



# Cloud Modernization In the Contact Center

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# Industry trends



# Balancing agility with security and regulations



14M

Number of Contact Center agents worldwide



84%\*

Distribution of staff who routinely use at least one personal device for work tasks



67%\*\*

Identify balancing staff flexibility with security as a major business challenge

Organizations estimate 70% of provisioned hardware is not returned upon employee off-boarding\*\*\*

# Industry challenges in customer experience



## Delivering personalization at scale

Travelers and guests expect brands to know them and anticipate their needs at every turn

Leverage AI/ML to optimize the customer experience across the entire journey



## Unified customer data

Bring data from multiple disparate systems together to create a unified customer profile



## Traveler/guest retention and loyalty

Ensure availability across all touchpoints, and at all times

Nearly 40% of consumers will stop interacting with a brand they love after just one bad experience; Nearly 60% after several



## Retaining top global agents

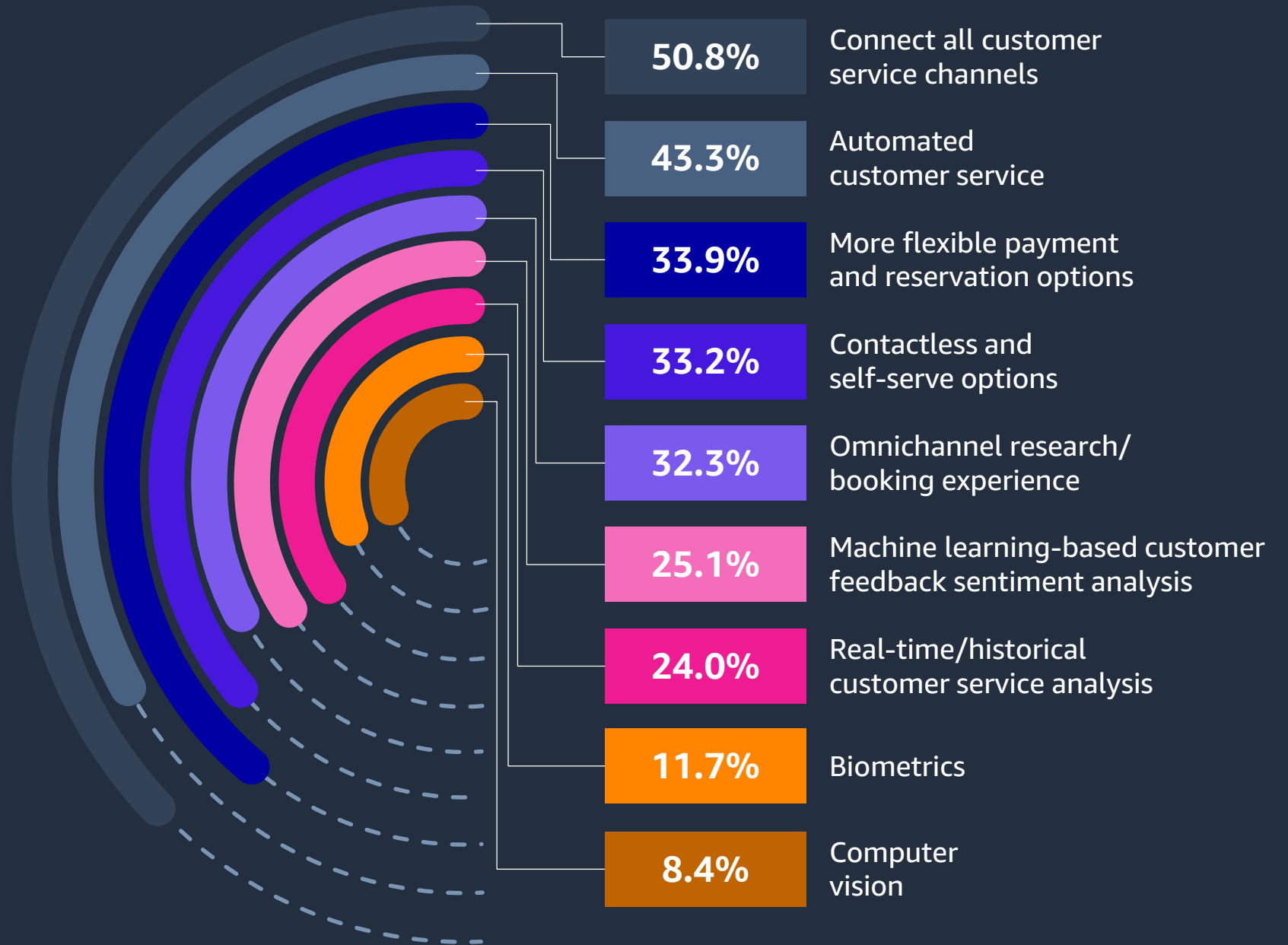
Find global talent to enable 24x7 follow the sun operations across time zones and retain agents with a flexible remote or hybrid work model

70% of agents want to continue working from home after the pandemic ends

# Top digital strategies for customer service initiatives



[The 2022 Digital Transformation Report](#)



# Most likely business disruptions in 2022 and 2023



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Legacy/outdated technology

32.6%

Labor shortages

32.3%

Cyber security

30.3%

System outages

29.5%

Inconsistent government  
Covid rules

26.8%

Supply shortages

26.5%

Inability to handle spikes in  
demand (e.g. summer and holidays)

21.9%

Inability to handle pricing during  
peak demand

18.0%

Inability to handle customer  
experience during peak demand

18.0%

Geopolitical instability

12.4%



# Solution overview





# Contact center use cases



## CUSTOMER SALES

Identify customer journey, assist customers purchases and placing orders



## LOYALTY

Loyalty management, redemptions, inquiries, account management



## CUSTOMER CARE

Customer inquiries, bags, cancellation /changes of reservations/orders



## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Product launches and performance evaluation, social media inquiries, and complains support



## MARKETING

Product marketing, special event drives, surveys, preferred customers, VIP services



## FRANCHISEE SUPPORT

Restaurant support, hotel support, franchise support, channel management support, agencies



## PERSONAS MANAGEMENT

Concierge services, Personalized engagement and sentiment analysis



## BACK OFFICE SUPPORT

IT Support, HR support, recruiting support, hangars, mechanics, training, personnel

# Amazon End-User-Computing is transforming agent experience



## Amazon EUC

Maximize productivity of the modern distributed digital agents while streaming IT operations

### WorkSpaces Appstream 2.0

All-inclusive virtual  
desktop services  
(Persistent & Selective  
persistent)

### WorkSpaces Core

Virtual desktop  
infrastructure APIs  
for customers' 3<sup>rd</sup>  
party VDI software

### WorkSpaces Web

Secure browser  
service for access to  
internal websites and  
SaaS apps

### WorkDocs

Fully managed  
document sharing  
and content  
collaboration service

# EUC solutions for all worker types

## Amazon WorkSpaces

Full Desktop Experience

Persistent

### Knowledge Workers

Knowledge Worker Contingent Workforce  
Software Developers and Test  
Knowledge Worker FTE Remote Work  
M&A

### Visualization

High Performance Computing  
Media & Entertainment rendering  
Data

### Personal and Impersonal Devices

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

## Amazon AppStream 2.0

Temporary access to streaming applications or fresh desktop at log in

Non-Persistent

### Task Workers

Contact Center Agents  
Offshoring & Business Process Task Workers  
Contingent Task Workers

### Design & Engineering

Graphics Designer  
CAD/CAM

### Communal Devices

Shop Floor Kiosks  
Front Line Workers  
Bastion Hosts

### Students

Lab Environment  
Virtual Classroom

High Performance Machines (Part-time)

## Amazon Workspaces Web

Browser-based/SaaS workloads

Non-Persistent

### Task Workers (SaaS/Web only)

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Contingent Task Workers  
Students

### Internal website access (Intranet)

Salesperson traveling to customer site

### Lightweight BYOD

Workers who require access to internal websites

### Developers

Access code repository from home



# Amazon EUC impacts the metrics that matter



Reduce agent onboarding time resulting in faster time-to-productivity



Increase agility to quickly adjust to seasonal/holiday demand



Eliminate legacy systems to reduce capital cost (CAPEX)



Hire the best global talent and provide a secure environment

# Amazon Connect is transforming customer experience



## Amazon Connect

Easy to use, omnichannel cloud-based contact-center service that scales to support businesses of any size



**Skills-based contact routing**



**Voice & chat recording**



**Real-time and historical analytics**



**High-quality voice capability**



**Pay-as-you-go pricing**

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Reduce  
contact center  
operating costs



Transform  
contact center  
into a profit  
center




Promote  
automation and  
self-service



Offer  
consistent  
omnichannel  
engagement

# AWS EUC competency partners

<p>APAC</p>	
<p>EMEA</p>	
<p>LATAM</p>	
<p>NAMER</p>	



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## CONSULTING PARTNERS

## TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS

<https://aws.amazon.com/travel-and-hospitality/partner-solutions>



# Customers and Success Stories



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Lunar Founded in 2015, Lunar is a Danish cloud-based bank that is expanding in the Nordics. It is a 100% digital bank that makes it easy for customers to manage and make the most of their money.

*“Our focus is to be a bank of the future. Amazon WorkSpaces allows us to meet the security and compliance standards in Denmark, and ensure our compliance when we re-launch in Sweden and Norway in the near future.”* - **Thomas Jacobsen**, IT Compliance and Security Lead, Lunar

# AWS & Next Steps



# Why AWS

**241%** Average ROI



**31%** Reduction in total annual contact center subscription and usage costs



**15%** Decrease in Average Handle Time



**8%** Reduction in call volume



Sources: Forrester Research



# Next steps



## DISCOVERY

Discovery Workshop with AWS resources to refine problem statement and gather next-level details



## INVESTMENT

2-4 hours; participation from stakeholders in the contact center, commercial group, and/or loyalty team, IT



## OUTCOME

Proposals for proof-of-value, and full-scale deployment, including deep-dive on reference architecture and integration





**Thank you!**

# Voice / Chat Seamless Functionality and Experience

## Amazon Connect Chat

Personal, dynamic and natural experiences  
across voice and chat



Build once, enable everywhere



Asynchronous & synchronous



Secure, encrypted end-to-end



No-code chatbots



Pay per message



# Contact Lens for Amazon Connect

CONTACT CENTER  
ANALYTICS FOR  
AMAZON CONNECT  
POWERED BY  
MACHINE LEARNING



Advanced search



Detailed analytics &  
sentiment analysis



Automated contact  
categorization



Theme detection  
(coming soon)



Supervisor assist  
(coming soon)



Open and  
flexible data



# Priceline Optimizes Customer Service during 3x Call Increase Using Amazon Connect



## CHALLENGE

- Priceline found that its hardwired on-premises telephony system was not flexible enough to handle high call volume, so it decided to migrate to a scalable, reliable system on the cloud.

## SOLUTION

- By using Amazon Connect, Priceline created a modern customer contact center experience and cut call backlog. The cloud-based infrastructure later enabled it to quickly transition over 1,000 agents to remote work.

## BENEFITS

- Scaled to handle 3x increase in daily call volume
- Reduced hold times with automation
- Enabled simple use and adjustment in minutes

CUSTOMER:

**Priceline**

COUNTRY:

**United States**

INDUSTRY:

**Travel & Hospitality**

EMPLOYEES:

**15,500**

WEBSITE:

[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)

## ABOUT PRICELINE:

Priceline, part of Booking Holdings, is a global provider of online travel. Based in the United States, its mission is to be the best travel dealmaker in the world to enable travelers to be there for the moments that matter. For Priceline, every trip is a big deal.

*“Not once have we asked ourselves, ‘Can our contact center infrastructure handle this?’ We know that using Amazon Connect enables us to provide enhanced customer service.”*

—Jennifer Featherling, senior director of contact center technology, Priceline



# RedAwning Scales Great Customer Service Using Amazon Connect



## CHALLENGE

- RedAwning needed a more scalable, configurable contact center solution to fulfill its mission to provide hotel-style service in the fast-growing vacation rental market.

## SOLUTION

- RedAwning adopted Amazon Connect, the AWS-based contact center, including Amazon Lex and Amazon Polly for easy deployment of virtual agents. The company can now to optimize call flows and manage its operations with data.

## BENEFITS

- Cut costs by 80%
- Simplified transactions
- Reduced wait times

CUSTOMER:

**RedAwning**

COUNTRY:

**United States**

INDUSTRY:

**Hospitality**

EMPLOYEES:

**145**

WEBSITE:

**[www.redawning.com](http://www.redawning.com)**

## ABOUT REDAWNING:

With more than 140,000 properties in more than 10,000 destinations—all instantly bookable with a common set of terms and services—RedAwning simplifies vacation rental travel for guests and property managers alike.

*“Using Amazon Connect with Amazon Lex, it was easy to build an intelligent virtual agent to answer calls, match guests with their reservations, and engage naturally with users.”*

—Tim Choate, Founder and CEO, RedAwning



# Subway Improves Customer Experience with Queued Call Backs



## CHALLENGE

- Subway operates call centers to support franchisees, corporate employees, customer care, and catering. They needed to handle calls globally, while reducing call time and improving customer engagement

## SOLUTION

- Migrated to Amazon Connect and were able to stand up their first contact flow in just 2 hours
- Implemented queued callbacks for their customers

## BENEFITS

- Decreased average handle time
- Reduce cost by implementing queue call back
- Improved CSAT

CUSTOMER:

**Subway**

COUNTRY:

**United States**

INDUSTRY:

**Restaurant**

EMPLOYEES:

**410,000**

WEBSITE:

[www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com)

## ABOUT SUBWAY:

The SUBWAY® brand is the world's largest submarine sandwich chain with more than 40,000 locations around the world. They have become the leading choice for people seeking quick, nutritious meal options that the whole family can enjoy.

*“The result was a dramatic increase in our customer satisfaction (CSAT) score. We will be able to decrease costs and realize significant time savings in how quickly we can process the calls.”*

—Neville Hamilton, VP Technology, Subway



# Square Leverages Amazon Connect to Change the way They Engage with Customers



## CHALLENGE

- Existing provider couldn't adequately provide support for global customer base, leading to major latency issues, and poor customer service

## SOLUTION

- Leveraged Amazon Connect to improve their latency issues
- Using AWS Lambda to perform data dips and upload their packages to AWS Lambda

## BENEFITS

- Zero latency issues while handling 6K+ calls per day
- Integration into their own switchboard application

CUSTOMER:

**Square**

COUNTRY:

**United States**

INDUSTRY:

**Restaurant Technology  
/ Point of Sale**

EMPLOYEES:

**8,500**

WEBSITE:

**[www.squareup.com](http://www.squareup.com)**

## ABOUT SQUARE:

Square is a financial services platform aimed at small and medium businesses that allows them to accept credit card payments and use tablet computers as payment registers for a point-of-sale system

*"Amazon Connect has played a key role in improving both the customer service and sales experiences across Square. We've repeatedly heard from both customers and employees that they prefer this experience over our previous platform."*

**—Kevin Miller, Voice Systems Engineer, Square**



# Best Western Hotels & Resorts Goes All-In on AWS



## CHALLENGE

- The company sought to provide reliable and helpful customer with a call center that supports 14 languages across 35 countries

## SOLUTION

- Best Western migrated their Milan, Italy call center to Amazon Connect, leveraging dynamic prompting with Amazon Polly

## BENEFITS

- Migrated contact center in 1 month, enabling remote agent access in 1 week
- Reduced telecom expenses by 40%+
- Eliminated 96% of pre-recorded prompts across 11 languages

CUSTOMER:

**Best Western  
Hotels & Resorts**

COUNTRY:

**United States**

INDUSTRY:

**Lodging**

WEBSITE:

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

## ABOUT BEST WESTERN:

Best Western® Hotels & Resorts is a global network of more than 4,500 hotels located in over 100 countries and territories, across 18 hotel brands.

*“In recent years we have embarked on a digital transformation that is designed to delight our guests, develop agile ways of working, and create new value for guests, hotel owners, and employees. **With its unmatched portfolio of services, AWS is a natural fit for Best Western Hotels & Resorts’ move to the cloud, as we focus on improving processes, driving better business results for our member-owners, and delivering even greater value to travelers around the world”***

**—Greg Adams, Senior Vice President and Chief Digital Officer, Best Western Hotels & Resorts**





# Jack in the Box Moves Data Center to AWS to Scale Customer Engagement



## CHALLENGE

- Jack in the Box needed to drive flexibility and resiliency across its organization and enable the company to offer new cloud-based experiences for the more than half a billion customers who visit its restaurants every year

## SOLUTION

- Migrated their entire on-premises data centers to AWS
- Using Contact Lens with Amazon Connect, a set of ML capabilities, to enable customer service to better understand customer conversation sentiment and trends

## BENEFITS

- 200% increase in performance
- 50% reduction in baseline software and hosting costs
- A common operational dashboard to analyze sales, inventory, food safety, and labor patterns, enabling them to focus on the daily performance of the business

CUSTOMER:  
**Jack in the Box**

COUNTRY:  
**United States**

INDUSTRY:  
**Restaurant**

EMPLOYEES:  
**22,000**

WEBSITE:  
[www.jackinthebox.com](http://www.jackinthebox.com)

## ABOUT JACK IN THE BOX:

Jack in the Box Inc., based in San Diego, is a restaurant company that operates and franchises Jack in the Box® restaurants, one of the nation's largest hamburger chains, with more than 2,220 restaurants in 21 states. Known as the pioneer of all-day breakfast, and the late night category, Jack in the Box prides itself on being the curly fry in a world of regular fries.

*“We can understand the customer much more deeply than we had before, we can take them through a customer journey with us.”*

—Miki Hardisty, Chief Technology Officer, Jacking in the Box



# Delta Air Lines Reinvent Contact Center Experience with AWS



## CHALLENGE

- Using a 20 year old legacy system created instability and customer friction. Delta needed a reliable, scalable, and predictable phone system that is mission critical to their customer service.

## SOLUTION

- Deployed Amazon Connect across the board to deliver exceptional customer experience, transform the agent interaction, and stay competitive

## BENEFITS

- AWS is handling billions of voice minutes per month, across thousands of agents, speaking 9 languages

CUSTOMER:  
**Delta Air Lines**

COUNTRY:  
**United States**

INDUSTRY:  
**Travel**

EMPLOYEES:  
**83,000**

WEBSITE:  
[www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

## ABOUT DELTA AIRLINES:

Delta Air Lines is a leader in domestic and international travel, offering airline tickets & flights to over 300 destinations in 60 countries.

*“Delivering exceptional customer experience are key to the success of brands that customers love. This is why we are leveraging **state-of-the-art cloud technology like Amazon Connect** to harness and embrace innovation”*

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