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How commercial banks can successfully navigate new trends and leverage digital transformation to remain competitive and meet the needs of their customers.



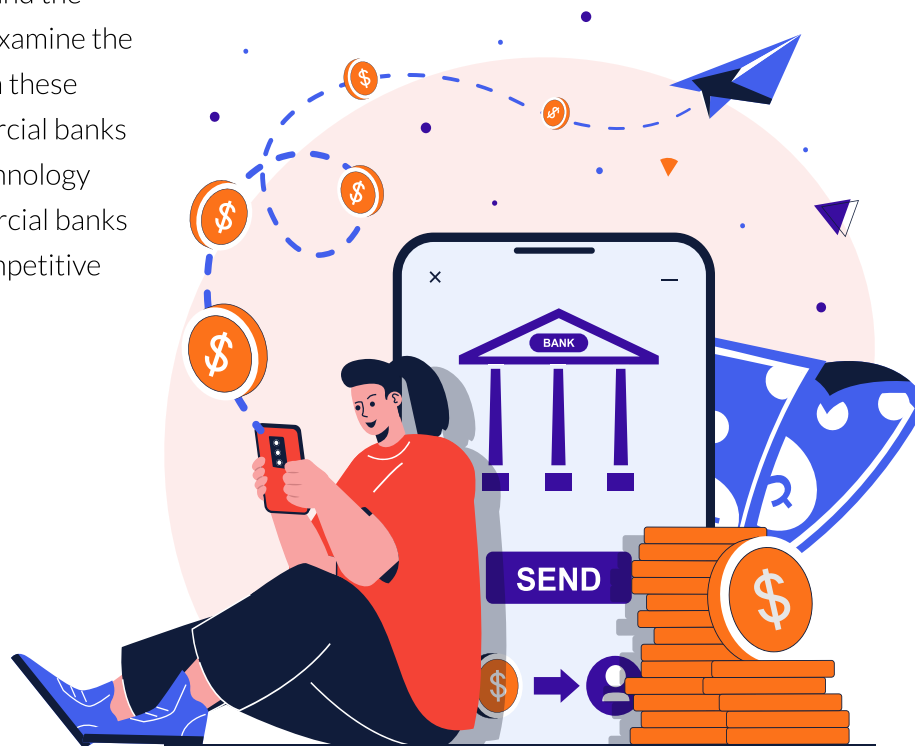
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Introduction

Commercial banking has been one of the most critical financial industry sectors, serving businesses and individuals with various financial services.

As technology and the economy continue to evolve, commercial banks must adapt to changing trends to stay competitive and meet the needs of their customers. In this eBook, we will explore some current trends in commercial banking, including the shift towards digital banking, the rise of fintech competitors, the increasing importance of data analytics, and the focus on customer experience. We will also examine the challenges and opportunities associated with these trends and provide insights into how commercial banks can stay ahead of the curve. However, as technology and the economy continue to evolve, commercial banks must adapt to changing trends to remain competitive and meet the needs of their customers.



Introduction



Digital transformation has become a critical aspect of commercial banking as banks seek to leverage the power of technology to enhance their business operations and improve customer experience. In this eBook, we will explore current commercial banking trends, including the shift towards digital banking, the rise of fintech competitors, the increasing importance of data analytics, and the focus on customer experience.

We will examine how these trends transform the commercial banking landscape and the opportunities and challenges they present to banks. For example, the shift towards digital banking has accelerated after the COVID-19 pandemic, as customers increasingly demand digital services and platforms. Banks that can provide a seamless and personalized digital banking experience will have a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

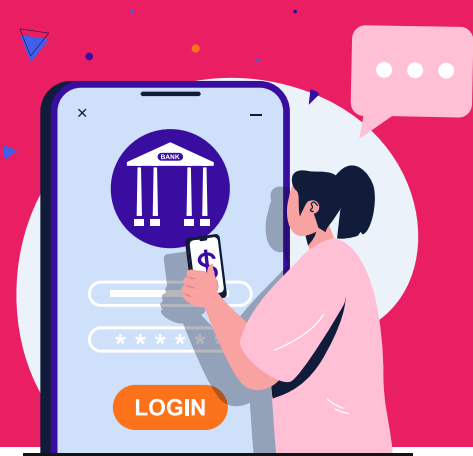
Fintech competitors have also emerged as significant players in commercial banking, offering innovative and often more convenient financial services. Banks must adapt to this new competitive landscape by leveraging their strengths and partnering with or acquiring fintech startups to access their technology and expertise.

Data analytics has become increasingly important in commercial banking as banks seek to gain insights into customer behavior and preferences. By analyzing customer data, banks can identify opportunities for cross-selling, personalized marketing, and risk management.

Finally, customer experience has become a key focus for banks as they seek to differentiate themselves in a crowded market. Banks are investing in technology and training to provide personalized and seamless experiences across all channels, including digital and physical.

In this eBook, we will provide insights and examples of how commercial banks can successfully navigate these trends and leverage digital transformation to remain competitive and meet the needs of their customers. Banks can improve efficiency, reduce costs, and ultimately provide a better customer experience by staying ahead of the curve.

Chapter 1: Digital Banking



Digital banking has become increasingly popular recently, and the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated its adoption. In this chapter, we will explore the drivers behind the growth of digital banking and the challenges and opportunities associated with it. We will also look at some examples of banks that have successfully implemented digital banking solutions using platforms like Liferay, Appian, and Veriday.

One of the main drivers behind the growth of digital banking is changing customer preferences. Customers today expect to be able to access banking services online or through mobile apps at any time, from any location. Digital banking provides this convenience and flexibility, allowing customers to manage their finances on the go.

Another driver is the need for greater efficiency. Digital banking can automate routine tasks and processes, freeing up staff to focus on higher-value activities. This can reduce costs and improve operational efficiency, increasing bank profitability.

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However, there are also challenges associated with digital banking, including security concerns and the need to comply with regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the European Union. Banks must take steps to protect customer data from unauthorized access or use and to ensure that their digital platforms are secure and resilient.

Despite these challenges, many opportunities are associated with digital banking, including the potential for increased revenue streams. Banks can use digital platforms to offer new products and services, such as digital account opening, mobile payments, and online loan applications. They can also leverage data analytics and machine learning to offer customers more personalized products and services, leading to increased customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Liferay, Appian, and Veriday are examples of platforms that can be used to implement digital banking solutions. Liferay provides a comprehensive platform for creating and managing digital experiences, including web portals, mobile apps, and personalized content. Appian offers a low-code platform for building digital applications, including those for banking and financial services. Veriday specializes in digital transformation, helping banks to design, build, and implement digital solutions that meet their unique needs and requirements.

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Examples of banks that have successfully implemented digital banking solutions using these platforms include JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. JPMorgan Chase has invested in digital platforms and services, including its mobile app, which allows customers to deposit checks, transfer money, and pay bills from their mobile devices. Goldman Sachs has launched Marcus, a digital bank offering personal loans and savings accounts built on the Appian platform.

Overall, digital banking is a trend that is here to stay, and banks that can implement digital solutions successfully will have a competitive advantage in the marketplace. By leveraging platforms like Liferay, Appian, and Veriday, banks can provide their customers with the convenience and flexibility they expect while improving operational efficiency and increasing profitability.

HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations, operating in more than 60 countries. HSBC used Liferay to build a new online banking portal for its commercial customers as part of its ongoing digital transformation efforts.

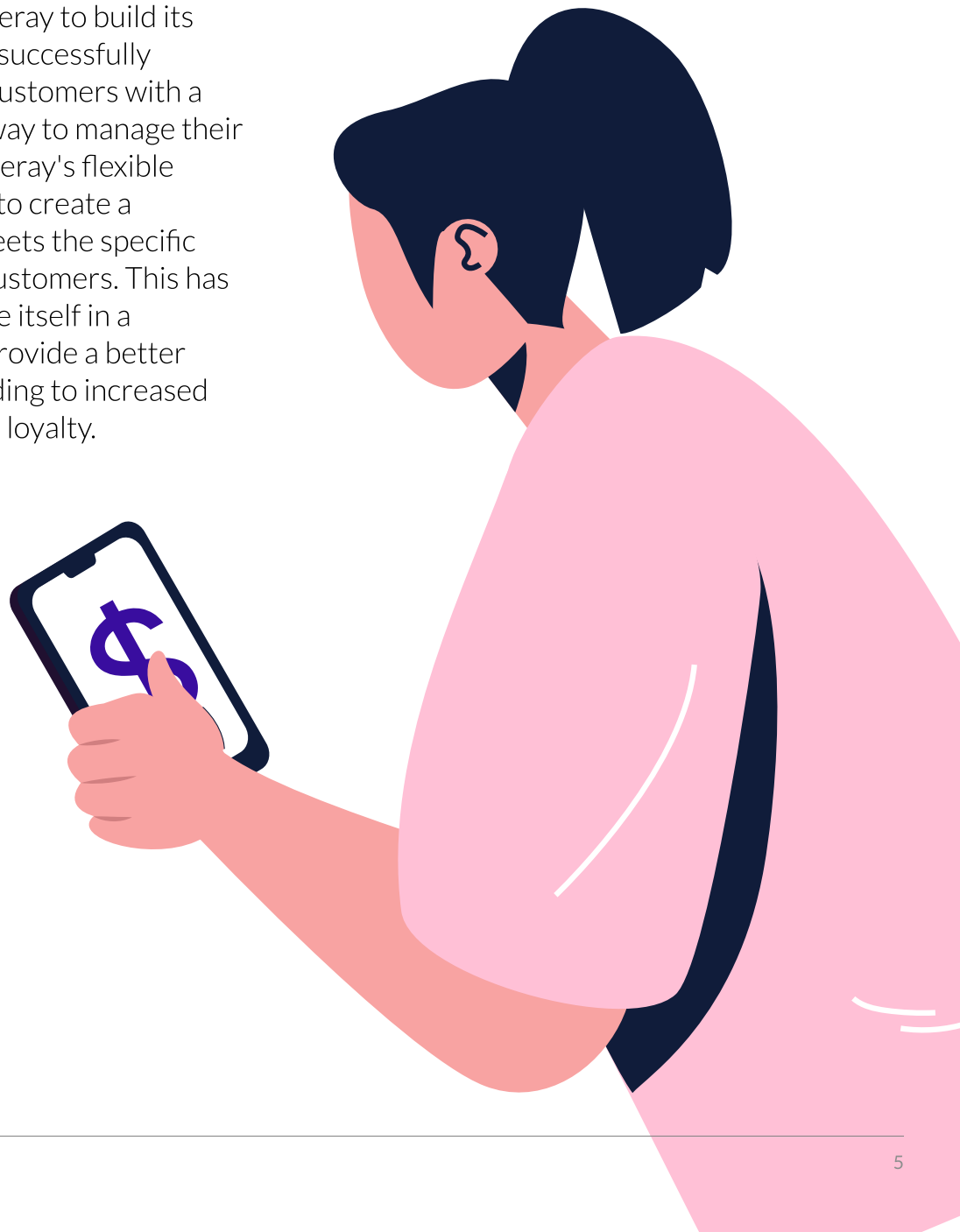
The portal includes various features to make banking more accessible and convenient for commercial customers. One of the critical features of the portal is account management, allowing customers to view their account balances, transaction history, and other account details in real time. This gives customers greater visibility and control over their finances, which is particularly important for businesses that must manage their cash flow effectively.

In addition to account management, the portal includes payment features, allowing customers to make payments quickly and securely. Customers can initiate wire transfers, pay bills, and manage their payment approvals all within the portal. This reduces the need for customers to visit a physical bank branch or use multiple banking platforms, making banking more convenient and efficient.

Another essential feature of the portal is trade finance. This feature allows commercial customers to access HSBC's trade finance services to help businesses manage their international trade transactions. Customers can apply for trade finance products, such as letters of credit or guarantees, and track the status of their applications within the portal.

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Overall, HSBC's use of Liferay to build its online banking portal has successfully provided its commercial customers with a convenient and efficient way to manage their finances. By leveraging Liferay's flexible platform, HSBC was able to create a customized portal that meets the specific needs of its commercial customers. This has helped HSBC differentiate itself in a competitive market and provide a better customer experience, leading to increased customer satisfaction and loyalty.



Chapter 2: Fintech Competitors



Fintech startups have emerged as disruptors to traditional banks, offering innovative and often more convenient financial services. Fintech firms are leveraging technology to provide products, such as online lending, digital wallets, and investment platforms, that mobile apps can access easily. In this chapter, we will explore how fintech companies are disrupting the traditional banking industry and how commercial banks are responding to this trend.

One of the key ways fintech companies disrupt the traditional banking industry is by offering more personalized service. Fintech startups can leverage customer data to provide customized products and services to their customers, which is often not possible for traditional banks due to their large size and legacy systems. For example, Robinhood, a fintech firm that offers commission-free trading, has attracted millennial investors by providing a mobile app that offers personalized investment recommendations and real-time market data.

Another way in which fintech firms are also disrupting the traditional banking industry is by offering lower costs. By leveraging technology to automate routine tasks and processes, fintech startups can reduce their costs and offer products and services at lower prices. For example, Acorns, a fintech startup that offers a micro-investment app, charges a low monthly fee for its service, which has attracted many young investors looking for an affordable way to invest.

In response to the rise of fintech competitors, many commercial banks are partnering with or acquiring fintech startups to access their technology and expertise. For example, JPMorgan Chase has invested in many fintech firms, including Bill.com and Acorns, while Goldman Sachs acquired Clarity Money and is using its technology to build a new digital wealth management platform. These partnerships allow banks to leverage the innovative technology and expertise of fintech startups while maintaining their core strengths in regulatory compliance, risk management, and customer trust.

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Example of Liferay Customer: Citibank

Citibank, a leading global bank, leveraged Liferay to launch a new digital banking platform called CitiDirect BE®. The platform was developed to provide commercial clients with a more personalized and intuitive experience, and to allow them to manage their accounts and transactions in a more streamlined and efficient manner.

The CitiDirect BE® platform includes a range of features designed to make banking more convenient for commercial clients. These features include real-time account information and balances, access to transaction history, and the ability to initiate and approve payments. The platform also provides a personalized dashboard that allows clients to view their key account information and important notifications.

Liferay was chosen as the platform for the CitiDirect BE® platform because of its ability to provide a highly customized and flexible user experience. The platform allows Citibank to quickly create and deploy new features and services, while also providing robust security features to protect client data.

Example of Appian Customer: Santander Bank

Santander Bank, a global bank with operations in Europe, Latin America, and the United States, partnered with Appian to develop a new digital platform for its commercial clients. The platform, called Workbench, provides commercial clients with a range of features designed to make banking more convenient and efficient.

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The Workbench platform includes a range of features, such as real-time transaction tracking, automated workflows for payment processing, and the ability to initiate and approve payments on the go. The platform also provides detailed analytics and insights into account activity, allowing clients to identify cost-saving trends and opportunities.

Appian was chosen as the Workbench platform because it provides a low-code platform for building digital applications quickly and easily. The platform allowed Santander Bank to develop and launch Workbench in just six months while also providing the flexibility to adapt the platform to the specific needs of its clients.

Overall, fintech competitors are driving significant change in the commercial banking industry. By leveraging innovative technology and offering more personalized and affordable financial services, fintech startups are challenging traditional banks and changing the expectations of customers. Commercial banks must adapt to this new reality by partnering with or acquiring fintech firms and using platforms like Liferay, Appian, and Veriday to implement digital solutions that meet customers' changing needs.



Chapter 3: Data Analytics

Data analytics has become a critical aspect of commercial banking as banks leverage customer data to gain insights into customer behavior and preferences. By analyzing customer data, banks can identify opportunities for cross-selling, personalized marketing, and risk management.

One of the critical areas where data analytics is used in commercial banking is credit underwriting processes. Banks use data analytics to improve their credit risk assessment processes by analyzing credit data, transaction history, and other relevant data sources. Using machine learning algorithms and predictive modeling, banks can make more accurate and timely credit decisions, reducing the risk of default.

Data analytics is also being used to detect and prevent fraud in commercial banking. Banks can quickly detect and prevent fraudulent activities by analyzing transaction data and identifying patterns and anomalies. This has become increasingly important as fraudsters find new ways to exploit vulnerabilities in the banking system.

Another area where data analytics is being used in commercial banking is in predicting customer churn. By analyzing customer data, such as transaction history and customer service interactions, banks can identify customers at risk of leaving and take proactive steps to retain them.

However, there are also challenges associated with data analytics in commercial banking. One major challenge is data privacy concerns, as banks must ensure that they are using customer data responsibly and ethically. Another challenge is specialized expertise, as data analytics requires advanced technical skills and knowledge.

Data analytics has become an essential tool for commercial banks seeking to improve their operations and better serve their customers. Banks that successfully leverage data analytics can gain a competitive advantage by providing more personalized and efficient services while also reducing risk and improving profitability.

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Liferay and Appian are platforms that can implement data analytics solutions in commercial banking.

Example of Liferay Customer: BBVA

BBVA, a global bank headquartered in Spain, leveraged Liferay to develop a new digital platform called BBVA Valora. The platform gives users real-time insights into the value of residential properties, allowing them to make more informed decisions when buying or selling properties.

BBVA Valora uses data analytics to provide users with accurate property valuations. The platform aggregates data from various sources, such as property listings and public records, to provide users with a comprehensive view of the property market. The platform also uses machine learning algorithms to analyze user behavior and preferences, allowing it to provide personalized recommendations and insights.

Liferay was chosen as the platform for BBVA Valora because of its ability to provide a highly customized and flexible user experience. The platform allows BBVA to quickly create and deploy new features and services while also providing robust security features to protect user data.

Example of Appian Customer: Bank of Queensland

Bank of Queensland, a leading Australian bank, partnered with Appian to develop a new digital platform called NewGen. The platform uses data analytics to provide customers with a more personalized and seamless banking experience.

NewGen uses machine learning algorithms to analyze customer data, such as transaction history and spending patterns, to provide personalized product recommendations and financial advice. The platform also offers real-time alerts and notifications to customers, allowing them to manage their finances more effectively.

Appian was chosen as the platform for NewGen because it provides a low-code platform for building digital applications quickly and easily. The platform allowed the Bank of Queensland to develop and launch NewGen in just six months while also providing the flexibility to adapt the platform to the specific needs of its customers.

Chapter 4: Customer Experience



Customer experience has become a key focus for banks as they seek to differentiate themselves in a crowded market. Banks can build customer loyalty and drive growth by providing personalized and seamless experiences across all channels, including digital and physical.

One way banks are investing in customer experience is by leveraging technology to provide more convenient and efficient services. For example, many banks are investing in mobile apps that allow customers to manage their accounts and conduct transactions on the go. They also use artificial intelligence and machine learning to provide personalized recommendations and predictive insights based on customer behavior.

Banks that demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility and sustainability are likely to attract and retain customers who value these principles.

Banks are also investing in training to ensure their employees have the skills and knowledge necessary to provide excellent customer service. This includes training on communication skills, product knowledge, and problem-solving.

In addition to providing personalized and seamless experiences, banks are also focusing on social responsibility and sustainability. This includes initiatives such as reducing their carbon footprint, investing in renewable energy, and supporting community development projects. Banks that demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility and sustainability are likely to attract and retain customers who value these principles.

Wells Fargo and Citigroup are examples of banks that are leading the way in customer experience. Wells Fargo has invested heavily in technology and training to provide personalized and efficient services to its customers. The bank also has a strong commitment to social responsibility, with initiatives focused on environmental sustainability and community development.

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Citigroup has also invested in technology to provide a seamless customer experience, including mobile banking and digital account management tools. The bank has also implemented training programs to ensure that its employees are equipped with the skills necessary to provide excellent customer service. Citigroup has also made a commitment to sustainability, with initiatives focused on reducing its carbon footprint and promoting environmental stewardship.

Overall, customer experience has become a key differentiator in the banking industry, with banks investing in technology, training, and social responsibility to provide personalized and seamless experiences to their customers. By prioritizing customer experience, banks can build stronger relationships with their customers, drive growth, and remain competitive in a rapidly evolving industry.

Examples of customers of Liferay who have achieved an improved customer experience:

Bank of New Zealand (BNZ): BNZ used Liferay to develop a new online banking platform that provided customers with a more personalized experience. The platform allowed customers to view their account information, transfer funds, and apply for loans online. The platform also included a personalized dashboard that displayed relevant information based on the customer's financial situation.

Reference: <https://www.liferay.com/resources/case-studies/bank-of-new-zealand>

SunTrust: SunTrust used Liferay to develop a new digital platform that provided customers with a more streamlined and personalized experience. The platform allowed customers to view their account information, make payments, and manage their finances online. The platform also included a chatbot feature that provided customers with immediate assistance.

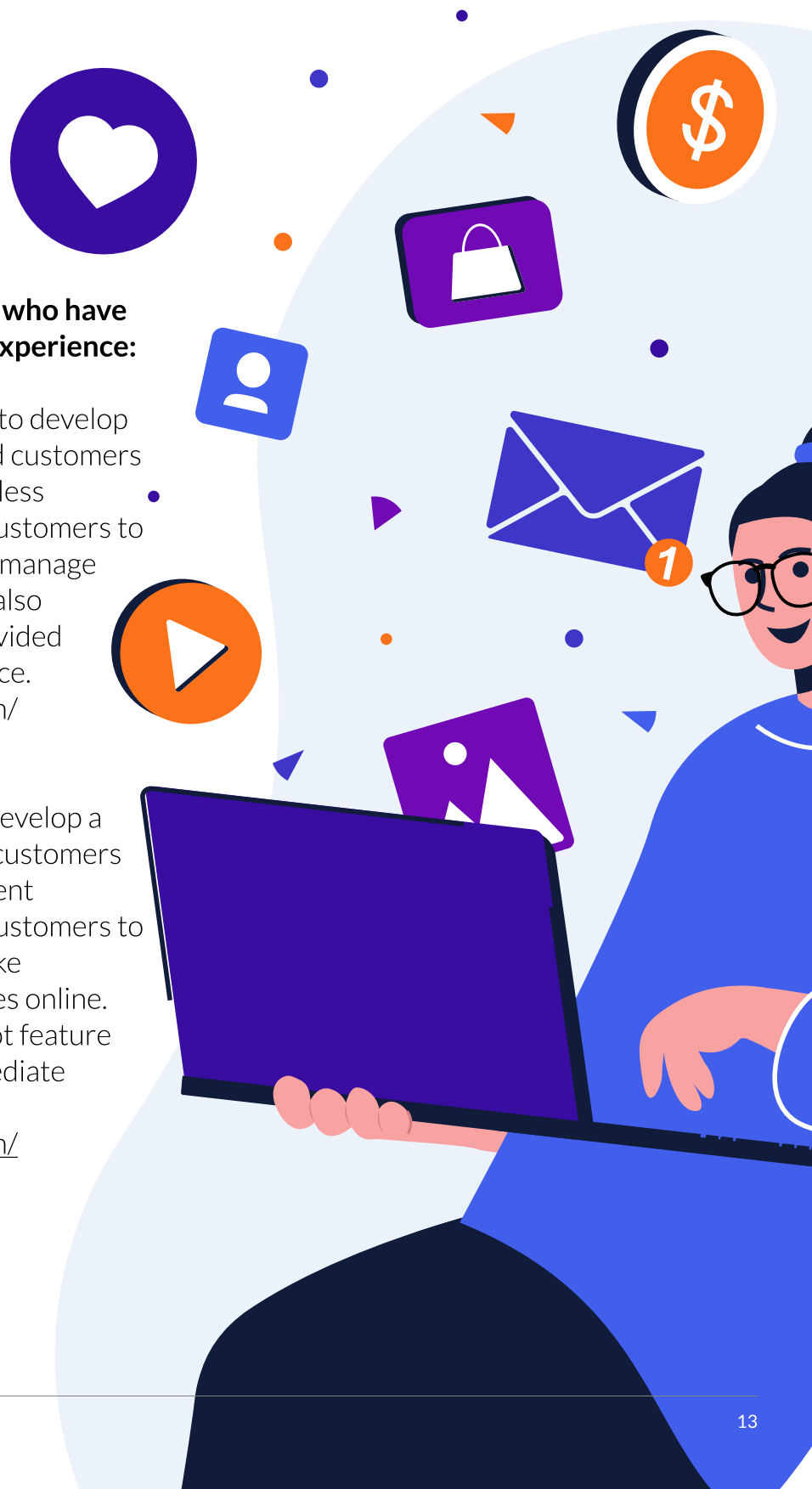
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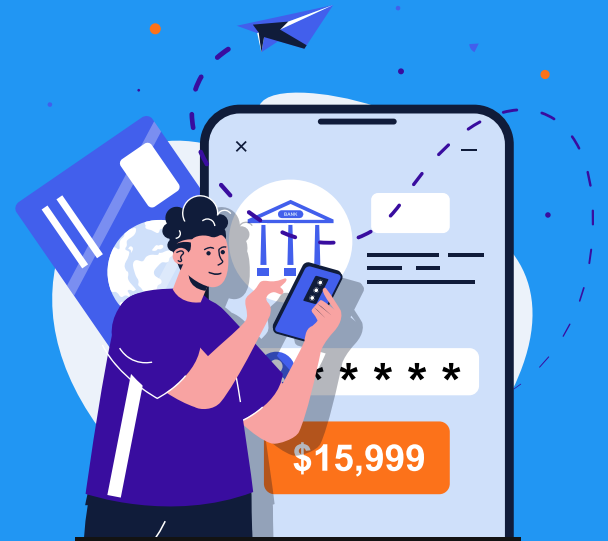
Examples of customers of Appian who have achieved an improved customer experience:

Santander: Santander used Appian to develop a new digital platform that provided customers with a more personalized and seamless experience. The platform allowed customers to open accounts, apply for loans, and manage their finances online. The platform also included a chatbot feature that provided customers with immediate assistance. Reference: <https://www.appian.com/resources/case-studies/santander/>

Barclays: Barclays used Appian to develop a new digital platform that provided customers with a more personalized and efficient experience. The platform allowed customers to view their account information, make payments, and manage their finances online. The platform also included a chatbot feature that provided customers with immediate assistance. Reference: <https://www.appian.com/resources/case-studies/barclays/>



Chapter 5: AI and ML in Commercial Banking



Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are becoming increasingly important in commercial banking as banks seek to leverage the power of data to make better decisions and improve operational efficiency. In this chapter, we will examine the ways in which banks are using AI and ML to enhance their business operations, including credit underwriting, fraud detection, and customer service.

One area where AI and ML are being used in commercial banking is in credit underwriting. By analyzing a broader range of data points than traditional credit underwriting models, including non-traditional data such as social media activity and online purchasing behavior, AI and ML algorithms are able to make more accurate and timely credit decisions, reducing the bank's risk of default. This can result in faster loan approvals, reduced loan losses, and increased profitability for the bank.

Another area where AI and ML are being used in commercial banking is in fraud detection and prevention. By analyzing patterns in transaction data, AI and ML algorithms can identify potentially fraudulent activity and take action to prevent it. This can help banks to reduce losses from fraudulent activity, while also providing a better experience for their customers by reducing the risk of fraud-related disruptions to their accounts.

In addition, AI and ML are being used in commercial banking for a range of other purposes, including customer service and marketing. For example, some banks are using chatbots powered by AI and ML to provide 24/7 customer service support to their customers. Others are using AI and ML to analyze customer data and offer targeted marketing campaigns to specific customer segments.

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While the benefits of AI and ML in commercial banking are clear, there are also challenges associated with implementing these technologies. One of the biggest challenges is ensuring the security and privacy of customer data. Banks must take steps to protect customer data from unauthorized access or use, and to comply with relevant regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the European Union.

Another challenge is the need for specialized expertise in AI and ML. Banks must have access to skilled professionals who can develop and maintain AI and ML algorithms and manage the infrastructure needed to support these technologies.

Despite these challenges, the benefits of AI and ML in commercial banking are significant, and banks that are able to implement these technologies successfully will have a competitive advantage in the marketplace. By leveraging the power of data and AI and ML algorithms, banks can make more informed decisions, reduce risk, and improve efficiency, ultimately leading to increased profitability and a better customer experience.

Examples of commercial banks using AI or ML with Liferay:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia: Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) used Liferay to develop a new digital platform that leveraged AI to provide customers with personalized financial advice. The platform used machine learning algorithms to analyze customer data and provide recommendations for investments, insurance, and savings.

Examples of commercial banks using AI or ML with Appian:

HSBC: HSBC used Appian to develop a new digital platform that leveraged AI to improve credit underwriting processes. The platform used machine learning algorithms to analyze credit data and provide more accurate and timely credit decisions.

Banco Santander: Banco Santander used Appian to develop a new digital platform that leveraged AI to improve customer service. The platform used natural language processing and sentiment analysis to analyze customer interactions and provide personalized responses. The platform also included a chatbot feature that provided customers with immediate assistance.

In Conclusion



In conclusion, commercial banks are facing a rapidly evolving landscape that requires them to adapt to changing trends to remain competitive and meet the needs of their customers. The shift towards digital banking, the rise of fintech competitors, the increasing importance of data analytics, and the focus on customer experience are all trends that are reshaping the commercial banking industry. These trends offer opportunities for commercial banks to improve their efficiency, reduce their risk, and increase their profitability, but they also present challenges such as cybersecurity concerns and the need for specialized expertise.

To succeed in this changing environment, commercial banks must embrace these trends and invest in new technologies and processes to stay ahead of the curve. They must also be willing to partner with fintech companies and acquire the necessary expertise to leverage the power of data analytics and AI.

Additionally, commercial banks must focus on providing a seamless and personalized customer experience across all channels, including digital and physical, and demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility and sustainability.

Overall, the future of commercial banking looks promising for those who are willing to embrace change and invest in the latest technologies and processes. By doing so, commercial banks can position themselves for success and provide their customers with the innovative and personalized financial services they demand in the digital age.

Additionally, commercial banks must focus on providing a seamless and personalized customer experience across all channels, including digital and physical, and demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility and sustainability.

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