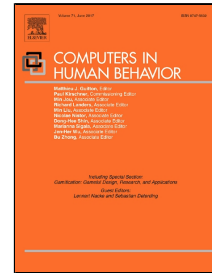


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**Highlights**

- Categorization effects on choice overload were tested in an online course catalog.
- Thematic (versus taxonomic) categories increased choice overload.
- Choice overload was pronounced for those familiar with the choice environment.
- Categorization affected browsing time, which could be used to a website's benefit.

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