## How modernizing in-branch account opening deepens member relationships and increases satisfaction

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# is a fintech firm helping traditional financial institutions modernize and grow.

100+ customers Omnichannel account opening software

Billions in deposits per year





Brad Bergmooser, President and CEO of Financial Plus Credit Union



Saving 100+ hours a month on in-branch account opening while deepening member relationships, and increasing NPS

### Financial Plus Credit Union



- 82,000+ Members
- \$1.4B in assets
- HQ in Flint, MI
- 12 branches
- Jack Henry Symitar Core

#### Agenda

- 2024 -2025 strategic priorities
- A Netflix-like member experience
- Digitizing the branch network: Financial
  Plus Credit Union's story
- Best practices for change management
- Q&A

## 2024 -2025 strategic priorities





Growing deposits (44%)



Account holder acquisition (38%)



Increasing operational efficiency (36%)



Improving account holder experience (34%)

#### **Poll Question: 1**

#### What is your credit union's number one strategic priority heading into 2025?

- Growing deposits
- Account holder acquisition
- Increasing operational efficiency
- Improving account holder experience

The evolving role of the branch:

#### Branches are back



Credit unions are expanding their branch footprint -> at the end of Q1 2024, there were 146 more credit union locations than a year earlier



#### The branch landscape

#### Doubling down on branches

Seven out of ten banking executives (69%) report that their institution's strategic plans call for increases in the size of their branch networks over the next five years

#### Unlock deposit growth

Banks and credit unions plan to increase commercial, small business and retail deposits by augmenting in-branch experience

#### **Efficiency problems**

On average, 5.5 in-branch employees play a role in the new account opening process

#### Poll Question: 2

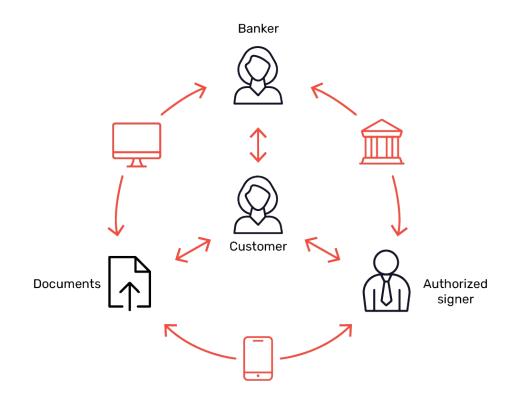
#### What is the most important role your branches play for your credit union?

- Fostering stronger relationships with existing members
- Cross-selling
- Growth driver for new member acquisition
- Member convenience
- Branding and market awareness

## Offering a "Netflix-like" member experience

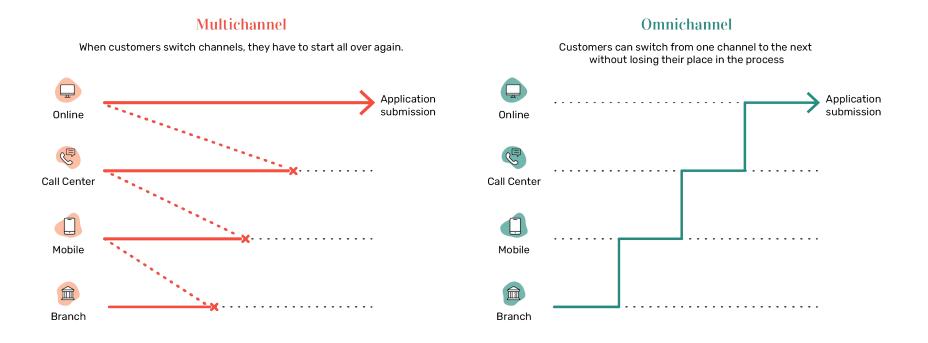
## Meet your members where they are: omnichannel account origination

- Bridges the gap between online, in-branch and call centers
- Real-time syncing across channels
- Consistent experience for bankers and customers
- Seamless handoff between devices





#### Continuity of conversation is key



Overhauled an online account opening process that required every new account to be reviewed manually

Reduced the time it takes to open an account online from 10-15 minutes to four minutes while significantly increasing the approval rate

Members can start an application online, and resume it in-branch. Or visa-versa

The warm handoff between devices and channels is seamless

## Digitizing the in-branch experience

The branch strategy vision: give your best resource, your incredible team, back to your members

Previous workflow built into its core system

A guide titled "100 easy steps to open an account"

Up to ~30 minutes to open a new account in-branch



#### Features modernizing in-branch experience

#### **Native integrations**

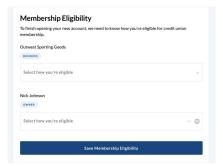






45+ integrations

#### Automated eligibility verification



#### **Configurable KYC**

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### Increased operational efficiency

Reduced the steps to open an in-branch member account from 100 to 15

Reduced the time to open a member share account from 15 to 30 minutes to 5

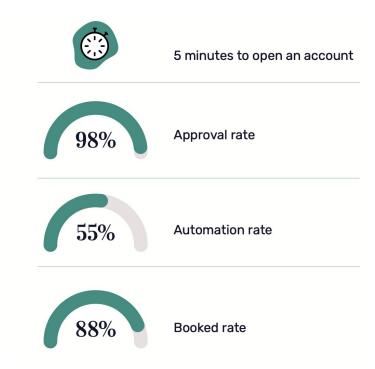
Saved 875 hours on in-branch account opening between Sept. 2023 and July 2024



#### Results



In-branch account opening: by the numbers





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### Improved member experience

#### **MANTL**

Biggest outcome: members feel more satisfied with their experience

Increased its NPS score from 64 to 69



A potential member, who worked as a member service representative at a different local credit union, came in to open an account. When he was leaving, he said it was the best experience he ever had opening a new account.



#### Results



### Deeper member relationships

#### **MANTL**

Integration within mobile and digital banking makes it easy for existing members to open new accounts and additional share types

Ability to serve members on-site

Previously opened 12 minor accounts in three months. With MANTL, increased minor account openings by more than 20x.



A parent came into one of our branches with four minor children. She opened four minor accounts on the spot and was all set up within 40 minutes. And that time included the conversation, figuring out what she needed and how we could best serve her and her family.

## Change management best practices



### Navigating a successful tech rollout

60+ employees across 12 branches use MANTL daily

Opened 2,500+ accounts in-branch

Implement online account opening first

Phased rollout in branches

Create champions at every level

Let the data tell the story

Share wins institution-wide

## Q&A

## Thank You