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#### **Client Overview**

A leading provider in the **consumer goods sector**, recognized for its commitment to customer satisfaction, partnered with us to optimize its **customer service operations**. Through improved self-serve solutions, it aimed to streamline processes and reduce the volume of repeat calls.

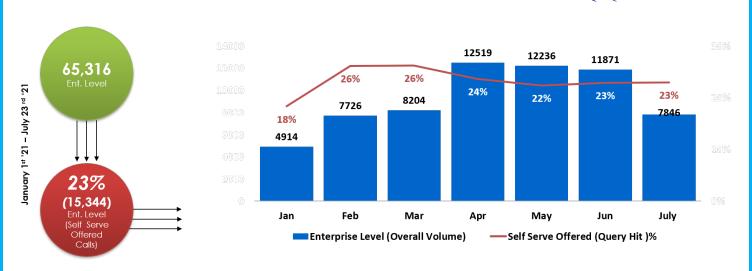
#### **Business Challenge**

The client faced several challenges in their customer service department, with 77% of customer interactions needing more opportunities for self-service promotion. This lack of promotion increased customer effort, led to repeat calls, and negatively impacted the overall customer experience (CX). The existing self-service options were limited, and customer service agents needed to be made aware or hesitant to offer self-service alternatives. This resulted in higher operational costs and inefficient handling of customer inquiries.

#### **Key Issues Identified:**

- 77% of interactions where self-serve options were not provided, leading to potential repeat callers.
- Customers were not transferred to the survey line in 81% of cases, reducing valuable NPS data collection.
- The self-serve option, limited to a website link, was not adequately promoted.
- Call handling time was longer for agents offering self-serve options compared to those who didn't.





#### Solution

To address these challenges, we conducted a comprehensive **self-serve optimization study**, focusing on the following areas:

- 1. **Call analysis** of 360 inbound calls, with 180 calls where self-serve options were offered and 180 where they were not.
- 2. Identify key **call drivers** where self-serve could be effectively implemented (e.g., parts inquiries, product inquiries, order status).
- 3. Recommendations for enhancing **self-serve options**, including promoting the app and expanding its availability for Android users.

#### **Key Findings**

- Average handling time (AHT) was 3 minutes and 33 seconds longer for calls where self-serve options were not promoted, highlighting inefficiencies.
- Agents tended to rush through calls to resolve issues quickly, resulting in 88% of missed self-serve opportunities.
- Self-serve promotion could have been more consistent across different months. February and March showed some improvement but a drop from April to July.
- Self-serve could significantly reduce repeat calls, which increases customer effort and dissatisfaction.



#### **Recommendations & Implementation**

- **Training agents** on the importance of self-serve solutions, enabling them to promote options like the website and app confidently.
- **Expanding self-serve features** on mobile platforms, particularly making the app available to iOS and Android users.
- Establishing **clear guidelines** for when and how agents should offer selfserve options to ensure consistency.
- Monitoring performance with **ongoing metrics** to track the effectiveness of self-serve promotion and call deflection rates.

#### **Potential ROI**

By improving the self-serve promotion, the client could achieve substantial cost savings:

- 77% reduction in missed opportunities for promoting self-serve.
- An estimated annual savings of \$8,684 from reduced call volumes due to improved self-serve engagement.
- Projected **call volume reduction** of approximately **9% over 12 months**, leading to fewer customer interactions and lower operational costs.

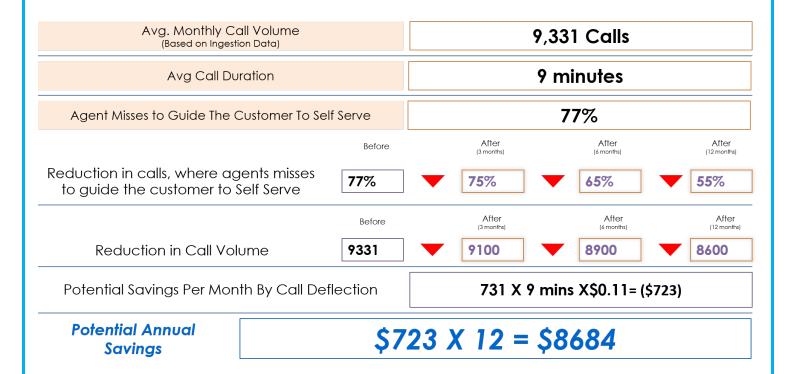
With these changes, the client will improve **customer satisfaction** and **loyalty** and realize **significant cost savings** through operational efficiency.



#### Results

The recommended changes have the potential to:

- Enhance the customer experience by providing quick and easy resolutions through self-serve options.
- Reduce repeat call volumes and lower average handling times.
- Enable the client to gather more accurate **NPS data**, driving further improvements in CX.





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