

Understanding Millennials' Intention to Use E-Money: A Study of Students' University in Padang

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Abstract: The purpose of this study is to analyze the relation of factors which influence e-money adoption among millennials in Indonesia especially in Padang, West Sumatra. A model is proposed with five factors: performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, facilitating conditions (from UTAUT model) which impact intention to use an e-money. The sample is consisted of 179 millennials e-money users accessed through a survey in Padang. Results of the study show that all independent variables (performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence and facilitating conditions) have direct significant effects on intention to use e-money among millennials in Padang.

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1 Introduction

E-Money (electronic money) is relatively a new financial innovation for payment transaction in Indonesia. E-money was introduced in 2007 and was classified into card-based products/prepaid card and software based product. The benefits of using electronic money as micro payment instruments are to reduce money printing fees, security and lost risk, and to provide convenience in transaction for customer [1]. The number of mobile phone user is arise recently, and become a part of daily life. Many services are available to accommodate a modern lifestyle. Mobile phones today not only use as communication tools but also serve an advance feature like mobile payment. Mobile payment services as one of e-money payment refer to all payments for goods, services, and bills authorized, initiated, or realized with a mobile device [2]. Since 2012, e-money service has increased in Indonesia. Not only provided by banks and telecommunication companies, apps developers but also taking part in e-money services. In the future, it is expected to be the easiest and the most convenient way of payment method.

To investigate the e-payment habit in Indonesia, in 2017 the Daily Social has conducted an electronic survey, asking 1059 respondents, sampled proportionally from among Indonesian smartphone users throughout Indonesia. Based on the survey, about 30% respondents never use e-money in any form. In October 2017, the government has declared that all toll road transaction must be fully electronic. This action was taken to increase the utilization of e-payment in Indonesia. The regulation was success to raise the usage of e-money. Almost 300% rise of e-money transaction were recorded but unfortunately it only happened in big cities [1]. Changing customer's way of thinking and habit is not easy because some people are

inconvenient changing their usual way of life. The decision makers need to understand the characteristics of the community so they can easily to communicate or introduce the new technology.

There are many aspects that influence a technology adoption, such as personal factor, education, social and economic and also culture [3]. In order to create cashless society, the government needs to take an action, educating people to use the e-money. The government also needs to open more access to the bank. One of the reasons, most economic transactions are still using cash in Indonesia because not everybody has an access to the bank especially those who live in rural area. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics Office release, Indonesian Gross Domestic Saving Rate was only 34.8% in 2015. It was far below other countries in South East Asia, for example Singapore was 49% and Philippine was 46%. Moreover, the government has made an act to increase the saving rate in order to encourage the cashless transaction among nations. The existence of Gojek, a unicorn form Indonesia that dealing with transportation service, food purchasing and payment service become an prominent point of e-money development in Indonesia. Gojek serves some major cities in Indonesia and people a enjoy using their apps because it offers some benefit to customer. However, cash transaction is still dominating in Indonesia generally.

The millennials are a generation of young people. This generation was born between 1980 and 2000 [4]. The millennials now become a large population and their purchasing power is making them an attractive target for many consumer industries, including e-money provider. This generation was born in emerging world of technology, and they were reported as active user of all form of social media and communication like cellphones, internet, computers, text messaging, video games, etc. The millennials are digitally more active than any previous generation since they are permanently connected to each other through digital media. Millenials spend more but less loyalty to the brands than previous generations [5]. They use brands to create images, to represent their personality and communicate their value [6]. They also prefer to spend money on experiences rather than materialistic stuffs [7]. With these characters, millennials would like to use e-money because it more convenient, suit to their lifestyle and give more promotions rather than cash payment transaction.

The UTAUT model originally used to investigate individual acceptance of information technology [8]. UTAUT analyses the critical factors related to prediction of the behavioral intention to use a technology. UTAUT states that there are three determinants of intention to use (Performance Expectancy, Effort Expectancy and Social Influence) and two direct determinants of usage behavior (Behavioral Intention and Facilitating Condition) [9]. Applying the UTAUT in a new context such as new user population, new cultural setting, etc will expand its contribution to generalization of the model.

2 Methodology

This study use the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) by Venkantesh. The UTAUT model was developed on the ground assumption that the intention to use a certain technology is affected by some beliefs such as performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, facilitating conditions and intention to use. The development of the hypotheses are described as follow :

Performance Expectancy (PE)

Performance expectancy is defined as “the degree to which an individual believes that using the system will help him or her to attain gains in job performance.” [8]. Customers, who believe that e-money as helpful in completing payment process compared to the traditional methods of payment, will most likely have a strong intention to use the technology [10]. According to Miliani et al [11], customer use e-money as payment method because of benefit of e-money that saving time and efficient than cash payment. Based on those arguments, the following hypothesis is proposed :

H₁ : Performance expectancy has a positive effect in intention to use e-money

Effort Expectancy (EE)

Effort expectancy is defined as “the degree of ease of associated with the use of the system.”[8]. Consumers who perceive the e-money as easy to use will have strong intention to use the e-money in daily life [10]. Previous research has been settled easiness, velocity and efficiency as motivation of user to use e-money[1],[11]. Based on the theory, we posit the following hypothesis :

H₂ : Effort expectancy has a positive effect in intention to use e-money

Social Influence (SI)

Social influence is defined as the perceived social pressure from close members to the individual to perform or not perform the specific behavior[10]. Millenials as an active user of social media platform will share the information through the social media. They will follow the trend from their close friends or even the influencer. Digital media advertising also give more information about the benefit like coupon or discount using or buying certain product [12]. Based on the arguments, we posit the following hypothesis:

H₃ : Social Influence has a positive effect in intention to use e-money

Facilitating Condition (FC)

Facilitating condition is described as factors that help users to adopt a new technology, such as guidance or instruction for users[8]. A reliable support system becomes a crucial thing when some potential users decide to adopt a new technology. Based on those arguments we draw the hypothesis as follow :

H₄ : Facilitating conditions has a positive effect in intention to use e-money

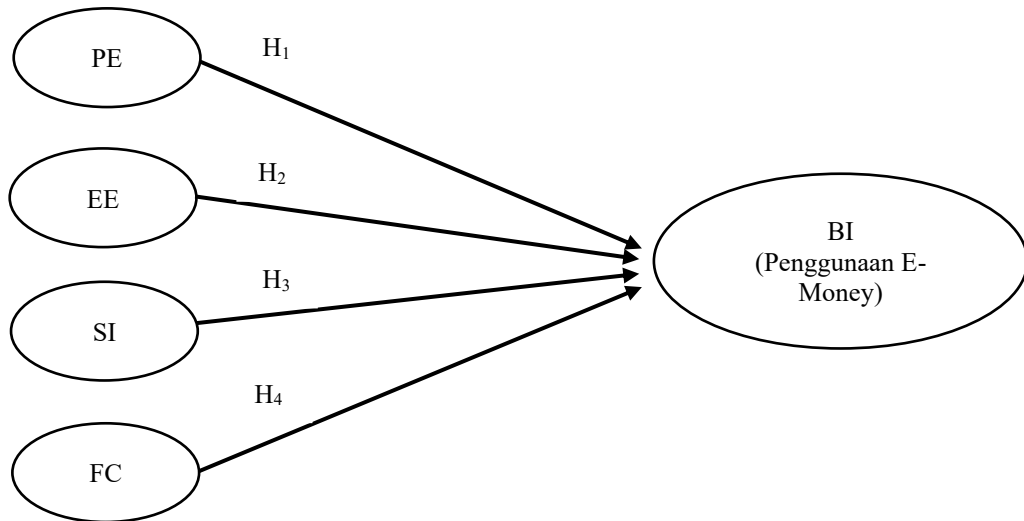


Figure 1. Conceptual model of the study

Instrument development and Data Collection

The questionnaire employed to collect data had three sections. The first section was a screening question. In this part, respondents were asked whether they live in Padang and actively use e-money on regular basis. The second section is used to collect respondents' demographic information including gender, age, level of education, university name, monthly expenditure, brand of e-money used and how they spend their e-money regularly. The third section included consumers perceptions regarding factors that influence their behavioral intention (BI) to adapt e-money such as : performance expectancy (PE), effort expectancy (EE), social influence (SI) and facilitating condition (FC). Items that measure BI, PE, EE, SI and FC were adopted from Venkantesh et al[8].

The survey questionnaire was available in google form and use Indonesian language. The questionnaire was tested through a pilot survey on a sample of 30 respondents and only had few minor modification. The final version of the questionnaire was administered online through social media apps to the university students in Padang. A request was made to all recipients to forward the survey link to their friends. Data collection began in August 2019 and ended in September 2019, with 250 questionnaires returned and completed. The non-probabilistic convenience sample used in this study was considered appropriate due to preliminary nature of the research[13].

Participants responded to statements on five point Likert scale, which ranged from strongly agree to strongly disagree. A total of 250 completed questionnaires were returned. Seventy one questionnaires were discarded because of unmatch criteria, leaving 179 usable questionnaires for this study. The data analyses were performed using the SPSS ver. 20. The table 1 describes the characteristics of respondents in details.

Table 1 : Demographic data of the sample

Attributes	Categories	Respondents	
		Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	52	29
	Female	127	71
Age	19-28	179	100
University	Politeknik Negeri Padang	106	59,2
	Univeristas Negeri Padang	30	16,9
	Universitas Andalas	17	9,5
	UPI YPTK	13	7,3
	Universitas Baiturahmah	6	3
	Universitas Dharma Andalas	5	2
	Universitas Bung Hatta	3	1,9
	E-money brand*	Gopay	149
	OVO	82	46,8**
	Dana	55	30,7**
	BRI Brizzi	26	14,5**
	Link Aja	24	13,4**
	BCA Flazz	20	11,1**
	Mandiri e-money	9	5**
	BNI Tapcash	8	4,5**
Monthly Expenditure (IDR)	Less than 1000000	72	40,2
	1000000 – 1500000	92	51,4
	1550000 – 2000000	10	5,6
	Over 2050000	5	2,8
Spending Allocation*	Transportation	158	88,2**
	Telephone and Internet	143	79,9**
	Online shopping	100	55,9**
	Offline shopping	98	54,7**
	Billing	71	39,6**
	Entertainment	59	33**

*Respondents can choose more than one option.

**Percentage based on total respondents

About seventy one percent of respondents are female while only twenty nine percent respondents are male. All respondents age are ranged from 19-28, so they are all represents the millennial generation. More than fifty percent respondents are students of Politeknik Negeri Padang, other respondents are from all reputable university in Padang. Most respondents spend less than 1500000 (IDR) per month. Only fifteen students (8,4%) spend more than 1500000 (IDR) in a month. The largest percentage of students' spendings are transportation, both online and city bus fare (88,2%) and telephone credit and internet top up (79,9%). Other biggest spending of the students are shopping, both online (55,9%) and offline shopping (54,7). The latest, only about 33% students use their e-money for entertainment such as game online and buy a movie ticket online.

3 Result and Discussion

Reability and Validity Analysis

The content of survey questionnaire evaluated by conducting reliability analysis using Cronbach's Alpha score, the most widely use for measuring content validity[14]. In reliability analysis, the Cronbach Alpha coefficient must be larger than 0.6 [15] and the corrected item to total correlation must be larger than r_{table} (0.146). Table 2 and Table 3 illustrates the results of reliability and correlation matrix, respectively. Table 4 show the results of collinearity statistics. From the above criteria, all factors were reliable and acceptable. And there is no multicollinearity because Tolerance values are above 0.1 and VIF is less than 10. Thus, it could be concluded that the construct of this study were reliable and valid.

Table 2 :Reliability analysis of developed scales

Research Construct	Factors	Cronbach Alpha
Motivation	Performance Expectancy (PE)	0,777
	Effort Expectancy (EE)	0,834
	Social Influence (SI)	0,878
	Facilitating Condition (FC)	0,838
E-money use	Behavioral Intention (BI)	0,864

Table 3 : Correlation Matrix

	1	2	3	4	5
PE	1.0000				
EE	0.505**	1.000			
SI	0.528**	0.386**	1.000		
FC	0.633**	0.519**	0.691**	1.000	
BI	0.746**	0.550**	0.658**	0.781**	1.000

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table 4 : Collinearity Statistics

	Tolerance	VIF
PE	0.499	2.005
EE	0.671	1.491
SI	0.604	1.985
FC	0.392	2.553

Hypotheses Testing

Regression analysis method is used to verify the effect of motivation of e-money use. Beta coefficient is used to measure the effect between four independent variables (performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence and facilitating condition) and intention to use e-money as dependent variable. As shown in Table 5, performance expectancy, social influence and facilitating condition have significant effects on e-money use for millennials.

Performance expectancy and facilitating condition have higher Beta value than social influence. It means that performance expectancy and facilitating condition have stronger contribution to the model rather than social influence. Therefore, our result support some of the hypotheses (see table 6). Respondents tend to use e-money when they find certain benefit from the e-money, such as convenient , saving time, improve their productivity and fit their lifestyle. As millennials who have broad experience and knowlegde on internet [16], they don't find difficulties in using new technology such as e-money, so the effort expectancy have no significant effect to use e-money among them. The explanation for this phenomena can be seen in discussion section.

Table 5 : Regression Coefficient

Variables	Beta	t-value	sig
PE	0.418	6.844	0.000
EE	0.099	2.002	0.047
SI	0.101	2.708	0.007
FC	0.327	6.159	0.000

Table 6 : Summary result of hypotheses

Variables	Hypotheses	Test Result
PE	H ₁	Supported (positive and significant)
EE	H ₂	Supported (positive and significant)
SI	H ₃	Supported (positive and significant)
FC	H ₄	Supported (positive and significant)

Based on the test results (see Table 5), all independent variables (performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence and facilitating condition have strong impact to intention to use the e-money among university students in Padang. These results are consistent with previous research done by Wei [17] [18] that consumers will voluntarily adopt e-money usage when they find the usefulness of the product, convenience and reliable support of the new payment system. Along with its benefit, providers should offers tutorial or guidance to help consumer using the e-money easily. This supporting condition will increase the intention to use e-money among the consumers.

Social influence such as information from friends and family, relative, social media and influencer also have significant effect to the adoption of e-money among millennials. A peer pressure is one of important factor that affect respondent's behavior. Students tend to spend their time with friends, so a friend's opinion is matter to this young generation. As active social media users, millennials have idolizing celebrity or influencer and follow their idol habit. This group of people will influence each other through their opinion or comment about promotion and benefit of using e-money in social media and it will lead to stronger intention to use e-money.

4 Conclusion

Based on the results of the discussion it can be concluded, variable performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating condition have a positive and significant effect on behavioral intention of e-money in Padang.

Limitation and Future Research

The limitation of the study is the sample should be more diversified in term of geographical regions to generalized result to cover Indonesia area. Future studies not only have to expand the coverage area but also explore others factors that affecting the adoption of e-money in Indonesia. In addition, future study can compare intention to adopt e-money among different generation or comparing the usage of e-money between urban and rural area.

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