# The Psychological Benefits of Progress! • • • •



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## Do you remember...

The last time you were partying hard until the next morning, when you were about to...



## Leave the club...

In order to call for a Taxi to pick you up and then...



## Spending 30 Minutes...

That felt more like 2 hours, waiting.

Not knowing when or if the Taxi will arrive?



## Until...

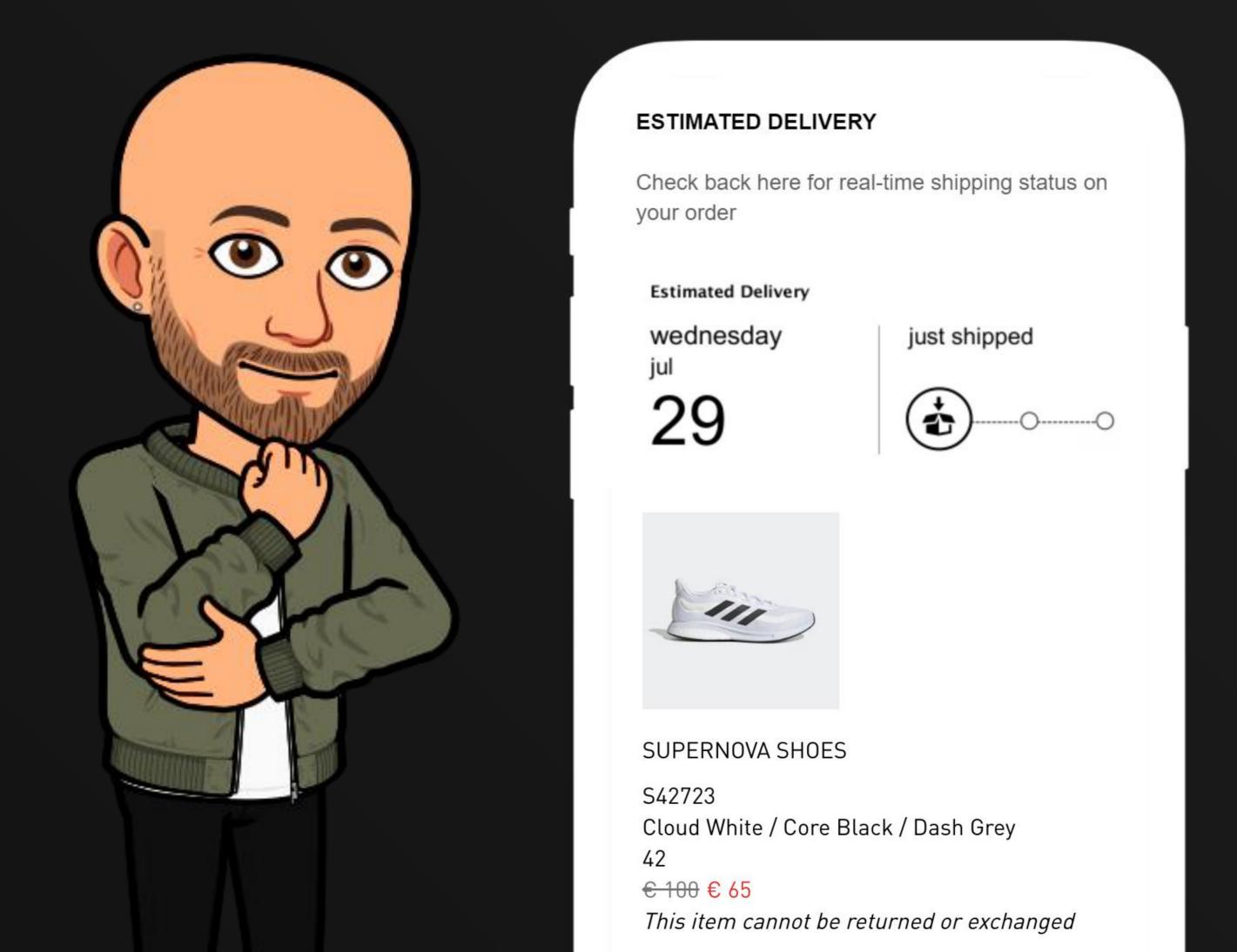
...It finally arrived after a decade.

## People hate to wait!

And this is a psychological effect called Chronoseption. It can cause people to feel frustrated and impatient when they are waiting for something.

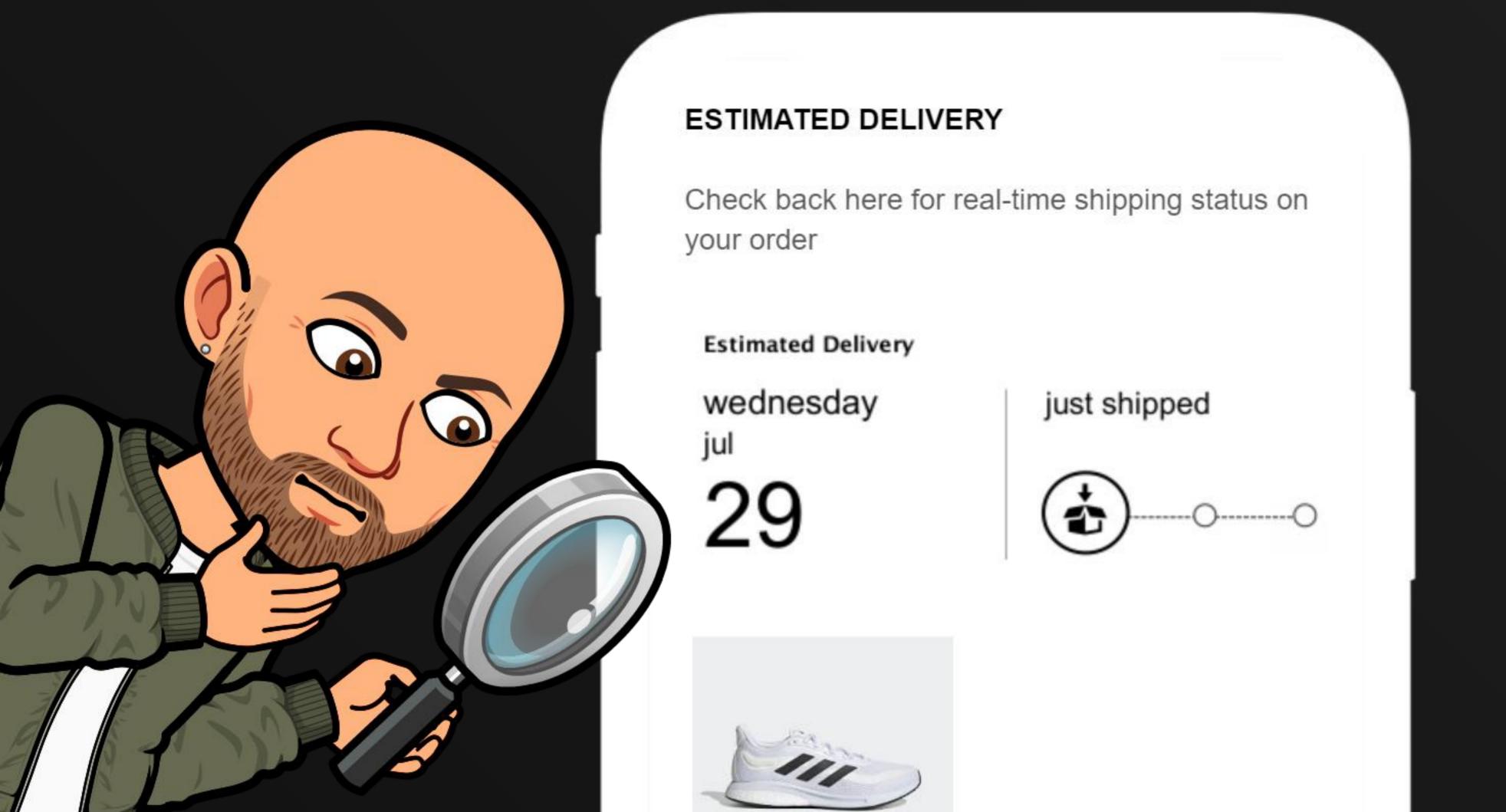
## For example...

Recently I have bough a new pair of running shoes but...



#### But...

Beside the information of receiving my order and shipping the product. I don't get any more information about the current process...



## This lack of progress creates 3 issues...



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- Decreased user satisfaction and engagement with the product.



## So, let us take a look at good Products!

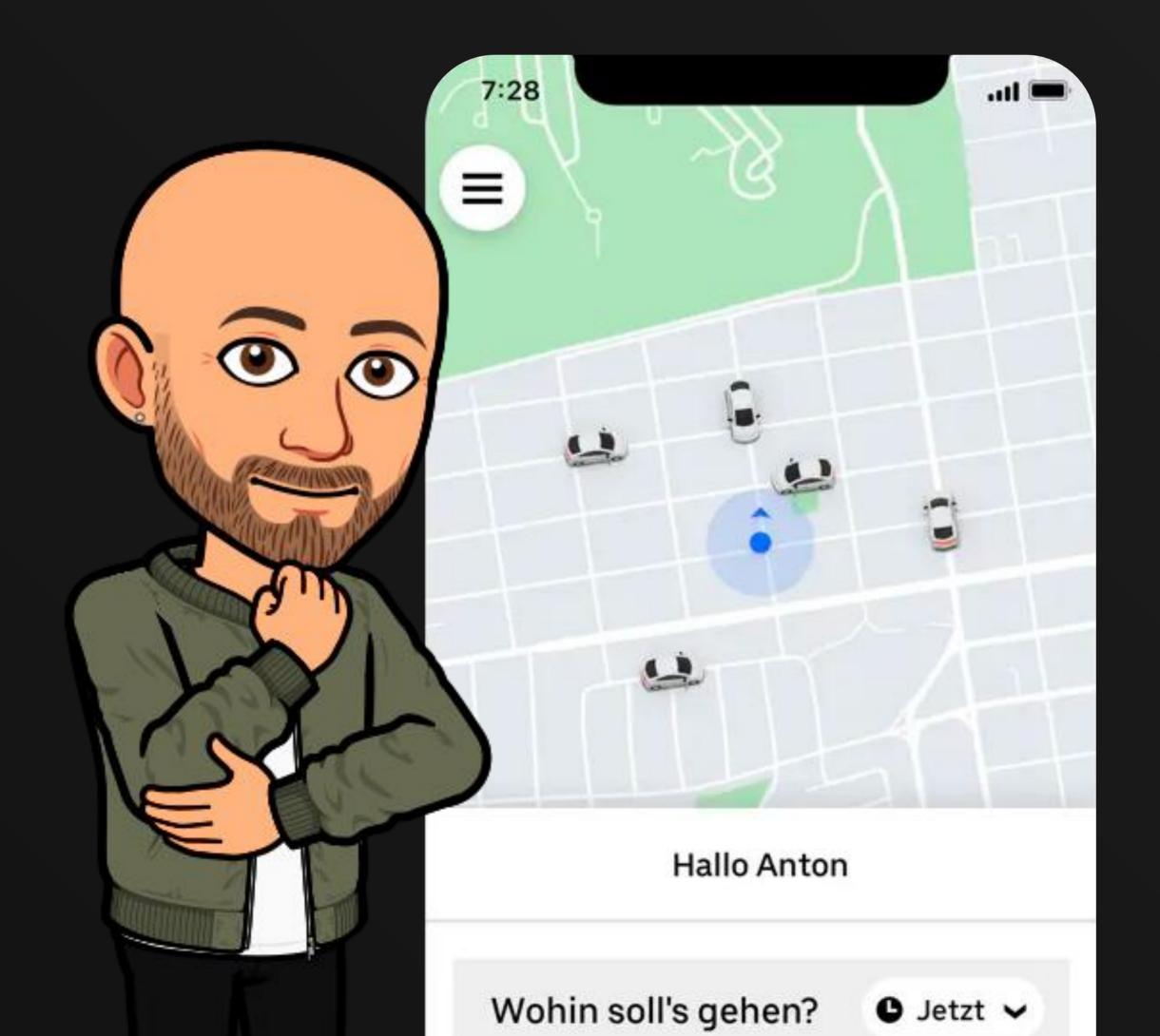
And how they solve the frustrating experience of waiting.

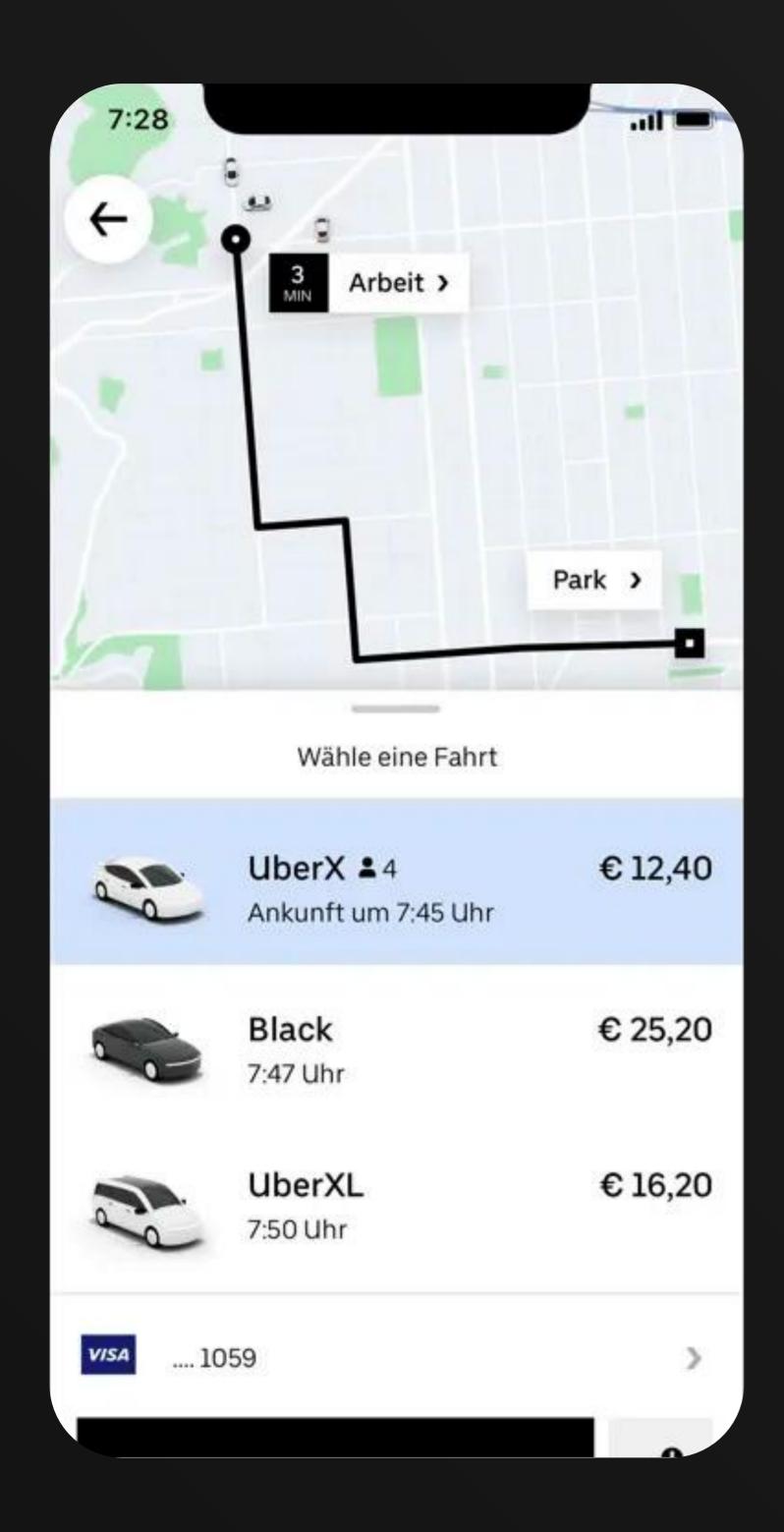
Here we go:



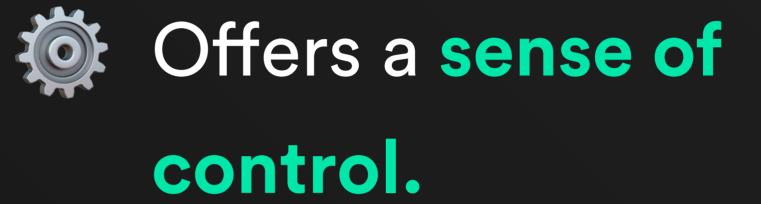
## - Uber's App...

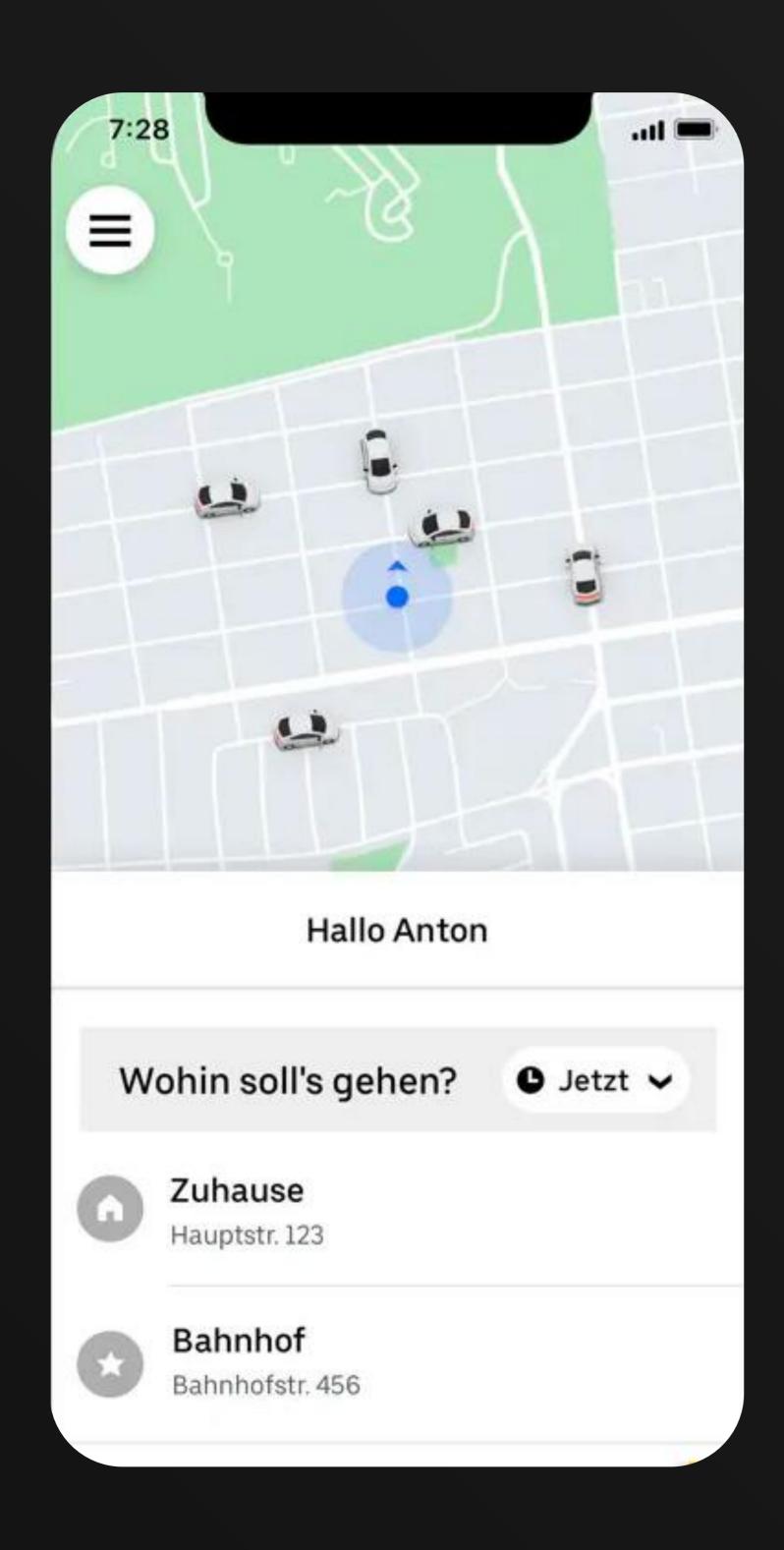
Provides users with real-time information about their driver's location, arrival time, and estimated time of arrival. This has 3 major benefits:





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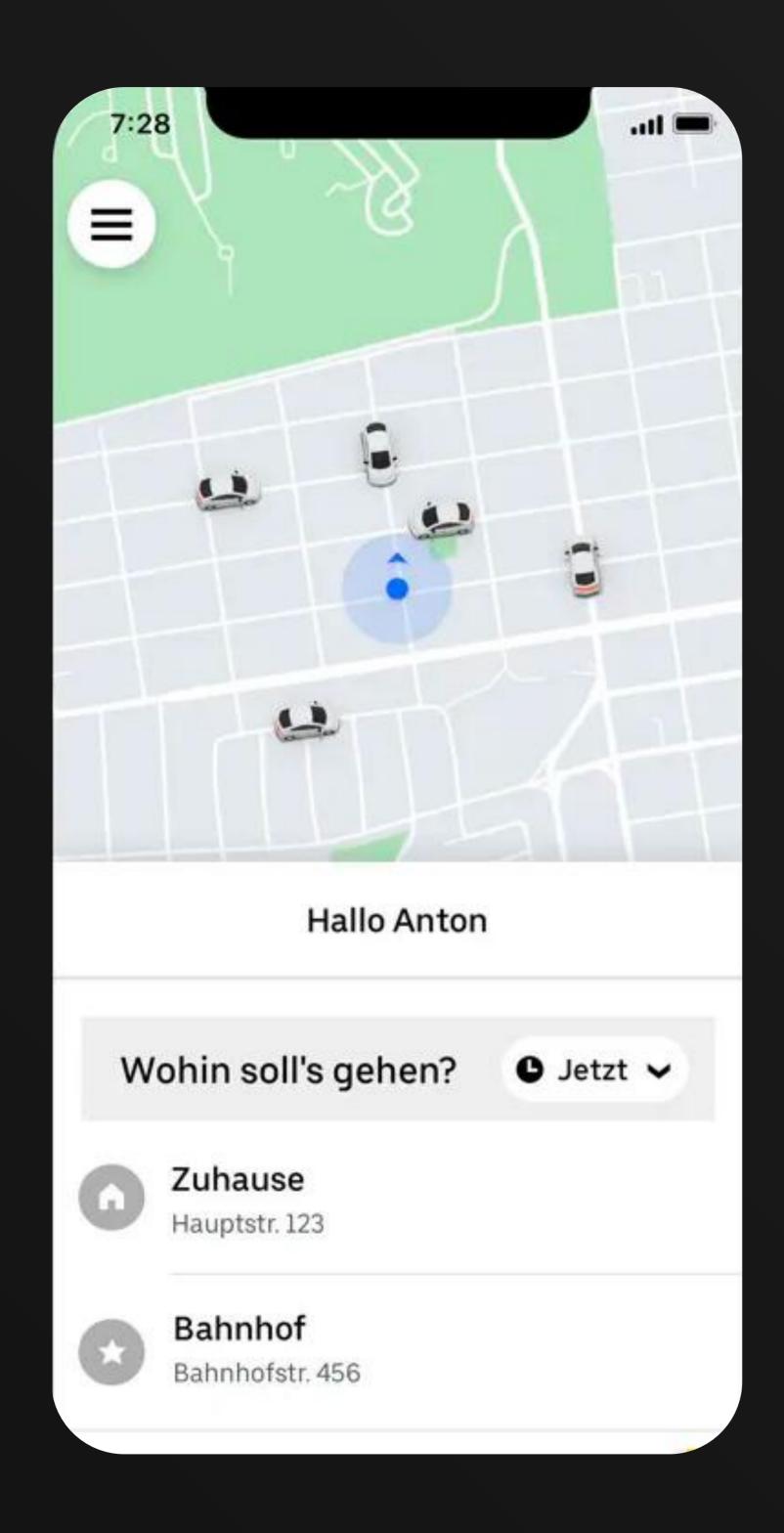




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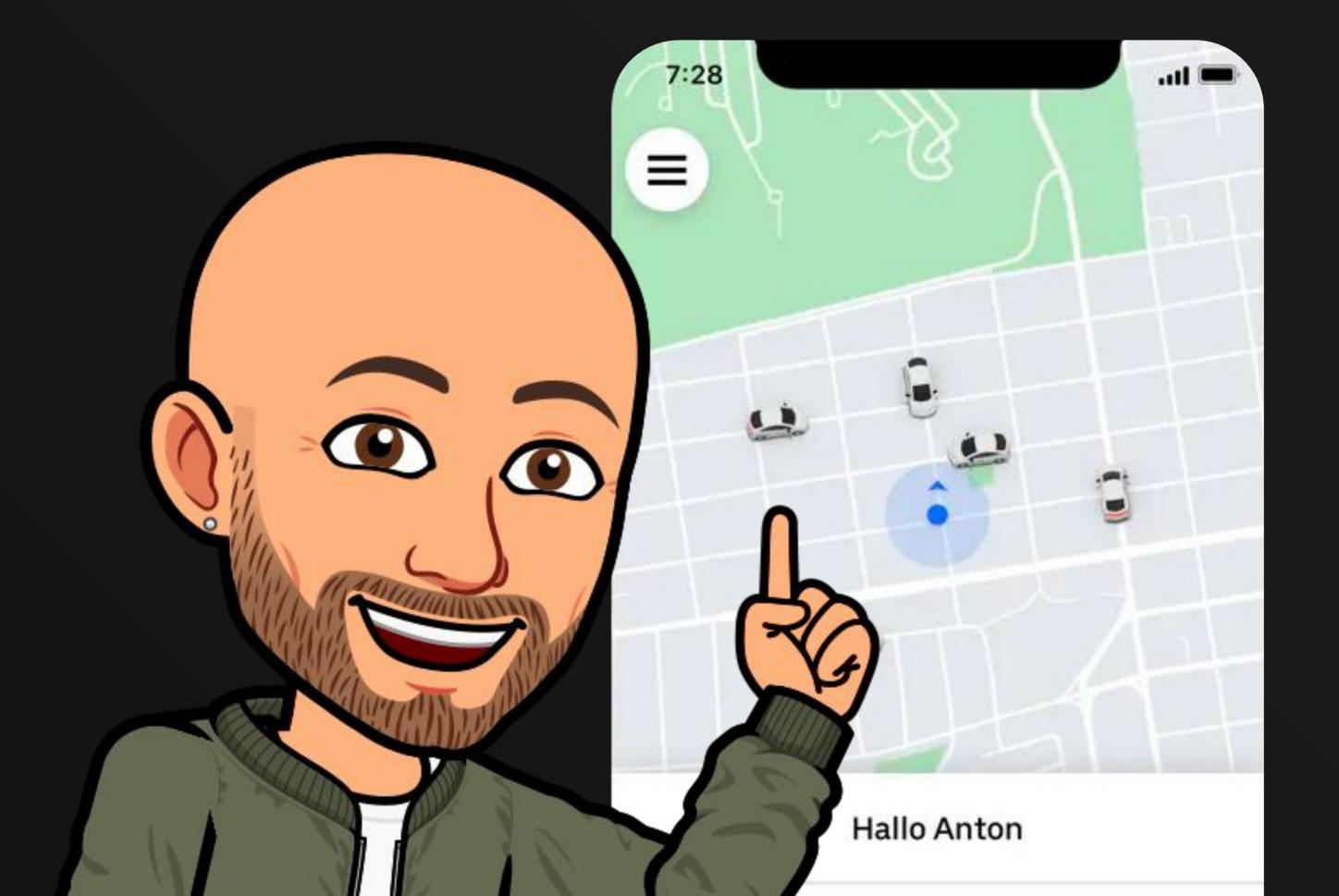


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- Increases trust and loyalty towards your product.

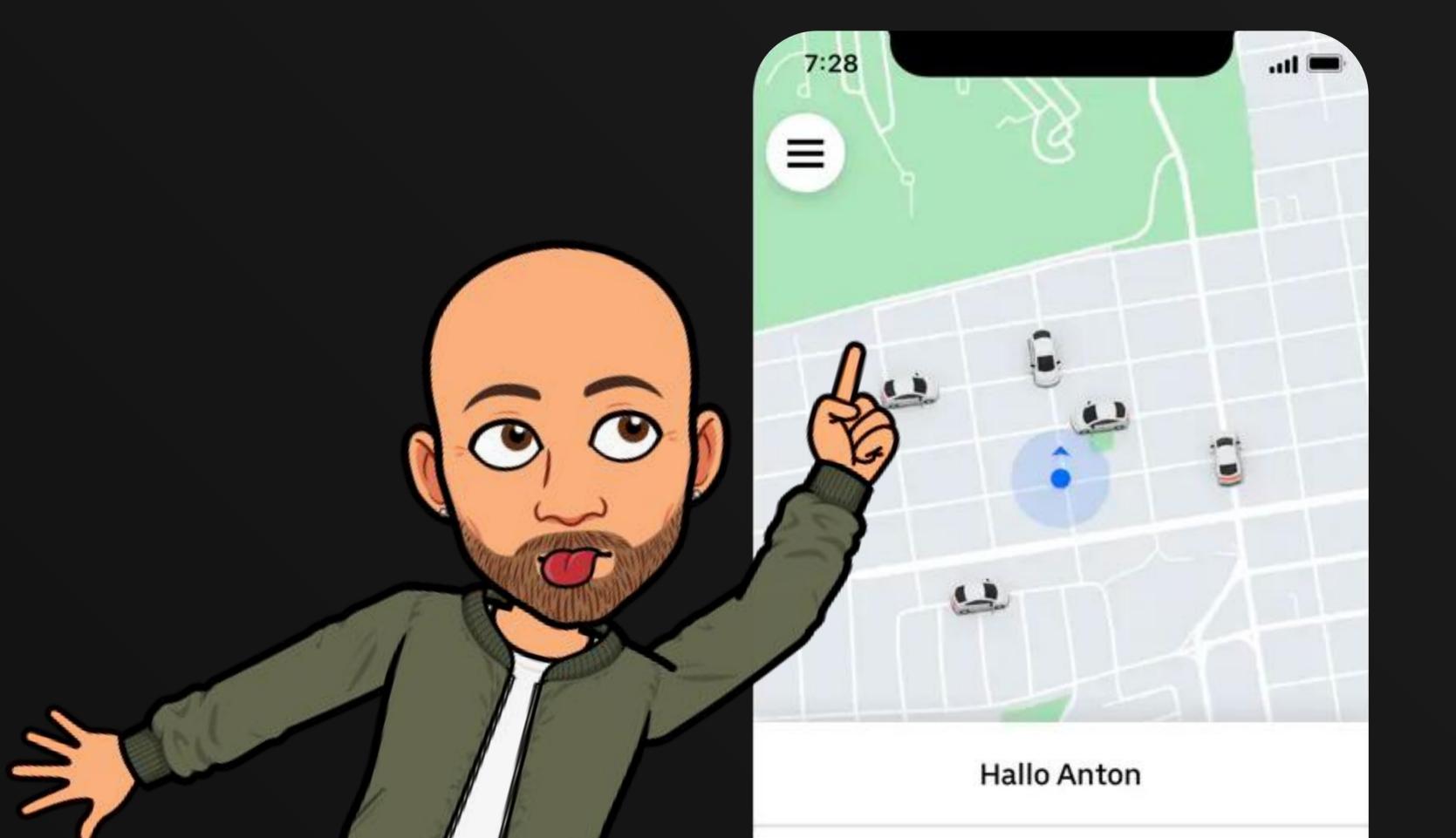
### - Overall...

Uber's success can be attributed in part to its effective use of chronoception, which provided users with real-time information and a sense of control.



### - Studies...

Reported that users who used the real-time map feature on Uber had a 6% higher retention rate compared to those who did not use the feature...



## — Did you know?

Duolingo, saw a 17% increase in user engagement and a 10% decrease in drop-off rates after incorporating a progress tracking?



## The importance of progress.

As humans, we are driven towards transparency.

Users are more likely to experience joy when they can see actual progress is being made.



## - Takeaways...

- V Display clear and accurate progress.
- Use visuals such as progress bars.
- Communicate with users if there is a delay or if the process will take longer than expected.



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