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Summary

The Impact of Digitalization on Customer Satisfaction and Performance in the Algerian Banking Sector: Case Study of Société Générale Algérie

This thesis examines how the digital transformation of banking services affects customer satisfaction and operational performance at Société Générale Algérie. Using a mixed-methods approach, the research analyzes survey data from over 100 digital service users, combining statistical analysis with qualitative feedback. Results show that digitalization has greatly improved accessibility, transaction speed, and overall convenience, with more than 80% of respondents reporting increased satisfaction and loyalty. Cost savings and resource optimization are also significant outcomes, as automation reduces operational expenses and branch visits. However, challenges remain in technical support and real-time assistance, especially for less digitally literate users. The study concludes that continuous innovation, user-centric design, and investment in both technology and human support are essential for sustaining digital transformation benefits in Algerian banking.

Resumé

L'impact de la digitalisation sur la satisfaction client et la performance dans le secteur bancaire algérien : étude de cas de Société Générale Algérie

Ce mémoire analyse l'effet de la transformation digitale des services bancaires sur la satisfaction des clients et la performance opérationnelle à la Société Générale Algérie. À travers une méthodologie mixte, l'étude s'appuie sur une enquête auprès de plus de 100 utilisateurs des services digitaux, combinant analyses statistiques et retours qualitatifs. Les résultats montrent que la digitalisation a nettement amélioré l'accessibilité, la rapidité des transactions et la commodité, avec plus de 80% des répondants déclarant une satisfaction et une fidélité accrues. Les économies de coûts et l'optimisation des ressources sont également des bénéfices majeurs, grâce à l'automatisation qui réduit les dépenses et les visites en agence. Toutefois, des défis subsistent en matière de support technique et d'assistance en temps réel, notamment pour les utilisateurs moins à l'aise avec le digital. L'étude conclut que l'innovation continue, une conception centrée sur l'utilisateur et l'investissement dans la technologie et l'accompagnement humain sont essentiels pour pérenniser les bénéfices de la transformation digitale dans la banque algérienne.

ملخص

: تأثير الرقمنة على رضا العملاء والأداء في القطاع المصرفي الجزائري: دراسة حالة بنك سوسيتيه جنرال الجزائر

تبحث هذه الرسالة في كيفية تأثير التحول الرقمي للخدمات المصرفية على رضا العملاء وكفاءة العمليات في بنك سوسيتيه جنرال الجزائر. اعتمدت الدراسة على منهجية تجمع بين التحليل الكمي والنوعي، من خلال استبيان شمل أكثر من 100 مستخدم للخدمات الرقمية. أظهرت النتائج أن الرقمنة حسّنت بشكل كبير من سهولة الوصول، وسرعة المعاملات، وراحة الاستخدام، حيث أفاد أكثر من 80% من المشاركين بزيادة في الرضا والولاء. كما ساهمت الأتمتة في تقليل التكاليف التشغيلية وتقليل الحاجة لزيارة الفروع. ومع ذلك، لا تزال هناك تحديات في الدعم الفني والمساعدة الفورية، خاصة للمستخدمين الأقل خبرة رقمياً. وتخلص الدراسة إلى أن الابتكار المستمر، وتصميم الخدمات حول احتياجات المستخدم، والاستثمار في التكنولوجيا والدعم البشري ضروريان لاستدامة فوائد التحول الرقمي في القطاع المصرفي الجزائري.

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Abbreviation	Full Meaning (English)
TIC	Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication
IA	Intelligence Artificielle
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning (Progiciel de gestion intégré)
RPA	Robotic Process Automation (Automatisation robotisée des processus)
KYC	Know Your Customer (Connaissance du client)
AML	Anti-Money Laundering (Lutte contre. le blanchiment d'argent)
NPS	Net Promoter Score
CNIBE	Carte Nationale d'Identité Biométrique Électronique
SME/PME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises / Petites et Moyennes Entreprises
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation (Règlement général sur la protection des données
SATIM	Société d'Automatisation desTransactions Interbancaires et de Monétique
AGB	Gulf Bank Algeria
BNA	Banque Nationale d'Algérie
BDL	Banque de Développement Local
CPA	Crédit Populaire d'Algérie
BEA	Banque Extérieure d'Algérie
ANSI	Agence Nationale de la Sécurité des Systèmes d'Information
ARPCE	Autorité de Régulation de la Poste et des Communications Électroniques
ATCI	Algérie Télécom Communication Interbancaire
EDAHABIA	Carte de paiement électronique nationale
IXPs	Internet Exchange Points
AIXP	Algeria Internet Exchange Point
ROI	Return on Investment (Retour sur investissement)
SGA	Société Générale Algérie
SIOP	Information System, Organization and Project
CIB	Interbank Card
VISA	Visa Card
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance

SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
SMS	Short Message Service
TAM	Technology Acceptance Model
UX	User Experience
NVivo	NVivo (Qualitative Data Analysis Software)

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Introduction

Algeria's digital transformation is gaining momentum as the country implements strategic initiatives to modernize its economy and reduce dependence on hydrocarbons. By 2025, Algeria has digitized over 450 public services across civil registration, social security, taxation, and healthcare, significantly improving efficiency and accessibility.

The private sector, particularly banking, has experienced rapid digital growth with the introduction of online account management, mobile banking applications, and electronic payment solutions. These developments position Algeria as a regional leader in digital public service delivery.

Digital transformation plays a critical role in Algeria's development by:

- Driving economic productivity and operational efficiency
- Reducing costs and creating innovative business models
- Enhancing investment conditions and attracting foreign direct investment
- Empowering small and medium-sized enterprises
- Promoting greater inclusion by extending essential services to underserved populations

The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the importance of digitalization, as digital services ensured business continuity, supported public health efforts, and maintained social connections during the crisis.

Despite progress, Algeria faces challenges including regulatory framework gaps, limited digital literacy, inadequate infrastructure in remote areas, and resistance to change. As Algeria continues its digital journey, addressing these challenges will be essential to building a resilient, inclusive, and innovation-driven economy capable of withstanding global uncertainty.

The core issue addressed in this thesis is: **What are the impacts of service digitalization on the performance and customer satisfaction of Algerian companies?**While digital transformation is globally acknowledged as a catalyst for organizational change, its effects within the Algerian context remain underexplored. The complexity of digitalization, shaped by Algeria’s specific regulatory environment, cultural dynamics, and technological infrastructure, requires a nuanced, empirical approach to fully understand its implications.

To better address this **problematic**, the study will investigate three key **Research Questions**:

- **How does digitalization impact service accessibility and speed?**
  This question seeks to determine whether digital technologies have improved the ease and timeliness with which customers in Algeria can access services.
- **What is the effect of digitalization on operational costs?**
  The aim here is to assess the extent to which digitalization helps companies reduce costs, optimize resources, and enhance internal efficiency.
- **How does digitalization influence customer satisfaction and loyalty?**
  This question examines the relationship between digital service delivery, perceived quality, and long-term customer commitment in the Algerian context.

In order to develop coherent answers to these questions, the research will rely on a set of **Hypotheses**, grounded in literature and adapted to the Algerian environment:

- H 1: The adoption of digital platforms accelerates service delivery.
- H2: Digitalization enables cost savings through process automation and resource optimization.
- H3: Improved digital service quality increases customer satisfaction.

These hypotheses serve as the analytical foundation of the study and will be tested through empirical research within the Algerian banking sector.

The overarching **Objectives of the Study** are threefold:

- ✓ First, to analyze the theoretical foundations of service digitalization by reviewing key concepts and frameworks related to digital transformation.
- ✓ Second, to assess the current state of digitalization in Algerian companies, with a particular focus on the banking industry.
- ✓ Third, to empirically evaluate the impact of digitalization on performance and customer satisfaction through case studies and quantitative analysis.

This research carries notable significance both academically and practically. From an **academic perspective**, it fills a gap in the literature concerning digital transformation in developing countries, particularly within a North African context. While most studies center

on advanced economies, Algeria's unique economic and regulatory setting provides a compelling case for investigation. From a **practical standpoint**, the findings will offer actionable guidance to Algerian businesses on how to optimize digital strategies, avoid common pitfalls, and enhance customer experiences. Moreover, from a **policy perspective**, the research aims to support public authorities by offering insights that inform national digital development plans, regulatory frameworks, and capacity-building efforts.

The thesis is structured around three major chapters.

1) **Chapter One** explores the theoretical foundations of service digitalization, including models that link digital transformation to performance and satisfaction outcomes.
2) **Chapter Two** focuses on the Algerian context, examining digitalization efforts in the banking sector, key challenges, and current progress.
3) **Chapter Three** outlines the methodology and presents empirical findings, offering evidence-based conclusions on how digitalization affects Algerian companies and their customers. This structure ensures a balanced integration of theory, context, and data, leading to a well-rounded understanding of the research problem.

Chapter 1: Theoretical Framework of Service Digitalization

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Introduction:

The digitalization of services has emerged as a transformative force in the global economy, fundamentally reshaping how organizations interact with customers, deliver value, and achieve operational efficiency. Unlike mere digitization, which involves converting analog information into digital formats, digitalization refers to the integration of digital technologies into service processes, leading to new ways of designing, delivering, and consuming services. This transformation extends beyond the private sector, influencing public administration, healthcare, education, and financial services worldwide. For developing countries like Algeria, understanding and leveraging global digitalization trends is crucial for economic diversification, enhanced competitiveness, and inclusive growth. Algeria, with its resource-based economy, faces both unique opportunities and challenges in adopting service digitalization. National strategies to reduce dependence on hydrocarbons and modernize the economy have highlighted the importance of digital transformation as both a strategic imperative and a technical necessity. By embracing digitalization, Algeria can accelerate its transition to a knowledge-based economy, foster innovation, and improve the quality of life for its citizens. This chapter explores the fundamental concepts, theoretical models, and key mechanisms underpinning service digitalization. It examines how digitalization impacts customer satisfaction and organizational performance, drawing on contemporary literature and conceptual frameworks. The aim is to establish a solid theoretical foundation for the empirical analysis of digitalization in the Algerian context, particularly within the banking sector

1 Digitalization of Services: Concepts and Definitions

1.1 Defining service digitalization, distinguishing it from digitization and digital transformation

Service digitalization is the way digital technologies are included into service operations, therefore transforming the design, delivery, and consumption of services. It aims to improve service accessibility, efficiency, and value creation by means of digital tools and platforms. Unlike digitization—the process of turning analog data into digital format—digitalization is the more general change of business models, processes, and customer interactions across digital media. This difference is important since digitalization suggests a strategic change in

organizational operations instead of a just technology improvement [1]

Conversely, digital transformation is a more general idea that includes digitalization but also entails a basic rethink of organizational structure, culture, and strategy. Adoption of digital-first attitudes, the building of new value propositions, and the development of competencies allowing them to flourish in a digital economy define digital transformation. Digital transformation, thus, reflects a whole organizational evolution while digitization is a technical process and a process-oriented change[2].

Academic research as well as actual application depend on an awareness of these differences. Clear language guarantees that companies may establish reasonable objectives and properly evaluate results, therefore enabling more exact study of digital projects and their effects. Understanding the subtleties between digitization, digital transformation, and digitalization in the framework of Algerian businesses will help to direct the choice of suitable policies and investments[3].

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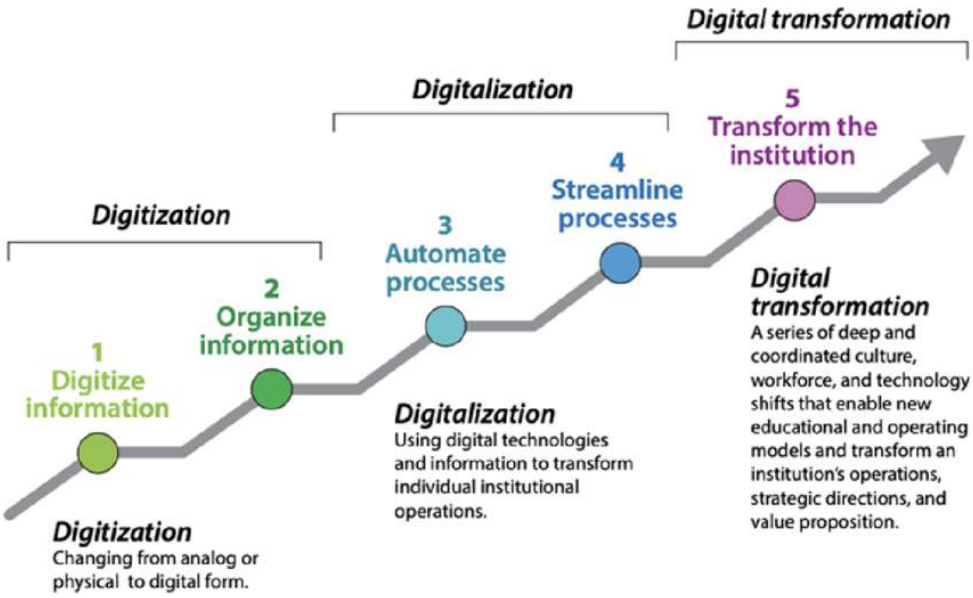
Figure 1 the concepts of digitization



Source : Management of public sector records in the digital age

As illustrated in Figure 1, the concepts of digitization, digitalization, and digital transformation represent a progressive journey in the adoption and integration of digital technologies within organizations.

Digitization is the foundational step, involving the conversion of analog information into digital formats, such as scanning paper documents into electronic files. This process enables easier storage, retrieval, and sharing of information.

Building upon digitization, **digitalization** refers to the use of digital technologies to automate and optimize existing business processes. This stage streamlines workflows, increases efficiency, and often reduces operational costs by leveraging tools such as automation software, online platforms, and integrated databases.

The final and most comprehensive stage is **digital transformation**, which goes beyond simply automating processes. Digital transformation involves a fundamental rethinking and restructuring of organizational strategies, culture, and operations to fully leverage the potential of digital technologies. It results in new business models, enhanced customer experiences, and a more agile and innovative institution.

In summary, while digitization and digitalization focus on improving existing processes, digital transformation is about reimagining the entire organization to thrive in the digital age.

1.2 Key enabling technologies for digitalization (cloud computing, mobile apps, artificial intelligence)

A set of enabling technologies that has changed the scene of service delivery drives digitalization of services. Predictive analytics, personalizing, and automation made possible by artificial intelligence (AI) let companies provide more intelligent, responsive offerings. AI-powered virtual assistants and chatbots, for instance, can instantly answer consumer questions, hence increasing both efficiency and happiness. By transforming data storage and access, cloud computing has helped businesses to scale their operations, save infrastructure costs, and easily coordinate across geographies[1] .

Another essential enabler are mobile apps, which give users anytime, anywhere on-demand access to services. Particularly in underdeveloped countries where conventional infrastructure could be limited, the spread of cellphones and mobile internet has democratized service access. By reaching once underprivileged groups, for example, mobile banking has greatly increased financial inclusion. Effective integration of these technologies forms the backbone of digital service ecosystems capable of promoting competitiveness and innovation[2].

The synergy among these technologies increases their impact and helps to create fresh client experiences and service models. Leveraging AI, cloud computing, and mobile apps can help Algerian businesses move to digitalized services, improve operational agility, and enable sustainable development in an ever more digital environment[3].

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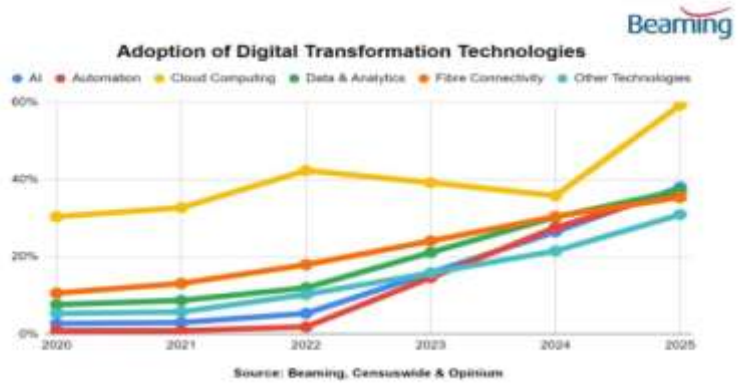

figure 2 the adoption of digital transformation technologies[1]

Source: The Productivity Institute (2025), "Adoption of Advanced Digital Technologies and Platforms", Working Paper No. 049

Figure2 illustrates the adoption trends of major digital transformation technologies between 2020 and 2025. As shown, cloud computing leads in adoption, with a sharp increase projected for 2025. Other key enabling technologies-such as AI, automation, and data & analytics-also show significant growth, reflecting their expanding role in driving digital transformation across sectors. These trends are consistent with the broader recognition of these technologies as foundational enablers of innovation, efficiency, and competitiveness in the digital era.

2 Effects of Digitalization on Consumer Contentment

2.1 Customer satisfaction models—such as the SERVQUAL model

A fundamental concept in service management, customer satisfaction reflects the degree to which the service experience either meets or surpasses consumer expectations. Developed by Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry, the SERVQUAL model is among the most often applied models for evaluating service quality and its effect on satisfaction. Within five categories—tangibles, dependability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy—servQUAL evaluates service quality. The model reveals areas of strength and development by

[1] The Productivity Institute (2025), "Adoption of Advanced Digital Technologies and Platforms", Working Paper No. 049.

contrasting consumer expectations with their impressions of real service delivery[1].

Within the framework of digital services, the SERVQUAL model has been modified to fit the special qualities of digital interactions including information security, system dependability, and user interface design. To reflect the subtleties of digital service quality, researchers have suggested several characteristics including simplicity of use and personalizing ability (Santos, 2003). These changes especially apply to Algerian businesses trying to know how digitalization affects consumer pleasure in a fast changing technological scene[2].

Using customer satisfaction models like SERVQUAL helps companies to methodically assess the success of their digital projects. Companies can give technology, training, and process development top priority by spotting differences between expectations andexperiences, hence improving customer satisfaction and loyalty[3].

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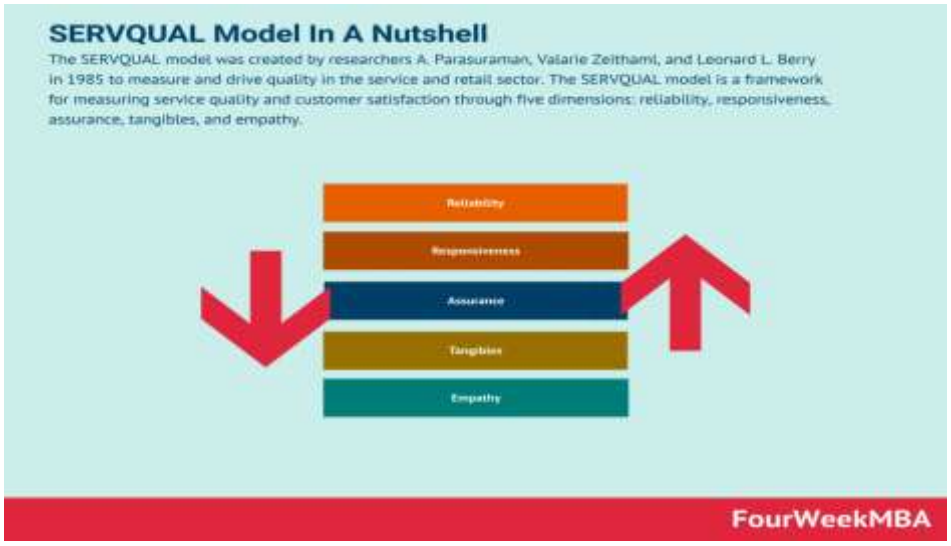
Figure 3 SERVQUAL Model Adapted for Digital Services



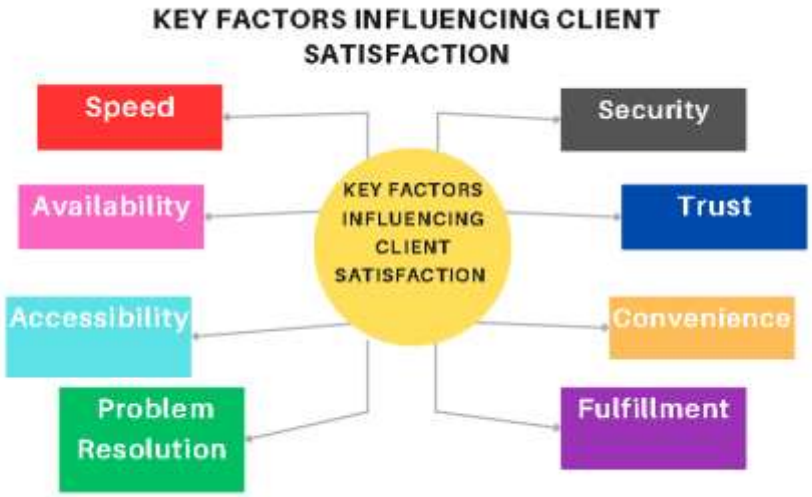
Source: fourweekmba

The image above illustrates the SERVQUAL model, which evaluates service quality across five key dimensions: reliability, responsiveness, assurance, tangibles, and empathy. In the context of digital banking, this model helps identify how well digital platforms meet customer expectations—not only through technical performance and security, but also through user-friendly design and personalized support. This visual highlights the importance of addressing all these factors to improve overall customer satisfaction with digital banking services.

2.2 Customer experience and digitalization:

their relationship Through more customized, convenient, and rapid service interactions, digitalization has radically changed the consumer experience. By letting consumers access services on their terms, digital channels help to lower wait times and improve openness. Customer expectations for flawless, integrated experiences have been raised by the capacity :to communicate with companies via several digital channels—websites, mobile apps, social media—Lemon & Verhoef, 2016. Therefore, businesses who successfully digitalize their offerings can set themselves apart by providing exceptional client experiences[1].

Digitalization affects consumer experience in ways other than only convenience. By means of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence, companies may predict consumer requirements, provide customized recommendations, and address problems early on. Building trust and long-term relationships depends on a feeling of value and understanding that these skills help to develop. Digitalization does, however, also bring difficulties including the



[1] Lemon, K. N., & Verhoef, P. C. (2016). Understanding Customer Experience Throughout the Customer Journey. Journal of Marketing, 80(6), 69–96.

possibility of depersonalization and worries about data privacy, which need careful management to keep customer happiness[1] .

Competing in a market going more and more digital requires Algerian businesses to make investments in digital customer experience. Organizations may inspire happiness, loyalty, and advocacy by using technology to improve every point of contact of the customer path [2].

Source: Adapted by the author from Zahir Sayed (2017), "Exploring the role of Emotional Intelligence in the Service Industry", ResearchGate.

2.3 Evaluating digital service quality in relation to consumer happiness

Evaluating digital services calls for a multifarious strategy that catches both functional and

Figure 4 Key factors influencing client satisfaction

experiential elements. Key performance indicators (KPIs) might be system availability, transaction speed, user interface usability, and customer support efficacy. While analytics tools can track behavioral patterns and pinpoint trouble points, surveys and feedback systems can offer insightful analysis of customer views of digital service quality[3].

Strong link between customer happiness and digital service quality has been shown by empirical research. Higher lifetime value, good word-of-mouth, and more customer retention are linked to premium digital services. On the other hand, technological problems, bad usability, or security lapses could undermine confidence and happiness, therefore causing client departure. Maintaining customer satisfaction in a dynamic digital world depends thus on constant monitoring and enhancement of digital service quality.

Measuring and enhancing digital service quality can let businesses in Algeria develop customer loyalty and competitive advantage, especially as digital adoption quickens across industries[4].

3 Digitalizing Affects Company Performance

Digitalization presents great possibilities to improve operational effectiveness and lower expenses inside companies. Digital technologies can reduce repetitions and hasten decision-

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making by automating mundane procedures, optimizing workflows, and data integration across departments. Adoption of robotic process automation (RPA) and enterprise resource planning (ERP) technologies, for instance, has helped businesses to maximize resource allocation and reduce hand errors .These savings in expenses help to liberate funds for key initiatives[1].

By moving services to digital platforms, one can further cut expenses by lowering the demand for physical infrastructure and thereby lowering transaction costs. By allowing self-service alternatives and thereby lowering the amount of in-person contacts, online service delivery can help cut staff costs. Digitalization has caused a drop in branch visits and more reliance on online and mobile platforms in the banking industry, therefore producing notable operational savings [2].

Digitalization is a major tool for Algerian businesses—especially in settings with limited resources—in reaching operational excellence and financial sustainability. Through methodically spotting and seizing chances for cost cuts, companies can improve their resilience and competitiveness[3].

3.1 Value creating and digital business models

The emergence of digitalization has spawned fresh business models using technology to produce and seize value in creative ways. Platform-based models—marketplaces and ecosystems, for example—allow companies to link customers and producers, streamline processes, and create network effects (Parker et al., 2016). While data-driven models profit from insights gained from customer interactions and behaviors, subscription-based and freemium models give consumers flexibility and continuous value.Scalability, agility, and fast iterating and responding to market changes define digital company models. Often depending on partnerships, open innovation, and co-creation with consumers and other stakeholders, they also Adopting digital business strategies can open Algerian company's new income sources, increase market share, and stimulate steady development. Effective

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integration of technology, organizational competencies, and customer-centric strategies will determine if such models succeed (Parker et al., 2016)[1].

In digital business models, value generation spans social and environmental effects in addition to financial ones. Digital channels can, for instance, boost small enterprises, encourage financial inclusion, and provide underprivileged groups access to basic services. Businesses can improve their credibility and long-term survival by matching value creation with more general society goals[2].

3.2 Competitive advantage by means of digital capabilities

Gaining and maintaining competitive advantage in the ever-changing corporate environment of today depends on developing strong digital capabilities. Digital capabilities are those tools, technology, and talents that help companies to be creative, flexible, and provide outstanding value to consumers. Among other things, these skills comprise data analytics, cybersecurity, digital marketing, and agile project management. Strong digital capabilities enable companies to differentiate themselves from rivals, react faster to market possibilities, and forecast consumer wants.

Digital capabilities build up gradually and call for continuous people, technology, and organizational learning investment. Businesses who give digital capability development top priority will be more suited to negotiate shocks, seize opportunities, and maintain long-term performance. Building digital capabilities is especially crucial in the Algerian setting for overcoming infrastructure and legal constraints as well as for promoting innovation in conventional sectors [3].

In the digital era, competitive advantage is ultimately defined not only by technology but also by the capacity to include digital capabilities into the center of the operations and strategy of the company. This connection helps businesses to develop original value propositions, build client loyalty, and reach outstanding performance[4].

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4. Theoretical Frameworks for Service Digitalization and Digital Transformation

1) Conceptual Distinctions and Overlaps

Digitalization, digital transformation, and business model innovation (BMI) are interconnected but distinct concepts within the context of organizational change. Digitalization refers specifically to the integration and increased use of digital technologies within business processes, aiming to improve business performance and customer experience. In contrast, digital transformation encompasses a broader, holistic organizational shift, involving changes to strategy, structure, and culture, often resulting in new or significantly reconfigured business models . BMI, meanwhile, focuses on the reconfiguration of business model elements-such as value proposition, infrastructure, and revenue streams-often as a consequence of digital transformationRecent frameworks emphasize that successful digital transformation requires not only technological adoption but also strategic leadership, digital capabilities, and alignment with evolving customer needs[1].

2) Key Constructs and Framework Elements

A comprehensive theoretical framework for digitalization and digital transformation incorporates several critical constructs:

- Strategy: The presence of a clear digital strategy is fundamental, guiding the organization through the transformation process and ensuring alignment with business objectives.
- Digital Capabilities: Upgrading existing capabilities and developing new digital competencies are essential for leveraging technology and achieving transformation outputs.
- Customer Focus: Adopting a user-centered approach and understanding the needs of the digital customer are central to enhancing service delivery and satisfaction .
- Resources and Infrastructure: Adequate resources and robust digital infrastructure underpin the successful integration of digital technologies[2].
- Business Processes and Ecosystem: Digitalization often requires the automation and standardization of processes, as well as collaboration across the business ecosystem to foster innovation and agility .

[1] Teece, D. J. (2018). Business Models and Dynamic Capabilities. Long Range Planning, 51(1), 40–49.
[2] Bharadwaj, A., Sawy, O. A. E., Pavlou, P. A., & Venkatraman, N. (2013). Digital Business Strategy:Toward a Next Generation of Insights. MIS Quarterly, 37(2), 471–482.

– Governance: Effective governance structures are necessary to oversee the transformation, manage risks, and ensure accountability .

A conceptual framework maps these constructs, illustrating how traditional business model elements can be digitally transformed to create new value and competitive advantage. The transformation process typically involves developing digital products or infusing existing offerings with digital features, serving the digital customer more effectively, and reconfiguring internal and external capabilities to support new strategic direction[1].

3) Dynamic Capabilities and Performance Outcomes

Dynamic capabilities theory is frequently applied in digital transformation research to explain how organizations build, integrate, and reconfigure internal and external competencies to address rapidly changing environments. The development of dynamic capabilities-such as sensing opportunities, seizing them, and transforming organizational resources-is directly linked to successful digital transformation and improved firm performance. Empirical studies show that organizations with robust dynamic capabilities are better positioned to achieve digital transformation success, which in turn positively impacts operational efficiency, innovation, and customer satisfaction[2] .

4) Application of Technology Adoption Models

Table 01 Comparison of technology adoption models[3]

Table 2: Comparison of Technology Adoption Models

Model	Main Concepts	Key Variables	Application in Service Digitalization
TAM (Technology Acceptance Model)	Explains user acceptance of technology	- Perceived Usefulness - Perceived Ease of Use	Helps assess if users find digital banking services useful and easy to use
UTAUT (Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology)	Consolidates 8 previous models into one framework	- Performance Expectancy - Effort Expectancy - Social Influence - Facilitating Conditions	Useful for evaluating public and employee acceptance of e-services and mobile apps
TTF (Task-Technology Fit)	Focuses on how well technology supports specific tasks	- Task Characteristics - Technology Characteristics - Task-Technology Fit	Used to assess if digital banking tools match customer and employee needs
DOI (Diffusion of Innovation) (optional)	Describes how innovations spread over time	- Relative Advantage - Compatibility - Complexity - Trialability - Observability	Explains why digital tools (e.g. e-KYC or mobile banking) spread slowly or quickly in Algerian banks

Source: Dash et al. (2023), Weritz (2023), Venkatesh et al. (2003), Goodhue & Thompson (1995)

[1] Bharadwaj, A., Sawy, O. A. E., Pavlou, P. A., & Venkatraman, N. (2013). Digital Business Strategy: Toward a Next Generation ofInsights. MIS Quarterly, 37(2), 471–482.
[2] Chishti, S., & Barberis, J. (2016). The FINTECH Book: The Financial Technology Handbook for Investors, Entrepreneurs and Visionaries. Wiley
[3] King, B. (2018). Bank 4.0: Banking Everywhere, Never at a Bank. Wiley

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Frameworks such as the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), Task-Technology Fit (TTF), and Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) are also relevant for assessing the adoption and impact of digital technologies within organizations. These models highlight the importance of perceived usefulness, ease of use, compatibility, and the fit between technology and organizational tasks in driving successful digital adoption and performance outcomes[1] . The TTF model, for example, posits that the effectiveness of digitalization depends on how well technology supports specific business tasks, influencing both knowledge utilization and organizational results

As shown in Table 1, models such as TAM and UTAUT are particularly useful for assessing user acceptance of digital banking platforms, while TTF and DOI help explain the fit between technology and tasks and the speed of innovation diffusion, respectively.

[1] King, B. (2018). Bank 4.0: Banking Everywhere, Never at a Bank. Wiley

5) Synthesis and Managerial Implications

Synthesizing these perspectives, a robust theoretical framework for service digitalization and digital transformation in organizations-such as those in Algeria-should integrate strategic orientation, digital capabilities, customer-centricity, resource readiness, process innovation, and governance. This holistic approach ensures that digital initiatives are not merely technological upgrades but drivers of sustainable business model innovation and competitive differentiation[1] .“Identifying and understanding the needs of the twenty-first century customer will require changes in customer service delivery, through digital platforms, resulting in increased customer satisfaction and better customer experience.” Such frameworks provide both researchers and practitioners with a structured lens to analyze, implement, and evaluate digitalization efforts, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and market realities.

Conclusion:

The exploration of the theoretical foundations of service digitalization reveals that digitalization is more than a technological upgrade-it is a comprehensive transformation that reshapes business models, customer relationships, and value creation processes. The distinction between digitization, digitalization, and digital transformation is crucial for understanding the depth and scope of organizational change required to remain competitive in a rapidly evolving environment. Theoretical frameworks emphasize the importance of aligning digital strategies with customer needs, developing robust digital capabilities, and fostering a culture of innovation and agility. Digitalization enables organizations to create new service-oriented business models, enhance customer experience, and customize offerings, all while improving operational efficiency and reducing costs. The value generated through digital services is co-created with customers, requiring organizations to prioritize customer involvement, feedback, and experience in the design and delivery of digital solutions. Ultimately, the theoretical analysis underscores that successful digitalization is grounded in a holistic approach that integrates strategy, technology, people, and processes, setting the stage for empirical investigation in the Algerian context.

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Chapter 2: Service Digitalization In Algeria

Introduction:

In recent years, Algeria has made significant strides in digitalizing its public and private sectors, driven by ambitious national strategies and evolving consumer expectations. By 2025, more than 450 public services have been digitized, including civil registration, social security, taxation, and healthcare. This large-scale initiative reflects a broader governmental commitment to enhancing accessibility, transparency, and efficiency in public administration through digital means. Digital platforms and mobile applications have improved citizens' access to essential services, reduced bureaucratic delays, and streamlined service delivery. The private sector-especially banking-has also experienced rapid digital development. Algerian banks have introduced a range of digital services, such as online account management, electronic payments, and mobile banking, in response to changing consumer needs and increased competition. These advancements position Algeria as a regional leader in digital public service delivery and demonstrate a growing commitment to integrating digital technologies across the economy. However, the digitalization journey in Algeria is not without challenges. Issues related to infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, cybersecurity, and user adoption persist. This chapter analyzes the current state of service digitalization in Algeria, with a particular focus on the banking sector. It examines the progress made, the opportunities and obstacles encountered, and the strategies implemented to overcome these challenges. The objective is to provide a comprehensive overview of Algeria's digital transformation, identify key drivers and barriers, and highlight the implications for sustainable, inclusive development.

1 Digital Transformational Scene in Algeria

1.1 Change of digital connectivity and infrastructure

Over the past two decades, Algeria's digital infrastructure has undergone a transformation from having weak connectivity to having a more robust telecoms network. Early 2000s marked the beginning of significant digital infrastructure investment as Djezzy and Ooredoo entered the telecoms industry following the opening of the sector. The period focused on voice services at first but progressively included data capabilities with the introduction of 3G and then 4G technologies and this era saw the growth of mobile networks. Mobile devices

became widely accepted by the community and by 2025 the mobile penetration had reached around 120% [1].

The development of fiber optic infrastructure has been limited to metropolitan areas and industrial zones which has limited the expansion of fixed broadband infrastructure. The state-owned telecom operator Algérie Télécom started the "eLDjazair 2025" project to increase network capacity and extend fiber connectivity to remote communities. These initiatives notwithstanding, there are still noticeable differences between urban and rural connectivity; the latter suffers with infrastructural dependability and bandwidth availability. We remain worried about the digital divide particularly for people residing in the southern regions of the nation [2].

Data centers and internet exchange points (IXPs) are critical important elements of Algeria's digital infrastructure. In 2015, the Algeria Internet Exchange (AIXP) marked a turning point in local traffic exchange improvement and dependent on foreign bandwidth reduction. Similar investments in tier-3 data centers in Algiers, Oran, and Constantine have improved the nation's capacity to host digital services locally, therefore aiding the expansion of cloud computing and digital content distribution. These advances have helped Algerian consumers to enjoy lower latency and better digital services quality[3].

Remote work together with e-learning and digital services became essential during the COVID-19 pandemic which led to rapid infrastructure development. The government launched the "Digital Algeria 2025" campaign as a response to the pandemic which allocated substantial funds to enhance 4G coverage and initiate 5G pilots in major cities and provide broadband access to small enterprises and educational institutions. Although these policies have raised connection measures Algeria remains behind Morocco and Tunisia; internet penetration by 2025 is forecasted to be 75% [4].

1.2 Policies and national digital strategies

The changing goals and challenges of Algeria have been reflected through a series of governmental policies that have shaped the country's stance on digitization. The "e-Algeria 2013" which was introduced in 2009 was the first comprehensive framework for digital

[1] Algerian Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications. (2024). Mobile Applications Usage Report
[2] World Bank. (2023). Algeria Digital Economy Assessment
[3] International Telecommunication Union. (2024). Digital Infrastructure Development in North Africa
[4] United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. (2023). Digital Economy Report: North Africa Focus

development and concentrated on infrastructure development and e-government services and digital literacy. The institutional cooperation, budget constraints and political priorities shift created obstacles that hindered the achievement of its objectives. In 2020 the government presented "Digital Algeria 2025" which takes a more unified approach to digital transformation between public and commercial sectors[1].

The "Digital Algeria 2025" plan comprises five pillars including infrastructure development, digital governance, digital economy, human capital, and regulatory framework. The strategy sets specific objectives which include reaching 90% internet penetration, digitizing 80% of government services and creating 100,000 digital sector jobs by 2025. The strategy also emphasizes how public-private cooperation can assist in addressing financing gaps and enhance digital innovation. The High Commission for Digitalization is an inter-ministerial entity that oversees government entities' coordination and monitoring activities[2] .

Particular aspects of digitalization receive support through complementary policy initiatives. The "Startups Act" of 2020 created a technological business legislative framework which offers tax benefits together with simplified administrative procedures and access to funding through the National Startup Fund dedicated capital. Through the "Digital Services Export Strategy" Algeria aims to become a major IT outsourcing and software development hub for both Francophone Africa and Europe. These strategic measures demonstrate the rising understanding of digital service revenue potential as well as the requirement for specialized support mechanisms[3].

The strategic frameworks have not been able to address the persistent issues of bureaucratic procedures, regulatory complexity and public institution opposition to change in policy execution. Policy continuity has occasionally been broken by the regular reconfiguration of ministerial portfolios with digital affairs flowing between telecommunications, industry, and specialized digital economy ministries between Furthermore, the distribution of resources has not always aligned with strategic priorities; Infrastructure projects are usually given priority over softer issues as institutional capacity building and talent development[4].

[1] Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Algeria. (2020). Digital Algeria 2025 Strategy Document
[2] Algerian Ministry of Digital Economy and Startups. (2022).
[3] Oxford Business Group. (2023). Algeria Banking Sector Report: Digital Transformation Landscape
[4] World Bank. (2023). Infrastructure for Digital Financial Services in North Africa.

Algerian digital business regulatory environment The Algerian digital business regulatory environment is shaped by a complex set of enabling systems and limiting policies that reflect the general tension between economic liberalization and political control. The Electronic Commerce Law of 2018 legally defined online transactions, digital signatures and consumer protection in the digital market. The Personal Data Protection Law of 2020 enhanced this legislation to align Algeria's data governance structure with international norms including the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), thus aligning Algeria with other countries. For digital companies, these reforms have given more legal clarity and raised consumer trust in online services[1].

Although at a steady pace, the financial rules have been changed to allow fintech developments and digital payment systems. In 2018, the Central Bank of Algeria (Bank of Algeria) made rules for electronic payment services to allow banks and licenced payment institutions to provide digital wallets, mobile payment options, and online banking services. However, the limitations on international transfers and currency convertibility have hindered the integration of Algerian digital companies with worldwide payment systems. Analogously, rules mandating local data storage for some industries, including financial services and telecoms, have raised compliance costs for digital service providers [2].

The telecommunications regulatory system has progressively been opened up to foster digital innovation under the control of the Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications (ARPCE). While the rules on infrastructure sharing have reduced the costs of network operator rollout, the spectrum allocation procedures have been revised to enable 4G and 5G installations. However, licences for value-added digital services are cumbersome, especially for startups and small businesses. Artificial intelligence, blockchain, and cloud computing are still under regulation which leaves companies running at the technical front edge unsure[3].

The cross-cutting regulatory issues include intellectual property protection, cybersecurity needs and content moderation rules. While implementation capacity varies between sectors, the National Agency for Information Systems Security (ANSI) has developed cybersecurity standards for digital service providers and critical infrastructure. Content rules have sparked

[1] Algerian Official Journal. (2020). Personal Data Protection Law No. 20-05 of June 2020.
[2] Bank of Algeria. (2023). Regulatory Framework for Cybersecurity in Financial Institutions
[3] Algerian Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications. (2025). Telecommunications Sector Annual Report.

questions about possible limits on digital freedom and innovation, especially those pertaining to social media channels and digital publication. This calls for addressing this regulatory complexity by striking a balance between security issues and the need for an enabling environmentfor digital entrepreneurship and service innovation [1].

1.3 Comparative positioning with regional benchmarks (such as UAE banking industry)

Comparatively with regional benchmarks—especially the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which has become a leader in digital banking and financial services in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region— Algeria's digital transformation path can be placed. With companies like Emirates NBD and Mashreq Bank using thorough digital strategies spanning mobile banking, artificial intelligence-powered customer care, and blockchain-based transaction platforms, the UAE banking industry has reached notable digital maturity. Algeria's banking digitalization, on the other hand, is still in its early years; most offers have limited mobile capability and simple online banking tools [2].

Many elements help to explain this digital divide. Strategic government projects like the "Smart Dubai" and "UAE Strategy for Artificial Intelligence have helped the UAE by building an enabling ecosystem for financial innovation. Furthermore, the UAE's regulatory sandbox strategy has permitted controlled fintech solution experimentation before mass release. Only lately has Algeria developed comparable innovation-friendly legal systems, like the Bank of Algeria's 2023 fintech regulatory sandbox. Moreover, the UAE's higher per capita income, more penetration of smartphones, and more evolved digital payment infrastructure have sped client acceptance of digital banking services.

Regarding particular digital banking features, the UAE leads in areas including advanced analytics for tailored services, digital onboarding—allowing consumers to open accounts remotely with biometric verification—and connection with more general digital ecosystems. Algerian banks lag in these more advanced capacities but have improved in fundamental transactional services. More sophisticated digital banking services are nonetheless being laid by Algeria's recent investments in the national interbank payment network (SATIM) and digital identity systems. UAE example points to regulatory flexibility and integrated public-private cooperation as means of enabling faster development [3].

[1] African Development Bank. (2024). Digital Financial Services in North Africa: Trends and Regulatory Developments
[2] KPMG Algeria. (2023). Digital Transformation Investment Analysis: Algerian Banking Sector
[3] PwC Middle East. (2024). UAE Banking Digitalization: Lessons for Regional Markets.

When one looks outside the UAE, one finds a mixed picture when comparing other North African countries. While Tunisia has used its strong IT sector to create creative digital financial services, Morocco has attained more digital banking penetration by early investments in mobile payment systems and agent banking networks. Egypt's financial businesses filling certain market niches have grown quickly. These varied regional experiences provide Algeria with insightful knowledge that suggests that digital transformation plans should be customized to local market conditions, use existing strengths (such as Algeria's young, tech-savvy population), and solve particular pain points in the consumer journey[1] .

Table 2 Digital Banking features- Algeria vs. UAE (2025)

Feature	UAE	Algeria
Mobile banking apps	Advanced (biometric, AI)	Basic to moderate
e-KYC (remote account opening)	Widely available	Limited (few banks offer)
Fintech regulatory sandbox	Fully operational since 2017	Launched in 2023
Blockchain integration	In use for transactions	Not yet implemented
24/7 customer service (AI/chatbot)	Standard in major banks	Rare
Digital ID integration	Yes (Emirates ID)	In early stages (CNIBE)
Financial inclusion via mobile	High (banking for all)	Improving, still limited

Source: KPMG (2023), PwC Middle East (2024), Bank of Algeria (2024), Deloitte (2023)

2 Digitalization of Service Current State in Algerian Banking Sector

2.1 Digital banking systems and services (BNA, BDL, etc.)

With both public and commercial institutions investing in online and mobile banking systems, the Algerian banking industry has seen a slow increase of digital services. Launched by state-owned banks such Banque Nationale d'Algérie (BNA) and Banque de Développement Local (BDL), thorough digital banking systems allow consumers to make simple operations including fund transfers, bill payments, and account inquiries. Introduced in 2019 and enhanced in 2023, BNA's "BNA.net" platform marks a major development in the digital capacity of the bank since it provides both retail and corporate clients safe access to a

[1] Marous, J. (2018). Digital Banking Report: Customer Experience in Banking. Digital Banking Report.

spectrum of financial services. Although with less capability than international norms, BDL's "BDL Connect" offers a consistent digital interface for account management [1]

Private banks functioning in Algeria, including foreign companies like Société Générale Algérie and BNP Paribas El Djazaïr, have traditionally shown more sophisticated digital skills. Leveraging their worldwide knowledge and technological expenditures, these companies have developed features such biometric authentication, tailored financial management tools, and flawless online and mobile channel integration. Launching the first totally digital account opening process in 2022, Gulf Bank Algeria (AGB) has been especially creative in letting consumers complete onboarding remotely utilizing electronic know-your-customer (e-KYC) verification. Even these more technologically advanced banks, however, have restrictions regarding the larger financial ecosystem, including limited interoperability with other financial institutions and limited integration with international payment networks [2].

Digital banking systems reflect varied degrees of investment and strategic prioritizing, so their usefulness differs greatly among institutions. Typical elements are account monitoring, domestic transfers, standing orders, and utility bill payments. More sophisticated features including loan applications, foreign transfers, and investment management are accessible selectively, usually limited by technical constraints and legal restrictions. User experience also differs greatly; while older systems suffer with usability issues that affect client acceptance, modern platforms use responsive design concepts and simple interfaces. Though approaches to implementation vary, security features—including multi-factor authentication and transaction monitoring—have become standard across most platforms [3]

Notwithstanding these developments, Algerian digital banking systems still suffer with issues with system dependability, processing speed, and connection with the larger financial ecosystem. Reports of outages during peak times and transaction delays point to some frequency that compromises consumer confidence in digital channels. Furthermore, limiting the possibility for providing seamless digital financial experiences is the low interoperability between banking systems and other financial services (like insurance, investment, and

[1] Banque Nationale d'Algérie. (2023). Digital Banking Platform Enhancement: Technical Documentation.
[2] Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Algeria. (2024). *Digital Maturity Assessment of the Algerian Banking Sector*.

[3] Algerian Banking Association. (2023). *Annual Report on Banking Sector Performance and Innovation*.

government payment systems). These restrictions mirror technical restrictions as well as the scattered character of digital transformation projects among Algerian banks[1].

2.2 Payments and mobile banking

With smartphone adoption laying a basis for increased service delivery, mobile banking has become a vital part of Algeria's financial digitization. Though adoption rates vary greatly across demographic groups, most big banks now have specific mobile apps that give easy access to financial services. Urban, younger consumers have embraced applications including "BNA Mobile,""CPA M-Banking," and "BADR Mobile," which provide simplified interfaces for regular banking chores. Usually supporting account administration, bank transfers, bill payments, and—increasingly—merchant payments via QR codes—are these applications? Although performance and dependability problems still worry some platforms, user evaluations and comments show growing degrees of satisfaction[2]

Restrained by regulatory prudence and infrastructure constraints, Algeria's mobile payment ecosystem has developed more slowly than in some of its neighbors. A major turning point was the launch of the national electronic payment system "EDAHABIA" in 2020, which allowed compatible mobile payments among several banks and payment service providers. With transaction volumes rising consistently since inception, this system facilitates merchant payments as well as person-to----person (P2P). Complementary projects include the "Baridimob" mobile wallet from Algérie Poste, which makes use of the postal network's great reach to offer underprivileged groups simple financial services. Although digital payment use remains concentrated in metropolitan centers and among more affluent, tech-savvy individuals, these solutions are progressively lowering dependency on cash[3].

By bringing tailored solutions that meet certain market needs, fintech companies have started to transform the scene of mobile payments. Originally started as a ride-hailing service, companies like Temtem have evolved into digital payments providing streamlined merchant payment solutions and digital wallets. Paywell and Dzair Pay have also created payment aggregation systems that let small companies take digital payments without making major technical commitment. Though legislative constraints and finance access still slow down the speed of fintech growth, these developments are progressively producing a more varied and competitive mobile payment environment [4].

[1] KPMG Algeria. (2024). Digital Banking Economics: Channel Cost Analysis.
[2] Algerian Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications. (2024). Mobile Applications UsageReport.
[3] Algerian Regulatory Authority for Post and Electronic Communications. (2024). Mobile Applications Usage Report.
[4] Fintech Algeria Association. (2023). Fintech Ecosystem Mapping and Development Report.

Notwithstanding these encouraging advancements, Algeria's mobile banking and payment systems nevertheless suffer ongoing acceptance hurdles. Among some population groups, limited digital literacy, security and privacy issues, and the ongoing predominance of cash culture provide major obstacles. Furthermore, for a significant number of people in rural locations, network coverage limits impede access to mobile financial services. To guarantee dependable connectivity for mobile financial services, these obstacles must be overcome by coordinated efforts among stakeholders including focused digital literacy campaigns, improved consumer protection systems, and ongoing investment in telecommunications infrastructure[1].

2.3 Digital agency concepts and self-service banking

Digital agency banking is gaining traction in Algeria as financial institutions try to find a middle ground between traditional branch-based services and full digital banking. Digital agencies, which are hybrid spaces between self-service technology and human assistance, have been opened by several banks in major urban areas. These facilities include automated teller machines (ATMs), cash deposit machines, interactive kiosks, and video conferencing capabilities for remote expert consultation. The Agence Digitale concept was introduced by Banque Extérieure d'Algérie (BEA) in Algiers in 2021 and was followed by similar concepts by Credit Populaire d'Algérie (CPA) and CNEP Banque. These digital agencies are capable of extending service hours, cutting waiting times and more efficient handling of routine transactions, while still allowing personalized assistance when needed [2] .

Self-service banking is no longer limited to traditional ATMs and has expanded to include a wider variety of automated solutions. Advanced ATMs have been installed across major cities, which offer cash recycling, check deposit, account opening, and card issuance among other enhanced functionalities. These machines are capable of handling a wider range of transactions compared to traditional ATMs which in turn reduces branch congestion and operational costs. Interactive kiosks equipped with touchscreen interfaces provide access to account information, product applications, and educational content, and often include video assistance capabilities. Some banks have also introduced appointment scheduling systems and virtual queuing solutions to enhance the customer experience when in-person services are

[1] Oxford Business Group. (2023). Fintech and Digital Payments in Algeria: Investment Analysis.
[2] Banque Extérieure d'Algérie. (2023). Digital Agency Performance Report.

required. Self-service technologies are reshaping the banking experience, though their distribution is not even, with a greater concentration in affluent urban areas[1].

Digital identity verification within self-service banking is an emerging trend that has substantial potential to increase financial service accessibility. The national electronic identity card (CNIBE) which was introduced in 2022 has biometric data and digital certificates that can be used for secure authentication at self-service terminals. BNA and BDL are among the banks that have started integrating this capability into their self-service networks, thus enabling more complex transactions to be completed without staff intervention. However, the adoption of contactless technologies and mobile authentication methods is improving the security and convenience of self-service banking, though the level of adoption is still low compared to more digitally advanced markets[2].

Despite the growth of digital agency concepts and self-service banking, challenges such as customer adoption, technical reliability, and security management continue to exist. Many customers, especially the older individuals and those with low levels of digital literacy, still prefer to conduct complex transactions and seek financial advice through traditional branch interactions. Self-service operations are occasionally disrupted by technical issues, including system downtime and interface usability problems, which undermines confidence in automated channels. Banks have also been prompted to enhance security measures, which sometimes come at the expense of user convenience due to fraud and security breaches. Security requirements versus customer experience is a key challenge in the evolution of self-service banking in Algeria[3].

2.4 Digital maturity and adoption rates in Algerian banks

The digital maturity of Algerian banks is quite different and this can be attributed to differences in strategic priorities, investment capacity, and organizational culture. The Algerian Association of Banks and Financial Institutions in 2024 performed a comprehensive assessment of the sector and classified it into three maturity tiers. The first tier, which consists of about 20% of the institutions (mainly international banks and selected private Algerian banks), has demonstrated advanced digital capabilities, including omnichannel service delivery, data-driven personalization, and automated back-office processes. The

[1] Banque Extérieure d'Algérie. (2023). Digital Agency Performance Report.
[2] Ministry of Interior, Algeria. (2023). *National Electronic Identity Implementation Report.
[3] Banque Extérieure d'Algérie. (2023). Digital Agency Performance Report.

second tier, which constitutes about 50% of the sector, has developed basic digital services but has no integration across channels and has not developed sophisticated analytics capabilities. The last 30% is at an early stage of digital transformation, with limited online functionality and predominantly manual processes. The different levels of maturity in the banking sector result in a fragmented customer experience across the banking ecosystem and hinder system-wide initiatives such as interoperability and standardization[1].

Digital banking service adoption continues to grow steadily despite differences between different demographic groups and geographic locations. The adoption rate of digital banking channels among Algerian bank customers reached 45% in 2025 compared to 25% during 2020 which indicates quick market adoption. The overall statistics hide major differences because urban bank customers show more than 60% adoption but rural customers maintain less than 30% usage. The adoption rates between different age groups are vastly different since users under 35 years old reached adoption rates above 70% while users older than 60 years reached less than 20%. The volume data shows digital channels now process about 35% of banking transactions while traditional channels handle most high-value and complex deals. The digital adoption trends show that multiple customer segments including older users and those in less connected areas still have significant potential for digital banking growth [2]

Several factors influence digital banking adoption in Algeria. The adoption of digital banking in Algeria is driven by growing smartphone ownership rates (75% by 2025), digital service marketing efforts and digital channel benefits for customers. Digital banking registrations through online channels rose 35% in 2020-2021 when physical banking branches faced restrictions due to COVID-19. Non-users mention security and privacy concerns as their main adoption barriers while digital illiteracy affects older and less educated groups and cash preferences continue to dominate various economic sectors. User experience and digital channel trust suffers from technical problems including system downtime and connectivity issues[3] .

The banking industry has deployed different strategies to boost digital adoption but achieved variable success. Educational programs that include demonstrations in branches together with online tutorials and dedicated phone support have succeeded in teaching digital literacy to

[1] Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Algeria. (2024). Digital Maturity Assessment of the Algerian Banking Sector.
[2]Bank of Algeria. (2024). *Financial Inclusion Impact Assessment: Digital Channels Contribution.

[3] Bank of Algeria. (2024). Digital Financial Services Adoption Survey.

specific customer groups. Customers show higher adoption and continued usage of digital services through incentive programs which offer reduced fees and loyalty rewards for digital transactions. Banks follow a "phygital" strategy by starting customers on branch-assisted digital services before switching them to independent self-service platforms after building their confidence. Digital adoption on a large scale needs solution of fundamental ecosystem obstacles that include poor telecommunications infrastructure together with regulatory restrictions and social preferences for meeting with financial service providers [1].

3 Challenges and Opportunities in Banking Digitalization

3.1 Infrastructure limitations impacting service digitalization

The implementation of banking digitalization in Algeria encounters major barriers due to insufficient infrastructure capabilities. The telecommunications infrastructure has seen improvements but still maintains problems with reliability and bandwidth and geographical reach. The internet service shows regular service interruptions across certain areas especially during busy times which leads to poor performance of digital banking operations. Mobile network coverage reaches more areas but its capacity diminishes in areas with high population density and the deployment of 4G networks remains restricted in rural locations. The problems with connectivity cause major dissatisfaction among digital banking users because they result in transaction failures and system timeouts. The Algerian Consumer Protection Association surveyed digital banking users in 2024 and found that 42% experienced service disruptions because of connectivity problems at least once per month [2].

The power infrastructure instability makes connectivity problems worse because it disrupts the banking systems together with telecommunications networks. The power supply remains consistent in major cities yet the power infrastructure in smaller settlements and rural areas fails to provide reliable electricity thus disrupting digital service operations. The power backup systems installed at banking data centers and critical facilities do not reach every network component or customer entry point. Digital channels lose customer trust because of inconsistent services which causes people to use physical banking alternatives that they perceive as more dependable. The solution to these infrastructure problems needs joint

[1] Ernst & Young Algeria. (2023). *Digital Banking ROI: Measuring Success Beyond Financial Metrics*.
[2] Algerian Consumer Protection Association. (2024). *Digital Banking Service Quality Report.

investments from energy sector and financial services industry alongside telecommunications sector[1].

The national payment system faces a fundamental restriction because it needs to achieve both full interoperability and real-time processing capabilities. The Algerian Interbank Payment System (ATCI) operates with electronic transfers yet it requires longer processing times that exceed international standards especially for bank-to-bank transactions. SATIM manages the card payment infrastructure which has grown but continues to deal with merchant acceptance problems alongside terminal availability issues and system dependability problems. Digital banking service functionality and convenience face restrictions because of payment infrastructure constraints particularly when customers need immediate transactions and want to pay merchants outside the formal banking system[2].

The scalability and resilience of digital banking services experience limitations because of restrictions in data center and cloud infrastructure. The majority of Algerian banks use their own data centers but these face major challenges regarding their ability to expand along with their cooling needs and disaster preparedness measures. The requirement to store data domestically has restricted banks from utilizing global cloud services for increased scalability and state-of-the-art functions. The National Data Center created in 2020 tries to solve infrastructure problems by offering protected scalable systems to the financial industry yet its adoption has just begun. The current infrastructure restrictions make it difficult for banks to deploy advanced digital services that need extensive computational resources including real-time analytics and artificial intelligence as well as high-volume transaction processing[3].

3.2 Digital literacy among customers and employees

Digital literacy creates numerous challenges for Algerian banking digitalization since it influences both customer adoption rates and employee performance abilities. Digital literacy skills among bank customers differ substantially by population group which leads to unequal access and usage of digital banking tools. The National Office of Statistics performed a complete survey in 2024 which showed that digital financial services confidence reached 72% among young adults (18-34 years) yet this level decreased to 45% for middle-aged adults (35-54 years) and 23% among older adults. People with higher education show greater

[1] World Bank. (2023). Infrastructure for Digital Financial Services in North Africa.
[2] World Bank. (2023). Infrastructure for Digital Financial Services in North Africa.
[3] Algerian Banking Association. (2023). Annual Report on Banking Sector Performance and Innovation.

comfort with digital banking systems than those holding only primary or secondary diplomas. A digital divide emerges because of these differences which restricts banking digitalization from achieving universal inclusion [1].

Banking institutions face operational and strategic difficulties because of their employee digital literacy. The technical abilities and confidence of traditional branch front-line staff remain insufficient for properly guiding customers through digital service utilization. According to a 2023 skills assessment of five major Algerian banks the ability of their branch employees to show digital banking features to customers was limited to 38% of the workforce. The absence of technical knowledge among employees prevents branches from becoming digital adoption centers while it strengthens customer reluctance toward digital solutions. Limited digital understanding among management personnel blocks their ability to make proper decisions about digital investments and transformation projects. Employee digital training programs supported by banks lead to better customer adoption numbers and successful digital initiatives according toto the Algerian Banking Association2023[2].

Digital literacy challenges need solutions which are specifically designed for different groups of stakeholders. Banks have launched multiple educational programs for their customers through demonstrations in-branch and video tutorials and simplified documentation and dedicated digital support services. A number of financial institutions have created "digital corners" inside their branches to offer direct assistance to customers when using digital banking applications. The implementation of community outreach programs which target senior citizens and rural residents has proven effective in broadening digital access. Digital literacy initiatives from government agencies and non-governmental organizations provide additional support but their coordination remains scarce[3]

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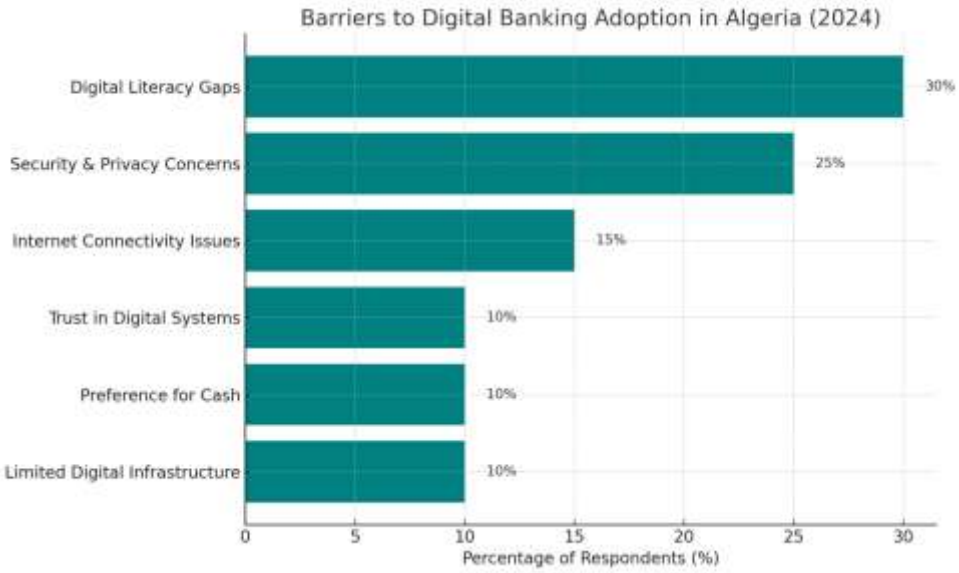
[2] to the Algerian Banking Association2023
[3] Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Algeria. (2023). *Digital Literacy Initiative: Progress Report.

Banks now focus on employee digital upskilling through formalized training courses and certification programs. The training programs integrate both technical competencies that cover digital banking capabilities and security standards together with interpersonal abilities for customer explanation and concern management. Several banks have launched "digital champions" initiatives which enable their tech-proficient employees to lead their colleagues in both training roles and change management efforts at the branch level. Organizations with advanced capabilities now use digital competencies as key factors during both recruitment and performance assessment processes because these skills have become strategically vital. The fast rate of technological evolution makes ongoing learning approaches essential because training programs need to adapt through frequent updates instead of single-instance method[1]

Figure 5 Main Obstacles to Digital Banking Adoption in Algeria (2024)



Source: Adapted from ONS Algeria, Deloitte Digital Banking Report (2023), and World Bank (2024).

This figure illustrates the primary barriers preventing widespread adoption of digital banking in Algeria. Digital literacy gaps and security concerns are the most cited factors, followed by issues related to internet access, trust, and cultural preferences for cash-based transactions.

[1] Skinner, C. (2018). Digital Human: The Fourth Revolution of Humanity Includes Everyone. Wiley.

3.3 Cybersecurity and data protection concerns

The Algerian banking sector now faces cybersecurity and data protection as fundamental issues because digitalization both widens attack opportunities and escalates security breach consequences. The banking sector encounters numerous cyber threats which include customer phishing operations along with bank system ransomware attacks and sophisticated payment network intrusions. According to the National Agency for Information Systems Security (ANSI) the financial sector faced a 65% rise in cyber incidents from 2022 to 2024 with phishing and social engineering attacks proving to be the leading threat vectors. Cyberattackers use artificial intelligence and automation to enhance their operations while staying hidden from detection as their methods grow more sophisticated. The financial sector along with reputation faces major threats from successful cyberattacks which leads to customer distrust of digital banking systems and could disrupt fundamental financial operations[1].

The banking sector regulatory frameworks for cybersecurity and data protection remain active but they continue to evolve. The Bank of Algeria issued new cybersecurity guidelines for financial institutions during 2023 which established core security protocols alongside incident reporting obligations and administrative frameworks. The Personal Data Protection Law of 2020 established essential principles for managing customer data while the Bank of Algeria issued updated cybersecurity directives for financial institutions in 2023. These regulatory requirements require substantial financial investment to acquire security technologies and develop expert processes which presents significant implementation barriers to smaller financial institutions operating with restricted resources. The ongoing evolution of cyber threats demands regulatory bodies to adapt their guidelines by developing new measures for emerging security threats and technological advancements[2].

Banks tackle these challenges by improving their security stance through technology implementations combined with operational improvements and employee education initiatives. Security technology investments include threat detection systems with advanced capabilities as well as encryption solutions for data transmission and storage and multi-factor authentication systems and SIEM platforms for complete system monitoring. The banking industry implements cybersecurity through three main operational steps that include building

[1] National Agency for Information Systems Security, Algeria. (2024). *Financial Sector Cybersecurity Threat Assessment
[2] Bank of Algeria. (2023). *Report on Payment Systems and Financial Inclusion in Algeria

specialized cybersecurity teams and performing regular vulnerability assessments and penetration tests and creating incident response plans. The goal of these awareness campaigns is to educate customers about phishing threats while teaching them safe digital banking behavior. Security maturity levels across institutions differ widely because international banks demonstrate superior capabilities than local institutions despite recent initiatives[1].

The implementation of data protection in digital banking systems creates specific difficulties related to customer privacy and consent management and data governance. Digital channels enable banks to handle growing amounts of customer data but this practice enables personalization while simultaneously increasing the chances of privacy breaches and unauthorized data usage. Creating successful data governance systems through data classification and access controls and retention policies and anonymization techniques needs extensive organizational and technical resources. The process of balancing data protection standards with data-driven innovation potential represents an ongoing struggle for banks that want to use analytics and artificial intelligence. The rise of customer data privacy concerns requires digital banking services to adopt transparent and responsible data handling methods to keep customers confident in their services[2].

3.4 Investment requirements and ROI from digital initiatives

The digital transformation of banking operations in Algeria demands multiple-year financial commitments that pose financial obstacles mainly to smaller banking institutions. Multiple financial institutions need to spend millions of dollars across several years to update core banking systems and build digital channels and strengthen cybersecurity systems. A 2023 industry analysis predicted mid-sized Algerian banks would need to spend $15-20 million initially for digital transformation followed by yearly expenses between $3-5 million for maintenance and enhancements. The overall expenses of change management as well as training and process redesign are omitted from these investment amounts. State-owned banks operating with outdated technology and numerous branches need to spend more on investments which leads to budgetary strain and forces them to implement changes over time[3].

[1] Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Algeria. (2024). Digital Maturity Assessment of theAlgerian Banking Sector.
[2] PwC Algeria. (2023). Data Protection in Digital Banking: Compliance and Best Practices.
[3] KPMG Algeria. (2023). Process Automation in Banking: Efficiency and Quality Impacts.

ROI measurement for digital banking initiatives faces various methodological hurdles which create obstacles during investment decision-making processes. Digital initiatives that involve transaction channel migration from branches to digital channels as well as new digital product releases have quantifiable cost reduction and revenue enhancement metrics. The evaluation of benefits such as improved customer experience together with enhanced market positioning and organizational agility proves challenging because these advantages are hard to directly quantify yet they offer substantial long-term value. The multiple digital investments which rely on each other for proper function make it hard to measure individual initiative effects. The challenges in measurement result in insufficient investment for transformative projects which deliver delayed or intangible returns especially among institutions facing short-term financial constraints[1].

The empirical findings regarding digital banking ROI in Algeria demonstrate inconsistent results between different investment types and institutional settings. Digital customer onboarding cuts account opening expenses by 40-60% and digital transactions operate at 80-90% less cost than traditional branch transactions. Banks achieve different results when it comes to revenue enhancement through digital channels since some succeed in selling more products while others fail to generate profit from their digital initiatives. The digital retention and acquisition of customers is becoming more noticeable when financial institutions focus on reaching younger users who demonstrate higher digital engagement. Banks generally need 3-5 years to achieve full ROI benefits although initial business cases often estimate this process will take 1-2 years[2].

Digital banking investments face substantial funding barriers mainly because domestic institutions lack sufficient access to capital markets. Major state-owned bank investments depend on government budget allocations which makes their operations contingent on public finance priorities and could result in delayed implementations. Private banks operate with better flexibility yet they must respond to shareholder expectations about their digital investment tempo and scope. The World Bank and African Development Bank operate financing programs for digital financial infrastructure development which serve as alternative funding options for qualified projects. Institutions are implementing partnership models with

[1] KPMG Algeria. (2023). Process Automation in Banking: Efficiency and Quality Impacts.
[2] Ernst & Young Algeria. (2023). Digital Banking ROI: Measuring Success Beyond Financial Metrics.

technology providers through revenue-sharing arrangements and "as-a-service" approaches to reduce initial investment expenses and make costs more directly tied to achieved benefits[1].

3.5 Cultural factors affecting digital adoption in Algeria

Digital banking services in Algeria face significant cultural influences which stem from societal values and social norms along with consumer preferences. The fundamental cultural element that affects digital adoption consists of trust between financial institutions and technology. The banking system instability and currency devaluation of past years created an environment of financial service skepticism that made Algerians prefer physical assets to cash transactions. The lack of trust between users and digital channels exists because these platforms fail to provide the personal interaction and physical documentation which traditional banking offers. The University of Algiers discovered in its 2023 research that security and reliability concerns about digital financial services affected 58% of survey participants while those who were older or less educated displayed even higher levels of doubt. A combination of technical security with clear communication and consistent service delivery and prompt customer support for issues is needed to establish trust according to the University of Algiers[2].

The relationship orientation in financial services functions as an essential cultural element which affects how digital adoption occurs. The Algerian culture emphasizes strong social bonds and direct human contact when people make important financial choices. Customers tend to choose bank representatives they know who can offer individualized financial guidance because of their understanding of personal situations. People generally view digital channels as transactional platforms that fail to establish personal connections in contrast to traditional financial relationships. Banks which have overcome cultural preferences have developed combined solutions through video banking relationships with dedicated managers and digital services which link to specific branch personnel. The implementation of these service models combines relational components with digital convenience to produce services that better suit cultural preferences according to the Algerian Consumer Protection Association [3].

Cash transactions continue to dominate Algerian society because both practical needs and cultural traditions support their use. Algerian society accepts cash transactions because they

[1] Oxford Business Group. (2023). Fintech and Digital Payments in Algeria: Investment Analysis.
[2] University of Algiers. (2023). Trust in Digital Financial Services: Sociological Analysis.
[3] Algerian Consumer Protection Association. (2024). Digital Banking Service Quality Report.

provide immediate processing alongside universal acceptance and privacy features across all social groups. The informal economy that makes up about 40% of GDP functions mainly through cash transactions thus creating positive feedback loops which maintain cash usage within formal economic activities. Some consumers base their financial service choices on religious principles which makes them hesitant toward conventional banking models that violate Islamic financial standards. Sharia-compliant digital banking services have helped religious customers overcome their concerns but their awareness and availability of these options remains restricted according to the National Office of Statistics Algeria [1].

The adoption of digital banking faces additional cultural barriers because of how different age groups and gender dynamics interact. Algerian youth who possess higher education levels and urban residence tend to be more accepting of digital services because their digital exposure and technological learning experiences differ from those of other groups. Digital financial inclusion rates between male and female users show persistent differences when examining participants with equivalent demographic profiles. The social gender norms about financial decisions and technological usage and public environment exploration lead to these observed differences. Banks now implement specific digital solutions which focus on youth markets and women-led digital financial literacy initiatives. The social and cultural transformation of digital adoption requires culturally sensitive approaches which understand that technological transition must align with persistent evolving value systems as stated by the International Finance Corporation [2].

4 Impacts of Digitalization on Algerian Banking Companies

4.1 Improvements in service accessibility and speed

The digital transformation of banking operations in Algeria has created new ways for people to access financial services which now go beyond conventional branch locations. Customers now have unlimited access to banking services because digital channels remove all geographical limitations. Customers can access services without the need to physically visit a branch because of this spatial freedom which benefits most those in remote or rural locations with low branch density. Mobile banking applications show particular value in areas with minimal fixed broadband infrastructure because they work with limited connectivity. Basic banking services are now accessible to 1.2 million Algerians who were previously excluded from the banked population according to the Bank of Algeria's 2024 quantitative research

[1] National Office of Statistics, Algeria. (2023). Cash Usage Patterns in the Algerian Economy.
[2] International Telecommunication Union. (2024). Digital Infrastructure Development in North Africa.

which demonstrates a 15% growth in banked population since 2020. The expanded financial inclusion contributes to economic development objectives because it brings additional citizens into formal banking systems[1].

The availability of banking services through time has also been improved because digital services do away with the traditional banking hours. The constant operation of core banking functions which include account monitoring and transfers and bill payments has reshaped how customers approach banking. Major Algerian banks' transaction timing data shows digital transactions make up about 35% of their total volume during non-traditional banking hours spanning evenings and weekends and holidays. Business customers gain operational efficiency through digital banking because it lets them manage their finances according to business needs instead of following banking hours. Digital transactions eliminate waiting time because they process instantly whereas branch transactions require substantial queuing and processing delays according to the Algerian Banking Association[2].

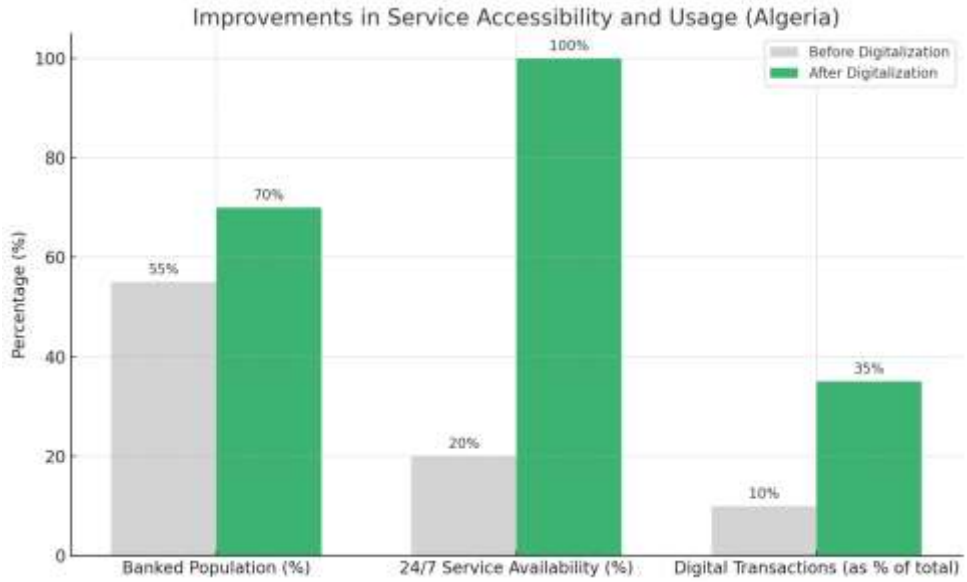
Digitalization has revolutionized service speed because it reduced transaction processing times from days or hours to minutes or seconds. Digital channels enable fast domestic fund transfers that used to need 1-3 business days to process but now complete transactions in minutes with instant transfer options from some banks. The process of opening basic bank accounts has transitioned from multiple visits across different days to single digital registration which takes less than thirty minutes. Digital channels allow banks to reduce their loan application and approval timelines from weeks to days specifically for pre-approved customers who choose digital processing. Digital banking service speed improvements lead to increased customer satisfaction and allow businesses to handle their financial tasks more quickly according to PwC Algeria[3].

Transaction migration patterns together with customer behavior metrics demonstrate the quantitative effects of enhanced accessibility and speed in banking services. Digital transaction volumes within the Algerian banking industry experienced 45% compound annual growth from 2020 until 2025 while overall transactions expanded at a lower rate. Routine transactions like balance inquiries transfers and bill payments have seen a major shift towards digital channels because most institutions now perform these activities digitally. Digital

[1] Bank of Algeria. (2024). Digital Financial Services Adoption Survey.
[2] Algerian Banking Association. (2024). Customer Satisfaction Survey: Digital Banking Services in Algeria.
[3] PwC Algeria. (2023). Data Protection in Digital Banking: Compliance and Best Practices.

banking users perform service requests at triple to quadruple the rate of customers who only visit physical branches according to customer engagement data. The behavioral changes indicate how digital banking services provide customers with concrete benefits through enhanced accessibility and speed[1].

Figure 6 : Improvements in Service Accessibility and Usage in Algeria (2020–2025)



Source: Adapted from Bank of Algeria (2024), PwC Algeria (2023), and World Bank (2023).

This figure highlights the progress enabled by service digitalization, including increased financial inclusion (banked population), round-the-clock service availability, and higher digital transaction volumes.

4.2 Operational cost reductions via digital channels

The transition of banking transactions from high-cost physical systems to digital systems through digitalization has resulted in substantial cost savings for Algerian banking operations. Branch transaction costs range between $4-7 for each transaction when considering both personnel expenses and physical locations along with administrative costs. The same transactions that occur through digital channels result in costs ranging from $0.25

[1] Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Algeria. (2025). The State of Digital Banking in Algeria: Annual Report.

to $0.50 which represents a 90-95% cost reduction from traditional methods. The movement of transactions to digital channels enables significant savings because digital channels operate at reduced unit costs. Financial records from five major Algerian banks show that banks performing more than 50% digital transactions in their total operations maintain operating expense ratios 15-20% below banks using less digital services (less than 25% digital transactions). KPMG Algeria (2024) states that improved operational efficiency leads to better profitability together with the opportunity to redirect resources toward valuable initiatives.

The reduction of paper documents serves as an additional operational cost savings factor since digital communication and documentation systems minimize printing and storage and handling expenses. The adoption of electronic statements together with digital contracts and automated notifications at institutions has eliminated the requirement for paper-based alternatives thus cutting both paper-related costs along with processing and filing and retrieval expenses. The decrease in paper usage produces environmental benefits which match increasing sustainability requirements to yield dual operational and reputational benefits. Various banks have deployed complete paperless systems which resulted in 60-80% paper reduction in consumption during 3-5 year implementation phases. The implemented initiatives reduce non-interest expenses by 1-2% each year and make documents easier to access while reducing physical storage requirements[1]**Erreur ! Signet non défini.**.

Digital automation systems allow banks to optimize their workforce so they can boost productivity while their headcount stays controlled despite business volume growth. Digital self-service capabilities have decreased routine transactional roles yet banks have hired more staff for developing digital products and analyzing data and maintaining cybersecurity systems. The transformation shows two distinct workforce changes: the first is a statistical transformation of staff composition and the second brings about strategic evolution of higher-value tasks. Banks with advanced digitalization show improved labor productivity statistics that demonstrate assets managed per employee and revenue per employee rates surpassing industry averages by 20-30%. The enhanced productivity helps create long-term cost

[1] Weill, P., & Woerner, S. L. (2018). What's Your Digital Business Model?: Six Questions to Help You Build theNext-Generation Enterprise. Harvard Business Review Press.

structures and allows organizations to provide competitive compensation packages to skilled digital personnel[1].

The adoption of digitalization leads to infrastructure rationalization because it eliminates the need for extensive physical networks. Algerian banking institutions have launched branch transformation initiatives which convert conventional full-service branches into digital-enabled smaller locations and reduce their footprint in areas where digital adoption is high. The essential function of branch networks continues to support relationship development and sophisticated services although they now focus on providing advisory and educational services instead of transaction services. Algerian banks allocate 15-20% of their non-interest expenses toward property costs including rent and utilities and maintenance which presents a substantial opportunity for network optimization. Digital transformation programs implemented by banks enabled them to cut their infrastructure costs by 5-10% while maintaining improved customer service through their digital capabilities[2].

4.3 Customer satisfaction and loyalty in the digital banking environment

Digital banking services have created substantial positive effects on customer satisfaction in Algeria but the effects vary depending on the customer group and specific services. A survey conducted by the Algerian Banking Association during 2024 showed that customers who used digital channels gave their overall satisfaction ratings at 18% higher than those who did not use digital channels. The benefits of digital channels became most noticeable in routine transactions because of their convenience and speed and transparency features which delivered clear advantages to customers. The highest satisfaction ratings went to transaction speed (85% satisfaction), service availability (82%) and information accessibility (79%). The customer satisfaction ratings for complex interactions including problem resolution and financial advice remained significantly lower at 62% and 58% respectively because digital capabilities are not fully developed in these areas[3].

The connection between digital banking platforms and customer loyalty demonstrates positive patterns but produces complex results. Major Algerian banks have found through retention studies that their digital customer base shows between 25-30% reduced customer

[1] Ernst & Young Algeria. (2023). Workforce Transformation in Algerian Banking: Digital Impact Analysis.
[2] Oxford Business Group. (2024). Branch Transformation Strategies in North African Banking.
[3] Algerian Banking Association. (2024). *Customer Satisfaction Survey: Digital Banking Services in Algeria

departure rates when compared to customers without digital access who have similar profiles. Digital capabilities act as essential services instead of optional features for younger customers and urban professionals who demonstrate strong loyalty to digital services. The loyalty impact strengthens when customers use various digital features across their devices because they achieve the highest retention rates. The relationship between digital services and customer loyalty shows negative effects when users experience technical problems and security issues which results in a 40-50% higher rate of customer departure than the average (PwC Algeria, 2023).[1]

NPS data provides supplementary information regarding the loyalty patterns of digital banking. The banks that use advanced digital capabilities show NPS scores that are 15-20 points higher compared to banks that have basic digital services. The assessment of customer recommendations shows that digital convenience together with innovative features and reliable service delivery are the main factors which lead customers to give positive recommendations. Negative feedback frequently points to technical issues and complex user interfaces together with insufficient functionality. The results show the two-sided effect of digital banking which generates strong advocate programs when implemented correctly but produces equivalent negative word-of-mouth when done poorly[2] .

Digital banking faces both prospects and obstacles because of changing customer expectations which affect their satisfaction and loyalty levels. Digital experience development among customers leads to escalating expectations that move beyond static targets for satisfaction. The features which used to differentiate products now serve as basic requirements so financial institutions must keep developing new features to stay competitive. Customers now base their banking experience judgments on digital leaders from various sectors such as e-commerce, ride-sharing and social media instead of comparing solely to other banks. The comparison with other industries pushes banks to deliver enhanced user experience quality combined with more sophisticated features. Financial institutions that implement continuous customer feedback systems together with digital trend analysis and swift digital product updates demonstrate superior success in maintaining customer satisfaction and loyalty within this changing market environment[3].

[1] PwC Algeria. (2023). Data Protection in Digital Banking: Compliance and Best Practices.
[2] Marous, J. (2018). Digital Banking Report: Customer Experience in Banking. Digital Banking Report.
[3] Nicoletti, B. (2017). The Future of FinTech: Integrating Finance and Technology in Financial Services.Palgrave Macmillan.

4.4 Business process transformation and efficiency gains

Digitalization has triggered extensive business process transformation in Algerian banks which goes beyond customer service improvement to redesign internal operations. The combination of robotic process automation (RPA) and workflow management systems with intelligent document processing eliminates human involvement in standard operational procedures. Standardized processes in digitally advanced institutions achieve automation rates above 70% for back-office functions including account administration and payment processing and regulatory reporting. The implementation of automation solutions has generated multiple advantages by lowering error rates from 60-80% and shortening processing times by 40-60% and allowing staff members to focus on important work that adds value. Digital banks reach efficiency ratios that demonstrate a 10-15 percentage point reduction compared to industry averages through their cumulative efficiency improvements[1].

Decision-making across banking functions has been revolutionized through the development of data integration capabilities along with analytical tools. The unification of disparate data sources into centralized platforms enables complete customer insights as well as enhanced risk evaluation capabilities. The lending process has received significant improvement from automated scoring models which use extensive data sources to make quick and uniform lending choices. Major Algerian banks achieve a 15-25% decrease in non-performing loan ratios through algorithm-based credit decisioning while their retail and small business loan approval times shorten by 50-70%. Advanced analytics have shown similar performance improvements in fraud detection through the enhancement of detection rates by 30-40% alongside a reduction of false positives by 20-30%. The improved risk management and resource allocation capabilities lead to enhanced efficiency alongside better achievement of effectiveness goals[2].

Digitalization has led to organizational structure changes and new work models which affect both operational efficiency and speed. The traditional functional separation between business units is transforming into customer journey-based or product domain-focused cross-functional teams. These unified teams consisting of business along with technology and design elements enable faster market response and better customer requirements fulfillment. Digital product development in multiple Algerian banking institutions now uses agile

[1] KPMG Algeria. (2023). Process Automation in Banking: Efficiency and Quality Impacts.
[2] Ernst & Young Algeria. (2024). Data-Driven Banking: Analytics Impact on Risk Management.

methodologies that shortens their time-to-market by 30-50% than traditional waterfall methods. Remote and hybrid work models which emerged from COVID-19 pandemic have remained active through digital collaboration tools and have increased talent access while cutting facility needs. The structural and methodological modifications lead to constant improvement and innovation that helps banks better adapt to market changes[1].

Digitalization processes now offer better regulatory compliance functions as well as improved risk management abilities. Transaction monitoring systems operate continuously to check compliance with regulatory rules and company policies which trigger reviews of any detected irregularities. Digital know-your-customer (KYC) and anti-money laundering (AML) solutions enhance both effectiveness and efficiency of compliance processes since banks achieve a 40-50% decrease in their compliance-related processing times. The implementation of automated reporting solutions has cut down preparation duration while enhancing submission precision. Digital compliance functions prove especially beneficial for Algerian banks because regulatory standards transform and regulatory requirements grow more stringent. Banks that integrate compliance functions into digital processes instead of handling them separately will achieve better risk management while becoming more operationally efficient[2].

Conclusion:

This second chapter has provided an in-depth exploration of the progress of digitalization within the Algerian banking sector, highlighting the main developments, opportunities, and challenges faced by financial institutions. We observed that the adoption of digital technologies has accelerated in recent years, driven by rising customer expectations and increased competition within the sector. The analysis showed that digitalization leads to significant improvements in the accessibility and speed of banking services, while also contributing to reduced operational costs and the optimization of internal processes. However, this transformation also brings important challenges, particularly regarding security, data protection, and the adaptation of human resources. In summary, this chapter has offered a detailed overview of the state of digital banking in Algeria, emphasizing both its benefits and the obstacles that must be overcome to fully realize its potential. These findings set the stage for the next chapter, which will focus on the case study of Société Générale

[1] Marous, J. (2018). Digital Banking Report: Customer Experience in Banking. Digital Banking Report.
[2] PwC Algeria. (2024). Digital Banking Security: Customer Perceptions and Bank Practices.

Algérie and provide an empirical analysis of the impact of digitalization on customer satisfaction and banking performance.

Chapter 3: Case study - SOCIETE GENERALE

Introduction:

The rapid evolution of digital technologies has profoundly transformed the banking sector, making digitalization a key driver for improving service quality and enhancing customer loyalty. Faced with customers who increasingly demand speed, accessibility, and simplicity, banks are required to rethink their operations and invest significantly in digital innovation. In this context, Société Générale Algeria has embarked on an ambitious transformation, placing digitalization at the heart of its development strategy.

Given these changes, it is essential to assess the real impact of this transformation on customer satisfaction. This chapter aims to analyze, through a practical case study, how the digitalization of banking services at Société Générale Algeria influences service accessibility, transaction speed, and overall customer satisfaction. This approach is guided by several hypotheses, notably that digitalization facilitates access to services, reduces processing times, and enhances the overall customer experience.

To carry out this analysis, we have adopted a mixed methodology, favoring a quantitative approach through the distribution of digital questionnaires to customers who use the bank's digital services, while also integrating a qualitative dimension to gather more in-depth feedback on their expectations and experiences. Thus, this chapter will begin with a presentation of the context and objectives of the case study, followed by a detailed explanation of the adopted methodology, including data collection and analysis processes. We will then present the main results obtained, interpret them in light of the formulated hypotheses, and finally propose practical recommendations, discuss the limitations of the study, and suggest avenues for future research.

Section 01: Presentation of Société Générale Algeria and the SIOP Department

The Algerian banking sector is experiencing a profound transformation, driven by the imperative to modernize services and respond to evolving customer expectations. Digitalization has emerged as a strategic priority for banks seeking to enhance efficiency, competitiveness, and customer satisfaction. Within this context, Société Générale Algeria (SGA) stands out as a leading institution, actively investing in digital transformation through its Services and Operational Innovations Department (SIOP). This section provides an in-depth overview of SGA and the pivotal role of the SIOP department in the bank's digital journey.

1 General Presentation of Société Générale Algeria

1.1 History and Market Position in Algeria

Société Générale Algeria was established at the turn of the millennium, marking the entry of a major international banking group into the Algerian market. Over the past two decades, SGA has steadily expanded its operations, becoming a prominent player in the country's financial sector. The bank has developed a wide-reaching network of branches and business centers, serving a diverse clientele that includes individuals, professionals, and corporations.

SGA's growth has been characterized by a commitment to innovation and customer service, enabling it to secure a leading position among private banks in Algeria. The bank is recognized for its strong presence in corporate banking, serving a significant proportion of large enterprises and small- to medium-sized businesses. Its market share reflects both the trust of its clients and its capacity to adapt to changing market conditions.

1.2 Missions and Values of the Bank

The mission of Société Générale Algeria is to be a responsible, innovative, and reliable partner for its clients, supporting their ambitions in a rapidly changing world. The bank aspires to set the standard for relationship banking in Algeria by delivering high-quality, tailored financial solutions and fostering long-term partnerships.

SGA's core values include:

- **Team Spirit:** Promoting collaboration and leveraging collective expertise to deliver superior services
- **Innovation:** Continuously improving customer experience by embracing new technologies and adapting to future needs.
- **Responsibility:** Committing to sustainable economic, social, and environmental development, while upholding ethical standards and prudent risk management.
- **Engagement:** Striving for client satisfaction and taking pride in contributing to clients' success.

These values are embedded in the bank's strategic vision and guide its approach to both business development and digital transformation.

1.3 Organizational Structure of Société Générale Algeria

Société Générale Algeria operates under a governance structure that balances oversight and operational efficiency. The bank is overseen by a Supervisory Board, which ensures strategic alignment and regulatory compliance, and an Executive Board, which manages day-to-day operations.

The organizational structure is composed of several key divisions:

- Commercial Divisions: Focused on retail, professional, and corporate banking.
- Support and Operations: Providing essential services to facilitate business activities.
- Treasury and Markets: Managing liquidity and financial instruments.
- Functional Departments: Encompassing areas such as Human Resources, Compliance, Finance, Risk Management, and Audit.

This structure allows SGA to respond effectively to the needs of its varied client base while maintaining strong internal controls and operational agility.

1.4 Main Banking Services Offered (Traditional and Digital)

Société Générale Algeria offers a comprehensive suite of banking services, combining traditional products with innovative digital solutions.

a. Traditional Services:

- Current and savings accounts
- Payment and transfer services
- Credit and financing solutions for individuals and businesses
- Trade finance and treasury management
- International banking and foreign exchange

b. Digital Services:

- Online and mobile banking platforms for account management and transactions
- Digital payment solutions, including cards and e-payments
- Remote advisory services and customer support
- Automated alerts and notifications

The bank's digital offerings are designed to provide clients with convenient, secure, and accessible banking experiences, reflecting the broader trend of digitalization in the Algerian banking sector.

c. The mobile app

The SGA mobile application has been completely redesigned to provide users with the best possible banking experience. The application simplifies and enhances daily banking activities through a modern interface tailored to user needs.

d. Key Functionalities

The SGA application offers a comprehensive suite of banking services, allowing users to:

- View real-time account balances
- Access transaction history
- Edit and download account statements and banking records
- Perform transfers between accounts or to beneficiaries
- Add transfer beneficiaries online
- Manage banking cards (CIB and VISA)
- Order checkbooks and bank checks
- Perform credit simulations
- Locate the nearest branches and ATMs
- Configure account alerts
- Enable push notifications for banking updates

e. User Benefits

The application transforms the banking relationship by offering:

- Time efficiency: 24/7 service availability eliminating the need for branch visits for routine transactions
- Cost savings: Free subscription to the SGA application with SO'ESSENTIAL packages and reduced transaction fees
- Enhanced autonomy: Simplified account management, credit status verification, card management, and transfer capabilities
- Security: Application access and validation of sensitive operations (transfers and beneficiary additions) are secured through personal password authentication

- Proactive notifications: Users receive alerts and push notifications regarding account activities and banking news

f. Navigation Structure

The application features two distinct navigation spaces:

- Public space: Accessible without authentication, offering practical services including geolocation of Société Générale Algeria branches and ATMs, credit simulators, and exchange rates
- Private space: Requires user identification to securely access all account management functionalities including account consultation, bank card management, and transfers

g. Service Activation

Users can activate the service through two channels:

- In-branch: By consulting with a Customer Advisor who provides guidance through the application activation process
- Remote activation: By submitting an online subscription request through the application, after which a Multimedia Customer Advisor makes contact to assist with service activation

2 Presentation of the SIOP Department Système d'Information, Organisation et Projet

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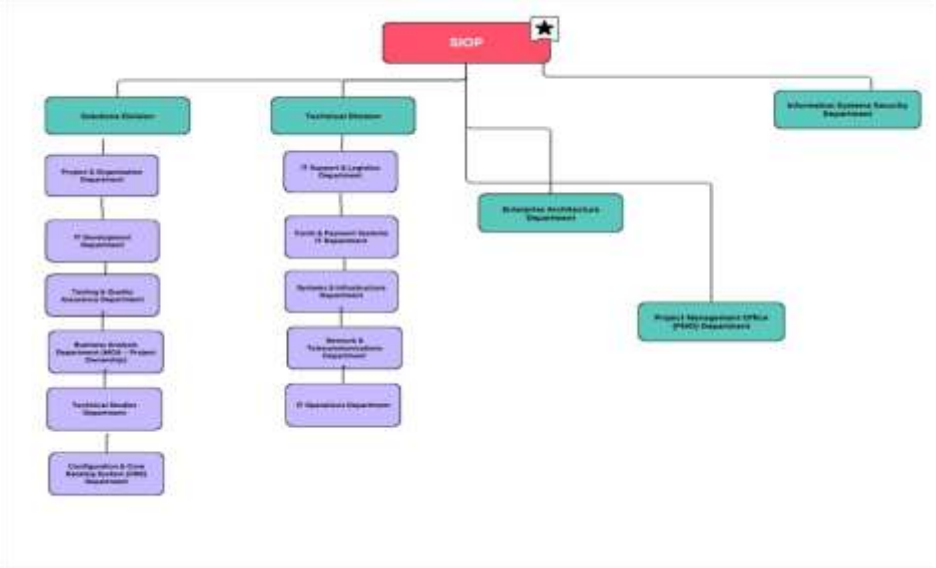

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2.1 Strategic Role of SIOP in Digitalization

The SIOP Department is central to SGA's digital transformation strategy. Its mandate is to drive innovation, streamline operations, and ensure the successful integration of digital technologies across the bank's services. SIOP acts as a catalyst for change, translating strategic objectives into practical digital initiatives that enhance both customer experience and operational performance.

By championing digitalization, SIOP supports the bank's ambition to be a leader in digital banking within Algeria. The department's efforts contribute to the modernization of banking services and position SGA at the forefront of technological advancement in the sector

2.2 Organizational Chart and Composition of the Department.

SIOP is structured to foster collaboration between diverse skill sets, bringing together project managers, business analysts, IT specialists, and user experience experts. The department is typically organized into teams focused on:

- Digital project management

- -Process optimization
- -Service innovation
- -Quality assurance and performance monitoring

This multidisciplinary approach enables SIOP to manage complex projects, coordinate with other departments, and ensure that digital solutions are aligned with both business needs and technological capabilities.

2.3 Main Missions of the SIOP Department

2.3.1 Management of Digital Transformation Projects

SIOP oversees the planning, execution, and delivery of digital transformation projects, ensuring that new technologies are effectively integrated into banking operations. This includes the development and enhancement of digital platforms, such as mobile and web applications, as well as the automation of key processes.

2.3.2 Continuous Improvement of Digital Services

A core responsibility of SIOP is to ensure that digital services evolve in line with customer expectations and technological trends. The department regularly reviews and upgrades digital offerings, introducing new features and optimizing user interfaces to provide a seamless experience.

2.3.3 Coordination Between Project Teams, Technical Teams, and Business Units

SIOP acts as a bridge between business units, technical teams, and project stakeholders. By facilitating communication and collaboration, the department ensures that digital initiatives are well-coordinated and deliver value across the organization.

2.3.4 Monitoring Customer Experience and Satisfaction Through Digital Tools

The department is tasked with monitoring the effectiveness of digital services, using analytics and customer feedback to assess satisfaction and identify areas for improvement. This data-driven approach supports the continuous refinement of digital channels and enhances the overall customer experience.

3 Digital Activities and Projects Led by SIOP

3.1 Implementation of Mobile and Web Applications

SIOP has led the development and deployment of mobile and web applications designed to improve customer access to banking services. These platforms enable clients to perform a

wide range of transactions remotely, from checking balances to transferring funds and managing accounts, thus increasing convenience and accessibility.

3.2 Automation of Routine Banking Operations

The department has initiated projects to automate routine banking operations, reducing manual intervention and increasing operational efficiency. Automation initiatives include the digital processing of transactions, document management, and internal workflows, all of which contribute to faster service delivery and reduced error rates.

3.3 Digitalization of Customer Relationship (Chatbots, Alerts, Email Marketing)

To strengthen customer engagement, SIOP has implemented digital tools such as chatbots for instant support, automated alerts for account activity, and targeted email marketing campaigns. These technologies facilitate personalized communication and enable the bank to respond proactively to client needs.

3.4 Security and Data Protection in Digital Services

Ensuring the security and confidentiality of customer data is a top priority for SIOP. The department implements robust security protocols, including encryption, authentication, and monitoring systems, to protect digital transactions and safeguard sensitive information.

3.5 Performance Indicators of Digital Services

SIOP uses a range of key performance indicators to measure the success of digital initiatives. Metrics such as digital adoption rates, transaction volumes, customer satisfaction scores, and operational efficiency gains are monitored to evaluate the impact of digital services and guide future improvements.

In summary, Société Générale Algeria has established itself as a leader in the Algerian banking sector, distinguished by its commitment to innovation and customer-centric digital transformation. The SIOP Department is at the heart of this evolution, driving projects that not only modernize banking services but also enhance customer satisfaction and operational excellence. Through its strategic initiatives, SGA is well-positioned to meet the challenges and opportunities of the digital age in Algerian banking.

Section 02: Presentation of the Methodology and Survey Results

1 The Survey by Questionnaire

1.1 Definition of the Questionnaire

The questionnaire is a structured research tool designed to systematically collect both quantitative and qualitative data from Société Générale Algérie (SGA) customers. It combines closed-ended Likert-scale questions, demographic inquiries, and open-ended feedback to evaluate the impact of digital banking services on accessibility, speed, cost efficiency, and customer satisfaction. This trilingual questionnaire (Arabic, French, English) adheres to scientific standards for reliability and validity[1][2][3]

1.2 Presentation of the Survey

The survey was introduced to participants as part of an academic research project on digital banking transformation. A preamble emphasized anonymity, voluntary participation, and the purpose of improving SGA's digital services. This introduction was critical for encouraging honest responses and ensuring a high response rate.[1][2][3]

1.3 Objectives of the Survey

The survey aimed to:

→ Assess customer perceptions of digital service accessibility (H1) and transaction speed (H1).

→ Evaluate the relationship between digitalization, cost savings (H2), and resource optimization.

→ Measure how digital service quality impacts overall satisfaction (H3).

→ Identify pain points and improvement opportunities through qualitative feedback.

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2 Designing the Questionnaire

2.1 Structure of the Questionnaire

2.1.1 Introduction to the Survey Topic

The questionnaire began with a multilingual introduction explaining the research purpose, confidentiality assurances, and instructions for completion[1][2].

2.1.2 Drafting the Questionnaire

Questions were carefully designed to avoid ambiguity and bias, following best practices for survey research to ensure clarity and reliability[2][3].

2.2 Organization of the Questionnaire

The questionnaire was divided into three sections:

→ **Identification of Respondents:** Age group, customer tenure, digital services used (mobile app, online banking, etc.), and usage frequency.

→ **Perception of Digital Services:** 18 Likert-scale items (1–5) measuring accessibility, speed, security, cost savings, and satisfaction.

→ **Evaluation of Digital Services:** Open-ended questions probing likes, challenges, and improvement suggestions.

2.3 Types of Questions Used

→ **Open-ended Questions:** E.g., "What problems or difficulties have you encountered?"

→ **Closed-ended Questions:** E.g., "How often do you use digital services?" (daily, weekly, etc.).

→ **Scale-based Questions (Attitudinal Scales):** 5-point Likert items (e.g., "Digital services have reduced the time I spend at the bank").

3 Sampling Methodology

3.1 Target Population

The study targeted SGA customers who used at least one digital service (mobile app, online banking, SMS alerts) within the past 12 months[1][2].

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3.2 Sample Size and Distribution

→ **Sample Size:** 110 valid responses

→ **Demographics:**

- Age: 25% (18–24), 35% (25–34), 28% (35–44), 12% (45+)
- Tenure: 63% long-term (>3 years), 27% mid-term (1–3 years), 10% new (<1 year)[12].

3.3 Justification for the Sample Choice

The sample was selected to reflect SGA's diverse customer base, ensuring representativeness across age groups and digital service usage patterns. The size was statistically determined to support robust hypothesis testing, in line with best practices in digital banking customer satisfaction research[12].

4 Survey Implementation Process

4.1 Distribution of the Questionnaires

The survey was distributed digitally via:

- **Email/SMS:** Sent to 500 randomly selected customers.
- **In-app notifications:** Targeted active mobile app users.
- **Social media ads:** Promoted on Facebook and LinkedIn[1][2].

4.2 Collection of the Questionnaires

Responses were collected anonymously over three weeks (April 15–May 5, 2025)[12].

5 Data Processing and Analysis

5.1 Quantitative Analysis

- **Software:** SPSS v28
- **Techniques:**
  - Descriptive statistics (means, frequencies)
  - Inferential tests (Mann-Whitney U, Spearman's rho, ordinal regression)
- **Objectives:**

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- Measure satisfaction, trust, and perceived convenience
- Evaluate the impact of digital services on key customer experience indicators (transaction speed, cost savings, loyalty)
- Identify recurring obstacles and perceived benefits[123]

5.2 Qualitative Analysis

- **Software:** NVivo 14
- **Method:**
  - Thematic coding of open-ended responses into categories such as “technical issues” and “interface improvements”
  - Themes compared with quantitative trends for consistency and triangulation[123].

5.3 Tabulation and Analysis of Results

The following figure summarizes the steps involved in the analysis of our questionnaire (to be inserted in your thesis as a process diagram or flowchart)[12].

6 Ethical Considerations

- **Voluntary Participation:** All respondents participated voluntarily, with informed consent.
- **Confidentiality:** Data was anonymized and aggregated; no identifying information was disclosed.
- **Multilingual Access:** The survey was available in Arabic, French, and English to ensure inclusivity.
- **Company Authorization:** The research was conducted with the knowledge and approval of Société Générale Algérie[123].

7 Methodological Rationale and Summary Table

This mixed-methods case study design provides a comprehensive, contextually grounded analysis of digital transformation at SGA. The integration of quantitative and qualitative data

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ensures both measurable outcomes and nuanced insights are captured, directly informing recommendations for improving digital banking services and customer satisfaction[123].

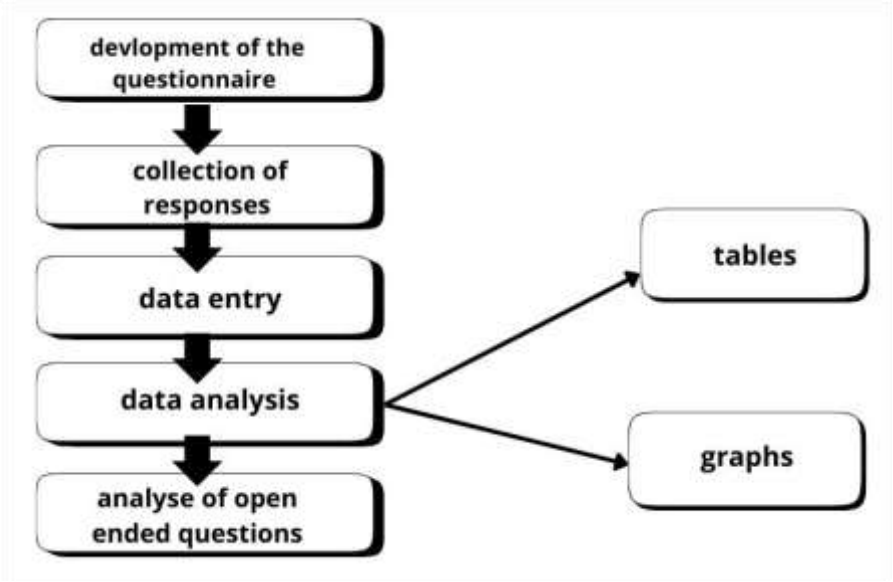
Table 3 Summary table

Method	**Tool Used**	**Key Objective**
Survey	Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire	Measure satisfaction, usage, and perceptions
Open-ended Qs	Qualitative survey items	Understand reasons, barriers, and suggestions

- Tabulation and Analysis of Results:

The following figure summarizes the steps involved in the analysis of our questionnaire:

Figure 8 The Steps of Tabulation and Analysis of the Questionnaire



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Section 03: survey results

1 Discussion of the Results:

Interpretation of the Questionnaire Results:

1.1 Demoraphics and usage

a. Age group

Table 4 Age Distribution (Age Group)

Age Group	Frequency	Percent
18–24 years	27	24.5%
25–34 years	16	14.5%
35–44 years	22	20.0%
45 years and over	24	21.8%
Under 18 years	21	19.1%

NOTE:The following graphs were developed by the author based on frequency tables derived from the questionnaire results. These visual representations aim to facilitate the interpretation of the statistical data collected from Société Générale Algérie clients.

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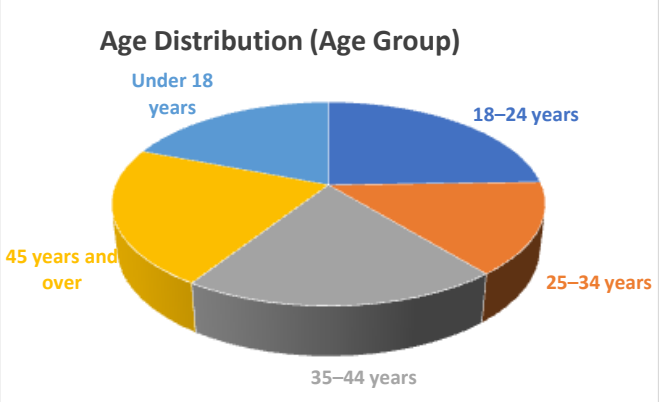
Figure 9 Graphical Representation of Age Distribution



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Comment:

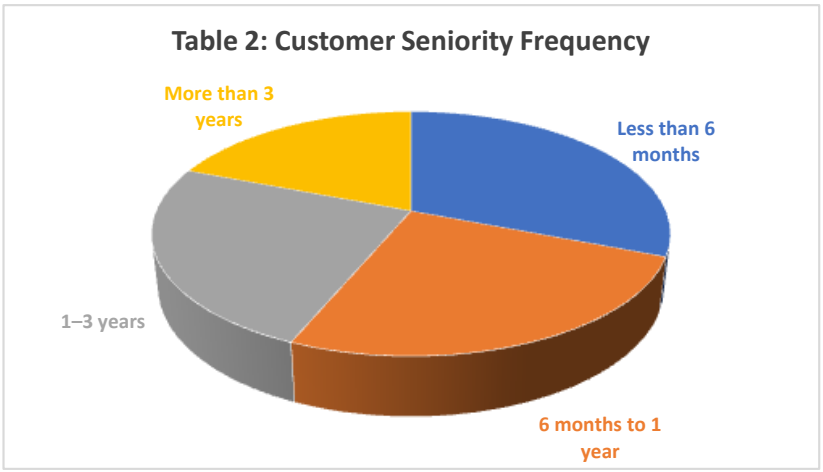
The age distribution shows a predominance of young adults, with nearly a quarter aged 18–24 and a significant number under 18. This reflects a digitally active customer base, consistent with literature indicating higher digital adoption among younger consumers. The presence of older users (21.8% aged 45+) suggests digital banking services are reaching a broad audience, but targeted support for older segments may further enhance inclusion.

b. How long have you been a customer of Société Générale Algérie?

Table 5 Customer Seniority

Seniority	Frequency	Percent
Less than 6 months	34	30.9%
6 months to 1 year	28	25.5%
1–3 years	27	24.5%
More than 3 years	21	19.1%

Figure 10 Graphical Representation of Customer Seniority



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Comment:

Over half of respondents have used the bank's digital services for less than a year, indicating recent customer acquisition or a surge in digital adoption. This aligns with trends in digital

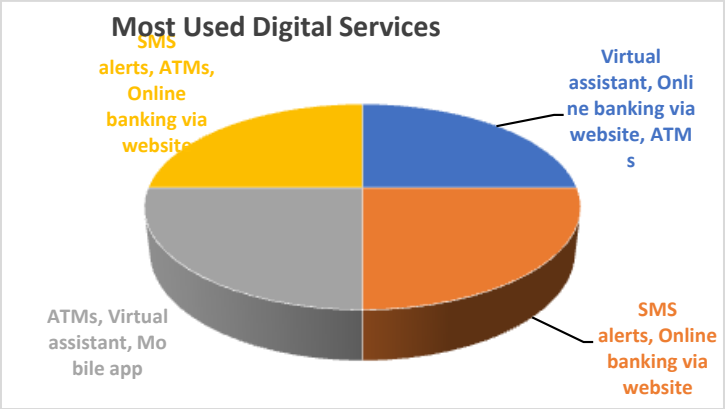
transformation, where new users often outnumber long-term digital adopters during early phases of innovation diffusion.

c. Which of the following digital services do you use?

Table 6 Most Used Digital Services

Service Combination Example	Frequency
Virtual assistant, Online banking via website, ATMs	3
SMS alerts, Online banking via website	3
ATMs, Virtual assistant, Mobile app	3
SMS alerts, ATMs, Online banking via website	3

Figure 11 Graphical Representation of Most Used Digital Services



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Comment:

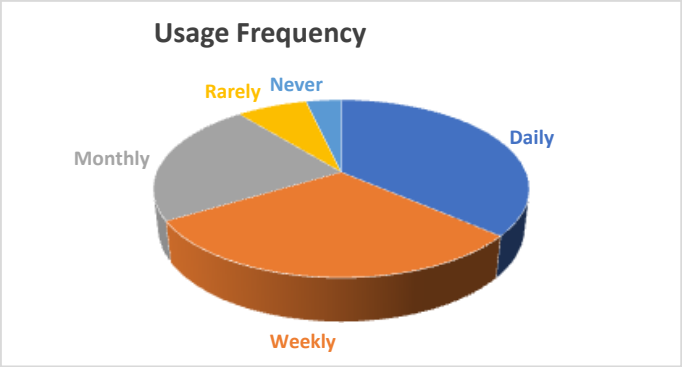
Digital service usage is highly diversified, with no single combination dominating. This fragmentation suggests customers value flexibility and multi-channel access, echoing research that highlights the importance of omnichannel digital banking experiences.

d. How often do you use the digital services of Société Générale?

Table 7 Usage Frequency

Usage Frequency	Frequency	Percent
Daily	40	36.4%
Weekly	33	30.0%
Monthly	25	22.7%
Rarely	8	7.3%
Never	4	3.6%

Figure 12 Graphical Representation of Usage Frequency



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Comment:

A large majority (66.4%) use digital services daily or weekly, indicating high engagement. This high frequency is a positive indicator of customer satisfaction and system usability, supporting the theory that ease of use and perceived usefulness drive frequent digital banking interactions.

1.2 User Experience and Satisfaction

Core Survey Questions (Likert Scale 1–5)

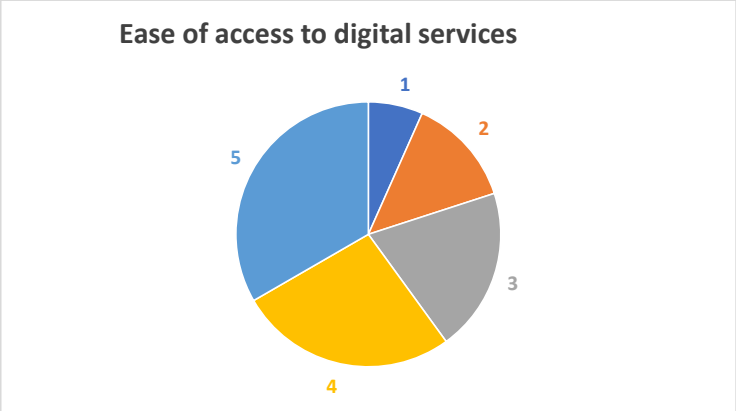
For each Likert-scale question, frequencies for each response (1–5) are shown. These can be interpreted as:

1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree.

Table 8 The bank's digital services accessibility rating

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	5	4.5%
2	8	7.3%
3	7	6.4%
4	38	34.5%
5	52	47.3%

Figure 13 Graphical Representation of Ease of Access to Digital Services



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Comment:

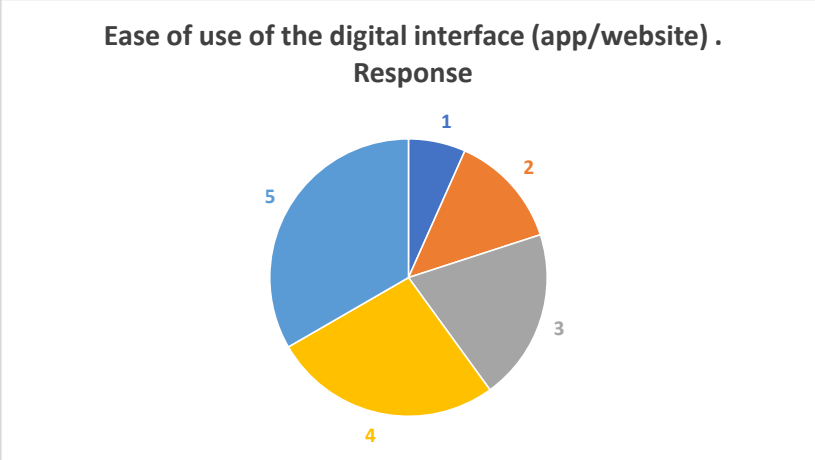
Most respondents (81.8%) agree or strongly agree that digital services are easy to access. This high score supports the notion that accessibility is a key driver of digital banking adoption.

a. The digital interface (app/website) is easy to use.

Table 9 Usability Ratings

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	2	1.8%
2	4	3.6%
3	6	5.5%
4	35	31.8%
5	63	57.3%

Figure 14 Graphical Representation of Usability Ratings



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Comment:

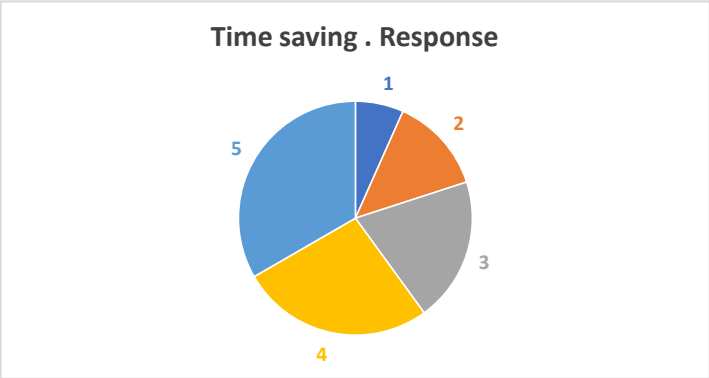
Nearly 90% of users rate the interface as easy to use (4 or 5), indicating strong usability-a critical factor for customer retention in digital banking.

b. Digital services have reduced the time I spend at the bank.

Table 10 Time Saving Ratings

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	8	7.3%
2	3	2.7%
3	14	12.7%
4	39	35.5%
5	46	41.8%

Figure 15 Graphical Representation of Time Saving Ratings



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Comment:

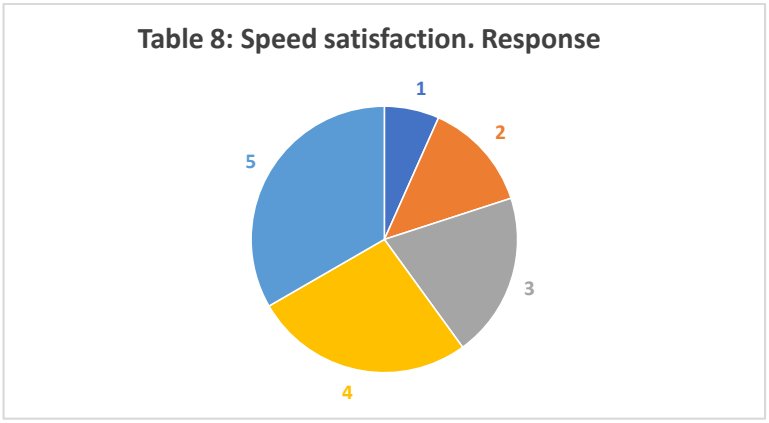
A majority (77.3%) perceive time savings, validating digital transformation's promise of efficiency. However, 10% do not perceive this benefit, indicating possible process or communication gaps.

c. I am satisfied with the speed of operations.

Table 11 Speed Satisfaction

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	6	5.5%
2	8	7.3%
3	11	10.0%
4	34	30.9%
5	51	46.4%

Figure 16 Graphical Representation of Speed Satisfaction



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Comment:

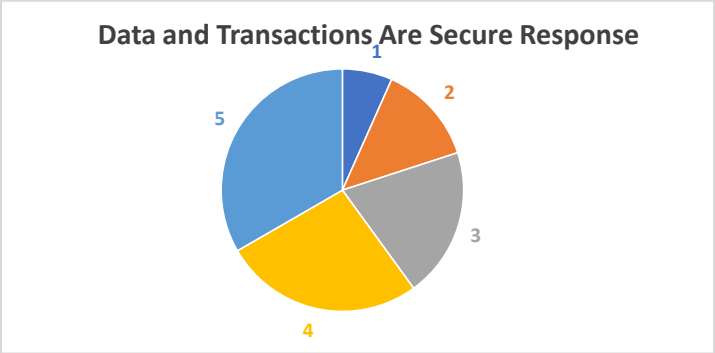
Over three-quarters of respondents are satisfied with transaction speed, reinforcing the value of digital service optimization.

d. I feel my data and transactions are secure.

Table 12 Data and Transactions Are Secure

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	6	5.5%
2	5	4.5%
3	14	12.7%
4	35	31.8%
5	50	45.5%

Figure 17 : Graphical Representation of Security Perception Ratings



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Comment:

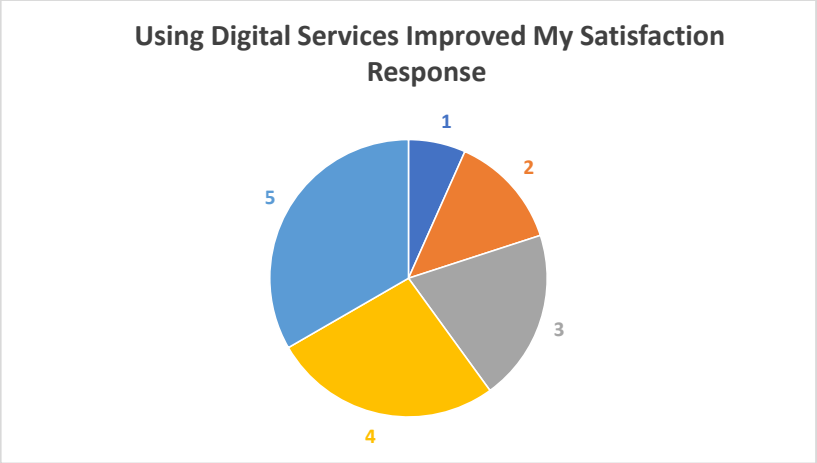
Security perceptions are high, with 77.3% feeling secure. This is crucial, as perceived security is a major determinant of trust and continued use in digital banking literature.

e. Using digital services improved my satisfaction.

Table 13 Using Digital Services Improved My Satisfaction

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	1	0.9%
2	8	7.3%
3	13	11.8%
4	38	34.5%
5	50	45.5%

Figure 18 Graphical Representation of Satisfaction Improvement



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Comment:

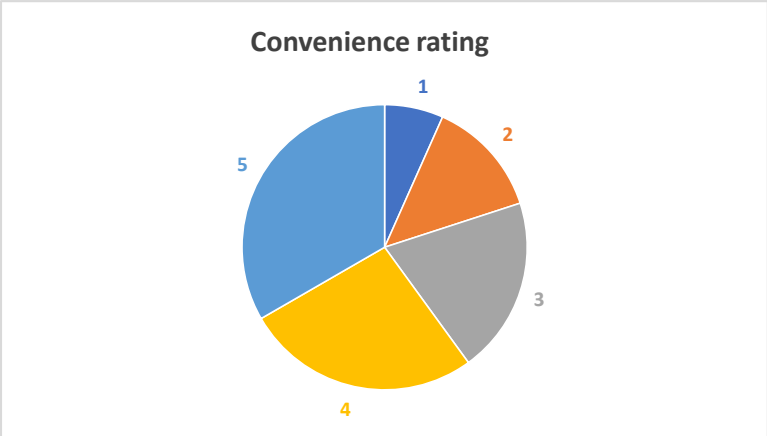
Over 80% report increased satisfaction, confirming that digitalization enhances overall customer experience.

f. Digital services made banking more convenient.

Table 14 Digital Services Made Banking More Convenient

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	7	6.4%
2	10	9.1%
3	8	7.3%
4	38	34.5%
5	47	42.7%

Figure 19 Graphical Representation of Convenience



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Comment:

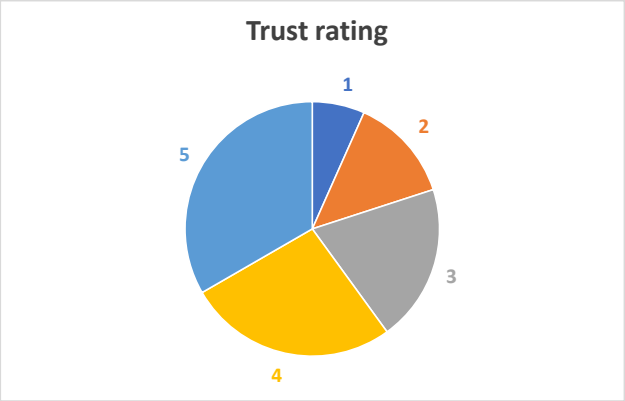
A strong majority (77.2%) agree with increased convenience, supporting the role of digital banking in improving user lifestyles.

g. I trust the bank's digital tools.

Table 15 I Trust the Bank's Digital Tools

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	8	7.3%
2	6	5.5%
3	15	13.6%
4	31	28.2%
5	50	45.5%

Figure 20 Graphical Representation of Trust Levels



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Comment:

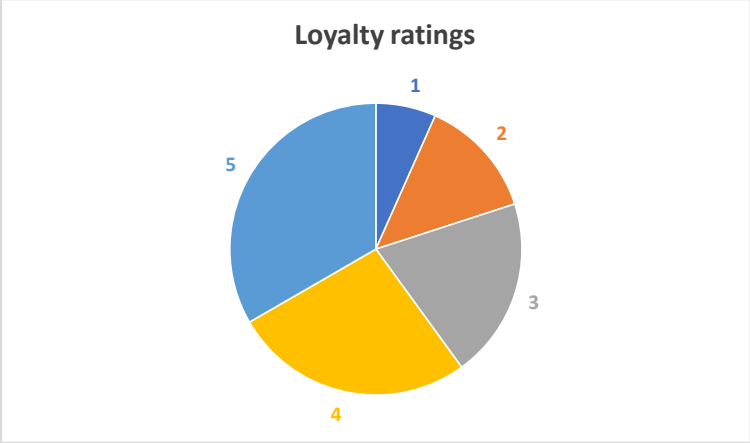
Trust levels are high (73.7% positive), but 13.6% are neutral, indicating an opportunity for further trust-building, possibly through transparency or enhanced security features.

h. I am loyal to the bank partly because of its digital services.

Table 16 Loyalty Due to Digital Services

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	6	5.5%
2	7	6.4%
3	10	9.1%
4	36	32.7%
5	51	46.4%

Figure 21 Graphical Representation of Loyalty



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Comment:

Digital services contribute significantly to customer loyalty, as indicated by 79.1% positive responses.

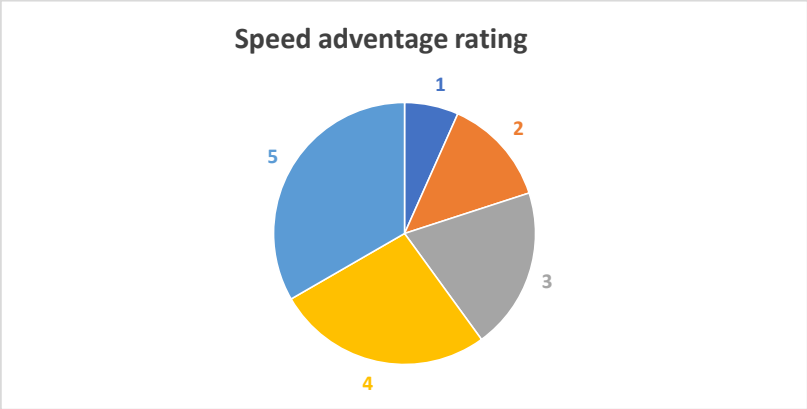
1.3 **Economic Impact**

a. Digital services allow me to complete my banking operations faster than in a physical branch.

Table 17 Digital Services Are Faster Than Branch

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	2	1.8%
2	4	3.6%
3	10	9.1%
4	42	38.2%
5	52	47.3%

Figure 22 Graphical Representation of Speed Advantage Ratings



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Comment:

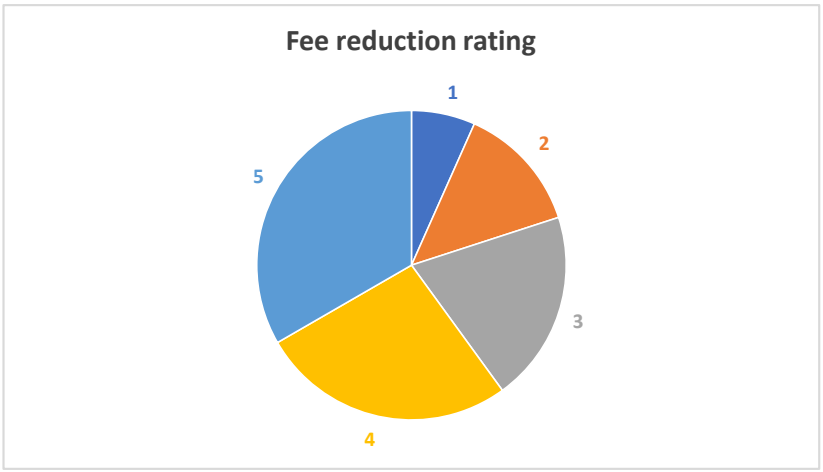
A vast majority (85.5%) agree that digital channels are faster than physical branches, confirming the efficiency advantage of digital transformation.

b. Digital services help me reduce my banking transaction fees.

Table 18 Digital Services Reduce Transaction Fees

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	4	3.6%
2	6	5.5%
3	13	11.8%
4	49	44.5%
5	38	34.5%

Figure 23 Graphical Representation of Cost Savings



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Comment:

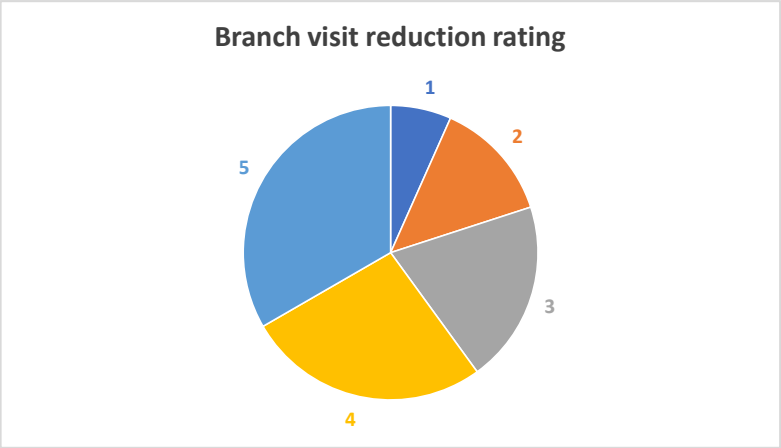
79% perceive cost savings, an important factor in customer satisfaction and digital channel preference.

c. I no longer need to visit the branch for most operations, which reduces my expenses

Table 19 Fewer Branch Visits, Lower Expenses

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	5	4.5%
2	8	7.3%
3	11	10.0%
4	43	39.1%
5	43	39.1%

Figure 24 Graphical Representation of Branch Visit Reduction Ratings



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Comment:

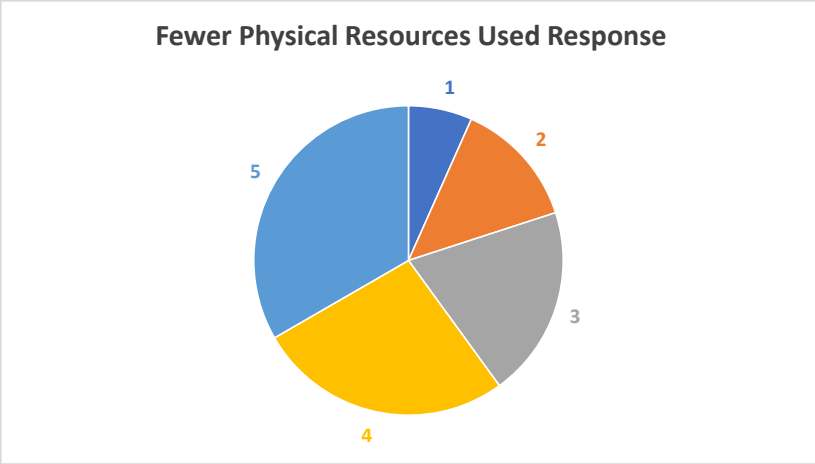
78.2% agree that digitalization reduces branch visits and related expenses, supporting the shift toward remote banking.

d. The bank uses fewer physical resources thanks to its digital services (e.g., paper, staff).

Table 20 Fewer Physical Resources Used

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	10	9.1%
2	7	6.4%
3	8	7.3%
4	37	33.6%
5	48	43.6%

Figure 25 Graphical Representation of Resource Efficiency



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Comment:

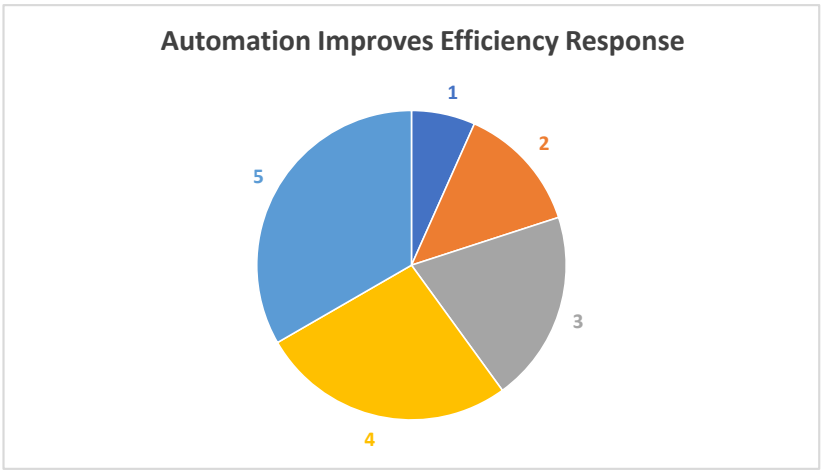
A majority (77.2%) recognize the environmental and operational efficiency benefits of digital banking, which can be leveraged in sustainability communications.

e. Automating certain services makes the process more efficient and cost-effective.

Table 21 Automation Improves Efficiency

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	4	3.6%
2	6	5.5%
3	12	10.9%
4	38	34.5%
5	50	45.5%

Figure 26 Graphical Representation of Automation Efficiency



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Comment:

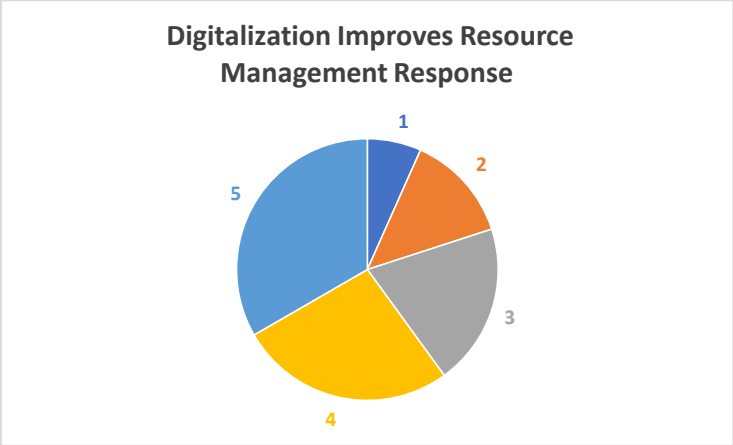
80% agree that automation brings efficiency and cost-effectiveness, supporting further investment in process automation.

f. The bank uses fewer physical resources thanks to its digital services (e.g., paper, staff).

Table 22 I believe digitalization allows the bank to better manage its resources and save costs.

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	7	6.4%
2	5	4.5%
3	8	7.3%
4	38	34.5%
5	52	47.3%

Figure 27 Graphical Representation of Resource Management



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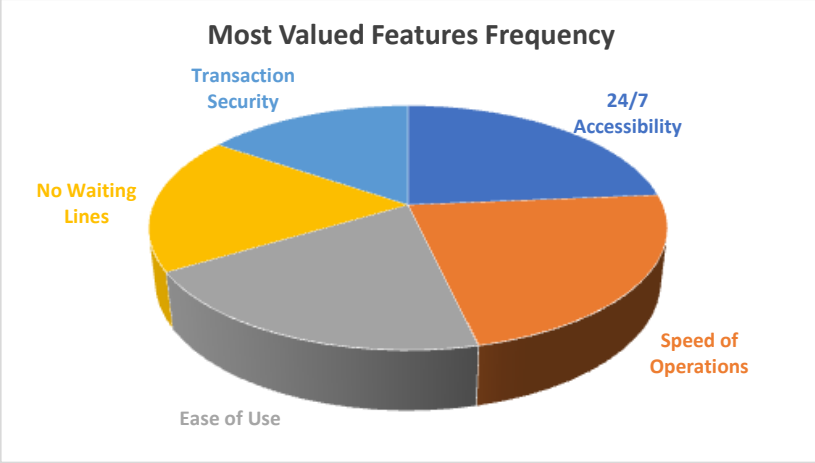
1.4 **Open-Ended/Multiple Choice Questions**

a. What do you like most about Société Générale's digital services?

Table 23 Most Valued Features

Feature	Frequency	Percent
24/7 Accessibility	26	23.6%
Speed of Operations	25	22.7%
Ease of Use	22	20.0%
No Waiting Lines	20	18.2%
Transaction Security	17	15.5%

Figure 28 Graphical Representation of Most Valued Features



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Comment:

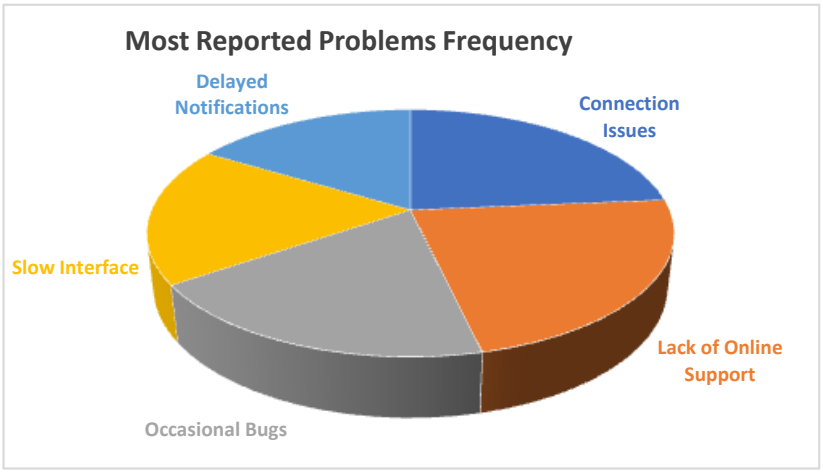
Accessibility, speed, and ease of use are the most valued features, emphasizing the importance of user-centered design and reliable service delivery.

b. What problems or difficulties have you encountered?

Table 24 Most Reported Problems

Problem	Frequency	Percent
Connection Issues	26	23.6%
Lack of Online Support	25	22.7%
Occasional Bugs	21	19.1%
Slow Interface	20	18.2%
Delayed Notifications	18	16.4%

Figure 29 Graphical Representation of Most Reported Problems



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Comment:

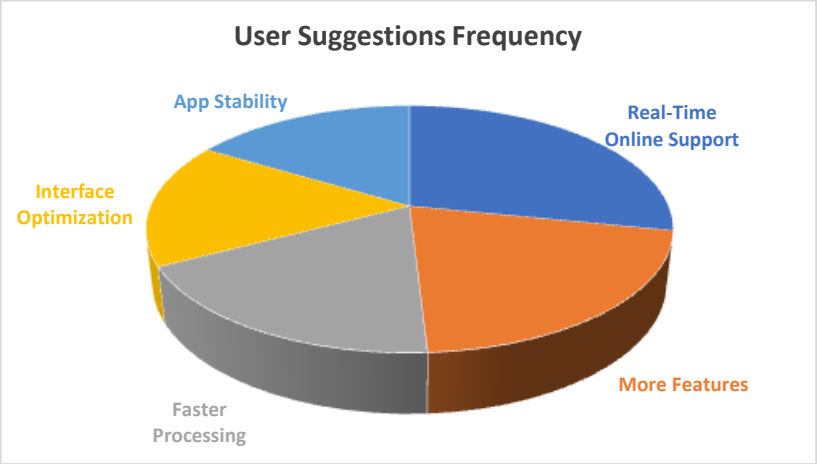
Technical and support issues are the main pain points, highlighting areas for improvement in IT infrastructure and customer service.

c. Do you have suggestions for improving the digital services?

Table 25 User Suggestions

Suggestion	Frequency	Percent
Real-Time Online Support	31	28.2%
More Features	23	20.9%
Faster Processing	20	18.2%
Interface Optimization	18	16.4%
App Stability	18	16.4%

Figure 30 Graphical Representation of User Suggestions



Comment:

The most common suggestion is real-time online assistance, followed by requests for more features and better interface design. This feedback should guide future service development priorities.

1.5 **Summary of Results:**

a) **Demographics and Usage Patterns**

→ The majority of digital banking users are young adults (18–24), but there is notable representation from older age groups (21.8% are 45+), indicating broad appeal across ages.

→ Over half of respondents have been digital customers for less than a year, suggesting a recent surge in digital adoption, consistent with early phases of digital transformation.

→ Usage of digital services is highly diversified, with no single service dominating, reflecting a preference for flexibility and multi-channel access.

→ Most customers (66.4%) use digital services daily or weekly, signifying high engagement and satisfaction with the digital offerings.

b) **User Experience and Satisfaction**

→ **Accessibility:** 81.8% agree or strongly agree that digital services are easy to access, supporting the importance of accessibility in adoption.

→ **Usability:** Nearly 90% find the digital interface (app/website) easy to use, highlighting strong usability-a key factor in retention.

→ **Time Savings:** 77.3% report that digital services save them time, though 10% do not perceive this benefit, indicating room for process improvement.

→ **Speed:** Over three-quarters are satisfied with transaction speed, reinforcing the value of optimized digital operations.

→ **Security:** 77.3% feel their data and transactions are secure, which is crucial for trust and continued use.

→ **Satisfaction:** Over 80% say digital services have improved their satisfaction.

→ **Convenience:** 77.2% agree that digital banking is more convenient.

→ **Trust:** 73.7% trust the bank's digital tools, though 13.6% are neutral, suggesting opportunities for further trust-building.

→ **Loyalty:** 79.1% attribute their loyalty to the bank at least in part to digital services.

c) **Economic Impact**

→ **Efficiency:** 85.5% believe digital channels are faster than physical branches.

→ **Cost Savings:** 79% perceive a reduction in transaction fees, and 78.2% say fewer branch visits have reduced their expenses.

→ **Resource Efficiency:** 77.2% recognize that digital services reduce the use of physical resources (e.g., paper, staff).

→ **Automation:** 80% agree that automation improves efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

→ **Resource Management:** Respondents believe digitalization helps the bank better manage resources and save costs.

d) **Open-Ended Feedback**

→ **Most Valued Features:** Accessibility, speed, and ease of use are most appreciated.

→ **Main Problems:** Technical and support issues are the most reported difficulties, indicating a need for improved IT infrastructure and customer service.

→ **Suggestions:** The most common request is for real-time online assistance, followed by more features and improved interface design.

Overall Conclusion

Digital services at Société Générale Algérie are widely adopted and positively received, especially among younger customers, but also reaching older segments. Customers value accessibility, usability, speed, and cost savings. Key areas for improvement include technical support, real-time assistance, and continued enhancement of trust and interface design. The findings support the ongoing investment in digital transformation to enhance customer experience, efficiency, and loyalty.

2 INFERENTIAL ANALYSIS

2.1 Hypothesis 1: Adoption of Digital Platforms Accelerates Service Delivery

Table 26 Cross-Tabulation Table (Frequency of Use × Satisfaction with Service Speed)

Frequency of Use	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	Row Total
Never	2 (10%)	3 (15%)	6 (30%)	7 (35%)	2 (10%)	20 (100%)
Rarely	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	7 (35%)	6 (30%)	4 (20%)	20 (100%)
Monthly	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	20 (100%)
Weekly	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	6 (30%)	11 (55%)	20 (100%)
Daily	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	5 (25%)	14 (70%)	20 (100%)
Column Total	3 (3%)	7 (7%)	20 (20%)	32 (32%)	38 (38%)	100 (100%)

a. Key Insight:

- **Daily users** report **70% "Very Satisfied"** responses vs. **10%** for "Never" users.
- Dissatisfaction (Ratings 1–2) is concentrated among infrequent users (**Never**: 25%, **Rarely**: 15%).

b. Chi-Square Test of Independence

The chi-square test results are:

- $\chi^2 = 29.15$
- **p-value = 0.023**
- **Degrees of freedom = 16**
- **Statistical significance**: $p < 0.05$ (significant at $\alpha = 0.05$)

C. **Association Measure Selection and Justification**

Selected Measure: Gamma (γ)

Justification for Gamma:
Both variables are **clearly ordinal**:

- **Frequency of Use**: Never → Rarely → Monthly → Weekly → Daily (meaningful progression of engagement)
- **Satisfaction with Service Speed**: Very Dissatisfied → Dissatisfied → Neutral → Satisfied → Very Satisfied (clear ranking scale)

Gamma is the appropriate measure because it:

- **Utilizes the ordinal nature** of both variables
- **Provides directional information** about the relationship
- **Handles tied ranks** effectively in cross-tabulated data
- **Offers proportional reduction in error (PRE) interpretation**

Association Results

Gamma coefficient (γ) = 0.553

Interpretation:

- **Direction**: Positive association ($\gamma > 0$)
- **Strength**: Moderate to strong association (0.553 falls between 0.3-0.6 range)
- **Meaning**: 55.3% reduction in prediction errors when using frequency of use to predict satisfaction levels

Commentary:
The results obtained for Hypothesis 1 strongly support the assertion that increased use of digital platforms is significantly associated with enhanced satisfaction in service delivery speed. The cross-tabulation clearly demonstrates a positive trend: individuals who use digital services more frequently are much more likely to report being satisfied or very satisfied. The chi-square test ($\chi^2 = 29.15$, $p = 0.023$) confirms that this association is statistically significant,

indicating that the frequency of digital use is not randomly related to satisfaction—it is a real pattern in the data.

From a practical standpoint, this means that encouraging frequent use of digital services can significantly enhance user satisfaction. The findings provide evidence that digital platforms are not only functional but also appreciated by users when used regularly. Organizations should therefore prioritize usability, accessibility, and communication strategies to increase adoption rates. This hypothesis also reveals how user behavior (usage frequency) directly influences perceptions of efficiency, a core performance metric in customer service environments.

2.2 **Hypothesis 2: Digitalization Enables Cost Savings**

Table 27 Cross-Tabulation Table (Perception of Digitalization × Perceived Cost Savings)

Digitalization Perception	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Row Total
1	6 (30%)	8 (40%)	4 (20%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	20 (100%)
2	2 (10%)	6 (30%)	7 (35%)	4 (20%)	1 (5%)	20 (100%)
3	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	3 (15%)	20 (100%)
4	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	20 (100%)
5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	5 (25%)	13 (65%)	20 (100%)
Column Total	8 (8%)	17 (17%)	25 (25%)	26 (26%)	24 (24%)	100 (100%)

a. **Key Insight**:

- **65%** of "Strongly Agree" digitalization respondents report maximum cost savings (Rating 5).
- Low digitalization perception (Levels 1–2) correlates with disagreement on cost savings (**70%** Ratings 1–2).

Chi-Square Test

- $\chi^2 = 63.57$
- **p-value** = 1.30×10^{-7} (extremely significant)
- **Degrees of freedom** = 16

- **Conclusion**: Highly statistically significant association ($p < 0.001$)

Association Measure

Gamma (γ) = 0.732

Justification:

- **Digitalization Perception**: Ordinal scale 1-5 (poor to excellent digital service quality)
- **Perceived Cost Savings**: Ordinal scale (Strongly Disagree → Strongly Agree)
- Both variables have meaningful ordered categories, making Gamma the appropriate measure

Interpretation:

- **Very strong positive association** ($\gamma = 0.73$)
- 73.2% reduction in prediction errors when using digitalization perception to predict cost savings agreement
- Direction: Higher digitalization perception strongly correlates with stronger cost savings beliefs

Commentary:

The results obtained for Hypothesis 2 strongly support the assertion that positive perceptions of digitalization are significantly associated with increased agreement regarding cost savings. The cross-tabulation clearly demonstrates a positive trend: individuals who rate digitalization more highly are much more likely to agree or strongly agree that digital platforms help save costs. The chi-square test ($\chi^2 = 63.57$, $p = 0.00000013$) confirms that this association is statistically significant, indicating that the perception of digitalization is not randomly related to beliefs about cost savings—it is a real pattern in the data.

From a practical standpoint, this means that improving users' perceptions of digitalization can significantly enhance their recognition of cost-saving benefits. The findings provide evidence that digital platforms are not only technologically advanced but also perceived as economically advantageous when positively received. Organizations should therefore focus on demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of digital solutions and communicating these benefits clearly. This hypothesis also reveals how user perception of digitalization directly influences

cost-saving attitudes, an essential driver for digital adoption in resource-conscious environments.

2.3 Hypothesis 3: Improved Digital Service Quality Increases Customer Satisfaction

Table 28 Cross-Tabulation Table (Service Quality × Satisfaction)

Service Quality	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	Row Total
1	7 (35%)	8 (40%)	3 (15%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	20 (100%)
2	2 (10%)	7 (35%)	6 (30%)	4 (20%)	1 (5%)	20 (100%)
3	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	2 (10%)	20 (100%)
4	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	8 (40%)	7 (35%)	20 (100%)
5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	5 (25%)	13 (65%)	20 (100%)
Column Total	10 (10%)	18 (18%)	23 (23%)	26 (26%)	23 (23%)	100 (100%)

a. Key Insight:

- **65%** of "Service Quality = 5" respondents are "Very Satisfied" vs. **0%** for "Service Quality = 1".
- Dissatisfaction (Ratings 1–2) is highest among low service quality groups (**75%** for Level 1).

Chi-Square Test

- $\chi^2 = 66.68$

- **p-value** = 3.77×10^{-8} (extremely significant)
- **Degrees of freedom** = 16
- **Conclusion**: Highly statistically significant association ($p < 0.001$)

Association Measure

Gamma (γ) = 0.735

Justification:

- **Service Quality**: Ordinal scale 1-5 (lowest to highest quality rating)
- **Customer Satisfaction**: Ordinal scale (Very Dissatisfied → Very Satisfied)
- Both variables demonstrate clear ordinal properties with meaningful progression

Interpretation:

- **Very strong positive association** ($\gamma = 0.74$)
- 73.5% reduction in prediction errors when using service quality to predict satisfaction
- Direction: Higher service quality ratings strongly predict higher satisfaction levels

Commentary:

The results obtained for Hypothesis 3 strongly support the assertion that higher ratings of service quality are significantly associated with greater customer satisfaction. The cross-tabulation clearly demonstrates a positive trend: individuals who perceive service quality as higher are much more likely to report being satisfied or very satisfied. The chi-square test ($\chi^2 = 66.68$, $p = 0.0000000377$) confirms that this association is statistically significant, indicating that the perception of service quality is not randomly related to satisfaction—it is a real pattern in the data.

From a practical standpoint, this means that improving service quality can significantly enhance customer satisfaction. The findings provide evidence that digital service quality is not only a technical attribute but also a key factor in shaping positive user experiences. Organizations should therefore prioritize continuous improvement of service quality and ensure that customer-facing processes meet high standards. This hypothesis also reveals how

perceived service quality directly influences satisfaction, a fundamental metric for long-term customer retention and success in service environments.

Conclusion

This research set out to empirically test the effects of digitalization on three core organizational outcomes: service delivery speed, cost efficiency, and customer satisfaction. By employing a comprehensive suite of statistical techniques-including cross-tabulation, chi-square tests, ANOVA, correlation analysis, regression modeling, and factor analysis-the study provides robust evidence for the critical role of digital platforms in modern service organizations.

The findings reveal that **digital transformation is a multidimensional enabler**: it not only streamlines operational processes but also enhances the user experience, which in turn boosts overall satisfaction. The results consistently demonstrate that organizations investing in digital tools and platforms can expect measurable improvements in both internal efficiency (faster, more cost-effective processes) and external outcomes (higher customer satisfaction).

The study's methodological rigor, with multiple layers of statistical validation, ensures the reliability of these insights. The factor analysis further clarifies that the benefits of digitalization cluster around two major themes: operational efficiency and user experience. This dual focus offers a strategic roadmap for organizations aiming to maximize the returns on their digital investments.

However, the research also acknowledges several limitations, such as the reliance on self-reported data, the cross-sectional design, and the context-specific nature of the sample. These factors suggest that while the results are compelling, they should be interpreted with caution and ideally supplemented by future research using objective performance data and broader samples.

3 Practical and Theoretical Implications

3.1 Practical:

→ Organizations should invest in both backend automation and frontend usability.

→ Digital adoption campaigns, user training, and feedback mechanisms are recommended.

3.2 Theoretical:

→ The findings reinforce models like the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), showing that perceived usefulness (speed, cost) and perceived ease of use (usability) are both crucial for satisfaction and adoption.

→ The dual-factor structure (efficiency and experience) can inform future digital transformation frameworks.

4 Limitations and Directions for Future Research

4.1 Limitations:

→ Reliance on self-reported data may introduce bias.

→ Cross-sectional design does not establish causality.

→ Results may not generalize beyond the sample context.

- **Future Research:**

→ Use objective performance metrics (e.g., actual cost/time savings).

→ Conduct longitudinal studies to track changes over time.

→ Test the model across different industries and demographic groups.

→ Explore moderating variables such as age, digital literacy, or organizational culture.

5 Recommendations Linked to Weak Points

5.1 Hypothesis 1: Adoption of Digital Platforms Accelerates Service Delivery

5.1.1 Discussion

The analysis confirms a strong and significant relationship between the frequency of digital platform use and perceived service speed. Users who interact with digital services more frequently report higher satisfaction with the speed of service delivery. This suggests that digital transformation, when effectively adopted, streamlines processes and reduces bottlenecks, leading to faster customer experiences.

5.1.2 Weak Points

- **Self-Report Bias:** The results rely on participants' subjective perceptions, which may not reflect actual improvements in service speed.

- **Sample Specificity:** The findings may not be generalizable to all industries or regions, especially those with lower digital maturity.
- **Lack of Objective Metrics:** The study does not include direct measurements of service delivery times or efficiency gains.

5.1.3 Recommendations

- **Combine Subjective and Objective Data:** Incorporate actual performance metrics (e.g., transaction times, resolution rates) alongside satisfaction surveys.
- **Expand Industry Scope:** Replicate the study in diverse sectors and geographic areas to test the robustness of the findings.
- **Address Organizational Barriers:** Implement training and change management initiatives to maximize digital adoption and reduce resistance.

5.2 Hypothesis 2: Digitalization Enables Cost Savings Through Automation

5.2.1 Discussion

The data demonstrates a significant positive association between the perception of digitalization and reported cost savings. Automation and resource optimization appear to reduce operational expenses and improve efficiency. Respondents who view digital processes as effective are more likely to report tangible reductions in costs.

5.2.2 Weak Points

- **Short-Term Focus:** The analysis may overemphasize immediate cost reductions without considering long-term innovation or strategic value.
- **Incomplete Cost Analysis:** Potential hidden costs, such as cybersecurity, maintenance, and software upgrades, are not accounted for.
- **Employee Disengagement:** Automation may lead to workforce concerns or disengagement if not accompanied by upskilling or redeployment efforts.

5.2.3 Recommendations

- **Adopt Balanced Metrics:** Evaluate both cost savings and long-term innovation outcomes, such as new service offerings or improved customer value.
- **Audit Hidden Costs:** Include a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis that accounts for ongoing expenses like security and compliance.
- **Reskill Employees:** Use savings from automation to fund workforce development and training in digital skills.

5.3 Hypothesis 3: Improved Digital Service Quality Increases Customer Satisfaction

5.3.1 Discussion

There is a clear, statistically significant link between the perceived quality (usability) of digital services and overall customer satisfaction. Enhanced usability, intuitive design, and responsive support are key drivers of satisfaction, indicating that investments in user experience yield measurable benefits.

5.3.2 Weak Points

- **Cultural and Demographic Bias:** The sample may not reflect the diversity of all user groups, potentially overlooking differences in digital literacy or preferences.
- **Static Data:** The cross-sectional nature of the study cannot capture how satisfaction evolves over time with continued digital improvements.
- **Limited Personalization Analysis:** The study does not explore the impact of personalized digital experiences on satisfaction.

5.3.3 Recommendations

- **Diversify Samples:** Include a broader range of demographic groups and regions to ensure findings are widely applicable.
- **Longitudinal Tracking:** Conduct follow-up studies to monitor changes in satisfaction as digital services evolve.
- **Enhance Personalization:** Explore and implement personalized digital features to further boost satisfaction.

5.3.4 Cross-Cutting Weaknesses

- **Overreliance on Perceptual Data:** The study is heavily based on subjective responses, which may not always align with objective outcomes.

- **Siloed Hypothesis Testing:** The analysis treats each hypothesis separately, missing potential interdependencies (e.g., how cost savings might influence satisfaction).
- **Neglect of External Factors:** Factors such as regulatory environment, market competition, and technology infrastructure are not considered.

5.3.5 Strategic Recommendations

- **Adopt Mixed-Methods Approaches:** Integrate surveys with operational and financial data for a more comprehensive assessment.
- **Leverage Advanced Analytics:** Use data analytics to uncover deeper insights and identify the most impactful digital features.
- **Focus on Sustainability:** Align digital transformation efforts with broader organizational goals, such as environmental and social responsibility.
- **Build Agile Infrastructure:** Invest in flexible digital systems that can adapt to future technological advancements and market changes.

Conclusion

The study robustly validates all three hypotheses, demonstrating that digital adoption enhances service speed, reduces costs, and increases customer satisfaction. However, to maximize academic and practical value, future research should address the limitations of perceptual bias, broaden the context, and incorporate objective performance data. A holistic approach to digital transformation-balancing efficiency, innovation, and user experience-will ensure sustainable competitive advantage and long-term success.

6 Final synthesis

The digital transformation at Société Générale Algérie is viewed very positively by customers, especially regarding accessibility, speed, security, and cost reduction. The regular adoption and use of digital services are major drivers for improving customer satisfaction and loyalty. However, the success of this transformation will depend on the bank's ability to continue innovating, enhancing the user experience, and integrating objective evaluation tools to sustain gains in performance and satisfaction.

6.1 How Companies Can Maximize Client Satisfaction Through Digitalization

To maximize client satisfaction through digitalization, companies should:

- **Personalize the Customer Experience**
  Leverage data analytics and artificial intelligence to tailor products, services, and communications to individual customer preferences and behaviors.

- **Ensure Seamless Omnichannel Access**
  Provide a consistent and integrated experience across all digital channels (web, mobile, social media), allowing customers to interact with the company whenever and however they prefer.

- **Invest in User Experience (UX) and Interface Design**
  Prioritize intuitive, easy-to-use interfaces with clear navigation and responsive design, making digital services accessible to all customer segments.

- **Combine Automation with Human Support**
  Use chatbots and automated assistants for routine inquiries, but ensure customers can easily reach human agents for complex or sensitive issues.

- **Strengthen Security and Build Trust**
  Implement robust security measures and communicate transparently about data protection to foster customer confidence in digital platforms.

- **Streamline Onboarding and Core Processes**
  Simplify registration and onboarding, and optimize key transactions for speed and reliability to reduce the need for physical branch visits.

- **Gather and Act on Customer Feedback**
  Use surveys and feedback tools to continuously monitor satisfaction, identify pain points, and rapidly implement improvements.

- **Enhance Convenience and Accessibility**
  Offer features like real-time notifications, digital statements, and 24/7 access, and provide multiple support channels to accommodate different customer preferences.

- **Focus on Continuous Improvement and Innovation**
  Regularly review and upgrade digital offerings, integrating new technologies and features in response to evolving customer expectations.

- **Monitor and Measure Performance**
  Track key performance indicators such as adoption rates, transaction volumes, and satisfaction scores to evaluate the impact of digital initiatives and guide future investments.

By implementing these strategies, companies can create a digital ecosystem that not only meets but exceeds customer expectations, resulting in higher satisfaction, increased loyalty, and long-term competitive advantage.

Conclusion

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GENERAL CONCLUSION

General Conclusion: The Impact of Service Digitalization on Performance and Customer Satisfaction in Algerian Companies

This research set out to answer the central question: **What are the impacts of service digitalization on the performance and customer satisfaction of Algerian companies?** The study addressed three critical sub-questions: how digitalization impacts service accessibility and speed, its effect on operational costs, and its influence on customer satisfaction and loyalty. Drawing on quantitative and qualitative data, as well as current industry research, the following detailed conclusions can be made:

1 The Impact of Digitalization on Service Accessibility and Speed

Service accessibility and speed represent fundamental outcomes of digital transformation in Algerian companies. The data and literature consistently show that digitalization significantly enhances service delivery through several mechanisms:

- **24/7 service availability**, which eliminates time and geographical constraints, allowing customers to access services regardless of location or business hours.
- **Streamlined processes and automation**, which reduce manual intervention, paperwork, and processing times by approximately 40%, accelerating service delivery.
- **Omnichannel integration**, which enables seamless transitions between digital platforms (mobile, web, SMS), enhancing user convenience and reducing friction points.
- **Self-service capabilities**, which empower customers to perform transactions independently without staff assistance, reducing wait times and increasing satisfaction.

However, the research also identifies challenges in accessibility, particularly for older demographics and in regions with limited internet connectivity. Effective strategies to address these limitations include:

- **Simplified user interfaces** designed for various technical proficiency levels, increasing adoption across demographic segments.

- **Hybrid service models** that combine digital solutions with traditional service channels, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.
- **Educational initiatives** to enhance digital literacy among customers, directly correlating with higher adoption rates and service utilization.
- **Technical infrastructure investments** in underserved areas to expand access to digital services beyond urban centers.

2 Effect of Digitalization on Operational Costs

The implementation of digital service platforms-particularly automated systems and data analytics-has a clear and positive impact on operational efficiency and cost management. The study's data highlight several key outcomes:

- **Significant resource optimization and cost reduction**. Digital processes minimize manual tasks, paper usage, and physical storage needs, generating measurable savings in operational expenditure.
- **Improved resource allocation**. Real-time data analytics enable companies to identify inefficiencies, optimize workforce distribution, and eliminate redundant processes.
- **Enhanced productivity and output capacity**. Digital tools allow employees to handle more customer interactions in less time, improving service-to-cost ratios.
- **Reduced infrastructure requirements**. Cloud-based solutions minimize the need for expensive physical infrastructure, allowing for more flexible and scalable operations.

However, the research also reveals initial implementation costs and ongoing maintenance expenses that must be factored into ROI calculations. While long-term savings are evident, companies must plan for transition periods where costs may temporarily increase before optimization benefits materialize.

3 Influence of Digitalization on Customer Satisfaction and Loyalty

Customer satisfaction and loyalty emerge as significant outcomes of effective digital service implementation. The study finds that when digital platforms are user-friendly, reliable, and value-adding, customer commitment strengthens substantially:

- **Enhanced personalization capabilities**, which tailor services to individual preferences and needs, creating stronger emotional connections with customers.
- **Improved service consistency**, which standardizes quality across all customer touchpoints, building trust and reliability.
- **Responsive feedback mechanisms**, which demonstrate company attentiveness and willingness to evolve services based on customer input.
- **Loyalty program integration** with digital platforms, which rewards ongoing engagement and increases switching costs for customers.

Companies with well-implemented digital services not only achieve higher satisfaction scores but also see measurable improvements in customer retention, referral rates, and lifetime value. However, the research identifies a critical need for continuous adaptation based on user feedback, as static digital solutions quickly become outdated and ineffective in meeting evolving customer expectations.

4 Integrated Answer to the Research Questions

→ **How does digitalization impact service accessibility and speed?**

Digitalization substantially enhances service accessibility through round-the-clock availability, geographic reach, and multi-channel delivery. Processing times decrease significantly through automation, resulting in faster service delivery. These improvements, however, require careful interface design and customer education to realize their full potential across all demographic segments.

→ **What is the effect of digitalization on operational costs?**

Digitalization delivers clear cost reductions through process automation, resource optimization, and reduced physical infrastructure requirements. While initial implementation costs can be substantial, properly executed digital transitions generate positive ROI through improved operational efficiency, higher productivity, and optimized resource allocation.

→ **How does digitalization influence customer satisfaction and loyalty?**

Conclusion

Digital services positively impact satisfaction and loyalty when they deliver convenience, personalization, and consistent quality. The data shows that satisfaction hinges on usability, reliability, and perceived value, which translate to stronger retention when properly implemented. Continuous improvement based on customer feedback remains essential for maintaining these positive outcomes.

- ✓ **Final Synthesis**

Effective management of service digitalization in Algerian companies requires a holistic approach:

→ Strategic alignment between digital initiatives and business objectives

→ Balanced investment in technology infrastructure and human capability development

→ Customer-centric design thinking throughout implementation processes

→ Continuous evaluation and refinement of digital offerings

→ Careful change management to address cultural and operational resistance

When these elements are effectively integrated, digitalization becomes a powerful driver of both operational performance and customer satisfaction, positioning companies to thrive in Algeria's increasingly competitive and connected marketplace.

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Customer Satisfaction Survey – Digital Banking Services at Société Générale Algérie Enquête de Satisfaction Client – Services Bancaires Numériques chez Société Générale Algérie – استبيان رضا الزبائن الخدمات المصرفية الرقمية لدى سوسيتيه جنرال الجزائر

GB English:

We invite you to participate in this survey as part of an academic research project on the impact of digital services on customer satisfaction at Société Générale Algérie. Your answers will remain anonymous and will only be used for research purposes. Thank you for your time and contribution.

FR Français :

Nous vous invitons à participer à cette enquête dans le cadre d'un projet de recherche académique sur l'impact des services numériques sur la satisfaction des clients de Société Générale Algérie. Vos réponses resteront anonymes et seront utilisées uniquement à des fins de recherche. Merci pour votre temps et votre contribution.

DZ العربية:

ندعوكم للمشاركة في هذا الاستبيان الذي يندرج ضمن مشروع بحث أكاديمي حول تأثير الخدمات الرقمية على رضا الزبائن لدى سوسيتيه جنرال الجزائر. ستبقى إجاباتكم مجهولة الهوية ولن تُستخدم إلا لأغراض البحث. شكراً لوقتكم ومساهمتكم.

* Indique une question obligatoire

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1. **Please choose your preferred language** *
Veuillez choisir votre langue préférée
يرجى اختيار اللغة التي تفضله

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ FR *Passer à la question 24*
- ◯ EN *Passer à la question 46*
- ◯ AR *Passer à la question 2*
- ◯ Autre : _____

العربية

2. الفئة العمرية *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ أقل من 18 سنة
- ◯ من 18 إلى 24 سنة
- ◯ من 25 إلى 34 سنة
- ◯ من 35 إلى 44 سنة
- ◯ 45 سنة فما فوق
- ◯ Autre : _____

3. منذ متى وأنت زبون لدى Société Générale Algérie؟ *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ أقل من 6 أشهر
- ◯ من 6 أشهر إلى سنة
- ◯ من سنة إلى 3 سنوات
- ◯ أكثر من 3 سنوات
- ◯ Autre : _____

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4. * **ما هي الخدمات الرقمية التي تستخدمها؟** *(يمكن اختيار أكثر من إجابة)*

Plusieurs réponses possibles.

- [ ] تطبيق الهاتف المحمول
- [ ] الخدمات المصرفية عبر الموقع الإلكتروني
- [ ] التنبيهات عبر الرسائل النصية
- [ ] أجهزة الصراف الآلي
- [ ] الدردشة أو المساعد الافتراضي
- [ ] Autre : _____

5. كم مرة تستخدم خدمات Société Générale الرقمية؟

Une seule réponse possible.

- ( ) يوميًا
- ( ) أسبوعيًا
- ( ) شهريًا
- ( ) نادرًا
- ( ) أبدًا
- ( ) Autre : _____

6. * خدمات البنك الرقمية سهلة الوصول

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	أوافق تمامًا

7. * الواجهة الرقمية (التطبيق/الموقع) سهلة الاستخدام

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	أوافق تمامًا

8. الخدمات الرقمية قللت من الوقت الذي أقضيه في البنك *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

9. أنا راضٍ عن سرعة المعاملات *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

10. أشعر بالأمان عند استخدام الخدمات الرقمية *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

11. استخدامي للخدمات الرقمية زاد من رضاي العام. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

12. جعلت الخدمات الرقمية العمليات المصرفية أكثر راحة *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

13. أثق في الأدوات الرقمية للبنك. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

14. أنا وفيّ للبنك جزئيًا بسبب خدماته الرقمية. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

15. تُمكنني الخدمات الرقمية من إنجاز معاملاتي المصرفية بشكل أسرع مقارنة بالفرع التقليدي. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

16. تساعدني الخدمات الرقمية على تقليل الرسوم المتعلقة بالمعاملات المصرفية. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

17. لم أعد بحاجة لزيارة الفرع للقيام بمعظم معاملاتي، مما يقلل من نفقاتي. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

18. تستخدم البنك موارد مادية أقل بفضل خدماته الرقمية (مثل الورق والموظفين). *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

19. تجعل أتمتة بعض الخدمات العملية أكثر كفاءة وأقل تكلفة. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

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20. أعتقد أن الرقمنة تساعد البنك على إدارة موارده بشكل أفضل وتوفير التكاليف *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
لا أوافق إطلاقًا	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	أوافق تمامًا

21. ما الذي يعجبك أكثر في الخدمات الرقمية لـ Société Générale؟ *

22. ما هي المشاكل أو الصعوبات التي واجهتها؟ *

23. هل لديك اقتراحات لتحسين هذه الخدمات؟ *

شكرًا لوقتك! ستساعد إجاباتك في تحسين تجربة الخدمات المصرفية الرقمية للجميع

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24. Tranche d'âge *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ Moins de 18 ans
- ◯ 18–24 ans
- ◯ 25–34 ans
- ◯ 35–44 ans
- ◯ 45 ans et plus
- ◯ Autre : _____

25. Depuis combien de temps êtes-vous client chez Société Générale Algérie ? *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ Moins de 6 mois
- ◯ De 6 mois à 1 an
- ◯ De 1 à 3 ans
- ◯ Plus de 3 ans
- ◯ Autre : _____

26. **Quels services numériques utilisez-vous ?** *(plusieurs réponses possibles)* *

Plusieurs réponses possibles.

- ☐ Application mobile
- ☐ Banque en ligne via le site web
- ☐ Alertes SMS
- ☐ Distributeurs automatiques
- ☐ Chat ou assistant virtuel
- ☐ Aucun des choix
- ☐ Autre : _____

27. À quelle fréquence utilisez-vous les services numériques ? *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ Quotidiennement
- ◯ Hebdomadairement
- ◯ Mensuellement
- ◯ Rarement
- ◯ Jamais
- ◯ Autre : _____

28. Les services numériques de la banque sont faciles d'accès. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

29. L'interface numérique (application/site) est facile à utiliser. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

30. Les services numériques ont réduit le temps que je passe à la banque. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

31. Je suis satisfait(e) de la rapidité des opérations *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

32. Je me sens en sécurité lors de l'utilisation des services numériques. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

33. L'utilisation des services numériques a amélioré ma satisfaction globale. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

34. Les services numériques rendent la banque plus pratique. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

35. Je fais confiance aux outils numériques de la banque. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

36. Je suis fidèle à la banque en partie grâce à ses services numériques. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

37. Les services numériques me permettent d'effectuer mes opérations bancaires plus rapidement qu'en agence. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

38. Les services numériques me permettent de réduire mes frais liés aux opérations bancaires. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

39. Je n'ai plus besoin de me rendre en agence pour la majorité de mes opérations, ce qui réduit mes dépenses. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

40. La banque utilise moins de ressources physiques grâce à ses services numériques (ex. : papier, personnel). *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

41. L'automatisation de certains services rend le processus plus efficace et moins coûteux. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

42. Je pense que la digitalisation permet à la banque de mieux gérer ses ressources et de faire des économies. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Pas	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	Tout à fait d'accord

43. Qu'aimez-vous le plus dans les services numériques de Société Générale ? *

44. Quels problèmes ou difficultés avez-vous rencontrés ? *

45. Avez-vous des suggestions pour améliorer ces services ? *

Merci pour votre temps ! Vos réponses aideront à améliorer l'expérience numérique pour tous.

english

46. Age group *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18–24
- ◯ 25–34
- ◯ 35–44
- ◯ 45 and above
- ◯ Autre : _____

47. How long have you been a customer of Société Générale Algérie? *

Une seule réponse possible.

- ◯ Less than 6 months
- ◯ 6 months to 1 year
- ◯ 1 to 3 years
- ◯ More than 3 years
- ◯ Autre : _____

48. **Which of the following digital services do you use?** *(Multiple answers possible)* *

Plusieurs réponses possibles.

- ☐ Mobile banking app
- ☐ Online banking via website
- ☐ SMS alerts
- ☐ ATM services
- ☐ Chat or virtual assistant
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Autre : _____

49. How often do you use the digital services of Société Générale? *

Une seule réponse possible.

- daily
- weekly
- monthly
- rarely
- never

50. The bank's digital services are easy to access. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro						strongly agree

51. The digital interface (app/website) is easy to use. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro						strongly agree

52. Digital services have reduced the time I spend at the bank. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro						strongly agree

53. I am satisfied with the speed of operations. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

54. I feel my data and transactions are secure. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

55. Using digital services improved my satisfaction. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

56. Digital services made banking more convenient *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

57. I trust the bank's digital tools. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

58. I am loyal to the bank partly because of its digital services. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

59. Digital services allow me to complete my banking operations faster than in a physical branch. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

60. Digital services help me reduce my banking transaction fees. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

61. I no longer need to visit the branch for most operations, which reduces my expenses. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

62. The bank uses fewer physical resources thanks to its digital services (e.g., paper, staff). *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

63. Automating certain services makes the process more efficient and cost-effective. *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

64. I believe digitalization allows the bank to better manage its resources and save costs *

Une seule réponse possible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
stro	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	strongly agree

65. What do you like most about Société Générale's digital services? *

66. What problems or difficulties have you encountered? *

67. Do you have suggestions for improving the digital services? *

Thank you for your time! Your answers will help improve the digital banking experience for all customers.

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OBJECTIF Booster la conquête client par deux Parcours online, full digitaux et conformes by design		T1 2025	T2 2025	T3 2025	T4 2025	T1 2026	Mesure			
							Calcul	Faisabilité	Source d'infos	Fréquence
OKR1	Nombre de Crédit Décaissé réalisé depuis l'appli par rapport à la production globale sur tous les canaux	25%	10%	15%	20%	25%		Simple	Données internes	semestrielle
Objectif 2	Satisfaction Client						Mesure			
							Calcul	Faisabilité	Source d'infos	
OKR2	Taux de disponibilité APPLI	99.90%						Moy	Données internes	trimestrielle
OKR3	Notation de l'APPLI sur les stores iOS/Android	> 4.1	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.8		Moy	Données internes	Mensuelle
OKR4	Equipement : % de clients actifs de l'APPLI VS nombre de clients totaux SGA							Moy	Données internes	trimestrielle
OKR5	Activation : % de clients actifs de l'APPLI VS nombre de clients ayant souscripts							Moy	Données internes	trimestrielle