

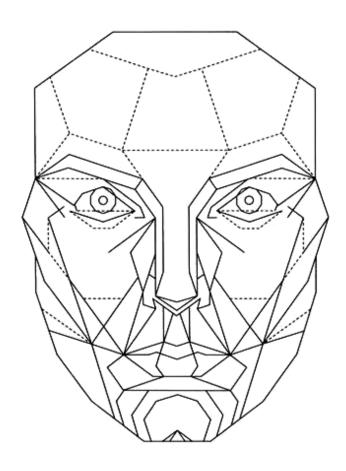
## A Practical Guide to Good Web Design

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### Agenda for this Session

- Foundational requirements for web design
- Design principles
- The Parallels journey
- Recommended action checklist
- Q&A

#### Your Website is As Personal As You Are



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#### It represents your:

- Business goals
- Your products
- Your personality

#### Cloud Insights

- Know who you are
- Know your audience



#### Key Findings in the Cloud

Our research showed that the US cloud market grew by 25% in 2011, with some services—especially hosted communication and collaboration—growing much faster. Over the next several years, even more SMBs—particularly the micro businesses—will be entering the cloud and expanding their use of cloud services, providing huge opportunities for service providers that are able to reach them with the right services at the right price. Parallels found that different sizes and categories of SMBs have different needs and plans for their cloud service use, meaning that, for service providers to grow their cloud business, it is essential both to know their SMB audiences and to offer them the right services:

#### 1. Know Who the IT Decision Makers Are

Sometimes the IT decision maker in a small business is simply the owner or another member of the company's leadership; in other cases, it's an IT consultant or dedicated IT staff member within the company. Our research showed that, to drive new customer adoption, service providers' marketing will need to target the right IT decision maker in each case. As Figure 2 illustrates, our research indicates that the US SMB market consists of three separate decision-making groups:

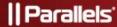
 SMBs with no IT staff ("do-it-yourselfers"). Some 45% of US micro SMBs fall into this category, along with 17% of small SMBs and nearly all of the non-employers. For these "do-it-yourselfers,"

# Template: Value Proposition / Key Messages

Lead Category	Description			
Customer Promise	Committed to the success of your business			
Value Proposition	Parallels makes it possible for you to take advantage of the best technology – when you need it and without complexity – so you can stay focused on business			
Key Message Pillars	Potential	Simple	Smart	
Key Customer Benefit	Fastest path to business success by accessing enterprise-class services and applications that scale with your business	Simple, easy-to-use technology that is supported by a broad partner community	Manage the "health" of your business by controlling costs and IT investments	
Key Differentiators	<ul><li>Partner ecosystem</li><li>Best in class virtualization</li><li>Platform independence</li></ul>	<ul> <li>All you need in a complete package</li> <li>Easy-to-use management tools of the services and products that you use</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Partner eco-system</li><li>No "hidden" charges</li><li>Platform independence</li></ul>	
	Gain access to enterprise-level services because Parallels enables Service Providers to automate and rapidly deliver these services	Service offerings that can easily flex with your business from a broad range of service providers using Parallels	Service providers deliver Parallels technology that makes it easy and cost-effective to consume services that are right for your business	
Supporting Details	Run any business-level applications on any hardware using Parallels	Built-in power, support and backup at the server in one complete package with Parallels Server	Consolidate your desktops into one using Parallels Desktop for Mac	
	Desktop for Mac Run any server operating system on any hardware using Parallels Server		Extend your server investment by running a broad range of operating systems on a single box with Parallels Server for Mac Bare Metal Edition—the only one certified by Apple	

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Value Proposition	Parallels makes it possible for you to take advantage of the best technology – when you need it and without complexity – so you can stay focused on business			
Key Message Pillars	Potential	Simple	Smart	
Proof Points	<ul> <li>Parallels Desktop for Mac</li> <li>Parallels Server for Mac</li> <li>Hundreds of partners world- wide</li> <li>Support virtualization of more than 140 operating systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parallels Server for Mac</li> <li>Parallels Automation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parallels Server for Mac, BME</li> <li>Flexible license terms</li> <li>Parallels Desktop for Mac</li> <li>Hundreds of partners world wide</li> <li>Support virtualization of more than 140 operating systems</li> <li>Parallels Automation suite</li> </ul>	
Evidence	SearchServerVirtualization.com Product of the Year, 2009 FindMyHost.com Editor's Choice Oct. 2009		Only Apple-certified BME solution for Xserve SaasDirectory.com Most Popular CRM solution	



### Choosing your "Voice"



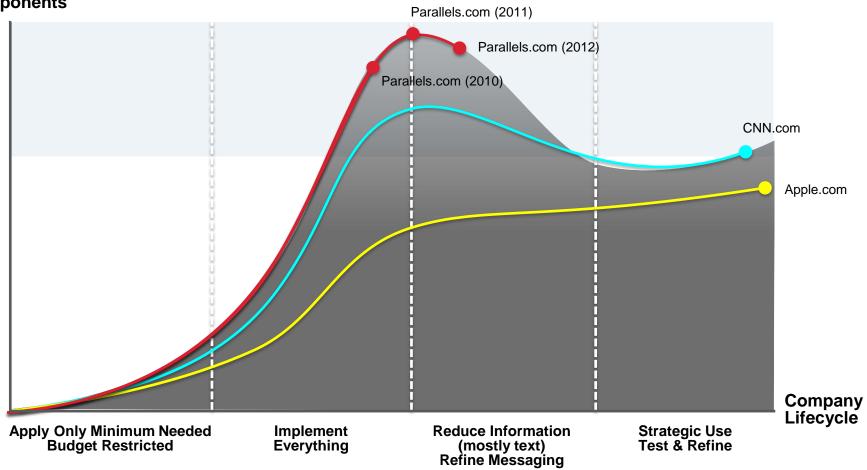
And of course, Go Daddy!



### Design Philosophy

Compared to Company Lifecycle



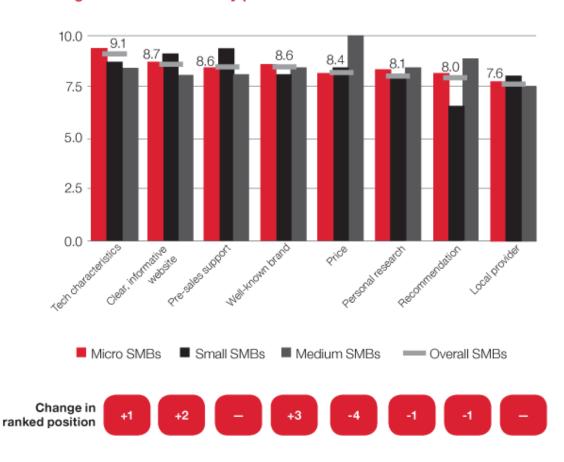


### **Cloud Insights**

Customers need...



Figure 12. US SMBs' key purchase criteria for hosted PBX



#### Early-Stage Website Implementations

- Akin to "print" on the web
  - Not interactive, nothing is clickable
- Incomplete, disorganized, poorly laid out
- Inconsistent design identity



#### "Start-up" Website Example

- Simple, direct messages
- Limited information
- Buy and Try links
- Social media



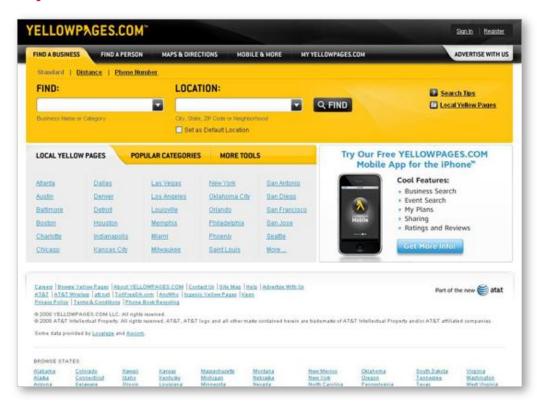
#### **Expansion and Expenditures**

- Young but sophisticated
- Deeper messages and more defined brand voice and identity
- Scenario-based information
- More options in e-store



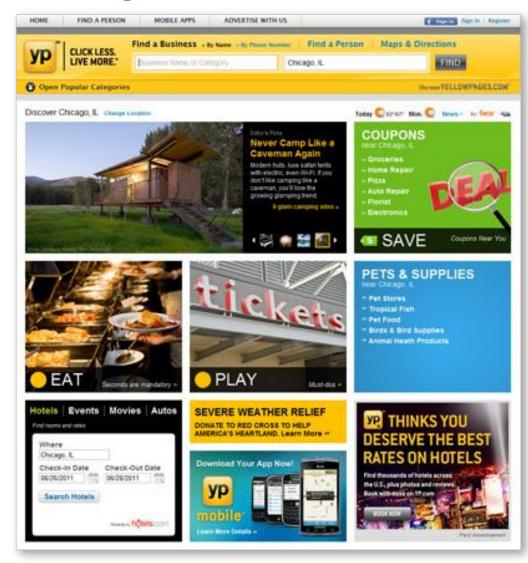
#### Early-Stage Website Implementation

- Yellow Pages directory translated from print to online?
- Keeps simple structure
- Tons of info; multiple tabs and lots of stuff
- Utilitarian, but limited



### Evolving/Maturing Web Design

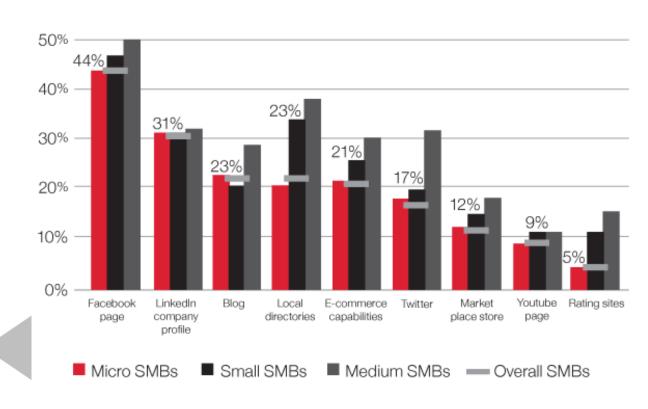
- Truly a digital presentation of content
  - Versus "printed" directory
- Strong visuals
  - Still a lot of options; even *more* options
  - But presented in visually appealing and compelling ways



### Cloud Insights: Offering the Right Services

Figure 7. Use of online presence among US SMBs





"Currently, some 50% of US SMBs design their websites in-house. By offering website design tools, service providers can help these SMBs create more sophisticated websites in-house without a significant outlay of cash."

 Service Provider – dedicated presence



 Desktop Virtualization business



NEW!
 Support tab
 launched
 early February



- 'Skate to the puck'
  - Unproven ecommerce on Facebook
- 'Buy'/ 'Trial' functionality enabled (for Desktop Virtualization business)



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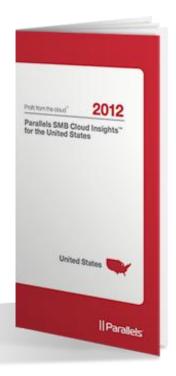
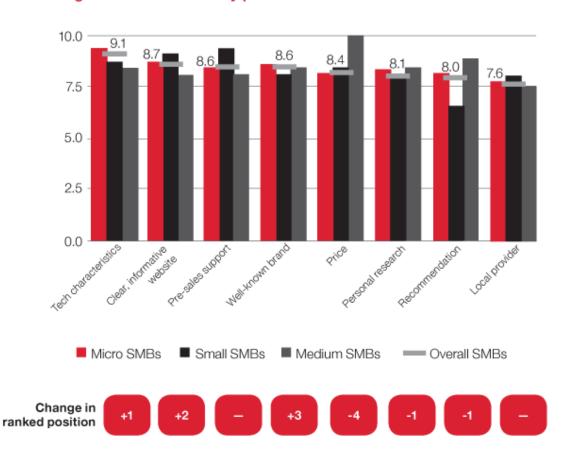
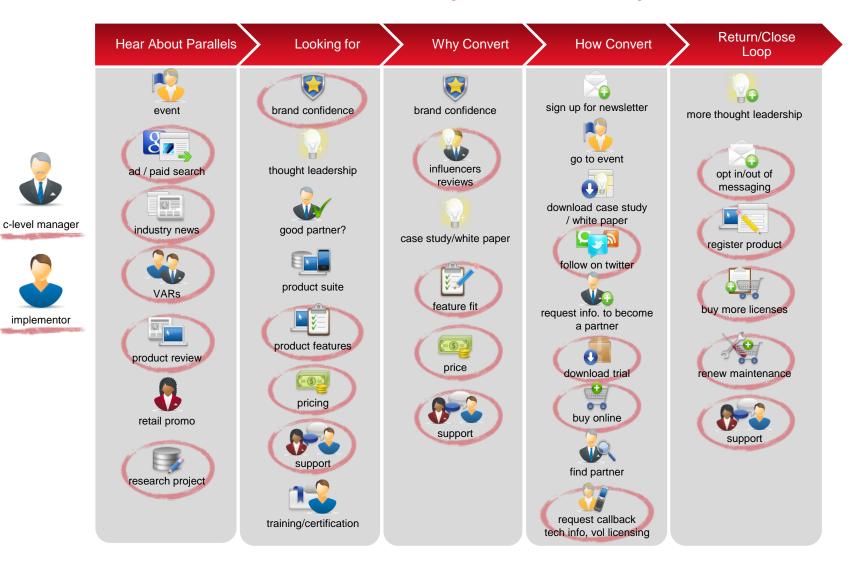


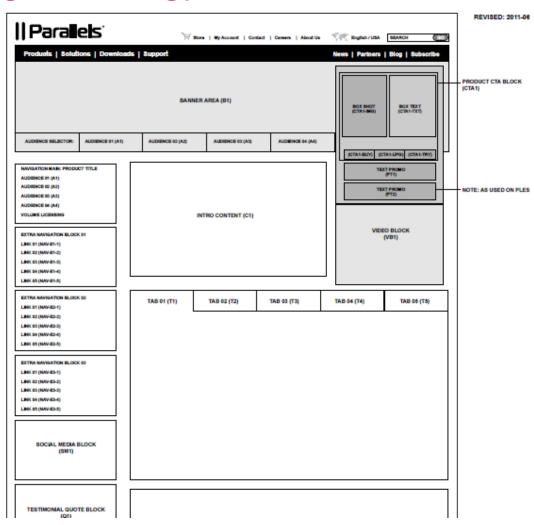
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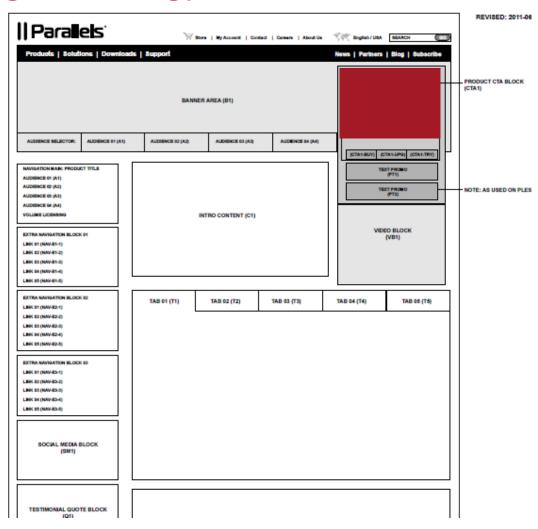
#### Parallels.com SMB Journey Discovery



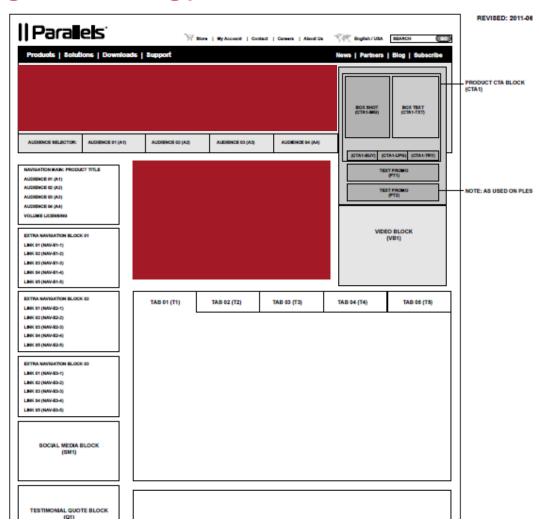
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  - Benefits statements
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- ✓ Coded upfront for metrics



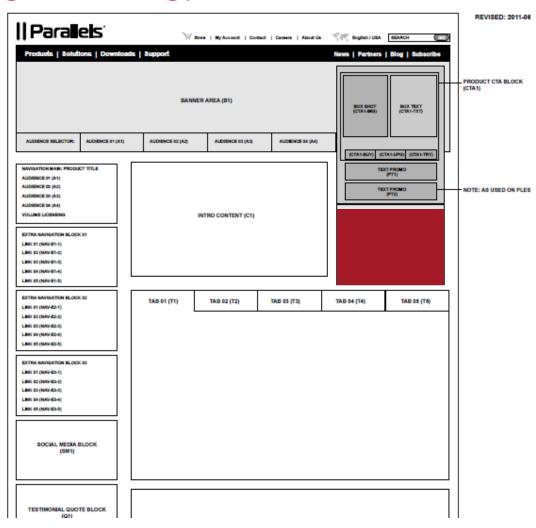
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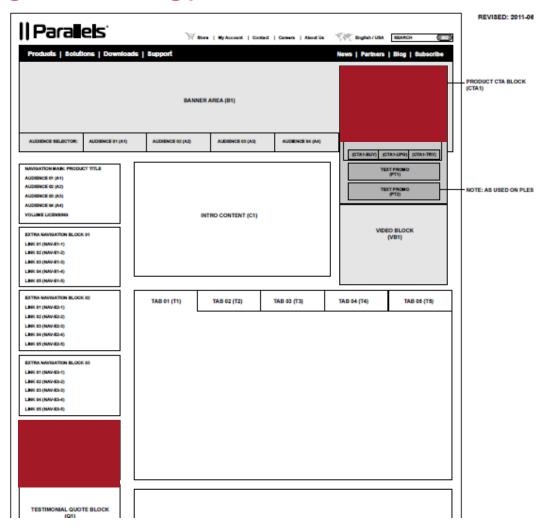
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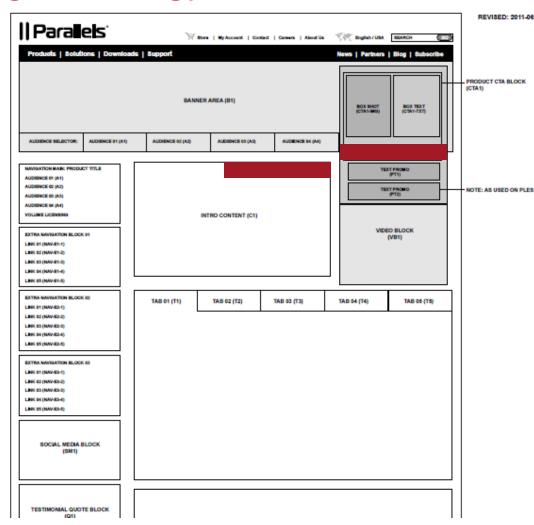
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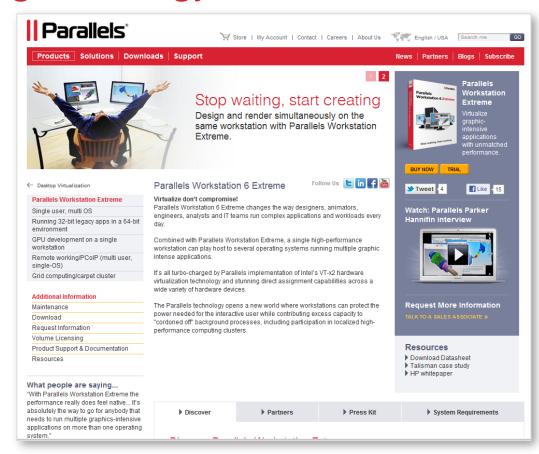
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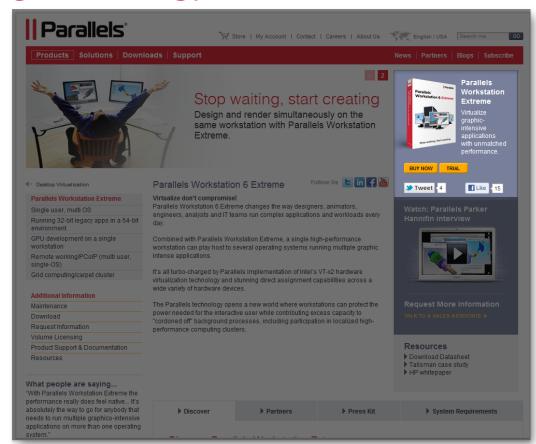
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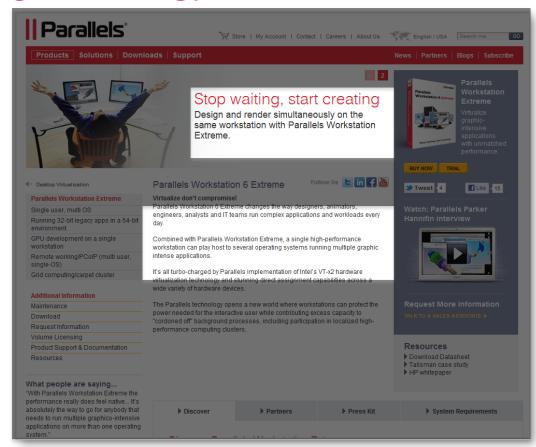
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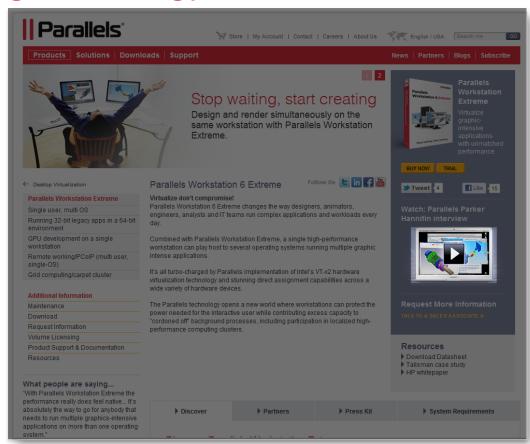
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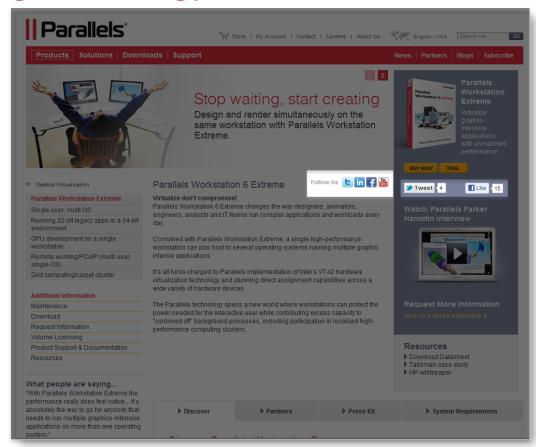
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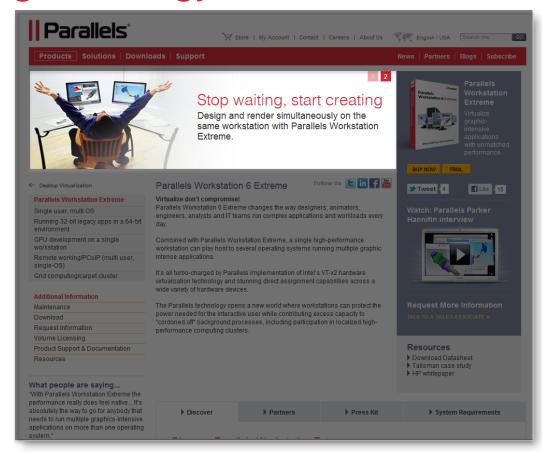
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- ✓ Banner/header enables flexibility to showcase components
  - Primary marketing messages
  - Audience benefit statements
  - CTAs
  - Quotes / testimonials



- Maintain adherence to brand identity and elements, while evolving
  - Large white spaces
  - Red as accent retains brand association
  - Secondary colors and icons complement and soften the white
  - Photos with softer tones



#### Home Page

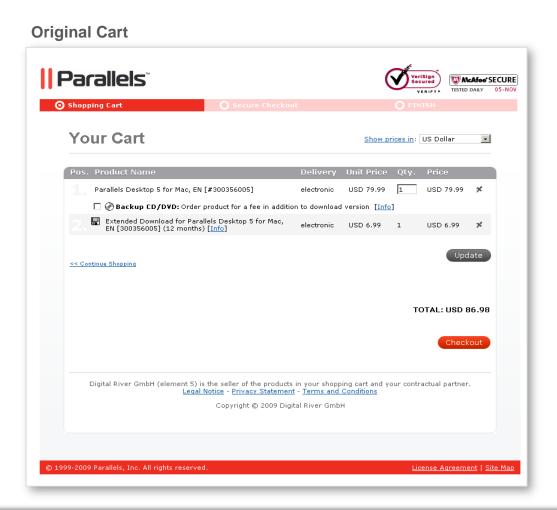
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- Serving total story
- Multiple customer and prospect types
- Products and news

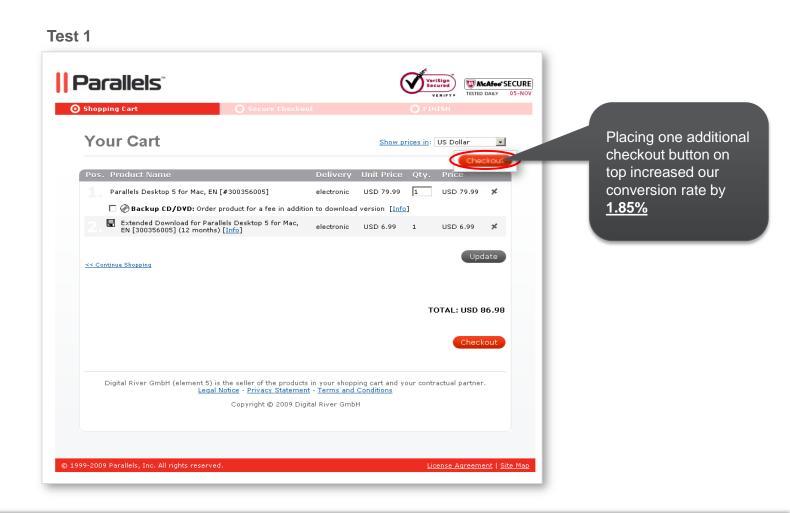
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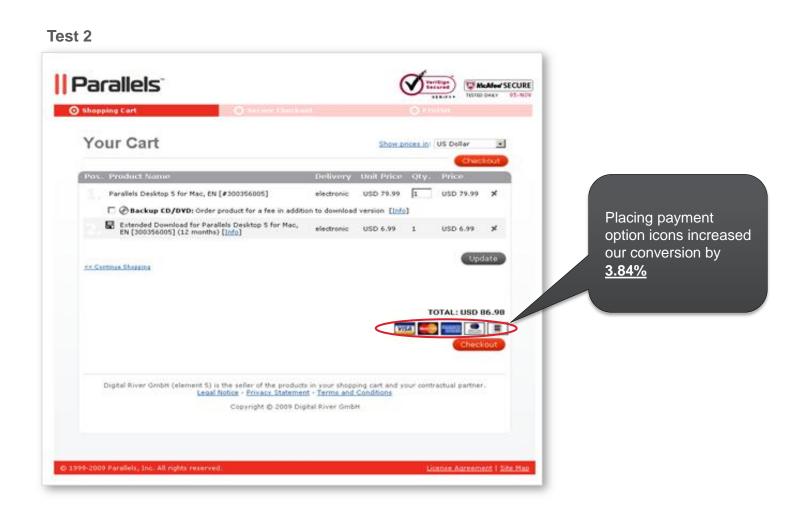
- Keep brand elements
- Enable visitor to get to desired destination easily and fast!











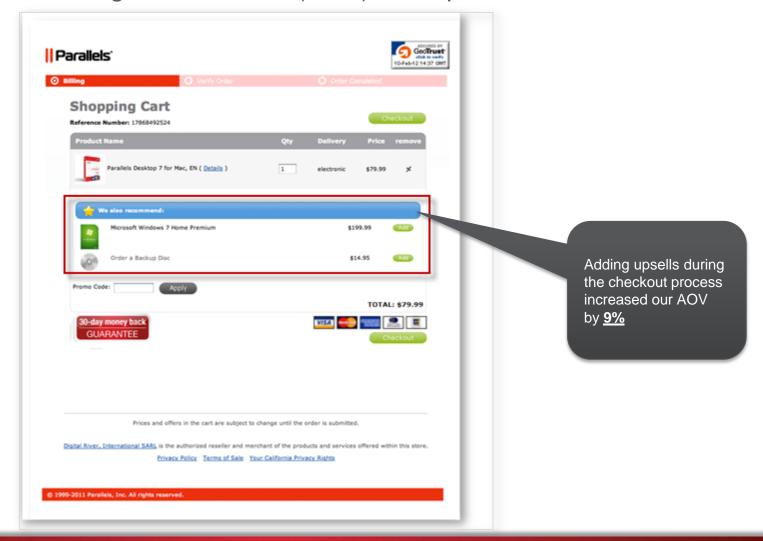
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Test 4 – Yes we tested the button color too!

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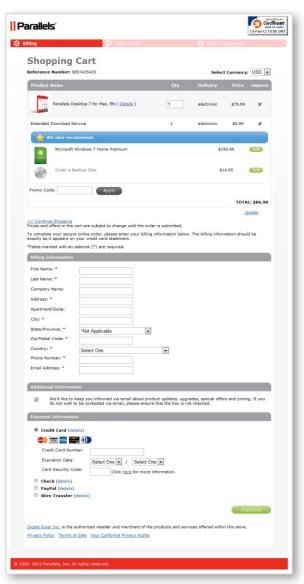
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In testing: Quick Cart checkout



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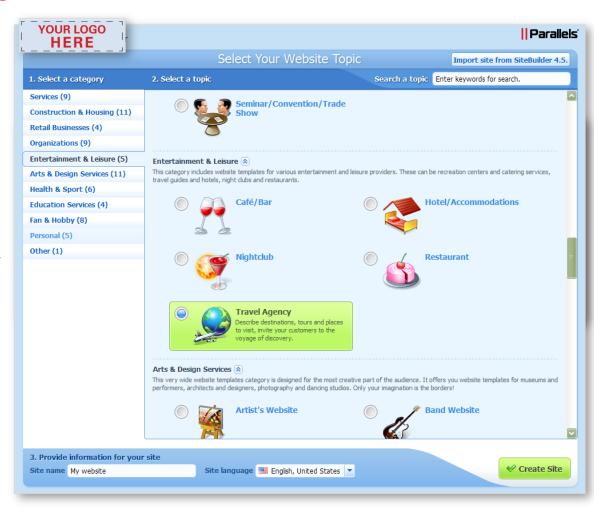
#### Best Practice: Leverage Plesk Features to Increase Stickiness

#### Web Presence Builder

- Easy, flexible sites for SMBs
- Integrate external services
- Social sharing
- Publish sites to Facebook
  - Web Presence Builder
     In Action

#### **For Hosters**

- Self-branding
- Trial acquisition scenario



#### Recommended Action Checklist

- Answer key questions:
  - Who are you and who do you want to be?
- Create a foundation using some simple templates
  - Messaging template
  - Voice template
- Make a plan to build out your website
  - Define web presence in the context of who you are and who you want to be
  - Component adoption
  - Customer engagement
- Run some cart optimization tests
- Proactively manage your website using metrics
  - Keep it simple

Evolve, Evolve, Evolve

#### Questions?



# Thank you!

