

Case Study Part 1: Mobile Banking for All (MBA)

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Project Vision


For people from every walk of life who want mobile banking to adapt to their needs, Mobile Banking for All (MBA) is a customer centric mobile banking platform which focuses on providing an elevated user experience by hosting an array of banking modes modeled for different demographics, which can further be customized according to one's liking. Unlike other banking applications which assume all customers have the same needs, we respect individuality. Your 'wants' are our 'needs'.

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Personas

Persona 1

Nicole Wheeler



Intelligent Warm Friendly Dependable

Goals

- Able to navigate the app as seamlessly as possible
- Able to use voice controls to operate app
- Performing banking operations efficiently

Frustrations

- As a blind person Nicole does not know what to click
- A lot of banking is done virtually now and being blind makes it extremely challenging to complete basic banking tasks

"I need a banking app that caters to my visual impairment"

Age: **26**
Work: **Psychologist**
Family: **Single**
Location: **Toronto, ON**
Character: **Blind Professional**

Bio

Nicole Wheeler is a 24 year old psychologist living in Toronto, who just started her own practice and is expected to make \$160,000 for the year. Nicole's interests include listening to music, gardening, and running. She needs to open a bank account to manage the business and has downloaded the banking app to begin the process. Nicole's goal is to be able to use the app with voice recognition to be able to do simple banking tasks such as pay bills, view account balances and initiate transfers.

Personality

Cautious	Curious
Organized	Careless
Introvert	Extrovert
Judging	Perceiving

Motivation

Convenience	
Adaptability	
Growth	
Power	
Independence	

Brands

TD RBC HSBC


Preferred Channels

Mobile - Call	
Mobile - Voice Message	
Email	
In person	

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Persona 2

Robert Wright



"I need a mobile banking app that is easy to use and easily legible"

Age: 65

Work: Retired

Family: Married, 3 kids

Location: Montreal, QC

Character: Elderly Tech User

Empathetic

Commitment

Concern

Perseverance

Goals

- A simplified banking app with core and minimal options available
- Larger text that is easily legible
- Able to perform core functions within one click

Frustrations

- Banking app has too many options and text that is confusing
- Text is too small to read so don't know what to click
- Have to click multiple options to do simple tasks like e-transfer

Bio

Robert Wright is a 65 year old retired physician currently living in Montreal with a sizeable net worth after working for 40 years. Roberts interests include hiking, reading and watching sports. Robert wants to enjoy his retirement so has opened a new bank account that came with an app but Robert has noticed it's very confusing for him to use. Robert's goal is to use the banking app to make purchases and conduct transfers as easily as possible as his vision and technology abilities are not what they used to be.

Motivation

Simplicity	80%
Legibility	90%
Speed	70%
Comfort	85%
Accessibility	80%

Brands

BMO

CIBC

Preferred Channels


Mobile - Call	90%
Facebook	85%
Email	10%
In Person	95%

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Persona 3

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Maria Shah



"I'm not tech-savvy, so I want a mobile banking app that is easy to use and understand."

Age: 35
Work: Stay-at-home mom
Family: Married with one child
Location: Brampton, ON
Character: New Immigrant

Personality

Introvert	Extrovert
Thinking	Feeling
Cautious	Careless
Judging	Perceiving

Cautious

Tech-averse

Organized

Family-oriented

Goals

- A mobile banking app that is easy to use and understand.
- Able to bank on-the-go and have access to her account information and transaction at any time.
- Able to perform international transactions efficiently.
- Able to manage her finances with ease.

Frustrations

- May struggle if the app features and functions are too technical.
- Poor customer support may result in frustration if Maria is experiencing some technical difficulty.




Bio

Maria is a 35-year-old stay-at-home mom who has recently moved to Brampton, Canada from her home country. As a first-time immigrant, she is navigating many new experiences, including setting up a bank account in her new country. Maria has limited experience with technology and has never used online banking before. She is looking for a mobile banking app that is easy to use and can assist her in securely and efficiently transferring money internationally. As a stay-at-home mom, Maria values convenience and wants a banking solution that allows her to bank on-the-go, without having to visit a physical branch. She is eager to learn about all the features and benefits of mobile banking and is committed to finding a solution that fits her needs and helps her feel confident in managing her finances in her new home.

Motivation

Convenience	
User-friendly	
Reliable	
Security	
Investment Features	

Brands & Influencers




Preferred Channels

Mobile Apps	
Online & Social Media	
Traditional Ads	
Email	

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Persona 4

Jake Riley



"I want to manage my money with ease and build my savings while learning about personal finance."

Age: **18**
Work: **Retail Associate**
Family: **Single**
Location: **Vancouver, BC**
Character: **Millennial**

Personality

Introvert	Extrovert
Thinking	Feeling
Sensing	Intuition
Judging	Perceiving

Enthusiastic

Tech-savvy

Adaptable

Independent

Goals

- Open his first bank account and start saving his earnings.
- Learn about personal finance and money management.

Frustrations

- Feeling overwhelmed by the process of opening a bank account and navigating online banking.
- Struggling to understand the different financial products and services available to him.
- Concerns about the security of his personal and financial information online





Bio

Meet Jake, a 18-year-old retail associate who is starting his financial journey by opening his first bank account. As a new entrant to the world of online banking, Jake is looking for a youth banking account that will help him build his savings, learn about personal finance, and take control of his money. Jake is motivated by his desire to become financially independent and savvy, and is eager to take advantage of the benefits offered by a youth banking account, such as budgeting tools and educational resources. Despite his excitement, Jake may feel overwhelmed by the process of opening a bank account and navigating online banking, and may have concerns about the security of his personal and financial information online. To help him overcome these challenges, Jake is looking for a brand that offers a comprehensive range of services and supports, including a mobile app, online chat, phone support, and email.

Motivation

Financial Independence	
Convenience	
Customer Support	
Security	
Budgeting	

Brands & Influencers



Preferred Channels

Traditional Ads	
Online & Social Media	
Mobile Apps	
Phone Support	

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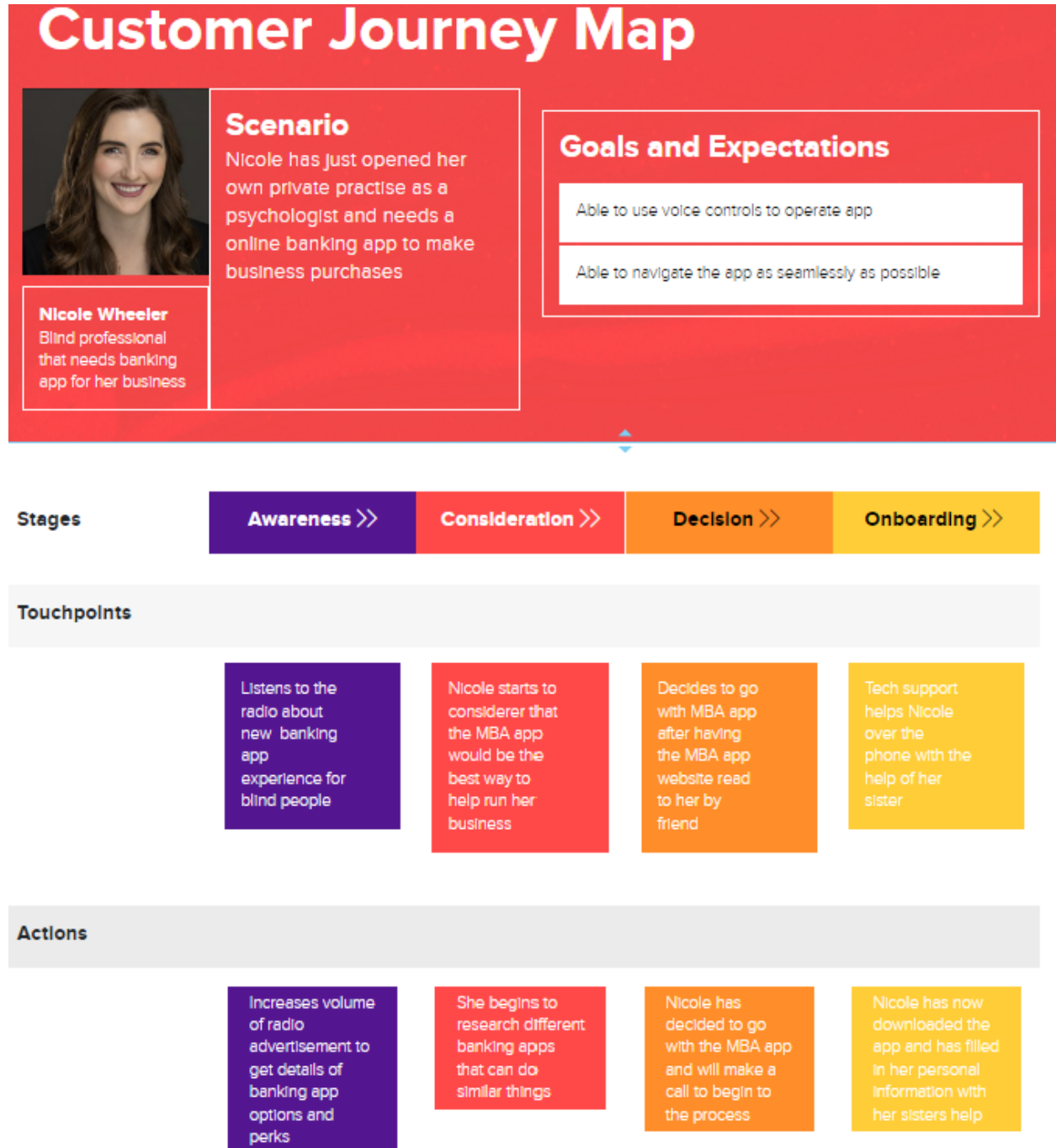
Lean Canvas

Lean Canvas		Designed for: Mobile Banking for All	Designed by: MBA Team	Date: Feb 6, 2023	Version: 1
Problem -Navigating through banking apps can be annoying -Many third-party tools/options that users may not need -Menus are cluttered, cannot see all at one glance -Multi-step authentication annoying for some -Does not account for accessibility concerns	Solution -Offer customizable home screen that users can adjust to their liking -Option to remove multi-factor authentication if the user wishes -Ability to use voice commands to navigate banking app	Unique Value Proposition We respect that different customers have different needs so our banking platform allows users to customize their own mobile banking experience.	Unfair Advantage -Existing mobile banking accounts are very similar with little differentiation and customizability -Unique banking experience that suits each individual user	Customer Segments -Users who are not a technologically savvy -Users who want an easier and simplified banking experience	
Existing Alternatives -Other third party money-tracking applications -Some people choose not to use mobile banking entirely	Key Metrics -Average time spent on mobile banking app -Number of transactions conducted through app -User ratings/reviews	High-Level Concept Users build what they like in a banking app, similar to how patrons at AYCE restaurants can choose what they want. AYCE restaurants are extremely popular.	Channels -Social media -Promotion by bank employees -Word of mouth	Early Adopters -People with accessibility requirements who cannot use existing mobile banking platforms	
Cost Structure -App developers/programmers salaries -Server maintenance -Costs for social media & PR promotions			Revenue Streams -User banking account fees -Potential ad revenue		

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Customer Journey Map

Persona 1



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Motivations

Knows that her practice that is about to open needs a bank account

Needs a versatile and accessible app to make her business run as smoothly as possible

This MBA app checks all her boxes of voice controls, ease of use, and security

She can now make the appropriate purchases and money transfers needed for her business

Questions

- Will this banking app have major issues with it that will cause more problems than it solves

How will the onboarding work out, which banking app does she go with, how much research should go into this process

This app has voice control accessibility but can all functions be done using it or are they limited

How will the app be used if there are audio troubles or Nicole has a soar throat and audio cant register

Pain Points

- Advertisement did not give enough information about the banking app

Will the banking app be too hard to use because of Nicole's visual impairments

Decision to go with MBA app was a challenging for Nicole, are there options to get information to her more easily

How will the app be used if Nicole is in a very loud area?

Customer Experience



Ideas for Improvement

- Try to get more exposure to advertisements to see available options

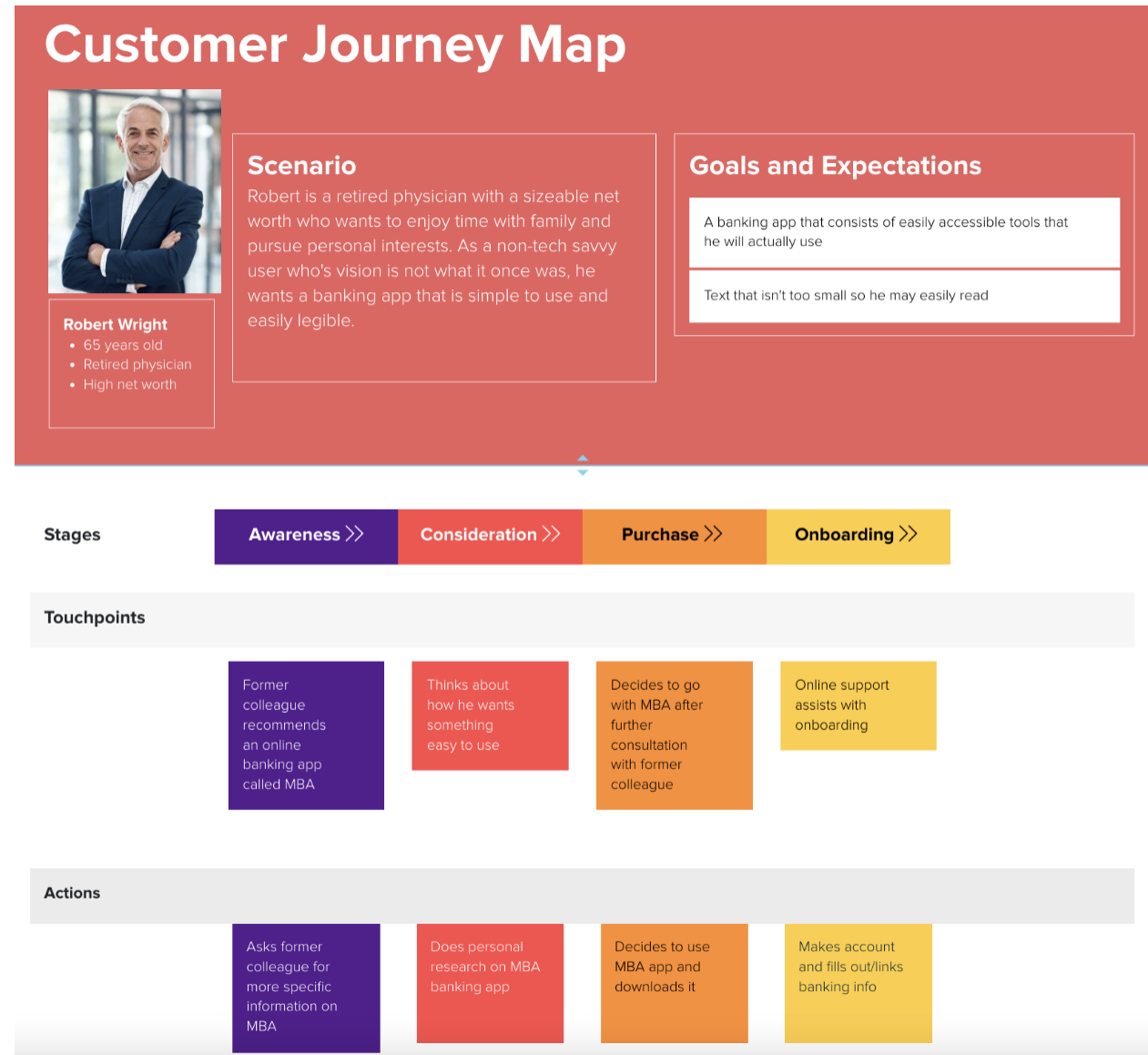
Conduct more research on ways to conduct banking and different app options

Ensure that other options have been explored and that the MBA app is the best

Maybe app can also have vibrate option combined with audio inputs for a better experience

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Persona 2



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Motivations

Realizes he needs an easy way to manage his wealth

Wants an app that's easy to use that is hassle-free

Chooses MBA because he can adjust text size and keep a clean home screen

Wants to quickly fill out banking info since he wants to focus on retirement

Questions

What does this banking app do that other banking apps don't do

Will this app also be confusing and difficult to use

How will I set up the app to the specifications that I want

How will the app function if I remove the tools that I don't want

Pain Points

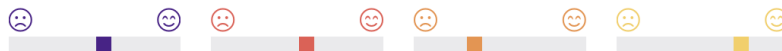
Hears about the app but doesn't have enough info to know if he should use it

As a non-tech savvy user will the app be hard to use and difficult to read

Setting up the app in the beginning of the process is difficult as he is unfamiliar with banking apps

If he wants larger text, his info be easily visible on his phone in public

Customer Experience



Ideas for Improvement

Since older people tend not to use social media as often, a different marketing strategy might work better

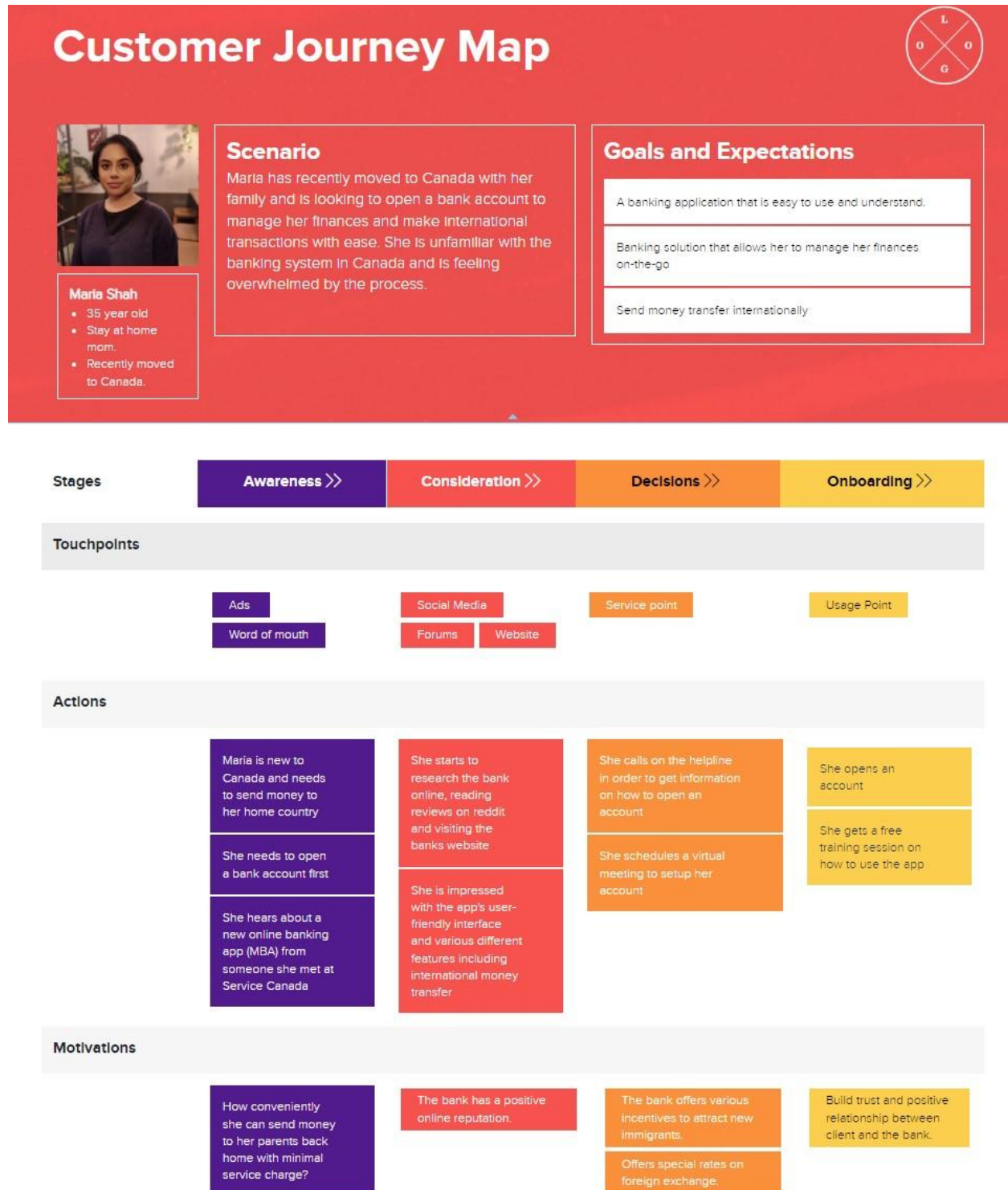
Having a retail presence of some kind might be easier for users such as Robert to easily gain more information

Having a set-up walkthrough would be beneficial to users who aren't comfortable with new technology

If there is a tool that is removed but the user wants to re-add it the option to do so should be easily found

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Persona 3



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Questions

Is this bank reliable and trustworthy?

Is it the right solution for her financial needs?

Can she manage her finances effectively and efficiently using this app?

Is there another bank who offers better services?

Does this bank offer features and services I need such as international transactions?

Are there any fees or hidden charges associated with using this app?

Will Maria receive adequate support and assistance if she has any questions or issues with the app?

Pain Points

She's getting frustrated because she does not know where to begin her research from

Doesn't find any related articles

Website is not up-to-date

The steps involved in opening an account may seem overwhelming to someone who is doing it for the first time in a new country.

The financial advisor is unable to attend to Maria's queries due to time constraints.

The application is too technical and becomes challenging for Maria to use.

An abundance of features such as investment options or market trend highlights which may not be relevant for Maria.

Customer Experience



Ideas for Improvement

- Provide clear and accessible information
- In-person events where new immigrants can learn more about banking options available

- Create an up-to-date website
- Ask clients to review or rate the application on website

- Simplify the process of opening an account.
- Provide step-by-step information to every new client regarding the purpose of each new process.
- Make sure financial advisors are super-friendly and accommodating.

- Online chat support 24/7 to answer any questions user may have.

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Persona 4



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Questions

A YouTube Ad is not an authentic source of information. Should Jake rely on it? What if the advertisement is misleading?

Will this bank have a good customer service?

Will he find enough information to convince him to go for this bank?

Is this the right solution for Jake's financial needs?

Does other banks have better saving plans?

Do they have good budgeting tools?

Has Jake made the right decision? Does it have all the right tools?

Does Jake understand the process?

Pain Points

Jake is frustrated because he can't find any good bank recommendations.

Jake does not find any good reviews online.

The bank's website does not have any information about budgeting tools.

Jake is not impressed by the budgeting tool.

The budgeting widget does not let him set targets. It does not measure progress.

The application is too technical.

The application has a tendency to lag.

Customer Experience



Solutions & Opportunities

- Accurate and transparent advertisement could help build trust between user and the bank.
- Results in realistic user expectations.

- Asking customers to give review on the company website.
- Giving people incentive to write reviews such as entry in raffle.

- Better bill payment and money management tools.
- Features that tells market trends for young investors.

- Offering 24/7 customer care service to resolve any issues or technical problems.

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User Stories

Application navigation using audio

User Story 1: As a blind user, Nicole wants to navigate the mobile banking application via the voice user interface so that she can manage her own finances confidently.

Acceptance Criteria:

1. The navigation of the application shall be intuitive and accessible for blind users with minor experience with using a voice interface.
2. The mandatory steps for voice authentication must be completed by the customer to safely secure the user's identity.
3. The user's audio input must be stored in the customer information database.
4. The voice recognition system of the application should be linked to the customer information database to authenticate the user input.
5. The application shall provide user appropriate feedback to press keys a certain number of times to further navigate.
6. The application shall accurately provide the information displayed on the screen in a user-friendly audio format.
7. The voice-enabled navigation shall assist the user in performing banking operations including balance enquiry, bill payments, managing transactions and enquiring about investment schemes, technical support and resources.
8. The application shall provide the acknowledgement audio notifications for users on completing transactions.
9. The user gets logged out as soon as they close the application

Assumptions:

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1. The customer has undergone the onboarding and already signed up for the application.
2. The customer must have logged into the GUI that is customized for blind users.
3. The mobile device is compatible with the application requirements.

Dependencies:

1. The users might require the assistance of customer support for signing up the application for the first time

Accessing tech support and resources

User Story 2: As a blind user, Nicole wants to access technical support and resources whenever she faces any difficulties so that she can perform banking operations seamlessly.

Acceptance Criteria:

1. The application shall have a distinct support segment that maps the disabled people with respective assistants to troubleshoot the technical issues faced.
2. The pre-recorded audios of FAQs can be easily navigated through and accessed by the users.
3. The application allows user to schedule an in-person appointment to connect with the advisor.
4. The user gets logged out as soon as they close the application

Assumptions:

1. The recorded FAQ content is concise and engaging.
2. The customers are aware of this provisions and resources.

Dependencies:

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1. Integration of Mobile Banking Application with technical advisors and customer support staff.

International transactions

User Story 3: As an immigrant user who flies to her native country frequently, Maria wants the banking application to support the transactions in multiple currencies so that she can easily manage her finances using a single banking platform.

Acceptance Criteria:

1. The banking application shall enable users to perform international transactions within the application without having to redirect to any other websites.
2. The banking application shall support international transactions in multiple currencies.
3. The application shall provide an intuitive interface that enables users to switching between multiple currencies easily.
4. The application shall display the latest currency exchange rates.
5. The application shall display and notify the updated account balance in multiple currencies to users.
6. The application shall log all the transaction details.
7. The application logs the user out incase of inactivity for brief periods.

Assumptions:

1. The user has performed the application onboarding and has enabled international transactions.

Dependencies:

1. Integration with banks worldwide to support transactions in different currencies.

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2. The transaction details of customers are logged into the database.
3. Integration with security advisors to secure the transaction and comply with international security standards and procedures.
4. Provide customer support to queries of the international users.

Wealth Management

User Story 4: As a millennial who wants a one-stop solution to all banking needs, Jake wants to manage finances using the banking application so that he does not have to feed data into a separate wealth management application.

Acceptance Criteria:

1. The wealth management option can be added as a widget to the home screen of the banking application
2. The system shall traverse through transactions of all bank accounts and cards belonging to the user
3. The system shall be able to figure out which transaction belongs to which category (eg. Groceries if it's a Loblaw's transaction, clothing if it's an Aritzia transaction etc)
4. The system shall be able to provide a monthly and weekly spending summary
5. The system shall be able to forecast monthly spendings based on weekly spendings
6. The system shall be able to forecast yearly spendings based on monthly spendings
7. The user should be able to set the spending targets
8. The user should be able to set saving targets
9. The system shall give notifications when spending is over the limit
10. The system shall give saving and investment advice

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11. The user should be able to save changes made and review them on logging back in
12. The user gets logged out as soon as they close the application

Assumptions:

1. The application is logged into and accounts are active.
2. Transactions have been performed using those bank accounts

Dependencies:

1. The system has access to latest saving trends data
2. The system has access to latest spending data of users in that region

Payment using banking application

User Story 5: As a millennial who wants a one-stop solution to all banking needs, Jake wants to pay bills using the banking application so that he does not have to feed card details on every website or application

Acceptance Criteria:

1. The system has an option to pay bills as a widget which can be added to the home screen
2. The different categories have the major companies listed in them (For eg if we go to groceries category, Loblaws shows up or for entertainment, Netflix shows up)
3. The user shall be able to input the purchase ID and amount to be paid
4. The user can select which account they want to use based on account balance information
5. The user can set up automatic bill payments cycles
6. An acknowledgement email and mobile notification is sent to the customer stating the status and details of the transaction
7. A transaction history is maintained and updated

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8. The user gets logged out as soon as they close the application

Assumptions:

1. The user is logged into the application

Dependencies:

1. The companies have a collaboration with the bank
2. The user enters correct data

Basic Functionality User Experience

User Story 6: As a senior citizen, Robert wants to have a clear and big font user interface with basic banking options so that it is easy for him to understand and operate

Acceptance criteria:

1. Basic information related to checking and saving account- current balance and account ID is available on home screen
2. The size of text can be changed using zoom options available on the top of the screen
3. A support option is available on which the user can tap on to get on call with a mobile banking expert
4. The user can tap on the bank account instance using which they want to make a transaction
5. The UI is made of high contrast color elements for better legibility
6. The user gets big green color tick mark if the transaction is a success and red color cross if the transaction failed in the center of the screen along with an email confirmation

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7. A settings option can be tapped onto to customize this UI and add widgets if the user is comfortable (For eg. paying bills option)
8. The user gets logged out as soon as they close the application

Assumption:

1. The user is logged into the application
2. The user has knowledge on how to make transactions