#### **DEVELOPING A FINTECH FINANCIAL LITERACY TOOL**

FROM EARLY CONCEPT THROUGH SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

#### STUDY BACKGROUND

Our client, a leading global financial services company, wanted to create a new gamified financial literacy tool designed for the Gen-Z population.

This digital finance education platform was designed to close the gap between younger Americans' current and desired knowledge about finance.

#### **STUDY OBJECTIVES**

- **A.** Quantify Gen-Z reactions to the financial literacy tool, with a particular focus on unmet challenges and needs
- **B.** Measure the extent to which different subsets of younger Americans (e.g., first generation college students, people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds) reacted differently to the experience
- C. Determine whether the user experience met the needs of Gen-Z respondents

# STUDY 1: EXPLORATORY, ONLINE, QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

- With US adults aged 18-24
- Designed to understand financial literacy topics about which younger individuals care and want to learn more
- Research results were used to better understand the marketplace and quantify unmet needs and knowledge gaps among younger consumers.

### STUDY 4: QUALITATIVE BULLETIN BOARD

- 100 participants in the target audience
- Designed to test the web-based portal and understand reactions to the experience (a user experience test)
- Results were used to make specific suggestions to improve the experience prior to release.

We iterated through four research projects, some quite agile in nature, to bring this personal finance experience to life. Through this iterative process, our client was able to adjust as quickly as needed to meet ambitious deadlines and create a high-quality final product. Ultimately, we uncovered the needs of the target audience and helped to develop a personal finance program designed specifically for this younger population.

## STUDY 2: A MORE REFINED, AGILE ONLINE QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

- With a similar population
- Designed to test specific topics and concepts generated in Study 1
- Because of deadlines, this study was fielded in seven days, start to finish!
- Results were used to understand reactions to the financial literacy tool (which was currently in design).

## STUDY 3: ANOTHER AGILE, ONLINE QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

- To test the ideal name for the personal finance experience our client was building
- Because the decision needed to be made quickly,
  Study 3 was also fielded and reported out on in just seven days!
- Results determined the preferred name was indeed acceptable among the target audience.

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