# Robo Advisors, Savings Apps, and Students, Oh My!

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# 1. ROBO ADVISORS

### **Robo Advisors**

- » Computer program designed to help investors manage their own investments
- Typically collects information about client's financial situation and goals and uses the data to offer advice and/or automatically invest client assets
- » Began to emerge in 2008 Betterment
- » Predicted to grow 68% annually to \$2 trillion by 2020

### ROBO ADVISOR



AUTOMATED INVESTING



#### COMPUTER PROGRAM USED TO MANAGE ASSETS



ROBO ADVISOR



FINANCIAL ADVISOR





CUSTOMIZED





EMOTIONAL SUPPORT













NOT JUST INVESTING







COMPLEX NEEDS 🗸

### **Robo Advisor Examples**

### Betterment

charles SCHWAB



motif

**III PERSONAL CAPITAL** 









### **Why Robo Advisors?**

### **Pros**

- » Accessible
- » Less expensive
- » Easy to use
- » Works well with simple goals and basic investment strategies

#### Cons

- » Incomplete view of full financial position
- » Little to no input on specific assets
- » No emotional support

# 2. SAVINGS APPS

# **Savings Apps**

- » Help users to save more money
  - Set savings goals
  - Round up purchases
  - Locate ways to reduce spending
- Connect to own account or a specific institution

## **Savings App Examples**



claritymoney

chime



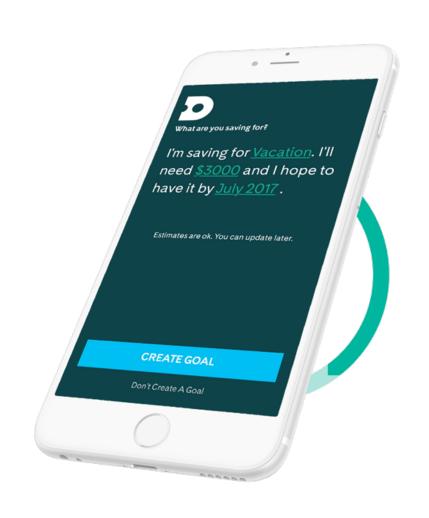


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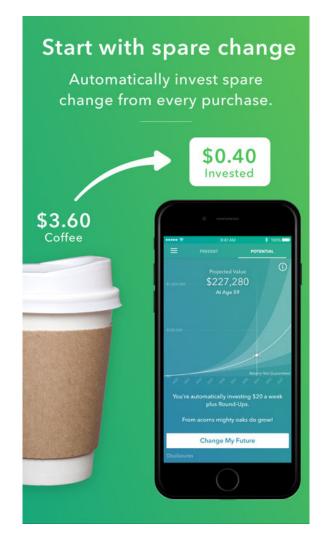
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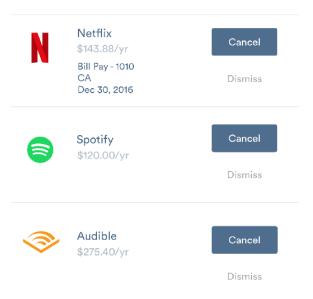












# **Why Savings Apps?**

### **Pros**

- » Promotes saving more often
- » Encourages saving small amounts
- » Easy to use

#### Cons

- >> May need new account(s)
- » Still need to make sure you let the savings grow

# 3. EDUCATING STUDENTS



# YOUR STUDENTS MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE THAN YOU DO

## **Opportunities with Students**

- » Knowledge
  - What they are and how they work (demo videos)
  - Why people use them and traditional alternatives
- » Critical Thinking
  - What to look for and how to compare
- » Innovation
  - What would be even better?

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