

FINTECH PARTNERSHIPS AND EMBEDDED FINANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY

# PaaS & COMMUNITY BANKING

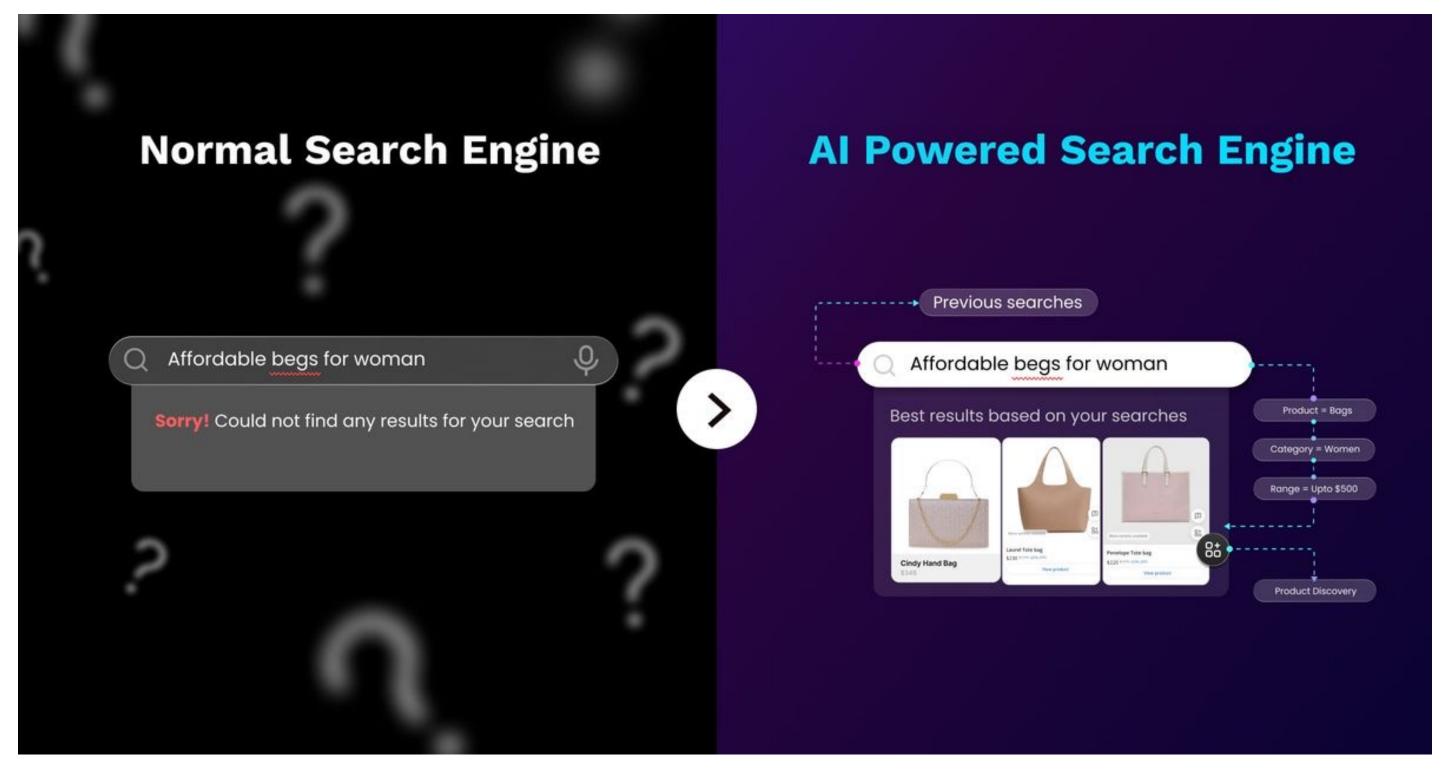


The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious.

#### **JOHN SCULLEY**

FORMER CEO OF APPLE (1983-1993)

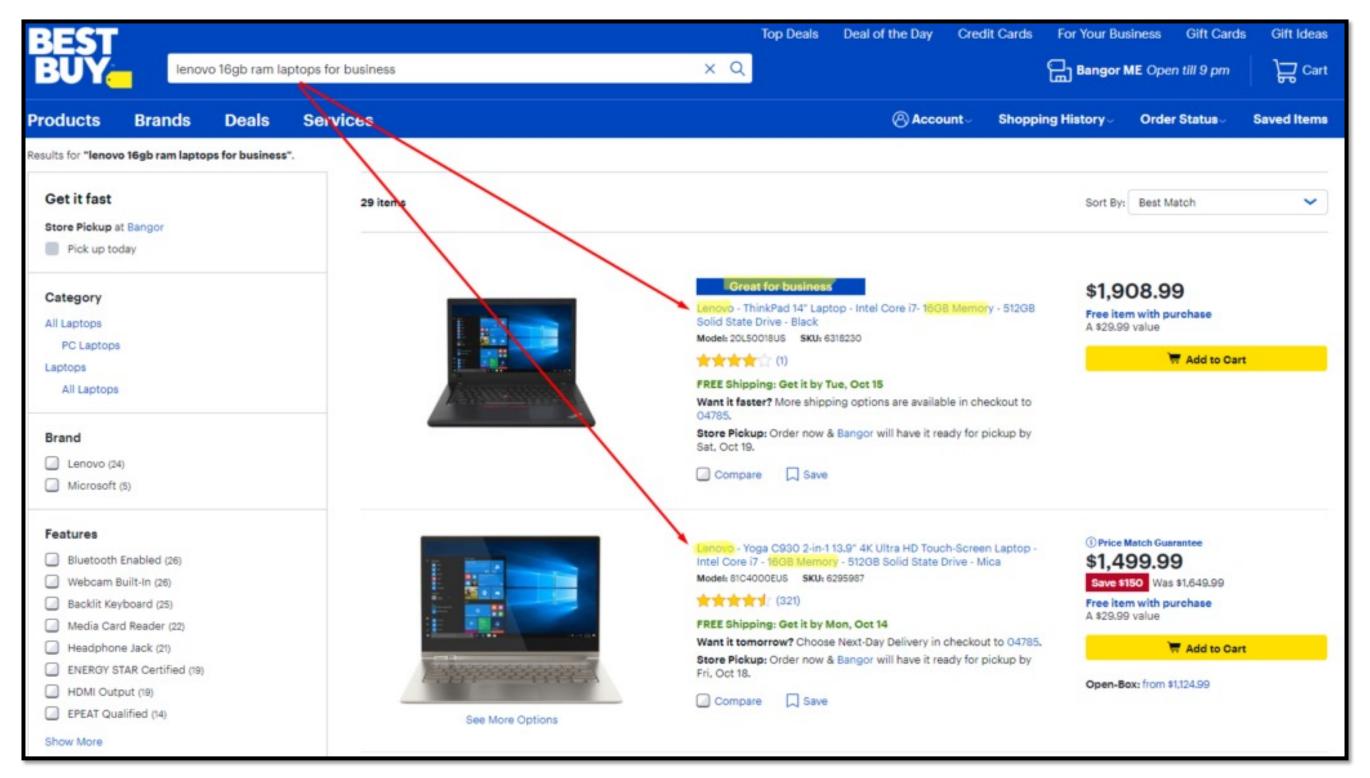
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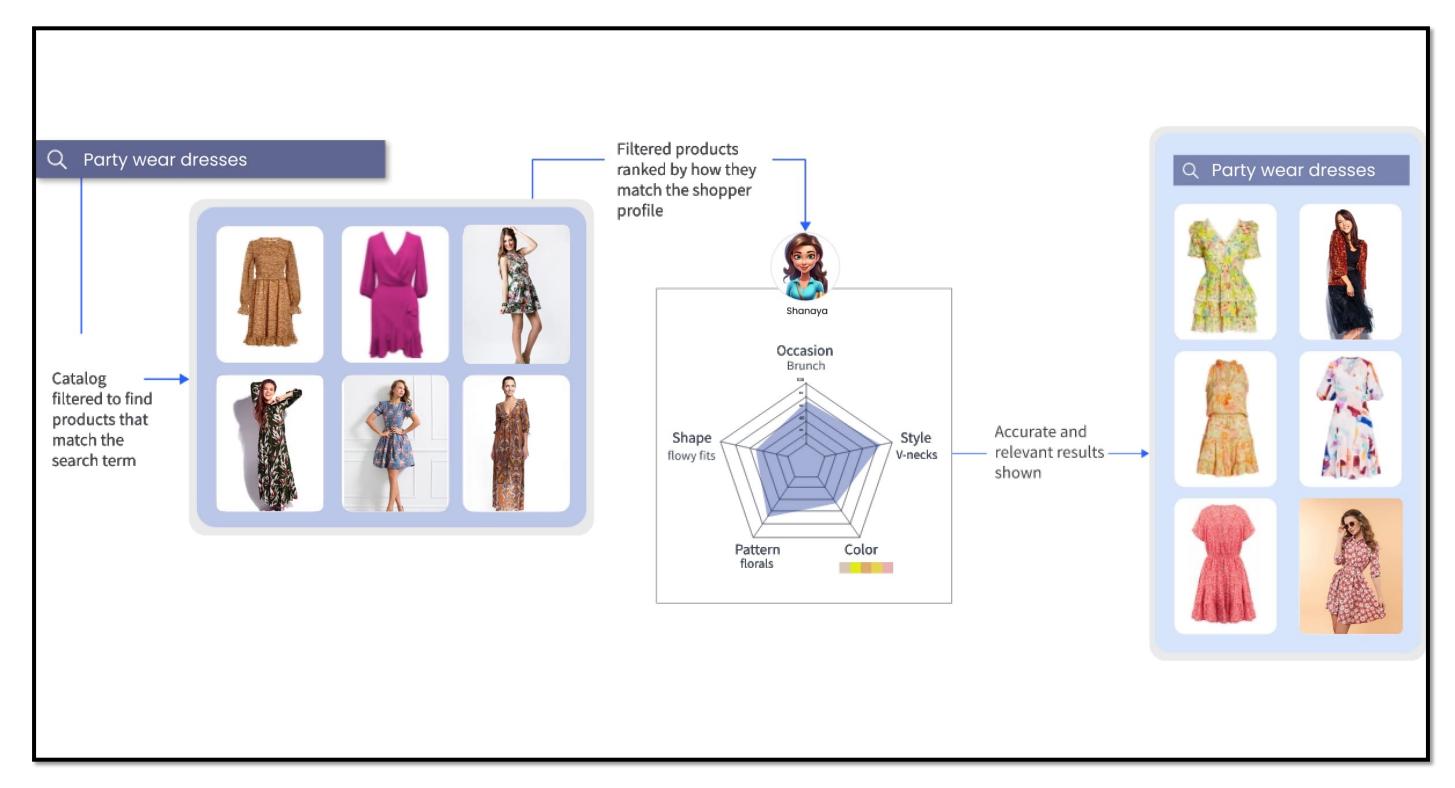
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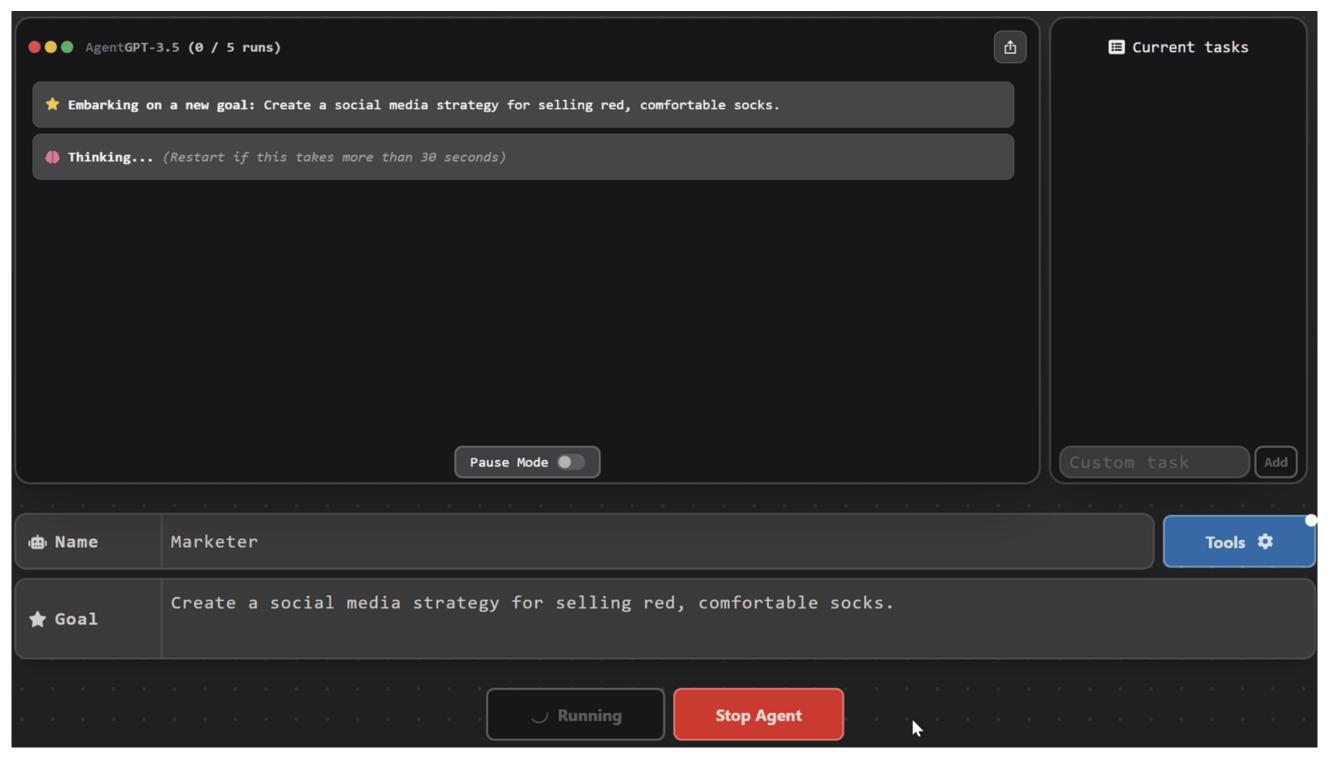
#### AI DISCOVERY COMMERCE







#### AI + AGENTS = AI PERSONALIZATION + PAYMENT

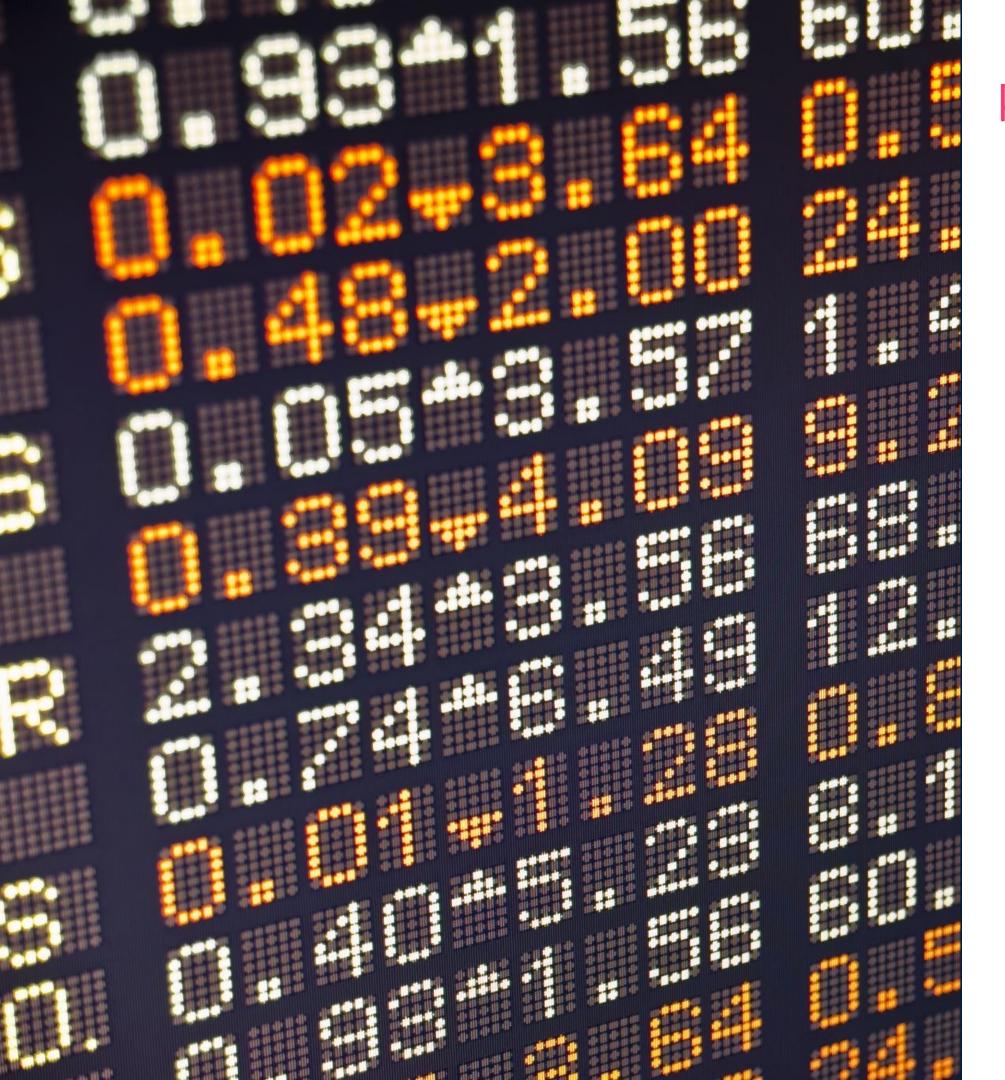






### AGENDA

- PaaS vs. Embedded Finance
- Technology and the Role of Banks
- 03 Embedded Finance Opportunities
- **04 –** PaaS Opportunities and Challenges
- Fintech Partnerships
- Key Considerations for Banks
- Q&A



#### PaaS VS. EMBEDDED FINANCE

- Payments as a Service (PaaS) is a cloud-based payment platform that allows businesses to accept and process payments online.
- Embedded Finance integrates financial services into non-financial applications or platforms, making financial services more accessible and convenient.
- PaaS is ideal for businesses looking to offload payment processing on a third-party provider, while Embedded Finance is ideal for businesses looking to customize financial services to their needs.
- Community banks can benefit from offering
   Embedded Finance solutions to their customers but
   may struggle to compete with larger banks and
   fintech companies who offer PaaS solutions.





## THE TECHNOLOGY BEHIND PaaS AND EMBEDDED FINANCE

- PaaS and Embedded Finance rely on APIs to facilitate seamless integration of financial services into non-financial platforms and applications.
- Cloud computing provides the infrastructure necessary to support the complex operations of PaaS and Embedded Finance, including real-time data processing and storage.
- Machine learning algorithms enable PaaS and Embedded Finance to offer personalized services to customers, based on their spending habits and financial history.



#### THE ROLE OF BANKS AND APIS



- Banks can leverage APIs to enable PaaS and Embedded Finance.
- APIs allow for secure and efficient data sharing.
- Open banking is crucial for enabling APIdriven partnerships.
- Case Study: Stripe's partnership with JP Morgan Chase
- Case Study: BBVA's Open Platform





## EMBEDDED FINANCE: A CLOSER LOOK

- Embedded Finance combines finance and technology
- Examples of Embedded Finance across different industries
- Benefits of Embedded Finance for customers and businesses
- Screenshots or mockups of Embedded Finance user experiences





## EMBEDDED FINANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY BANKS

- Community banks can leverage Embedded Finance to offer more personalized financial services to their customers.
- Point-of-sale lending is a popular Embedded Finance use case that offers customers easy financing options at the moment of purchase.
- Embedded insurance services can also be a valuable addition to a community bank's offerings, allowing customers to purchase insurance policies directly through their bank.
- Wealth management is another area where community banks can use Embedded Finance to offer more comprehensive and personalized financial services to their customers.
- According to a survey by Cornerstone Advisors, 70% of consumers are interested in using financial services offered by non-financial brands, creating a significant opportunity for community banks to integrate financial services into non-financial platforms and applications.
- Community banks can use data analytics to gain insights into their customers' financial behavior and offer more targeted and personalized services.







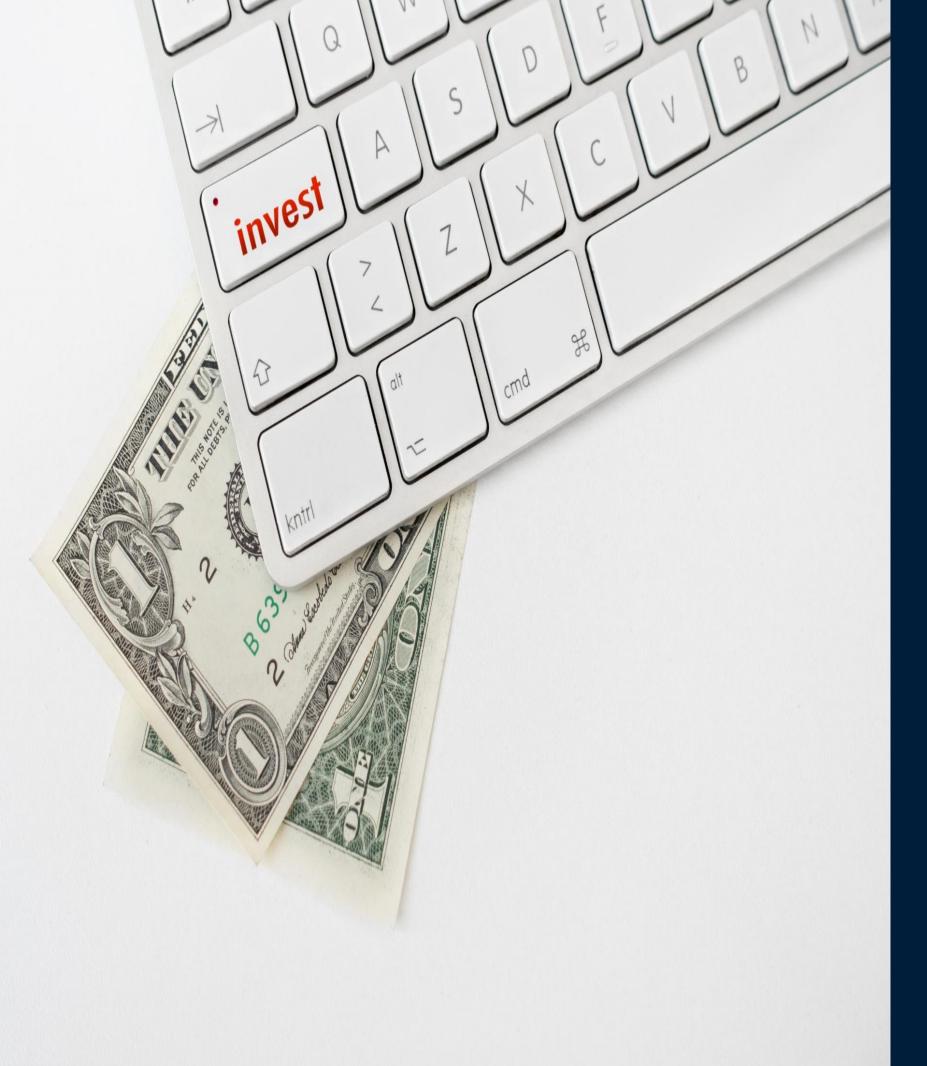
#### PAYMENTS AS A SERVICE (PaaS) OPPORTUNITIES



- PaaS enables businesses to accept and process payments online without the need for their own payment infrastructure.
- PaaS providers offer a range of payment processing services to businesses, including payment gateway, fraud detection, and chargeback management.
- PaaS can help businesses reduce the costs and complexity associated with payment processing, while also improving the customer experience.
- Businesses can also leverage PaaS providers' expertise in compliance and security to ensure their payment processing meets industry standards and regulations.
- PaaS solutions can be especially beneficial for small businesses looking to expand their online sales channels.







## PAYMENTS AS A SERVICE (PaaS) CHALLENGES

- PaaS introduces new risks and challenges, including compliance, security and data privacy.
- PaaS providers may not offer the same level of control over payment processing as businesses would have with their own infrastructure.
- Businesses may need to integrate multiple PaaS solutions to meet all their payment processing needs, which can be complex and time-consuming.
- PaaS solutions may also be more expensive in the long run, especially for businesses with high transaction volumes.
- Finally, PaaS providers may not offer the same level of customization and flexibility as businesses would have with their own payment infrastructure.





## GETTING STARTED WITH FINTECH PARTNERSHIPS

- Fintech partnerships can help community banks offer more innovative and personalized financial services to their customers.
- Community banks should start by identifying their specific needs and goals for the partnership, and then seek out potential fintech partners that can meet those needs.
- Community banks should also consider the compatibility of their existing infrastructure and technology with potential fintech partners.
- It is important for community banks to establish clear communication and expectations with their fintech partners to ensure a successful partnership.
- Finally, community banks should also consider the regulatory and compliance implications of partnering with a fintech company.



#### KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BANKS

- Community banks should start by assessing their current capabilities and identifying areas where they can improve.
- Community banks should consider partnering with fintech companies to offer more innovative and personalized financial services to their customers.
- Community banks should also focus on building strong relationships with their customers and providing excellent customer service.
- Finally, community banks should stay up to date with industry trends and emerging technologies to remain competitive in the marketplace.







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