



Agent Desktop Agent's Guide

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The Workspace Agent Desktop Chat channel enables you to exchange chat messages (interactions) with a contact. Chat interactions include Web Chat, WhatsApp messages, Facebook Messenger, Twitter Direct Messages, and SMS messages.

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Important

- Due to continual changes to Workspace Agent Desktop, screenshots in this document might show interface elements that are not yet available for this product or might not accurately reflect what you see in the product when you use it.
- Some Workspace Agent Desktop features are available only for Genesys Engage cloud users and some only for Genesys Engage on premises users.

WhatsApp is a messaging service that enables the exchange of text messages, emojis, images, and Highly Structured Messages (HSM) between you and a contact through your computer. Typically, a contact sends you a message from a mobile device or computer. From your point of view, handling an WhatsApp chat session is no different from handling any other Chat session, whether you are handling a one time interaction or are continuing a conversation.


When a WhatsApp interaction is routed to your desktop, you handle the interaction by exchanging messages with your contact. If either you or the contact ends the session, the interaction is done. To close the interaction, you must mark it as **Done**. However, sometimes you must continue a WhatsApp conversation. Perhaps you had to take time to find additional information for the contact or start a business process in your company before continuing the conversation.

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

If you have not yet marked a closed interaction as **Done**, in the **Conversation** tab, the transcript of your current interaction and all previous chat interactions with the contact is displayed. You can scroll through it or use the Search feature to find messages containing keywords. To reactivate the session, type your message in the Message field and click **Send**.

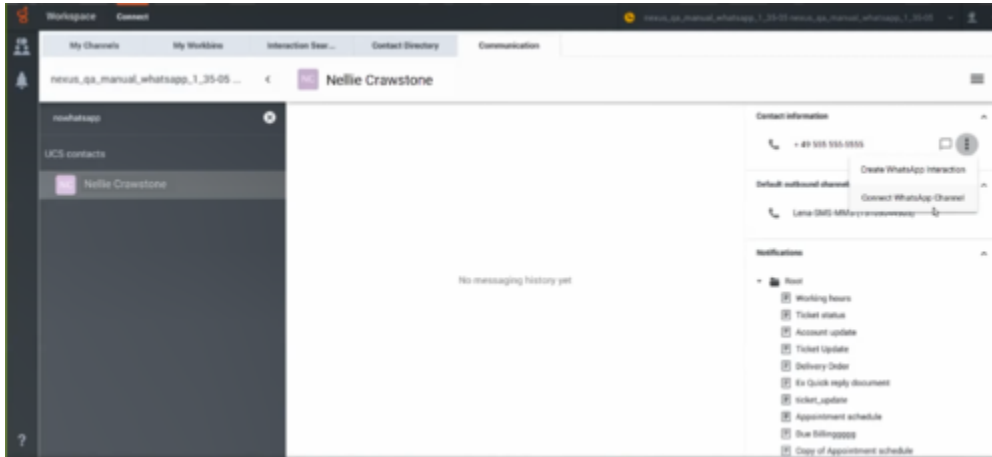
To reactivate an interaction that is closed and marked as **Done**, perform these steps:

- In the **Connect** group, select the **Communication** tab.
- In the **Assigned Contacts** view, select the contact.

All previous interactions that your contact center has had with the contact are displayed in the transcript area on the right. To reactivate the chat interaction, click **Create WhatsApp Interaction** () to open the Chat interaction view.

Connecting to the WhatsApp channel

When you select a contact from the **Assigned Contacts** view in the **Communication** tab, the list of channels and phone numbers available for a contact is displayed in the **Contact Information** area.



If the contact has a WhatsApp account that is not connected to your organization, send a request to WhatsApp to connect the account to your organization by clicking the **Action** menu next to the phone number and selecting **Connect WhatsApp Channel** (see image above). When WhatsApp approves the request by indicating that the number is a valid WhatsApp number, the WhatsApp channel is displayed in the **Contact Information** area.

If the contact does not have a WhatsApp account for a phone number, ask the contact to confirm which number to use. If the number does not exist in the Contact Information in the Contact Directory, you can add the number. To refresh the Contact Information area, unsubscribe from the contact, and search for them again. When the number displays in the Contact Information area, select **Connect WhatsApp Channel** from the channel action menu next to the correct phone number.

After you have added the WhatsApp channel to the contact, the channel action menu contains two options:

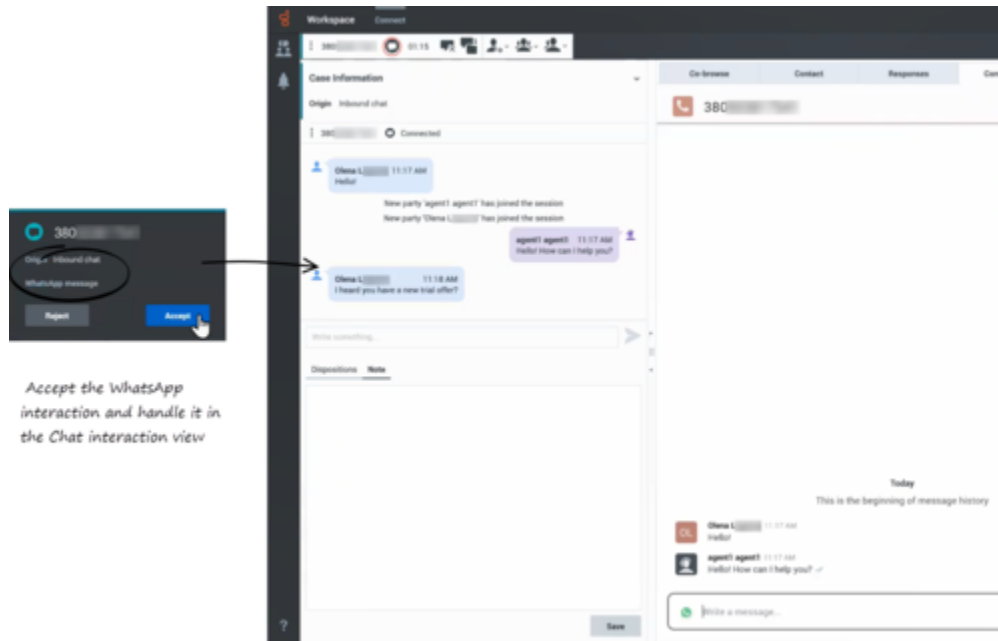
- **Create WhatsApp Interaction:** Create and send a new WhatsApp interaction to the contact.
- **Validate WhatsApp Channel:** If you get an error trying to send a WhatsApp message, validate that the WhatsApp channel is still available for the contact. If there is an error, a warning icon is displayed next to the channel in the **Contact Information** area.

Important

WhatsApp does not permit you to send regular WhatsApp messages to a contact immediately after the WhatsApp channel is added. You are only permitted to send Notifications to a contact until the contact replies.

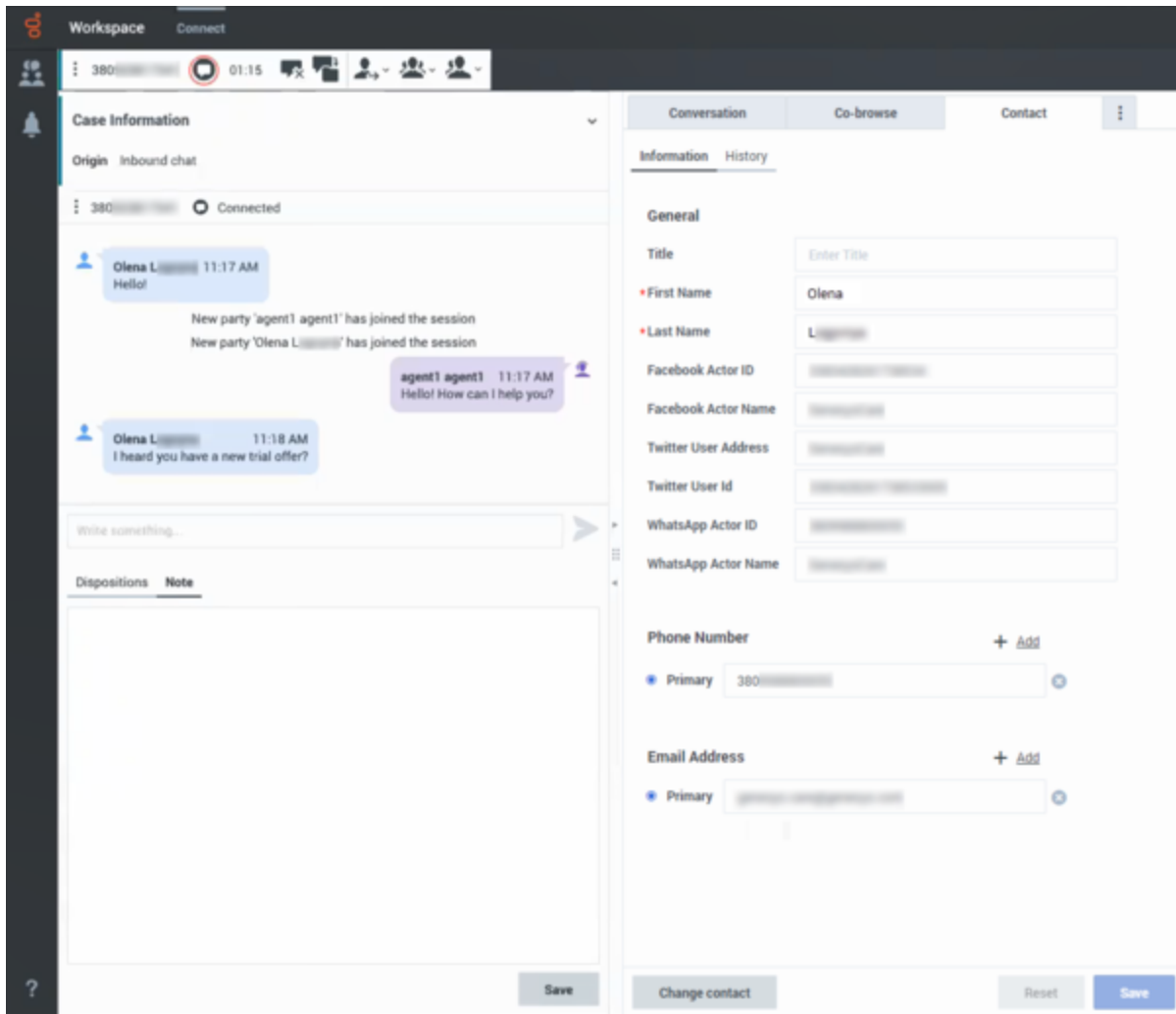
WhatsApp Interactions

Contacts can send WhatsApp messages from their device to your organization's WhatsApp channel. When WhatsApp messages are routed to you, handle WhatsApp messages just like you would handle a Chat interaction with one of your contacts.



Read the messages from your contact in the Transcript area. Type your messages in the Message Composition field.

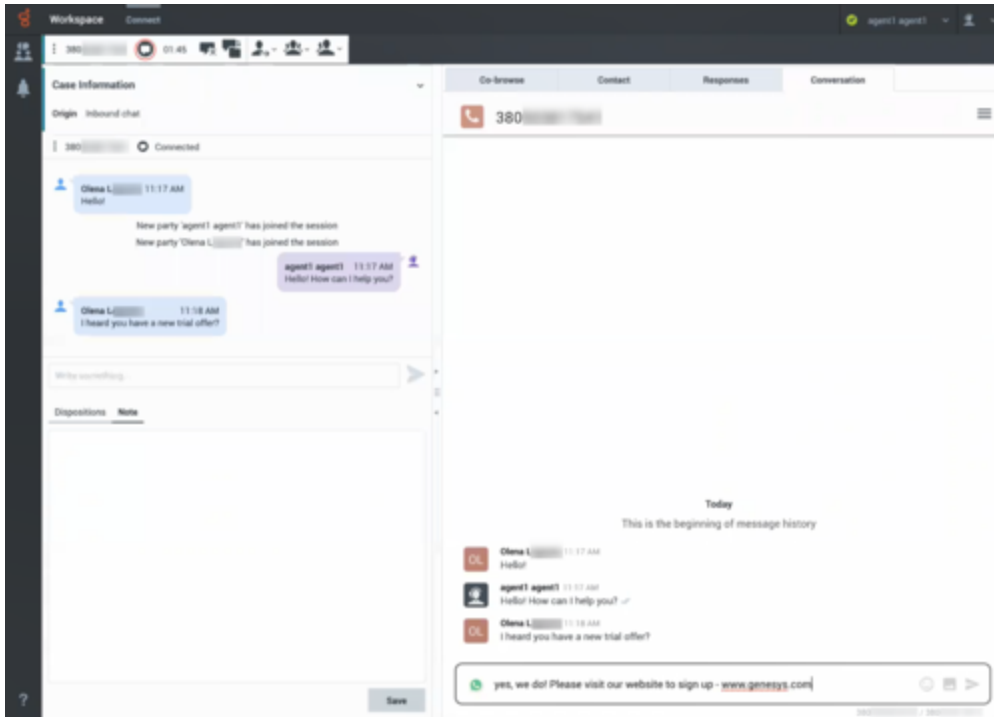
The **Contact** tab contains information about the contact including the phone number that sent the WhatsApp message if applicable. You can update the contact information and view the history of interactions with the contact.



If you have had previous chat/WhatsApp interactions with the contact, the full transcript is in the Conversation tab.

Conversation tab

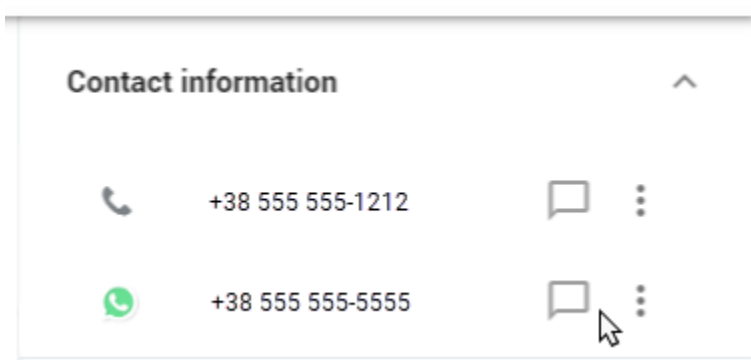
The **Conversation** tab is displayed in the Chat Interaction view.



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.

For information about using the Conversation tab refer to Chat.

You can create an outbound WhatsApp interaction by clicking the **Create WhatsApp Interaction** button in the **Contact information** area:



Tip

You can keep the 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.

Communication tab

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

To continue the conversation, find the contact in the **Communication** tab, then select their name from the **Assigned Contacts** view.

To continue the conversation, perform one of the following actions:

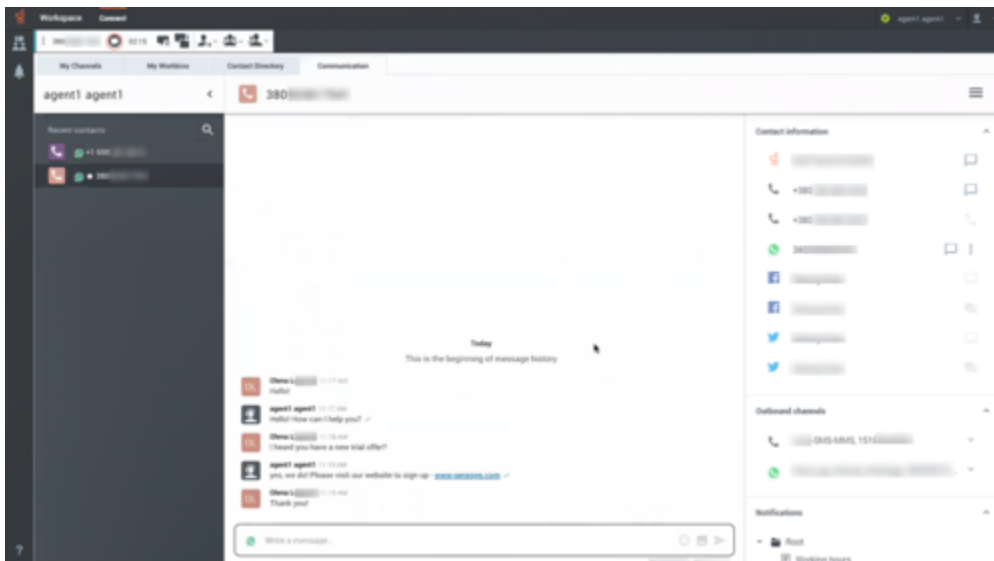
- Type in the **Write a Message** field and click **Send**.
- Click the **Create WhatsApp Interaction** icon to open a new Chat interaction view.

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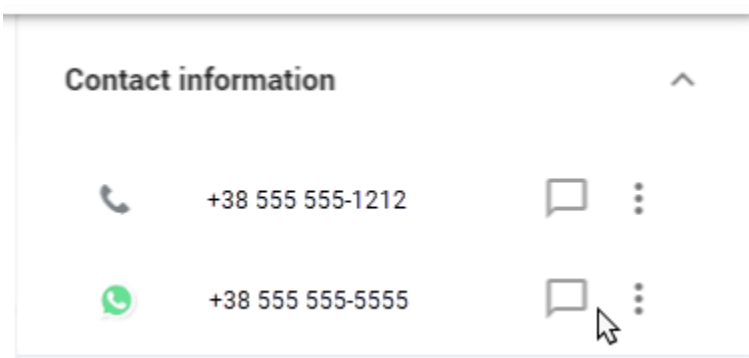
In some environments, the **Write a Message** field is not available. To use the WhatsApp channel, click the **Channel** icon then select the **WhatsApp** channel icon.



For information about using the Communication tab, refer to Chat.

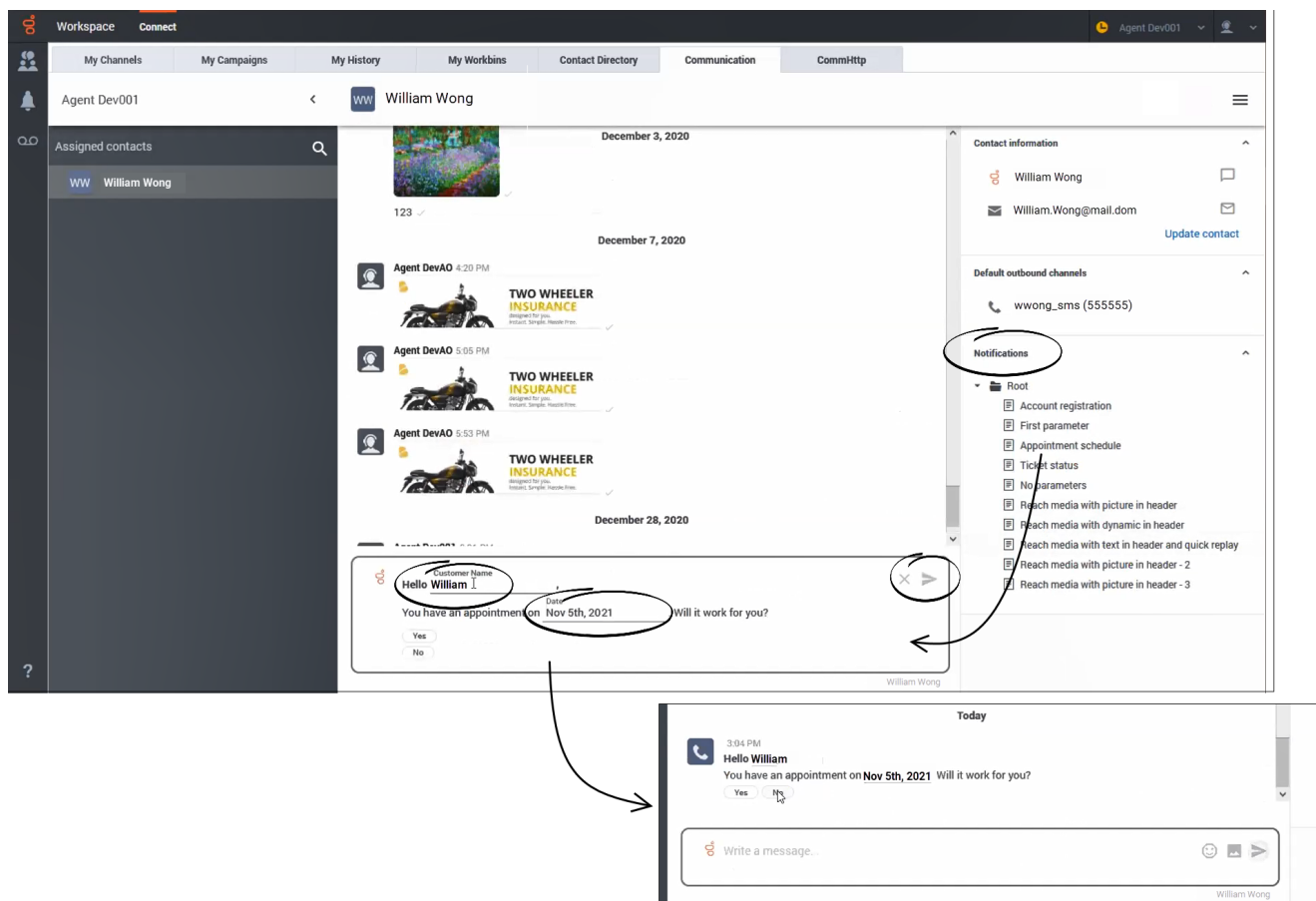


WhatsApp interaction can also be started by clicking the **Create WhatsApp interaction** button next to the WhatsApp channel in the **Communication** tab:



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

Sending notifications



The **Notifications** view contains templates for notifications. Notifications are preformatted messages that you can send to a contact through the WhatsApp channel.

If your organization has never connected with the contact over the WhatsApp channel before, you must first Connect or Validate the WhatsApp number.

To send a Notification message to your contact, perform the following steps:

- Open the **Notifications** view.
- Click the name of a Notification document.
- Review and, if needed, edit the Notification template displayed in the **Message** field in the transcript area.
- Click **Send**. The Notification document is displayed in your contact's WhatsApp account.

Many Notification documents contain reply buttons or other feedback mechanisms enabling the contact to reply to the Notification. For example, you might send a Notification containing a proposed appointment time with **Yes** and **No** buttons that the contact can select to respond to the Notification.

The contact's response is displayed in the WhatsApp transcript area.

More features of Notification templates

Notification templates can contain some of the following elements:

- **Custom text fields.** You might have to fill fields with information, such as the customer's name, an account number, or other information. Some fields might be automatically populated with the information about the contact stored in your organization's database.
- **Images.** Some notifications include images. Some notifications include a placeholder in the template for an image that you add. To add an image, click the placeholder, then select and upload an image or drag-and-drop an image into the template.
- **Reply buttons.** Some notifications include buttons that enable your contact to respond to questions or confirm a condition. When the contact clicks a button, their selection is added to the interaction transcript.
- **Action buttons.** Actions can include starting a phone call or linking to a website.



What next?

- Chat
- Contacts
- Team Communicator
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Top 5 topics

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