

Conversations are the new clicks



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Conversational AI will soon become the primary method of engagement across the entire customer journey.



Conversational Al



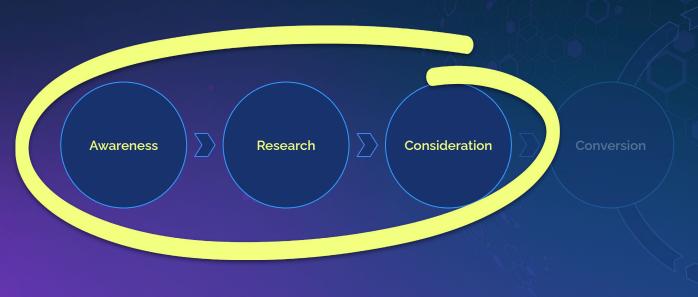


Customer journey





Customer journey



Engagement

RETENTION

Advocation







Who delivers flowers?

Who grows them best?

Clueless

Which type is appropriate?

Same day delivery?



Google

q flower delivery in saskatoon

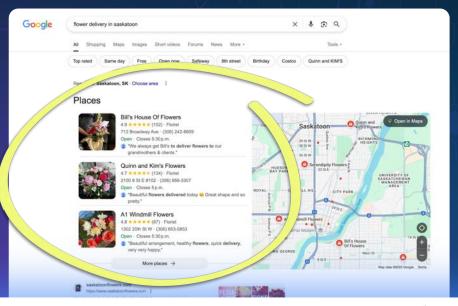








Local pack



Q flower delivery in saskatoon

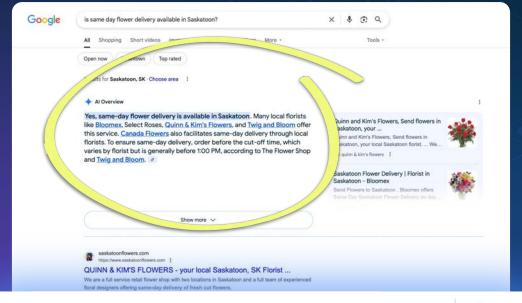








Al overview



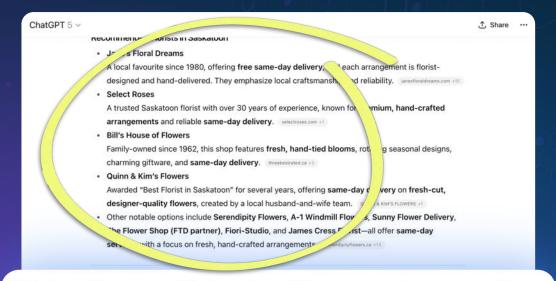
is same day flower delivery available in Saskatoon?







Conversational A/



I'd like to send flowers to my girlfriend in Saskatoon. Which company would you recommend that offers same-day delivery and grows high quality flowers? Also what type of flowers are a good choice for a date night?











Websites visited

- Top-rated local florists
- Business addresses / map
- Contact information
- Hours of operation
- Clarified delivery options
- Customer review highlights
- Common delivery cut-off times
- Info summary for top florists
- Best flower options for a date
- Tips for personal touches



Zero Click Search

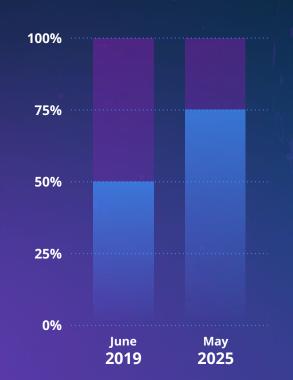


Today, 75% of search queries get answered without you leaving Google.

Matthew Prince
CEO. Cloudflare



Types of zero click searches





Direct Answer Box

Knowledge Panel

People Also Ask...

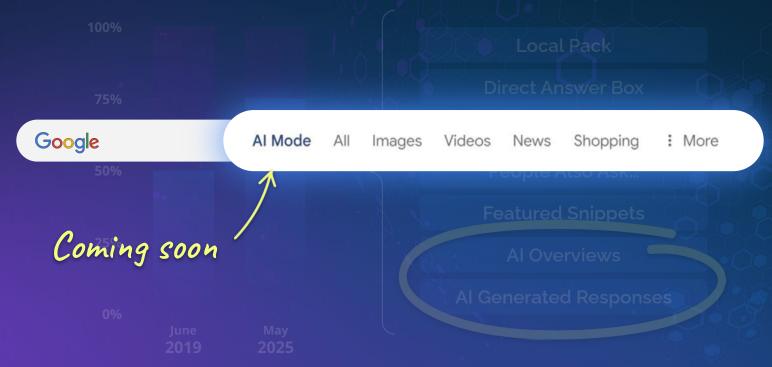
Featured Snippets

Al Overviews

AI Generated Responses



Google's shift to conversational Al





Something like 10% of the world uses our systems now, a lot. (ChatGPT)

Sam Altman





~800,000,000

Active Users



How do businesses take part in the Al conversation?



SEO + GEO

Generative Engine Optimization



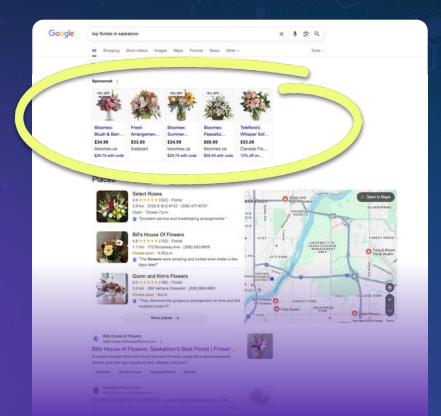
Keywords & backlinks

SEO + GEO

Structured data & AI-friendly content formats



You can buy a top spot in search





You earn a spot in the conversation

ChatGPT 5 V



Jane's Floral Dreams

Recommended Florists in Saskatoon

A local favourite since 1980, offering free same-day delivery, and each arrangement is florist-designed and hand-delivered. They emphasize local craftsmanship and reliability.

- Select P

 rrusted Saskatoon florist with over 30 years of experience, known for premium, hand-crafted arrangements and reliable same-day delivery.

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- Bill's House of Flowers
 Family-owned since 1962, this shop features fresh, hand-tied blooms, rotating asonal designs, charming giftware, and same-day delivery.
- Quinn & Kim's Flowers
 Awarded "Best Florist in Saskatoon" for several years, offering same delivery on fresh-cut,
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- Other notable options include Serencipity Flowers, A-1 Windmill Flowers, Sunny Flower Delivery,
 The Flower Shop (FTD partner), Fiori-Studio, and James Cress Florist—all offer same-day
 services with a focus on fresh, hand-crafted arrangements.

Best Choice for You

If quality, freshness, and personalized design matter most—and you're aiming to support a local business—Jane's Floral Dreams, Select Roses, Bill's House of Flowers, and Quinn & Kim's Flowers all stand out. Each shines in its own way, so choosing depends on priorities like budget, style, or delivery timing.

Let me know your vibe or budget, and I can help narrow it down even further!



Al platform citation patterns



ChatGPT

	Wikipedia	47.90%
	Reddit	11.30%
	Forbes	6.80%
	G2	6.70%
	TechRadar	5.50%
	NerdWallet	5.10%
	BusinessInsider	4.90%
	NYPost	4.40%
	Toxigon	4.10%
0	Reuters	3.40%



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Reddit	46.70%
YouTube	13.90%
Gartner	7.00%
Yelp	5.80%
LinkedIn	5.30%
Forbes	5.00%
NerdWallet	4.50%
TripAdvisor	4.10%
© G2	4.00%
PCMag	3.70%



Google (AI Overviews)

Reddit	21.00%
YouTube	18.80%
Quora	14.30%
LinkedIn	13.00%
Gartner	7.10%
NerdWallet	5.90%
Forbes	5.70%
Wikipedia	5.70%
BusinessInsider	4.50%
Medium	3.90%



Optimizing SMBs for Al search

Optimize business listings

Claim/update profiles on Google, Bing, Apple Maps, etc. consistently.

Target long-tail queries

Use conversational keywords and question-based phrases.

Get reviews & mentions

Collect reviews and earn mentions on key sources to boost trust.

Use structured data

Use schema (LocalBusiness, Product, FAQ) on website for Al-friendly data.

Add FAQ & Q&A

Publish common FAQs and populate Google Business Profile Q&A.

Distribute content

Share content across social media, forums, and Q&A sites.

Publish helpful content

Create natural, expert content that answers customer questions (ie. blogs)

Fix technical SEO

Ensure fast, secure, mobile-friendly, and crawlable site.

Adapt to each AI platform

Optimize for Google SGE, Bing, Siri, Alexa, and keep crawlers unblocked.





Al Search Specialist

How can I help?

Type a message...





Al Content Creator

How can I help?

Type a message...



Zero Clicks Zero Sales



2012

1,000,000

People / day looking for info about your niche

15,000

Visits / day to your website

400

Sales / day

2025

1,000,000

People / day looking for info about your niche

5,000

Visits / day to your website

400

Sales / day



Consumers visit websites when it's time to transact.

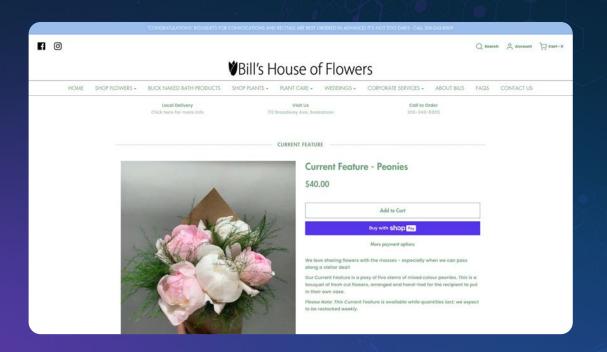


Customer journey









Something's missing...



Consumers expect websites to feature chatbots for convenient interactions



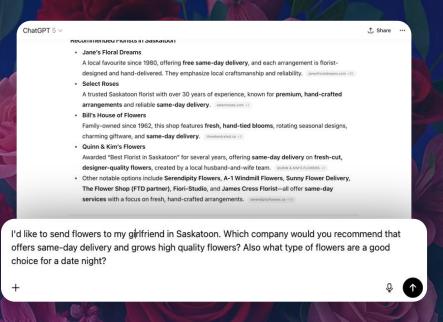
Conversational Commerce

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the use of messaging apps, chatbots, and voice assistants to conduct commercial transactions and provide customer service



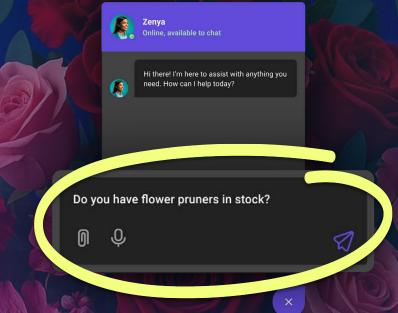
The customer journey often starts...



with broad, top-of-funnel Al conversations.



They progress to personalized



Al conversations leveraging deep business data



Al chat & voice conversations

84%

Businesses plan to *increase*their voice Al investment within
the next 12 months



86%

See voice AI as a key driver for making *customer experiences* more accessible





How can I help?





Al connected to deep business data





Al with an expanding set of capabilities

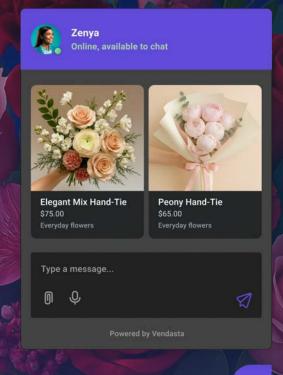




Vendasta + third-party



Al that captures leads & drives sales







Customer journey



Customer journey **Engagement** Consideration Advocation



Al Review Specialist

How can I help?

Type a message...



Follow-up by SMS & email





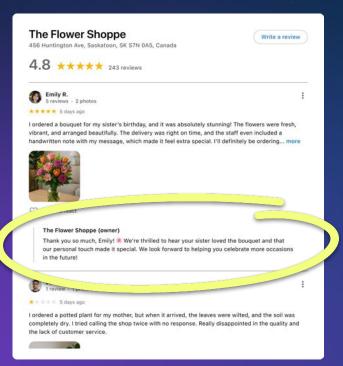
The Flower Shoppe

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We'd love to hear about your recent experience. Leave us feedback here...



Manage review response



The Flower Shoppe (owner)

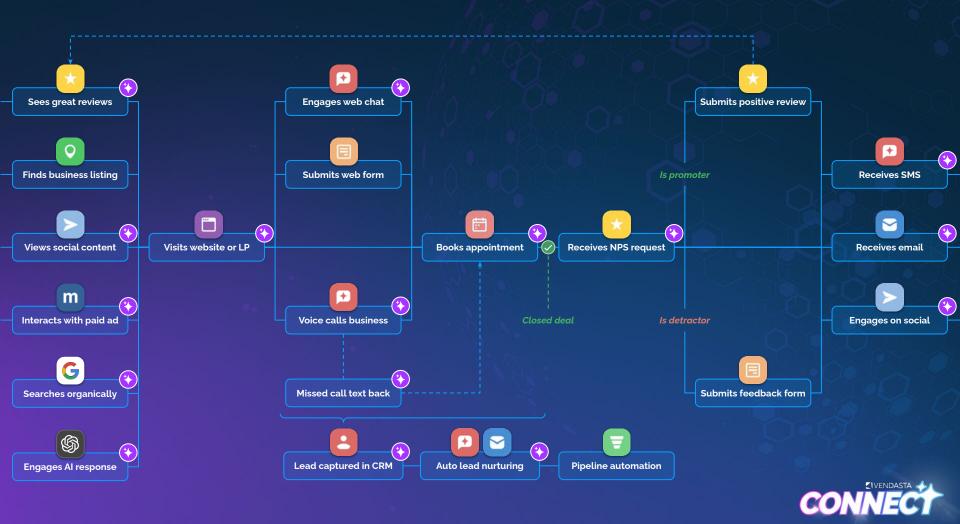
Thank you so much, Emily! Me're thrilled to hear your sister loved the bouquet and that our personal touch made it special. We look forward to helping you celebrate more occasions in the future!



Customer journey







Powered by the products...







Content Creator



Review Specialist



Search Specialist



Salesperson



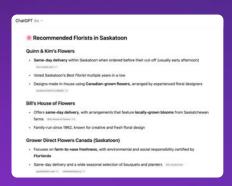
Sales Assistant

you already sell.



Take part in the Al conversation

Embrace zero-click search



Enhance your SEO with GEO to boost citations and ensure your business appears in Al-powered search results.

Deploy conversational commerce



Convert website visitors and inbound callers (often with high commercial intent) into leads and closed sales.

Automate post-purchase engagement



Close the feedback loop by turning satisfied customers into powerful growth advocates.



Together, we're reshaping the future of SMBs with Al







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