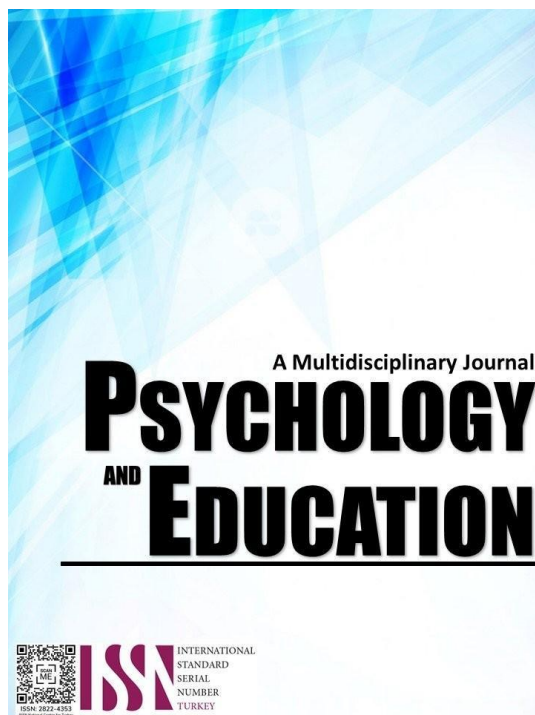


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Abstract

Digital marketing is inevitably becoming popular in the marketing realm. Leveraging digital marketing strategies has been instrumental in fostering communication and engagement between brands and customers. However, a limited number of research explores the influence of these emerging trends on the purchase intentions of customers in the fast food chain industry. Therefore, the aim of this paper is to examine the influence of digital marketing strategies on customers' purchase intention and to identify the most effective digital marketing strategy for crafting compelling content and disseminating marketing messages to achieve the intended marketing goal. This study employed a correlational quantitative research approach with a convenient selection of participants, utilizing a modified survey questionnaire as the principal means of data collection. The sample consisted of One Hundred Ninety-eight (198) actual customers of selected fast-food restaurants in España Boulevard, Manila. The data retrieved from the survey questionnaire was analyzed and interpreted using a Five-point Likert scale designed for measuring interval data. The findings of this research revealed that utilizing social media marketing, webinar platforms, mobile applications, and e-commerce significantly influences customer's purchase intention. Furthermore, it came to light that there is a highly statistically significant relationship between digital marketing strategies, namely, social media marketing ($r=0.864$, $p=0.027$), brand exposure through webinar platforms ($r=0.802$, $p=0.055$), mobile applications and e-commerce ($r=0.854$, $p=0.031$) on customer's purchase intention of selected fast-food restaurants, and a positive strong correlation between affiliate marketing ($r=0.759$, $p=0.080$) and the latter. In addition, the results revealed that there is a positive moderate correlation between content marketing ($r=0.548$, $p=0.260$), and email marketing ($r=0.575$, $p=0.232$) on customer's purchase intention.

Keywords: *digital marketing, purchase intention, digitalization, fast-food industry, digitalization*

Introduction

The last two decades have witnessed a significant shift in brands and businesses, attributed to the widespread adoption of digitalization. This approach is gaining increasing popularity as it evolves into a global phenomenon. The internet and technology contributed on changing customer needs and purchasing behavior. In particular, the food industry has a lot of challenges to face as their business is a staple in the community, where people have various tastes, likes and interests. Thus, they must keep up with the latest trend and enhance how they connect to their customers so that they would still be relevant and competent in the market. Consumers who spent more time shopping online were the reason why digital marketing flourished throughout the pandemic. For this reason, companies widely employ digital marketing showcasing their simplicity and effectiveness. Social media and email marketing, known for their user-friendly features and resilience (Samsudeen & Kaldeen, 2020), play a pivotal role in fostering customer engagement—a critical factor influencing customers' purchase intention. These digital marketing tools empower businesses to effortlessly promote products and establish customer connections at lower costs. The concept of purchase intention originated in psychological disciplines and has since been widely applied to the study of consumer behavior. It is the tendency of a potential customer to purchase and patronize a particular product and service, resulting in expanding the customer base and generating more profit (Wang et al., 2019; Mai et al., 2021). In this study, customer's purchase intention refers to how interested customers are in a product and their ability to actually buy it. The way people feel about a brand or product directly affects whether they intend to make a purchase or not.

Digital marketing has seamlessly integrated into the daily routines of individuals worldwide. Moreover, it encompasses the modern way of promoting products and services in the market. This approach can be done with the means of technology and the internet to possibly reach the target customers. It is convenient, timely, relevant, safe, and low-cost. As of January 2021, the global count of internet users reached 4.66 billion, representing 59.5% of the world's population. This investigation validates the assertion that digital marketing practices play a pivotal role in shaping customer attitudes and influencing their intentions to make purchases. The current tally of social media users globally stands at 4.20 billion, marking a significant increase of 490 million in the past year, translating to a growth rate exceeding 13%. This surge means that social media users now constitute over 53% of the global population (Kemp, 2021). As individuals increasingly allocate their time to online activities, not only for researching products and services but also for engaging in conversations with fellow customers about their interactions with businesses, digital marketing emerges as a transformative force in influencing consumer behavior (Khwaja et al., 2020). A considerable number of businesses acknowledge the pivotal role of social media and digital marketing in shaping their marketing strategies. Leveraging digital marketing enables companies to attain their marketing objectives with cost-effectiveness. The incorporation of social media into the broader business strategy stands as a valuable asset for organizations (Hien & Nhu, 2022).

However, there are other concepts to be explored and other ways of how marketing has evolved. It only depends on what the businesses want to employ. This idea is just an overview of how marketing works these days and continues to change as time progresses. Businesses must adapt a perfect symbiosis of human intervention and technological application into their business operation. Consequently, the objective of this study is to address the existing gap in marketing literature by examining the influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention of selected fast-food restaurants in España Boulevard, Manila. Gaining insights into how digital marketing influences purchase intention allows businesses to tailor their strategies to meet consumer requirements, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of their marketing efforts. Given the ever-evolving nature of digital marketing, this ongoing presence opens up endless possibilities for the market to explore and uncover new behavioral approaches that have yet to be identified.

Research Questions

This study is an attempt to examine the influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention. Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions:

1. What is the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of:
 - 1.1 age; and
 - 1.2 gender?
2. What is the level of influence of different digital marketing strategies on customer's intent to purchase as assessed by the respondents in terms of the following:
 - 2.1 social media marketing;
 - 2.2 webinar platforms;
 - 2.3 mobile application and e-commerce;
 - 2.4 content marketing;
 - 2.5 affiliate marketing; and
 - 2.6 email marketing?
3. What is the perceived effect of incorporating digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention?
4. Is there a significant relationship between digital marketing strategies and customer's purchase intentions after determining their level of influence?

Methodology

Research Design

This study employed correlational quantitative research approach with convenient selection of participants. Quantitative research aims to collect numerical data and use statistical and mathematical techniques for analysis. Its purpose is to provide researchers the capacity to formulate generalizations and derive conclusions pertaining to the broader target population (Kruger, 2003). According to Creswell (1994), quantitative research involves elucidating phenomena through the collection of numerical data, subjected to mathematical methods that specifically incorporate statistics. Moreover, this is a research approach that emphasizes the role of quantification in both data collection and analysis (Bryman, 2012).

Respondents

The respondents of this study comprised of One Hundred Ninety-eight (198) actual customers of selected fast-food restaurants, namely Jollibee, McDonalds, Mang Inasal, KFC, Greenwich, and Chowking, in España Boulevard, Manila. Since the study aims to examine the influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention, therefore the most appropriate group of respondents would be the actual customers of these selected fast-food restaurants. The respondents must be aware of the digital marketing strategies that these businesses utilize, which this study aims to identify.

Instruments

The primary research tool employed in this study was a survey questionnaire designed to gather information about respondents' demographics and their exposure to digital marketing strategies. To ensure the accuracy and consistency of the collected data, the questionnaire underwent rigorous testing for validity and reliability. This research instrument provided a comprehensive approach in gathering data about the influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention. The data collected from this instrument was analyzed using an appropriate statistical techniques to draw conclusions about the influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention of selected fast-food restaurants.

Procedure

In this study, a structured survey questionnaire was developed to facilitate data collection and address the research questions systematically. The questionnaire has been categorized based on subject matter, and underwent a pilot testing phase with selected participants to ensure effectiveness in addressing research problems. Upon resolving any identified issues, the refined data collection instruments were ready for broader implementation. Subsequently, the researcher conducted an analysis of the coded data, exploring

interrelationships within various categories to derive interpretations and draw meaningful conclusions.

Results and Discussion

Table 1. *Demographic Analysis*

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Gender		
Female	98	49%
Male	100	51%
Age		
24 years old & below	159	80%
25-34 years old	29	15%
35 years old & above	10	5%

Table 1 shows the demographic analysis of the respondents in terms of gender and age. One hundred (51%) of the respondents are male, then ninety-eight (49%) of the respondents are female. It shows that the majority of the respondents are male. The age of one hundred fifty-nine (80%) of the respondents ranges from 24 years old and below, followed by twenty-nine (15%) of the respondents' age ranges 25-34 years old. Then, ten (5%) are within the age bracket of 35 years old and above. It shows that majority of the respondents are in the age bracket of 24 years old and below.

Level of Influence of Digital Marketing Strategies

Table 2. *Level of Influence of Social Media Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Extreme advertisement exposure in social media platforms. (Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, etc.)	4.78	Great Extent
Posting engaging advertisements that could drive up comments, likes, shares, and CSR initiatives of the brand and its impact in the community	4.78	Great Extent
Facebook and Instagram page creation and creating fan-based hashtags to create buzz.	4.76	Great Extent
Posting brand/product lines in social media platforms with viewable information such as prices and servings.	4.82	Great Extent
Announcing sales promotions, deals and discounts on social media platforms.	4.81	Great Extent
Contents by requiring followers to tag a certain number of people in the comment section of the post and win prizes.	4.80	Great Extent
Total Average Mean	4.79	Great Extent

Table 2 shows the contributing factors of social media marketing in influencing customer's purchase intention. Based on the results, it clearly reveals that item 4 (Posting brand/product lines in social media platforms with viewable information such as prices and servings) got the highest mean of 4.82 interpreted as 'Great Extent'. This digital marketing strategy will effectively lead to increased brand exposure and online presence through promotion via social media. The result implies that incorporating social media marketing as a tool in building brand recognition and awareness can positively influence customer's perception of the brand resulting to purchase intention. This was supported by the study of Thu and Phuong (2021) asserting that social media marketing activities improve brand loyalty leading to purchase intention among customers. Social media marketing proves to be successful in different brand industry as it heavily influences purchase intention and recognizability of products and services offered by a certain brand (Pattnaik & Trivedi, 2020; Liu & Qureshi, 2023; Salhab et al., 2023).

Table 3. *Level of Influence of Brand Exposure through Webinar Platforms on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Free webinars to introduce brand/ product lines by partnering with industry-related experts.	4.51	Great Extent
2. Hosting live videos and providing exciting news about the company and the brand	4.35	Great Extent
3. Offering discounts, freebies, prizes, and other special offers for brand webinar attendees.	4.41	Great Extent
4. Contents by requiring attendees to invite a certain number of people and win prizes	4.19	Some Extent
5. Posting brand/product lines in social media platforms with viewable information such as prices and size	4.40	Great Extent
6. Reaching out to customers on personal levels using polls.	4.05	Some Extent
Total Average Mean	4.32	Great Extent

Table 3 shows the contributing factors of brand exposure through webinar platforms in influencing customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that item 1 (Free webinars to introduce brand/ product lines by partnering with industry-related experts) got the highest mean of 4.51 interpreted as 'Great Extent'. This digital marketing strategy helps the brands in creating competitive advantage, brand differentiation, and providing memorable brand experience for customers and webinar attendees. The result implies that companies that uses webinar platforms is likely to build extreme brand exposure and online presence. Customers who experienced participating in webinars are most likely to experience in-depth personal interaction towards the brand. Therefore, interested and satisfied customer tend to have heightened purchase intention (Jaipong & Siripipatthanakul, 2023). The result is also supported by Collins (2023) affirming

that every point of the marketing funnel, webinars continue to be a significant lead generator. Webinars, often known as web seminars, continue to draw viewers whether they are live or recorded. Webinars provide purchasers with more "free" information than ever, from general industry trend awareness to the benefit of being able to join semi-anonymous product demos while deciding between several goods. Correspondingly, if your audience sees the value in your webinar, you will no longer need to promote your product or service that much so your brand will be recognized. Instead, webinars are useful marketing tools to indulge participants as explained by Parakh (2022).

Table 4. *Level of Influence of Mobile Applications and E-commerce on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Mobile apps to create personalized customer experience and convenience where they can purchase and pay online.	4.70	Great Extent
2. A mobile app where customers could earn rewards for online purchases and access easy digital offerings.	4.71	Great Extent
3. Using push notifications or messages in updating customers of new features and promotional offers.	4.42	Great Extent
4. Creating feedback systems where customers could report complaints and provide suggestions for brand improvements	4.59	Great Extent
5. Customizable mobile app where customers could report complaints and provide suggestions for brand improvements.	4.57	Great Extent
6. Showing mouth-watering products inside the mobile app and gamifying mobile apps to earn credits for discounts and rewards	4.68	Great Extent
Total Average Mean	4.61	Great Extent

Table 4 shows the contributing factors of mobile applications and e-commerce in influencing customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that item 2 (A mobile app where customers could earn rewards for online purchases and access easy digital offering) got the highest mean of 4.71 interpreted as 'Great Extent'. This digital marketing strategy helps the brand in building a rapport with the customers on a regular basis, boosting customer confidence in mobile and e-commerce purchasing and facilitating convenient and accessible platform for customers. The result implies that utilizing mobile applications and e-commerce help the brand build relationship with customers, create personalized customer experience, and boost customer confidence toward the brand. According to a study conducted by Jhonson (2021), what makes mobile applications and e-commerce pivotal nowadays is due to its popularity and convenience. Every person in this world spends an average time of 3 hours and 15 minutes on their mobile phones, thus, increasing their connection through mobile phones (Mackay, 2019). In addition, the highest degree of user accessibility and experience was found in mobile applications and e-commerce sites that lead to digitalized marketing experience when dealing with brand marketing and product distribution that can influence customer's intent to purchase (Walden, 2018; Patel et al., 2020).

Table 5. *Level of Influence of Content Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Creating challenges for customers enabling them to earn rewards for number of purchases as part of the challenge	4.58	Great Extent
2. Effective content marketing campaigns by educating customers about the ethical sourcing practices and CSR initiatives of the brand	4.63	Great Extent
3. Highlighting new corporate policies and industry recognitions in marketing campaigns that benefit the environment and the community	4.67	Great Extent
4. Conducting social on how consumers perceive the brand and uploading it to the campaign site.	4.66	Great Extent
5. Activate paid influences to post content marketing campaigns on websites, vlogs, blogs etc.	4.47	Great Extent
6. Employing TV advertisements that create relatable stories and unravel the brand's story and values	4.74	Great Extent
Total Average Mean	4.62	Great Extent

Table 5 lists the contributing factors of content marketing in influencing customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that item 6 (Employing TV advertisements that create relatable stories and unravel the brand's story and values) got the highest mean of 4.74 interpreted as 'Great Impact'. Content marketing campaigns are those that businesses practice that retains and gain the interest of the mass through sharing and distributing relevant videos, articles, and other forms of media. This digital marketing strategy helps the brand in showcasing what the company represents and let customers understand the qualities that makes the brand stand out from other prominent brands that offers the same products and services that can lead to an increase in purchase intention. Nowadays, customers' needs are dynamic and fast-changing and it is not that ideal to just show them but also by tapping their emotions through a creative and interesting content, an experiential content which has been creative and effective content and serves as the function of promoting purchase intention (Trivedi, 2022; Milhinhos, 2015). In addition, Terho et al. (2022) confirmed that content marketing extends beyond attracting new customers, once the customer has received the solution, we proclaim their conviction that they made the best decision and assist them in utilizing it. Contents that exceed the buyer's expectations with their needs and wants can provoke increased engagement and purchase intention among customers (Hollebeek & Macky, 2019).

Table 6. *Level of Influence of Affiliate Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Establishing emotional connection with customers by promoting core values of the brand through video content.	4.32	Great Extent
2. Showing the brand's story and customer testimonials through video campaigns	4.49	Great Extent
3. Activate paid influencers to advertise the brand in their YouTube vlogs and Facebook Accounts	4.55	Great Extent
4. Using promotional codes endorsed by celebrities and influencers for discounts and freebies	4.51	Great Extent
5. Clicking links prescribed or endorsed by influencers to lead customers on the app	4.62	Great Extent
6. Creating short clips about the promotional campaigns done by celebrities and influencers	4.52	Great Extent
Total Average Mean	4.50	Great Extent

Table 6 presents the contributing factors of affiliate marketing in influencing customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that item 5 (Clicking links prescribed or endorsed by influencers to lead customers on the app) got the highest mean of 4.62 interpreted as 'Great Extent'. This digital marketing strategy utilizes influential personalities to promote a product or brand in exchange for commission on generating sales. It helps the brand become more memorable and relatable to the audience through the influencer or celebrity endorsing it. The result is supported by Nouasri (2023) positing that the number of links clicked by the online browsers means the level of curiosity and interest they had for a specific brand. In addition, Stafford (2017) supported the result by claiming that 95% of viewers can recall the information through effective contents, when consumers watch a brand's promotional video, whether it be on YouTube, Twitter, or Instagram. This suggests that content marketing undoubtedly improves cognitive engagement and interest (Harvidsson & Denham-Smith, 2017), and might lead to customer acquisition and purchase intention (Patrick & Hee, 2019). Additionally, it was made clear that for clients, compelling and excellent content should be the focal point of the video in order to connect with the brand (Tomboc, 2023). Customers will be more receptive to the brand's message if they can relate to it and thus will retain in their memory.

Table 7. *Level of Influence of Email Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention*

<i>Contributing Factors</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Email automation on brand loyalty reward programs	3.68	Moderate Extent
2. Interactive email campaigns to create personalized communication with customers	3.72	Moderate Extent
3. Using win-back emails with discount codes to encourage customers re-engagement and convince reluctant customers	3.60	Moderate Extent
4. Sending emails to consumers encouraging them to review their latest purchase and win exciting rewards for their time.	3.73	Moderate Extent
5. Promoting special events and offer vouchers/coupons and sending it through email.	3.75	Moderate Extent
6. Highlight menu item updates and tells stories about the products being offered through email	3.36	Small Extent
Total Average Mean	3.64	Moderate Extent

Table 7 shows the contributing factors of email marketing in influencing customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that item 5 (Promoting special events and offer vouchers/coupons and sending it through email) got the highest mean of 3.75 interpreted as 'Moderate Extent'. Email marketing as a digital marketing strategy assists the brand in facilitating an avenue for promoting the brand and it keeps customers in the loop. Studies conducted by Somsiriwatthana (2021) and Statista Research Department (2023) confirmed that increased brand awareness and engagement through email marketing have demonstrated a notably positive influence on customer's purchase intention. Moreover, this is congruent with the study of Mullen and Daniels (2011) confirming that approximately 60% of consumers acknowledge making instant purchases in response to email marketing communications. Generally, the company must exhibit adaptability by diversifying its advertising strategies across multiple channels. The strategic selection of platforms tailored to the target audience is essential. If email marketing proves successful in engaging the audience's interest, it is poised to exert a substantial influence on their purchase intentions.

Perceived Effect of Incorporating Digital Marketing Strategies on Customer's Purchase Intention

Table 8 shows the perceived effect of incorporating digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention. It clearly reveals that utilizing digital channels such as social media marketing ($\mu=4.73$), mobile applications and e-commerce ($\mu=4.62$), affiliate ($\mu=4.52$) and email marketing ($\mu=4.39$) creates a customer-centric approach making the brand relatable and memorable. Thus, employing webinar platform ($\mu=4.70$) as a digital marketing strategy enables the creation of opportunities for customer interaction which drives purchase intent. Furthermore, content marketing strategy ($\mu=4.28$) encourages repeat purchase and drives customer's intent to purchase.

The result is supported by the studies of Woods (2023), S. MacDonald (2024), and J. MacDonald (2023) stating that brands must be capable of addressing the demands and preferences of their customers. Embracing this customer-focused strategy results in a satisfying customer journey and serves as the foundation for developing successful digital interactions in fostering customer loyalty. A successful digital marketing plan is at the core of any effective online branding strategy. Employing diverse digital marketing tactics helps businesses stand out, drive more online traffic, and enhance their conversion rates. It is crucial to craft a strategy that aligns with the brand goals and resonates with the target audience. Similarly, Umunna (2021) stated that digital marketing grants people the freedom to connect with one another. It offers marketers a diverse channels to reach and engage consumers. Opting for the right social media

platform can bring about beneficial effects on business and can elevate customer engagement.

Table 8. *Perceived Effect of Incorporating Digital Marketing Strategies on Customer's Purchase Intention*

Contributing Factors	Social Media Mktg		Webinar Platforms		Mobile App & E-commerce		Content Marketing		Affiliate Marketing		Email Marketing	
	μ	Rmks	μ	Rmks	μ	Rmks	μ	Rmks	μ	Rmks	μ	Rmks
Encourages repeat purchase and drives customer's intent to purchase	4.41	GE	4.24	GE	4.14	ME	4.28	GE	4.29	GE	4.23	GE
Compelling call-to-action through digital channels encourage customers to respond promptly and make decisive purchasing decisions	4.31	GE	4.28	GE	4.28	GE	4.24	GE	4.16	ME	4.25	GE
Creates a customer-centric approach making the brand relatable and memorable	4.73	GE	4.34	GE	4.62	GE	4.14	ME	4.52	GE	4.39	GE
Utilizing digital channels instill confidence in customer's purchase decisions	4.61	GE	4.33	GE	4.49	GE	4.13	ME	4.31	GE	4.19	ME
Creates opportunities for customer interaction which drives purchase intent	4.56	GE	4.70	GE	4.55	GE	4.21	GE	4.22	GE	4.15	ME
Facilitate easy product discovery and increase the chances of customer consideration.	4.69	GE	4.17	ME	4.27	GE	4.19	ME	4.29	GE	4.09	ME
Weighted Mean	4.55	GE	4.34	GE	4.39	GE	4.20	GE	4.30	GE	4.22	GE

Note: 'GE' = Great Extent; 'SO' = Moderate Extent; 'SM' = Small Extent; 'NE' = No Extent; 'DA' = Doesn't Apply'

Table 9. *Pearson-r Correlation (Social Media Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Social Media Marketing	Customer's Purchase Intention
Social Media Marketing	Pearson Correlation	1	.864(**)
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.027
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.864(**)	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.027	
	N	198	198

**The correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Table 9 demonstrates the Pearson-r test results between social media marketing and customer's purchase intention, the value of r is 0.864 at 0.027 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.864 interpreted as "Very Strong Correlation". The relationship of social media marketing and customer's purchase intention is highly statistically significant ($r=0.864$, $p=0.027$). Liu and Qureshi (2023), Adelina et al. (2022), and Majeed et al. (2021) mentioned that social media marketing and purchasing intention are statistically correlated. Therefore, utilizing social media marketing as a digital marketing approach is considered to be the most effective strategy to instantly connect to millions of people (Hussain & Chimhundu, 2023). Effectively overseeing online communities on social media platforms is also crucial for cultivating a brand community and shaping the corporate image. When creating content for social media, marketing professionals should give considerable attention to its quality and attributes, as this can lead to increased brand trust and, ultimately, more informed purchase decisions.

Table 10. *Pearson-r Correlation (Brand Exposure through Webinar Platforms on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Brand Exposure through Webinars	Customer's Purchase Intention
Brand Exposure through Webinars	Pearson Correlation	1	.802
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.055
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.802	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.055	
	N	198	198

Table 10 shows the Pearson-r test results between brand exposure through webinar platforms and customer's purchase intention, the value of r is 0.802 at 0.055 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.802 interpreted as "Very Strong Correlation". The relationship of brand exposure through webinar platforms and customer's purchase intention is highly statistically significant ($r=0.802$, $p=0.055$). Pappas (2020) affirmed that a significant number of customers alter their planned purchases once they become aware of a brand's inadequate customer service. Thus, utilizing free webinars offer a straightforward method to achieve this improvement. Brand exposure through webinars serves multiple purposes simultaneously, from addressing inquiries to fostering improved interactions with

both potential and current customers. It is evident that lead generation webinars could potentially influence customer's purchase intention. In addition, introducing and enforcing a designated hashtag for your webinar has the power to greatly enhance the marketing effectiveness of the particular marketing approach (Huang and Copeland, 2020).

Table 11. *Pearson-r Correlation (Mobile Applications and E-commerce on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Mobile Applications and E-commerce	Customer's Purchase Intention
Mobile Applications and E-commerce	Pearson Correlation	1	.854(**)
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.031
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.854(**)	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.031	
	N	198	198

**The correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Table 11 shows the Pearson-r test results between mobile applications and e-commerce, and customer's purchase intention, the value of r is 0.854 at 0.031 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.854 interpreted as "Very Strong Correlation". The relationship between mobile applications and e-commerce and customer's purchase intention is highly statistically significant ($r=0.854$, $p=0.031$). This is supported by studies of Ignacia et al. (2018) and Vo et al. (2022) denoting that a positively strong correlation exists between the presence of a branded mobile application and the likelihood of making a purchase, regardless of whether individuals have installed the app or not. In general, fast-food restaurants should continuously maintain and enhance mobile application and e-commerce quality and features.

Table 12. *Pearson-r Correlation (Content Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Content Marketing	Customer's Purchase Intention
Content Marketing	Pearson Correlation	1	.548
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.260
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.548	1
	Sig. (2 tailed)	.260	
	N	198	198

Table 12 shows the Pearson-r test results between content marketing and customer's purchase intention, the value of r is 0.548 at 0.260 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.548 interpreted as "Moderate Correlation". The relationship of content marketing and customer's purchase intention is moderately statistically significant ($r=0.548$, $p=0.260$). The studies of Subasinghe and Weerasiri (2019), Gülsoy and Leblebici Koçer (2023), and Vetri Priya and Annapoorni (2022) confirmed that digital content marketing significantly influence purchase intention by shaping customer engagement, ultimately culminating in heightened tendencies for making purchases. Therefore, the content produced by different companies should prioritize creating material that appeals to customers and fosters enduring customer engagement.

Table 13. *Pearson-r Correlation (Affiliate Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Affiliate Marketing	Customer's Purchase Intention
Affiliate Marketing	Pearson Correlation	1	.759
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.080
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.759	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.080	
	N	198	198

Table 13 shows the Pearson-r test results between affiliate marketing and customer's purchase intention, the value of r is 0.759 at 0.080 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.759 interpreted as "Strong Correlation". The relationship between affiliate marketing and customer's purchase intention is statistically significant ($r=0.759$, $p=0.080$). For the younger Generation Z, the willingness to purchase a product is directly tied to the presence of a credible influencer they actively follow. This underscores the significance of brands establishing such a connection. Consequently, a brand targeting Generation Z is likely to encounter highly focused and even devoted customers among this demographic. Influencers should not solely concentrate on community building and crafting valuable content but also prioritize fostering robust parasocial relationships with their followers. Brands need to comprehend the values projected by influencers, aligning them with the values of potential customers. This is crucial because bloggers exert more influence over followers who genuinely appreciate them (Dwivedi et al., 2015). In the realm of affiliate marketing, the influencer's

credibility, parasocial interaction (Huang & Copeland, 2020); and their physical attractiveness (Martiningsih & Setyawan, 2022) are interconnected factors that ultimately influence consumers' intentions to make a purchase.

Table 14. *Pearson-r Correlation (Email Marketing on Customer's Purchase Intention)*

		Email Marketing	Customer's Purchase Intention
Email Marketing	Pearson Correlation	1	.575
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.232
	N	198	198
Customer's Purchase Intention	Pearson Correlation	.575	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.232	
	N	198	198

Table 14 shows the Pearson-r test results between email marketing and customers' purchase intention, the value of r is 0.575 at 0.232 level of significance, the computation gave a result of 0.575 interpreted as "Moderate Correlation". The relationship of email marketing and customers' purchase intention is moderately statistically significant ($r=0.575$, $p=0.232$). The result is supported by the study of Astoriano et al. (2022) concluding that the influence of email marketing on purchase intention is substantial, despite being labeled with a small effect size and obtaining the lowest path coefficient ($\beta=0.201$, <0.001), the impact remains statistically significant. Similarly, researchers such as Gill et al. (2023) and Samsudeen and Kaldeen (2020) have confirmed that a positive correlation exists between email digital marketing and customer's purchase intention. Thus, email marketing can be beneficial if utilized effectively, customized and created with personalized content to attract the attention of the audience.

Conclusion

Based on the research findings, it came to light that there is a statistically significant and very strong correlation between digital marketing strategies, namely, social media marketing ($r=0.864$, $p=0.027$), brand exposure through webinar platforms ($r=0.802$, $p=0.055$), mobile applications and e-commerce ($r=0.854$, $p=0.031$) on customer's purchase intention of selected fast-food restaurants. The result shows that there exist a positive strong relationship between affiliate marketing ($r=0.759$, $p=0.080$) and purchase intention. In addition, it clearly reveals that there is a positive moderate correlation between content marketing ($r=0.548$, $p=0.260$), and email marketing ($r=0.575$, $p=0.232$) on customer's purchase intention. It is evident that the most influential digital marketing strategy that fast-food restaurants and businesses may employ is the utilization of social media marketing, and mobile application and e-commerce. Generally, the findings highlight the significance of social networks and mobile applications with gamification, and indicate that practitioners in the fast-food industry should leverage social media platforms to craft compelling content and disseminate crucial marketing messages to achieve their intended marketing goals. Posting brand or product lines in social media platforms with viewable information such as prices and servings tend to influence customers in the fast-food industry through direct and straightforward posted advertisements. With content marketing, businesses need to tap the emotions of their customers through an interesting and experiential content. This means that employing television advertisements that create relatable stories and unravel the brand's values tend to influence their purchasing intention. Thus, in affiliate marketing, clicking links prescribed or endorsed by influencers to lead customers on the app have a great influence for most of the surveyed participants enabling the brand become more memorable and relatable to the audience. Utilizing email marketing facilitates an avenue for promoting products and services quickly and easily through voucher offerings and special events promotions.

The researchers suggest that it is important to take into consideration other innovative digital marketing strategies such as influencer marketing, augmented reality and virtual reality technologies to keep up with the current trends. In future research within a related field, it is suggested that researchers choose a different research locale to ensure the validity of the collected information. Moreover, it is recommended that future studies incorporate alternative variables to precisely assess the actual influence of digital marketing strategies on customer's purchase intention, utilizing a comprehensive survey questionnaire and other data gathering techniques.

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