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Agent Workspace Agent's Guide

The Contact Directory and contact management

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Contacts can be team members or customers. Information about contacts is stored in the Contact Directory. From the Contact Directory, you can call a contact, manage a contact's profile information (such as their name, phone number, email address), and review a contact's past interactions.

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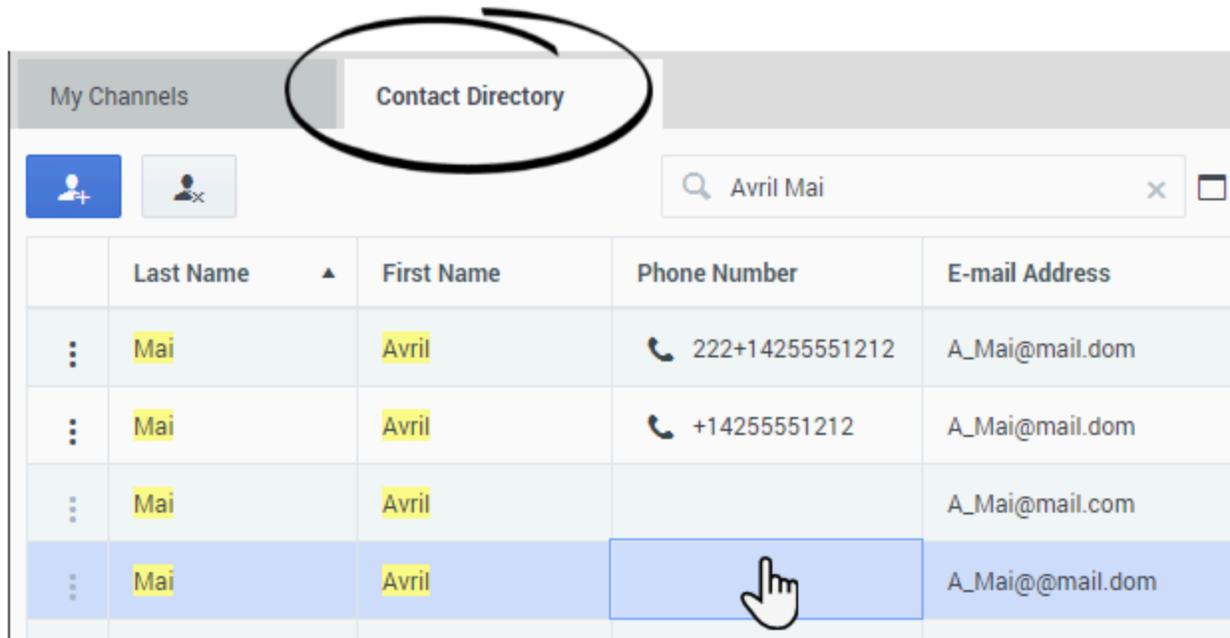
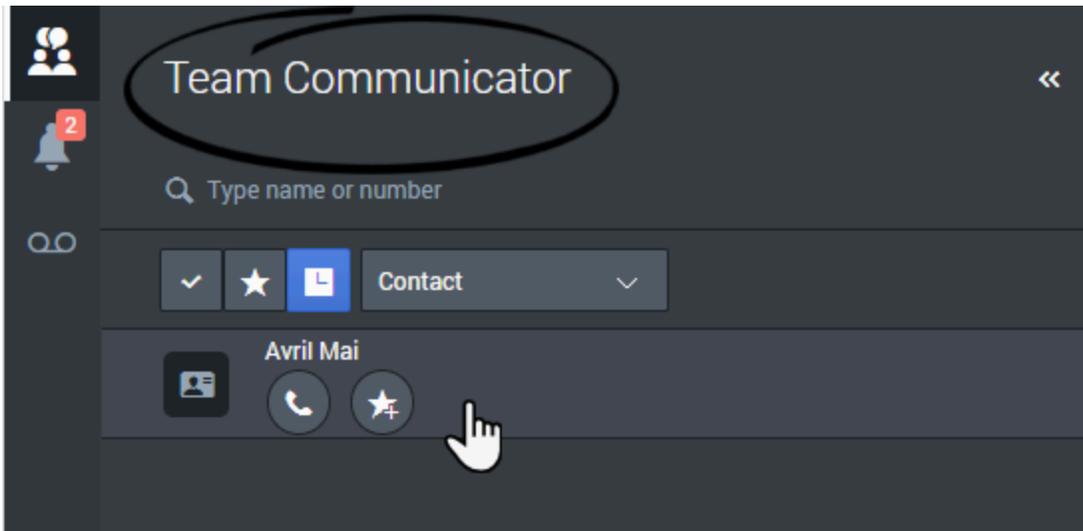
Due to continual changes to Agent Workspace, screen shots in this manual might show interface elements that are not yet available for this product or might not accurately reflect what you can access in the product when you use it.

Managing Contacts

Use Agent Workspace to:

- Find contacts in your contact database.
- Call or email contacts in your contact database.
- Add and delete contacts.
- Edit contact information either while handling an interaction or in the contact database.
- Change the contact that is assigned to an interaction.
- Assign the correct contact to an interaction.

Where are my contacts?



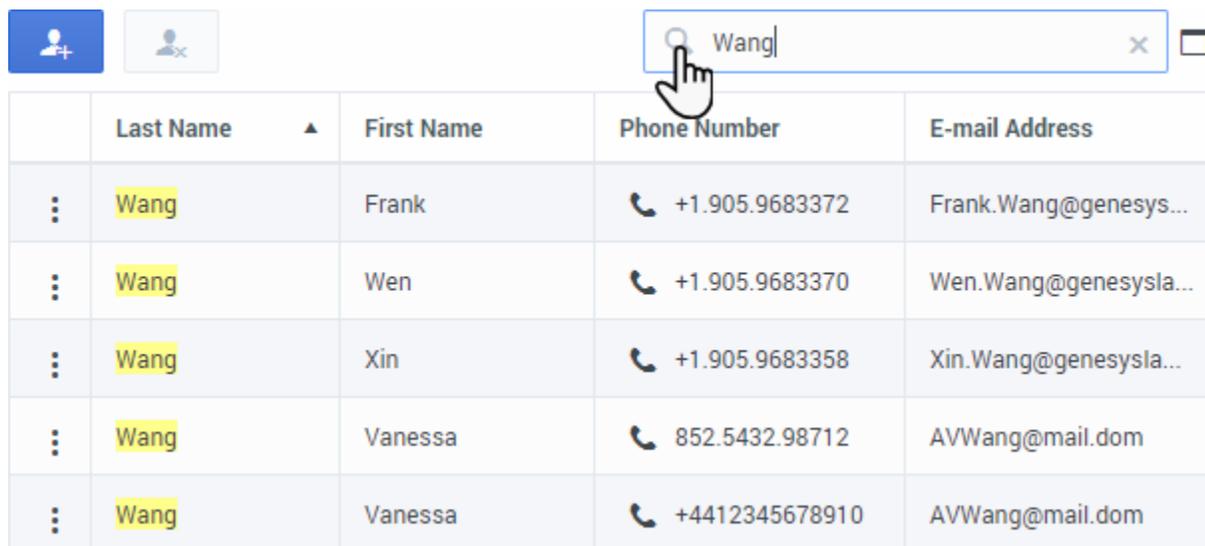
There are a few different ways that you can access your contacts:

- Use the Team Communicator to quickly contact a team member, or a favorite or recent contact. This tool is accessed by clicking the **Team Communicator** (👥) button. Type a name or number, click Favorites or Recent, then click the contact to call them.
- Open the Contact Directory by selecting the **Contact Directory** tab in your workspace. It contains all available contacts, such as team members, customers, and any external contacts. Type the name, phone number, or email address of the contact. Click the phone icon to call the contact.

Watch the video for an overview of the Contact Directory.

[Link to video](#)

How do I find a contact in the Contact Directory?



The easiest way to find a contact is to use the **Quick Search** option.

Start typing a name, phone number, or email address into the **Quick Search** field and the matching results are returned in the **Contact** grid.

The Quick Search feature searches each field of the contact database for the phrase that you specify and displays a list of records where at least one record field contained the search phrase. Workspace performs a search that considers each field of the contact database (name, phone number, email address, or other criteria) as a *phrase* (as opposed to a *tokenized* list of words) and uses the search criteria that you provide as a *phrase*, not as a list of words.

Examples:

- Quick search using the phrase "John Pa" as the criteria in a quick search defined to apply to only the First Name and Last Name fields will match a contact where:
 - First Name=John or Last Name=John
 - and where:
 - First Name = Paul or Last Name = Paul
- Quick search using the phrase "John Daly" as the criteria in a quick search defined to apply to only the First Name and Last Name will not match a contact where:
 - First Name=John and Last Name=Doe

Results are returned in tabular form and sorted according to the default search field, such as **Last Name**.

The Grid view can be used to help to refine your search by sorting the results.

Click a column head in the Grid view to sort the list based on that criterion. Click a column head a second time to switch between ascending and descending sort order.

Watch the video to learn how you can search the directory and customize the results.

[Link to video](#)

What actions can I take with a contact?

The screenshot shows the 'Contact Directory' interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'My Channels' and 'Contact Directory'. Below the tabs, there are two buttons: a blue 'Create new contact' button with a plus sign and a grey 'Delete contact' button with a person and an 'x' icon. To the right of these buttons is a search bar containing the text 'Avril Mai'. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Phone Number', and 'E-mail Address'. The table contains five rows of contact information. The first row has 'Mai' as the last name and 'Avril' as the first name, with a phone number '222+14255551212' and email 'A_Mai@mail.dom'. The second row has 'Mai' as the last name and 'Avril' as the first name, with a phone number '+14255551212' and email 'A_Mai@mail.dom'. The third row has 'Mai' as the last name and 'Avril' as the first name, with an empty phone number field and email 'A_Mai@mail.com'. The fourth row has 'Mai' as the last name and 'Avril' as the first name, with an empty phone number field and email 'A_Mai@@mail.dom'. The fifth row has 'Mai' as the last name and 'Avril' as the first name, with an empty phone number field and email 'A-Mai@mail.dom'. Arrows point from the search bar to the search text, from the 'Create new contact' button to the plus icon, from the 'Delete contact' button to the person and 'x' icon, and from the 'Actions for this contact' icon to the vertical ellipsis icon in the first row of the table.

	Last Name	First Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
⋮	Mai	Avril	☎ 222+14255551212	A_Mai@mail.dom
⋮	Mai	Avril	☎ +14255551212	A_Mai@mail.dom
⋮	Mai	Avril		A_Mai@mail.com
⋮	Mai	Avril		A_Mai@@mail.dom
⋮	Mai	Avril		A-Mai@mail.dom

You can take the following actions in the Contact Directory:

- Find a contact by entering contact information in the Search field.
- Call the contact by clicking the Call button (phone icon).
- View and manage the profile **Information** of the selected contact.
- View the **History** of interactions with the selected contact.
- Click **Create new contact** () to add a new contact.
- Click **Delete contact** () to delete the selected contact.
- Use **Actions for this contact** () to perform other actions such as calling the contact (depends on your permissions).

How do I add a contact?

The screenshot shows the Agent Workspace interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'My Channels', 'My History', 'My Workbins', 'My Campaigns', 'Contact Directory' (which is circled in red), and 'Interaction Sear...'. Below the tabs is a search bar with 'Avram' entered. A table lists contacts with columns for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Phone Number', and 'E-mail Ad'. The first contact is 'Avram', Mark, with phone number '+1.555.65...' and email 'MarkAv@...'. The second contact is 'Avramchik', Galina, with email 'Galina.A...'. Below the table is a pagination control showing '1 - 2 of 2' and '10' per page. On the right side, the 'Contact Information' form is visible, with tabs for 'Information' and 'History'. The 'General' section includes fields for 'Title' (Mr.), 'First Name' (Mark), and 'Last Name' (Avram). The 'Phone Number' section has a '+ Add' button and three input fields: 'Primary' (+1.555.654.7890), '3618', and '+1.555.654.3618'. The 'Email Address' section has a '+ Add' button and one input field: 'Primary' (MarkAv@mail.dom). At the bottom right of the form are 'Reset' and 'Save' buttons.

If you are working with a contact who is not in the **Contacts Directory**, you might be able to add them yourself.

From the **Contact Directory**, click **Create new contact** () to open the Contact **Information** tab.

Add contact information to the fields in the view. Unsaved changes are highlighted by a red triangle.

Click **Save** to commit your updates to the Contact database.

To clear unsaved changes, click **Reset**.

You can add multiple phone numbers and email addresses for a new (or existing) contact, and specify a phone number or email address as the *primary* contact number or address.

You can clear one or more fields by clicking **Remove this field** (.

What if I try to add a contact that already exists in the database?

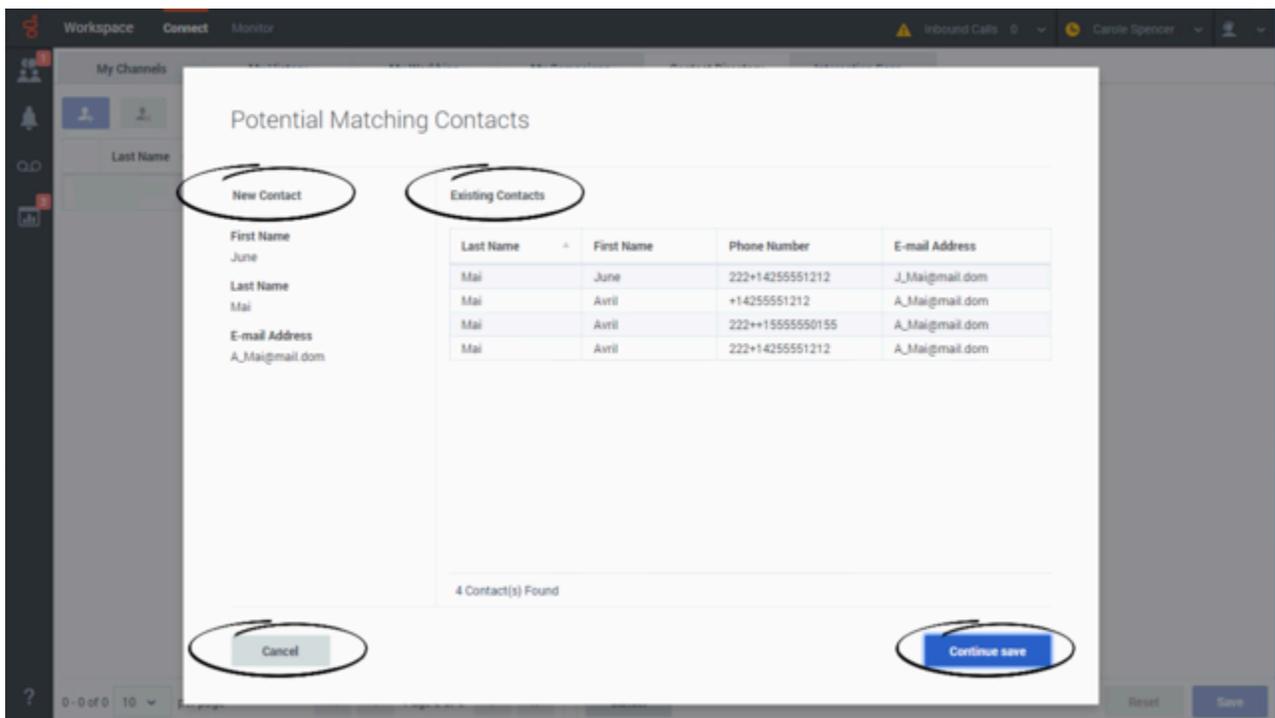
You might try to add (create) a contact that already exists in the Contact database. Workspace might be set up to check for potential duplicate contacts and warn you that the contact you are adding might already exist.

[Link to video](#)

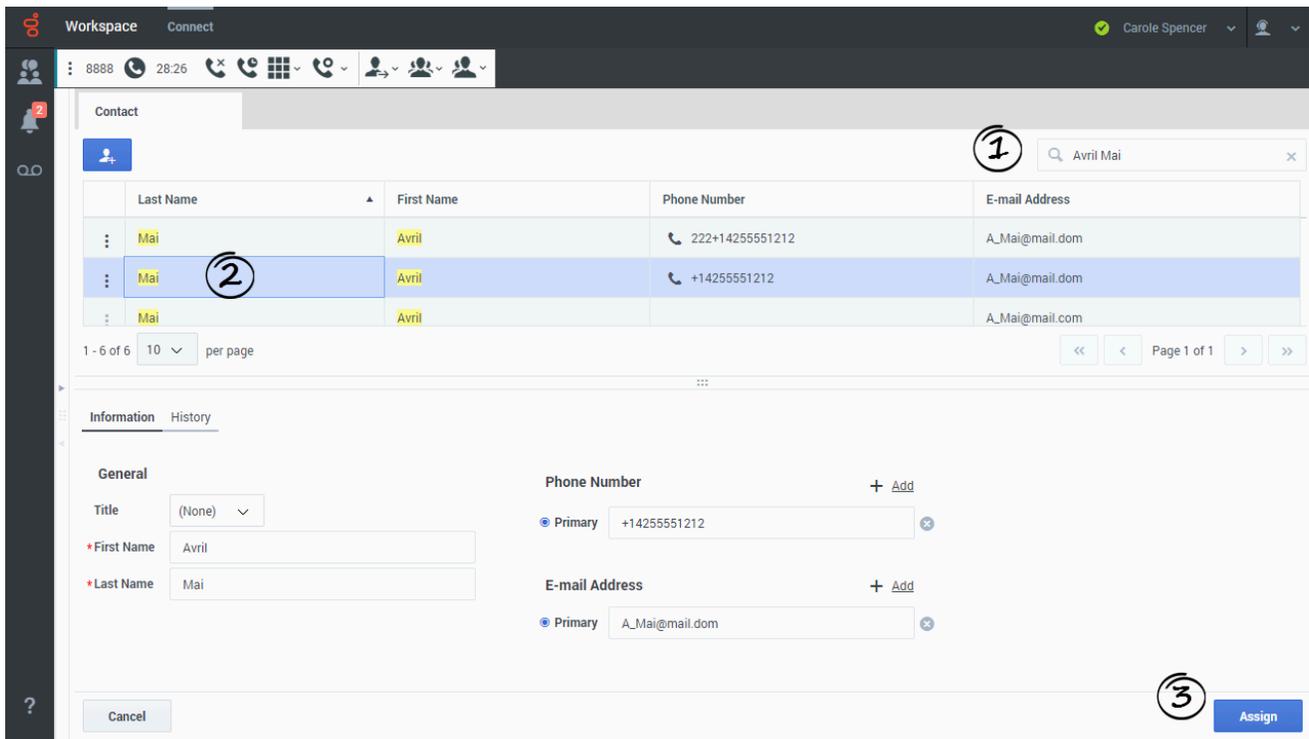
If this feature is set up, the **Potential Matching Contacts** view is displayed to let you compare the information that you entered for the contact you are trying to add with the contacts in the Contact database that might be a match.

If the contact *already exists*, click **Cancel**, then click **Cancel** again in the Contact **Information** tab to discard the information you entered.

If the contact you are trying to add *does not match* any of the contacts in the database, click **Continue save** to add the new contact to the Contact database.



How do I change a contact?



Sometimes the wrong contact is assigned to an interaction. Perhaps a known contact calls you from a phone that is not in the contact database causing a new contact to be created for a contact that already exists.

The Change Contact view enables you to assign a different contact for the current or selected interaction. To open this view, in the **Information** tab of the Contact view of the interaction, select **Change Contact**. The Contact Directory quick search is displayed.

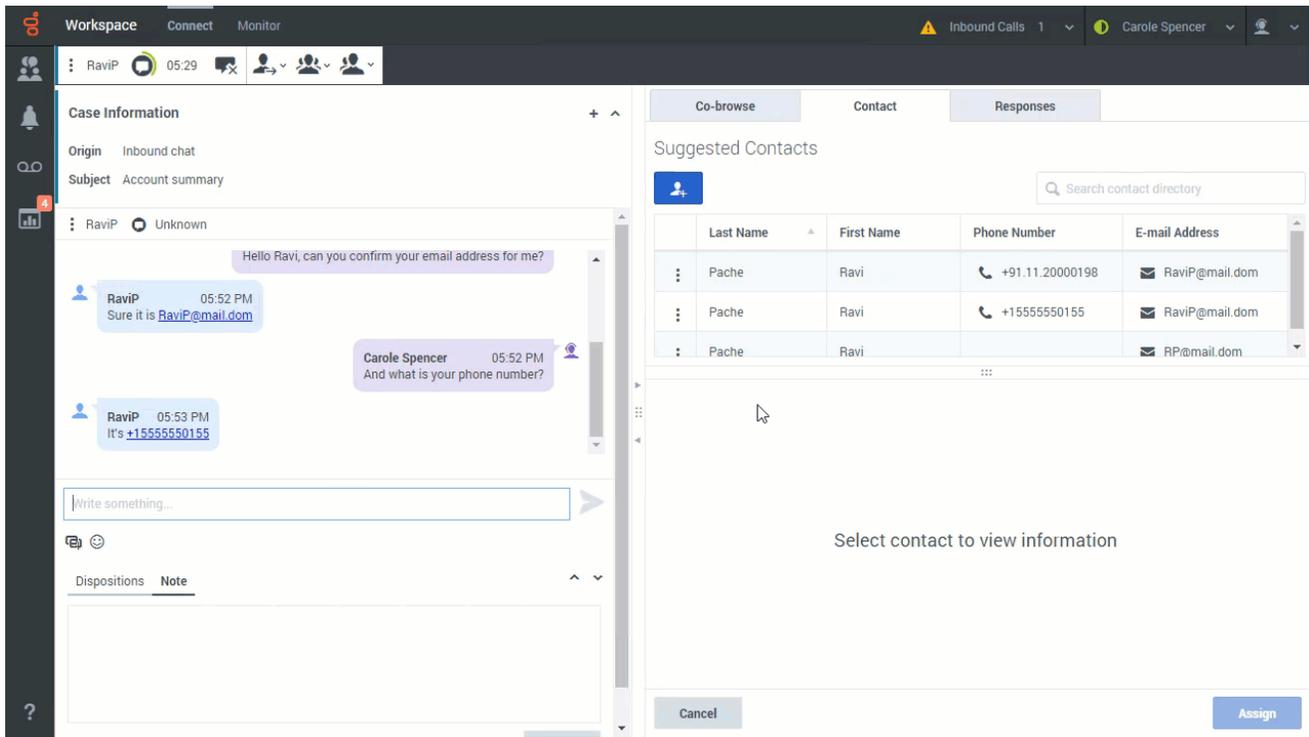
Use the Quick Search to find the Contact to whom you want to assign the interaction.

1. Enter the name of the contact.
2. Select the contact in the results grid view.
3. Click **Assign**.

Sometimes, your account might be set up to enable you to choose which contact to assign the interaction to form a list of suggested contacts that Agent Workspace finds in the Contact database.

[Link to video](#)

What if more than one contact is suggested for an interaction?



Sometimes more than one person might match the phone number of a call you are receiving, the email address of the email or chat you are handling, or the contact name of a chat or workitem. When this happens, Agent Workspace might not know which contact to assign the interaction to.

Sometimes, by default, the first contact Agent Workspace finds in the Contact database is assigned automatically. If the wrong contact is assigned your account might be set up to enable you to change the contact to the correct one.

Sometimes, your account might be set up to enable you to choose which contact to assign the interaction to from a list of suggested contacts that Agent Workspace finds in the Contact database.

When this happens, a list of suggested contacts is displayed in the **Contact** tab of the interaction. (Refer to the video. You can click the video to make it bigger).

In this view you can do the following:

- Select one of the contacts to view their Contact Information and Contact History.
- Select one of the contacts and click **Assign** to assign the selected contact to the interaction.
- Scroll through the list of suggested contacts.
- Search for a contact in the Contact Directory that is not in the list by typing a name, phone number, or email address in the **Search contact directory** field and assign the interaction to him or her. Clear the **Search contact directory** field and press **Return** or click the **Close** button in the search field to return to the Suggested Contacts view.
- Click **Create new contact**  to create a new contact and assign the interaction to him or her.

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- Click **Cancel** to close the list of suggested contacts. To assign a contact to the interaction, you must click **Change Contact** to reopen the list of suggested contacts.

What if I try to create a contact that already exists in the database?

Agent Workspace can be set up in different ways by your administrator when it comes to contact creation. Contacts might be created for you when an interaction is directed to you. If the contact already exists in your company's contact database, the interaction might automatically be assigned to that contact. Sometimes the Genesys system is unable to assign a contact for a new interaction. This can happen for several reasons:

- The contact did not provide adequate identifying information.
- The contact is anonymous.
- There is more than one contact in the contact database that has matching contact information, such as a phone number, email address, or even first and last name.

Your account might be set up to let you create or change contacts or edit the information of a contact assigned to an interaction that you are handling. Your account might also be set up to let you create a new contact in the Contact **Information** tab of an interaction.

If your account is set up for this feature, when you try to create a contact for an interaction that you are handling and there is a potential match for one or more contacts already in the contact database, an alert displays, warning you that the contact might already exist.

How does this work?

When you handle a call or other interaction and the contact cannot be identified, the contact Information fields in the **Information** view of the **Contact** tab in the Interaction view are empty.

Enter as much contact information, such as first name, last name, phone number, email address, address, and so on as you can, then click **Save**.

If Agent Workspace finds potential matching contacts in the contact database, the new contact will not be saved. Instead, the **Potential Matching Contacts** view is displayed.

You have two choices:

1. **New Contact:** The left side of the view shows you the information that you entered for the new contact. Click **Create contact** to add this information to the contact database and assign the interaction to the new contact.
2. **Existing Contacts:** The right side displays a list of one or more contacts that are already in the contact database that might match the contact that you are trying to create. Review the list of potential matches. If you find the contact in the list, click their entry to select it. Click **Assign contact** to assign the interaction to the existing contact.

[Link to video](#)

How do I work with an interaction with an unknown contact?

Information History

General

Title

*First Name

*Last Name

Phone Number [Add](#)

Primary

Email Address [Add](#)

Primary

Your Genesys software administrator has the option to set up your contact center to handle interactions with contacts that are not already in your organization's contact database.

Your contact center might be set up to create new contacts automatically when someone calls in from an unknown phone number. In that case, all you have to do is update the contact information in the **Contact** tab of the interaction with the rest of the contact's information, such as name, email address, and so on.

Your contact center might be set up so that no new contact is created when someone calls in from an unknown phone number. In this scenario, you might be granted the ability to create a new contact and add him or her to the contact database manually. If this feature is enabled for you, follow these steps:

1. Click **Create new contact** to open the contact **Information** view and create a new contact.
2. Add the contact's information in the information fields. You can also add additional phone numbers and email addresses for the new contact, and specify a phone number or email address as the *primary* contact number or address.
3. Click **Save** to save the contact's information to the contact database.
4. If you decide not to save the new contact information, click **Reset** to reset and clear any unsaved

information.

Your contact center might be set up so that you do not have the capability to create a new contact when someone calls in from an unknown phone number. In this scenario, the **Create new contact** button and the contact **Information** tab are not displayed. In some contact centers you can still search for completed voice interactions from unknown contacts in the **My History** and **Interaction Search** views, but in other contact centers, interactions from unknown contacts are not saved in the contact database.

What next?

- Contact and interaction history
- Calls
- Chat
- Email
- Navigating Agent Workspace

Top 5 topics

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