



Conversational Commerce

Why Consumers Are Embracing Voice Assistants in Their Lives

Voice assistants are about to revolutionize commerce

Voice assistants will become a dominant mode of consumer interaction, three years from now



of consumers will use voice assistants rather than a website or an app



of consumers will use voice assistants instead of visiting a shop or a bank branch

Majority of consumers already use voice assistants



Users of voice assistants have already been adopting them for making purchases









Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Conversational Commerce Survey, October–November 2017, N = 2,558 users in the US, UK, France and Germany.

Leading retailers and brands have sensed consumer interest and launched voice shopping for products and services

💿 Walmart

partnered with Google to launch its voice platform to allow consumers to shop more than two million Walmart items through voice.

Capital One

launched an Amazon Alexa Skill to allow consumers to access their account information and even pay their credit card bill through voice commands. The French cosmetics retailer, **Sephora,**

recently launched its app on Google Assistant, allowing consumers to book beauty services.

00 Ocado,

the British retailer, launched voice ordering capability on Amazon Alexa in August 2017.

Early in 2017, Starbucks launched voice ordering

capabilities via mobile app and a reorder skill on Amazon's Alexa platform. Users can simply say: "Alexa, order my Starbucks" to order their usual items.

¹Company websites and news articles

Consumers will be voting with their wallets in favor of voice assistants over other channels

Spending via voice assistants is expected to grow as much as sixfold in three years for users of voices assistants

Change in spending mix between physical stores, websites/apps, and voice assistants today and three years from now



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, Conversational Commerce Survey, October–November 2017, N = 5,041 consumers in the US, UK, France and Germany.

Conversational Commerce can be used to enhance the relationship between the retailer and consumer in the store



Over 1 in 3 consumers

would be willing to replace customer support or shop sales support with a personalized voice assistant in order to enhance their in-store experience

Why consumers love voice assistants

Consumers like the convenience, speed and the ability to multi-task



Convenience (52%) and ability (48%) to multi-task top the list of reasons for preferring voice assistants over websites and apps Speed (49%) and convenience (47%) are the major reasons for preferring voice assistants over physical stores

Conversational Commerce yields concrete benefits for retailers and brands

Positive word-of-mouth



On having a good experience with a personal voice assistant, more than a third of users have shared their positive experiences with friends and family.

More business

In return for receiving a good voice assistant experience:

- A third of users have transacted more frequently with the brand, at least a few times, and
- Users are willing to increase their spending by 8%, on average.



Higher consumer satisfaction



Providing a voice assistant to consumers elevates a brand's Net Promoter Score (NPS®)¹ by nearly 20 points for voice assistant users.

How can retailers and brands devise a sound Conversational Commerce strategy?

Organizations need to focus on four key areas for building a robust Conversational Commerce strategy

Start small and have an iterative approach to solve for four key areas of Conversational Commerce



Design and execute compelling voice customer experiences





Apply conversational intelligence to understand your target consumers



Devise sound business operations voice solutions

Implement technology solutions that seamlessly integrate voice

Prepare the organization for the new voice channel

Source: Capgemini Research Institute Analysis.

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