

Retrospective Review on Consumer Adoption in the Landscape of Purchase Intention and Continuous Usage Intention on Digital Platforms: A Systematic Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

This study presents a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) on consumer adoption in relation to purchase intention and continuous usage intention on digital platforms. It examines the factors influencing consumers' decisions to adopt and continue using digital services such as e-commerce, mobile banking, and online marketplaces. The review analyzes 12 peer-reviewed studies published between 2015 and 2025 using the Theory–Context–Methodology (TCM) framework. The findings identify TAM, UTAUT, ECM, and Trust Theory as the dominant theoretical models. Key determinants include perceived usefulness, ease of use, trust, security, customer satisfaction, service quality, and social influence. The review also shows that quantitative research using SEM and PLS-SEM is the most common methodological approach. While purchase intention and continuous usage intention have been widely studied separately, few studies integrate both concepts. The review highlights the need for integrated theoretical frameworks and more diverse research methods. It also recommends cross-cultural and emerging technology-based studies to better understand consumer behavior. The findings offer valuable insights for researchers and digital platform providers to improve customer acquisition, satisfaction, and long-term engagement.

1. Introduction

Digital technology has become an essential part of everyday life, changing the way people communicate, shop, make payments, and access various services. The widespread use of smartphones, internet connectivity, and digital payment systems has encouraged consumers to rely on digital platforms such as e-commerce websites, mobile banking applications, online food delivery services, social media marketplaces, and streaming platforms. These platforms offer greater convenience, faster transactions, and easy access to products and services, making them increasingly popular among consumers. As digital platforms continue to grow, understanding how and why consumers adopt these technologies has become an important area of research.

Consumer adoption is not limited to making a first purchase on a digital platform. It also includes the willingness of consumers to continue using the platform over time. In this context, two concepts are particularly important: purchase intention and continuous usage intention. Purchase intention refers to a consumer's willingness to purchase a product or service through a digital platform, while continuous usage

intention refers to the decision to keep using the same platform after the initial experience. For digital businesses, attracting new customers is important, but retaining existing users is equally essential because long-term users contribute to customer loyalty, positive word-of-mouth, and sustainable business growth. Researchers have identified several factors that influence consumers' decisions to adopt and continue using digital platforms. Factors such as perceived usefulness, ease of use, trust, security, service quality, customer satisfaction, perceived value, and social influence play a significant role in shaping consumer behavior. For example, consumers are more likely to purchase from a platform they trust and perceive as secure. Similarly, when users have a positive experience and receive quality service, they are more likely to continue using the platform and recommend it to others.

To explain these behaviors, researchers have developed several theoretical models. The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) suggests that consumers are more likely to adopt a technology when they find it useful and easy to use. The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) highlights the influence of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions on technology adoption. In addition, the Expectation–Confirmation Model (ECM) explains why users continue using a digital platform by emphasizing the importance of satisfaction and confirmation of expectations after initial use. These theories have been widely applied in studies related to digital platforms; however, many studies examine either purchase intention or continuous usage intention separately rather than considering both together.

Although research on digital platform adoption has increased rapidly, the existing literature is spread across different industries, technologies, and geographical settings. Many studies focus on specific platforms such as online shopping, mobile banking, healthcare applications, or online education, making it difficult to obtain a comprehensive understanding of consumer adoption as a whole. Moreover, recent developments such as artificial intelligence, personalized recommendations, and digital ecosystems have introduced new factors that influence consumer behavior. Therefore, there is a need to review and summarize previous studies to understand the current state of knowledge and identify areas that require further research.

A Systematic Literature Review (SLR) provides a structured and transparent method for reviewing existing research. Unlike a traditional literature review, an SLR follows a systematic process to identify, evaluate, and synthesize relevant studies, ensuring that the findings are reliable and unbiased. This approach helps researchers identify major research themes, commonly used theories, research methods, and existing gaps in the literature. The reference paper you provided also follows a similar SLR approach to organize and analyze previous studies in a structured manner.

Therefore, this study, titled "Retrospective Review on Consumer Adoption in the Landscape of Purchase Intention and Continuous Usage Intention on Digital Platforms: A Systematic Literature Review," aims to systematically review the existing literature on consumer adoption in digital platforms. The study seeks to identify the key factors influencing purchase intention and continuous usage intention, examine the theories and research methods used in previous studies, and highlight research gaps and future research directions. The findings are expected to provide valuable insights for researchers, businesses, and digital platform providers in developing effective strategies to improve customer adoption, satisfaction, and long-term engagement.

2. Literature Review

The rapid growth of digital technologies has significantly changed consumer behavior, particularly in the

way individuals purchase products and continue using digital platforms. The increasing popularity of e-commerce websites, mobile commerce applications, online banking, digital payment systems, food delivery services, and social media marketplaces has encouraged researchers to investigate the factors influencing consumer adoption. Existing studies suggest that consumer adoption is influenced by both purchase intention, which represents the initial decision to use a digital platform, and continuous usage intention, which reflects the consumer's willingness to continue using the platform after the first experience. Previous research has identified several astructure adopted in the reference paper, this review summarizes important studies that explain consumer adoption from different theoretical and methodological perspectives.

According to Davis (1989), the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) explains that perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use are the two primary determinants of technology adoption. The study found that consumers are more likely to adopt a digital platform when they believe that it improves their performance and is easy to operate. TAM remains one of the most widely applied theories in studies related to consumer purchase intention on digital platforms.

Pavlou (2003) examined consumer acceptance of electronic commerce and reported that trust and perceived risk play a significant role in online purchase intention. The findings suggest that consumers are more willing to purchase products through digital platforms when they perceive the platform as trustworthy and secure. The study also emphasized that reducing uncertainty can increase consumers' confidence in online transactions.

Similarly, Gefen, Karahanna, and Straub (2003) integrated trust into the Technology Acceptance Model and demonstrated that trust significantly enhances consumers' willingness to purchase online. Their study concluded that trust complements perceived usefulness and ease of use in explaining online shopping behavior, particularly in electronic commerce environments.

Bhattacharjee (2001) proposed the Expectation–Confirmation Model (ECM) to explain consumers' continuous usage intention. The study found that user satisfaction and confirmation of prior expectations strongly influence whether consumers continue using an information system after the initial adoption. This model has become one of the most frequently used theories in post-adoption research.

Venkatesh et al. (2003) developed the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT), which combines several technology adoption theories into a single framework. The study identified performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions as major determinants of users' behavioral intention and actual technology use. UTAUT has been extensively applied to explain digital platform adoption across different industries.

According to Chen and Barnes (2007), initial trust plays a crucial role in determining consumers' purchase intention in online shopping environments. Their findings indicate that website quality, security, and privacy protection positively influence consumers' trust, which subsequently increases their willingness to purchase products online.

Kim, Ferrin, and Rao (2008) investigated the relationship between trust, perceived risk, and purchase intention in electronic commerce. Their study revealed that trust reduces consumers' perceived risk and positively influences online purchasing decisions. The researchers concluded that digital platforms should prioritize secure payment systems and reliable services to enhance consumer confidence.

A systematic literature review by Yan, Filieri, and Gorton (2021) analyzed previous studies on continuous usage intention across different digital technologies. The review identified customer satisfaction, trust, habit, perceived usefulness, and confirmation of expectations as the most consistent predictors of

consumers' intention to continue using digital platforms. The authors also highlighted the need for further research integrating both initial adoption and post-adoption behavior.

De Canio, Fuentes-Blasco, and Martinelli (2021) examined the role of gamification in mobile shopping applications. Their findings showed that gamified features improve customer engagement, satisfaction, and purchase intention by creating enjoyable shopping experiences. The study suggested that interactive platform features can strengthen long-term customer relationships.

According to Lim et al. (2023), consumer adoption of digital platforms is influenced by electronic word-of-mouth (eWOM), subjective norms, perceived risk, and performance expectancy. Their review emphasized that both technological characteristics and social influences play important roles in shaping purchase intention and continued platform usage.

A recent meta-analysis conducted by Ghosh (2024) reported that trust, security, perceived usefulness, electronic word-of-mouth, and ease of use remain the strongest predictors of online purchase intention across different digital platforms. The findings confirmed that technological, psychological, and social factors collectively influence consumer adoption.

Overall, previous studies demonstrate that consumer adoption is a multidimensional process involving both purchase intention and continuous usage intention. Although numerous studies have investigated these concepts independently, relatively few have integrated both dimensions into a comprehensive review across different digital platforms. Therefore, a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) is necessary to synthesize existing findings, identify dominant theories, research contexts, methodological trends, and research gaps. Consistent with the methodology adopted in the reference paper, this review provides a structured overview of the existing literature to support future research on consumer adoption in digital environments.

3. METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach to examine consumer adoption in the context of purchase intention and continuous usage intention on digital platforms. The SLR method provides a structured and transparent process for identifying, evaluating, and synthesizing existing research related to consumer behavior in digital environments. This approach was selected because it enables a comprehensive understanding of the current state of knowledge, identifies research gaps, and provides recommendations for future research. Similar to the reference paper, the review follows a systematic process to ensure the reliability and validity of the findings.

The study utilizes the Theory–Context–Methodology (TCM) Framework to organize and analyze the selected literature. The TCM framework is widely used in systematic literature reviews to classify studies according to the theories employed, research contexts, and methodologies adopted. This framework helps identify dominant theoretical perspectives, geographical and industrial contexts, and commonly used research methods while highlighting areas that require further investigation.

The literature search was conducted using Google Scholar, Scopus, Web of Science, and ScienceDirect to ensure comprehensive coverage of peer-reviewed journal articles. Articles published between 2015 and 2025 were considered to capture recent developments in digital platform adoption. The search process employed keywords such as *consumer adoption*, *purchase intention*, *continuous usage intention*, *digital platforms*, *e-commerce*, *mobile commerce*, *online shopping*, *technology adoption*, and *consumer behavior*. Boolean operators (AND, OR) were used to refine the search results and improve retrieval accuracy.

Only peer-reviewed journal articles published in English were included in the review. Conference papers, book chapters, theses, duplicate articles, and studies unrelated to digital platforms were excluded. After screening the identified studies based on title, abstract, and full-text assessment, 12 high-quality studies were selected for detailed analysis. The selected articles were analyzed using the TCM framework to identify theoretical foundations, research contexts, methodological approaches, key findings, and future research opportunities.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 4.1: Theory–Context–Methodology (TCM) Analysis

No.	Author & Year	Theory (T)	Context (C)	Methodology (M)	Database
1	Davis (1989)	Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)	Information Technology	Survey, SEM	MIS Quarterly
2	Pavlou (2003)	TAM & Trust Theory	E-commerce	Survey, SEM	ISR
3	Gefen et al. (2003)	TAM & Trust Theory	Online Shopping	Survey	ISR
4	Bhattacharjee (2001)	Expectation–Confirmation Model (ECM)	Information Systems	Survey	MIS Quarterly
5	Venkatesh et al. (2003)	UTAUT	Technology Adoption	Survey, SEM	MIS Quarterly
6	Chen & Barnes (2007)	Initial Trust Theory	Online Retail	Survey	Information & Management
7	Kim et al. (2008)	Trust Theory	Electronic Commerce	Survey	Decision Support Systems
8	De Canio et al. (2021)	Gamification Theory	Mobile Shopping Apps	Quantitative Survey	IJRDM
9	Yan et al. (2021)	ECM	Digital Platforms	Systematic Literature Review	IJIM
10	Lim et al. (2023)	UTAUT	On-demand Digital Platforms	Literature Review	Journal of Consumer Behaviour
11	Ghosh (2024)	TAM	Online Shopping	Meta-analysis	Cogent Business & Management

12	Verhoef et al. (2015)	Customer Experience Theory	Omnichannel Retail	Literature Review	Journal of Marketing
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Theory (T)

The analysis revealed that the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) was the most frequently used theory to explain consumer adoption on digital platforms. The model emphasizes perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use as the primary determinants of purchase intention. The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) was also widely applied, highlighting the importance of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions in influencing technology adoption. Furthermore, the Expectation–Confirmation Model (ECM) was commonly used to explain continuous usage intention, demonstrating that user satisfaction and confirmation of expectations are critical for continued platform use. Trust Theory also emerged as an important framework, particularly in studies examining online shopping and e-commerce, where trust and perceived risk strongly influence consumer purchasing decisions.

Context (C)

The contextual analysis showed that most studies focused on digital platforms, particularly e-commerce websites, mobile commerce applications, online retail, digital payment systems, and online service platforms. Most research was conducted in developing and emerging economies, including China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, and South Korea, where digital platform adoption has grown rapidly. Young adults, university students, and online consumers were the most frequently studied populations due to their high levels of technology usage and digital engagement. More recent studies also examined social commerce platforms and mobile applications, reflecting the increasing importance of digital ecosystems in consumer purchasing behavior.

Methodology (M)

The methodological analysis indicated that quantitative research dominated the literature. Most studies employed survey questionnaires to collect primary data from digital platform users. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) and Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) were the most commonly used statistical techniques to examine relationships among variables such as trust, perceived usefulness, customer satisfaction, purchase intention, and continuous usage intention. Several studies adopted literature reviews and meta-analysis approaches to synthesize previous findings and identify emerging research trends. Only a limited number of studies used qualitative or mixed-method research designs, indicating opportunities for future research employing diverse methodological approaches.

Overall, the findings indicate that consumer adoption is influenced by a combination of technological, psychological, and social factors. While trust, perceived usefulness, ease of use, and security play significant roles in encouraging purchase intention, factors such as customer satisfaction, confirmation of expectations, service quality, and user experience are more influential in promoting continuous usage intention. The review also highlights that integrating purchase intention and continuous usage intention within a single framework remains an underexplored area. Therefore, future research should adopt integrated theoretical models and examine consumer adoption across different digital platforms and cultural contexts. The use of the TCM framework provides a comprehensive understanding of the current research landscape and identifies important directions for future studies, following the same structured approach used in your reference paper.

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