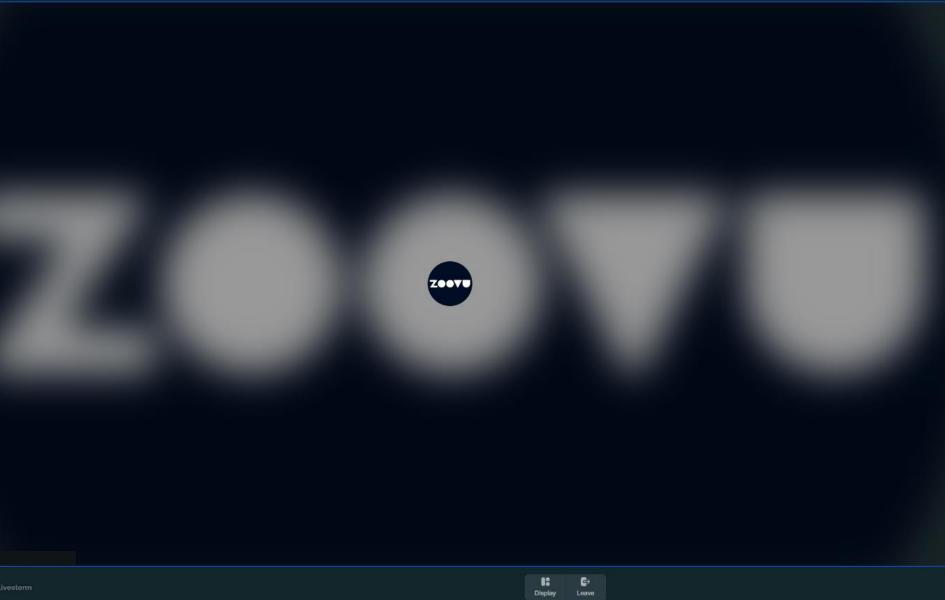
## **Meet the hosts**



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Al in Action

# How GenAl is transforming purchasing behavior in ecommerce



→ Perfect for you:

The NewTech 360 laptop is perfect for gaming, especially online multiplayer games. Its 16GB of RAM ensures smooth gameplay and the 15.6-inch display with a high refresh rate of 144Hz will enhance gaming with excellent graphics performance.

## What we will talk about

- How Gen AI is changing buyer behavior
- Why ecommerce experiences need to evolve incl. demos
- How to build trusted, responsible Al experiences



#### **Evolution of Search and Product Discovery**

#### **KEY DRIVER: CONSUMERS EXPECT SPEED, PERSONALIZATION AND RELEVANCE**

### Early digital catalogs & keyword search

- Basic keyword search (non-contextual)
- Static product listings

### Rise of online shopping

- Faceted navigation
- Semantic search
- Cross-selling and upselling
- Customer reviews
- Mobile

## Digital Marketing & Machine Learning

- Social media
- Predictive personalization and recommendation engines
- Digital experience
- Vector search

#### **Gen Al Era**

- Conversational search and discovery
- Al powered search
- Al chatbots
- New CX for search and discovery
- Needs based personalization
- Al agents

1990-2000

2000-2010

2010-2023

2023 and beyond

Since 2024: Widespread adoption of GenAl applications



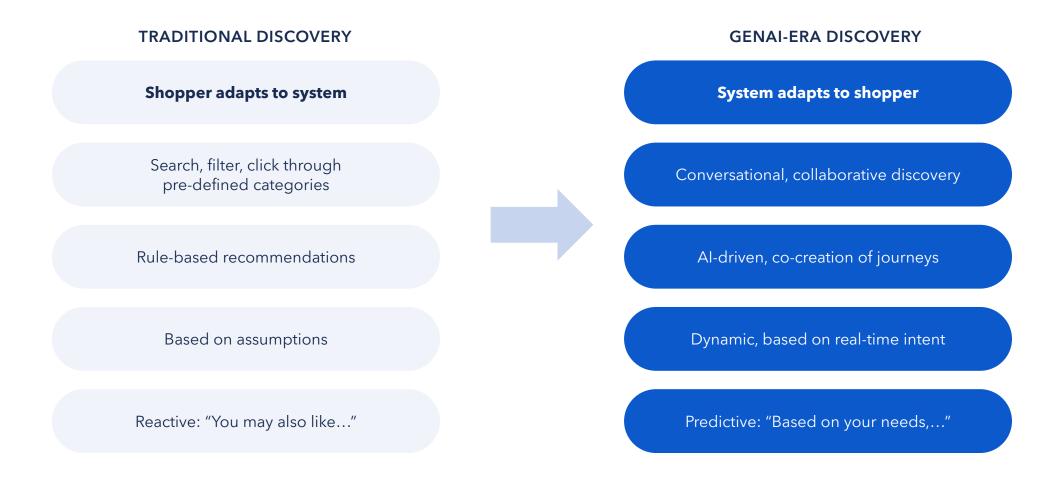
#### Gen AI is disrupting online buying journeys improving CX and conversions

71% of consumers want GenAl to be integrated into their purchasing experiences (Capgemini)





## New personalization paradigm: Evolution from static recommendations to dynamic co-creation between consumers and AI





#### 3 observable key behaviors that show just how deep this shift goes

#### 1) People's searches become longer and more conversational

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- Users now expect to type **natural**, full questions, not just keywords.
- More specific searches with additional conversational modifiers
- Search terms with 7-8 words in them have nearly doubled since the launch of ChatGPT
- The average length of search queries has increased fourfold since the introduction of large language model-based chat interfaces (Source: Search Engine Land)

Old Search Behavior	New (Conversational) Behavior
bluetooth headphones noise cancelling	What are the best noise-cancelling headphones for travel under \$200?
coffee machine sale	I need a compact espresso machine for a small kitchen – any deals?
air purifier reviews	Which air purifiers are best for allergies and pet dander?
laptop 16gb ram under \$1000	What's the best laptop with 16GB RAM under \$1000 for video editing?

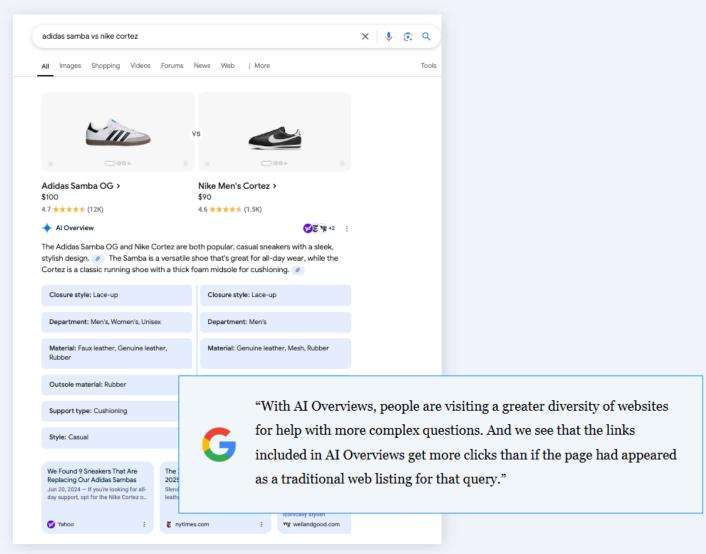


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2) Shoppers increasingly ask for explanations, comparisons, and guidance

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- Product comparison queries have steadily risen over the past five years as buyers seek more direct product comparisons (Google Trends)
- In February 2025, traffic from generative AI sources increased by 1,200% compared to July 2024 (Adobe Insights)
- 55% use generative AI to conduct research (Searchengine land)



Google AI Overviews with detailed comparison mode



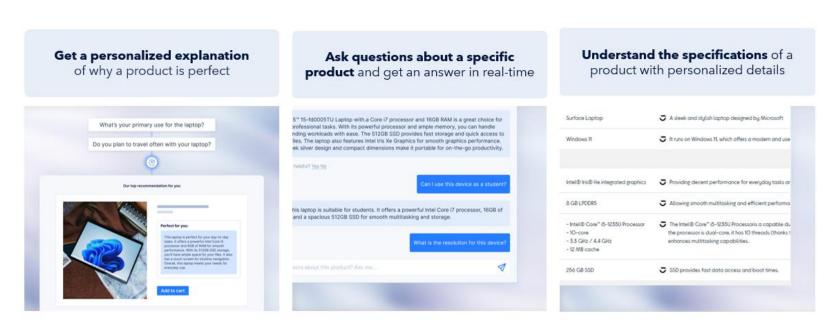
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3) Customers expect Al assistants on ecommerce websites and apps – especially younger users

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

- 75% are open to Gen Al recommendations, up from 63% in 2023 (Capgemini)
- 47% use generative AI for product recommendations (Adobe survey, n= 5,000)
- Shoppers used Al-based chatbot services 42% more than a year ago (Salesforce, n=1.6 T page views)

## Zoe Advisors use generative AI to optimize the last mile of the shopping experience





#### From theory to impact: what we've learned from 3M+ GenAl interactions

**Early preview** – Full findings to be published in May 2025

40%

#### **Clickout uplift**

Shoppers who interact with Zoe are 40% more likely to click out and continue their buying journey

**25-43**%

#### **Personalization boost**

Personalized, educational descriptions lift clickouts by 25% to 43% compared to generic content

70+%

#### **Questions on fit & usage**

Majority of shopper questions focus on product fit and usage

From the upcoming Zoovu GenAl report

#### New ecommerce interfaces must move beyond static grids and generic filters

3 key UX shifts shaping the future

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## Personalized, dynamic storefronts

Entire homepages and category pages adapt in real time based on user behavior, preferences, and intent 2

## Conversational interfaces & guided experiences

Shoppers ask or answer questions instead of browsing, leading to faster, more accurate product matches

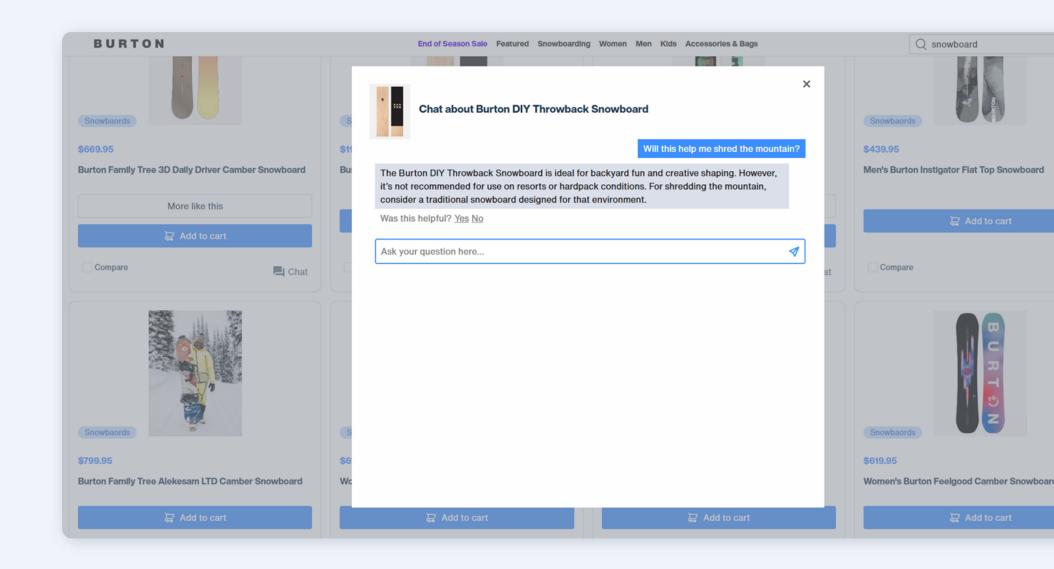
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## Data-rich & data-driven decision support

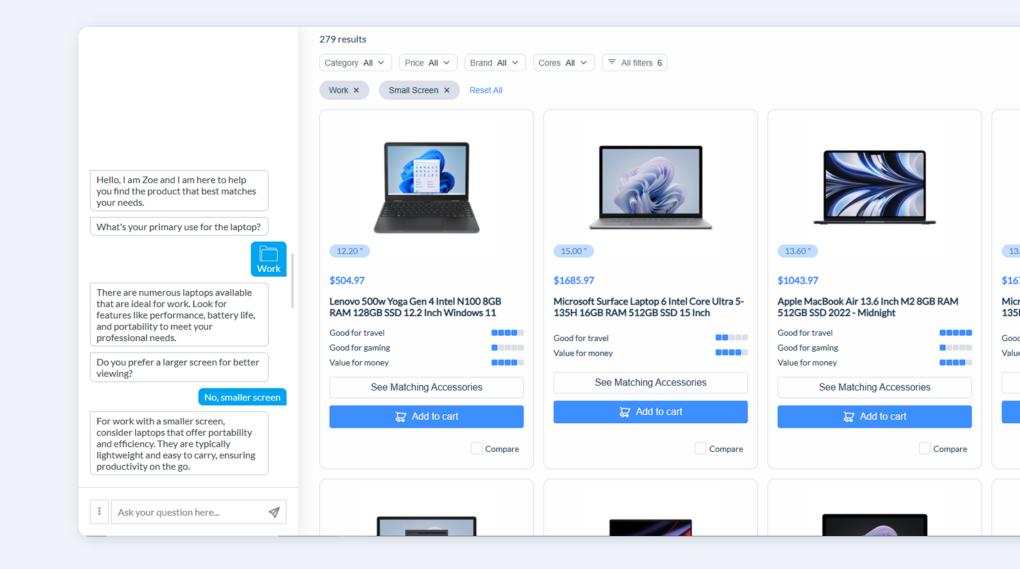
Inline comparisons, customer review summaries, context-aware badges ("Best for video editing"), and side-byside spec explainers will be powered by LLMs



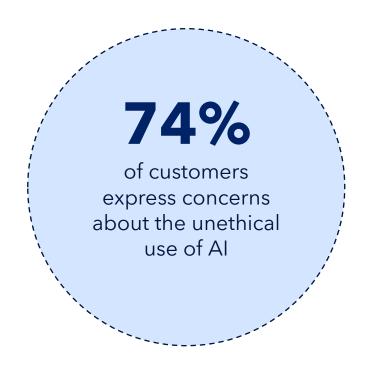
#### **Connected Discovery Journey**

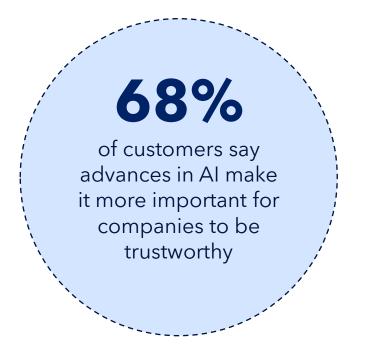


#### **Conversational Discovery**



#### Balancing AI automation with human-centered design





Customers expect Al safeguards Prioritize an ethical Al strategy



#### **SCALE** • The principles of building responsible AI buying experiences in ecommerce

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#### Safe

- Protect privacy at every step
- Support decisions, don't replace them
- Hand-off to humans when needed



#### **Conversational**

- Adapt tone and guidance to where the buyer is in their journey
- Ensure the Al reflects your brand's voice, not a generic chatbot



#### **Adaptive**

- Evolve based on buyer needs and context
- Ensure accessibility across devices and customer segments
- Adjust dynamically, not one-size-fits-all



#### Learned

- Continuously optimize with feedback
- Make AI decisions transparent – explain why something is recommended
- Build trust with clear, understandable logic



#### **Empowering**

- Reduce decision fatigue by simplifying choices
- Keep the buyer in control – suggest, don't push
- Enable quick iteration and continuous improvements based on buyer behavior





## A&P