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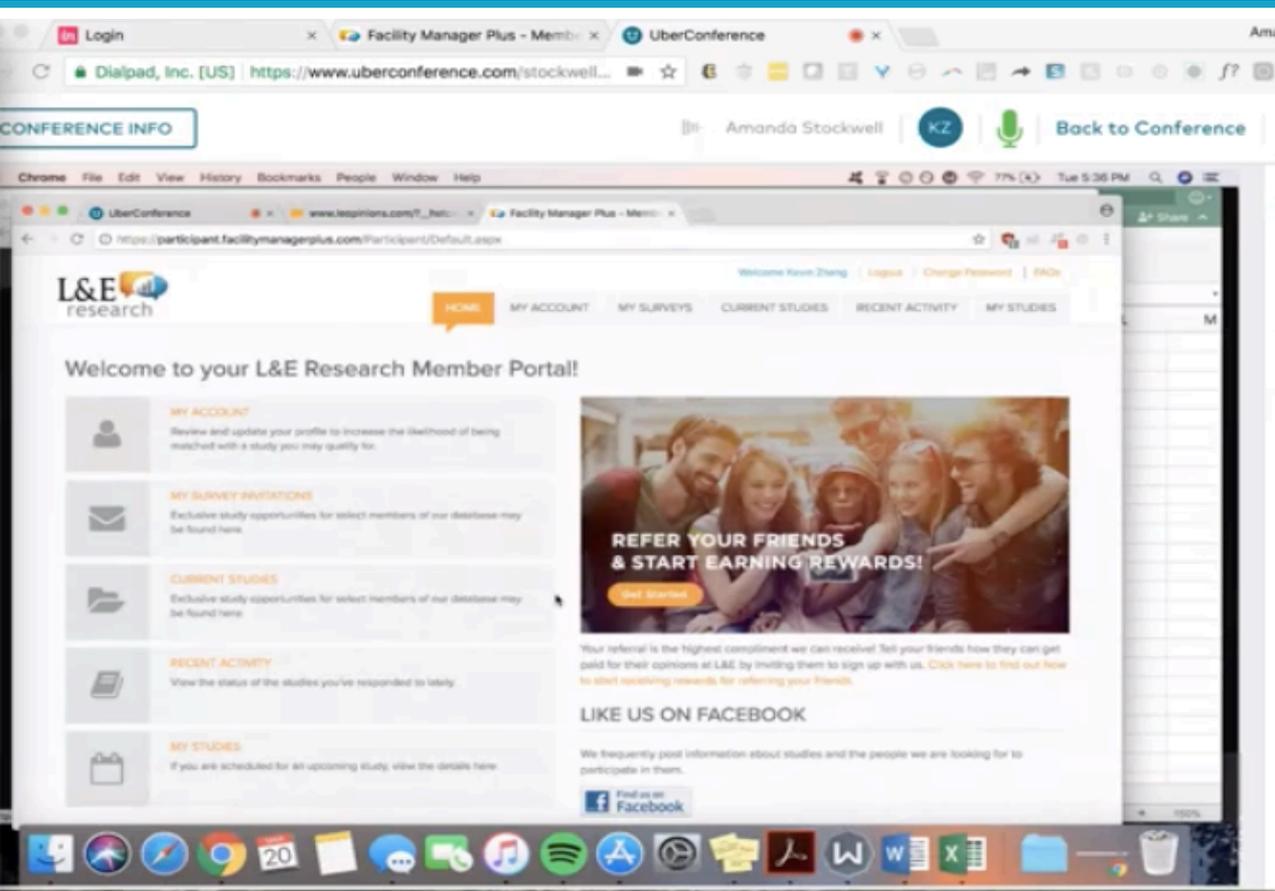
Improving Research
By Doing Research:
Learning from Market
Research Participants

Member Portal Early 2018

- ▶ Online member portal
 - » Update profile & answer additional questions
 - » See and apply for open studies
 - » View past activity
- ▶ Wanted more log-ins, activity, and other engagement

The screenshot displays the L&E Research Member Portal. At the top, the L&E Research logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'MY ACCOUNT', 'MY SURVEYS', 'CURRENT STUDIES', 'RECENT ACTIVITY', and 'MY STUDIES' are on the right. A welcome message reads 'Welcome to your L&E Research Member Portal!'. Below this is a dashboard with five main sections: 'MY ACCOUNT' (Update your profile), 'MY SURVEY INTERESTS' (Explore study opportunities), 'CURRENT STUDIES' (Explore study opportunities), 'RECENT ACTIVITY' (View the status of studies), and 'MY STUDIES' (Explore upcoming study dates). To the right of the dashboard is a promotional banner for a referral program: 'REFER YOUR FRIENDS & START EARNING REWARDS!' with a 'Join Now' button. Below the banner is a 'LIKE US ON FACEBOOK' section with a Facebook logo and a link to 'Like our Facebook'. The bottom of the page features a 'CURRENT PROJECT SIGNUP' section for a 'Grocery Shopping' study, including a description, eligibility criteria, and a 'Sign Up' button.

Moderated Usability Studies



▶ Interviewed and ran moderated usability studies/interviews with

- » 5 “Actively engaged” Participants
- » 5 “Moderately engaged”
- » 5 Inactive Users



The Aha Moment(s)

This is bigger than usability.



New Research Initiative

- ▶ What **gets participants engaged** with marketing research in the first place?
- ▶ Why do participants **stay engaged**?
- ▶ How do participants view our industry as a whole?
- ▶ What are the emotional ties to marketing research, and L&E in particular?

Existing Research

- ▶ We read up!
 - » Hooked, Nir Eyal
 - » The Science of Why, David Forbes
 - » The Participation Game, Norty Cohen
 - » GreenBook GRIT CPR Report 2017 Global Respondent Engagement Study
- ▶ Focus on **brand** engagement
 - » FEELING > THINKING

Don't Forget Participants!

PRINCIPLES	IMPLEMENTATION	CX FOCUS
Build brands & relationships	Leverage technology	Put the respondent first
Be transparent	Make it mobile first	Let respondents set the terms of engagement
Engagement is key	Keep it short	Be respectful
Make it simple & clear	Deliver flexible & real-time rewards	Make it rewarding
UX matters	Ensure 100% data quality	Create win/win relationships



Online Qualitative Research Technology

- ▶ Video Segment
- ▶ Collage Exercise
- ▶ Sentence Completion
- ▶ Write a letter to the moderator
- ▶ Helped us dig deeper into how participants **feel** about L&E and MR in general



Video Analytics

- ▶ Sentiment Analysis
- ▶ Asked participants what they like/dislike about participating in MR
- ▶ Helped us view trends in attitudes toward MR

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Motivational Emotions

- ▶ Sentence Lead-ins/Completion
- ▶ Emotional response imagery selection
- ▶ Dig even deeper into emotional ties.
- ▶ Brains don't lie.



SO WHAT DID THEY TELL US?



Participants *crave* community.

- ▶ Signing up for a study isn't about that single incentive; there are many factors.
 - » Incentives shouldn't go away.
- ▶ Feeling a part of a larger community is incredibly rewarding.



People want to be involved.

- ▶ The most common reason to actively disengage is frustration from not being included in studies.
 - » “Why would I try a third time if I get nowhere?”
- ▶ It feels like we ask a lot of them (personal information) and don’t give much back.

And want to have an impact.



- ▶ Participants want to be heard. They like tangible evidence of their participation;
 - » “I told them to do that!”
 - » “I noticed what you changed from last time; that’s so great!”
 - » “What we said really mattered!”



MR is easy to ignore.

- ▶ There are *MANY* inputs to attention and it's easy for participants to get oversaturated with requests.
- ▶ Participants don't need to have any sort of negative experience to end up disengaging.



Trust and security are key.

- ▶ People are nervous to share personal details and have the information used nefariously.
- ▶ Once they establish trust, people will share nearly anything about themselves.



WHAT TO DO?

Improvements



Sped up sign up

- ▶ Streamlined sign up process and focused on explaining why and how we use the information we ask for.



Portal Updates

- ▶ Increased usability and clarity of completing profile, provided context to how doing so benefits members.



Personal recommendations

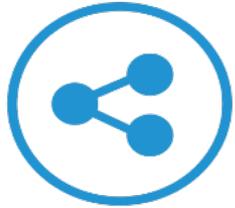
- ▶ Focused on providing more personalized offers and suggestions based on individual information.



Communications improvements

- ▶ Improved email templates and communications cadence to optimize. Streamlined the prescreening and screening processes.

Outcomes



- ▶ Member logins **tripled**
- ▶ Profile updates **tripled**
- ▶ Email opt outs decreased 20%
- ▶ SMS opt outs decreased 55%

What are we **doing now**?

- ▶ Continue investigate respondent behavior
 - » How does sample impact qual research?

What can we **all** do?

- ▶ How **can grow community ties** among our participants?
- ▶ How can we work together to **show participants the impact** of research?
- ▶ How do we **reduce our asks** of participants?
- ▶ How do we **soften the blow** of being disqualified from a study?
- ▶ How do we **maximize respondents' opportunities** to participate?

Let's talk!



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- ▶ Come find us and let's chat!

Thank you!

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