

# Customer Service Software Migration Checklist

#### Use this before you make a move

Customer service is central to your brand's customer experience and business success. But when you face the dual challenges of meeting rising consumer expectations and managing existing operations, the right customer service platform is critical to your success.

Aging ticket-based systems, disconnected channels, systems, and customer information all introduce boundaries that impact operations and customer experiences. They make your customer feel like a transaction instead of a human.

With the right platform and provider all those different systems, channels, and customer events are drawn together so your teams can focus on helping people, not just closing tickets. You can deliver the kind of service your customers expect on any channel and even drive revenue from service and support conversations.

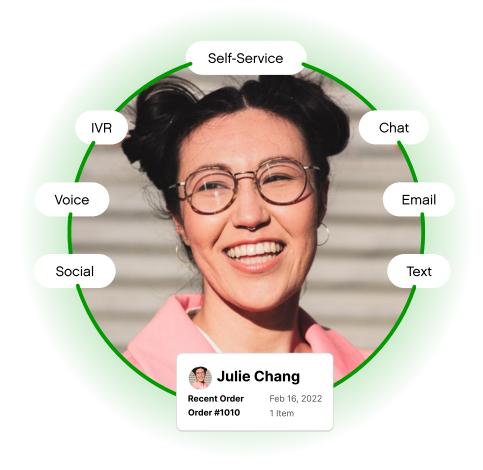
It all starts with a people-centered approach to customer service. Use this migration checklist as a handy guide when you're ready to explore different options for a customer service platform.





## **Identify your goals**

Which of these business outcomes are most important for your organization?	YES	NO
Increase customer loyalty/lifetime value		
Improve Net Promoter Score (NPS)		
Reduce customer churn/increase retention		
Simplify infrastructure/solution management		
Increase new sales or up sell revenue		
Increase efficiency for every customer conversation		
Improve agent/employee satisfaction (eNPS)		
Reduce agent/employee turnover		
Solve integration issues that affect business operations		
Reduce IT support and development challenges		
Accelerate new solution time to value		
Increase new solution return on investment (ROI)		
Reduce total cost of ownership (TCO)		

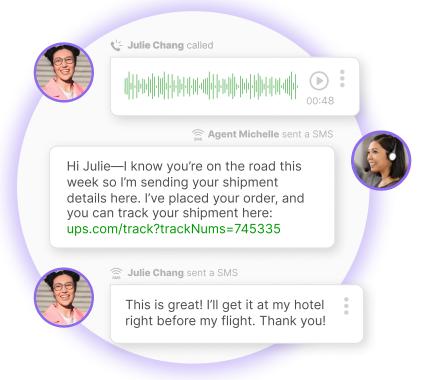


If cross-channel integration is important, ensure the customer service platform you choose handles all channels - digital AND voice - from the same platform, and gives you a single view of everything. It also should be able to transition your customers between channels smoothly, with context, to deliver effortless customer experiences.



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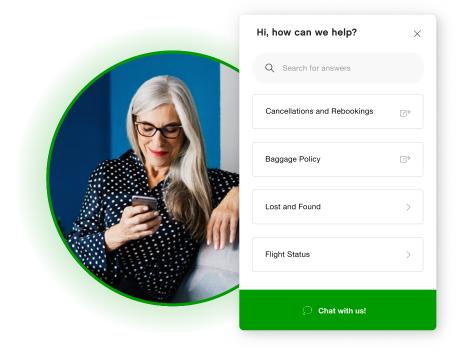
How much flexibility do you need?	YES	NO
Easily adjust staffing levels up or down as needed		
Onboard agents quickly and get them productive sooner		
Understand and adjust agent and manager permissions quickly		
Adjust team allocation and channel assignments as you need to		
Use multiple drivers in rules to route and boost incoming requests		
Set up different rules by business hours, region, language, holidays, and more		
Connect with other applications or services, such as CRM systems, workforce management systems, unified communications, and APIs		
Add data and actions from other systems into agent views		
Enable event subscriptions to drive external automation		
Quickly roll out new features, services, or capabilities as your business needs change		
Easily consume innovation		





## What capabilities do you need?

Core capabilities	YES	NO
Customer history view with all points of interaction shown		
Single routing engine for all channels		
Native voice services		
Basic IVR		
Callback tools		
Customer authentication		
Voice recording		
Reporting		
Open APIs for data and custom features		
Digital channels	l	
Website Chat		
In-App Chat		
Email		
SMS / Text		
Social Messaging		
Secure Payments		
Self-service and automation		
Advanced routing (match customers to agents) using multiple variables		
Data analytics		
Voice bots, chatbots, or blended bots and agents		
Single knowledge repository with controls for all channels, audiences, languages		
Callback tools		
Web help center and FAQ with answers sourced from a single knowledge repository		

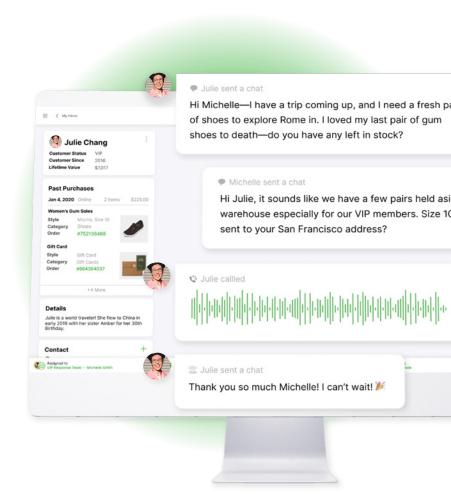


Research vendor domain experience to ensure they have a deep understanding of the pains, desired outcomes, and end consumers of companies in your industry or and/or stageof growth.



## What capabilities do you need?

Monitoring and insights	YES	NO
Access to all data and metrics in the system		
Real-time dashboards		
Historical reporting		
Custom report and dashboard builder		
Task management, Collaboration and insights		
Real-time updates on activity		
Daily view for related activities and events as home page		
Drill-down in customer history for details and recordings for earlier conversations		
Out-of-the-Box Integrations to easily add other business systems		
eCommerce apps for platforms like Shopify, Big Commerce, Magento and many others		
Customer satisfaction measurements apps for CSAT		
WFM (Workforce Management) apps for scheduling your teams		
Al/automation apps for many uses (for example, intelligent automation of responses in text channels like chat, email, and social networks)		
QA and Quality Management to evaluate your teams and monitor performance		
Apps for loyalty tools		
Product Review tools with monitoring		





#### **Evaluate Vendors**

What is the vendor's customer experience (CX) technology expertise and track record?	YES	NO
Proven domain expertise		
Published customer success stories with business outcomes		
Referenceable customers in your industry		
Independent user reviews and ratings		
Strong product roadmap and track record of investment in innovation		
A platform that is not modeled on a decades-old approach to service		
Voice recording		
Reporting		
Open APIs for data and custom features		
How is the vendor perceived in the industry?		
Website Chat		
In-App Chat		
Email		
SMS / Text		
Social Messaging		
Secure payments		

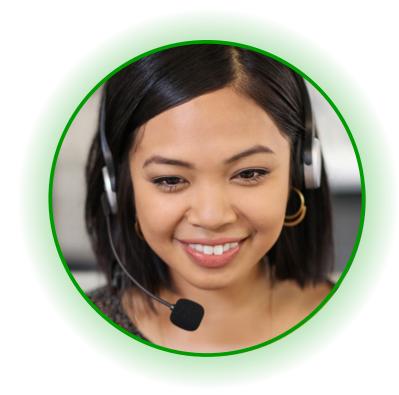


Look for third-party information and ask vendor references about the vendor's post-sale experience: does it appear project-oriented or outcomes / value oriented? (Do you sense they see your engagement as a project-based transaction, or as a long-term relationship?)



#### **Evaluate Vendors**

What is the vendor's customer migration experience?	YES	NO
Determine whether it has a well-defined migration process or methodology		
Learn what it offers, post-deployment, to ensure continued customer success and value realization		
Find out about any trends relative to your incumbent vendor		
Speak directly with at least three (3) other customers the vendor has migrated from your incumbent vendor		



#### **Next Steps**

If your current customer service platform is making it increasingly difficult to meet today's customer expectations and business demands, Gladly is here to help. We'll work with you to identify what might be blocking you from reaching your CX vision, define a realistic plan to get there, and apply proven strategies to reduce risk and smooth your move to Radically Personal customer service.

