

By the time a customer calls your contact centre, chances are you have already failed to deliver an effortless experience.

So what does it take to remove wasted effort? The answer is simple: A digital-first, customer-centric approach.

Digitally transforming your business is a key enabler of moving from effort to effortless. And it's not just about making it easier for your customers. A truly effortless experience ripples throughout an entire organisation – across strategy, people, processes, and technology.

Read this strategy guide to learn the **4 steps to move from effort to effortless experiences** and how to take advantage of the **benefits of a digital-first business.**

96%

of customers who have high-effort experiences have been disloyal to brands.

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What makes an effortless experience?



Reduce customer effort



Enable your employees



Continuously optimise outcomes

Reducing customer effort and enabling employees lowers cost to serve, creates happier customers, and develops brand advocates.





Design customercentric journeys



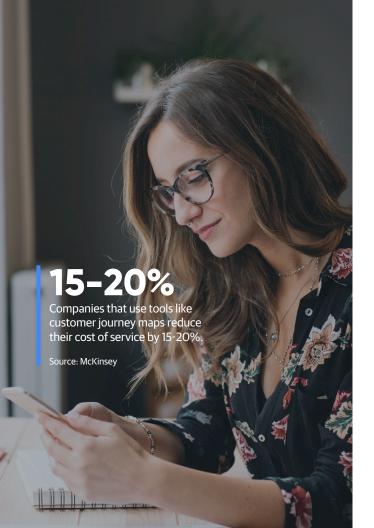
Automate to alleviate



Optimise channels and technology



Operate across the business



STEP ONE

Design customercentric journeys

You can't create effortless experiences without first knowing the level of effort customers must exert today. Understanding how and why different customers interact with your brand allows you to orchestrate better journeys to deliver proactive and personalised experiences to drive valuable business outcomes.



Where to start

Start by identifying which are the most critical customer touchpoints and journeys that need improving. Rather than trying to make blanket improvements, a narrow focus can illuminate which areas will drive the most CX improvement and ROI.

Prioritise the most common call types or frustration points for customers. Use data analytics, voice-of-the-customer and voice-of-the-employee insight to focus your attention where red flags emerge.



From mundane repetitive tasks for employees, to inefficient customer self-service directories, intelligent use of automation can alleviate the effort both your employees and customers go through to get the information they need and resolve their issues.

40%

By 2023, 40% of all customer interactions will be automated through AI and machine learning.

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Where to start

Look at the processes and activities eating up time for your customers and associates. Often-overlooked aspects like multiple login screens, redundant forms, and call disposition processes can be untapped opportunities for productivity and efficiency improvements.

Automate simple, repeatable tasks with robotic process and desktop automation. Introduce intelligent virtual assistants to help your customers find the information they need easily and instantly.

STEP THREE

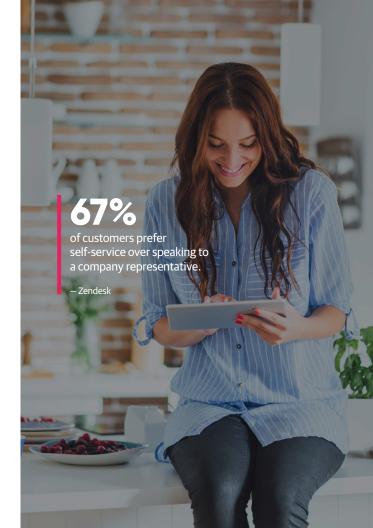
Optimise channels and technology

Every single interaction a customer has with your brand should be seamless. Every ounce of effort exerted by a customer is one less ounce of satisfaction generated. Businesses must be able to proactively manage customers' preferred channels, including messaging, social media, mobile apps, and voice calls.



Where to start

Connect all systems into one integrated platform that sits above the business units and legacy platforms. Shift channel focus to customer focus for a more well-rounded understanding of the customer and their value to the business. This way, relevant triggers and actions can be automated or semi-automated to enable a more cohesive, valuable experience that doesn't take years to build.





All the hard work done to design the customer journey, apply automation, and optimise channels and technology won't achieve results if it doesn't get delivered.

Effortless is not a destination. It's an ongoing journey that requires constant tuning and improvements over time. Successfully managing and scaling operations across your entire ecosystem drives governance, superior customer experiences and growth.



Where to start

Get buy in from the top and ripple that throughout the entire organisation. With a customer focus, traditional siloes can be overcome with a collaborative, cohesive organisation that embraces customer centricity and shares goals around delivering effortless interactions.

89%

Firms with digital customer engagement strategies retain on average 89% of their customers.

- Aberdeen Group

Effortless experiences deliver eye-popping results

One company radically reduced calls to its contact centre and improved its customer experience

Design

Detailed analysis of customer interactions determined root causes of inbound calls and monitored critical customer journeys to reveal friction points.

Automate pactful dashboa

Impactful dashboards with call volumes, trends, and valuable customer insights were automatically disseminated to decision makers in near real-time.

Optimise

Robust call interaction detail and customer-level insights were integrated in a cloudbased reporting platform.

Operate

Swift call deflection initiatives and strategies like product enhancements, self-service options, updates to documentation and training, and revisions to FAQs simplified the experience.

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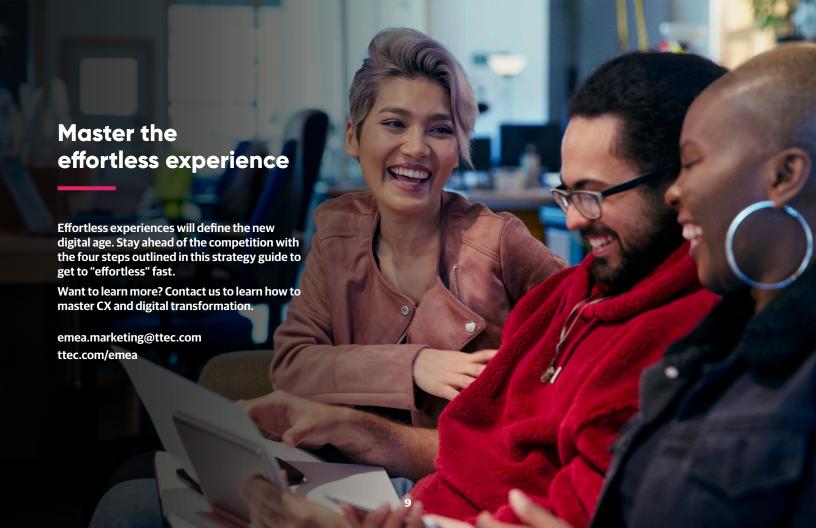
NPS increase

\$4.4M

cost reduction

500%+

Award-winning training program



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