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Preface

- About this guide
- Other learning resources
Welcome to Cisco® Interaction Manager™—multichannel interaction software used by businesses all over the world to build and sustain customer relationships. A comprehensive suite of the industry’s best applications for multichannel customer interaction management, Cisco Interaction Manager is the backbone of many innovative contact center and customer service helpdesk organizations.

About this guide

Cisco Interaction Manager Agent Console User’s Guide introduces you to the Agent Console and helps you understand how to use it to handle customer queries and related tasks.

Document conventions

This guide uses the following typographical conventions.

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<td><em>Italic</em></td>
<td>Emphasis, or the title of a published document.</td>
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<td><strong>Bold</strong></td>
<td>The label of an item in the user interface, such as a field, button, or tab.</td>
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<td><strong>Monospace</strong></td>
<td>A file name or command. Also, text that must be typed by the user.</td>
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<td><strong>Variable</strong></td>
<td>User-specific text, which is supplied by the user.</td>
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Other learning resources

Various learning tools are available within the product, as well as on the product CD and our website. You can also request formal end-user or technical training.

Online help

The product includes topic-based as well as context-sensitive help.

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<td>Help button</td>
<td>All topics in <em>Cisco Interaction Manager Help</em>; the Help button appears in the console toolbar on every screen, as well as on most windows.</td>
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<td>F1 keypad button</td>
<td>Context-sensitive information about the item selected on the screen.</td>
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Document set

For more information about Cisco Interaction Manager, see the following documents. They can be found in the Documents folder on the product CD.

- *Cisco Interaction Manager System Requirements*
- *Cisco Interaction Manager Installation Guide*
- Other Cisco Interaction Manager user’s guides
Preferences and settings

- About preferences
- Changing settings
- Changing your password
- Updating your personal dictionary
- Changing your preferences for pulling activities
Most settings are configured by administrators for the entire partition or department. The administrator can allow users to configure certain settings as individual preferences.

**About preferences**

You can change your password, pull preferences, settings, and personal dictionary by using this option.

**Things to note**

- Any preferences that are changed take effect with the next login. If you want the changed preferences to take effect immediately, then log off and log in again.

**Changing settings**

If you have the permissions you can change the following settings of your inbox.

1. Allow related activity details to be added as text on Reply pane for phone type activities
2. Allow Classification to be added as text on Reply pane for phone type activities
3. Chat - Inbox sort column
4. Chat - Inbox sort order
5. Inbox sort column
6. Inbox sort order
7. Mail user max load
8. Max load for all other activities
9. Number of activities per page
10. Show current folder
11. Activity type for autopushback
12. Expiry time for autopushback (minutes)
13. Notification for new activity
14. Agent inbox preference
15. Customer history view
16. Section to maximize in agent console
17. Refresh interval (seconds)
18. Auto blockcheck
19. Auto spellcheck
20. Ignore web addresses and file names
21. Ignore words in caps
22. Ignore words with digits mixed
23. Ignore words with numbers
24. Ignore words with unusual mixtures
25. Preferred dictionary of the user
26. Default editor
27. Include message header in reply
28. Show BCC fields
29. Show CC field

To change the settings
1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the Preferences button.

The Preferences window appears.
2. In the Preferences window, go to the Settings tab, and change the settings.
3. After changing the settings click the **OK** button.

**Changing your password**

To change your password

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the **Preferences** button.

   ![Preferences button](image)

   The **Preferences** window appears.

2. In the **Preferences** window, go to the **Password** tab.
3. In the **Password** tab, first provide your old password. Then, provide your new password and verify the new password.

4. Click the **Change Password** button.

**Updating your personal dictionary**

You can add words to your personal dictionary. There can be some words which are used in your organization that are not part of the regular dictionary. You can add such words to your personal dictionary, so that every time you run the spell-checker, these words are ignored by the spell-checker.

**Adding words to your personal dictionary**

**To add words to your personal dictionary**

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the **Preferences** button.

The **Preferences** window appears.
2. In the Preferences window, go to the Personal Dictionary tab.

![Preferences window with Personal Dictionary tab](image)

3. In the Personal Dictionary tab, type the word you want to add to your personal dictionary and press ENTER.

Deleting words from your personal dictionary

To delete words from your personal dictionary

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the Preferences button.
   The Preferences window appears.

2. In the Preferences window, go to the Personal Dictionary tab.

3. In the Personal Dictionary tab, select the word you want to delete and click the Delete button.

Changing your preferences for pulling activities

You can pull activities from queues according to the preferences set. You can specify from which queues to pull the activities, which activities to pull and how many activities to pull at a time.

In the activities to pull first there are five options available.

- **Due latest**: The activities that are late and are already overdue.
To set your preferences for pulling activities

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the Preferences button.

The Preferences window appears.

2. In the Preferences window, go to the Activity Pulling tab.

3. In the Activity Pulling tab, provide the following details.
   a. Activity to pull first: From the dropdown list select the type of activities that you want to pull. The options available are due latest, due soonest, highest priority, newest, and oldest.
b. **Maximum activities to pull:** Specify the number of activities you want to pull each time you click the **Pull Next** button.

c. From the list of queues select the queues from which you want to pull the activities.

4. Click the **OK** button.
Working in the inbox

- Managing your availability
- About pulling activities
- About pinning activities
- Transferring activities
Managing your availability

Configuring availability settings

To configure your availability settings
1. Go to your main inbox.
2. In the Inbox pane toolbar, click the Availability settings button.

   The Availability settings window appears.
3. In the Availability settings window, select the activities types for which you want to make yourself available.

   ![Availability settings window]

4. Click the OK button to close the Availability settings window.

Making yourself available

In main inbox

To make yourself available in main inbox
1. Go to your main inbox.
2. In the Inbox pane toolbar, in the Available box select Yes to make yourself available for handling activities.
About pulling activities

Activities can be pulled in two ways. You can either pull selective activities from users and queues. Or, you can set your pull preferences for queues, and every time you click the Pull next button the activities will get assigned to you based on your set preferences. To set your pull preferences, see the section on page 15. You can also search for specific activities and pull them from the search console.

Things to note
1. You have the ability to pull activities only if the Pull Activities action is assigned to you.
2. You can pull activities from the queues and users for which you have pull permission.
3. Activities that are locked or pinned by other users can’t be pulled. However, if you have the Unpin action assigned, you can pull the activities pinned by other users.

To pull selected activities from users or queues
1. In the Inbox pane toolbar, click the Pull activities button.

The Pull activities window appears.
2. From the window, select the queue or user from whom you want to pull the activities.

3. From the list of activities, select the activities you want to pull and click the **Pull** button.
   
The activities get assigned to you.

**To pull activities using preference settings**

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**Important:** Make sure you set your pull preferences first before pulling the activities.

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4. In the Inbox pane toolbar click the **Pull next** button.

5. According to the pulling preferences set, the activities are pulled and assigned to you. If there are no activities that meet the pull criteria you are notified that no activities were pulled.

**To pull a specific activity**

1. Go to the search console and search for the activity.

2. From the Results pane select the activity and click the **Pull** button to pull the activity.
About pinning activities

Activities can be pinned to indicate that you wish to work on a particular activity and don’t want it to get pushed back automatically or pulled by other users. You can pin activities only if you have the **Pin** action assigned.

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**Important:** Pinned activity can be pulled by users who have Unpin action assigned to them.

Pinning activities

**To pin an activity**

1. In the Inbox pane, select the activity you want to pin.
2. In the Inbox pane toolbar, click the toggle **Pin** button.

A **Pin** icon appears in the **Inbox List** pane indicating that the activity is pinned.
Unpinning activities

To unpin an activity
1. Select the pinned activity from the Inbox pane.
2. In the Inbox pane toolbar, click the toggle Pin button.
   The activity is unpinned.

Transferring activities

Activities can be transferred to agents, queues, or departments. Before transferring the activities you can check the email load on the queue. And, for users, you can check if they are logged in and available to handle emails and tasks, and how many emails and tasks they have in their inbox.

While transferring activities, you can change their priority and add notes to them. When an activity is transferred from one user to another, the owner of the case doesn’t change.

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**Important:** You can transfer activities only if you have the transfer action. And you can transfer activities to only those queues, users, or departments for which you have transfer permissions.

You can transfer activities to:
- Departments
- Queues:
- Users

Transferring activities

To transfer an activity
1. In the inbox select the activity you want to transfer.
2. In the Reply pane or Inbox pane toolbar, click the Transfer button.
   The Transfer Activities window appears.
3. In the Transfer Activities windows, select if you want to transfer the activity to another agent, queue, or a department. From the list of available agents, queues, or departments select the one to which you want to transfer the activity.
Before transferring the activity you can change the priority of the activity and can add notes to the activity.

4. To change the priority of the activity select the option, **Change the priority of these activities**, and from the dropdown list select the priority.

5. If you are transferring a pinned activity, then select the option **Transfer pinned activities**, to unpin the activity before transferring.

6. If you don’t want the activity to be re-assigned to you by the system, then uncheck the option, **Allow these activities to be re-assigned to me by the system**.

7. Lastly, if you want to add a note to the activity, click the **Add Notes** button and in the **Add Note** window that appears add the note and click the **OK** button.

8. Click the **Transfer** button to transfer the activity.
Search for information

- About searches
-Deleting searches
- Saving searches
- Running saved searches
- Stopping searches
- Creating a search from saved searches
- Locating items in the console
- Exporting search results
- Printing search results
The easiest way to locate an item such as activities, cases, customers, and knowledge base articles is to search it. In this chapter, we look at different ways in which you could search for information in the Agent Console.

**About searches**

Search is a very useful feature in the Agent Console. Use this feature to search for customers, cases, and activities.

**Creating searches**

By default one global searches is created in the system, and it can’t be deleted. In addition to it, you can create more searches.

**Creating searches**

To create a search

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the **Search** button.

The **Search** window appears.
2. In the **Search** window, go to the Criteria pane toolbar and click the **New** button.

3. From the **Object type** list select the object you want to search.

   The **Criteria pane** refreshes to display a list of attributes available for search.

4. Now, in the **Basic** tab specify the search criteria.

5. Next, go to the **Advanced** tab and specify additional search criteria options.

   Advanced search narrows down the scope of search and you get only the most relevant results.

6. Lastly, go to the **Relationships** tab and defining the criteria that are related to classifications and attachments.

   This further narrows down the scope of search.

7. Click the **Run** button to run the search.

   You can view the results of the search in the **Results** pane. From the Results pane you can export search results, locate activities, cases, and customers in the Agent Console.
Deleting searches

If you want you can delete the searches.

To delete a search
1. Select the search in the Open Search, or Save Search, or Save Search As window.
2. Press the Delete key on the keyboard.
3. A message appears asking to confirm the deletion. Click Yes to delete the search.

Saving searches

You can save the search criteria that you use most commonly. This helps you save time, as you can open the saved searches and run them quickly.

To save a search
1. First, create a search.
2. To save the search, click the Save button in the Search window toolbar. Save Search window appears.
3. In the window, provide the following details.
   - Search name: Type a name for the search. Use a name that adequately represents the search attributes.
   - Search type: Select the type of search from the dropdown list. There are two options available.
     - Global Searches: A global search is available to all the users.
     - Personal Searches: A personal search is available only to the user who creates it.
   - Click the Save button to save the search criteria.

Running saved searches

You can access saved searches anytime, by locating and opening them.
To open a saved search

1. In the Agent Console toolbar, click the Search button.
   The Search window appears.
2. In the Search window toolbar, click the Open button.
   Open Search window appears.
3. In the Open Search window, select the search that you want to open and click the Open button.
   The search criteria is displayed in the Search window. Now you can run the search.
4. Click the Run button to run the search.

Stopping searches

You may want to stop a running search for multiple reasons such as to edit search parameters, limit search results, and so on.

To stop a search

- Click the Stop button in the Search window toolbar.

Creating a search from saved searches

You can also create new searches from already saved searches. For example, you have a saved search and you make changes to it. Now you want to keep the old search, and also want to save the new one. Or, if there is a search saved as a global search and you want to save it as personal search or vice versa.

To create a search from a saved search

1. First, open a saved search.
2. Click the Save as button in the Search window toolbar.
   Save Search As window appears.
3. In the window provide the following details.
   - Search name: Type a name for the search. Use a name that adequately represents the search attributes.
Search type: Select the type of search from the dropdown list. There are two options available.
- Global Searches: A global search is available to all the users.
- Personal Searches: A personal search is available only to the user who creates it.
- Click the Save button.

Locating items in the console

After you have run the search and get some search results, you can easily locate the items returned by the search in the Agent Console with a click of a button. You are automatically taken to the exact case, activity, article, or customer in the Agent Console.

To locate an item in the console
1. After you run the search, from the Results pane select the item you want to locate in the console.
2. In the Results pane toolbar, click the Locate in console button.
   You are taken to the exact location of the item in the console.

Exporting search results

You can save a local copy of the search results on your computer. Once you save the results on your local machine or network, you do not have to be logged in to the console to access the search results. The results are saved in EXCEL format.

To export the search results
1. After you run the search, in the Results pane toolbar, click the Export search results button.
   A message appears asking, if you want to open or save the search results.
2. Click the Save button.
3. A message appears asking where you want to save the results.
   Select the location where you want to save the results. The results are saved in EXCEL format.
Printing search results

You may want to print search results for using it to circulate important data amongst other members or else in a presentation. With printed search data handy, you do not have to log in to the console to access the same information all the time.

To print search results
1. After you run the search click the Print Preview button in the Criteria pane toolbar.

   Print Options window appears.

2. In the Print Options window:
   a. From the available options select what you want to print. The options available are.
      * Criteria
      * Results
      * Details
   b. Specify if you want to print all the results, or selected results only.
   c. Click the OK button. Search_Print window appears. It shows the details of all the items selected for printing.
   d. In the Search_Print window, click the Save As button.
      The Save As window appears.
   e. In the Save As window select the format in which you want to save the search results. The options available are Adobe Acrobat PDF and Microsoft Excel.
   f. Click the OK button.
Working in Information pane

- About information pane
About information pane

From the Information pane you can view the information about cases, activities, and customers. You can also view the articles in the Knowledge Base. The system consists of 11 predefined information pane sections. Out of them, eight are available to all the agents and three are available to only the agents with specific licenses.

- The following sections are available to all the agents.
  - Activity Body
  - Activity Details
  - Case details
  - Customer
  - Customer History
  - Audit
  - Knowledge Base
  - Classification

- The Links section is available to only the agents with Data Adapter license.

- The following sections are available only to the agents with Cisco Unified Web Interaction Manager license.
  - Web Collaboration
  - Screen Capture

The order and number of these sections can be different based on how your administrator has configured the system. Also, there can be custom sections available.

From the Information pane you can view the details of the following business objects.

- Activity body and details; Audit information of activities
- Case details
- Customer information and customer history

You can also do the following.

1. Change priority of activities
2. Change severity of cases
3. Change due date of activities and cases
4. Create new cases and change cases of activities
5. Close cases
6. Print cases and activities details
7. Change preferred agent of customer
8. Change contact details of customer
9. Create new customers and change customers of activities
10. Delete customers
11. Change contact details of customers
12. Change customer details

Shortcuts for information pane section toolbar

Your administrator can assign shortcut keys to different sections of the Information pane toolbar. You can toggle between the different sections by using the following shortcut keys.

- CTRL+SHIFT+ one of the following FUNCTION keys
  - F2
  - F3
  - F4
  - F6
  - F7
  - F8
  - F9
  - F10
  - F11
  - F12
Managing cases

- About cases
- Viewing case information
- Printing case information
- Changing due date of cases
- Changing solution description of cases
- Changing severity
- Transferring cases
- Closing cases
- More about cases and activities
About cases

A case is used to group activities related to the same issue. It can contain activities of various channels.

A case can be in the open or closed state. If the case contains incomplete activities, then the status of the case remains open. A case is closed if the case holds activities that are completed. A closed case can be reopened by rules.

A case assists in the following:

- Maintain records of all customer activities.
- Hold together different channels of activities such as email, chat, phone, and tasks into one single entity in the form of a case.
- Provide information about the customer and related activities to the agent servicing the customer.
- Tracks service request by a customer with a company across multiple activities.

Viewing case information

To view the case information

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, you can view the properties of the case, the list of activities associated with the case, and related cases, if there are any.
Printing case information

To print case information
1. In the Information pane toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, click the Print button.
   
   The Print window opens. The option Currently selected case contents is selected.

   ![Print dialog]

3. Click the Print Preview button.
   
   The Case Content window opens. It shows the details of the case and activities contained in the case.

4. In the Case Content window, click the Save As button. The Save As window appears.

5. In the Save As window, select the format in which you want to save the contents of the folder. The options available are Adobe Acrobat PDF and Microsoft Excel.

6. Click the OK button.
   
   A copy of the case details is saved on the location you selected. You can print as many hard copies as you want.

Changing due date of cases

To change the due date
1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, in the Due on field, click the dropdown button. From the calendar select a date.
You can also type the date in the field. The format of the date should be DD/MM/YYYY.

3. In the Due at field specify the time when the case is due.
4. Click the Save button.

Changing solution description of cases

To change the solution description
1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, in the Solution description field, provide a brief description of the solution of the case.
3. Click the Save button.

Changing severity

To change the severity of a case
1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, in the Severity field, select the severity of the case.
   You can set the severity level as low, medium, high, or urgent.
3. Click the Save button.

**Transferring cases**

To transfer a case

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.

2. In the Case Details section, in the Owner field, click the Assistance button.
   
   The Case Transfer window opens.
3. From the list of users select the user to whom you want to transfer the case.

4. Click the Save button.

## Closing cases

### To close a case

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
2. In the Case Details section, in the Case status field select Closed.
3. Click the Save button.

   If the case has any activities that are not completed, a Close Case window appears.

4. In the Close Case window click the Yes button to complete the activity and close the case.

## More about cases and activities

In addition to the tasks listed in this chapter, you can also create new cases and also change the case of an activity.

### Can cases be reopened?

You can’t reopen cases manually. However, a case gets reopened automatically when:

- The customer sends an email with the closed case number in the subject. This happens only if the administrator has configured the system in that way.
The agent creates a new activity using a closed case number.
Managing activities

- About activities
- Viewing activity information
- Printing activity information
- Changing priority of activities
- Changing due date of activities
- Creating case for activities
- Changing cases of activities
About activities

A task or any interaction with a customer is an activity. Interactions can be of various types—emails, chats, phone calls, or even custom-defined activities.

Activities related to the same issue can be grouped into a case. A case can contain activities of various channels.

The state of the activity is either Current or Completed. As long as the issue is unresolved, the activity remains in the Current state. When an issue is resolved, the activity state is Completed.

Types of activities
1. Email
2. Phonecall
3. Chat
4. Web activity
5. Task

Viewing activity information

Viewing activity body

To view the activity body
  ▶ In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Activity Body section.

  In the Activity Body section, you can view the body of the activity.
Viewing activity details

To view the activity details

- In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Activity Details section.

In the Activity Details section, you can view the details of the activity. From here you can change the priority and due date of the activity.

Viewing audit information

Audit shows every single action that has occurred on an activity. It gives a complete information from the moment the activity was created to where the activity is at present.

To view the audit information

- In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Audit section.

In the Audit section, you can view the audit information.
Printing activity information

To print activity information
1. In the Information pane toolbar, go to the Activity Body section.
2. In the Activity Body section, click the Print button.
   The Print window opens. The option Currently selected activity contents is selected.

3. Click the Print Preview button.
   The Activity Content window opens. It shows the details of the case and activities contained in the case.
4. In the Activity Content window, click the Save As button. The Save As window appears.
5. In the Save As window, select the format in which you want to save the contents of the folder. The options available are Adobe Acrobat PDF and Microsoft Excel.
6. Click the OK button.
   A copy of the activity details is saved on the location you selected. You can print as many hard copies as you want.

Changing priority of activities

For activities, you can set a priority from 1 to 7.

To change the priority
1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Activity Details section.
2. In the Activity Details section, go to the Priority field and from the dropdown list select the priority of the activity.
3. Click the **Save** button.

### Changing due date of activities

**To change the due date**

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the **Activity Details** section.

2. In the **Activity Details** section, in the **Due on** field, click the dropdown button. From the calendar select a date.

You can also type the date in the field. The format of the date should be **DD/MM/YYYY**.

3. In the **Due at** field, specify the time when the case is due.

4. Click the **Save** button.
Creating case for activities

To create a case
1. In the Inbox pane select the activity for which you want to create a case.
2. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
3. In the Information pane toolbar click the Create case button.

The Case Details section refreshes to show the details of the case.
4. You can change the severity, due date and due time, and the solution description of the case.
5. After making the changes, click the Save button in the Information pane toolbar.

A new case ID is created for the case and it is assigned to the activity.

Changing cases of activities

To change the case
1. In the Inbox pane select the activity for which you want to change the case.
2. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Case Details section.
3. In the Information pane toolbar, click the Change case button.
Change Case window appears.

4. In the Change Case window search for the case.
5. From the Result pane select the case and click the Change case button.
Managing customers

- About customers
- Viewing customer information
- Changing customer details
- Changing the preferred agent
- Changing contact details of customers
- Creating customers
About customers

The customers are classified as follows:

- Individual
- Corporate
- Group

Viewing customer information

Viewing customer details

To view the customer details

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Customer section.
2. In the Customer section, you can view and change the customer details.

Changing customer details

To change the customer details

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Customer section.
2. In the Customer section, you can change the customer details.
   
   You can change the customer attributes, like customer name, job title, marital status, employment status etc.

3. Click the Save button.

Changing the preferred agent

To change the preferred agent

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Customer section.
2. In the Customer section, go the Preferred agent field and click the Assistance button.

The Preferred Agent window opens.

3. From the list of agents select the preferred agent of the customer and click the OK button.

4. Click the Save button.
Changing contact details of customers

To change the contact details of a customer

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Customer section.
2. In the Customer section, go to the Contact Details node.

You can view the contact information of the customer.

3. To edit the contact information select the contact point from the list and edit it and click the Save button.

4. To delete the contact information, select the contact point you want to delete and click the Delete button in the Information pane toolbar.

5. To create a new contact point click the New button in the Information pane toolbar. Select the contact point type you want to create, provide the details and click the Save button.
Creating customers

To create a customer

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, go to the Customer section.

2. In the Information pane toolbar, click the arrow in the New Customer button, From the list displayed select the type of customer you want to create. The options available are, group, individual, and corporate customer.

3. The Information pane refreshes to show the details of the type of customer you select.

4. Provide the details of the customer and click the Save button.
5. Next, create the contact information of the customer. You can provide the phone number, email address, and postal address of the customer.

6. For corporate and group customers you need to create a contact person.
Managing tasks

- Assigning tasks
- Completing tasks
Tasks can be referred to as general activities which can be created for internal work allocation from a manager to an agent. An agent can create a task to mark out things that need attention or things that need to be done.

For example an agent is having a phone conversation and some brochures have to be sent to the customer. In this case the agent can create a task and can assign it to the system or queue or to another agent who is responsible for mailing out brochures to the customers. Or if the agent himself has to send a fax or other type of information to the customer then he can create a task and assign it to himself.

When a new task is created by default it is assigned to the creator. Tasks can be assigned to:

1. **User**: You can assign tasks to users on whom you have assign permissions.
2. **Queue**: You can assign the tasks to queues on which you have assign permissions.
3. **System**: If you are not sure to which queue or user to assign the task or you do not have permission to assign to any of them then you can assign the task to the system. Then the system reassigns the task to the queue or user who is appropriate for handling the task. All agents have permission to assign a task to the system.

### Assigning tasks

An agent can assign tasks to queues or users only if they have permission to do so.

**To assign a task**

4. Create an activity with the **Activity type** as **Task**. *To create activity see “Creating Activity”*
5. Select a task activity from the inbox.
6. A task activity shows as 📩 in the inbox list pane.
7. The Reply pane appears as shown below:

8. Type a subject and content of the message you want to send. For details see section on Replying.

9. You can attach files to the task by using the Attachment button. For details see section on Attachments.

10. You can add view or delete notes from the task by using the Notes button. For details see section on Notes.

11. **Assigned to**: When you create a new task activity it is assigned to you. If you want to assign the activity to another user, queue or system follow the following steps:
   a. Click the Assistance button.
   b. **Assign Task** window appears:
c. In the **Assign Task** window:

   i. **Assign to**: You can assign the task to Queue, System or User on whom you have permissions to assign tasks.
      - Select from the drop to whom you want to assign the task.
   
   ii. **Change priority of these tasks**: You can change the priority of the task before assigning it.
      - Select the option if you want to change the priority of the task.
      - From the dropdown list select the priority of the task.
   
   iii. **Assign pinned tasks**: You can assign pinned tasks. The option is enabled only if you are assigning a pinned task.
      - Select the option if you want to assign pinned tasks.
   
   iv. **Allow these tasks to be re-assigned to me by the system**: If you are assigning a task to a queue, you can decide if you want the task to be re-assigned to you or not. This option is selected by default and is available only when you are assigning a task to a queue.
      - Select the option if you want the activity to be re-assigned to you.
   
   v. **Add note**: You can add a note to the task before assigning it.
      - Click **Add note**.
      - To add note see section on notes.
   
   vi. Click **Assign**.

The assigned to field in the reply pane will now show the name of the person or queue or system to whom you are assigning the task.
12. Click **Assign to** button.

## Completing tasks

Once you have done what ever was required to complete the task assigned, you must mark the activity as completed. Once you change the substatus of the activity as completed the activity goes in the **Completed** folder in the inbox. You can mark the task completed in two ways.

**To complete an activity**

1. Use the **Change status** button. *For details see section on Change status.*

2. Click the **Activity completed** button. The activity substatus will change to **Done** and it will move to the **Completed** folder in the **Inbox**.
Repilying to emails

- Working with emails
Working with emails

Send

Send is used to send an email.

To send an email
- Click the Send button on the Reply pane toolbar.

Complete

You can use this option if no email is to be sent to the customer and you have completed the activity assigned to you.

To complete an activity
- Click Complete button.

If there are incomplete activities belonging to the same case to which the activity you have completed belongs a message appears.
Send and complete

When you are replying to a mail and your reply will complete the activity assigned to you then you can use send and complete button to send the reply and at the same time set the state of the activity to Complete.

For example: The customer had asked for some information regarding a product. Sending the information to the customer will complete the activity assigned to you.

To send and complete

- Click the Send and complete button on the Reply pane toolbar. It will send the reply and set the state of the activity to Complete.

Save draft

You are working on an activity and you have added a message in the reply pane and have made some more changes to the reply but you don’t want to send or complete the message immediately but you want to come back to the activity and work on it later. Here you can use save draft to save the changes you have made.

**Important:** If you do not do save draft and go to another activity you will lose all the changes that you made.

Save draft has to be done:
1. After making changes to the reply.
2. After attaching a file.

Save draft is not to be done:
1. After adding note.
2. Before doing Send or Send and complete or Complete.

To do save draft

- Click the Save draft button on the Reply pane toolbar.

From field

The from field contains the address which will be shown in the from line when the mail is received by the customer. By default the field shows Originating Entry Point address.
Type or select the address that you want to show in the from line.

For example: The activity came in the queue and the email is being replied by an agent in accounts, so you can change the from field showing the email address of accounts department.

If you do want the reply from the customer to come to the address specified in the From line and want it to go to a different address then follow the following steps:

1. Click the Assistance button in the To field. Select Names window appears

Reply to: Type the address to which the reply email from the customer should go. By default the field shows the address selected in the From field.

For example: You give a different address in the From field and a different address for Reply to. When the customer receives the email the From line will show the address you gave in the field.

When the customer replies to the email the To field will show the address you gave in Reply to field and the reply will go to this address.
To, Bcc and Cc field

When you are replying to an email the To field will show the email address from which the email came. If you are sending an outbound email the To field shows the address given while creating the activity.

To add addresses in To, Bcc or Cc field

If you know the email addresses to which you have to send the email you can type them in the To, Bcc or Cc field. If you want to use the address book, then follow the following steps:

1. Click the Assistance button in the To field. Select Names window appears.

2. In the Select Names window:
   a. Type address or select from list: The addresses in the list are arranged in alphabetic order. If you know the alphabet with which the email address starts you can type it in this field.
For example: You want to Bcc the email to an email address which starts with “M”. Type M in the field. The addresses will show as below:

From the list of addresses select the addresses you want to add in To, Cc or Bcc field. If you do not know, then scroll through the addresses and select the address to which you want to send the email.

b. Click the To, Cc or Bcc button to add the address in the appropriate field.
c. Click OK button.

**Important:** By default the reply pane has only To field. You can add the Bcc and CC field by changing preferences. See section on Preferences. If the reply pane does not have Bcc and Cc field and you select the addresses for Cc and Bcc field, the fields will be added automatically.

If the email address in the To field is different from the email address given in the contact point of the customer, when you send the email a prompt appears:

The 'To' email address of the message is different from the one you selected while creating the activity. Are you sure you want to send the email?

[OK] [Cancel]

**Subject**

The subject field of the email tells what the email is about. If the activity belongs to a case, it also contains the Case Id to which the activity belongs. When you send an email to the customer the system automatically adds the Case id to the subject of the email. It is recommended to use a subject that is concise and informative.

**To add subject**

- Type the subject in the subject field.
Handling chats

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Chat basics

Chat activity indicator

When a new chat activity is assigned to you and you are in the main inbox the chat inbox button will blink in red.

If you are in the Non-chat Inbox, and a chat session is in progress, and the customer sends a new message, the Chat Inbox indicator will blink in red.

If a new chat comes in a queue on which you have pull permissions, and you are working on some other application on your machine, the Agent console window will pop to the front.

Chat status

For all the open chat activities you can see the status of the chats in the List pane. The chat status is indicated using text and color coding.

The status of a chat can be one of the following.

- **Waiting for you to reply**: This means the last message was sent by the customer to the agent. This will be the default chat status when a new chat activity comes in the inbox. This status is shown in red color.

- **Waiting for customer to reply**: This means the last message was sent by the agent to the customer. This status is shown in green color.

- **Customer not connected**: This means that the customer got accidentally disconnected because of browser crash or some other error.

- **Customer exited chat**: This means that customer clicked the customer has exited the chat. This status is shown in off-white color.
Customer connection status

In the chat inbox list pane, you can see the connection status of each customer.

The customer connection status can be one of the following.

- **Fast, connected**: The customer is connected and the connection is fast. It is shown using a green circle.
- **Slow, but still connected**: The customer is connected but the connection is slow. It is shown using a yellow triangle.
- **Not connected**: The customer is not connected. It is shown using a red square.

Shortcuts for multiple chats

A number from one to nine is assigned as a key to every chat activity that arrives in the agents inbox. The lowest available number is assigned to the new chat activity that comes in the inbox. Once a value is assigned to a chat activity it does not change till the activity is completed. Once the activity is completed, the key is freed and is assigned to the next chat coming to the inbox. The keys can be used to quickly toggle between the chat activities in the inbox.

**Important**: Shortcut keys are assigned only to chat activities and not to any other type of activity.

An example of how keys are assigned

A chat activity 1001 comes in an empty chat inbox, it is assigned the key 1. While chatting, another chat activity 1002 comes in the chat inbox, it is assigned the key 2. An email activity 1003 comes, it is not assigned any shortcut key. The agent completes chat activity 1002, and the shortcut key 2 becomes available for
assignment. A chat activity 1004 comes in the chat inbox, it is assigned the shortcut key 2.

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**Important:** For shortcut Keys you will not be able to use numbers from the Numeric pad because pressing the shift key overrides the Numeric lock.

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### Toggling between inboxes

The Agent Console has two inboxes. One is the chat inbox that shows the chat activities and the other the main inbox that shows all other activities. You can easily toggle between the two inboxes using a shortcut.

**To toggle between the inboxes**

- Use the shortcut key SHIFT+CTRL+SPACE to switch from one inbox to the other.

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### Conducting chat sessions

#### Making yourself available

For the system to be able to assign chat activities to you, you should make yourself available in the chat inbox. You can change this setting only if you have the permission to do so. If you make yourself unavailable you can still pull chat activities from the queues on which you have pull permissions. If your administrator has not given you the permission to change the availability setting, then you become available for handling chat activities as soon as you log in to the Agent Console and become unavailable when you logout.

**Important:** If you have the permission to change your availability setting, you have to make yourself available every time you log in to the Agent Console.

**To make yourself available in the chat inbox**

1. Go to your chat inbox.
2. In the **Chat Inbox** toolbar, in the **Available** box select **Yes** to make your self available for handling chats.
Pulling chats

You can pull chats from the queues on which you have pull permissions and if you have the action assigned to pull chat activities. When a chat activity comes in the queue the **Pull next** button blinks red. When you click the button when it is still blinking a chat gets assigned to you. You can pull chat activities even when you are in the main inbox. If you pull chat activities from the main inbox, you are taken to the pulled chat activity in the chat inbox and you can start working on it. But, if you are in the chat inbox and are working on a chat activity and you pull a new chat activity, the new chat activity comes in your inbox but your focus doesn’t get shifted to the pulled activity. You can continue to work on the chat you were working on.

**To pull chat activities**

- In the inbox list pane toolbar, click the **Pull next** button when it is blinking red. One activity with the maximum waiting time gets pulled in your inbox.

Moving between chats

**To move between chats**

- Use the shortcut **SHIFT+CTRL + Key (1 to 9)** to toggle between the chat activities.

  For example: If you have selected a chat activity with key 1 and you want to go to activity with key 2 use the shortcut:
  - **SHIFT + CTRL + 2**

  And, to go back to activity with key 1 use the shortcut:
  - **SHIFT + CTRL + 1**
Sending messages to the customer

To send messages to the customer

1. In the Chat pane in the Text box type the message you want to send to the customer.

   If your administrator has configured quick responses for the common messages used in chat, then you can use them.

2. To use the quick responses, in the Text box toolbar click the arrow in the Quick responses button. From the list of quick responses select the one you want to use. The text of the quick response appears in the Text box. Review it and make any changes, if required. Click the Send button or press ENTER to send the message to the customer.

   Like quick responses, you can also use bookmarks to send canned messages quickly to the customers.

3. To use the bookmarks, in the Text box toolbar click the arrow in the Bookmarks button. From the list of bookmarked articles select the one you want to use. The text of the article appears in the Text box. Review it and make any changes, if required. Click the Send button or press ENTER to send the message to the customer.

   Before sending the message to the customer you can also do a spell check.

4. To run a spell check, click the Spell check button in the Text box toolbar. If your administrator has configured auto spell check then every time you send a message the spell checker runs automatically.

   If block check is configured, then your message is checked for any blocked words. If the message contains any blocked words then you are prompted to delete those words before sending the message to the customer.
Sending web pages to customers

During a chat session you can send web pages to customers. You can send web pages only for those chats that come through the entry points for which your administrator has enabled page pushing.

**To send a page to the customer**

1. In the **Information pane** section toolbar, click the **Web Collaboration** button.

2. In the **Web Collaboration** toolbar, in the **Address** box, type the URL you want to push to the customer.
   
   If your administrator has configured any quick links, you can use them to quickly send the web pages to the customer.

3. In the **Web Collaboration** toolbar click the arrow next to the **Quick links** button. From the drop down select the URL of the page you want to view.

   ![Web Collaboration toolbar](image)

   The page gets loaded in the Web collaboration section of the Information pane. If the web collaboration is configured in the pop-up mode, the web page opens in the pop-up window.

4. In the **Web Collaboration** toolbar click the **Send page to customer** button.

   If the administrator has blocked any web pages then you can’t send them to the customer. The blocked pages don’t get pushed to the customer but you can view them on your side.

Ending chat sessions

Transferring chats

**Things to note**

1. Chats can be transferred to users, queues, and departments.
2. Chats can be transferred only to the users who are available for handling chats.
3. Only one chat activity can be transferred at a time.
4. Chats cannot be transferred to agents who have reached their Chat - User Max Load.
5. Only open chat activities where the customer has not left the chat session can be transferred.
To transfer a chat
1. In the chat inbox select the chat you want to transfer.
2. In the Chat pane or Inbox pane toolbar click the Transfer button.
   Transfer Activities window appears.
3. In the Transfer Activities windows, select if you want to transfer the chat to another agent, queue, or a department. From the list of available agents, queues, or departments select the one to which you want to transfer the chat and click the Transfer button.

Completing chats
After servicing the customer you can either leave the chat or complete it. When you click the Complete button, the activity gets completed and shows in the Completed folder of the inbox.

To complete a chat
- Click the Complete button in the Chat pane toolbar. When you complete the chat the customer is shown the exit template and a list of URLs sent to him, if any.

Leaving chats
After servicing the customer you can either leave the chat or complete it. When you click the Leave button, the activity is removed from your chat inbox but it gets completed only when the customer closes the chat session.

To leave a chat
- Click the Leave button in the Chat pane toolbar. When you leave the chat a message is shown to the customer that the agent has left the chat.
Viewing chat activity information

Viewing activity body

The activity body shows the transcript of the chat. You can view the activity body for only completed chat activities and not for chats that are in progress.

To view the activity body

- In the Information pane section toolbar, click the Activity Body button.

The activity body shows the following details.

- **Current user**: The name of the agent who serviced the chat.
- **Subject**: The subject is the first message sent by the customer before the agent joined the chat.
Text of the chat transcript: The complete chat transcript.

Viewing activity details

You can view the details of the chat activities from the Activities Details section of the Information pane. You can view the case ID, activity ID, queue name, and certain more details about the activity. From here you can also change the priority of the activity. The information listed in this section can be more or less depending on what your administrator has configured for the department.

To view the activity details

1. In the Information pane section toolbar, click the Activity Details button.

   By default the activity details section shows the following information.
   - **Activity ID:** The activity ID of the chat selected in the inbox.
   - **Case ID:** The case ID of the case associated with the activity. If there is no case associated with an activity, then this field is blank.
   - **Priority:** It shows the priority of the activity. By default there is no priority set for the activity. You can set the priority from one to seven. Priority of completed chat activities cannot be changed.
   - **Customer name:** The name of the customer associated with the chat activity.
   - **Current user:** The name of the agent to whom the activity is assigned.
   - **Department name:** The name of the department to which the activity belongs.
- **Queue name:** The name of the queue from which the chat came to the agent.
- **When created:** The date and time when the chat was created.
- **Substatus:** The substatus of an open chat activity is **In progress**, and of a completed activity is **Done**.
- **Web collaboration mode:** It shows the web collaboration mode of the customer. The web collaboration mode can be one of the following.
  - Manual
  - Basic
  - Advanced

### Viewing audit information

An Audit shows the complete life cycle of the chat activity from its creation to its completion.

The following table shows the audit details.

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Chat monitors

About the chat monitors

Monitoring helps in reviewing the way agents handle chats and the type of responses they send. You can either monitor each agent individually or you can monitor selective queues and the chats coming through them.

You can provide guidance and assistance by joining the chat sessions, if required. While the monitoring in the Supervision console allows the supervisor to get an overview of the workload and service level adherence of various queues and users,
the monitoring from the Agent Console allows to review the on-going chat sessions and join them, if required. Users who are assigned the action, Monitor Chat Activity, can monitor chats from the My monitor node in the Agent console. You can monitor all the users and queues on which you have view permission.

In the Monitor folder you can view the following attributes of the chats.

1. **Screen name**: The screen name of the agent handling the chat.
2. **Queue name**: The name of the queue from which the chat came to the agent.
3. **Activity ID**: The activity ID of the chat.
4. **Customer name**: The name of the customer.
5. **Activity duration**: The duration of the chat.
6. **Substatus**: The substatus of the chat.
7. **Notes**: If there is a note added to the activity, a Note icon is shown in the List pane.
8. **Join indicators**: Two distinct icons, Joined and Not Joined, are used to indicate if you have joined the chat or not.

## Monitoring chats

### To monitor a chat

1. In the Inbox Tree pane, browse to **My work > Activities > My Monitor**.  
   **Important:** You can monitor only the queues and users on whom you have view permission.

2. In the List pane toolbar, from the **Monitoring filter** button select if you want to monitor queues or agents.

3. If you select the **Queue filter** option, the **Queue monitoring filter** window opens and from here you can select the queue you want to monitor. Before selecting the queue you can view the number of activities in the queue that are unassigned, not started, and are in progress.
4. If you select the Agent filter option, the Agent monitoring filter window opens and from here you can select the agent you want to monitor. Before selecting the agent you can view the agent’s screen name, if he has made himself available for handling chats, number of chats that are in progress, and number of chats on which he hasn’t started working yet.

If you have selected a user for monitoring, then in the List pane you can view the chats assigned to the user. And if you have selected

5. In the List pane, select the activity you want to monitor. The transcript of the chat appears in the Chat pane. The transcript in the Chat pane is refreshed automatically at specific time intervals.

When you select a chat activity for monitoring, the Information pane is disabled and in the Chat pane only the Join button is enabled. You can silently monitor the chat activities without joining them. But, let us say for example, you are monitoring a chat activity and you find that the agent needs some help in handling the chat, or that you can provide additional information to the customer, you can easily join the chat session and participate in the chat. You cannot join the chats where the agent to whom the chat is assigned hasn’t started
chatting with the customer. You can join the chats where the agent has left the chat session.

6. To join the chat, click the **Join** button in the Chat pane toolbar. The number of chat activities that you can join as a supervisor is determined by a setting configured by your administrator.

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**Important:** When you join a chat, no system message is sent to the agent or the customer to inform that you have joined.

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Once you join a chat, the **Join** button is disabled, and all other buttons in the Chat pane are enabled. The Information pane is also enabled. The web page being co-browsed by the agent, appears in the **Web Collaboration** section of the Information pane. You can now participate in the chat, by sending messages and by cobrowsing.

You can also join the chat sessions where the agent has left the chat session and the customer is still there. You can transfer, complete, or leave the chat activities. You can always join the chat again by clicking the **Join** button again.