## Medallia

#### **DISCOVERY DEMO**

Intelligently Using Al:
Optimize CX & Contact
Center Experiences the Right
Way



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## **Agenda**

### For today's webinar

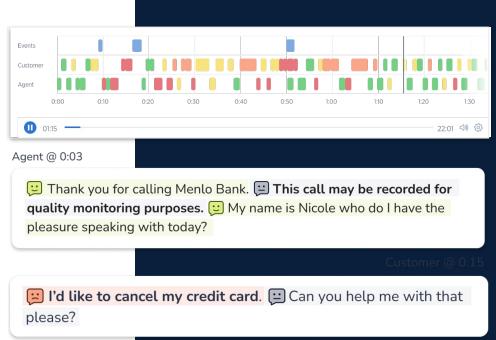
- Results from our market research study on contact center experiences
- 2. Comprehensive Demo of Medallia
- 3. 5 actionable best practices to improve experiences using CC data



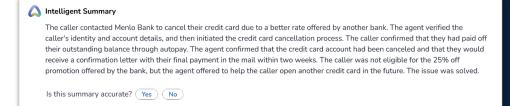
## Al is everywhere in the contact center

Al has been a key technology in contact centers ever since it. started being possible! Like:

- Call transcription
- Acoustic analytics
- Many kinds of text analytics
- **Automated Summaries**
- Intelligent agent coaching







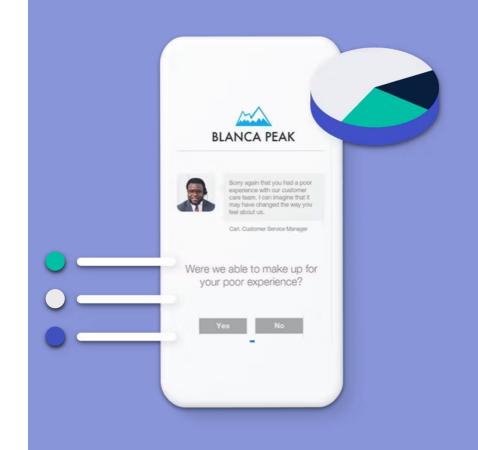
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### We did a survey!

To figure out customers' most pressing concerns with the contact center, and help us see where Al can help solve some of those issues.

#### Here's how we did it:

- Using our research panel, we surveyed ~2,000 U.S. consumers
- Across 15 industries
- Whose last customer service experience happened at various times of the day and days of the week



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Market Research Study on Contact Center Experiences

## Contact center experiences are customer experiences

% selecting "Agree" or "Strongly Agree"

**57%** 

say their most recent customer service interaction affected their perception of that company overall

**59%** 

say they prioritize being a customer of one business over another based on the quality of customer service

From Medallia Market Research March 2024 Contact Center Survey (n = 2,000); "For each of the following statements, select the choice that best reflects what is true for you on that occasion"



## Understanding contact center experience challenges

#### Self-Service Problems

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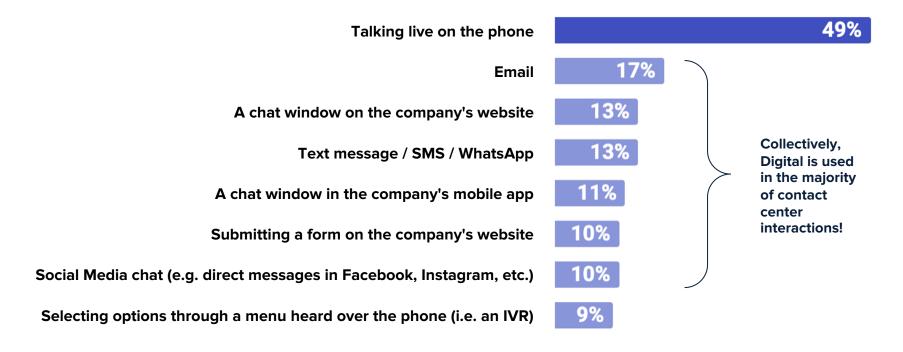
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## Phone single most common, but Digital just as important

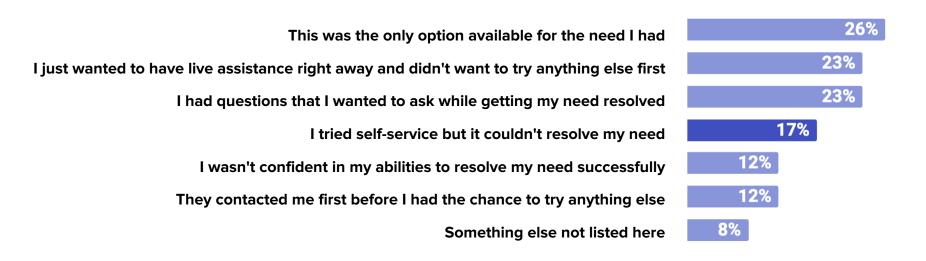
#### Channels used in most recent interaction:





## While 1 in 6 attempt self-service before contacting customer service, many don't know what to do

#### Reasons why interacting with Contact Center:





### But customers still have an appetite for self-service!

It's worthwhile for brands to invest in robust digital self-service options

Net agreement Neutral / No Opinion Agree % selecting each level of agreement Disagree "When needing assistance, I prefer my first step is to use self-service tools or **+24ppt** 30% 47% 23% automated help before possibly speaking with a live person" "Social media messages and text messages should be more often used **+17**ppt 23% 37% 40% as a way of receiving customer service" "Artificial intelligence (AI) will overall improve the customer service process 38% 35% +8ppt in the future"



### Customers think AI can help with speed and proactivity

How AI will improve customer service, according to those who believe it will:

Faster than waiting for a person to help		35%
More common check-ins to ensure the issue was actually resolved	28%	
More proactive steps taken to identify issues so that I don't even need to get involved	27%	
More options personalized for how, when, and where I want to be served	27%	
More information about me and my history automatically used for efficiency	26%	
Better resolution accuracy than dealing with a person	26%	
More standardized and fair process of being served	24%	
Clearer / less awkward than dealing with a person	21%	



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#### **Unmet Expectations**

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Issues can be left unresolved even after a call



## Unresolved issues present a churn risk

First-call resolution is key for customer retention and loyalty

of customer service interactions leave issue either fully or partially unresolved. interactions leave issues unresolved.

For those with unresolved issues, 1 in 8 will bring their business to a competitor instead.



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Low Agent Engagement

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Agents aren't equipped with the right knowledge

High turnover rates

Higher volumes of calls and agents to handle than ever but with the same resources

## Agent accuracy could be improved

Sentiments on the interaction, % agreeing

"I was told something by customer service which turned out to be incorrect"

"During the process, I had to provide the same information more than once"



### What's this all mean?

- Quality customer service affects many consumers' choice of one brand over another, especially agent friendliness and personalized experiences
- Calls are most used method of interaction, but **digital** interactions collectively are the majority.
- Most customers assume self-service won't solve their issue, and the majority who try give up within 30 mins.
- Customers are cautious, but want you to make Al-driven changes, especially to drive shorter wait times an improvement they want more than anything else.



#### The Medallia Difference:

Connect Every Experience w/ Continuous, Al-Powered Innovations that Customers and Employees Love





## Demo:

Take a tour of Medallia Contact Center Suite

### **Key Demo Takeaways**

Al takes you from signals to action across every part of customer experiences – everywhere they happen.

#### **Al for Every Conversation**

Provide Agents with contextual awareness of each customer's personal journey

#### **Analytics Need to be Widely Shared**

Derive important analytics for internal business partners to improve the root cause of customer service frustrations

#### **Coach Frequently & Collaboratively**

Empower agents with more real-time feedback and data to improve their knowledge and confidence

#### **Contact Center Data = CX Data**

Understand the customer experience across all channels and formats to predict key outcomes your org is targeting



## **Best Practices**

## #1

## Build robust performance management to inspire positive, engaged & productive employees

#### **How Do I Do That?**

- Leverage text & speech analytics to identify recurring issues, topics leading to repeat contacts, etc & insights into employee feedback
- Take timely action on employee feedback
- Take an interaction-level approach to assessing performance
- Managers should cite specific content and provide actionable, databacked feedback, focusing on **necessary** skills and behaviors
- Connect performance to meaningful, observable business results



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# Make self-service options easier and more intuitive to use

#### **How Do I Do That?**

- Invest in self-service workflows,
- Continuously improve FAQs and chatbots to handle emerging issues



Continuously monitor the performance of self-service workflows

# #3

# Treat the contact center as a vital data source & driver of customer loyalty

#### **How Do I Do That?**

- Take comprehensive action on the results of your analyses and bring in other teams to holistically improve performance and CX
- Ensure that tailored dashboards are available across your org
- Ensure relevant analytics are being used according to best practices
- Ingest as many sources of customer data as possible



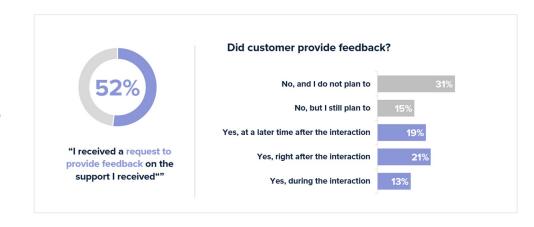
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## #4

## Combine conversational intelligence with other signals to quickly and holistically understand interactions

#### **How Do I Do That?**

- Use text & speech analytics on support interaction transcripts / audio files post-interaction
- Ensure you're getting a holistic view of experiences in your reporting
- Connect analytics to clear actioning protocols



## Summing it up

- Build robust performance management to inspire positive, engaged & productive employees
- Treat contact center data as vital to driving customer loyalty

Combine Al-powered analytics w/ post-interaction surveys

Make self-service options easier and more intuitive to use



## Thank you!

If you would like to connect with a Medallia expert or continue the conversation, don't hesitate to contact us.



## Appendix

Additional insights and resources



## How UMB Used Speech Analytics to Reduce Costs and Improve Customer Experience

#### Challenge

UMB Bank receives around 12 million calls into the contact center per year, and needed to rethink customer support to ensure they were providing an unparalleled customer experience.

#### Solution

Through the automatic dispositioning of calls, the company can see what each customer is calling about and there have been numerous improvements to their online presence and product offerings.

#### Results

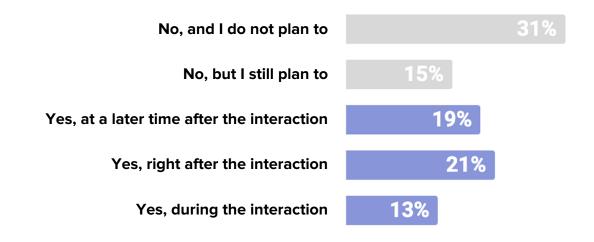
With access to conversation intelligence and sophisticated Al, they have been able to uncover customer insights that have resulted in millions of dollars in cost savings through a 20% improvement in first call resolution

## Many customers are providing feedback

Post-call feedback can be a rich source of experience data



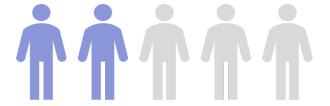
#### Did the customer provide feedback?





### Overall satisfaction could be better

Less than half of customers gave top-box answers

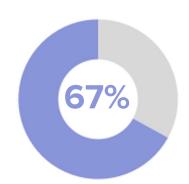


Rated their interaction as a 9 or 10 on a 0-10 scale

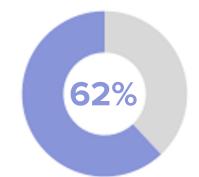


## What's important in customer service? Friendliness and personalization

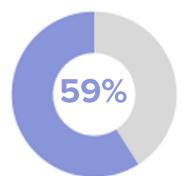
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"A nice and friendly customer service agent affects my opinion of the company more than how quickly or completely my issue can be resolved"



"Customer service quality is highly dependent on how personalized the experience is to my needs and preferences"



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## If self-service options aren't clear, they give up...

...and they end up calling the contact center, driving up call volumes.

#### How long self-service attempted, before contacting customer service

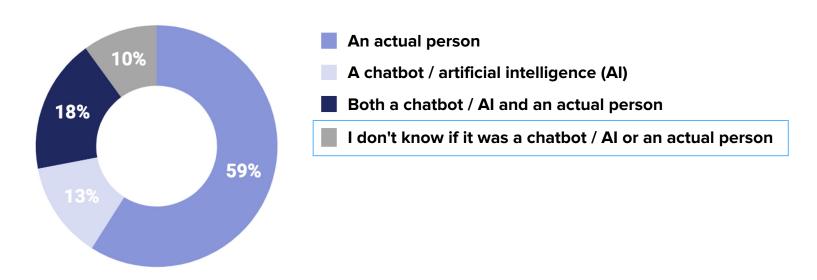




From Medallia Market Research March 2024 Contact Center Survey (n = 343); "You indicated you first tried to self-serve before seeking help from customer service. How long was the period of you trying to resolve it yourself before you stopped?" Among subset who indicated they first attempted self-service

## 10% of customers couldn't tell if it was Al or an actual person that assisted them

When asked how the customer recalls being assisted





## Brands could improve proactiveness

Proactively detecting and resolving issues builds trust

I was informed of the issue by the company before I discovered the issue myself

36%

The company had already taken a step to resolve the issue before I got in contact with them

35%

