

3 key considerations for developing a complete e-commerce solution

In today's marketplace, offering a seamless e-commerce experience is not an option but a necessity—and companies of all sizes are turning to developers to deliver on this need.

To meet this demand, building a robust digital presence that addresses both your client's needs and resources is vital. Developers must provide the right solution for a full range of requirements—from customer experience to essential back-end integrations. The ultimate goal is optimizing customer satisfaction and increasing your client's revenue.

1 Technology Pick a platform

Initial considerations

- **Power** to accommodate peak traffic
- **Scalability** for future business growth
- **Security** for risk control
- **Reliability** without downtime
- **Compatibility** with CRM platforms and multiple currencies



SaaS vs. Open Source

	SaaS	Open-Source
Time to Market	Turnkey installation	Development required
Cost	Subscription model	No subscription but development costs
Maintenance	Service-managed	Self-maintained
Integrations	Platform maintained and managed	Third-party/custom-managed

2 Design & Content Consider the shopper's journey

Essential elements for customer experience

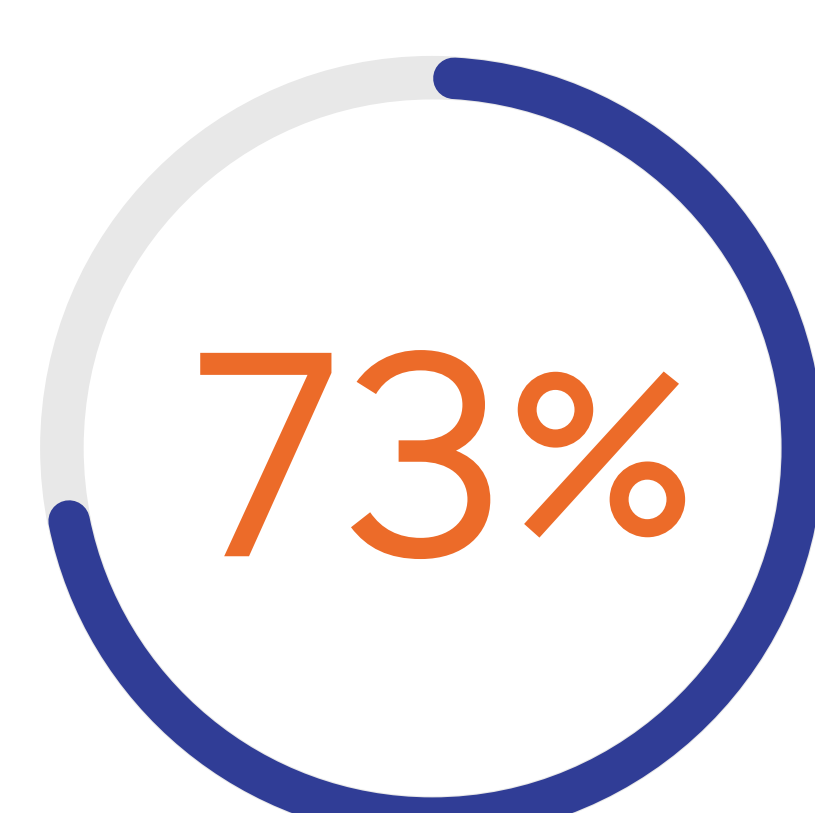
- Support for all digital devices—including desktop and mobile
- Intuitive navigation
- Customer logins and “guest” access
- Robust search with metadata and tags
- Product reviews and ratings
- Personalization with product suggestions and loyalty tactics
- Frictionless checkout to minimize cart abandonment
- Customer support through Help, Live Chat and Contact options
- Back-end integration among front-end sales, order fulfillment and customer service



3 Payments & Security Pick a card, every card

Top requirements for seamless, more secure payment experiences

- Accept all forms of payments from all major networks, including Discover®, Visa, Mastercard and American Express
- Accommodate international customers by enabling all Discover Global Network IIN (BIN) ranges to accept transactions from [25+ global network alliances](#), including Diners Club International®, JCB Co. and UnionPay
- Integrate with UI using either turnkey or custom capabilities
- Integrate plug-ins such as currency support
- [Incorporate security](#) for card-not-present
- Ensure PCI DSS compliance with integrated fraud protection
- [Enable tokenization](#) for added security
- Support mobile wallets such as Apple Pay and Google Pay
- [Build in signage](#) including card logos and branding to showcase acceptance
- Include other offerings such as Click to Pay and Point-of-Sale (POS) financing



of primary cardmembers* prefer to shop at websites that accept Discover



*Primary cardmembers are defined as respondents who use Discover® Card more than other cards. C+R Research Study of 1,805 Discover Cardholders commissioned by DFS Services LLC and completed in February 2022.

Finish

As the digital landscape continues to expand, sophisticated e-commerce capabilities have become business-critical.

By understanding your clients' unique challenges and requirements, you can deliver solutions optimized for frictionless payments and customer satisfaction, helping ensure their success today—and down the road.

Explore the full [Developer's Roadmap](#) for more information.