Banking Transformation:

DIFFERENTIATION FOUND THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

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DELIVERING A DIFFERENTIATED BANKING EXPERIENCE.

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In banking, insurance, and all fintech there is a killer question that goes to the survival of your company. Why are you different? Why would a customer recommend you to a friend? In the past, that was based on a warm handshake and a comfortable game of golf. But that personal relationship is now being replaced with a digital ecosystem. A blizzard of touchpoints need to come together to deliver something easy, compelling, and somehow differentiated. This winning solution is found through the looking glass of customer centricity, and driven by human factors design science.

The challenge of differentiation is substantial. Any digital function can be quickly copied by competitors, and any offer can be matched. Therefore, they are never differentiators.

HOW CAN THE DIGITAL CHANNEL BE A REAL DIFFERENTIATOR?

You just HAVE to try that Bank! FUNCTIONS ARE EASY TO COPY

DEALS ARE EASY TO MATCH



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Companies are trying to make ease-of-use a differentiator, and there is still some time to make that work. However, the harsh reality is that EVERY institution is trying to make things easy, and the field of usability engineering is well established. I would say that usability is only 'Table Stakes'. If your banking experience tortures customers with technology, you just won't be in business. That is hardly enough. Let me give you FOUR practical ways in which your institution can differentiate and win in the market.











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Engineering performance and Persuasion





We started talking about 'PET' (Persuasion, Emotion, and Trust). Just as there was an engineering discipline around making things easy, there evolved a discipline around engineering the emotional experience of design. There is a methodology for PET, and there are a load of tools that can be used to develop trust, and influence decisions.



We can measure increased engagement and increased conversions when we use these methods. But really, THAT is still not a sustainable differentiator. Every bank can create scarcity with an offer that expires or use divestiture aversion by giving a free trial. We can make fees seem lower. We can create trust. But, the differentiator comes when the emotional experience is focused on a specific relationship with customers. We want all touchpoints to align with a frame and unique position. And that position must resonate with the customer's drives, blocks, beliefs, and feelings. If you have every channel manager thinking something different about that connection, there is really no hope.





Your Aspiration and What Managers think it Means

"CREATING A WONDERFUL WORLD"

- High Status
- Latest Cool Technology
- Good Connectivity
- Friendly Call Center Service
 - Safety in Disasters
 - Personalized Relationship
 - Social Connection
 - Humanized Technology
 - National Pride

To get a differentiated emotional connection there really has to be research providing a model of the customer's needs and understandings. That model can then be leveraged into a differentiated position, and validated with testing. This finally becomes the driver for the design of every touchpoint.



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CORE PERSUASION STRUCTURE

Relationship Theme



High Net Worth Investor

Pinancial mistakes can be catastrophic

🕛 Risk



I am special (and important) and have unique investment needs

"We Understand What Drives You"

Investment solutions must be based on your needs, both explained and unexplained.



Social Learning

Social Validation

Power of People we Like



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ECOSYSTEM BANKING





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DARPA was first, creating a 'system of systems' for the American military. Apple's success was greatly about how their offerings fit together. But we still do not have a single bank that delivers a successful ecosystem solution. It must be clear to users which channel to use. And there should not be a blizzard of sites and applications that need to be understood and navigated. Currently, it is common to find a frightening level of confusion. We had one client who offered customers three separate facilities: 'cell phone banking,' 'telephone banking,' and 'speech banking.' Obviously, each team worked in a silo.



Model Customer's Mental Model of the Bank

We understand our customer's "mental financial system" and offer simple financial solutions that span seamlessly across how a customer borrows, manages, stores and protects their financial resources.



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Once a channel is entered there should be a common 'pervasive information architecture,' meaning that the same language and structure should be used. If the site says 'Pay, Save, Borrow," the mobile applications, TV Banking, Voice Banking, and even the retail location should use the same language in the same order.



To be really successful, the process flow should also be consistent. Authentication and transactions should have the same tasks in the same sequence. There should not be unnecessary differences in the flow of work.

task	USSD	АТМ	Mobile (WAP)	Internet Banking
Login	Enter CSP	Enter Secret PIN	Enter Card number and CSP	Enter Card number, CSP and Password
Get Account Balance	1. Account balance 2. Select Account	 Balance Enquiry Which Account Display or Print 	1. Balance Enquiry	<balances login="" shown="" upon=""></balances>



AI PERSONALIZATION IN BANKING







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We can see how AI speeds risk assessment and improves outcomes. However, there is something far more powerful we can get from AI. We can learn how to dynamically adapt to our customers.

Bankers have spent a decade pushing for personalization. They did this because they experienced how a personalized approach increased conversion and share of wallet as a banker interacted with a customer. They pushed for personalized home pages, allowing the user to customize the dashboard to their exact needs. As predicated, few people used that customization, because actually, customers don't really care about designing their own banking experience. They would rather watch Netflix.

Al opens the possibility of real customization of the banking experience. This is a very new frontier and we are just now seeing our banking customers setting up frameworks to support this customization. But we have the prospect of adapting to the specific type of customer and adapting to the customer's current life stage and momentary interest. And beyond such 'next best action' adaptions we can adapt the interface to their current emotion and identify the persuasion engineering tools appropriate to each interaction.





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AI SUPPORTS SERIOUS PERSONALIZATION

The Technology we NEED...

Customer Data





A SUSTAINABLE CX PRACTICE IN BANKING

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A SUSTAINABLE CX PRACTICE IN BANKING

For over a decade, banking executives have been intent on succeeding at CX optimization. And yet the results have been disappointing. It is exciting to see a generation of executives emerging who understand what it takes to really be successful. The most difficult challenge always seems to be deploying CX capabilities in the organization. Human Centered Design is a challenging engineering profession based on three generations of work and billions of dollars in research. Reinventing this field cannot possibly succeed. However, obtaining staff for this work is not a trivial problem, and it is made worse by a blizzard of 12-minute videos on YouTube that teach people how to lie about being able to do human-centric design in job interviews.

Billions Worth of Research-Based Insights, Models, and Methods





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Hiring highly qualified practitioners will not solve the issue because that is like hiring hundreds of surgeons to make a hospital. It takes much more than just skilled staff to have a functioning CX Practice in an organization. I've spent almost 20 years learning how to do this work at scale (See 'Institutionalization of UX' from Addison-Wesley). It takes the right executive support, organization structure, governance, standards, methods, tools, and.... Well, you get the idea.

By having a strong practice at our core, Human Factors International, Inc. is a 'Customer Experience Integrator'. Not a 'Systems Integrator'. Sure, we can deliver, host, and maintain banking facilities. But we don't start with a technology stack. Instead, we begin by engineering a differentiated customer experience. We do this because it is the customer experience that creates real sustainable differentiation.





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A REAL CX INTEGRATOR

CX STRATEGY AND SERVICE DESIGN

We Take Full Accountability For End To End CX Solution Delivery





CAN YOU GET THERE?

There is a reason that banks, insurance companies, and fintech solutions have so often failed to deliver a great and differentiated customer experience. It is hard. Most of the time, it is not even possible to deliver the entire experience at once. No matter how large the digital transformation project, you generally must work by having a differentiated CX strategy, and then driving that into a series of channels.







HOW TO GET THERE FROM HERE







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VALUE OF SUCCESS

Human-Centered Design works. Again, and again, we see the impact of design on business results. That type of celebration is routine.







ADOPTED A SCIENTIFIC PROCESS TO UX REVAMP

Expert review of existing designs

Identify stakeholder expectations

Customer research – Identify customer needs / barriers / drivers

Concept design with key user journeys

Validate designs through customer research

Launch & ROI measurement





ADOPTED A SCIENTIFIC PROCESS TO UX REVAMP

Objective

- Measure impact of revised UI / UX based on identified metrics and analytics
- Analytics based inputs for continuous design refinement

FINANCIAL METRICS (COMPARISON WITH OLD APP)

72% more Transactions / user

42% more Value of Financial Transactions / user

2.05x more Non Financial Transactions / user

18x more Value of Bills Paid / user

75% more Financial Transactions / user

2.5x more IMPS Transactions / user

APP STORE RATINGS (COMPARISON WITH OLD APP)

11% better For Design

15% better App Stability

14% better Perceived Resource Usage (memory / battery)

25% better App Usability

10% better Perceived App Speed







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Please read the Business Value of Design (McKinsey Quarterly October 2018)*. You will see how the differentiator in banking has changed to the quality of experience design. You will see that the market mostly rewards the very best offerings. And we must ensure that being the very best is not a function of luck. A differentiated offering cannot happen based just on the inspiration from one person. You might think this can happen only with a Steve Jobs, but I think that large scale banking solutions are more complicated than the Apple ecosystem. You can see how Apple, without an institutionalized design practice, is struggling to expand their footprint. The real leaders in the future of banking are NOT like Steve Jobs. Instead, they are the executives who know how to mobilize human-centric design resources to yield a differentiated competitive experience.



