

## User centricity beginning with the first keystroke

Tobias Kässmann, Tom Gilke

OTTO

Inspiration . D Multimedia . H



**Ariel Pods gra** 



jeans	× Q
jeans <b>herren</b>	K
jeans <b>damen</b>	_
jeans <b>shorts damen</b>	_
jeans <b>shorts herren</b>	K
jeans <b>bermuda damen</b>	K
jeans <b>damen 7/8 länge</b>	
jeans <b>jacke damen</b>	
jeans <b>kurz damen</b>	_
jeans <b>rock damen</b>	_
jeans <b>kurz herren</b>	K



e . Sport . Schuhe . Große Größen ımarkt . Marken . Spielzeug . %Sale%

**6 auf ausgewählte TVs** bis Mo., 15.08.

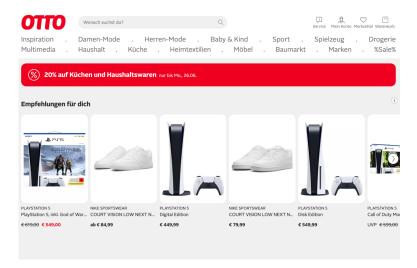


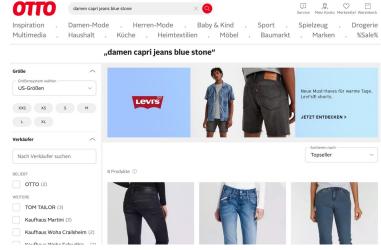


WHAT?

A whole team only for the autosuggest?

#### OTTO





alle Angaben in Euro, inkl. Steuer

Es gelten die AGB von OTTO auch hinsichtlich des Widerrufsrechts

#### Jetzt zum genannten Preis bestellen

(Mit Klick auf "Jetzt zum genannten Preis bestellen" wird die Bestellung abgeschlossen)

Wir liefern CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral durch Kompensation









## User centricity?

# Your answer is just **ONE** step ahead



#### Let's build baseline features...

#### Prefix matching

- PlaystationPullover
- Pool
- Polo shirt

#### Spellcheck

dsigual -> desigual



## **Initial Interaction**

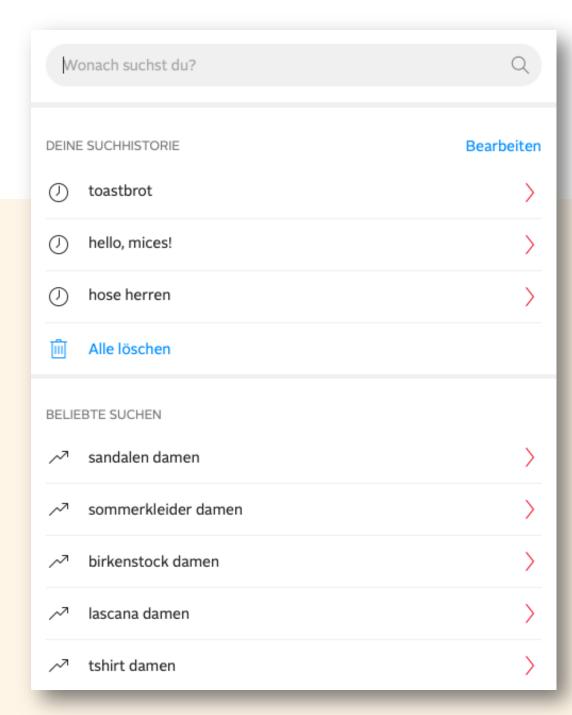
### Wonach suchst du? BELIEBTE SUCHEN sandalen damen sommerkleider damen birkenstock damen lascana damen tshirt damen tshirt herren bikini damen kleider damen sommer pool kurze hose herren

Low technical effort

Small impact on orders

Impact on "Add to wishlist / basket"





Medium technical effort

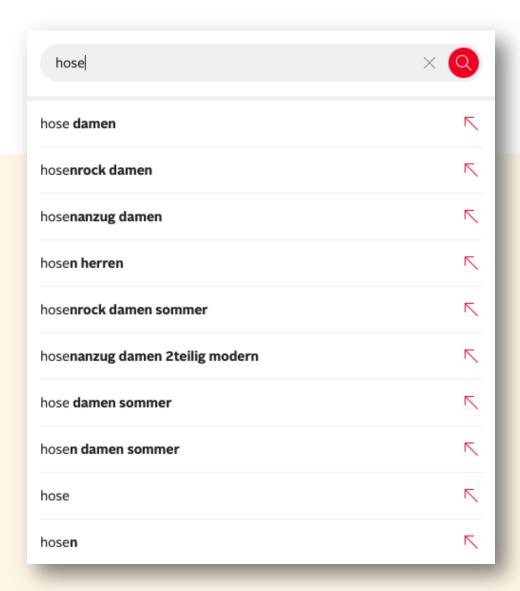
Effort reduced a lot

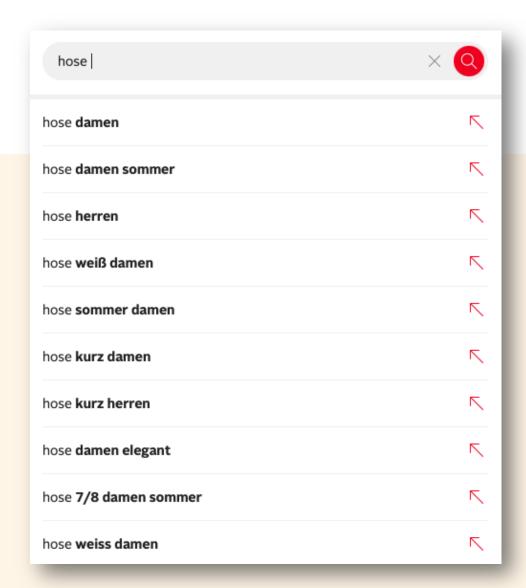
Suggest usage: uh wow!

More impact on orders



## **Keystroke 5**







"No" technical effort

Less effort & more relevant suggestions

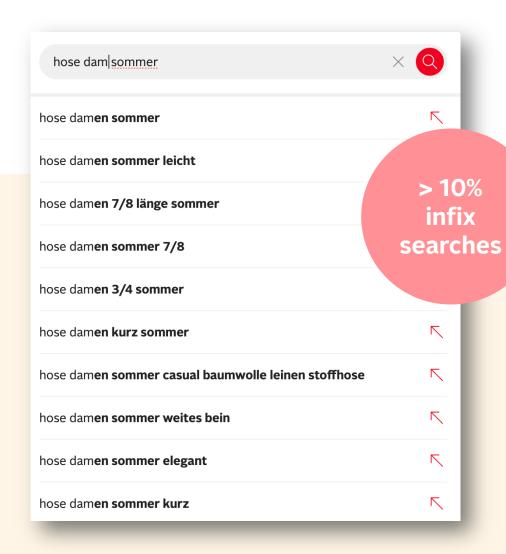
```
def normalize_query(q):
    return unquote_plus(q).strip().lower()
    return unquote_plus(q).lstrip().lower()
```

, 12:17 | \( \) [sandy] Oh. This is the live state , 10:19 | \( \) [inno] try with Istrip [only for nonlive

Suggest usage Increased responsive-ness

OTTO

## Keystroke 5 of 10



Again "no" technical effort

**Keystrokes** reduced

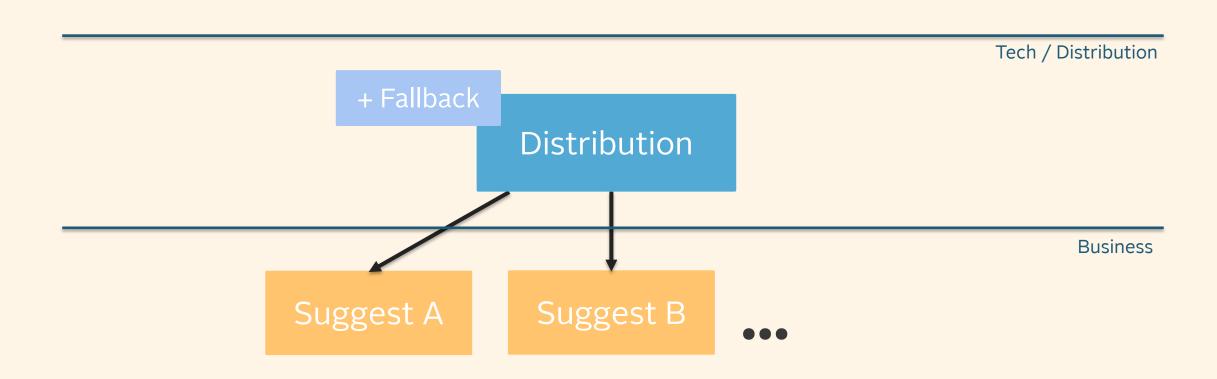
Suggest usage increased Increased responsive-ness

OTTO

## And a lot others: spellchecking, clustering, ...

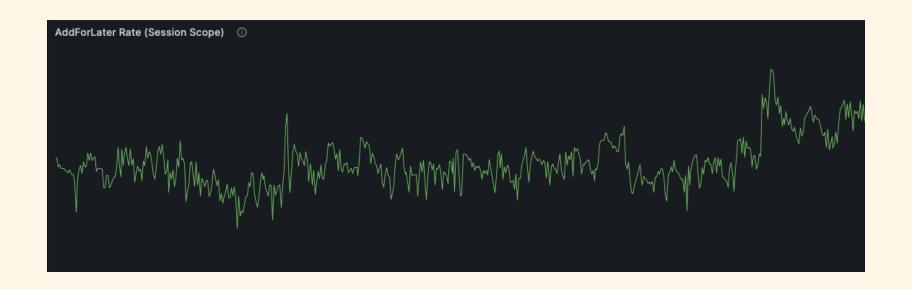
## Infrastructural Enablers

### A/B-test setup: easy, fast, failure-proof





### **#Measurability & #Visibility**





#### Infrastructure build to scale





## Vespa.ai



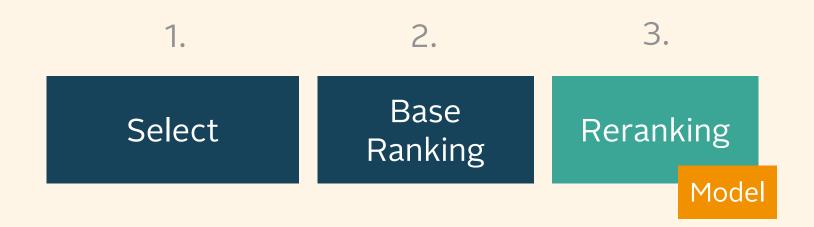


## Let's build upon this

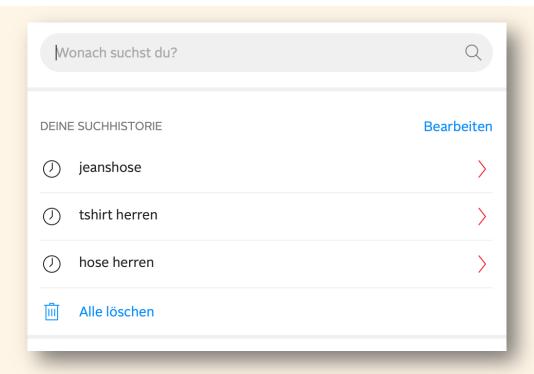


## On every keystroke!

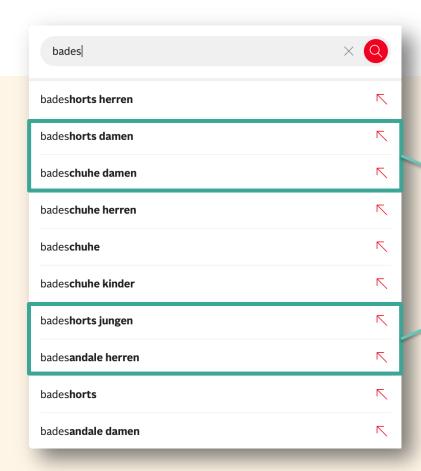
## Reranking

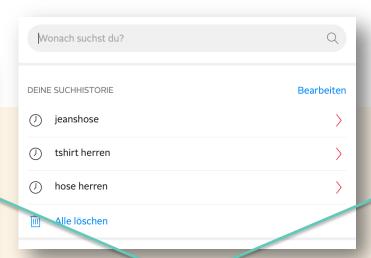


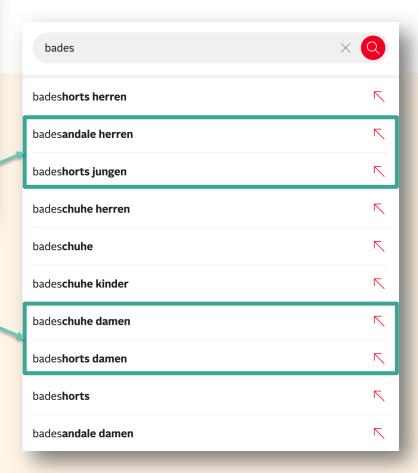














#### Personalization

Really high technical effort

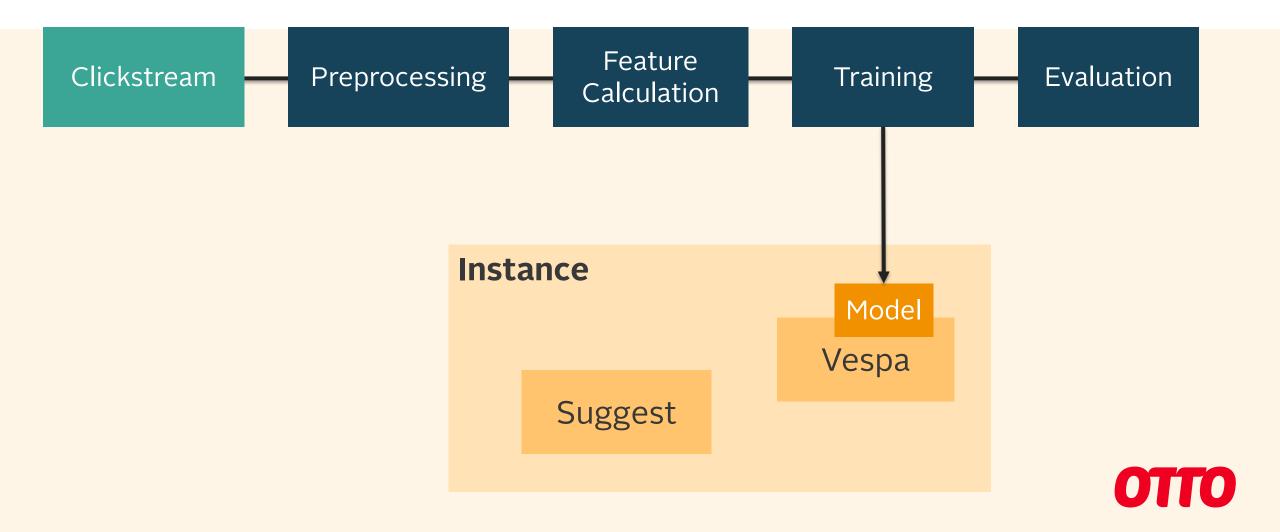
Effort saved

Great impact on suggest usage

Avg click position reduced a lot



## **Model Pipeline**



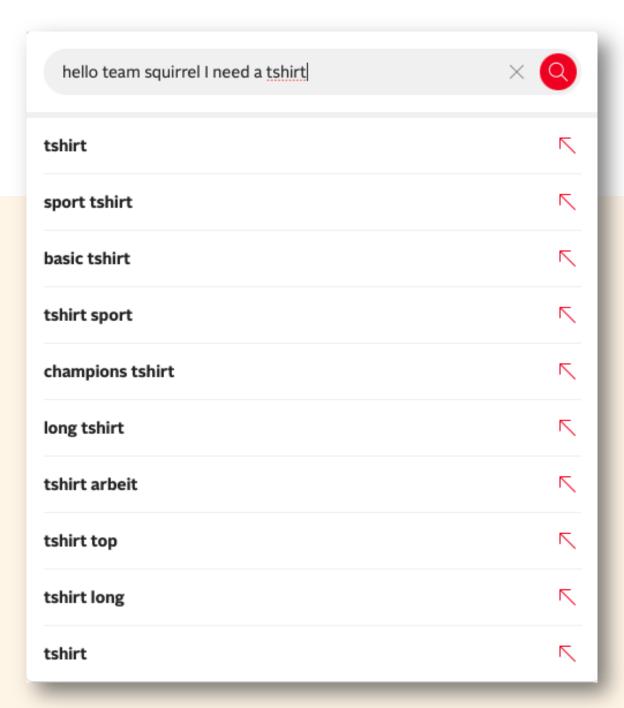
## Keystroke 35...

#### **ML Fallback**

1. 2. 3.

Prefix matching Spellcheck BERT







jeans women blue	× Q
damen capri jeans blue stone	K
jeans <b>light blue damen</b>	K
herren jeans light blue	K
blue jeans	K
blue jeans damen	K
blue washed jeans damen	K
jeans <b>curve dark blue</b>	K
jeans <b>herren blau blue</b>	K
blue light jeans herren	K
hose dark blue	K



#### **ML Fallback**

Extremly
high
technical
effort

Always deliver

Huge impact on suggest usage

Good impact on orders



#### **Model Test Iterations**

Iteration I:

all-MiniLM-L6-v2

Iteration II:

e5-small-v2

Iteration III:

OTTO trained BERT model

2 weeks



## What makes this possible?

#### **Technical enablers**

Own your vertical #Visibility

Will it scale?

Make testing easy & safe

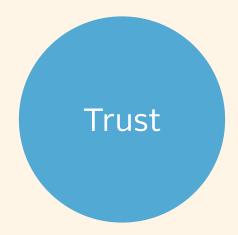


#### **Team enablers**

Invest into knowledge sharing

Stay up to date

Space & time for innovation







## Do not underestimate the autosuggest!



## Questions?

Your answer is just ONE step ahead!