Mobile as The Centerpiece of Modern CX and Conversational Messaging's Role

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CX Leaders Outperform Their Peers

Your New Customer

- 1. Digital, Unpredictable and Easy to Lose
- 2. 2020 Proved the Customer Experience (CX) Proposition

Figure 2 CX Leaders won 2020

Thinking about your organisation's primary sector and competition over the last six months of 2020, how did your company perform?



Digital Trends Survey, Q4 2020, n – CX Leaders = 1,081, CX Mainstream = 4,864

CX Leaders comprise 18% of respondent organisations. They have a very advanced approach to customer experience, where strategy and technology are aligned to a successful effect. Throughout this report Leaders are compared with the Mainstream group, who range from 'immature' to 'somewhat advanced' in their CX approach and make up 82% of the sample.



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Rich Messaging, Video and Conversational Al Move The Needle

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Digital Trends Survey, Q4 2020, n – Consumer sectors = 1,156, B2B sectors = 979

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CX Focus: Challenges & Opportunities

Marketing disruptions will continue through 2021 and beyond Figure 11

Do you see these coming events as disruptive, whether positively or negatively?

Negative disruption (Challenge)





Digital Trends Survey, Q4 2020, n - Agency = 2,508, n - VP + (client side) = 176 *Agency respondents commenting on disruption to client organisations.

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Constraints The future of messaging and mobile CX







The new business messaging paradigm



From SMS to

Omnichannel

Expect a seamless Mobile CX on any channel





From generic content to

Personalization

Consumers expect data driven 1:1 connections



From text to Rich media

Consumers crave images, video, and app like experiences

From one-way to

Conversations

Turning off broadcast messages and craving conversations



Messaging Apps Have Surpassed Social Networks

Global monthly active users for the top 4 messaging apps and social networks, In millions



Big 4 social networks are Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn

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Conversational messaging is the single biggest **paradigm shift** taking place in the communication between brands and consumers

"From now on, 50% of businesses will spend more on Conversational Applications than on mobile apps"

Gartner.



Engage consumers on the channels they love





5b users on messaging apps

Ref: Statista

100b messages

sent on WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, and Instagram every day

Ref: Facebook

470m new users

estimated to adopt messaging by the end of 2021

Ref: eMarketer



Consumers have spoken: They prefer chat

Reasons people prefer chat

56%

I find it more convenient

46%

I expect it to be faster





COVID accelerating adoption and investment

How have your interactions with businesses been impacted by COVID-19?

34%

I complete more transactions online

24%

I will continue to make digital interactions after the pandemic

24%

My primary method of contact has moved to digital 22%

I expect to be able to complete all tasks or interactions digitally

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Business benefits of conversational messaging





Increase revenue

30-50%

increased conversion

Increase conversion vs. email or SMS

Reduce costs

20-50%

cost reduction in customer care

Automate conversations and increase agent efficiency

Improve customer experience

3x NPS

on chat vs. voice

Use the channels your customers know and love

Ref: As observed across the Sinch customer base



Conversational Commerce

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What is conversational commerce?











told us they had messaged a business."

- Facebook



"Last holiday season, 2 in 3 people surveyed globally



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Percentage of shoppers who said they messaged a business last Holiday season

North America

35%

Latin America

58%

Europe and Middle East

42%

Asia-Pacific 63%





Why c-commerce shoppers message with brands

Product or pricing	Instant responses
information	at any time
45%	35%
Easy way to	Personalized
Easy way to shop	Personalized advice

Ability to negotiate prices or offers

30%



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C-commerce buyers across countries plan to increase their spending









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Use Cases







Vodafone Improving Customer Care

The challenge

Vodafone's support call center traffic had escalated dramatically, HOLD times were increasing and client SAT was decreasing

The solution

Leverage Conversational Care to answer FAQs and off-load costly live agent interactions

Results

11%

increase in customer service efficiency, compared to phone calls in the first month

62%

of all customer interactions occurred via Conversational Care

Source: Client-provided measurement, WhatsApp Success Story, February 2019

18,000

customers served at a fraction of the cost



Eurail Transportation – FAQ bot & ticketing

The challenge

Eurail wanted to decrease the amount of FAQ tickets and make sure agents were available for more difficult customer questions to increase their customer satisfaction score.

The solution

An AI chatbot hosted on the support page to answer several question as quick as possible



Results

FAQ

96,000

Questions per year answered immediately

Conversion

89%

Requests handled by bot

End user

Questions by end-user answered immediately

Support team

The team is able to focus more on complex questions and cases

Monthly users

2,000

t Users on a monthly basis







Ingresso Rápido Media and Entertainment

Challenge

- Received a huge number of incoming calls to contact centre to process 20k tickets per month
- Very complex to scale support teams with maintained quality
- Looked to engage with customers on WhatsApp, where they already are active

Solution

- Hybrid chatbot combining scripted decision trees with AI and Natural Language Processing Support for multiple use cases like
- - order status, PDF ticket delivery, and event information
- Seamless handover to live customer care agents when needed

Results

82%

Tickets answered by bot

+70%

Satisfied users



45%

Cost reduction in call centre



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