SupportSoft™

Overview: Problem Resolution Platform

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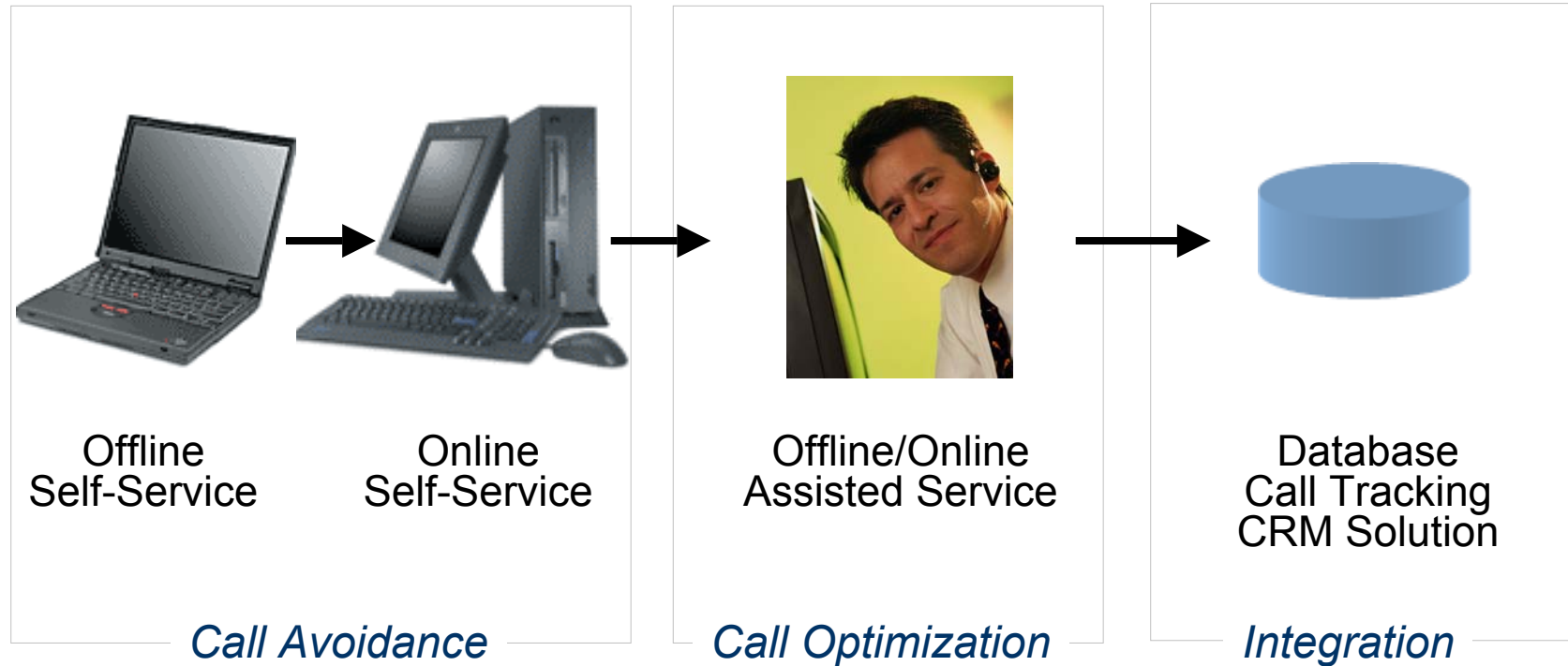**gary.zilk@supportsoft.com**

Customer Service Challenges

- Providing 24x7 Service

- Decrease Costs

- Increase Customer Satisfaction

- Provide Personalized Self-Service

- Customers Demand all Channels: Phone, E-Mail *and* <u>Web</u>

Problem Resolution for Customers, Employees and Infrastructure

- It solves problems **before they occur**
- It solves problems **when they occur**
- It solves problems **before a user calls**
- It solves problems **when a user calls**

Problem Occurs

User Calls

| Mass Healing | Self-Healing | Self-Service | Assisted Service |

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A Complete Support Automation Solution

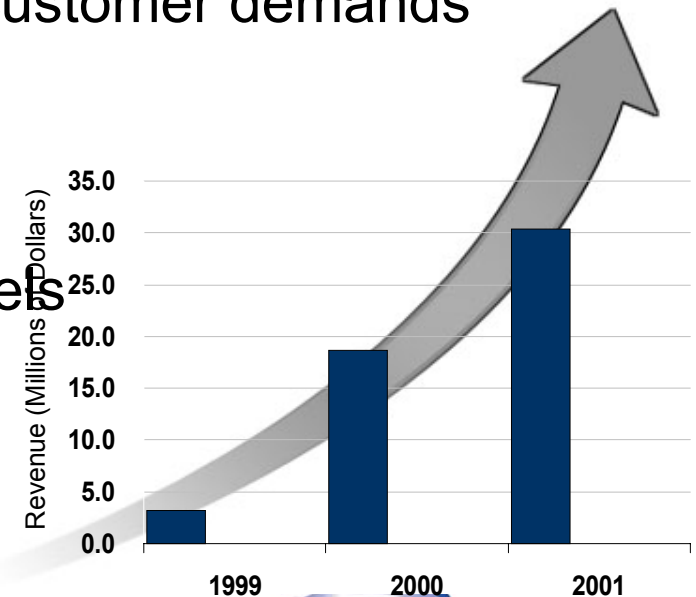| Offline Self-Service	Online Self-Service	Offline/Online Assisted Service	Database Call Tracking CRM Solution
Call Avoidance		*Call Optimization*	*Integration*

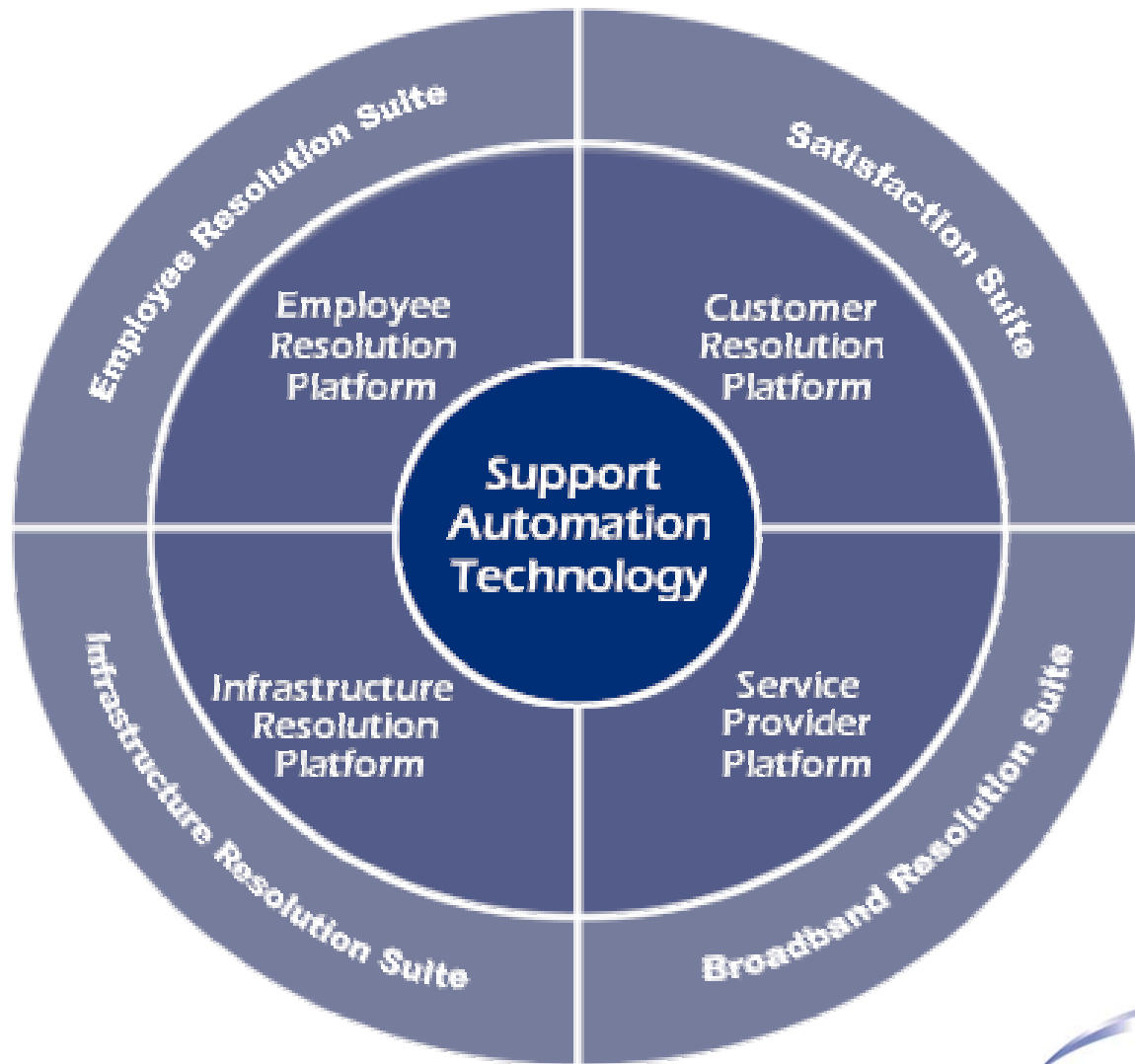# SupportSoft Overview

SupportSoft's software platform quickly and automatically . . .

- Solves problems to create more satisfied customers, partners and employees
- Reduces service and support costs dramatically
- Scales efficiently to meet increased customer demands

The Company

- Leader in support automation
- Global – customers, products, channels
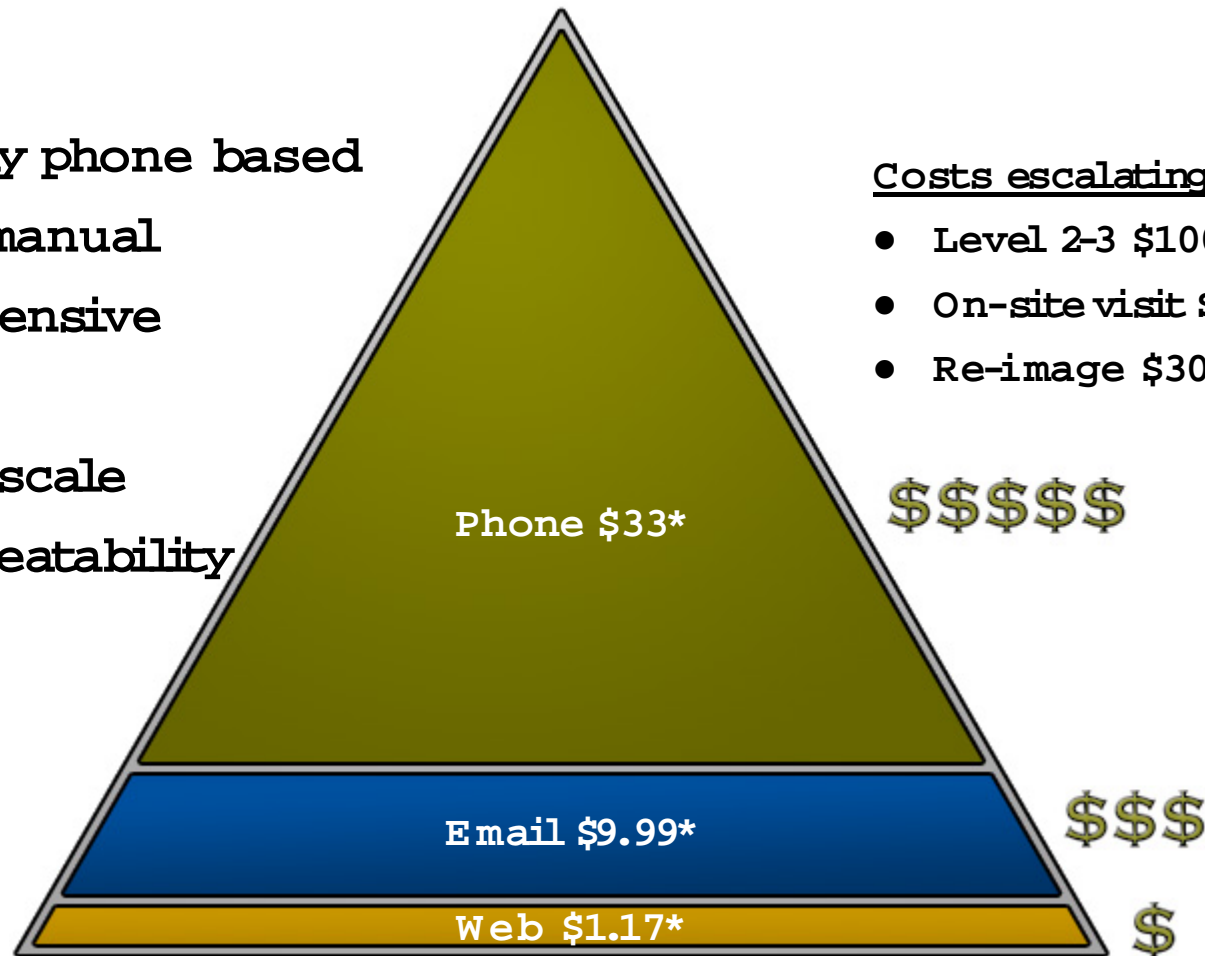- 135+ blue chip customers
- Public company – NASDAQ:SPRT

Revenue (Millions of Dollars)

	35.0
	30.0
	25.0
	20.0
	15.0
	10.0
	5.0
	0.0

1999   2000   2001

Problem Resolution Platform

SupportSoft: A Platform for Growth

Value proposition

Non-Technical — Customer Svc.

Palm / RIM/ CE — Embedded devices

v5 — Enhanced speed and insight

v4 — Global scalability

v3 — Support portals

v2 — How-to, mass healing extranet support

v1 — Self-healing intranet support

1998   **1999**   **2000 and beyond**
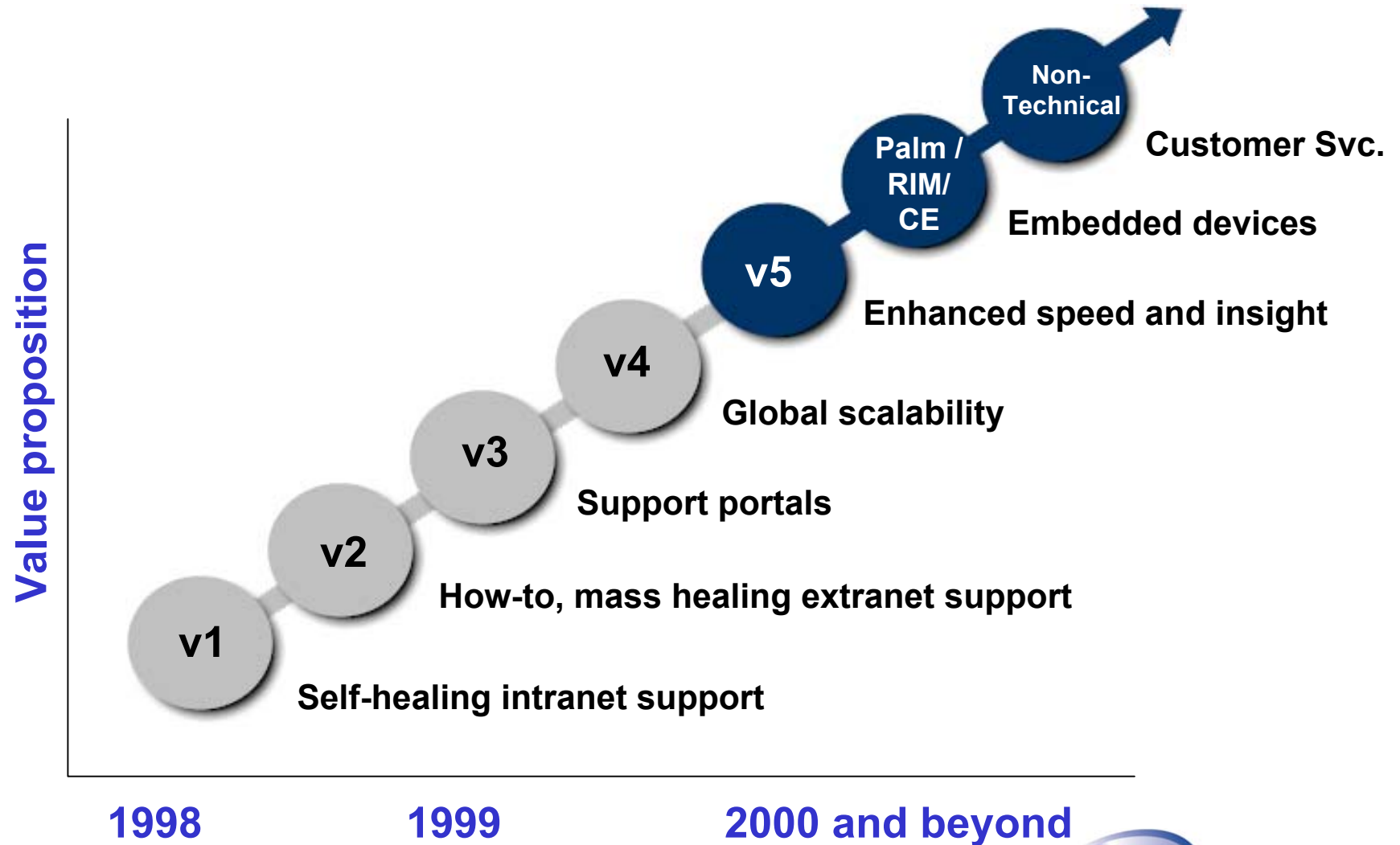
Exploding Cost of Traditional Support

- Primarily phone based
- Highly manual
- Time intensive
- Costly
- Hard to scale
- Low repeatability

Costs escalating **
- Level 2-3 $100-200
- On-site visit $250-350
- Re-image $300-400

Phone $33*

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Email $9.99*

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Web $1.17*

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* Cost per contact (Source: Forrester Research, Inc.)

* Help Desk Institute Survey

The Support Automation Model

- **Web based**
- **Personalized**
- **Automated**
- **Fast**
- **Cost efficient**
- **Resolves problems**
- **Highly scalable**

Preemptive support — Tier zero Self-healing

Web based self service — Tier one Self-service

Online assisted service — Tier Two Assisted Service

Email — Email

Phone — Phone

- Automated support
- Live support

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A few of our customers . . .

Channel Partners

SupportSoft Resolution Suite

User Center

Self-Healing
Self-Service

Support Portal Hub
Communications
Infrastructure

Support Center

Assisted
Service

Integration Activators

Scorecard Reporting

Knowledge Center

Knowledge
Management

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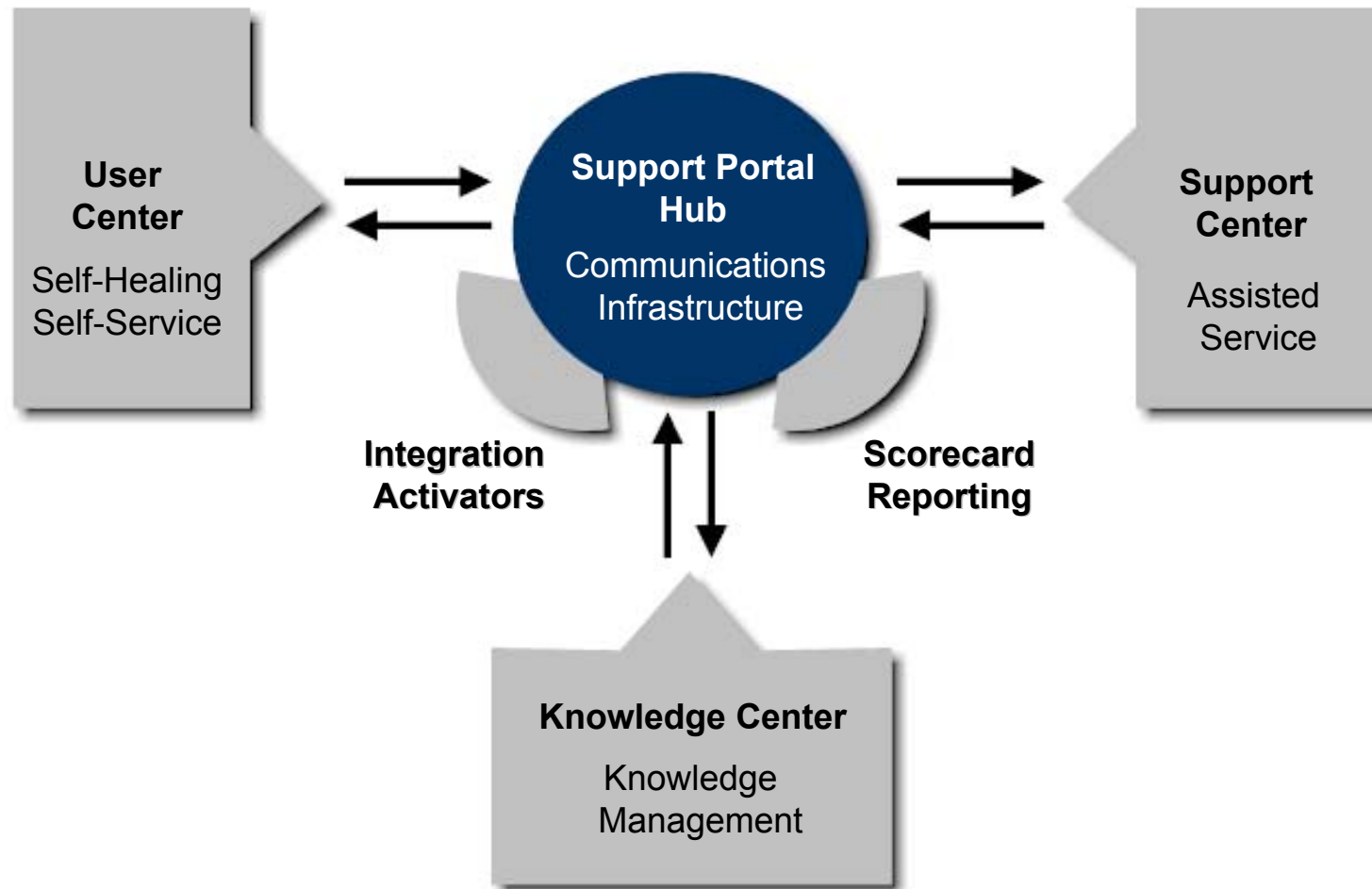
Product Leadership: Resolution Suite
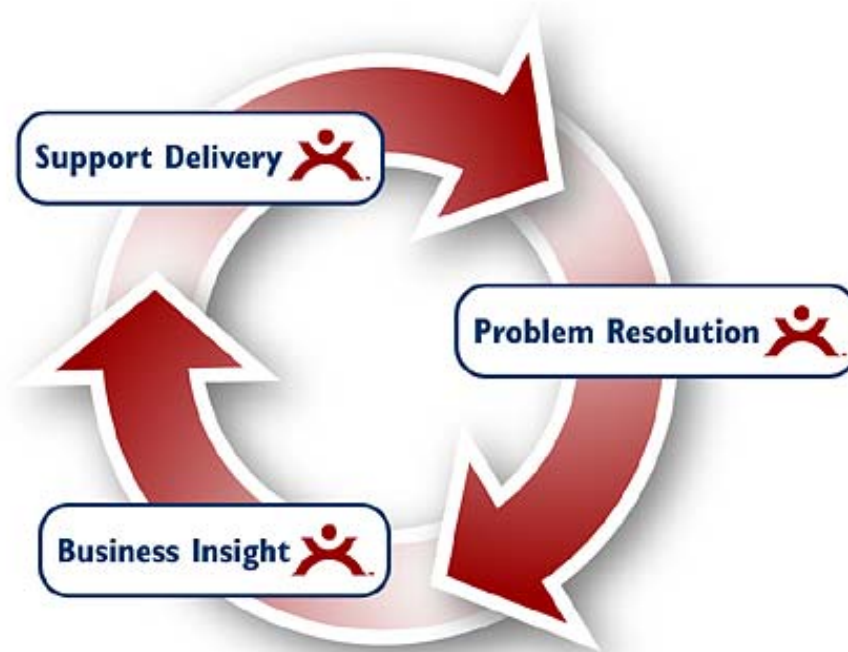
**Scalable, extensible and
secure support infrastructure**

The Industry Standard

- ## Faster Problem Resolution
  - **Knowledge Authoring**
  - **Calibrated SmartResults**

- ## Precision Support Delivery
  - **Selective SmartIssues**
  - **Next Generation Support Center**

- ## Business Insight
  - **New Scorecard reports and customization capabilities**

Driving employee productivity.

CISCO SYSTEMS

The Challenge:
Scale to effectively deliver support for $50 billion dollar organization with a high percentage of mobile knowledge workers.

The Success:
Two "mass healings" alone have accounted for +$600,000 in savings

"SupportSoft provides the most comprehensive and scalable eSupport solutions to meet the ever-changing needs of our complex support environment."

Peter Vartabedian
Manager, Desktop Services

Support Goes Global

The Challenge:
Ensure that every GE business has a Customer Web Center offering highest quality support online … in five languages

The Success:
Over 200% expected 3 year ROI

"As our e-business efforts continue to expand globally, support has become a key focus. SupportSoft's scalable infrastructure will enable us to provide better service at significantly lower costs."

Gary Reiner,
Senior Vice President and CIO

Follow-the-Sun Support

Schlumberger

The Challenge:
Take an international company that operates in 24 time zones, toss in tens of thousands of users, and expect them to work together

The Success:
10-20% reduction in TCO for notebook users

"Support for a far-flung workforce traditionally takes place on the phone with a help desk, which is expensive to staff and operate. Schlumberger's XpertConnect Support Portal provides 12 basic tools a mobile worker can use …to get information on the problem, do some training ... and fix some problems,"

Colin Taylor
Vice President Network Services

Moving Support to a Higher Level

IBM

The Challenge:
Transform help desks from a costly, labor-intensive corporate headache to an automated problem-solving enterprise called the Virtual Help Desk

The Success:
Product savings in 2002 are estimated to be in the $40-80 million range

"Virtual Help Desk meets business requirements to increase workplace efficiencies by providing fast, automated responses to problem inquiries, reducing the number of calls and time required to answer questions and solve problems."

Kent Holcomb
Director, Internet Strategy and Development

Great Service makes Great Business

BELLSOUTH®

The Challenge:
Maintain eight-year streak of #1
superior customer satisfaction rating
(ASCI) while controlling costs

The Success:
Heightened the customer experience
by providing fast, personalized,
Web-based self-service

*"We are always striving to create the very best in
on-line support for our customers. Using
SupportSoft, we will provide a rewarding
experience for our customers by giving the
option for self-help via the web. "*

*Ralph de la Vega,
President Broadband & Internet Services*

Cisco

Cisco

Accenture

IBM

Schlumberger

BellSouth

Bear Stearns

Boeing

Comcast

Sony

Proven Deployments

Mobile Device Support

Palm

PocketPC

RIM

Palm

Language Support

The Satisfaction Suite

Customer Advisor
Self-Service

Support Portal Hub
Communications Infrastructure

Service Advisor
Assisted Service

Integration Activators

Scorecard Reporting

Knowledge Center
Knowledge Management

What Are Users Doing on the Web?

- The #2 online activity is searching for product/service information

Top Five Activities of Americans Online, 2001 (as a % of Internet users ages 3+)

Activity	Percentage
E-mail	84.0%
Product/service information search	67.3%
News, weather, sports	61.8%
Playing games	42.1%
Product/service purchases	39.1%
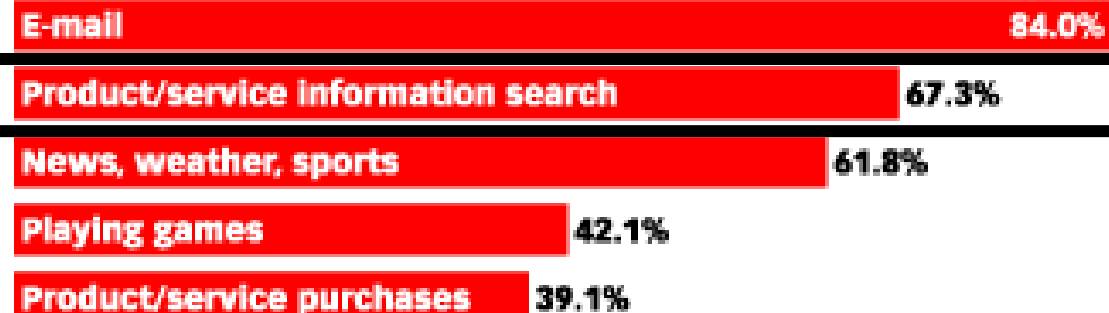
Source: US Department of Commerce, February 2002

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Make it easy for customers to find the "right" information... FAST

The Satisfaction Suite

- Single solution for self-service through assisted service embedded into the customer process.
  - **Proactive** – Service is there when you need it. Service is automatically offered to the customer based on business rules.
  - **Personalized** – It knows where you are when you need help. Context-sensitive service embedded directly in the web application.
  - **Continuous** – Provides a seamless service experience from self-service through assisted service at the click of a button.
- Extends the value of CRM - investments by delivering self-service problem resolution embedded in the customer process.

CustomerAdvisor
Proactive, Personalized Self-Service
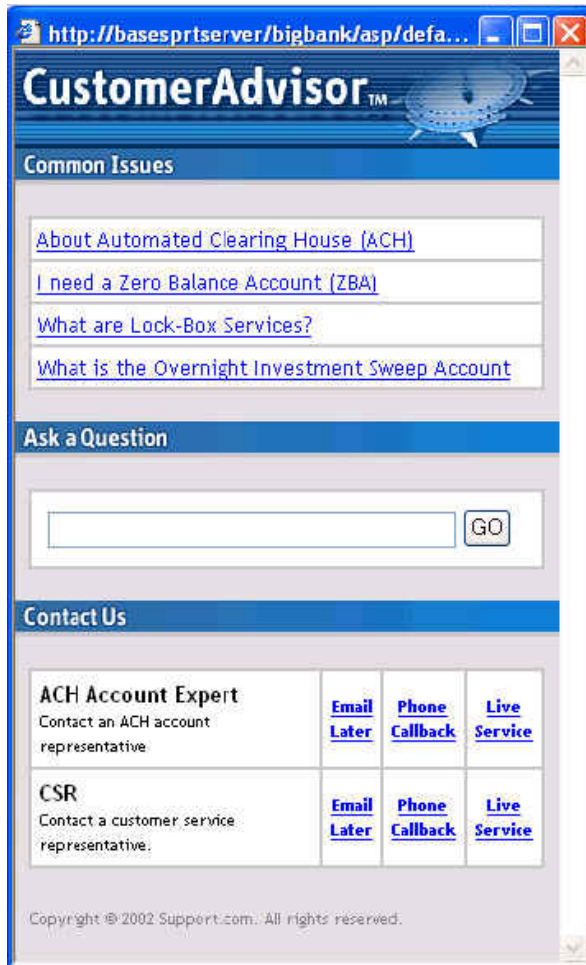
Customer-facing self-service

- Solves problems faster
- Context-sensitive, dynamic FAQs
- Smart natural language Q&A
- Self-service embedded in Web sites and Web apps
- Subject matter expert routing
- Easily brandable
- Seamless escalation to assisted service

ServiceAdvisor: <u>Continuous</u> service through assisted service when needed
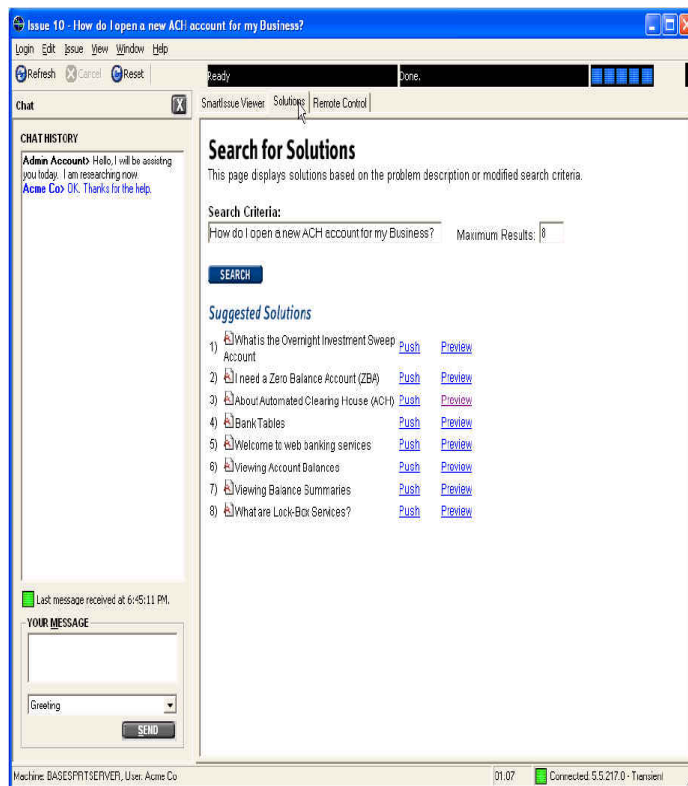
- CSR facing assisted service application
- Integrated into overall CRM Strategy
- Single application for communication and collaboration
  - Automatic answer suggestions
  - Integrated Chat
  - Web push
  - Co-browsing
- Integrated content authoring and Knowledge Management
- Service analytics: ScoreCard Reporting
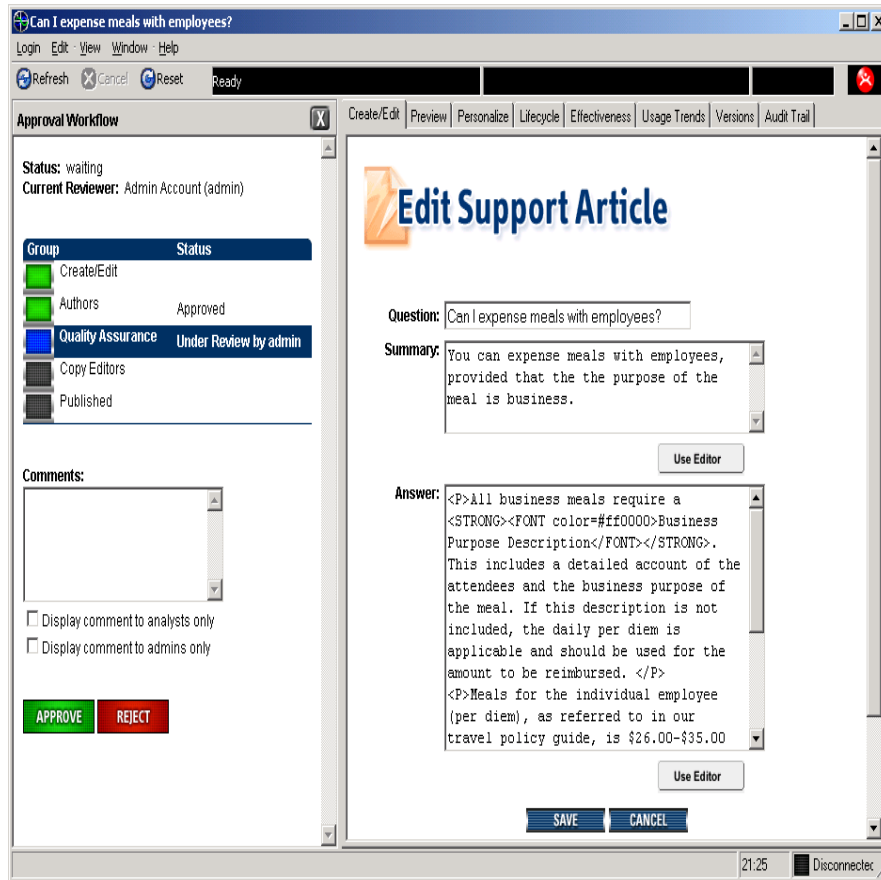
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KnowledgeCenter: Cradle-to-grave content lifecycle management

- Content author/approver task management
- Configurable authoring and approval workflows
- Support for multiple approval schemes (serial or parallel)
- Support for author, approver, and browse roles
- Content version control and audit trail
- Ability for support analysts to contribute content

Extend CRM with Self-Service Problem Resolution Embedded into the Process

Business Benefits

Increased profitability and competitive differentiation through superior customer service

- Increase customer satisfaction, loyalty and profitability
  - Fast customer answers without the letdown of unanswered emails or lengthy phone queues
  - Loyalty: *A 5% reduction in customer defections increases company profits from 25% to 85%*
- Fast payback through measurably reduced costs driven by a decrease in call & email volumes and call times
  - By delivering personalized self-service that solves problems and avoids costly phone calls and emails
- Increase self-service effectiveness
  - By constantly delivering fresh, relevant solutions from a self-learning system

Source: Harvard University Study by
researchers Fredereich F. Reichheld and W. Earl Sasser

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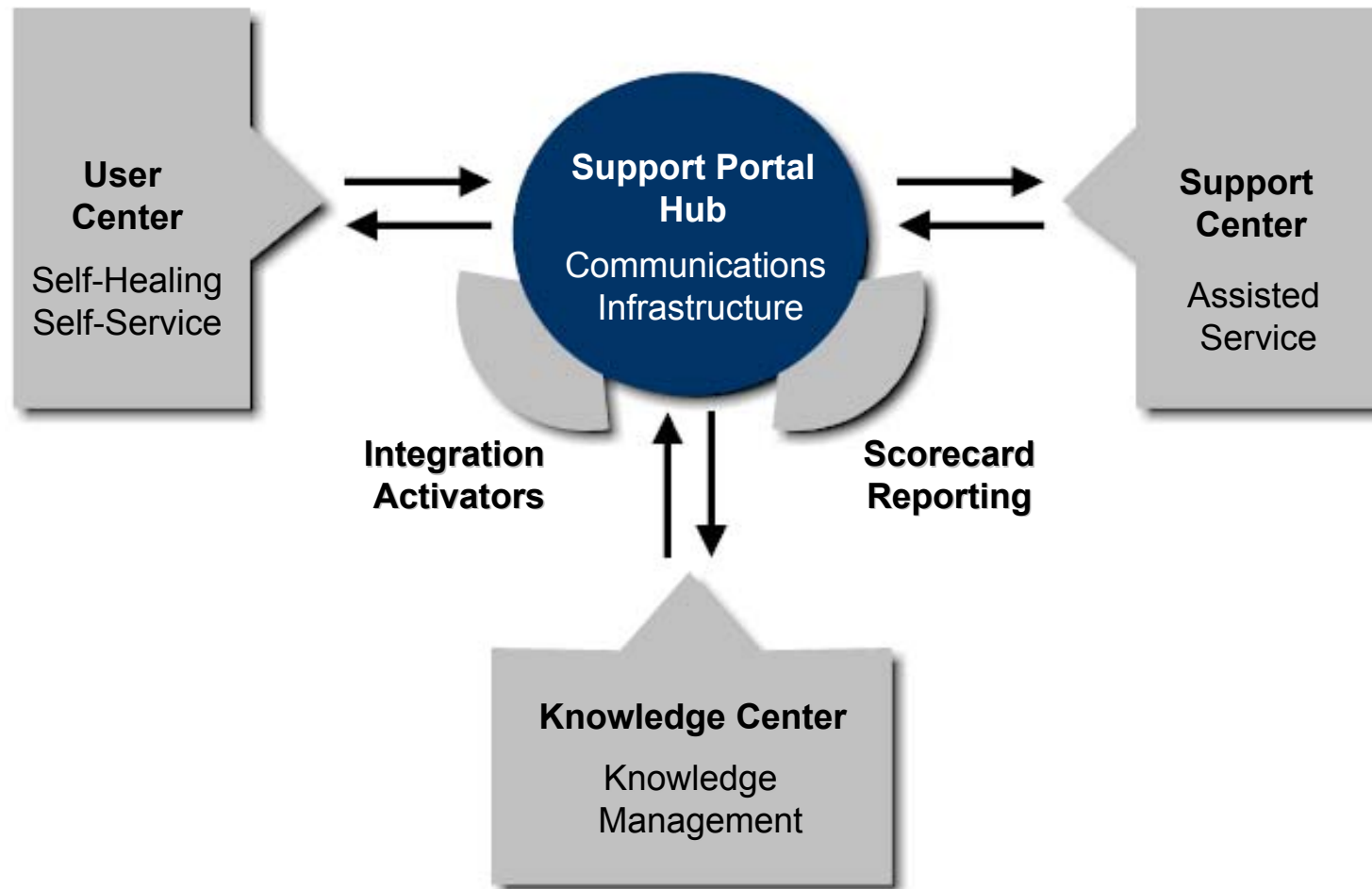
Self Healing: Problem Avoidance

- Self-Healing
  - Diagnose and solve problems dynamically before the problems occurs
  - Transparent to the end user

- Proactive Support
  - Mass diagnosis and repair
  - Proactive problem avoidance
  - Transparent to end users

Self-Service: Call Avoidance
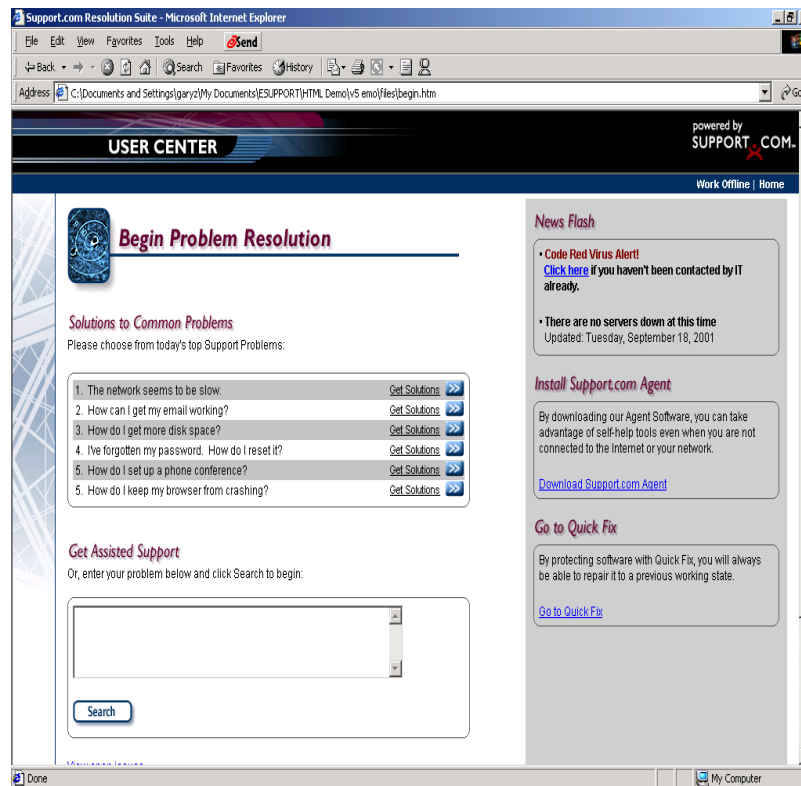
- Online or Offline

- Fast and easy to use

- All problem types
    - Technical Break-fix problems
    - Configuration problems
    - "How-to" questions
    - Password reset

- Works the first time

- Automated Solutions (One Click)

- Easy escalation to assisted service

Assisted Service: Shorter Calls
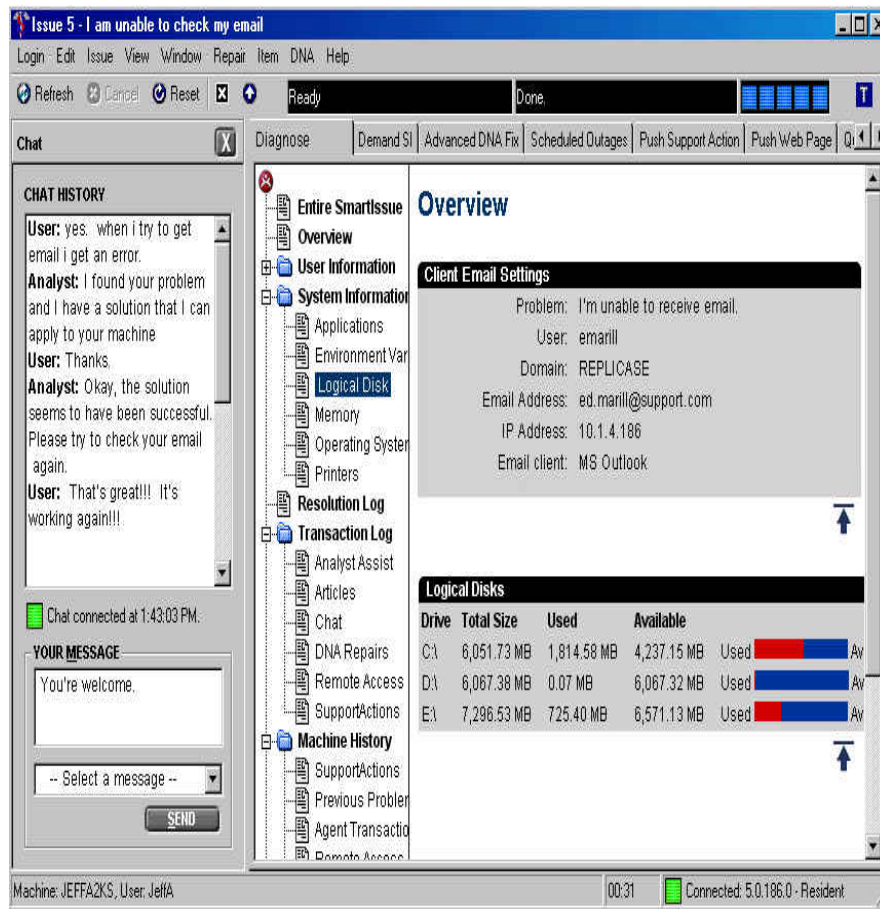
- Automated data collection (SmartIssue)

- Integration with CRM/CTS applications

- Full history of "prior attempts"

- Online Communication and Collaboration
  - In-context Support (SmartIssue)
  - Integrated Chat
  - Web based push
  - Remote Diagnosis and Repair
  - Remote Control

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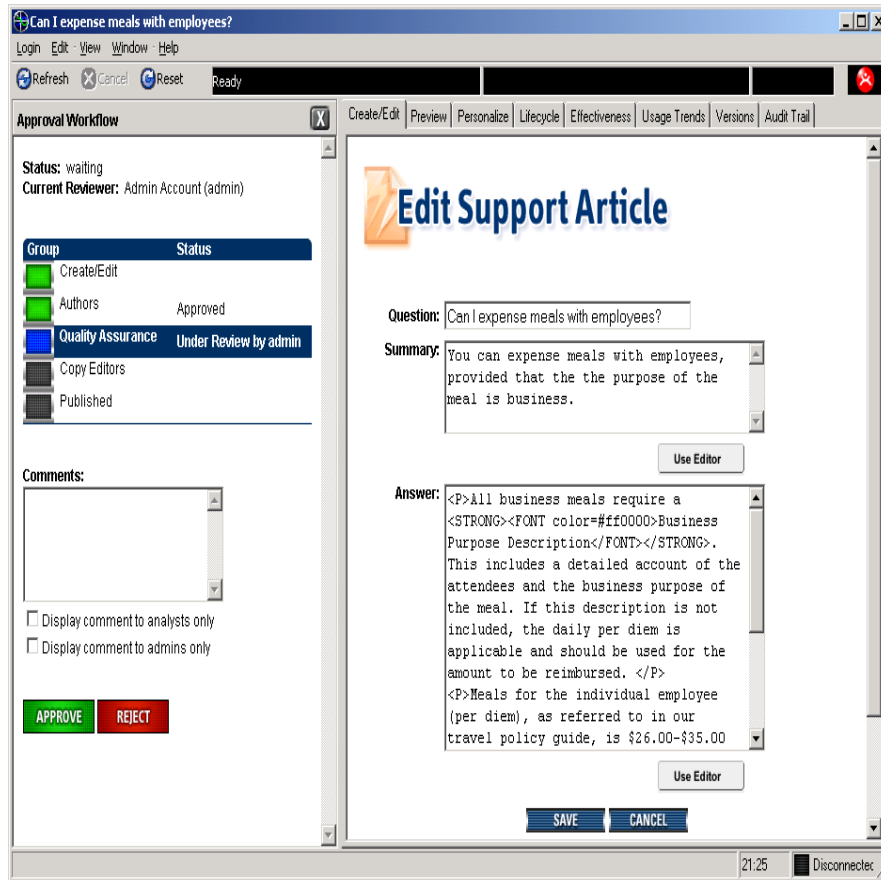
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How can Support Automation help today!

- Provide a self-service solution for your most common problems (pick the low hanging fruit)
    - Examples
        - Password reset
        - Connectivity issues
        - Answers to common "How-To" questions
        - email

- Example: Self-service Password reset
  Quick Benefit Analysis: 10,000 calls a month
    - 1,500 Password resets (Range: 5-25%)
    - Cost per call $15 avg. (Range: $13-18)
    - 1500*$15=$22,500/month
    - **Savings =$270,000 a year!**

•Cost per call $13–$18 (Source: Gartner)
•Password reset percentage 5–25% (Source: Gartner)