

Client: King's Pizza and Subs Restaurant in Baltimore, MD

### Challenge Statement

The customer experience when ordering food in-person can be confusing and time-consuming.

**Proposed Change:** Create and design a digital menu board that shows regular menu options, deals and specials, as well as food pictures

<b>CEO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wants to run a successful business</li><li>- The more customers the better (but not an overwhelming amount of customers because there is limited staff)</li><li>- Wants to encourage customers to buy more</li><li>- Wants customers to be satisfied with their purchase</li><li>- Wants customers to have a good experience with ordering</li></ul>	<b>Customers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wants good food fast</li><li>- Wants to figure out what they want to eat by looking at the menu</li><li>- Some people like customization, some like specialty pizzas</li><li>- Want deals/specials</li><li>- A good portion of the customers are college students at Johns Hopkins who get food delivered</li></ul>
<b>Workers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Learn more about customers through social interactions</li><li>- Wants to efficiently take customer orders</li><li>- Can maximize output through optimal ordering systems</li><li>- Wants to find more staff better fit for the Pizza store environment</li></ul>	<b>Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- People compare menus, ratings, and reviews in order to decide which place to go</li><li>- The menus are usually viewed online when making this decision</li><li>- There are a number of Pizza stores in the area, so there is plenty of competition</li></ul>
<b>Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Not all services 'talk' well with one another</li><li>- Ineffective execution of menus in different application environments can hurt business</li><li>- Social affordances of new apps can help or hinder commercial efforts</li><li>- Not all apps allow for the signifiers necessary for effective customizations</li><li>- There is online ordering provided via GrubHub, Ubereats, etc.</li><li>- The website is hosted through chownow services, who take a fee every month</li><li>- The menu is currently on a menu board in the restaurant, however the manager would like to incorporate a digital menu board on a TV</li></ul>	<b>Audience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Not all of the customer base uses online menus, so it is important to make sure in-store menus are updated</li><li>- It's possible that focusing on digital relevance is less important than simply focusing on residents nearby with physical advertising</li><li>- Some type of feedback or data from customers is needed to know what's important to build on</li></ul>

**Reframed Challenge Statement**

**How can we improve the ordering experience for customers shopping in-person and make it more seamless and interactive?**

- How can we streamline the process of ordering pizza?
- Proposed change: How can we streamline the process of customized digital food menus and better cater to and understand customers?

**Technology**

- Tying together various services and apps
- Keeping up with new apps and services
- Attaining optimal results through technology
- Avoiding technology that is gimmicky or might end up hurting business
- Translating the menu to be more efficient and aesthetically pleasing on devices

**Customers**

- Building relationships with customers
- Reaching new customers
- Retaining old customers
- Keeping customers aware of specials/deals
- Making up for errors in service to win customers back

**Social**

- Avoiding negative reviews + getting rave reviews
- Making up for negative reviews + showing gratitude for positive reviews
- Learning more about audience/customers through social interactions

**Community**

- Continuing to grow roots in community
- Silencing out of town critics(see yelp!) by finding ways to cater to nearby residents
- Finding more ways to give back

**Challenge Statement**

- As a local pizza establishment in this era of information technology, the costs of not embracing tech can cripple a business, and failure to maintain a positive online presence can equate to failure to make a profit or expand.

~~–New services come available attempting to improve user experiences and optimizing choices~~

~~–Feedback citing issues in digital ordering needs to be easy for digital customers to relay without asking too much of them (written responses should be simplified enough that a customer can respond clearly despite possible communication barriers)~~

~~**Despite there being a permanent regular menu board displaying the different menu options a customer can order, this type of menu fails to allow customization and updates to the menu, as well as display the latest deals and what the food looks like**~~

~~Despite there being customizability in pizza, menus have a difficult time expressing both the options and popular choices:~~

~~Proposed change: Designing online food menus that offer full customization without sacrificing good user experience is a complex task~~