LEAD/SR. PRODUCT DESIGNER

ZALON by ZALANDO

2016-2019



FROM ANALYSING EMOTIONS TO A CONVERSION RATE UPLIFT OF 18%

ZALON, is the curated shopping service by Zalando. When I joined Zalon, the first project I've initiated was customer journey mapping to analyse the customer emotions and pain points holistically. The mapping revealed a major emotional low during filling out the questionnaire, which every Zalon customer goes through. Questionnaire redesign became a top priority project for the upcoming half year with a goal of 5% conversion rate uplift and I was the main driver of the project from ideation to delivery in all countries and platforms. Finding the right answers to "How might we gather customer information in a joyful and clear way?" resulted with 18% CR uplift per session in the initial A/B tests in Germany and 8% in uplift in all countries.



Customer Journey Mapping

Zalon, 2017

My Role / Project Phases:

In-depth interviews
Journey map analysis
Major findings roadshow
Ideation workshops
Roadmap planning



"The Zalon process was somehow a fashion coaching to me."

Job	Online marketing manager
Relationship	Married, 3 kids
Devices	Laptop, Android mobile
Tech affinity	High
Fashion style	Casual
Follows fashion	No
Fashion confidence	Low
Shopping style	Mostly offline
Social activity	Once every 2 weeks
Order date	November 2016
Order type	Call
Net items	5/10
NPS	7

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	AWARENESS & NEED	DISCUSSION & RESEARCH	QUESTIONNAIRE	CONFIRMATION & SUCCESS	WAITING	CALL WITH STYLIST	!"#\$96#& '()*96)+	MESSAGING & WAITING	RECEIVING THE BOX	UNPACKING THE BOX	DECIDING	MESSAGING & RE-ORDER	RETURNING	PAYMENT	RELATIONSHIP
	I was excited about it but also having some doubts about it.	Actually I was at struggle with hinself, was wondering, Am I too superficial?	I hate t-shirts with big prints so I loved they were asking about it, it hought,They know how to do their job.". Still there were a lot of questions, it was a bit tiring,Yet another question about sweaters"	I had just placed myself in a position of weakness saying, my fashion knowledge is bad" I felt vulnerable.	-3 Seriously, I have to wait for 2 weeks?	During the call I got great questions and great suggestions.	There were some articles that I wouldn't pick for myself like a vest but I thought, Let's see, I'm willing to try."	I was excited and did look at some of the articles on Zalando.	Amazing! Wooohhh. The box was besutifully designed. It felt like Christmas!	It opened like a sultcase. If felt like opening a present. This was really exciting and really beautiful.	Over the following two weeks I developed a sense of what was actually fitting my style I sadly realized I couldn't afford to do this more than once or twice per year	Would have been nice to get a message or a call asking how my pieces looked on me.	My wife actually send the articles back.	I guess it would be nice to receive an e-mail with an updated balance to pay but I guess I didn't want so long before paying —	I wouldn't reorder soon, but overall I was satisfied.
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IMENTS	I got to know Zalon not long before November, it was by word of mouth, my neighbour ordered a box and later told me about it. I thought, JMmm nice concept!".	came to the point of asking my parents whether I should use the service	I picked a stylist. My wife asked me to see them again and I had to start all over	I was not worried by price or delivery. I was concerned about the clothes. Concerned about be being possibly manipulated.		My stylist was not just reacting to my choices like a computer would do but being creative. I appreciated this a lot!	Considering clothes different than usual was challenging but I wanted it to be like that.	Yes, I managed to have a look at a few pieces in advance on Zalando, of course it was more information but it was nothing that changed my espectation mor excitement.		In this moment of joy, there was a drop because on the style card there was no signature. The style card from Nadia was nice through, with some hints on how to combine the pieces.	Some articles were close to the upper-end of the price range or slightly above. It would have been better to receive articles more in line with my price indications, this way it would be able to order from Zalon more			I had to figure out by myself how much! had to pay. I sent back half of the clothes but still the total was about £ 400, it was a big chank of money for one time.	 If Nadia were to write me again asking whether I needed more coltnes, well, that would be more personal than a newsletter.

"HOW DID YOU FEEL AT THAT MOMENT?"































In-depth interviews with 10 Zalon Customers: We asked customers how they felt at each step of their customer journey from hearing about Zalon until payment and reconnecting with Zalon.



MAPPING CUSTOMER JOURNEYS REVEALED THE ONBOARDING (QUESTIONNAIRE) AS A MAJOR PAIN-POINT

MAJOR EMOTIONAL LOW

The questionnaire is the first interaction point of customers with Zalon. It is perceived too long, functional and hard to fill out.

How might we gather customer information in a joyful and clear way?

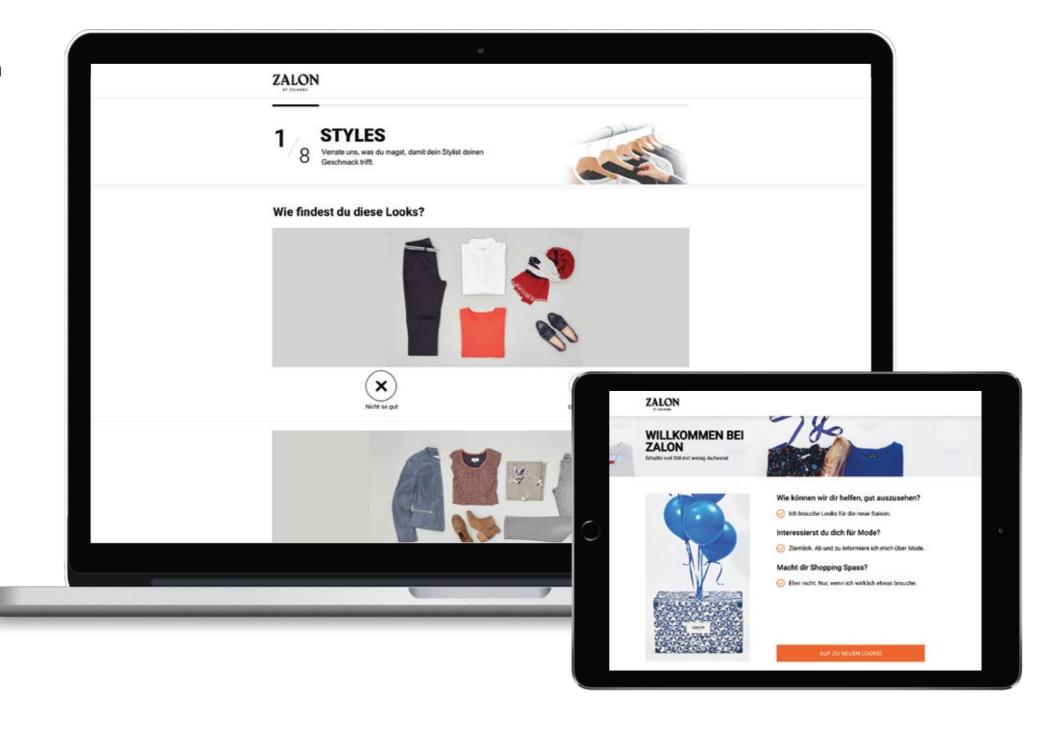
Questionnaire Redesign

Zalon, 2018

My Role / Project Phases:

In-depth interviews
Data Analysis
Design strategy
Personas
Kick-off & Ideation
Wireframing
Prototyping
Usability testing
Defining MVP
Surveys

A/B test analysis Design revisions

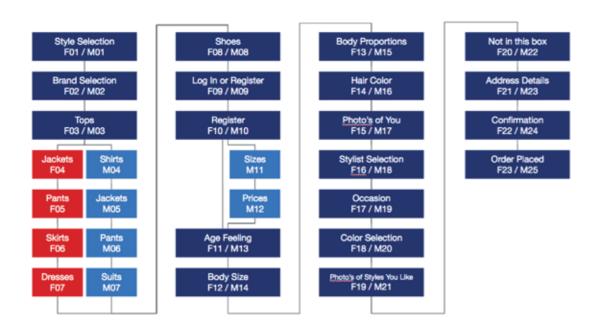


MAIN DESIGN CHALLENGE

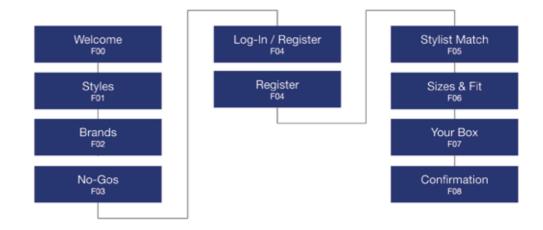
What is the balance of questions, that customers can answer easily, and provides sufficient info for stylists?

(Conversion rate - net basket balance)

BEFORE: 25 PAGES

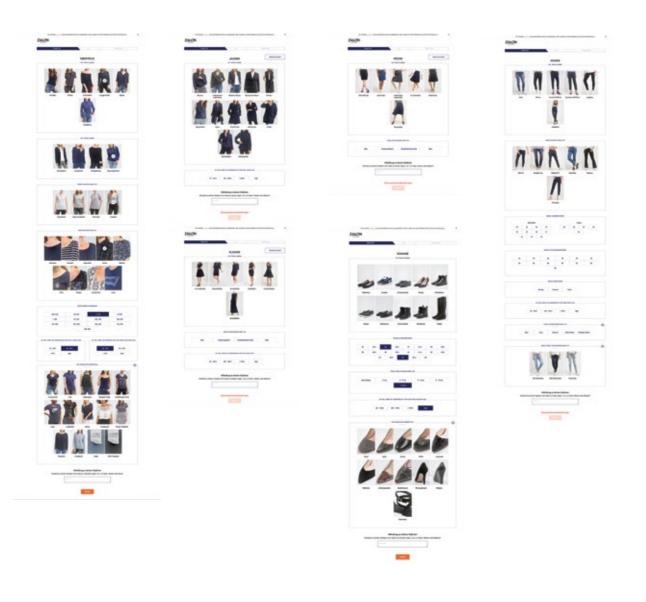


AFTER: 9 PAGES

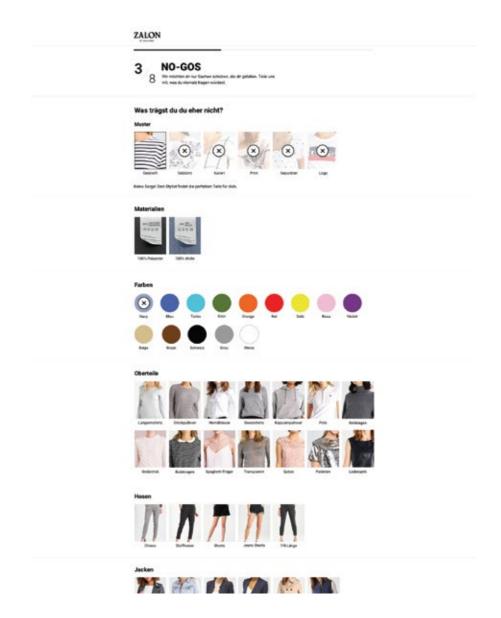


Designing with data: The questionnaire flow and it's content was simplified through analyzing exit rates of each page, click rates of each question and it's effect on net basket.

BEFORE: "WHAT DO YOU LIKE?"



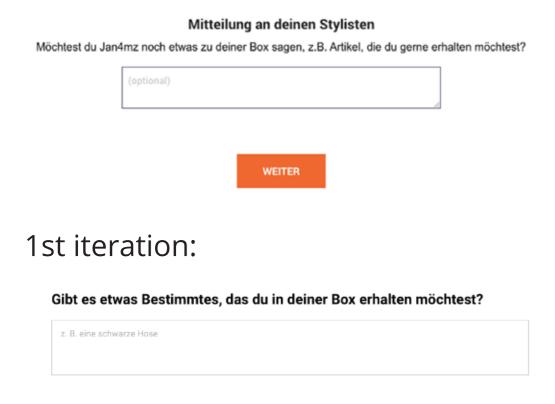
AFTER: "WHAT ARE YOUR NO-GOs?"



Designing with user insights: "I wouldn't be here, if I knew what I want." Female customers had a hard time answering what they like to wear. This insight led to having a No-Go approach in the new questionnaire.

BEFORE: "ANTHING YOU WOULD WANT IN YOUT BOX?"

Old Questionnaire:



AFTER: "WHAT SHOULD BE IN YOUR BOX?"

2nd iteration:

Was sollte in deiner Box sein?

Hi, dieses Mal hätte ich gerne einen Mantel...

Designing with iterations: Asking customers, what should be in their box explicitly, improved the Net Basket by 3 Euros along with other iterations. (2nd A/B Test - focus on net basket)

RESULTS

%18 CR uplift per session in the initial A/B tests for female customers in Germany, %8 uplift for all genders in all countries and platforms.

Project goal: 5% conversion rate uplift

BRINGING IN CUSTOMER CENTRICITY

The customer journey maps and proto personas I've worked on had been the initial spark for customer centrcity at Zalon. The questionnaire project kicked off as a result of the customer journey outcomes were also supporting the correlation between customer behaviours and net baskets. This lead to a larger and quantitative persona study to cover both marketing and product personas, which I was leading on product side in collaboration with the business owner in marketing. Through these inititatives personas are a part of the working culture at Zalon and widely used by the whole company, also customer needs are setting the basis of the product strategy.





CREATIVE LEADERSHIP FOR APPS REDESIGN

By the end of 2018, Zalon apps were having a "UX depth" leading to less impactful results of new features. Two main issues were the information architecture (especially iOS), and having two different interfacaes for iOS and Android leading to double design effort.

I've worked on setting the foundations of the project from defining a rough strategy for the apps, planning design milestones, shareout meetings, defining target personas, design principles, information architecture to hiring for the design team and defining the delivery plan.

The apps redesign has led to %18 higher number of orders, and 10% higher subscriptions through apps shortly after it's launch.

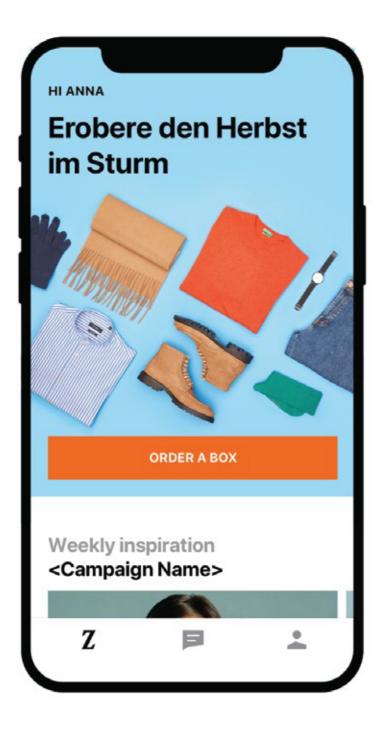


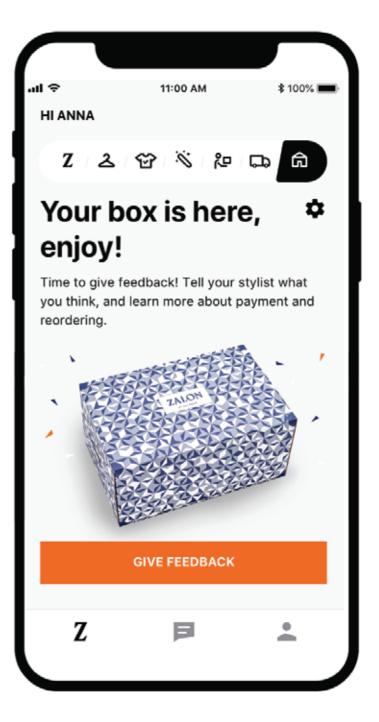
Aps Redesign

Zalon, 2019

My Role / Project Phases:

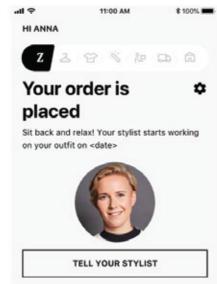
Kick-off & Ideation
Team Setup & Hiring
Stakeholder Shareouts
Design Strategy
I. Architecture
Target Personas
Wireframing
(Prototyping)
(UI deilvery)
(Usability Testing)

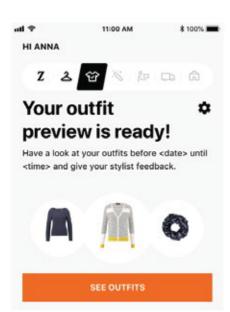


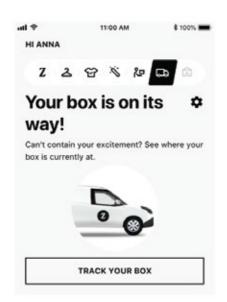


PRIMARY ACTIONS









SECONDARY ACTIONS

Weekly inspiration Campaign Name>



How often would you like to receive a Zalon box?



- · Schedule your box anytime you want
- If you're not loving it, cancel anytime in a few steps

PLAN YOUR BOX

Tell your friends, get €25



RECOMMEND ZALON

Got something on your mind?



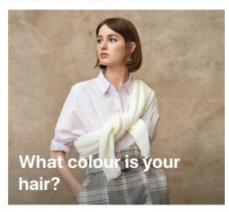
MESSAGE <%STYLIST NAME%>

Sign up for discounts and inspiration



JOIN MAILING LIST

Get better recommendations



BLONDE LIGHT BROWN

DARK BRO

INTEGRATING ZALON INTO THE ZALANDO MOTHERSHIP

Zalon had been a stand alone business, serving as the curated fashion service of Zalando, during it's first 4-5 years. As the product has grown, it had been a part of Zalando in several entry points on Zalando web and apps, until a strategy shift to become a strategic partner of Zalando. I've taken an active role both in Zalon-Zalando integration deliveries and shaping the product strategy along with product and business owners.

One of the first integrations was on Zalando Get The Look Page, brought live in only one sprint from kick-off to delivery, resulted in %5 of all Zalon orders coming from the integration.

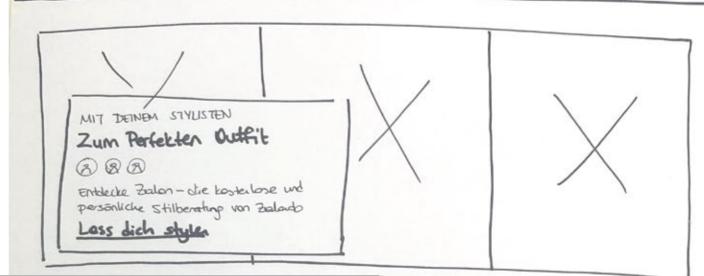


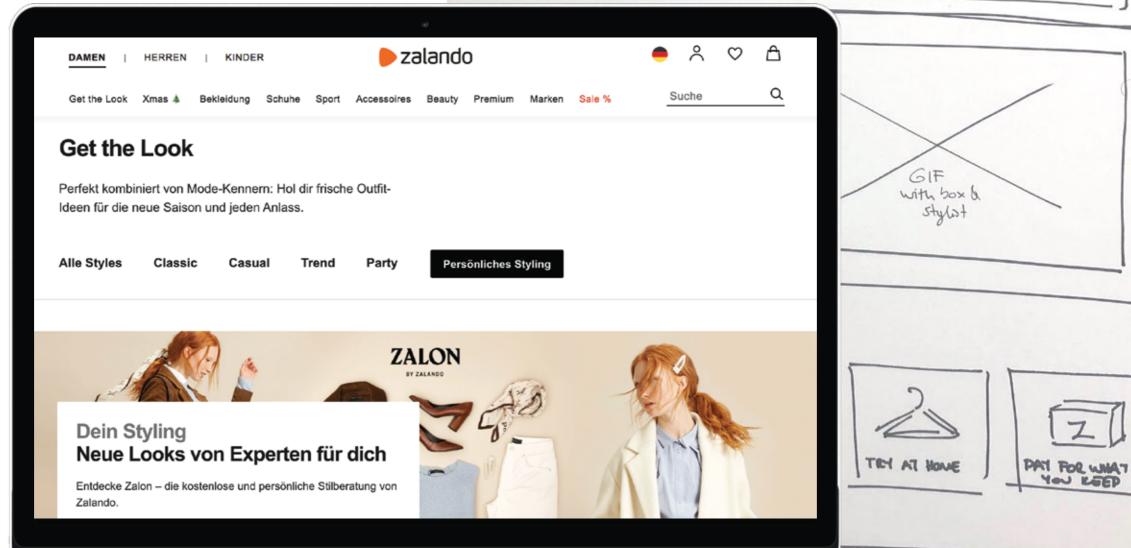
Zalon - Zalando Integration

Zalon, 2018

My Role / Project Phases:

Kick-off & Ideation
Wireframing
UI - Zalando Design Systems
Guerilla interviews





Personal Styles

Zalon - Zalando Integration Strategy

Zalon, 2019

My Role / Project Phases:

Defining HMW questions Stakeholder Interviews Affinity Mapping Feature Journey Mapping Stakeholder Feedback



MY ROLE AT ZALON

- End to end product design
- Leading a multicultural team of 3 product designers
- Working on product and service strategy to define solid design direction, design processes and methodologies
- Supporting short & long term product vision
- Leading, conducting, mentoring user research
- Translating findings into design strategies or iterations
- Building up personas, being the advocate of users
- Leading kick-off, ideation, co-creation workshops
- Defining MVP & sprint scope along with product
- Creative leadership of large scale design projects
- Working closely with developers in agile teams
- IA, user flows, wireframing & prototyping

