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Agent Workspace Agent's Guide

[Chat](#)

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Chat is a Genesys Digital channel. The chat channel lets you handle customer chats. To chat with your team members start a chat consultation.

Related documentation:

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This article describes the typical options for handling a chat interaction. During a chat session, you and your contact send messages back and forth in real-time. When your contact is typing, a notice is displayed that they are writing a response, but not what they have written until they send it. The Interaction View keeps track of the conversation and allows you to review what has been said. Chat interactions include Web Chat, Facebook Messenger, Twitter Direct Messages, WhatsApp messages, and SMS.

In some environments, Agent Workspace supports the Conversation tab and the Communication tab. These tabs let you continue conversations with contacts after the initial interaction is ended. In most cases, chat interactions are directed to your desktop, you exchange messages, and when either you or the contact ends the chat session, the interaction is ended and must be closed and marked as **Done**. However, sometimes you need to continue a chat conversation. Perhaps you had to take time to find additional information for the contact or initiate a business process in your organization before continuing the conversation.

Important

- Due to continual changes to Agent Workspace, screenshots in this manual might show interface elements that are not yet available for this product or might not accurately reflect what you can access in the product when you use it.
- Some Agent Workspace features are available only for Genesys Multicloud CX users.
- Some Agent Workspace features are available only for Genesys Engage on-premises users.

How do I handle a chat interaction?

The screenshot displays the Agent Workspace interface. On the left, a chat window shows a conversation between 'Avril Mai' and 'GCare Service'. The chat messages are as follows:

- Avril Mai (11:26 AM): Hi Kate, I am interested in getting a new loan.
- GCare Service (11:26 AM): Sorry, I did not understand. How can I help you?
- Avril Mai (11:26 AM): New phone
- GCare Service (11:26 AM): You may bring a calling card or cell phone to make personal calls from your room. Please remember cell phones should not be used in the hallway. What else can I do for you?
- Avril Mai (11:26 AM): Can I talk to an agent?
- GCare Service (11:26 AM): Connecting you to one of our representatives. One moment please.

Below the chat window, there are tabs for 'Dispositions' and 'Note'. On the right side, the 'Contact' tab is active, showing a form for contact information. The form includes the following fields:

- Title: Enter Title
- First Name: Avril
- Last Name: Mai
- Workshop PIN: Enter Workshop PIN
- Facebook Actor Name: Enter Facebook Actor Name
- Facebook Actor ID: Enter Facebook Actor ID
- Twitter User Address: Enter Twitter User Address
- Twitter User Id: Enter Twitter User Id
- WhatsApp Actor Name: Enter WhatsApp Actor Name
- WhatsApp User Id: Enter WhatsApp User Id
- Customer Segment: (None)

Below the contact information, there are fields for 'Phone Number' and 'Email Address', each with a 'Primary' radio button and an 'Add' button. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Change contact', 'Reset', and 'Save'.

A chat interaction is the Agent Workspace interface that lets you handle chat messages.

To start receiving chat interactions, set your status on the Chat channel to **Ready**.

Tip





In some environments, agent status is set to **Ready** when the agent logs in. This means that chat interactions are directed to these agents upon login.

When you receive a chat message it is either answered automatically, or a pop-up notification is displayed on your desktop to enable you to accept the chat. When you accept a chat, the Chat interaction view opens on your Agent Workspace. It includes all the controls, information about the chat (Case Information), and Disposition and Note tabs where you can add information about the chat. There might also be tabs on the right side of the view that contain contact information, history, and other features.

When you accept a chat request, the name of the contact is displayed at the top of the screen and

the timer for the pending response indicator starts. The color of the indicator begins as green, then changes to yellow if you have not responded within the specified time limit. If you still do not respond, the indicator changes to red and begins to flash.

Some of the things you can do while handling a chat include:

- Click **Transfer** () to transfer the chat to someone else in your organization.
- Click **Conference** () to start a chat conference between yourself, the customer, and someone else in your organization.
- Start a Voice (internal targets and contacts) or Chat (an internal target only) consultation. If you want to perform a warm transfer or a two-step transfer, click Consult to talk to the consultation target and then click Transfer to transfer the call.
- Call or email the contact, if there is a phone number or email address in the contact database. (You can also launch a call or email from the **Party Action** menu by clicking an email address or phone number.) If your account is set up for it, you can also click a phone number or email address that your contact sends you as a chat message to call or email the contact.
- Add a disposition code or note.
- Click **End** () to end the chat and mark it as done ().
- Sometimes Workspace is unable to assign a call to a contact or it assigns the call to the wrong contact. Your account might be set up to let you assign or change a contact in the **Contact** tab.

If you place your mouse pointer over the interaction in the Interaction Bar, the elapsed time of the interaction and the last lines of the chat transcript is displayed. Connection-status information is displayed next to the **Party Action** menu.

Note: If you have a pending response and the Chat Interaction window is not the active window, it will start flashing in the Windows taskbar, regardless of the pending-response indicator status (green, yellow, or red).

Watch the video to see what happens when a chat request arrives at a workstation.

[Link to video](#)

Can I have more than one line in my chat message?

The Agent Workspace Chat message composition field can display up to four lines at a time. It expands as you type. You can use **Shift+Enter** to add blank lines to your message. Watch this video to find out how.

[Link to video](#)

How do I expand or collapse panes to avoid scrolling?

To give yourself more room to work or to enable you to focus on just one panel, use the **Collapse the panel**, **Partially expand the panel**, and **Fully expand the panel** buttons (the little chevrons (up/down arrows)) to expand or collapse different parts of the interaction view.

Workspace

Connect

Monitor

Vanessa Wang

05:06

Case Information

Origin

Inbound chat

Subject

Refund

new party 'Carole Spencer' has joined the session 03:34 PM

Carole Spencer

03:34 PM

Hi, how can I help you today?

Write something...

Dispositions

Note

Consultation on 07/01/2020 3:35:20 PM by Carole Spencer to Agent Kristi Sippola

Save

Consultation: Kristi Sippola (05:06)

Kristi Sippola

Unknown

New party 'Kristi Sippola' has joined the session 03:35 PM

Kristi Sippola

03:35 PM

Hi Carole, what's up?

Carole Spencer

03:36 PM

I have Vanessa Wang on Chat. She is asking about her refund. Do you have any information?

Write something...

Co-browse

Information

History

General

Title

(None)

*First Name

Vaness

*Last Name

Wang

Phone Number

Primary

+44123

Email Address

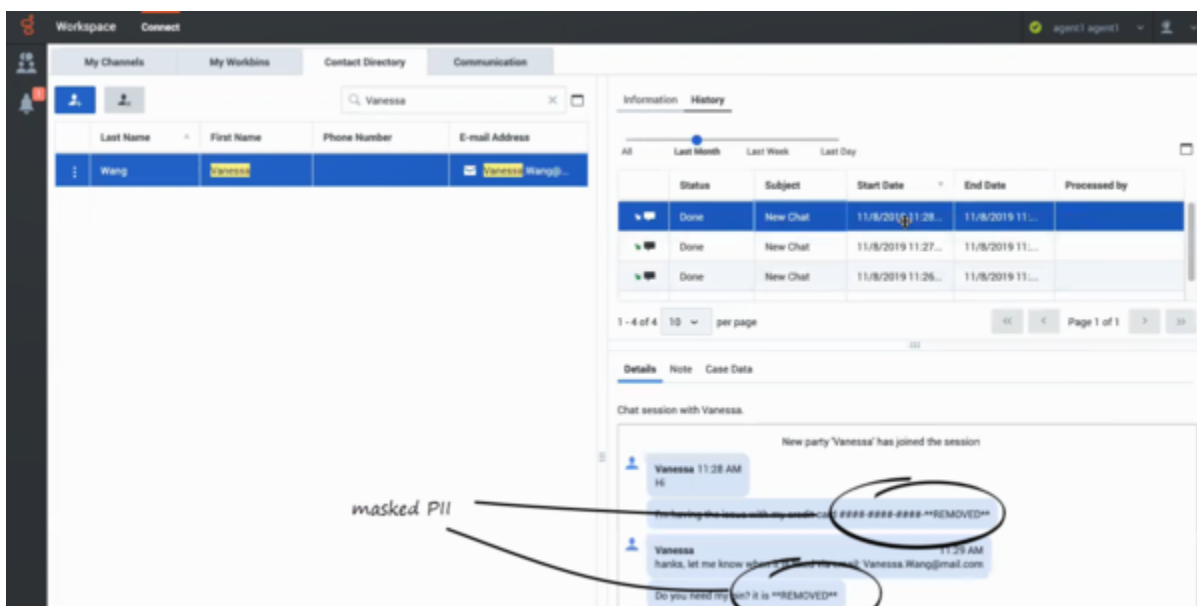
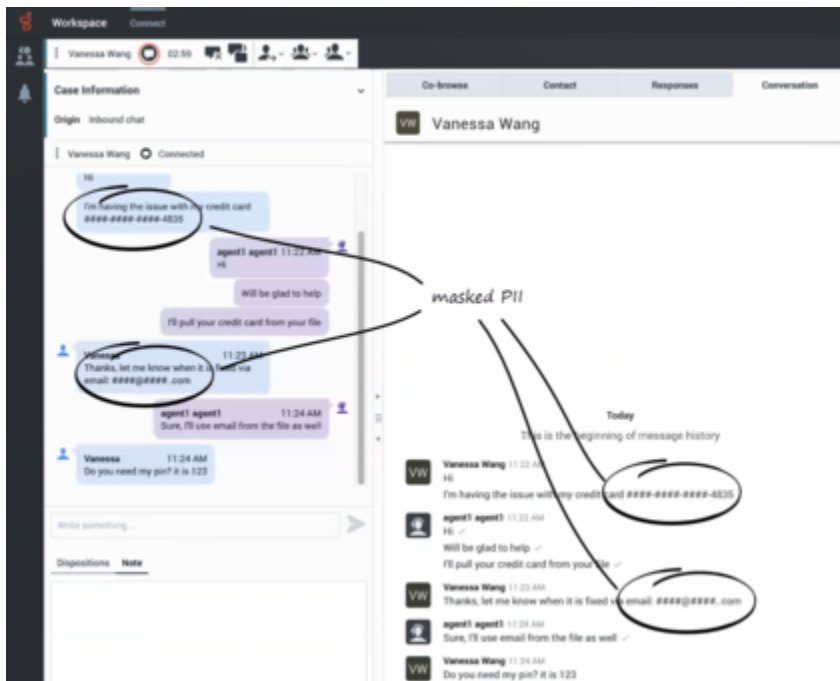
Primary

AVWan

Change contact


Why are some numbers masked out?


Some organizations must comply with regulations regarding masking Personally Identifiable Information (PII) while handling contact information. Some examples of PII include credit card numbers, personal email addresses, and phone numbers. Exposing PII to agents and other individuals in an organization is a potential security risk for the contact. In some environments, Agent Workspace detects and masks PII to keep contact information private. This figure shows you some of the ways that PII is masked in the chat transcript, **Conversation** tab, and in the history.

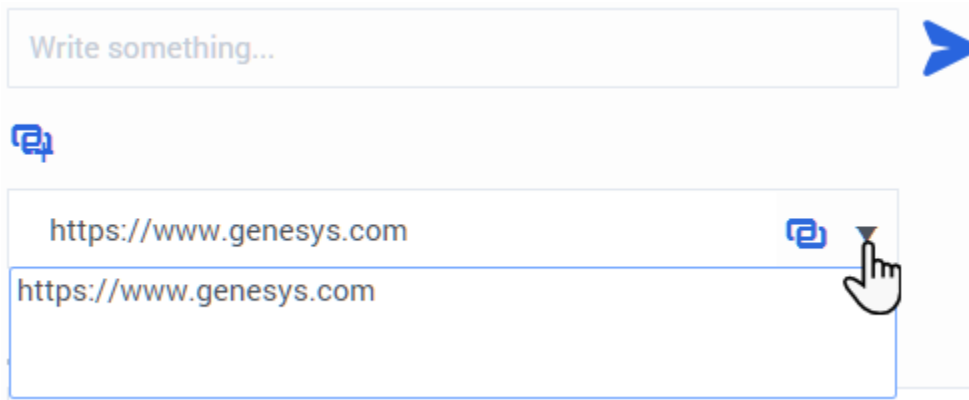


Pushing weblinks (URLs) to your contacts


Link to video

Some agents might be set up to push website links (URLs) to contacts. If you are, the **Add URL** button () is displayed beneath the chat text editing area.

Click the button to open the URL Editor below the chat text editing area. Type or paste the website address (URL) that you want to send to your contact and click **Send** ()



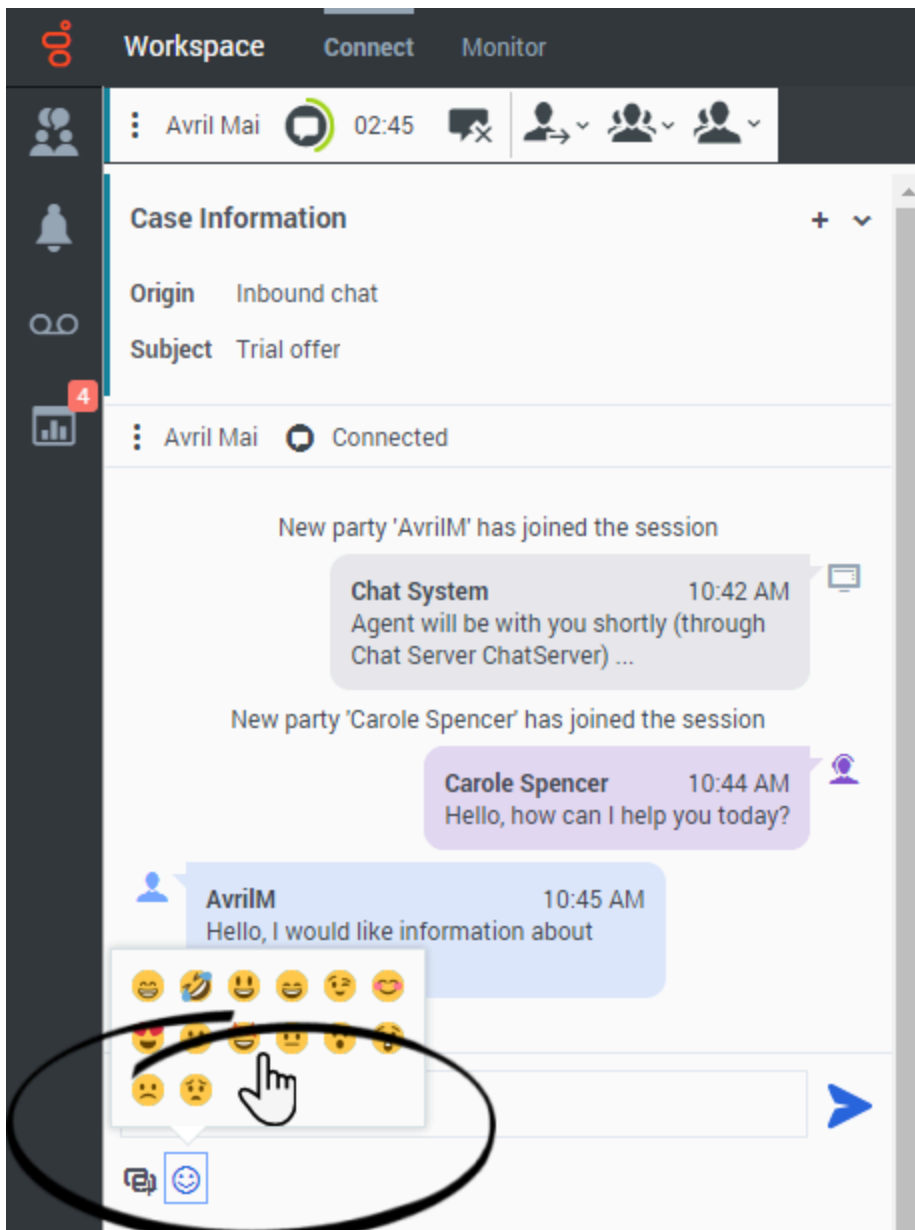
The screenshot shows a chat interface. At the top is a text input field with the placeholder text "Write something...". To the right of the input field is a blue arrow icon. Below the input field is a small blue icon representing a link. Below that is a URL Editor box. Inside the box, the URL "https://www.genesys.com" is entered. To the right of the URL is a blue link icon. A hand cursor is pointing at the link icon. Below the URL Editor box is another input field containing the same URL "https://www.genesys.com".

To check the URL before you sent it, click the **Check link** button () to open the URL in your browser. This way you can be sure that you are sending your contact to the correct website.

If you have sent previous URLs, a down arrow is displayed next to the link symbol in the URL Editor area. Click the arrow to open a menu that contains a list of URLs that you have sent to your contacts. Select one of the URLs to push it to your contact. You can use arrow keys to navigate through the list of URLs: up and down highlights the next URL, left or right selects it and inserts it into the Push URL field.

Your contact will receive a message in their chat window telling them to click the link that you sent them.

Send Emojis to Contacts



Your account might be set up to let you send emojis (*emoticons* or *smileys*) to your contact as part of the chat interaction text. Emojis are little faces and other symbols that you can use to let your contact know how you are feeling or to help them to know when something is good, funny, bad, or sad. Ask your supervisor or administrator about when to use emojis.

Important

The **Communication** and **Conversation** tabs use a different emoji picker from the Chat interaction view.

There are different ways to add emojis to your chats. Some contact centers allow you to copy and paste emojis into the text editing area. Other contact centers might have the **Emoji Picker** enabled (see below) — use this tool to choose an emoji to send.

Your administrator might have enabled the licensed emojis that come with Agent Workspace. These are pictures that enhance the appearance of standard operating system and browser supported emojis. If this feature is not enabled for you, the standard color or black and white emojis that are supported by your operating system and browser are displayed instead.

Use the **Emoji Picker** to add an emoji to your chat interaction:

1. Click the **Choose an emoji** button (😊) that appears below the text editing area to display the menu of emojis that you can choose from.
2. Click an emoji.
3. Click **Send** (➤).

Continuing the conversation

[Link to video](#)

Important

Some Agent Workspace features are available only for Genesys Multicloud CX users. Not all users have access to the **Conversation** and **Communication** tabs.

If your account is enabled for asynchronous chat, you can continue a chat interaction after the initial interaction is ended by using the Conversation tab in the interaction window or the Communication tab.

Conversation tab

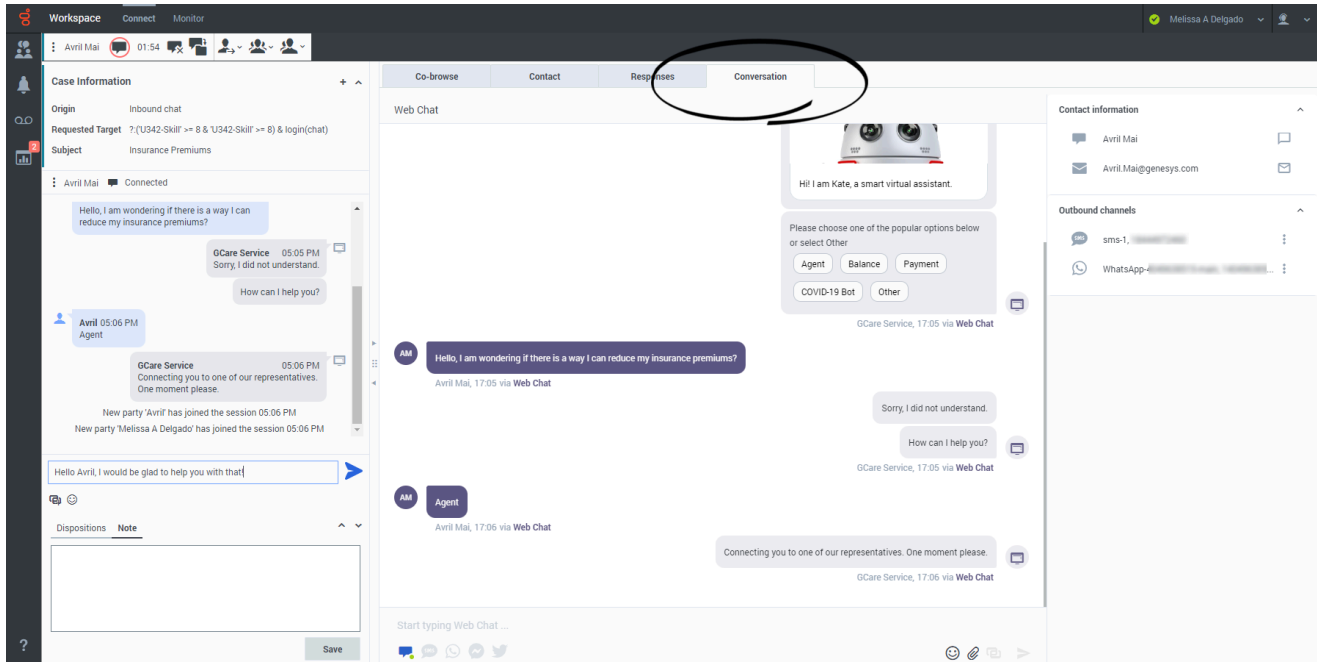
If you have not yet marked a closed interaction as **Done**, in the **Conversation** tab, the transcript of your current interaction as well as all previous chat interactions with the contact is displayed. You can scroll through it to find messages. To reactivate the Chat session, type your message in the **Write a message** field and click **Send** (➤).

Communication tab

To reactivate an interaction that is already closed and marked as **Done**, select the **Connect** group, select the **Communication** tab, then click a contact name in the **Assigned contacts** panel. All previous Chat interactions that your contact center has had with the contact are displayed in the transcript area on the right. To reactivate the chat session, click the **Chat** button in the **Contact info** column to open the Chat interaction view or start typing a new message in the **Write a**

message field and click **Send** (➤).

Conversation tab



If Asynchronous Chat is enabled for your account, the **Conversation** tab is displayed in the right panel of the Chat Interaction view.

To receive chat interactions, set your status on the Chat channel to **Ready**.

Click **Accept** when a chat notification is displayed on your desktop. This opens the Chat Interaction view. Handle the Chat interaction as normal. The transcript of the chat is displayed both in the Transcript area and the **Conversation** tab. The **Conversation** tab also contains the transcripts of all *previous* chat interactions that your contact center has had with the contact.

The **Conversation** tab allows the following actions:

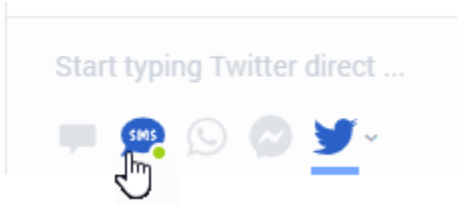
- Click **Send** (➤) to send messages you type in the Message Composition area.
- Click **Attach** (📎) to attach an image.
- Click **Emoji** (😊) to send an emoji to your contact.
- Click **Contacts** (☰) to toggle the display of the **Contacts information** area.

Tip

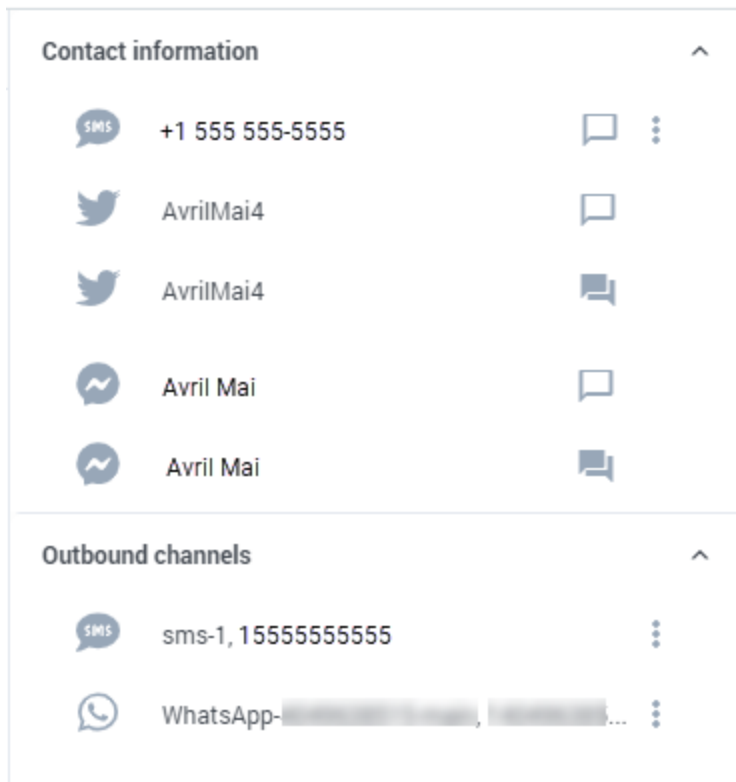
If you or the contact end the session, you can keep the Chat interaction view open while you perform other actions or business processes. Check with your supervisor about whether to mark the interaction as **Done** or keep the interaction view open while you perform other duties.

Keeping the interaction view active might affect your **Ready** status.

To choose a different channel to send your message, below the message composition field select the Channel icon representing the channel you want to use. The channel displayed in the transcript is selected by default. When you choose a different channel, the transcript of conversations you have had with the contact on that channel are displayed in the transcript area. In this example, the agent is switching from Twitter to SMS.



To launch an interaction, such as chat, WhatsApp, SMS, Twitter, or Facebook, click the **Create Outbound Interaction** icon for the channel in the **Contact information** pane. This launches the Chat Interaction window and enables you to continue the conversation there with access to all the interaction window features such as Contact Information, Contact History, and Standard Responses. **Note:** Genesys recommends that you switch to a chat interaction window whenever you want your chatting time to be recorded for KPI purposes.

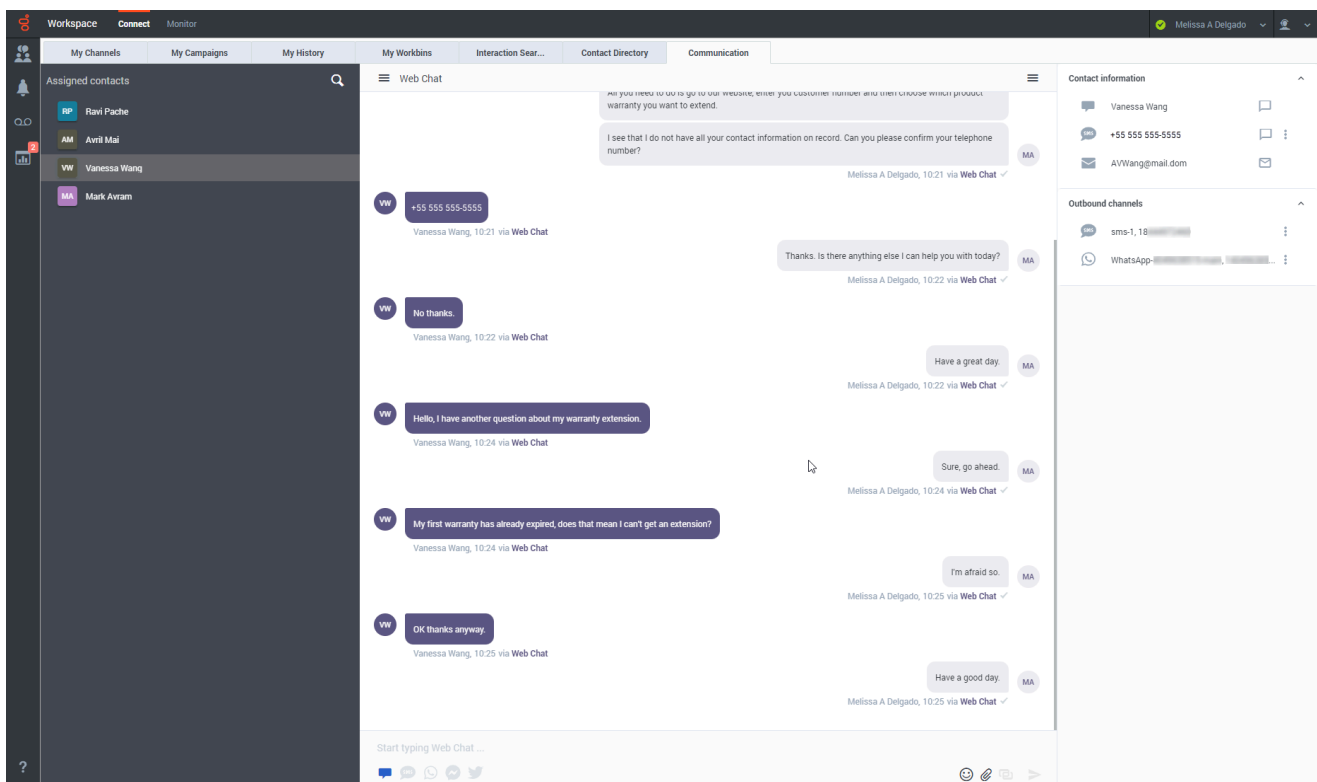


The **Contact information** area can have one or more of the following interaction channels:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- WhatsApp
- Genesys Chat
- SMS

If a channel is not displayed, there are no ongoing conversations with the contact on that channel.

Communication tab



The **Communication** tab in the **Connect** group lets you continue chat conversations that you or others at your contact center have had with your organization's contacts.

After an agent or the contact leaves a chat session, you can continue the conversation by finding the contact in the **Communication** tab and selecting their name from the contact list.

The **Communication** tab has two areas, the **Assigned Contacts** list and the conversation transcript area.

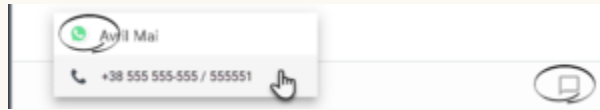
- Select a contact in the **Assigned Contacts** list to access the conversations that contact has had with your organization. Contacts that you have interacted with in the past are in your Assigned Contacts list. If you have not interacted with a contact in the past, or if the contact has been removed from your Assigned Contacts list, those contacts are considered unassigned contacts. If a contact is currently active on a channel, a white dot is displayed next to their name.
- The conversation transcript area displays all the chat interactions that the selected contact has had with your organization.

[Link to video](#)

Communicating with a contact

Important

In some environments, the **Write a Message** field is not available. To use the Chat channel, click the **Channel** icon then select the **Chat channel** icon.



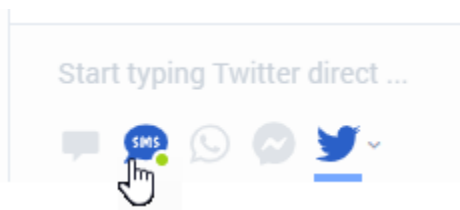
To continue the conversation, either type in the **Write a Message** field and click **Send** (➤) or click the **Create Outbound Chat Interaction** icon in the **Contact Information** panel to open a new Chat interaction view.

If you are unsure whether the contact still has the browser open where they initiated the previous chat, use the **Write a Message** field in the **Communication** tab. The next time that the contact logs in to your organization's website the chat will continue and all the new and previous messages are displayed to the contact.

The conversation area allows the following actions:

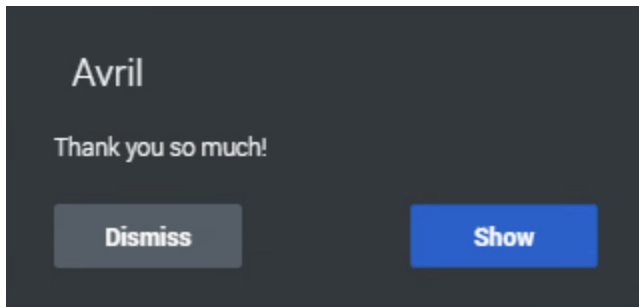
- Click **Send** (➤) to send messages you type in the Message Composition area.
- Click **Attach** (📎) to attach an image.
- Click **Emoji** (😊) to send an emoji to your contact.
- Click **Contacts** (☰) to toggle the display of the **Contacts information** area.

To choose a different channel to send your message, below the message composition field select the Channel icon representing the channel you want to use. The channel displayed in the transcript is selected by default. When you choose a different channel, the transcript of conversations you have had with the contact on that channel are displayed in the transcript area. In this example, the agent is switching from Twitter to SMS.



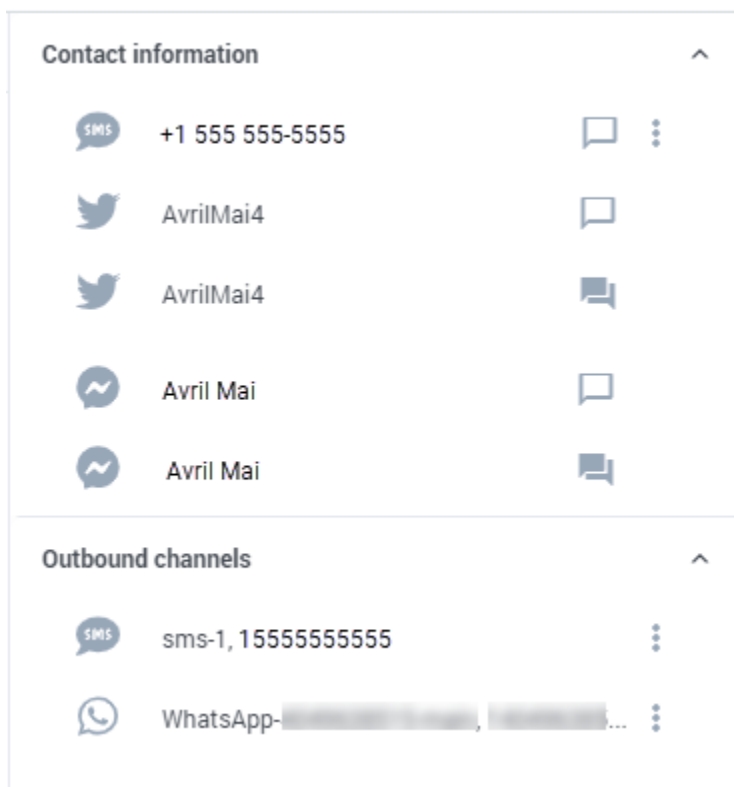
New message notification

When the contact responds, you receive a notification on your desktop. Click **Show** to open the **Communication** tab of the **Connect** group. Click the **Chat** icon to open the chat in a new Chat interaction view if you need to respond and continue the conversation.



Starting a new interaction

To launch an outbound Chat interaction, such as Facebook, Twitter, or SMS, click the **Create Chat Interaction** icon in the **Contact information** area. This launches the Chat Interaction window and enables you to continue the conversation there with access to all the interaction window features such as Contact Information, Contact History, and Standard Responses. **Note:** Genesys recommends that you switch to a chat interaction window whenever you want your chatting time to be recorded for KPI purposes.



The **Contact information** area can have one or more of the following interaction channels:

- Facebook
- Twitter

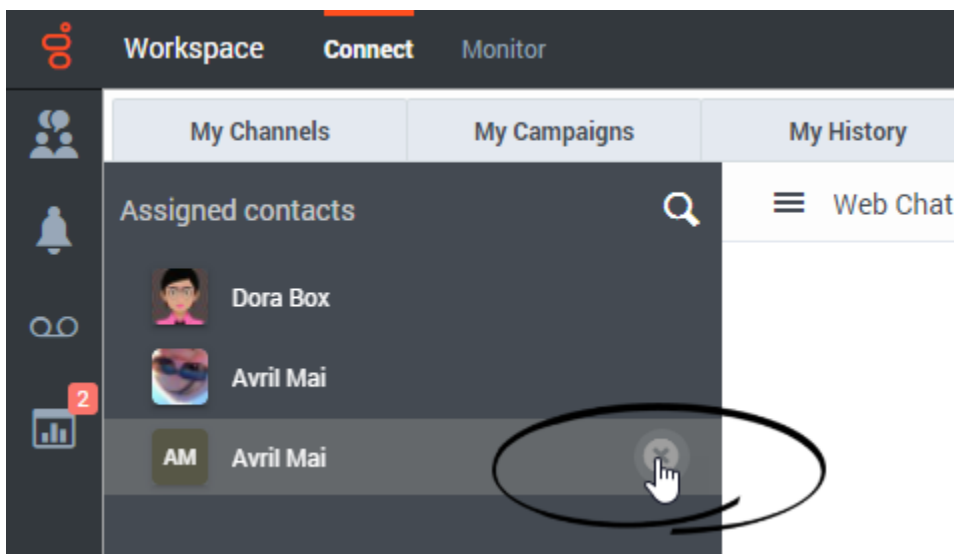
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- WhatsApp
 - Genesys Chat
 - SMS

If a channel is not displayed, there are no ongoing conversations with the contact on that channel.

Note: Sometimes a Chat message you send cannot be delivered. A system message is displayed in the transcript area if the Chat message was not delivered.

Stop following a conversation

If you no longer wish to follow a conversation you can remove conversations from the **Assigned contacts** list. Find the conversation you want to remove, then hover your mouse pointer over the contact name. Click the **X** next to the contact name to remove the conversation from your **Communication** tab.



Creating a contact and sending a message

You can use the **Communication** tab to search for a contact by entering contact information in the search field above your assigned contacts.

If the contact is found in your organization's contact database, they can be added to your **Assigned contacts** list after interacting with the contact, and the contact record is displayed in the **Communication** tab. You can select any of the available channels to send a new message.

However, if the contact is *not* found in your organization's contact database, the **No contact found** view is displayed. You can use this view to add contact information, including first and last name, phone number, and email address, then create the contact in the contact database and send a new message to the contact.

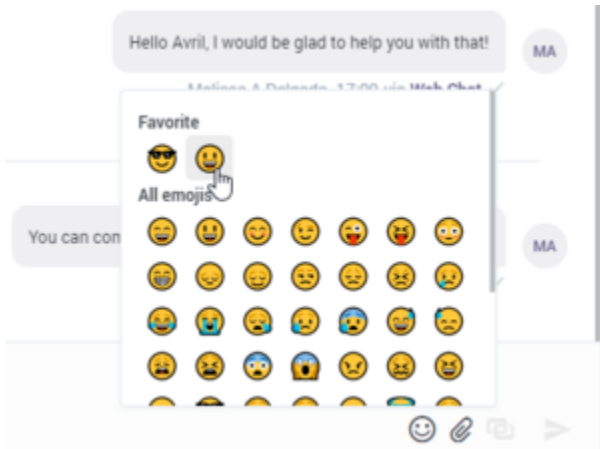
Using the Communication Tab Emoji Picker

The emoji picker lets you select an emoji to insert into your message from either the Chat interaction (including social media and other messaging channels such as SMS, WhatsApp, Facebook, and Twitter), the **Conversation** tab, or the **Communication** tab. To open the emoji picker, click the Emoji button 😊. To insert an emoji into the message composition field, click it.

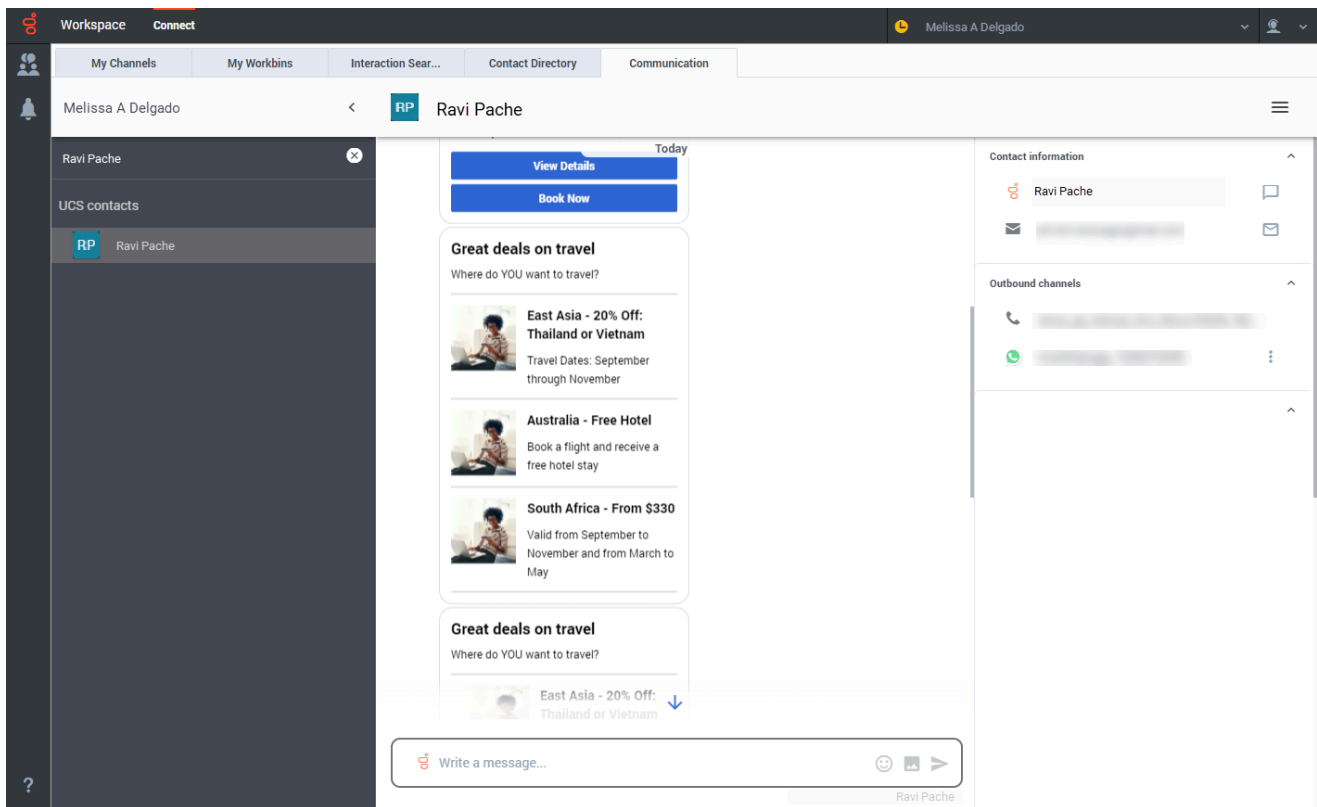


There are two views in the emoji picker, **Favorite** (recently used) and **All** (all available).

The **Favorite** view lets you pick from among the last emojis that you have sent during the current session. This is handy if you have favorite emojis that you like to use over and over.



Web Chat structured messages



What are structured messages?

Some organizations use Genesys Web Chat to enable their contacts to interact with a chat bot prior to connecting the chat interaction to a live agent. Chat bots can deliver both regular text and structured messages to contacts.

Structured messages are a way for your organization to send standardized content to contacts. For example, a structured message might be a selection of buttons that a contact can click to indicate a choice. Structured messages can also include images, text, and video to enrich the content delivered by the bot.

Structured messages include the following message types:

- Quick replies
- Single and multi-select lists
- Carousels

Handling web chat interactions with structured messages

When you handle a web chat containing structured messages in either the **Conversation** tab (for an active chat) or the **Communication** tab (for an asynchronous chat), Agent Workspace displays the

structured messages for you.

Note: You cannot interact with the choice buttons of structured messages containing buttons and list selections.

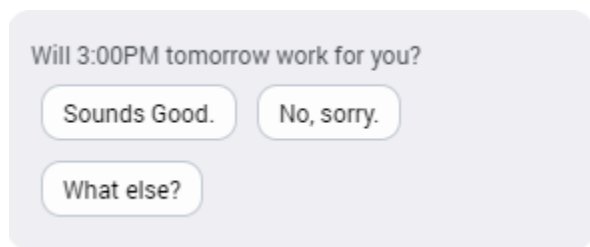
Workspace displays the following for you:

- All buttons, videos, images, and lists in the same format that was presented to the contact.
- Single-and multi-select vertical lists, including any images and text associated with the list.
- Carousels and all of their associated elements, including the look-left and look-right buttons.
- Quick Replies and associated buttons
- A text message describing the *action* taken by the contact (usually the selection they made)

Sample structured messages

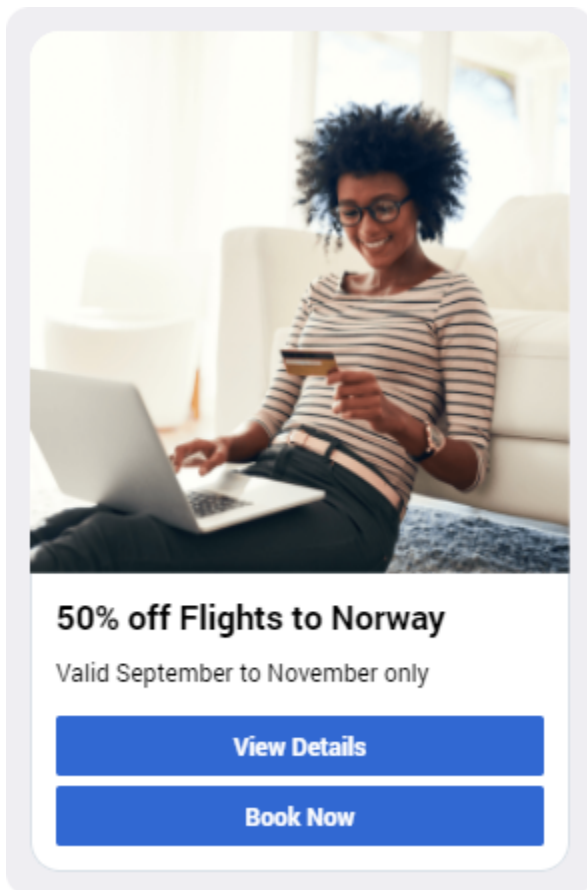
The following are examples of structured messages that an organization might send to contacts who are engaged in a web chat with a bot.

Quick Reply



The Quick Reply structured message usually contains a question from the chat bot to the contact. The contact can click a button to choose an answer. In the chat transcript, the Quick Reply is displayed along with the answer selected by the contact.


Generic structured messages: image or video, text, and buttons




A generic structured message contains any combination of an image or video, some text, and buttons that the contact can click. In the chat transcript, the generic structured message is displayed along with the action taken by the contact.

Multiple-selection list


Great deals on travel
Where do YOU want to travel?



**East Asia - 20% Off:
Thailand or Vietnam**
Travel Dates: September
through November



Australia - Free Hotel
Book a flight and receive a
free hotel stay




South Africa - From \$330
Valid from September to
November and from March to
May

The multiple-selection list contains a vertical stack of options that might include images and text. The contact clicks one or more of them to indicate a preference. In the chat transcript, the multiple-selection list is displayed along with the list options selected by the contact

Single selection list


Great deals on travel

Where do YOU want to travel?

☐


**East Asia - 20% Off:
Thailand or Vietnam**

Travel Dates: September
through November

☐

Australia - Free Hotel

Book a flight and receive a
free hotel stay

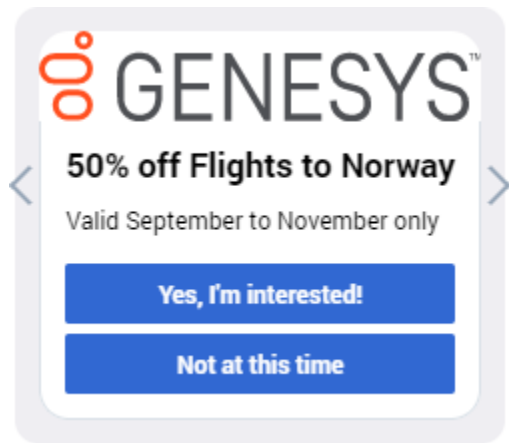
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**South Africa - From
\$330**

Valid from September to
November and from March
to May

The single-selection list contains a vertical stack of options that might include images and text. There is a radio button next to each list item. The contact clicks one of the items to indicate a preference. In the chat transcript, the single-selection list is displayed along with the selection the contact made.

Carousel



The carousel is a way of displaying multiple generic structured messages to a contact in a single bot message. The contact clicks the look-left and look-right arrows to horizontally scroll through the generic structured messages in the carousel. In the chat transcript, the carousel of generic structured messages is displayed along with the action taken by the contact.

What next?

- Contacts
- Team Communicator
- Predictive Engagement customer journey
- Internal interactions

Top 5 topics

1. Getting Started
2. Navigating Agent Workspace
3. Calls
4. Contacts
5. Contact and interaction history