

Fitconnect an all-in-one wellness app

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Executive Summary

FitConnect is a mobile app which has the potential to transform the fitness and wellness sector by offering a holistic platform with an amalgamation of workout centers, fitness training, customized diet plans, and fitness products. It has the potential to address inconvenience in reaching quality fitness services, the absence of customized workout advice, and the inconvenience of juggling fitness regimes. FitConnect streamlines the process with features such as on-demand fitness programs, digital and in-gym coaching, effortless gym and wellness center reservations, community features, fitness monitoring, professional health advice, and a built-in marketplace for fitness apparel and exercise gear. Subscribers also have access to AI-generated personalized dietary plans, creating a whole fitness ecosystem.

FitConnect has several strategies for a long-term revenue stream, such as subscription plans, pay-per-session services, sponsorships from brands, targeted advertisements, and product sales. The business model includes social media marketing campaigns, influencer partnerships, corporate wellness programs, and referral incentives. The application offers a frictionless user experience with real-time facility availability, interactive communication facilities, and integrated secure payments.

FitConnect's business model incorporates membership subscription revenue, fee-based facility booking, in-app ads, premium offerings, and sales from its fitness product market. The monetization model is built around a free basic service, and a reasonably priced premium subscription offers users personalized coaching, dietary plans, and special product discounts. The strategy is focused on customer acquisition and business growth via strategic marketing initiatives and collaborations with fitness service operators and product suppliers.

Finally, FitConnect wants to help create a sustainable fitness ecosystem that supports fitness, inspires healthier living, and creates an active wellness community.

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the last few years, online fitness platforms have totally transformed the way individuals engage with wellness and health. technology developing further and individuals are seeking simpler methods of staying healthy, these platforms have gained huge popularity. Now, rather than simply going to the gym or taking in-person fitness classes, individuals can monitor their fitness levels, receive customized workout routines, and even participate in live fitness sessions from their phones or computers. The age of needing to go to a physical place for fitness is sort of disappearing. Mobile applications, wearables, and other internet-connected platforms are now the tools of choice for tens of millions of



individuals who desire to control their health in ways that were only a fantasy a few years ago. Also these apps tailor the exercises according to our body and needs.

FitConnect is intended to be part of this revolution, yet it is not simply another exercise app. It's constructed to be an allin-one resource for all fitness and well-being matters. The concept behind FitConnect is to consolidate fitness plans, mental well-being tools, nutrition guidance, and social support, all in a simple app. People can follow their workouts, receive personalized fitness plans, and even engage with other people on the same fitness journey. By addressing both body and mind, FitConnect hopes to provide a much more integrated approach to well-being.

Before we jump into creating FitConnect, however, it's really crucial to know how it might actually influence people's health and well-being. This research project is trying to forecast how a tool like FitConnect would influence exercise routines, mood, and general well-being. By doing this research first, we can learn from other digital fitness platforms that exist and ensure we're creating something that actually serves people.

The Expansion of Digital Fitness Platforms

The wellness and healthcare industry has exploded in recent years, largely due to developments in technology. Digital fitness, in particular, has truly taken off. Mobile fitness applications, wearable technologies, and online classes are best in the fitness landscape. In 2020, the online fitness market was worth more than \$6 billion, and it's seems to continue expanding as more individuals want easy, flexible way for staying in shape.

Platforms such as FitConnect capitalize on this increasing demand by providing a range of services designed to enhance both physical and mental well-being. Some platforms are just about tracking exercise, while others delve deeper and provide customized fitness plans, live classes, and even dietary recommendations. Some sync with wearable technology such as fitness trackers to provide users with real-time feedback on heart rate and calories burned, for example. This provides users with a means of monitoring their health at all times and adjusting accordingly.

The COVID-19 pandemic really sped up the adoption of digital fitness platforms. With gyms closing down and classes being canceled, people turned to digital platforms to keep up with their lifestyle and stay healthy. people discovered that digital fitness platforms were more flexible and also cheaper than traditional gym memberships, and this has led to a permanent change in how people approach fitness.

FitConnect: It's Not Just Another Fitness App

FitConnect is intended to capitalize on this movement toward digital fitness and aims to provide something beyond simply tracking workouts. The platform will be aiming to be an all-around wellness app that considers fitness from all sides—physical, mental, and nutritional. It aims to provide users with a holistic solution that assists them in achieving a perfect body and a healthy lifestyle while also taking care of their mental health.

When customers enroll in FitConnect, they'll be asked to enter data about their fitness levels, health objectives. That's where the app will generate a tailored fitness plan for them. And that plan is not static—it adapts as users move along. If users sense that they're not being challenged sufficiently or need to shake things up, the app will adapt. This makes users active and keeps them focused on their fitness goals.

Another huge significance for FitConnect is mental health. Increasingly, individuals are seeing that physical health and mental health go hand-in-hand. That's why the app will have features such as guided meditation, stress management, and mental health check-ins. Users can monitor their mental health in addition to their physical health, and hopefully, this will result in better overall health.



The app will also offer nutrition advice to accompany users' exercise objectives. Meal planning, tracking diets, or tailored nutrition tips – FitConnect will have all the bases covered when it comes to wellness. By bringing fitness, mental health, and nutrition together in one place, FitConnect hopes to build a complete, all-in-one wellness platform.

Many of the digital fitness platforms currently available emphasize physical fitness, but they may lack other essential elements, such as mental health support or a high level of community. FitConnect aims to fill those voids by providing a more comprehensive approach. By collecting data from users of current platforms, this study will inform the features that FitConnect provides so that it can meet the needs and expectations of its target market

This study will draw upon both surveys of customers to obtain information. The aim is to know what inspires people to engage with digital fitness platforms, what difficulties they encounter, and what functionalities they perceive to be most crucial for keeping themselves healthy and fit.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

FitConnect aims to be an all-in-one wellness app that provides fitness tracking, personalized workout plans, mental wellness tools, and nutrition recommendations. In order for this app to be useful and engaging, it is essential to review the existing research around people's preferences for fitness apps and their effects on health and behavior.

Wang et al. (2023) reported that people prefer simple-to-use apps with personalized plans. Further, apps that modify workouts based on individual goals and achievable goals tend to keep users more engaged, which aligns with FitConnect's goal of tailoring the experience to every individual while maintaining a simple user experience. Liang (2019) also stated that fitness apps foster motivation and consistency in users' workouts, but in order for people to stay engaged with the app in the long run, the app needs to be something they find enjoyable, rewarding, and frequently updated. FitConnect intends to address this through interactive features and the regular release of new and fresh content for users.

Gómez-Ruiz and colleagues (2023) conducted an investigation about the expectations of users from fitness apps and discovered that a gap often exists between their expectations and what apps actually provide. This suggests that FitConnect will largely focus on user needs and want, especially around the need for functionalities such as progress tracking, mental well-being, and social support. Green (2022) introduced a planning strategy called the Startup Analysis Canvas whose purpose is to keep start-ups organized and ultimately successful. FitConnect is adopting this organized way of planning in order to build a refined business model focused on user value while at the same time being sustainable.

Balsam et al. (2022) acknowledged and stressed the value of user input during the development phase of the app process. They recommended user involvement throughout the process in order to develop a better app. FitConnect will embrace this in its own strategy by encouraging user feedback on a regular basis and utilizing that feedback to improve all features. Moreno & Triana (2021) and Almalki & Alsamhi (2022) discussed agile development, where you develop an app step by step and improve it while getting user input. It is the intention of FitConnect to follow agile methods so that FitConnect can be flexible and respond to user interactions in a timely way.

Kumar & Singh (2022) found that a successful business is one that finds balance in its engagement with users and its revenue methods, which can utilize multiple revenue streams, such as subscriptions, advertising and sales of products within the app. FitConnect seeks to achieve this balance through a freemium model, premium coaching packages and a marketplace for products to support wellness. In a recent industry report, Credence Research (2024) mentioned that there is a growing global demand for fitness apps, especially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, FitConnect is entering the market at an opportune time with a solution that meets a contemporary need for health and wellness.



Following user experience, which greatly impacts app adoption and retention, Sun & Zhang (2006) showed that app users are more likely to continue staying with an app that is easy to use and meets their expectations. FitConnect will focus on the intuitive design of features to ensure user engagement and consider user journeys to help users experience a cohesive interaction with FitConnect's offerings.

Warburton & Bredin (2017) note that engaging in physical activity and exercise protects against a host of physical ailments. Furthermore, fitness applications often promote physical activity using gamification type mechanics which is consistent with FitConnect's mission of encouraging healthy living.

Patterson et al. (2018) pointed out that too much sedentary behavior is bad for your physical health. Since fitness apps into Hounger et. al. (2018) highlighted the role of daily movement in reducing health risks related to inactivity, FitConnect will incorporate reminders of movement, along with general daily movement breaks in the built-in movement routines. Khoury & Evans (2019) showed that through an exercise-prescription process, physicians could actually prescribe exercise for the treatment of chronic medical conditions, and FitConnect is supportive of this process by providing evidence-based fitness and nutrition programs.

McKinney & Shin (2023) and Otieno et al. (2005) discussed poor sizing in athletic clothing can be frustrating among users. With FitConnect's inc-app marketplace, we can reduce this pain by previewing smart sizing features and better sized and fitting wearables. Stoppa & Chiolerio (2014) also discussed smart fabrics that help with temperature regulation & moisture vapour and this can also be featured in FitConnect's shopping experience to broaden the option with interesting and performance-supported products. The Lean Startup method by Ries (2011) encourages start-ups to "build small, learn fast, and pivot fast" (p. 23) - so FitConnect will adopt & be sensible to this approach to curtail any risk and also to build the features with the user actually needs. Ellis & Brown (2017) showed that growing fitness start-ups appeal to low-cost creative marketing solutions, such as promotions & bonuses with fitness influencers, referral bonuses & partnerships, etc. that FitConnect can use to grow a user base.

In a study conducted by Fister et al. (2015), the authors indicated that AI has advanced the capability of developing individualized fitness and nutrition plans. Building on this, FitConnect will utilize AI to offer smart and flexible routines based on user data collected via app use. In their 2012 article, Patel et al. discussed how wearable technology, including fitness bands and smartwatches, has impacted health tracking. FitConnect will support the integration of these types of devices to provide users with real-time stats and updates on their progress. Bird & McGinnis (2021) found that incorporating virtual reality (VR) into a workout led to increases in motivation and improvement in enjoyment levels. While FitConnect will not include VR at launch, the app will be open to future incorporation of this technology. In their article, Kuo et al. (2017) noted that blockchain technology has the potential to secure user health-related data. As society considers user data privacy with increasing urgency, FitConnect will look at secure methods for monitoring user data, including blockchain.

Finally, Hamari et al. (2014) explained that incorporating gamification—adding game elements, such as points and badges—makes fitness interactive and helps with engagement. For FitConnect, this may mean incorporating tighter features, such as as challenges and badges, while simultaneously creating a fitness community for users.

3. OBJECTIVE

• To analyze the impact of digital fitness platforms on consumer health and wellness, focusing on personalized fitness recommendations and progress tracking.

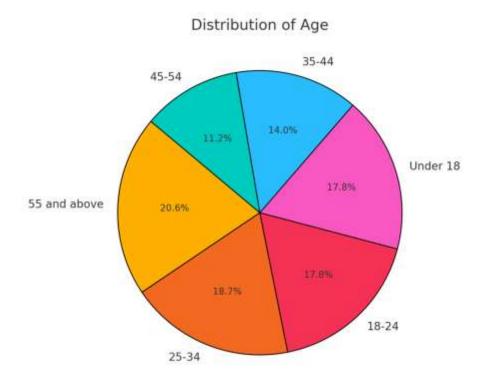
• To evaluate user preferences for features like fitness classes, workout tracking, and community challenges in digital fitness platforms.



4. **METHODOLOGY**

This study will use a survey-based approach to gather data directly from consumers of digital fitness platforms. The survey will target individuals who actively use fitness apps or platforms. Convenience sampling will be employed to recruit participants through online fitness communities and social media platforms. The survey will capture quantitative data on user engagement, physical activity, and satisfaction with mental wellness features. Additionally, open-ended questions will gather qualitative insights into user preferences and desired improvements for platforms like *FitConnect*. The collected data will be analyzed using correlation analysis to identify relationships between key factors such as app engagement, satisfaction, and health outcomes.

5. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

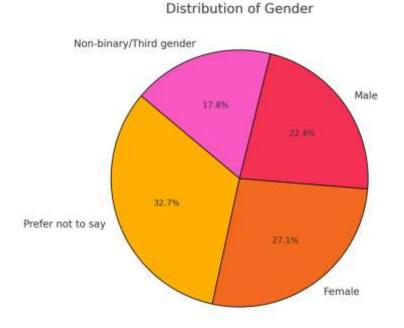


• The majority of respondents belong to the 25-34 and 35-44 age groups, indicating a strong fitness interest among young and middle-aged adults.

• The 55+ category has fewer respondents, suggesting either lower fitness engagement or less inclination toward app-based fitness tracking.

• The presence of multiple age groups highlights the need for diverse workout programs catering to different age demographics.

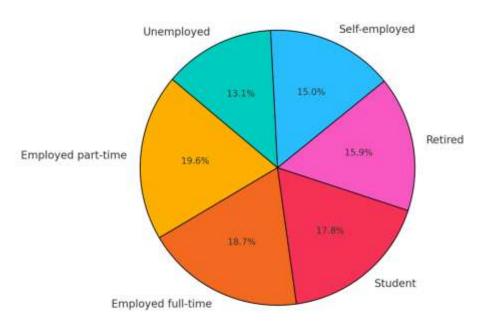




• The survey captures a diverse gender representation, with responses from male, female, and non-binary individuals.

• This suggests inclusivity in the fitness community, where different gender identities feel comfortable engaging in fitness activities.

• Gender diversity implies that fitness apps and platforms should ensure inclusivity in features, marketing, and Distribution of Occupation

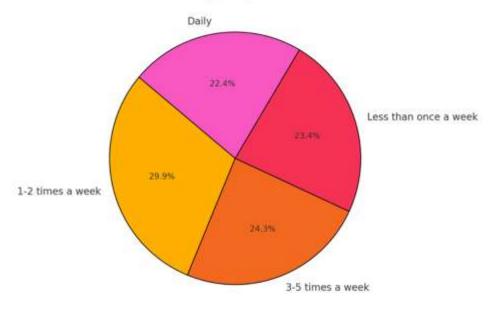


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• A majority of respondents are employed full-time, part-time, or self-employed, indicating that most users balance fitness with work commitments.



- The presence of various occupations suggests that fitness routines need to accommodate different work schedules.
- Fitness apps could benefit from offering flexible workout plans tailored for busy professionals.

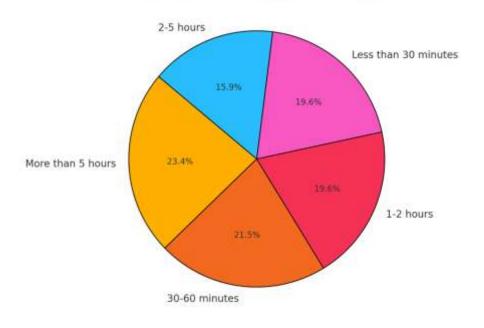


Distribution of Frequency of Fitness Activities

• A large proportion of respondents engage in fitness daily or 3-5 times a week, showing high motivation and consistency.

• This suggests that many users have integrated fitness into their lifestyle rather than treating it as an occasional activity.

• Fitness platforms should provide structured programs to help maintain engagement and prevent workout fatigue.



Distribution of Time Spent on Fitness

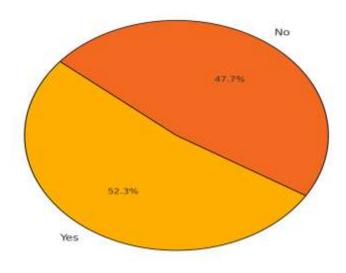


• Most respondents spend between 30 minutes to 2 hours on fitness activities, indicating a preference for manageable workout durations.

• This aligns with the common recommendation of daily moderate exercise for maintaining health.

• Fitness platforms should cater to users by offering workout routines of varying durations to suit different fitness levels and schedules.

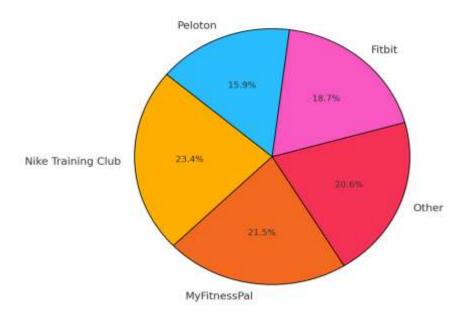




• A significant proportion of respondents use fitness applications, highlighting the growing reliance on digital fitness solutions.

- The popularity of fitness apps suggests a strong demand for tech-driven health andwellness support.
- Apps should focus on improving user experience, personalization, and engagement to retain users.

Distribution of Platforms Used

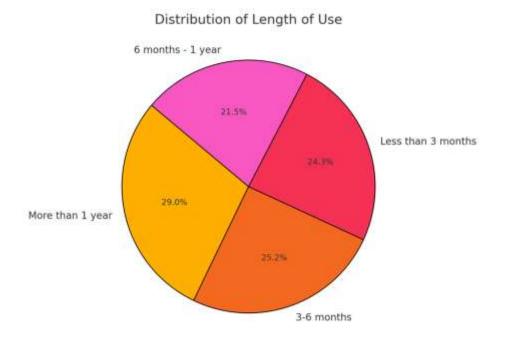


• Fitbit, Nike Training Club, and Peloton are among the most preferred platforms, showing brand loyalty among users.



• Different platforms cater to specific fitness goals, such as strength training, cardio, or guided workouts.

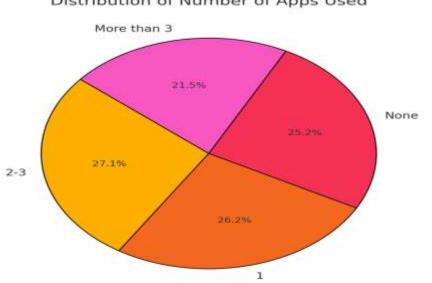
• The presence of multiple platforms indicates an opportunity for integrations or partnerships to enhance the user experience.



• Satisfaction levels vary, with some respondents rating their fitness platforms highly while others express dissatisfaction.

• Users may find limitations in features, usability, or personalization, leading to varied satisfaction levels.

• Improving app functionality, customer support, and personalized recommendations could enhance satisfaction rates.



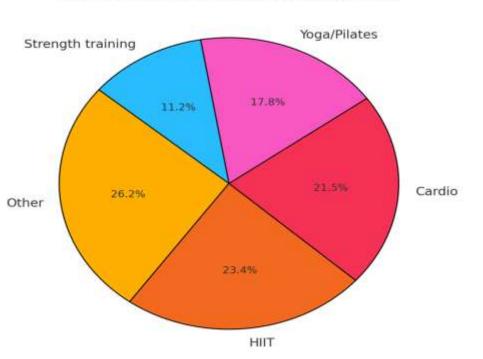
Distribution of Number of Apps Used

• 27.1% of respondents use 2-3 fitness apps, indicating that many prefer a combination of tools for different fitness needs.



• 26.2% use only one app, while 25.2% use none, suggesting that a significant portion either relies on a single platform or does not engage with fitness apps at all.

• 21.5% use more than three apps, highlighting a niche group that integrates multiple platforms for a comprehensive fitness experience.

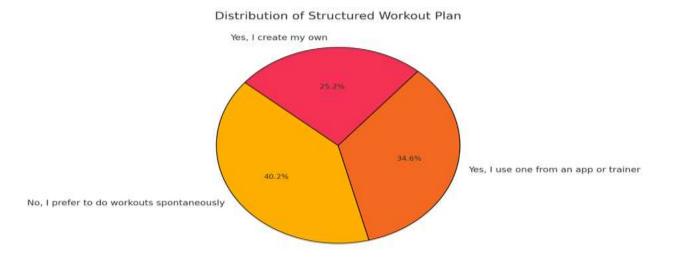


Distribution of Frequent Fitness Activity

• HIIT (23.4%) and cardio (21.5%) are among the most popular fitness activities, indicating a preference for high-intensity and endurance-based workouts.

• Yoga/Pilates (17.8%) and strength training (11.2%) are practiced by fewer respondents, suggesting that flexibility and resistance training are less dominant.

• Other activities (26.2%) make up the largest portion, reflecting diverse workout preferences that may include sports, dance, or functional training.

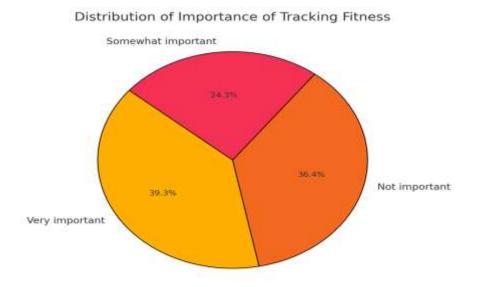




• 40.2% of respondents prefer spontaneous workouts, indicating that a large portion enjoys flexibility over rigid workout plans.

• 34.6% rely on structured plans from an app or trainer, showing a strong demand for guided workout programs.

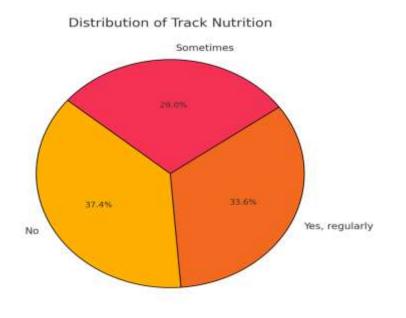
• 25.2% create their own workout plans, suggesting a segment of users prefer personalized, self-designed fitness routines.



• 39.3% of respondents consider tracking fitness very important, showing a strong preference for monitoring progress and performance.

• 36.4% believe it is not important, indicating a significant group that prefers intuitive or unstructured fitness routines.

• 24.3% find it somewhat important, suggesting that while some value tracking, they may not rely on it consistently for their fitness journey.

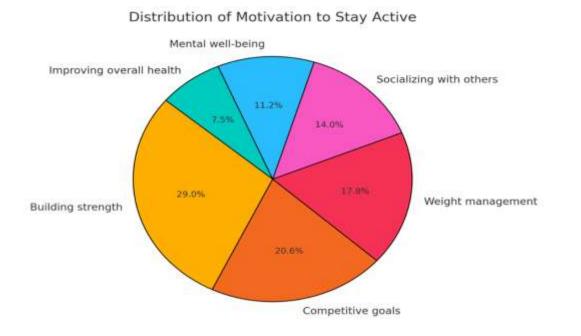


• 37.4% of respondents do not track their nutrition, indicating a gap in dietary awareness and potential need for better nutritional guidance.



33.6% track their nutrition regularly, showing a strong commitment to managing diet alongside fitness.

• 29.0% track their nutrition sometimes, suggesting that periodic reminders or easier tracking tools could encourage more consistent engagement.

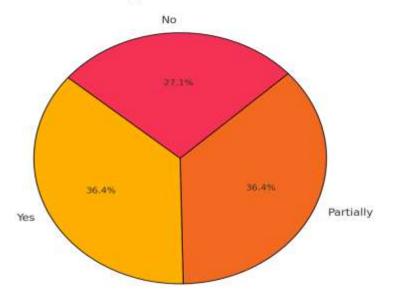


• Building strength (29.0%) is the most common motivation, indicating a strong interest in strength training and muscle development.

• Competitive goals (20.6%) and weight management (17.8%) suggest that many users engage in fitness for performance improvement and maintaining a healthy weight.

• Mental well-being (11.2%) and socializing with others (14.0%) are less common but still relevant, highlighting the need for fitness platforms to incorporate both physical and mental health benefits.

Distribution of App Addresses Mental Wellness

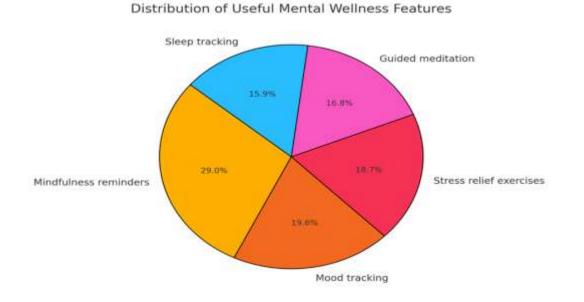




• 36.4% of respondents believe their app fully addresses mental wellness, while another 36.4% think it does so partially, showing a moderate level of mental health integration.

• However, 27.1% feel their app does not address mental wellness, indicating a gap in mental health support within fitness platforms.

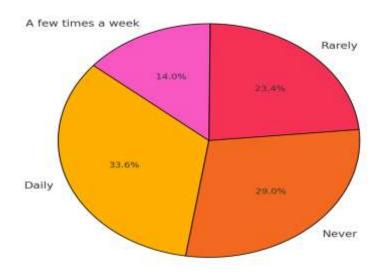
• To improve user experience, apps should expand features such as guided meditation, stress management tools, and mood tracking to cater to mental wellness needs.



• A noticeable portion of respondents express interest in mental wellness features integrated into fitness platforms.

- This reflects a growing awareness of the link between mental health and physical fitness.
- Apps should consider offering mindfulness sessions, stress management, and meditation features.

Distribution of Mindfulness Practice Frequency



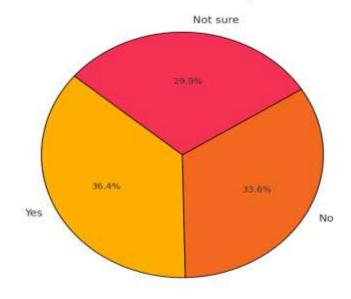
• 33.6% of respondents practice mindfulness daily, showing a strong commitment to mental well-being.



• However, 29.0% never practice mindfulness, and 23.4% do so rarely, indicating that a significant portion does not integrate mindfulness into their routine.

• With only 14.0% practicing a few times a week, fitness platforms can introduce guided mindfulness sessions to encourage more consistent engagement.

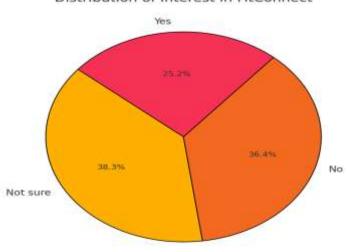
Distribution of Mental Health Focus Helps Healthier Lifestyle



• **36.4% of respondents believe** that a mental health focus contributes to a healthier lifestyle, highlighting the importance of mental well-being in fitness.

• However, **33.6% disagree**, suggesting that not all users perceive a direct link between mental health support and physical well-being.

• With **29.9% unsure**, fitness platforms have an opportunity to educate users on the benefits of mental wellness integration in their health routines.

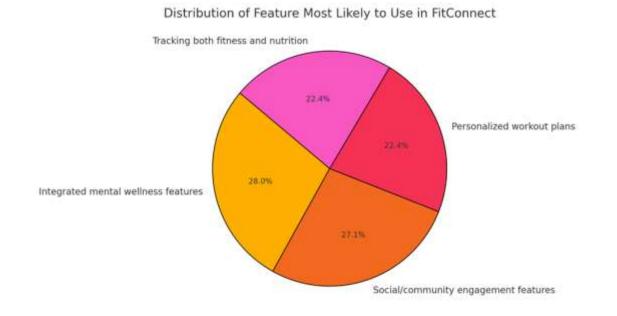


Distribution of Interest in FitConnect

• Responses are mixed, with some users expressing interest in switching to FitConnect, while others remain neutral or hesitant.



- This suggests that users may require more information or incentives before considering a switch.
- Highlighting unique features and benefits could increase interest and adoption.

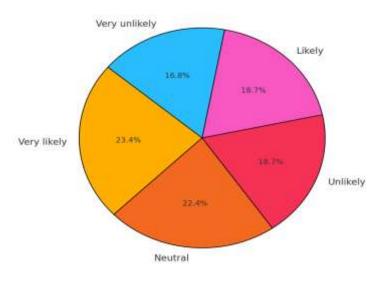


• Integrated mental wellness features (28.0%) and social/community engagement features (27.1%) are the most desired, indicating strong interest in holistic fitness solutions and social interaction.

• Tracking fitness and nutrition (22.4%) and personalized workout plans (22.4%) suggest users want data-driven insights and customized guidance.

• FitConnect should prioritize mental wellness integration and social features while ensuring strong tracking and personalization capabilities to attract users.

Distribution of Likelihood to Switch to FitConnect



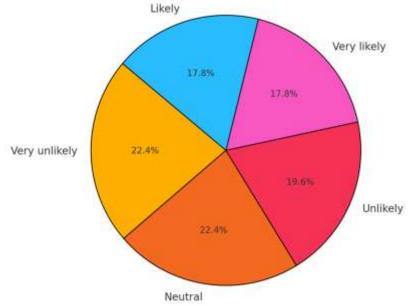
• 23.4% of respondents are very likely to switch, while 22.4% remain neutral, indicating a strong potential market for FitConnect.

• However, 18.7% are unlikely and another 16.8% are very unlikely, suggesting some users are hesitant, possibly due to loyalty to existing platforms.



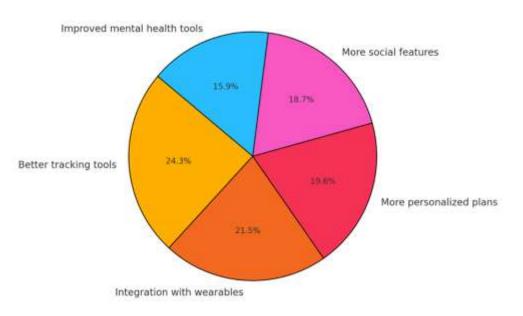
• To increase adoption, FitConnect should highlight unique benefits, offer incentives, and address concerns of hesitant users.





- Some users highly recommend their fitness apps, while others are dissatisfied, indicating varying experiences.
- Those who are unlikely to recommend their current app may be looking for better alternatives.
- Fitness apps should focus on user feedback to improve features, engagement, and customer retention.





• The highest demand is for better tracking tools (24.3%), suggesting users seek more precise and insightful fitness data.



• Integration with wearables (21.5%) and more personalized plans (19.6%) indicate a preference for adaptive and technology-driven fitness experiences.

• Interest in social features (18.7%) and mental health tools (15.9%) highlights the growing need for community support and holistic wellness integration in fitness apps**CORRELATION**

able	Interest in FitConnect	Likelihood to Switch to FitConnect	Feature Most Likely to Use in FitConnect	Additional Features Desired	Recommend Current Fitness App
Frequency of Fitness Activities	0.1549	0.013	0.1282	0.1259	-0.0171
Platforms Used	0.0109	-0.0518	0.0191	-0.08	-0.0426
Gender	-0.1128	-0.0359	0.1364	0.0405	0.0834
Interest in FitConnect	1	0.1117	-0.0229	-0.0716	0.0642
Likelihood to Switch to FitConnect	0.1117	1	-0.0042	0.0146	-0.0953
Feature Most Likely to Use in FitConnect	-0.0229	-0.0042	1	-0.0331	0.0065
Additional Features Desired	-0.0716	0.0146	-0.0331	1	0.0653
Recommend Current Fitness App	0.0642	-0.0953	0.0065	0.0653	1

In the particulars of FitConnect, a digital fitness platform, the study of correlation reveals a number of significant relationships that may affect the platform's effect on the health and wellness of its clients. First, FitConnect is more likely to pique the interest of people who often participate in fitness activities (r = 0.1549). It suggests that those who are currently active and prioritize fitness are likely to look into technological innovations that can improve their training. Furthermore, the positive correlation between activity levels and platform interest indicates that FitConnect and other digital fitness platforms can draw in a core group of health-conscious customers who might profit from extra features and planned programs that help them attain their wellness objectives.

The data also reveals a weak but noteworthy positive correlation between the frequency of fitness activities and likelihood to switch to FitConnect (r = 0.0130), implying that active users, though attached to their current fitness routines, could be open to switching platforms if FitConnect offers innovative or personalized solutions. The fact that these users seek additional features (r = 0.0146) highlights a desire for continuous improvement in their fitness journeys. This aligns with the idea that digital fitness platforms must continuously evolve, providing new functionalities such as mental wellness integration, structured workout plans, or personalized nutrition tracking, which are sought after by the consumer base.



In addition, FitConnect may improve user engagement by providing customized features that appeal to various user demographics, as gender preferences show up as significant in the feature selection context (r = 0.1364). By emphasizing customization, mental health integration, and meeting unmet feature requirements, FitConnect may play a significant role in supporting and improving customers' fitness and wellness endeavors as it places itself in the market. This supports the notion that by adjusting to customer satisfaction changing needs, digital fitness systems could significantly enhance consumer health.

6. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Findings

The study discovers that FitConnect has good chances of connecting with health-conscious users, especially those who use their fitness applications frequently. The poll reveals strong demand for digital fitness solutions, as most users utilize multiple apps to meet various fitness requirements. HIIT and cardio are the top requested intense activities, followed by mental wellness features that are increasingly in high demand.

Customers appreciate having flexibility in planning their exercises, but structured programs are required to participate. Diet tracking and exercise tracking have unequal levels of importance, with strong demand for consistent tracking of diets not being fulfilled. Fitness platforms already used have mixed satisfaction levels, with most expressing the need for increased personalization, inclusion of mental health, and social connection.

Interest in FitConnect is associated with levels of activity, implying that active users will be more inclined to switch if the site is feature-rich. The most desirable features are in-built mental wellbeing aids, better tracking capabilities, and social tools for interaction. Some of the respondents are keen to switch while another segment is not, implying that strategic rewards and competition differentiation will be instrumental in adoption.

Recommendations

• Tailored Workout Plans – Provide age, fitness level, and goal-based tailored workout plans.

• Incorporating Mental Wellbeing – Add guided meditation, stress management, and mindfulness features like motivational stories .

- Social Sharing Add social features like group challenges and trainer sessions.
- Differentiation Position unique features as Social sharing and provide incentives such as freemium for new user adoption.

• User Feedback Implementation – Keep updating the platform periodically based on user reviews and satisfaction rates.

7. CONCLUSION

The rapid development of digital fitness platforms has altered how individuals interact with their health and well-being. As technology continues to develop, and with more peoplein search of simple ways to live a healthy lifestyle, a digital platform such as FitConnect could be one of the main players in the future of fitness. An all-in-one wellness solution that is far superior to standalone exercise apps, FitConnect has integrated tracking of fitness activities, mental well-being tools, and nutritional guidance-all on one seamless platform. Emerging from existing digital fitness platforms, this study aims to elucidate the possible ways by which tools such as FitConnect will positively impact exercise habits, mood, and overall well-being. This information will also ensure FitConnect is designed to meet user expectations by addressing the constraints and enablers of digital fitness solutions. FitConnect aims to develop into a safety net of experience-oriented



transitions that will guide users toward reaching their fitness and wellness targets, giving grounds to believe in the coexistence of physical and mental health. Through innovative and user-centric design, FitConnect is set to aspire to be more than a fitness app; it seeks to be the harbinger of change in holistic wellness.

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