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How QuickBooks Uses Insights to Make Better Business Decisions

2x

increase in invoices paid on time & associated revenue 25%

increase in users opt-ing in for push notifications

10%

increase in activation



Intuit's QuickBooks offers accounting software for small businesses and self-employed workers. The company dominates the growing market, claiming more than 80 percent market share with more than 30 million users.

The leading accounting software for small-and medium-sized businesses and the self-employed, Intuit's Quickbooks helps 5.6 million customers around the world keep the lights on and their employees paid.

But the same thriving market for QuickBooks' services has given rise to a multitude of competitors. To stay ahead of the curve and maintain its position as an industry leader, Intuit relies on Amplitude's Product Intelligence platform to create an ever-evolving, best-in-class customer experience.

For QuickBooks, those better decisions have yielded such successes as increased revenue, improved activation rates and CTRs that outpace the industry average.

Product intelligence is not simply reporting numbers. It's about helping the business make measurably better

John Humphrey

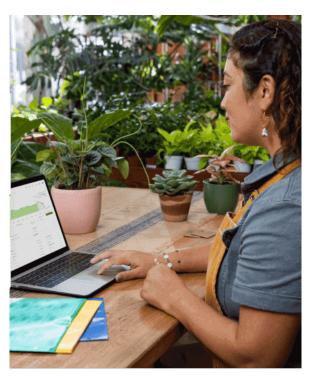
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Head of Data Science and Analytics, Quickbooks

Making Data More Accessible

Humphrey describes Amplitude's Product Intelligence platform as having a "transformational" effect on QuickBooks. Amplitude changed all that by putting data insights at employees' fingertips. For instance, in the QuickBooks payments business, about 90% of their data requests that were once answered manually can now be fulfilled via Amplitude.

The impact has been huge, Humphrey notes, observing: "Our analysts are now able to use the time that they have back in order to build things that are better for our customers."



Driving a Key KPI, and Creating a Hit New Product in the Process

For example, the Product team noticed in Amplitude Funnels that its QuickBooks invoicing product was failing to meet its KPI: the number of users paid on time. So, it partnered with the Data team to understand why. They used Amplitude's Microscope to dig deeper into the number of users who were not converting. With Precision Tracking and Cohorts, they saw that those users and their clients had something in common: Gmail domains.

This was a key user segment for Intuit, so the team created a personalized invoice solution to meet that segment's needs. The innovation boosted by 2x the number of invoices paid on time with revenue from Gmail invoices.

Boosting Under-Used Features

In Amplitude's Funnels, the team saw that users were struggling to complete their onboarding flow, a critical milestone in the QuickBooks Self-Employed user lifecycle. The team used Amplitude's Cohorts to learn why some mobile app users failed to complete the seven-step permission process to unlock the app's full functionality, including push notifications.

Through their exploratory analysis in Amplitude, the team identified three unnecessary steps to remove and streamline flow. The result? A 25% increase in users who signed up for push notifications.

Thanks to the limitless exploration offered by Amplitude's Cohorts, Personas, and Engagement Matrix, the product marketing team identified key user segments that were under-using certain product features. Armed with these insights, the team created targeted and personalized campaigns to better address those user segments' needs. That work paid off when Intuit's click-through rates soared, with rates peaking at 300% above the industry standard.

Turning Users into Power Users

Intuit is always looking for ways to boost the number of users it activates, one of its key metrics. A good new user experience (NEUX) sets users up for a better LTV. The team used Amplitude's Retention and Cohorts to observe their best-performing QuickBooks power users, and followed up with Pathfinder and Engagement Matrix to drill down further to see the actions those top performers take in their first 45 days.

QuickBooks used these findings to reshape their NEUX, adding prompts designed to guide new users through critical milestones, while also making it possible to measure impact in terms of Retention and Funnels. The innovations led to an impressive 10 percent increase in activation.

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Life before Amplitude was difficult for the analyst teams and for the stakeholders, such as our product managers and marketers. Every time they wanted to know something, we would have to manually pull the data for them, and this could add days or weeks to the timeline.

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