# The Impact of E-CRM on Customers Attitude and Its Association with Generating Competitive Advantages in Iranian Financial B2B Context

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## Abstract

In the emerging competitive and technological driven banking era, banks have to strive hard for retaining and enlarging their customer base. Electronic customer relationship management (E-CRM) is the combination of traditional CRM with the e-business applications marketplace. An E-CRM system provides financial institutions with the opportunity to establish individual and need oriented customer relationships. E-CRM enables the financial institutions to provide the right financial product at the right time (Sascha, 2003). Focus of this paper is to explore E-CRM benefits that have positively effects on customer satisfaction and association between them in Iran Financial Institutions. The findings indicates that Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet), Up to date of banks, Services quality, International customers' satisfaction, Improve cash flow management, Safety and Transaction security have positive effects on customer satisfaction. Furthermore, it seems that there is significant association between Quality factor and Safety factor and also between Infrastructure improvement and Customer responsiveness.

**Keywords:** Electronic customer relationship management (E-CRM), Competitive advantages, Business to business (B2B)

# 1. Introduction

The service industry, especially financial institutions grapples with increasing competition currently. In such environment, differentiation is necessary and banks begin to realize that no bank can offer all products and be the best/leading bank for all customers. They are forced to find a new basis for competition and they have to improve the quality of their own products/services (Zineldin, 1996). Nowadays, financial institutions will not only confined to borrowing collection of savings and lending loans, but also forced to learn the advanced and modern rules and tools to provide convenience environment for their customers and satisfy their needs.

Recently it has been acknowledged that company relationships with customers can be greatly improved by employing information technology (Karimi, 2001) which can facilitate and enhance customer relationships in various ways but mainly enables companies to attain customization, which is the essence of a customer-centric organization (Stefanou, 2003). Relationship marketing is becoming important in financial services (Zineldin, 1995). If a bank develops and sustains a solid relationship with its customers, its competitors cannot easily replace them and therefore this relationship provides for a sustained competitive advantages (Gilbert & Choi, 2003).

In the early 1990s, the concept of relationship marketing was formally introduced into the services marketing literature. Financial services institutions, airlines and other service providers found it profitable to retain and reward existing customers rather than run after new customers (Mittal & Kumra, 2001).

E-CRM is defined as a mean of selling, serving, or communicating with customer through the web. Further he takes E-CRM as a subset of CRM, which means that E-CRM is one of the channels that a company can use to deploy its CRM strategies (Dyche, 2001). The goal of E-CRM system is to improve customer service, retain valuable customers and to aid in providing analytical capabilities within an organization (Fjermestad, 2003).

Business to business and the move to electronic transactions is allowing corporate to gain efficiencies, reduce costs, streamline business processes and provide their products and services to a larger customer base. Business to business e-commerce migrate the traditional business model towards the emerging digital marketplace (Duckett, 2001). According to Morris, Relationship marketing as a concept is widely embraced by industrial marketers, today it's time for relationships, particularly in business markets (Morris, 1998).

#### 1.1 Research Problem

Confronted with the fierce competition in the internet age and today telecommunication marketplace goes to banks grapple with difficulties for survival when the customer is having access to a variety of products and services. Due to some problems occurred in this situation such as: customer inquiries are not provided and transactions become complicated, the customers' expectations and requirements are changed. They need the organizations which utilize different electronic technologies like call centers, ATMs, voice response systems and etc., to satisfy their need with the best quality fast and in the cost effective way (Puccinelli, 1999).

"Managers really need to look at areas where opportunities lie because industry consolidation, virtual delivery channels and the ability to move money around at the click of a mouse are making it easier for customers to pack their bags and say bye to the bank" (Puccinelli, 1999, pp 48). For providing high quality of customers service, Of course, technological capabilities are not adequate (Dyche, 2001). Accordingly, analyzing of the business situation and understanding the requirements for automation are two basic steps for companies which focus on customer service (Xu, 2002).

In this difficult and demanding situation, adoption of the internet and availability of electronic channels of communication, are becoming possible and significant way to gather customer related information with the aim of building customer database. Through the using of high advanced electronic communications tools and E-CRM applications, the organizations can handle and manage customer interactions over these new electronic channels of communications (Mittal & Kumra, 2001).

Unexpectedly there is a lack of scientific research toward E-CRM that focuses principally on the advantages of it in banking sector. Therefore, for well awareness of the target customers and building profitable and long term relationship with the manager of the financial institutions and them, we have formed the problem area as: "Gaining Competitive Advantages on E-CRM In Financial Institutions in Iran through B2B Model" to better understanding of the E-CRM and its advantages.

## 1.2 Overall Research Purpose

Regarding the reasoning above, the purpose of this study is to examine the competitive advantages on E-CRM in financial institutions. A primary purpose of management and marketing strategy is to develop a competitive advantage which provides customers with superior value compared to competitive offerings, thereupon to justify this purpose; two main objectives are followed in this study, which contain:

- 1. What are the core attributes constructing the E-CRM in Financial Institution that have positively effects on business customer satisfaction?
- 2. To understand the association between E-CRM benefits and competitive advantages in Financial Institution.

# 1.3 Research Hypotheses

In this study, following hypotheses are going to be examined. They are:

H<sub>1</sub>: E-CRM benefits have positive effect on customers' satisfaction.

H<sub>2</sub>: E-CRM competitive advantages have positive effect on customers' satisfaction in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works.

## 1.4 Key Concepts

**Customer Knowledge:** "Customer knowledge is the collection of information and insight that your business has built up over time and needs to use to leverage successful customer relationships and provide the products and service that those customers need." (Note1)

**Marketing Strategy:** "It is a written plan (usually a part of the overall corporate plan) which combines product development, promotion, distribution, and pricing approach, identifies the firm's marketing goals, and explains how they will be achieved within a stated timeframe." (Note 2)

**Service Quality:** The quality of a service is subjectively perceived by customers during the interactions with an organization (Grönroos, 2000). Parasuraman defined service quality as "the consumers' judgment about a firm's overall excellence or superiority". (Parasuraman et al., 1988)

**Data Warehouses:** The system serves as a single repository of data. When data warehouse is up and running with clean data, it provides a single version of a customer or group of customers. The appropriate query and analysis tools and data mining software enable a business to make a better understanding of its customers' needs (Dar & Hu, 2005).

**Call Center Automation:** A call center has the ability to handle large volumes of customer and other telephone calls. It screens the calls, routes them to a qualified person or automated response, and logs all interactions. Improving efficiency, customer service, and oversight while lowering the overall costs associated with a customer contact center are determined as principle aims of a call center. (Note 3)

**Marketing Automation:** Marketing Automation enables businesses to more effectively manage multi-channel campaigns. Collecting and integrating customer data, captured from multiple sources lead to the organization plans, manage and execute focused marketing campaigns across multiple channels (email, direct mail, messaging, Web,etc.). (Note 3)

**Sales Force Automation:** Sales Force Automation is a best practices process that uses software to automate the business tasks of sales while providing sales agents with access to contact details, appointments, sales opportunities, customer purchase history, order management, territory overview in real time. (Note 3)

**Service and Support Automation:** The ultimate goal of Customer Service and Support Automation is to increase customer value while reducing the cost of doing business. As an integral part of CRM, Customer Service and Support allows organizations to manage business relationships effectively so as to improve and sustain customer loyalty and retention while reducing overall business expenditures. (Note 3)

Cash Flow Management: It is the process of monitoring, analyzing, and adjusting your business' cash flows. The most important aspect of cash flow management is avoiding extended cash shortages, caused by having a too great gap between cash inflows and outflows. "You won't be able to stay in business if you can't pay your bills for any extended length of time". (Note 4)

**Campaign Management:** The campaign management process continues to increase in difficulty, with marketers having to ask increasingly complex questions such as:

- How many leads are needed for sales to hit its target?
- Based on historical performance, how many leads are realistic based on my budget?
- What is the right mix of offers, messages, and tactics?

In addition to these questions, effective tactics within go-to-market channels are constantly changing, requiring marketers to understand the subtleties of email, and web-based campaigns. Campaign managers need to plan campaigns diligently but be ready to adapt quickly based on response rates or changing channel dynamics. (Note 5)

**Search Ability:** Search engine optimization involves a website's presentation, structure and coding. The site should be "search engine friendly" in terms of design, menus and content. (Note 6)

Search ability is one of the implementation E-CRM benefits in financial institutions which help everyone to find for example one of their old accounts everywhere.

**Customer Segmentation:** Segmentation helps banks target the right prospects and offer the right services to their customers. Segmentation and targeting based on customer profiles is becoming increasingly important. Customer segmentation is the subdivision of a market into discrete customer groups that share similar characteristics. It can be a powerful tool to identify unmet customer needs. Companies that identify underserved segments can then outperform the competition by developing uniquely appealing products and services. (Note 7)

**Customization:** It is a useful service that separate one similar product or service from another. By accurate customization, the better you can provide personalized individual service the more customers you will attract.

Unraveling Complexity in Products and Services: Walk into any bank, or insurance agency, you will see complexity at work: More products and services are available to consumers than ever before. But, as businesses increase their product and service portfolios in response to evolving customer demands or through mergers and acquisitions, they run the risk of adding too much complexity, which can tax existing resources and ultimately harm returns. In this special situation, experts George Group Consulting and Wharton offer insight on how complexity can create considerable problems for companies often while remaining difficult to spot and suggest strategies for eliminating complexity or making it works to a company's advantage (Note 8).

#### 2. A Brief Literature

This section focuses on providing the reader with the necessary information about the relevant literature that is related to this research problem. A collection of E-CRM benefits are presented also at the end of this part.

2.1 According to "E-CRM in Indian Bank"

According to (Mittal & Kumra, 2001) Technology, people and customer are the three elements on which hinge the success of banking in the fast changing economic environment. The ultimate performance of a bank depends upon

the satisfaction of its customers. They thought in the emerging competitive and technological driven banking era, banks have to strive hard for retaining and enlarging their customer base. E-CRM, which is the latest buzzword in the corporate sector, is perceived as one of the effective tool in this direction by the banks. Its emphasis is on defining the customers as valuable in the long-term and on viewing customer relationships as learning relationships. The concept of CRM, when seen in the context of e-business, it translates into e-CRM, which essentially deals with managing customer interactions over the web.

They analyzed the concept of e-CRM in Indian banks from its various dimensions covering specifically its need, process, present status and future prospects. In the first step, they investigated current status of e-CRM in Indian Banks and then looked for E-CRM Techniques which used by Banks in India. On the other hand, as currently internet have enabled banking at the click of the mouse, they wanted to investigate that Click and brick is the right method for Indian bank or not. There are five functional categories for online banking sites on line brochure center, interactive bank, e-mails, calculations and cyber banks, which offer customers access to account information, inter-branch funds transfer and utility bill payments. They surveyed the following banks in India: MTNL, BSES, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Global Trust Bank and foreign banks, Citibank, Federal Bank, HSBC Bank, Deutsche Bank and ABN AMRO Bank UTI Bank.

They found out that Banks must build their brand image in assuring customers about the safety of their money and security of transaction on the Net. They concluded that the most useful E-CRM technologies which are used in Indian banks are: Internet banking, Data Warehousing and Data Mining, ATMs, Telephone banking or Mobile banking, computerized decision support system, E-mail, Computer networking and Customer smart cards. Furthermore, e-CRM based alone on Internet will seems to be a wrong strategy for banks in India. Jose Fonellosa of Spain BBVA, which acquired first e-CRM, says internet is at best a zero sum game for banks. For high end products, customer cannot only rely on e-banking. For social interactions, people would like to visit their traditional brick and mortar branches. Click and brick seems to be the right model which ultimately will succeed in India. Banks in India are on the learning curve of e-CRM and are trying to meet the latent needs of the customers. The success of e-CRM will depend upon the development of robust & flexible infrastructure, e-commerce capabilities, and reduction of costs through higher productivity, lower complexity and automation of administrative functions.

## 2.2 According to "Benefits of E-CRM for Banks and Their Customers: Case Studies of Two Swedish Banks"

The customer relationship management (CRM) is essential and vital function of customer oriented marketing. Its functions include gathering and accumulating customer-related information in order to provide effective services. E-CRM is a combination of IT sector but also the key strategy to electronic commerce (Anumala & Reddy, 2007). Bank customers form expectations derived from many sources Boulding proposed that customers form expectations of what will happen in their next encounters based on what they "deserve". (Boulding, 1993). Zeithaml and Bitner identify two levels of expectations, desired service and adequate service. Desired service represents the "wished for" level of performance and adequate service reflects showing more basic service expectations (Zeithaml, 2000). The model permits exploration of the perceived difference between expected service and the experienced service, particularly the zone of tolerance developed by Parasuraman, they're by customer specific benefits are: Customer interaction and satisfaction, Convenience, Speed of processing the transaction through e-Response, Trust, Service quality (Parasuraman, Berry & Zeithaml, 1991).

They considered the following research questions how can the benefits of E-CRM for banks are described and how can the benefits of E-CRM for bank customers be described. They used a qualitative research approach Empirical data was collected through in-depth interviews were conducted with two Swedish banks and a group of their customers. According to the first research question their findings indicate that E-CRM enables financial institutions and organizations to maintain relationship with customers and both of the banks less use email for their business purpose and their Personalized and One to One Service are improved by implementing E-CRM. Moreover, to improve and maintain transactions security of the customers, the mentioned banks has latest techniques and technologies. They also investigated about the benefits of E-CRM for the customers and they found out Customer interaction and satisfaction is found to be an important benefit and Trust and Convenience is a major benefit provided to the customers of the banks. There are other advantages which they discovered them like: Speed at which the transactions have been processed and their rate of accuracy, Reliable employees, availability of the latest information technology.

# 2.3 According to "Electronic Customer Relationship Management in Online Banking"

Customers are getting more involved to use web because of the internet is becoming more available and customers are comfortable with web business, those customers who are not using Web will use tomorrow and those who have never purchased today will buy tomorrow on the web (Feinberg & Kadam, 2002). To satisfy customers, companies

should maintain consistency in all interaction channels like the Internet, E-mail, Telephone, and Web, Fax and company areas like sales, services, marketing and other fields. Traditional CRM has limitations to support outside channels while E-CRM supports marketing, sale and service (Shan & Lee, 2003). In electronic and online environment, they investigated how banks use E-CRM tool to maintain their customer relations by using the Internet and what benefits are derived by using this E-CRM tool and how successfully this tool is implemented in a bank.

For their research purpose, they conducted two case studies of Sweden and Denmark banks. They found out two cases banks implemented and used E-CRM mostly for Mass Customization, Customer Profiting, Self Service, One to One interaction and Automatic locks in flow of financial data like Security which ultimately results in reduces cost of operation and increased customer loyalty and more profits. According to their third research question, their findings indicates that for a successful E-CRM implementation, Staff training and customer feedback are two tangible factors. In this part, the literature which is relevant to above discussion is summarized. (Table 1)

# 3. Methodology

In the previous part, a review of literature was presented. In this section, it will be covering the research process and methodology that will be used in this research work. Based on the research problem, the collections of methodology are presented to provide best answers for the research questions. At the end of each section, motivations and justifications of each adopted methodological option will be clarified.

# 3.1 Research Purpose

For any study research design looks like the framework which is used to collect and analyze data. Conducting a well research design brings about ensuring these facts that the study will be relevant to the problem and economical procedures will be used within this process. There are many research design frames, that are usually classified in three major parts: Exploratory, Descriptive or Casual (Churchill, 2010).

The purpose and research objectives of this research indicate that this study is descriptive and somewhat exploratory. As E-CRM is a new research area for the banks and financial institutions and also it is not possible to find similar research and studies which concentrate on our field of study, firstly it is described the area of the research and later explain the issues. Therefore, descriptive and exploratory research is suitable research designs for our study.

# 3.2 Research Approach

This section focuses on the approaches on which the research will be worked. The research approach can be either qualitative or quantitative. There are several characteristic about quantitative research, among them selectivity and distance to the object of research are the main ones. In comparison, qualitative approach is opposed and it is subjective in nature and is characterized by the closeness to the object of research (Zikmund, 2000).

While conducting our study we found that both qualitative and quantitative approaches fulfilling the requirements of this thesis. According to the base of this thesis that is based on scientific theories, we used deductive approach in our research. This research is started by using existing theories in the area of E-CRM due to the fact that it is appropriate to start up with the established theories to get a solidified substructure of research and to further construct the questions in the interview guide and questionnaires and then logically to draw conclusions based on the knowledge and empirical findings.

## 3.3 Research Strategy

There are different types of strategies that are available to choose for conducting the research. Denscombe determined five major research strategies: Surveys, Case Study, Experiment, Action Research, and Ethnographic (Denscombe, 2000).

The purpose of this study was to bring an insight and better understanding of the competitive advantages of E-CRM in Iranian financial institutions that impact of E-CRM on customers' attitude. Due to this reasons, we did not have and require control over behavioral events. Thereupon, both case study and survey are suitable choices for our study.

Survey and analysis are techniques in which the required information is gathered by distributing questionnaire among sample of people (Zikmund, 1994). On the other hand, surveys are advantageous when the researcher goal is to describe the incident or prevalence of a phenomena and also when it is to be predictive about certain outcomes (Yin, 1984). Moreover, in this study it was tried to answer 'what (which)' questions, so survey was very appropriate for this work.

# 3.4 Sample Selection

When conducting research, it is often impractical and impossible or too expensive to collect data from all the potential units of analysis included in the research problem. So, from smaller number of units, a sample, as often

chose to represent the relevant attributes of the whole set of units. Due to the fact that samples are not perfectly representative of the population from which they are drawn, the researcher cannot be certain that the conclusions will generalize to the entire population (Graziano & Raulin, 2004).

In this paper, convenience sampling was used to examine financial institutions which have some internet and electronic facilities and in the near future they will contemplate to implement E-CRM creating the long-term and profitable customer relationship with their customer through E-CRM technology such as internet, web and etc.

In regard to the business customers (Business customers are defined as customers who are staff of the organizations, banks or financial institutions and do their business works with bank by the envelopment of their organizations and have business relation with financial institutions or potential customers that need specific services from financial institutions), the questionnaire was distributed among four hundred ninety organizational customers and financial institutions' employee. As mentioned above, the convenience sampling is suitable choice in determining the sample size to be close to our desired results as much as possible in B2B context.

## 3.5 Data Collection Methods

According to Yin (1984), preparation for data collection can be complex and difficult. If they are not handled well, the entire case study investigation and all of the earlier work can be imperiled.

According to Churchill (2010), Structured-Undisguised questionnaire is the most typical questionnaire which is used very frequently in marketing research. This type of questionnaire consists of standardized and same wording questions for all respondents to ensure that all the candidates are replying to the same questions.

Based on the above discussion, it is used both types of data collection, primary and secondary data. Since face-to-face contact was the source of primary data and secondary data was collected through the census reports, relevant journals-national as well as the international pertaining to the topic of research, books, and business magazines and websites of banks and financial institutions.

As the study has both descriptive and exploratory nature, it is utilized the great instruments which are established upon execution of exhaustive face-to-face interview and structured-undisguised questionnaire.

The customers' questionnaire consists of three main parts, the first part contains seventeen questions about E-CRM benefits, the second part includes eleven questions about E-CRM competitive advantages and the last part has six questions about E-CRM technologies. All of the items of part one and two were measured by using five-Point Likert-type response scales anchored at 5 Very Important and 1 Unimportant.

## 3.6 Data Analysis

After data collection, for deciding what and which meaning can be attributed to the words, determining the implications and finding the relation of the attributes to the topic being investigated, the researcher should analyze the obtained data and findings (Denscombe, 2000).

The analysis has been conducted by using pervious theories and studies mentioned in section 2 that provided the base for data collection, analysis and comparison of this thesis. The findings were analyzed including the profile data of financial institutions and customers by considering the general strategy. Data reduction technique was used to identify more relevant data. Further, the acquired data of questionnaires have been analyzed by statistical package for social Sciences (SPSS 19) software. In Figure 1 all of the research methodology steps that were used in this paper.

#### 3.7 Research Quality Criteria (Validity & Reliability & Normality Test)

Construct validity is recognized by the level by which it determines or confirms association of linked hypotheses produced from a theory, which relies on the concept. Construct validity can be depended upon the theoretical reason involved in concepts. In order to reach construct validity the researcher needs to have resolute meaning of the measure by launching what essential researchers call convergent validity and discriminant validity (Zikmund, 2000).

As mentioned above this research is to some extent are exploratory research, so the questions of this study are explored one by one from different and pervious study. In the first step, all the attributes and questions in English language are collected. Then, the attributes have been translated from English to Persian. In the next step, the attributes are specialized and translated from the regular words into language of banking system and marketing according to field of Iranian Financial institutions and culture.

In this research the significant attributes of E-CRM that provided customers' satisfaction of Iranian Financial Institutions are explored. Principle component analysis was used, since it was an exploratory factor analysis. The factor analysis was not only an efficient test for the validity of this research and reduction of attributes, but also was

best analysis to determine the most important attributes and the independence among them. For both constructs of our study, factor analysis is conducted. The results represent as follow:

• E-CRM benefits affecting customers' satisfaction.

In this study, seventeen benefits of E-CRM are explored by considering other authors' opinion about E-CRM benefits including as obviously showed in below table to find out which of these benefits are affecting customers' satisfaction. (Table 2)

The initial factor analysis was run using principle component analysis method in SPSS window. The result were not satisfactory, as some of the attributes showed an extraction value below 0.5, which was taken as the minimum level for acceptance, thus after successive removal of attributes with low extraction value, it was found that a solution containing 7 variables gave a high KMO (MSA: Measure of Sampling) value of 0.920 (Table 3).

As shown in table above, KMO statistic variable is 0.920 (it is near to 1) that let to run factor analysis for this research. For these two constructs, it is necessary to measure internal reliability of them.

Ten benefits were rejected from the original selection of seventeen attributes. In addition, to test the internal reliability, the Cronbach's alphas of the seven attributes were calculated. The obtained alpha was larger than 0.4 (a level considered acceptable in most research) (Table 4).

For satisfying the customers' requirements, retaining the valuable customers and attract the new ones, financial institutions should consider these seven elements which were mentioned above.

• E-CRM competitive advantages affecting on Customer satisfaction in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works.

The competitive advantages of E-CRM which were tested in this study are shown in Table 5, like the pervious section, the initial factor analysis was run using principle component analysis method in SPSS window. The result indicated that some of the attributes have extraction value lower than 0.5. By continuous attributes removing that have low extraction value, 5 competitive advantages were obtained with the KMO of 0.859 (Table 5 and Table 6).

According to six removal steps to obtain the MSA with the value of more than 0.5, finally five competitive advantages were accepted that the Cronbach's alphas of them were 0.762 (Table 7).

As mentioned in the above table, the Cronbach's alphas of both parts are lower than 0.4 (a level considered acceptable in most research), so the constructs of this paper are relaible.

After exploring the factors and determining their related questions, I compute the score of each variable by using Compute technique towards the means of attributes. Later, to test the normality it seems that Sample Kolmogorov-Smirno (K-S) Test is the best method.

The findings indicate the sig. of all the factors are lower than 0.05, therefore, none of them have the normal distribution. (Table 8)

# 4. The Finding Sections

## 4.1 Business Customers' Information

According to the four hundred ninety business customers who participated in the survey, the majority of them were male (65.3 %). The majority of assigned people as the financial institutions' business customers were at the age of 30 to 40 and partly between 20 to 30 (160 persons), that implies most of the business customers are young and the tendency of these young people to implementation of E-CRM in Iran financial institutions is more than other business customers who are younger than 20 or older than 40.

The most percentage of business customers (66.7 %) are belonged to those customers who have business relationship with the financial institutions more than 5 years. Thus, the more the finical institutions provide advanced service and manage their relationship with their customers in best way, the more customers' satisfaction and loyalty are obtained.

#### 4.2 Benefits of E-CRM

As motioned in the section 3, we explore seven benefits of E-CRM by considering other authors' opinion about E-CRM benefits to find out which of these benefits are the most important benefits in implementation of E-CRM in Financial Institutions in Iran; these benefits include: Up to date of banks, Services quality, International customers' satisfaction, Transaction Security, Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet), Improved cash flow management and Increasment of Safety.

# 4.2.1 The Most Significant Benefits of E-CRM

In this part for better understanding that all the benefits have the same importance in customers' viewpoints, we used Friedman Test. The Friedman test is the non-parametric alternative that can be used to test differences between groups when the dependent measured variable is ordinal. It compared the mean rank the related factors and indicated how the factors differed.

As the sig. is 0.000 and is less than 0.05, so H0 is rejected. It implies these benefits do not have the same importance in customers' viewpoints. As it shows in Table 9, Friedman test is ranking the attributes based on their importance. The least value in this test shows the most important attribute. The results of comparing the mean rank of benefits represent the five E-CRM benefits which have the highest importance among four hundred ninety business customers: Improved cash flow management, International customers' satisfaction, Proliferation of channel, Increasing safety and Service quality. (Tables 10 and Table 11)

# 4.2.2 The Impact of E-CRM Benefits on Customer Satisfaction

For this research, it has been considered several hypotheses that in this part the first hypothesis for determining and measuring important benefits of E-CRM implementation on customer satisfaction in Iran financial institutions is tested. To check the impact of benefits of E-CRM on customer satisfaction, the most appropriate method is Stepwise Linear Regression analysis, but before applying this test, we must test the normality as one of the necessary information to perform regression.

Stepwise multiple regressions are useful tool to describe the relationship between one 'predicted' (dependent) variable and a selection of 'predictor' variables (independent). This method brings about simplest equation with the best predictive power. (Note 9)

The results of normality test were accepted, as mean of attributes are close to zero and the standard deviation showed a value close to one. After analysis the findings in following table indicate that mean is 0.009 which is close to zero and the standard deviation equals to 1.003 that closed to one. Thereupon, the distribution of errors is approximately normal. (Table 12)

Normality in regression part allowed us to do regression analysis for testing the impact of benefits of E-CRM on customer satisfaction. In Step wise method, the independent variables are not in the equation which have the smallest probability of F is entered, if that probability is sufficiently small. Variables already in the regression are removed if their probability of F becomes sufficiently large. This method stops when no more variables are eligible for removal (Hartman, 2000). Therefore, in this thesis, the results indicate that from the seven explored E-CRM attributes, four of them have sufficient probability to enter, so they have more influence on satisfying of customers: Increasing safety, Proliferation of channels, Up to date of banks and Transaction security.

Regarding to Beta value and P-value (sig.), we can say that increasing safety has the most impact on customers' satisfaction. It means by unitage variation in safety, 0.479 variations are occurred in customers' satisfaction (Beta = 0.479 and P-value < 0.05). Consequently, the first research hypothesis is accepted. (Table 13)

# 4.2.3 The Association between E-CRM Benefits in Iran Financial Institutions

As the seven mentioned explored benefits of E-CRM did not have normal distribution, for testing the consistency of all the factors, it has used Spearman Correlation analysis.

Under this, correlation of every item with the total of major and the computed value is compare with the standard value .0159. If the captured value is found less than the standard value, then whole statement will drop and will be term as an inconsistency. But if the value is more than the standard value, it is termed as a consistency.

As it is shown in Table 14, due to this fact that the sig. of all attributes is less than 0.05 and the standard value of them are upper than 0.159, there is positive correlation between the factors.

Moreover, for detecting the strong correlations between four independent variables, Multi-collinearity was used in logistic regression models. This may be due to good effects in that most customers who are feeling happy with the resolution of the problem will reflect back and state that the operator was friendly (Tang & Weiner, 2005). Tolerance, Variance Inflation Factor, Eigen value and Condition Index are four essential indexes that determined the multi-collinearity of variables. Since for each independent variable, Tolerance = 1-R square, where R square is the coefficient of determination for the regression of that variable on all remaining independent variables, low values indicate high multivariate correlation. The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) is 1/TOlerance, it is always  $\geq 1$  and it is the number of times the variance of the corresponding parameter estimate is increased due to multi-collinearity as compared to as it would be if there was no multi-collinearity. Values of VIF exceeding 1 are often regarded as indicating multi-collinearity. (Allison, 1999)

In addition, if the value of Eigen Value is near to zero and the value of Condition Index is more than 15, the multi-collinearity between variable will be enhanced. The findings detected that tolerance of variable are not very low and the Eigen value of three of them which indicated in following table are not close very much to zero. In this case, condition index of three elements are bigger than 15 that represent. According to the mentioned results, there is multi-collinearity between the independent variables, but due to this fact that the condition indexes of them are less than 30, there is no major problem in using regression. (Ghayomi, 2010) (Table 15)

Regardless of the mentioned reason for the correlation between the attributes, we need to find a modeling tool that is capable of determining the relative contribution of each of these attributes to overall satisfaction. The above discussion represent that customer satisfaction is function of four significant E-CRM benefits that three of them have small multi-collinearity correlation. The following model is shown the impact of E-CRM benefits on customers' satisfaction in Iranian Financial Institutions. (Figure 2)

# 4.3 Competitive Advantages of E-CRM

Implementation of Electronic Customer Relationship in financial institutes and banking systems brought several competitive advantages for both customers and banks. By understanding customers' requirements and finding which advantages are favorable and useful for customers, banks tend to compete for implementation of advanced electronic technology to attract and satisfy their needs.

The competitive advantages of E-CRM tested in this study as explored in pervious chapter are: Improvement integrated customer profitability, Decreasing response time, Improving response to customer activity, Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors, Creating business structure.

# 4.3.1 The Most Significant Competitive Advantages of E-CRM

According to the discussion in the former section, the Friedman test is appropriate to test that there is no difference between the importance of the mentioned competitive advantages of E-CRM with each other and they have different importance in customers' viewpoint.

As the sig. is 0.000 and is less than 0.05, so H0 is rejected. The findings are indicated that E-CRM competitive advantages don't have same importance in viewpoint of customers. (Table 16)

Based on the ranking results of Friedman test, the most significant attribute in implementation of E-CRM that brought about competitive advantages for Iranian Financial Institutions and business customers is creating business structure. It is worth to note that decreasing in response time has the lowest importance in opinions of business customer. (Table 17)

4.3.2 The Impact of E-CRM Competitive Advantages on Customers' Satisfaction in Choosing the Banks to Do Their Financial and Business Works

This section determined the vital E-CRM competitive advantages on customer satisfaction in Iran financial institutions in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works. Like the pervious section, first of all the normality test of regression is tested.

The results present that the normality in regression part were accepted, because the mean of competitive advantages was equal to zero and the standard deviation was very close to one. (Table 9)

The findings of Table 18 is a suitable reason for acceptation of the second hypothesis, it means that Improve integrated customer profitability and decrease of response time are two competitive advantages which have the highest impact on customers' satisfaction in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works while utilization of marketing and strategic factors is the factor that has a very poor influence on customers' satisfaction in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works.

# 4.3.3 The Association between E-CRM Competitive Advantages in Financial Institution in Iran

First of all, in this section the consistency of all the attributes was captured by applying items to Spearman Correlation analysis.

The findings indicate that all the competitive advantages have high correlation with each other. The correlations between these competitive advantages are shown in the Table 19. In this part, in order to find out which variables are nearly collinear with which other ones, we used the multi-collinearity test also. The outcomes indicate that tolerances of variable are not very low to make some problems in performing regression. On the other hand, Eigen values of three of them are close to zero and the Condition index of these attributes are more than 15.

Regard to the above discussion, although there are multi-collinearity between Creating business structure, Improve response to customer activity and Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors, as the condition indexes of them are less than 30, there is no major problem in using regression. (Ghayomi, 2010)

Finally, the relevant model of competitive advantages' impact on customers' satisfaction in choosing the banks to do their financial and business works is presented.

#### 5. Conclusion

In this new era technology and electronic society customer expect to use banking services in the shortest time in cost effective way, therefore customers are the elements which the banks and financial institutions are focusing on them to manage customer relationship and these improvements lead customers to determine that Improved cash flow management as the most important E-CRM benefits with highest priority. Regarding to this fact that in today banking system, transaction security, bring the banks up to date and safety are very poor, customers need improvement in these fields. Financial institutions should look for ways that people trust and success in customer satisfaction.

It is needless to say that, although all of the E-CRM benefits and also all of the E-CRM competitive advantages have positive association with each other, increasing safety has the most impact on customers' satisfaction. This element is the most efficient attribute that leads to attract customers' trust and satisfaction. Unsafe environment in banking sector prevents customers to do their transactions comfortably.

#### 6. Limitation

Like most other studies, in this study there is a risk that some of the questions given in the questionnaire may have been misunderstood and misinterpreted. The questionnaire in this study included terms such as customer Interactivity and Knowledge, personalized services or one to one services, international customers' satisfaction, improved cash flow management, search ability which have professional meanings and are extracted from professional context but they may have other explanation in respondent's mind. Therefore, more description about few questions could be helpful that had paid attention to this point and contacted with the respondents one by one. On the other hand, distributing these questioners among different public/private organizations, financial institutions and banks in business to business context because of their heavy time schedules, difficulties and rules, is very hard and took a long time.

#### 7. Further Studies

During this research, It has cleared that there can be much more researches in this field because financial institutions are more competitive in Iran and there are lots of opportunities to better understanding of customers and their requirements about modern and electronic technologies. This study has provided some attractive choices for researchers who would like to investigate for new subjects or involve in this expanded field: E-CRM benefits and competitive advantages in financial institutions and banking sector.

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Table 1. Relevant Literatures

Scholars	E-CRM	E-CRM Benefits	Year
Brandon & Randall,	Service quality satisfied customers.	Increase Profitability	2007
2007 (Anumala &		Retain customers	
Reddy, 2007)		Increase Customer Loyalty	
(Kennedy, 2006)	E-CRM is considered as strategic technology centric	Enhanced Customer Interaction and Relationship	2006
	relationship marketing business framework.	Managing customer Touch Points	
		Personalization and E-Loyalty	
		Source of Competitive Advantage	
(Yu-Lin, 2005)	Personalization is a strategy that can be easily	Enhance sales	2005
	differentiated and which cannot be simulated by	Improve customer relationship	
	competitors in the market.	Improving effectiveness and efficiency in serving	
		customers	
Jennifer, R. 2005	Convenience plays a vital role when selecting a brand	Switching the brands by customers is brought about	2005
(Anumala & Reddy,	and if the customers are not happy with the convenience	by convenience	
2007)	of a particular brand.		
(Lavender, 2004)	Identifying the needs of the customers and providing	Customer of the banks becoming choosier	2004
	them a best solution before he makes a request shows		
	excellence in service of the customers.		
(Jelassi & Enders,	E-CRM is the use of internet and IT applications used	Increase customer satisfaction	2004
2004)	to manage relationship with customers.	Acquire new customers	
	E-CRM elements:	Turn one-time customers to regular customers as	
	Customer selection	long as possible	
	2. Customer Acquisition	Maximize lifetime value of a customer	
	3. Customer Retention		
	4. Customer Extension		

2004)  Michael, 2003 A convenient location is often considered o be an additional service aspect of the core service.  Michael, 2003 (Anumala & Reddy, 2007)  (Shan & Lee, 2003) E-CRM expands the traditional CRM techniques by integrating technologies of new electronic channels, such as Web wireless and Voice technologies and combines them with a business applications into the	2003
Michael, 2003 (Anumala & Reddy, 2007)      (Shan & Lee, 2003)      (Shan & Lee, 2003)      (Shan & Lee, 2003)      (Shan & Lee, 2004)      (Shan & Lee, 2005)      (Shan & Lee, 2005)      (Shan & Lee, 2006)      (Shan & Lee, 2007)      (Shan & Lee, 2008)      (Shan	2003
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combines them with a hyginess applications into the	
combines them with e-business applications into the	
overall enterprise CRM strategy.	
(Fjermestad, 2003) • Serve the customers in better way	2003
Retain valuable customers	
• Enhance analytical capabilities in an orga	anization
(Rigby, 2002) Vital and important key point is that E-CRM takes into	2002
different forms, relying on the objectives of the	
organizations. It is about arranging in a line business	
process with strategies of customers provided back up	
of software's.	
Feinberb 2002 • Availability of amount f information to c	ustomer 2002
(Anumala & Reddy, browsing	2002
2007)	
(Singh, 2002) Faster processing the transaction by E-CRM, the fact • Strengthen the relationship between the s	supplier 2002
that e responses to customer queries, order and customers	supplier 2002
	4:
acknowledgement, delivery and payment information  • Increase the speed of processing the trans	saction
via e- mails or automated responses are greatly through e-Response	
appreciated by customers	
(Scullin, 2002) Believes that increased customer loyalty, information	2002
accumulated by e- CRM system helps organizations to	
identify the actual input cost of wining and retaining	
long lasting relationships with customers.	
(Dyche, 2001) E-CRM is combination of software, hardware, • Improve customer service	2001
application and management commitment.  • Develop a relationship	
Retain valuable customers	
• Enhance delineation in customer's value	
(Rosen, 2001) E-CRM is about people, process and technology and	2001
these are key paramount to success.	
Goldfinger, 2001 Believes safety was seen as a major barrier to Internet • Managing security with least repercussio	ns by the 2001
(Anumala & Reddy, banking. banks	
2007)	
(Research, 2001) E-CRM is the consolidation of traditional CRM with	2001
e-business market place application.	
(Awad, 2000) The most popular tool for customer service is e-mail. • Inexpensive	2000
• Fast	
Providing quick and accurate information	n to all
customer	1 10 411
(Zeithaml, 2000) Identify two levels of expectations, desired service and	2000
adequate service.	2000
(Newell, 2000) E-CRM systems use rich databanks of customer	2000
information to manage the relationship with customers.	2000
(Sims, 2000) E-CRM systems support all stages of the interaction • Help customer vs. bank interaction	2000
	2000
with the customer for e.g. order, delivery and after-sales	
service. E-CRM systems cover online banking, e-mail	
knowledge bases that can be used to generate customer	
profiles and customer will get personalize services.	
(Haverty, 1998) E-CRM providing cost savings, opportunism, and • Establishing new service delivery channel	
threats drive action and innovation even in conservative  • New markets for existing services (Loan,	, Letter of
banks. credit, etc.)	

James, 1998 (Anumala & Reddy, 2007)	The increasing knowledge and superiority, of the customers banks are now trying to woo the customer by determining the aspects, which are really vital for them.	<ul> <li>Increase reputations</li> <li>Improve Service and Operating hours</li> <li>Increase Interest on saving</li> <li>Convenience</li> <li>Improve Friendliness</li> <li>Improve Responsiveness</li> <li>Increase efficiency of employees</li> </ul>	1998
(Wong & Maher, 1998)	It is an attitude of trust among the partners of substitute. Trust is an essential relationship structure, which is found in most of all relationship models.		1998
Mosad, 1995 (Anumala & Reddy, 2007)	<ul> <li>Interaction has got a very prime place in the banking service.</li> <li>Service quality is an important criterion that is being used by the customers in selecting a bank.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Marinating long-term relationship with customers</li> <li>Confidence</li> <li>Trust</li> <li>Ethic and friendship</li> </ul>	1995
Berry & Parsuraman (Mittal & Kumra, 2001)	The client on its part may enhance the quality of services offered by engaging in long-term business relationship with a bank.	Enhanced service quality     Crete long term client relationship	1991
Berry (Mittal & Kumra, 2001)	It is generally less costly for any service firm (bank) to maintain and develop an existing client relationship.	<ul> <li>Less costly service</li> <li>Maintain to maintain and develop an existing client relationship</li> </ul>	1983

Table 2. E-CRM Benefits

	Initial	Extraction		Initial	Extraction
Trust in E-CRM	1.000	.516	International customers' satisfaction	1.000	.513
Up to date of banks	1.000	.616	Transaction Security	1.000	.556
Accessibility to site	1.000	.415	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	1.000	.553
Customer Interactivity and Knowledge	1.000	.539	Increased control over bank	1.000	.446
Decrease of technology preparation	1.000	.440	Improved cash flow management	1.000	.591
On-time order fulfillment	1.000	.413	Increase of transaction process speed	1.000	.470
Personalized services or one to one services	1.000	.487	Search ability	1.000	.670
Services quality	1.000	.487	Data Centralization	1.000	.614
Increase of Safety	1.000	.553			

Note: Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Table 3. KMO and Bartlett's Test of E-CRM Benefits

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Ad	.920	
	Approx. Chi-Square	2739.566
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	df	136
	Sig.	.000

Table 4. The Conclusive E-CRM Benefits Affecting Customers' Satisfaction

Number of question	E-CRM benefits	Cronbach's Alpha
17	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	
8	Banks being up to date	
14	Services quality	
15	International customers' satisfaction	.754
19	Improved cash flow management	
23	Increasment of Safety implementation	
16	Transaction Security	

Table 5. E-CRM Competitive Advantages

	Initial	Extraction		Initial	Extraction
Preparation of up to date technology	1.000	.469	Decrease of response time	1.000	.659
Create Organizational culture	1.000	.479	Improved response to customer activity	1.000	.621
Increase of price competition	1.000	.330	Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	1.000	.624
Decrease of product and service complexity	1.000	.298	Creating business structure	1.000	.787
Innovation in banking services	1.000	.448	Drive down operating costs	1.000	.402

Note: Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Table 6. KMO and Bartlett's Test of Competitive Advantages

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Ad	.859	
	Approx. Chi-Square	1717.735
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	df	55
	Sig.	.000

Table 7. The Conclusive E-CRM Benefits Affecting on Customer Satisfaction in Choosing the Banks to Do Their Financial and Business Works

Number of question	E-CRM competitive advantages Cronbach's Alp	
30	Improve integrated customer profitability	
33	Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	
34	Creating business structure	.762
31	Decrease of response time	
32	Improve response to customer activity	

Table 8. Normality Test

		Benefits of E-CRM	Competitive advantages of E-CRM
N		490	490
Normal Parameters a, b	Mean	4.2839	4.2261
Normal Parameters	Std. Deviation	.60245	.65095
	Absolute	.118	.133
Most Extreme Differences	Positive	.117	.117
	Negative	118	133
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Z		2.601	2.954
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000

*Note:* <sup>a.</sup> Test distribution is Normal. <sup>b.</sup> calculated from data.

Table 9. Normality Test for E-CRM Competitive Advantages

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
Predicted Value	2.2449	4.9037	4.4112	.44031	484
Residual	-3.08370	1.73413	.00000	.71589	484
Std. Predicted Value	-4.920	1.119	.000	1.000	484
Std. Residual	-4.285	2.410	.000	.995	484

Note: Dependent Variable: satisfying customer by E-CRM.

Table 10. Friedman Test Statistics

N of Items	480
Cronbach's Alpha	370.355
Df	6
Asymp. Sig.	.000

Table 11. The Most Significant E-CRM Benefits

E-CRM benefits	Mean Rank
Up to date of banks	4.53
Services quality	4.37
International customers' satisfaction	3.27
Transaction Security	4.50
Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	3.99
Increasment of Safety implementation	4.30
Improved cash flow management	3.04

Table 12. Normality Test for E-CRM Benefits

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	N	
Predicted Value	2.1374	4.8314	4.4621	.46056	483	
Residual	-3.60545	2.48000	.00582	.67867	483	
Std. Predicted Value	-5.096	.803	005	1.009	483	
Std. Residual	-5.328	3.665	.009	1.003	483	

Note: Dependent Variable: satisfying customer by ECRM.

Table 13. The E-CRM Benefits That Has Positively Effects on Customer Satisfaction

Model		Un standardized	Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		Sig.
		B Std. Error Beta		Beta	ι	Sig.
1	(Constant)	2.557	.163		15.669	.000
1	increasing safety	.430	.036	.479	11.932	.000
	(Constant)	2.033	.178		11.411	.000
2	increasing safety	.310	.040	.345	7.807	.000
	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	.244	.039	.275	6.225	.000
	(Constant)	1.652	.204		8.092	.000
3	increasing safety	.258	.042	.287	6.197	.000
3	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	.187	.042	.211	4.488	.000
	Up to date of banks	.188	.051	.176	3.684	.000
	(Constant)	1.464	.219		6.679	.000
	increasing safety	.226	.044	.252	5.166	.000
4	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	.172	.042	.194	4.097	.000
	Up to date of banks	.168	.052	.157	3.255	.001
	Transaction Security	.107	.047	.105	2.289	.023

Note: Dependent Variable: satisfying customer by ECRM.

Table 14. The Association between E-CRM Benefits

			Up to date of banks	Services quality	International customers' satisfaction	Transaction Security	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	increasing safety	Improved cash flow management
	Up to date	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	.369**	.198**	.363**	.446**	.421**	.123**
	of banks	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.006
		N	490	490	488	489	488	486	489
	Services	Correlation Coefficient	.369**	1.000	.269**	.398**	.420**	.412**	.132**
	quality	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000	.000	.000	.000	.004
		N	490	490	488	489	488	486	489
	International	Correlation Coefficient	.198**	.269**	1.000	.232**	.276**	.209**	.381**
	customers' satisfaction	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.000	.000	.000	.000
	Satisfaction	N	488	488	488	487	486	484	487
Spearman's	Transaction	Correlation Coefficient	.363**	.398**	.232**	1.000	.366**	.477**	.158**
rho	Security	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		.000	.000	.000
		N	489	489	487	489	487	485	488
	Proliferation	Correlation Coefficient	.446**	.420**	.276**	.366**	1.000	.407**	.154**
	of channels	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	•	.000	.001
	(e.g. Internet)	N	488	488	486	487	488	484	487
	increasing	Correlation Coefficient	.421**	.412**	.209**	.477**	.407**	1.000	.139**
	safety	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000		.002
		N	486	486	484	485	484	486	485
	Improved	Correlation Coefficient	.123**	.132**	.381**	.158**	.154**	.139**	1.000
	cash flow	Sig. (2-tailed)	.006	.004	.000	.000	.001	.002	
	management	N	489	489	487	488	487	485	489

Note: \*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 15. Collinearity Diagnostics

Model	Dimension	Eigen value	Condition Index	Variance Proportions						Collinearity Statistics	
				(Constant)	Increasing safety	Proliferation of channels (e.g. Internet)	Up to date of banks	Transaction Security	Tolerance	VIF	
1	1	1.980	1.000	.01	.01						
1	2	.020	9.895	.99	.99				1.000	1.000	
	1	2.958	1.000	.00	.00	.00					
2	2	.022	11.593	.34	.14	.98			.764	1.309	
	3	.020	12.103	.66	.86	.02			.764	1.309	
	1	3.945	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00				
2	2	.022	13.320	.30	.02	.86	.02		.676	1.478	
3	3	.021	13.826	.24	.94	.05	.03		.659	1.518	
	4	.013	17.745	.46	.04	.09	.95		.641	1.561	
	1	4.928	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00			
	2	.024	14.399	.13	.00	.81	.00	.13	.607	1.647	
4	3	.021	15.451	.23	.82	.04	.03	.00	.643	1.556	
	4	.016	17.695	.08	.09	.09	.26	.76	.622	1.608	
	5	.012	20.103	.56	.09	.07	.71	.11	.683	1.465	

Table 16. Friedman Test Statistics

N of Items	487
Cronbach's Alpha	337.571
Df	4
Asymp. Sig.	.000

Table 17. The Most Vital E-CRM Competitive Advantages

E-CRM competitive advantages	Mean Rank
Improve integrated customer profitability	3.07
Decrease of response time	3.57
Improve response to customer activity	3.37
Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	2.67
Creating business structure	2.32

Table 18. The Association between E-CRM Benefits

			Improve integrated customer profitability	Decrease of response time	Improve response to customer activity	Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	Creating business structure
	Improve integrated	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	.395**	.403**	.372**	.345**
	customer	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.000	.000
	profitability	N	490	490	490	489	488
	Decrease of response time	Correlation Coefficient	.395**	1.000	.580**	.331**	.239**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	-	.000	.000	.000
		N	490	490	490	489	488
Spear-	_	Correlation Coefficient	.403**	.580**	1.000	.352**	.309**
man 's	Improve response to	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.000	.000
rho	customer activity	N	490	490	490	489	488
	Utilization of	Correlation Coefficient	.372**	.331**	.352**	1.000	.595**
	Marketing and	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		.000
	Strategic factors	N	489	489	489	489	487
	G 4: 1 :	Correlation Coefficient	.345**	.239**	.309**	.595**	1.000
	Creating business	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	
	structure	N	488	488	488	487	488

*Note:* \*\*. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 19. Collinearity Diagnostics

				Variance Proportions							arity cs
Model	Dime- nsion	Eigen value	Condition Index	(Constant)	Improve integrated customer profitability	Decrease of response time	Creating business structure	Improve response to customer activity	Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	Toler- ance	VIF
1	1	1.977	1.000	.01	.01						
1	2	.023	9.301	.99	.99					1.000	1.000
	1	2.963	1.000	.00	.00	.00					
2	2	.025	10.949	.22	.97	.08				.804	1.244
	3	.013	15.356	.78	.03	.91				.804	1.244
	1	3.916	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00				
3	2	.047	9.111	.03	.06	.05	.98			.751	1.331
3	3	.025	12.587	.21	.90	.08	.00			.796	1.256
	4	.012	17.760	.77	.04	.87	.02			.887	1.127
	1	4.898	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00			
	2	.050	9.936	.01	.02	.02	.97	.02		.726	1.378
4	3	.026	13.737	.08	.97	.03	.00	.05		.576	1.736
	4	.016	17.508	.75	.00	.02	.01	.44		.866	1.154
	5	.010	22.063	.16	.01	.93	.02	.49		.568	1.760
	1	5.865	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
	2	.060	9.926	.02	.04	.03	.30	.03	.13	.719	1.392
_	3	.026	14.982	.06	.93	.03	.02	.05	.04	.571	1.750
5	4	.023	16.007	.03	.03	.00	.64	.00	.83	.580	1.725
	5	.016	19.171	.73	.00	.02	.02	.44	.00	.564	1.774
1	6	.010	24.153	.16	.01	.92	.02	.48	.00	.553	1.807

Note: Dependent Variable: Importance of competitive advantage in E-CRM implementation.

Table 20. The E-CRM Competitive Advantages That Has Positively Effects on Customer Satisfaction

		Un stand	ardized	Standardized		•	
Model		Coefficie	nts	Coefficients	t	Sig.	
		B Std. Error		Beta			
1	(Constant)	2.886	.165		17.463	.000	
	Improve integrated customer profitability	.356	.038	.395	9.448	.000	
	(Constant)	1.929	.224		8.606	.000	
2	Improve integrated customer profitability	.247	.041	.274	6.091	.000	
	Decrease of response time	.311	.051	.273	6.073	.000	
3	(Constant)	1.615	.227		7.114	.000	
	Improve integrated customer profitability	.193	.041	.215	4.730	.000	
3	Decrease of response time	.286	.050	.252	5.707	.000	
	Creating business structure	.173	.034	.214	5.119	.000	
	(Constant)	1.494	.231		6.474	.000	
	Improve integrated customer profitability	.174	.041	.194	4.214	.000	
4	Decrease of response time	.209	.059	.184	3.561	.000	
	Creating business structure	.160	.034	.198	4.701	.000	
	Improve response to customer activity	.136	.054	.130	2.510	.012	
	(Constant)	1.448	.231		6.278	.000	
	Improve integrated customer profitability	.165	.041	.183	3.983	.000	
_	Decrease of response time	.196	.059	.173	3.351	.001	
5	Creating business structure	.106	.042	.130	2.550	.011	
	Improve response to customer activity	.125	.054	.120	2.310	.021	
	Utilization of Marketing and Strategic factors	.099	.043	.120	2.283	.023	

Note: Dependent Variable: satisfying customer by ECRM.

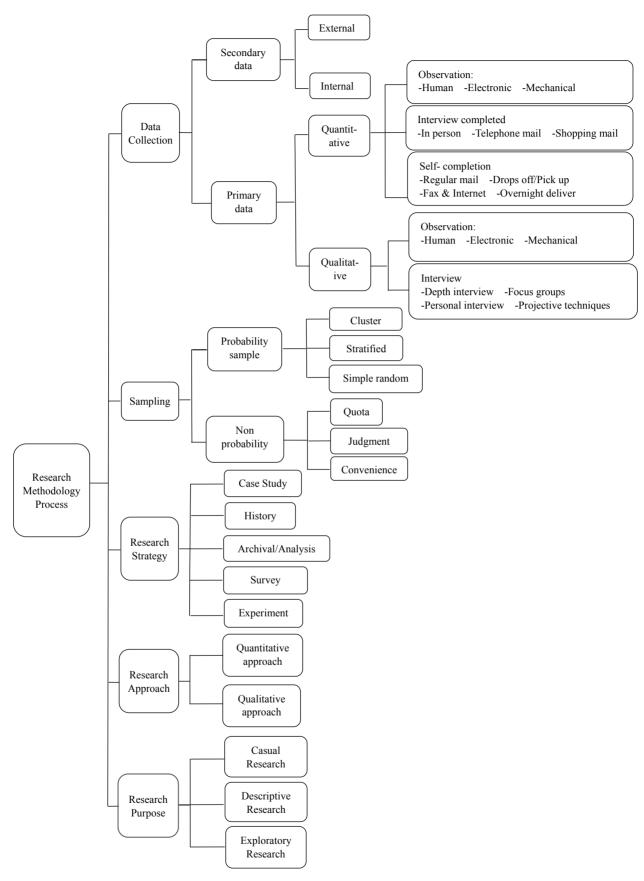
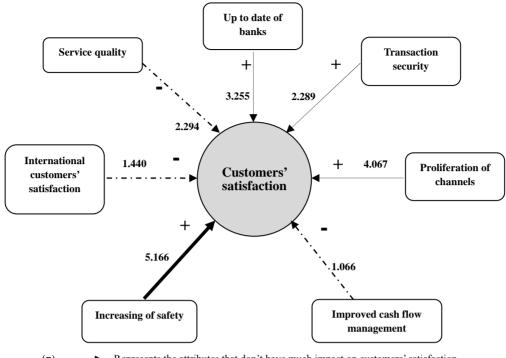


Figure 1. Summary of Research Methodology

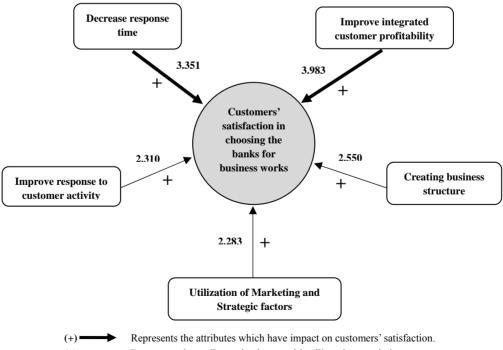
Source: (Churchill, 2010) & (Joseph F.Hair).



- (**-**) **-** · **-** · **→** Represents the attributes that don't have much impact on customers' satisfaction.
- (+) Represents the attributes which have impact on customers' satisfaction.
- (+) Represents the attributes that have multi collinearity correlation.

Figure 2. Model of E-CRM Benefits and Customers' Satisfaction

Source: Author's own construction.



(+) Represents the attributes that have multi collinearity correlation.

Figure 3. Model of E-CRM Competitive Advantages and Customers' Satisfaction *Source:* Author's own construction.