

KAUS Case Study

The Problem

Background

Originally a B2B business for the past 30 years, KAUS is looking to become a B2C corporation by offering their insurance bundles online and regain market share.

Problem Statement

How might we simplify the experience of purchasing insurance bundles online that is specific to the customer's needs?



Recommendation tool: In order to reduce decision fatigue and the paralysis of comparing multiple plans from various insurance websites, an AI-powered algorithm will give customers only three recommendations to choose from based on their needs from the questionnaire and the plans others, who have similar needs, chose.

Live chat: Live customer support that allows younger users who prefer to chat a fast way to speak directly to their local agent.

Customizable bundles: Customers can add/remove plans as they wish, bundles only include what the customer needs and nothing more.

Fold down: Not only for quick viewing of insurance details, but also a way to get back to a specific part of the questionnaire to make corrections/changes. This hopes to motivate users to finish the questionnaire since using only back and forward keys to make corrections can be frustrating.

Goals

- 1) Create an online website for KAUS that offers insurance bundles, is easy to understand, and appeals to the younger demographic.
- 2) Modernize logo and branding

Process Overview

1. Empathize	2. Define	3. Ideate	4. Prototype	5. Test
Research:	Information	Interaction	UI Design:	Iteration and
Competitive	Architecture:	Design:	Moodboard	Implementation:
Analysis	Project Goals	Task Flow	Logo	High-Fidelity
User interviews	Feature Roadmap	User flow	Brand Style	Prototype
Empathy Map	Sitemap	Wireframes	,	Usability Testing
Persona	·	Responsive	Responsive UI design	Affinity Map
		Wireframes	UI Kit	
		Prototype		

Empathize: Research Goals

Goals

- Identify pain points and unmet needs in the current user experience of buying insurance
- Determine what users like and dislike about purchasing insurance online
- Understand how competing companies sell their insurance policies and identify areas of opportunity

Methodologies

- Competitive Analysis
- User Interviews
- Persona

Empathize: Competitive Analysis

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Summary of Findings

Overall, the industry seems to lack a simple way to get a guote and easily compare rates.

Companies strive to have quick and easy processes while offering their abundant insurance plans/policies to customers. They want customers to be able to navigate easily through their plans while being introduced to new options/bundling deals.

Besides State farm, many insurance companies use cooler tones for a sense of calm and trust.

I was surprised by the lack of live support from these companies since insurance is an intimidating purchase that bears great responsibility. I would be interested in learning how users currently navigate these websites and find out points of friction and confusion.

I would also like to understand how user errors are dealt with. No website offered any tutorials or video(s) to help first-time users understand what insurance policies the company offers/ how to navigate their website.

Lastly, I wonder why all websites force you to give up your personal information (DOB, address, name, etc.) before giving customers a quote. Personally I think that getting a guote wouldn't need personal information, it makes me reluctant since PII and cybersecurity are my concerns.

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Clear categorization of a v insurance options: auto, h etc.	
Organized, grid layout	
Weaknesses Landing page is a little bu many options/boxes to loo	
No live customer support	
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Arhe College Student	18-24 years old Intimidated, honest

DIRECT COMPETITORS

Values clarity Goals Seeking insurance for their new car

Has zero knowledge of insurance and is easily overwhelmed by hard-tounderstand policies

Needs professional assistance

Pains Customer service is hard to find

Cannot speak to someone live to ask questions

FAQs are hard to understand

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Few clicks to receive a quote	Easy to track a claim
Weaknesses	Wide variety of insurance including health Weaknesses
Lack of health insurance	No live customer support
Few bundling options	Application process is not streamlined
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Che Family Man 30-70- year old Values reliability Seeks pace of mind Seeking auto, home, health, and life insurance for their family	The Business Man Goals Seeks efficiency and a str process without all the ext
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Looking through all policies and bundling options is tedious and complicated	insurance option Pains
Difficult to compare plans	Long wait time in receiving assistance
Cannot speak to someone live to ask	Doesn't care for bundling

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INDIRECT COMPETITORS State Farm GEICO Strengths Strengths lean, uncluttered, simple UI Clean, organized UI with good white space ew clicks to receive a quote Very accesible to Spanish speakers asy to track a claim Offers special events insurance Vide variety of insurance (wedding, anniversary, etc.) ncluding health Weaknesses Veaknesses lo live customer support No live customer support pplication process is not No brokers or agents for support treamlined Customers must apply for each policy ext in the drop down is too small separately Icuding Help in the right corner 35 - 60+ years old 65+ years old The Business Man Straightforward The Retiree Suspicious Values efficiency Values honesty oals Goals eeks efficiency and a streamlined Wants the best deal rocess without all the extra formation Change/upgrade plan as needed las some knowledge of insurance Quick and simple assistance Vants assistance in understanding he details of each business Pains surance option Can't get a hold of reliable support ains ong wait time in receiving Feels agents force them into

bundling

Website is complicated to navigate

Empathize: User Interviews

Number of Participants: 5 Ages: 23- 42

Needs:

- Better, clearer comparison tool
- Selective bundling
- Responsive customer service (ie: online chat box)
- Simplicity
- More personalized experience customized to the user's specific needs

Frustrations:

- Overwhelming jargon/technical terms
- Confusing comparison tool
- Confusing overall experience
- Lack of customer support

Motivations:

- Fair (sometimes lowest) prices
- Safety, security, and protection from accidents
- Convenience (ie: easy-to-use website) and responsive customer service

Empathize: Empathy Map

Insights:

Users are overwhelmed and confused when buying insurance.

Most people research insurance online and compare different plans before purchasing.

Users value efficiency, convenience, simplicity, transparency, and tailored bundles.

Users want better customer support and a simpler comparison tool.

THINKS SAYS Wants convenience, fast, Wants simple language Doesn't have time to There should be a with a glossary/hover look at all options oneand easy process survey to recommend dictionary plans tailored to by-one customer Insurance is necessary Wants simple language There should be better, Just wants to cover gives them a sense of with a glossary/hover more responsive necessities -- doesn't security and safety --customer service ie: dictionary want to pay for unused peace of mind chat box coverage when bundling DOES FEELS Bundle if two or more Use google to search up Feels overwhelmed and Feels skeptical about coverages are needed technical terms confused bundling and prices Call relatives/friends/ coworkers for help Sometimes call Feels annoyed by hidden Feels annoyed handing customer service to fees, arbitrary raises in over personal info, to get understand plans. premiums, and lack of a quote coverage details, and transparency Use the comparison tool bundling options when available, or Feels that shopping for manually compares Making claims can be a insurance is like a chore plans by themselves hassle

Empathize: Persona



Aashi Patel

26 years old Austin, TX

Marital Status: Partner Children: 0 Pets: 1 dog

Occupation: Part-time Data Scientist for the Department of Defense



"I want fair coverage specific to my needs, nothing more, nothing less."

About Aashi

Aashi is a child of Bangladeshi and Indian immigrants and has struggled with mental health since childhood. Witnessing her parents' struggles, Aashi seeks safety and security. She grew up with a frugal mindset, only buying things that she absolutely needs. Recently, she cut down her hours at work in hopes of building her YouTube channel -- her true passion. She shoots daily vlogs with her partner and has an active lifestyle. Aashi values efficiency and fairness. She hopes insurance is able to cover for her and her family's needs when unexpected events occur.

· Bundling options with

· Fine print/details that

accidents happen

too much/unecessary

Pains

coverage

Needs

- · Health, dental, vision, auto, renter's, and pet insurance
- · Sense of security and safety
- Protection from accidents & disasters
- Reliability
- · Responsive customer support
- Arbitrary raises on premiums

are only apparent once

- Lack of sufficient customer support
- · Overwhelming website with too much jargon
- Hard to compare plans with other companies

Weekdays Work: 8 hours Exercise: 1 hour Motivations Having all bases covered · Clear, easy-tounderstand/use interfaces

- Low premiums
- · Positive customer reviews
- · Fair price for amount of coverage









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Define: Information Architecture

After data collection, four methods were used to determine information architecture:

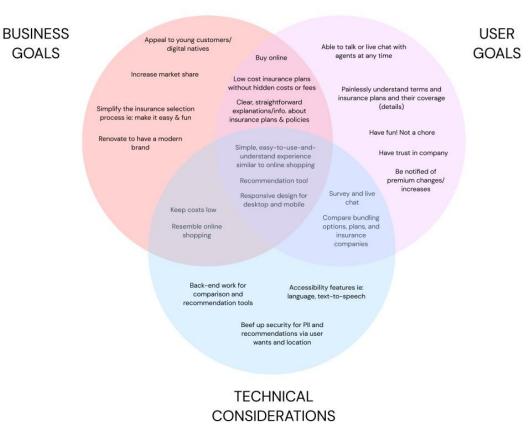
- Project Goals
- Feature Roadmap
- Card Sorting
- Sitemap



Define: Project Goals

Key Goals:

- Simple, easy-to-use-and-u nderstand experience similar to online shopping
- Recommendation Tool
- Responsive design for desktop and mobile



Define: Feature Roadmap

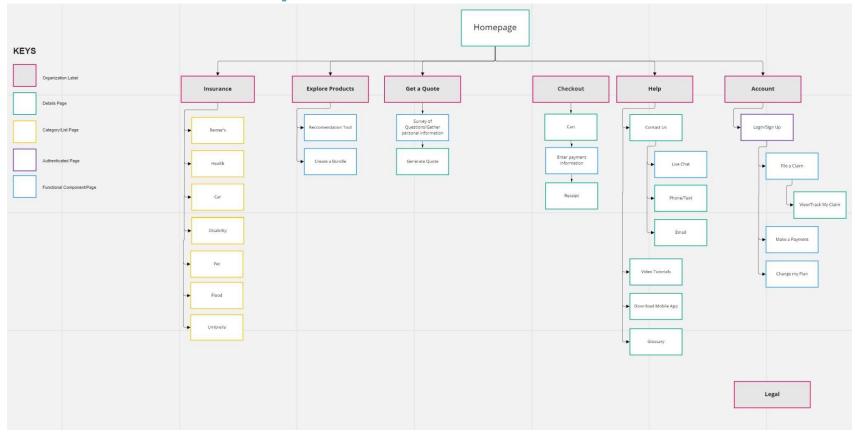
lust Have	Feature Name	Description	Research Supporting It
	Get a quote	Streamline the process such as getting a quote as a guest, or don't require it at all	User interview/competitior analysis
	Register/login	Users can register to cancel/change plans similar to subscriptions	Competitor analysis
	Account Information	Users can view their account information and make changes ie: payment method	Competitor analysis
	Live chat	Users can have live support with an agent for help/clarification of plans	User interview/competitior analysis
	Explore Products	Users can browse all offerings including bundling options	Competitor analysis
	Survey	Users take a survey to get the recommendation algorithm to tailor to their needs and priorities	User interview/competitior analysis
	Recommendation Tool	Recommendation tool that takes survey data and presents/compares top 3 plans	User interview/competitior analysis
	Tutorials/video walkthroughs	Tutorials/videos to help first- time insurance buyers in understanding what they're looking at	User interview/competitior analysis
	Glossary of Terms	Users can hover over technical jargon and get a quick explanation of that term	User interview/competitior analysis
	Bundling	Just like shopping, users can bundle plans and be shown how much they're saving with each bundling option	Competitor analysis
	Shopping Cart	Just like shopping, users can view their selected plans, add/remove, and checkout	User interview/competitior analysis

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Define: Feature Roadmap cont.

Filing a Claim	Users can file claims to get their money back	Competitor analysis
Bill Payment	Users can pay bills directly online	Competitor analysis
Find a Local Agent	Users can speak to local agents directly on the phone for help/file claims	Competitor analysis
About Us	Users can learn about the values and reputation of the company	Competitor analysis
Contact Us	Users can contact the company via email, phone, or mail address	Competitor analysis
Terms of Use	Users can read the terms and conditions	Competitor analysis
Search	Users can do quick search on the product/information they want to learn more about	Competitor analysis

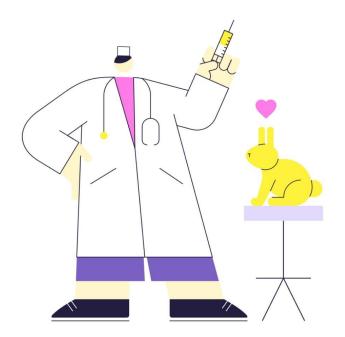
Define: Sitemap



Ideate: Interaction Design

After determining the organization of the website, flows and wireframes were created to take the user from A to Z to ensure logical navigation and progression. The following methods were used:

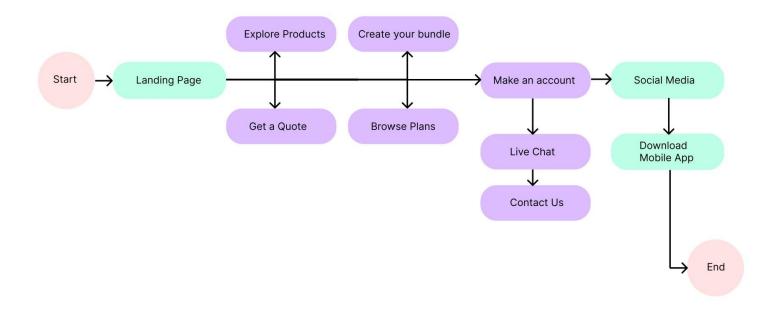
- Task Flow
- User flow
- Wireframes
- Responsive Wireframes
- Prototype



Ideate: Task Flow

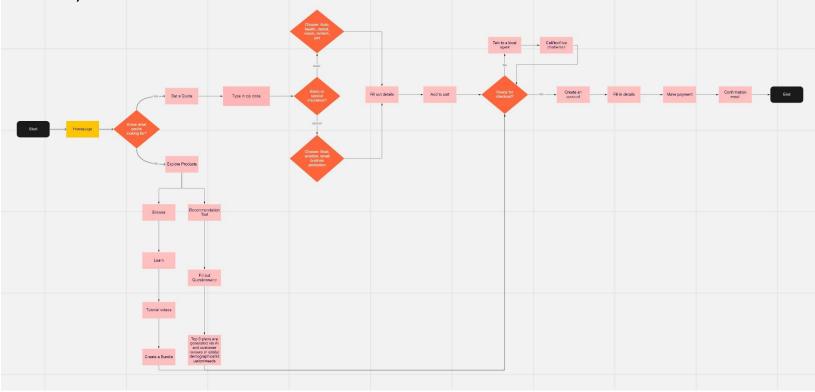
Task: Find an insurance plan/bundle that suits user's specific needs.

This task flow targets new users of the younger demographic who feel overwhelmed by crowded websites and lack of support.

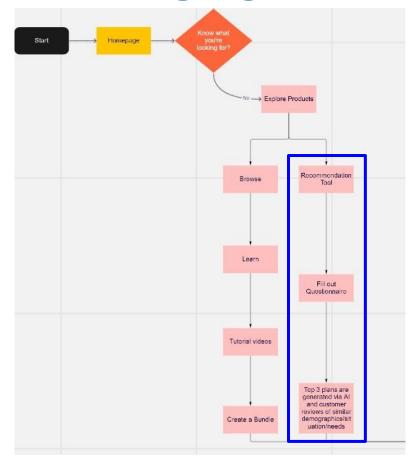


Ideate: User Flow

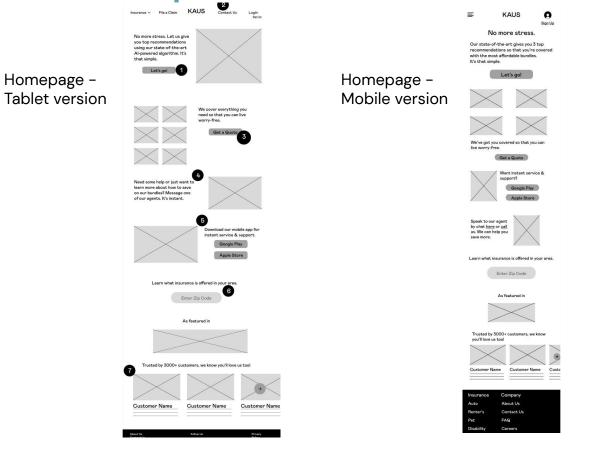
This depicts a typical user flow from the home page, to the recommendation tool and bundles, and lastly, to checkout.



Ideate: User Flow Highlight - Rec Tool



Ideate: Responsive Wireframes



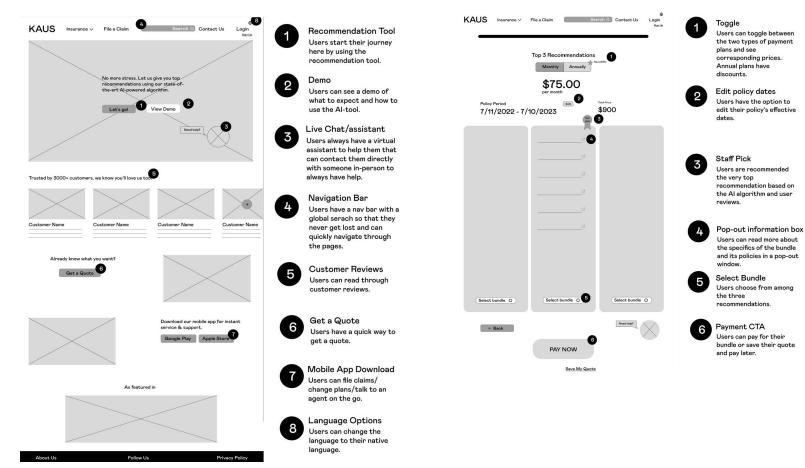
Prototype: UI Design

After wireframing, the focus shifted to UI design to modernize KAUS's brand image, logo, and bring the product to life.

- Moodboard
- Logo
- Brand Style
- Responsive UI design
- Ul Kit

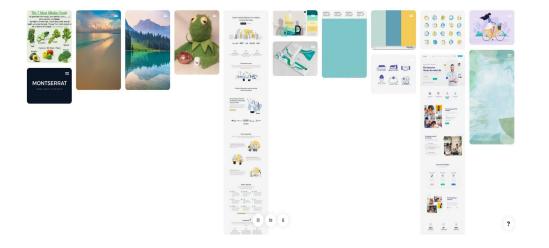


Ideate: Wireframes Homepage & Recommendation Tool - Desktop version



Prototype: Moodboard and Logo

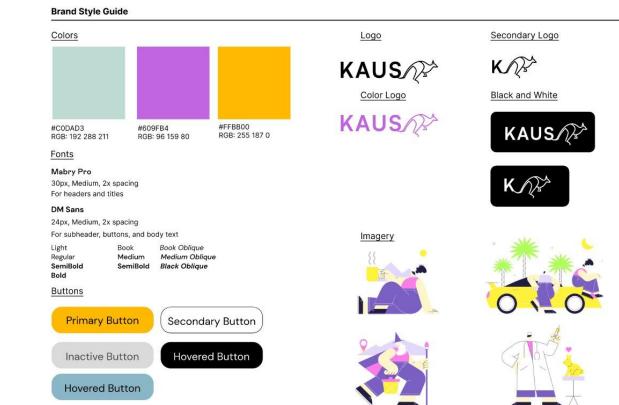
Pastel teal, yellow, and purple were chosen for their calming and welcoming effect while reflecting the brand's values of trust and simplicity.



In addition to the alliteration between Kaus and kangaroo, much like Geico, an animal was used as a memorable mascot.



Prototype: Brand Style

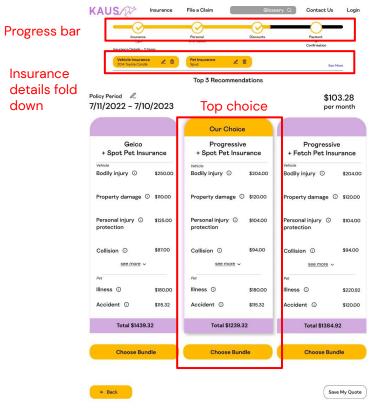


Prototype: Responsive UI Design Desktop

Please view the prototype here:

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Prototype: Responsive UI Design Highlights



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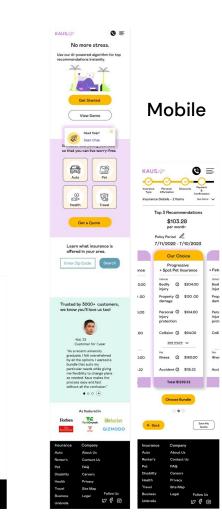
"As a recent university graduate, I felt overwhelmed by all the options, I wanted a bundle that suits my particular needs while giving me flexibility to change plans as needed. Kaus makes the process easy and fast without all the confusion."

-Kai, 23 Customer for 1 year

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Prototype: UI Kit



2. Typography

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H2 Mabry Pro PT 30 MEDIUM H2: This is a sample headline

H3 Mabry Pro PT 24 MEDIUM

H3: This is a sample headline

Body: DM Sans PT 16 REGULAR

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5. Photography





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7. Footer

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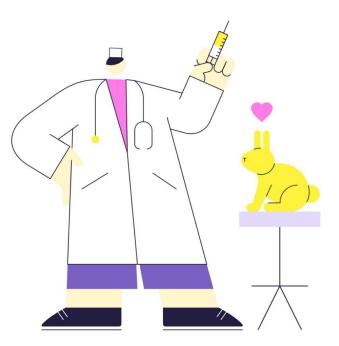
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Test: Iteration and Implementation

Once UI was finished, it was time to put the design to the test and observe how users reacted to the product, how they navigated, what were their frustrations/points of confusion, and identify areas of improvement. The following methods were used:

- High-Fidelity Prototype
- Usability Testing
- Affinity Map



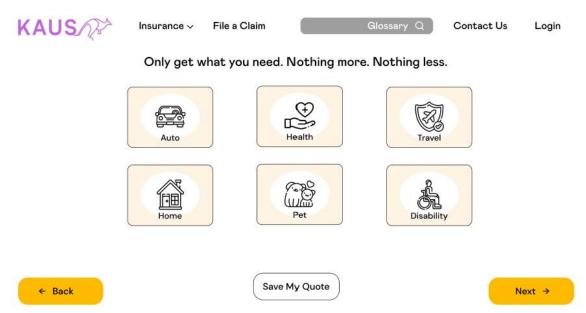
Test: High-Fidelity Prototype

Objectives:

- Test the main flow and navigation of the website: recommendation tool for ease of use.
- Observe points of difficulty/confusion.

Goals:

- Identify current pain points (ie: CTA design, placement, wording, etc.)
- Identify current successes of the navigation, flow, and IA
- Observe user interactions



Test: Usability Testing

Participants

Number of participants: 5

Age: 20 – 30

Background: Little to zero experience buying insurance or seeking to buy multiple plans

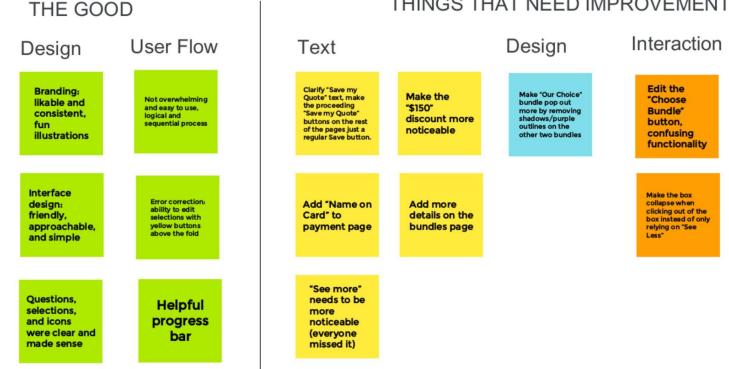
Questions asked during usability testing:

- Are the questions easy to answer? Is the wording/selections confusing?
- At what point(s) of selecting insurance needs clarification or support?
- On a scale of 1–5 with 5 being extremely difficult, how would you rate your experience selecting an insurance bundle?
- On a scale of 1–5 with 5 being extremely difficult, how would you rate your overall experience using this website? May I ask you to elaborate on your rating, please?

Test: Usability Testing Findings

Good:	Needs Improvement:
Looks professional and	More details on the bundles page
friendly/approachable/simple	
Not overwhelming and easy to use, logical	Clarify "Save my Quote" text, make the
sequential process	proceeding "Save my Quote" buttons on the rest
	of the pages just a regular Save button.
Helpful progress bar	Make functionality of the yellow buttons for
	editing selections clearer (perhaps replace the
	add icon with the pencil icon?), "See more" needs
	to be more noticeable (everyone missed it), make
	the box collapse when clicking out of the box
	instead of only relying on "See Less"
Likable and consistent branding, fun illustrations	Make the "\$150" discount more noticeable
Ability to edit selections with the yellow buttons	Make "Our Choice" bundle pop out more by
above the fold	removing shadows/purple outlines on the other
	two bundles
Glossary? 2/5 liked it, 3/5 didn't notice it	Edit the "Choose Bundle" button, confusing
	functionality
Questions, selections, and iconography were	Add "Name on Card" to payment page
clear	

Test: Affinity Map



THINGS THAT NEED IMPROVEMENT

Next Steps



Make adjustments

Implement wording and design adjustments from user feedback. This includes replacing confusing icons, clarifying wording, and adding a modal.



Higher fidelity prototype

Prototype in Invision to test other interactions like the pop-up live chat box.



Test

With the edits, conduct more usability tests, and gather feedback for further improvements.

