





# Modern Contact Centers Made Easy

AudioCodes Voca and Live CX Al Solutions



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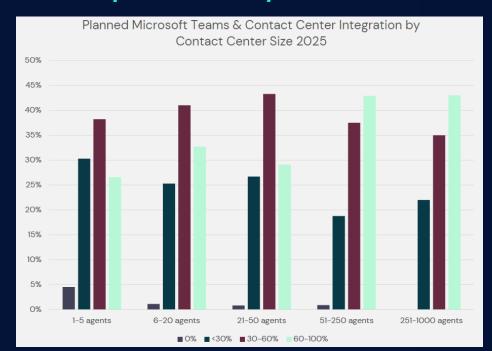
#### **Current UC and Contact Center Market Trends**

#### 3 key Predictions for UC&C and CC in 2025:



- UCaaS + CCaaS bundles are increasingly popular
- Siloed tech stacks hurt customer and employee experiences
- Consolidated tech stacks simplify IT management & reduce spend

#### This is particularly true with Teams Customers



cavell<sup>▽</sup> **Customer Experience Enterprise Report** 

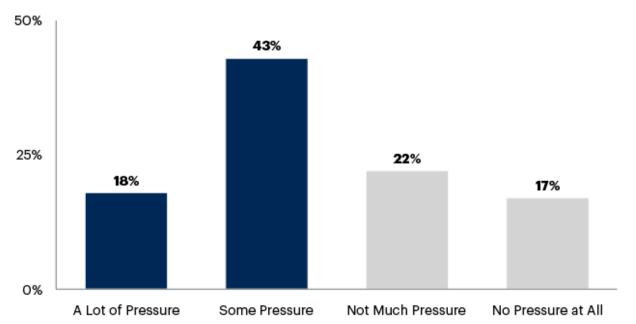
Q1 2025

Businesses of all sizes are seeking solutions that integrate Teams calling and Contact Center

# Pressures facing Contact Center Managers to adopt GenAl

# Customer Service and Support Leaders Feel Pressure From Other Leaders in Their Enterprise to Adopt GenAl

Percentage of Respondents



#### n = 167

Q. Please Indicate how much pressure you feel from each of the following groups to adopt generative AI in your organization: Other leaders in my enterprise.

Source: 2024 Gartner Customer Service and Support Priorities Survey Note: "Don't know" responses not shown.

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Gartner.

### What we're solving for:

- A consolidated vendor with leading solutions integrating UCaaS and CCaaS
- A solution that seamlessly integrates Teams Calling and Contact Center
- 3. A cutting-edge Teams calling and Contact Center platform that easily incorporates Al to improve CX

#### **Gartner**

Innovation Insight: Generative AI Chatbot to Improve CX and Agent Productivity

23 April 2024



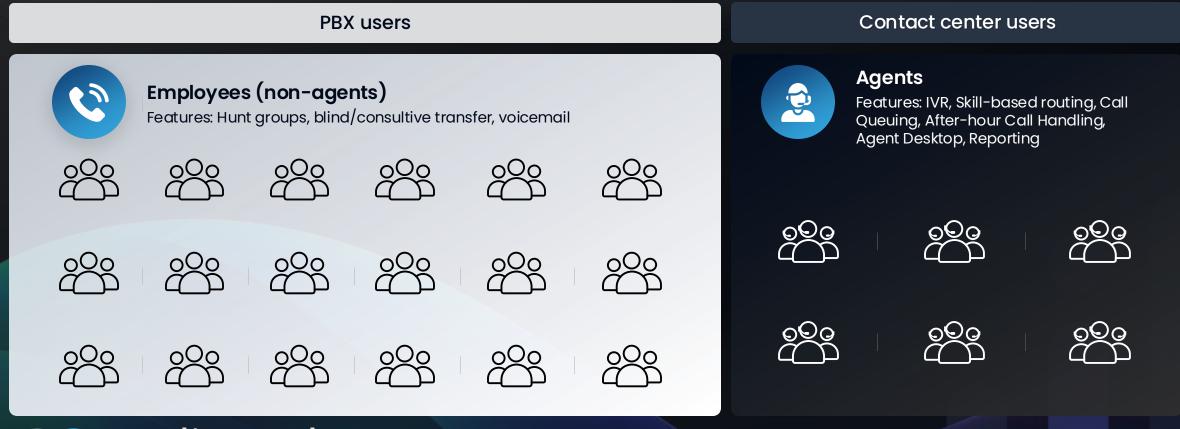






# Life before UC/CC consolidation

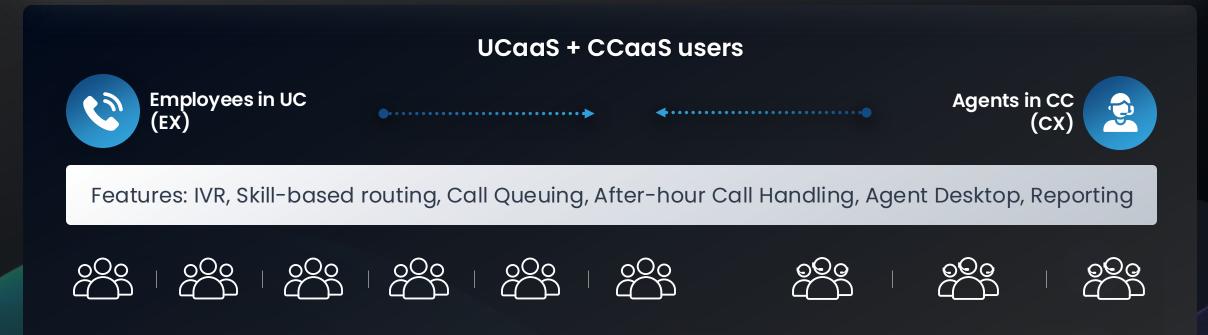
### **Entire organization**





# Life after UC/CC consolidation...with Microsoft Teams

### **Entire organization**







# AudioCodes Voca – A unique contact center offering

Based on Teams Phone Extensibility/Unify Model



Azure-native Teams Phone with 99.999% voice uptime

**Microsoft Cognitive Services included** 



Al Ready Day 1

Built-in Conversational Al

**Unlimited # of agents** 



Usage-based commercial model

**Multi-tenant solution** 



Fast Deployment & Scalability

Spin up a contact center in less than a day

Only Teams Phone + CCaaS managed service provider worldwide



Complete Calling & Contact Center for Microsoft Teams

from AudioCodes

# Understanding the Unify Model for connecting to Teams

# Only Voca from AudioCodes integrates with Microsoft Teams via the Unify Model.

- Voca is the only certified Microsoft Contact Center solution using the next-generation Unify Model
- Best in class uptime as not external SIP or API connections are required
- Collectively, AudioCodes Voca customers experienced zero (0) minutes of downtime in 2024
- Truly native Teams voice so all call controls leverage the Microsoft Teams platform
- Calls traverse the same Azure infrastructure and transport paths as other Teams calls
- Easily integrate the Voca worker or supervisor app directly in the user's Teams client



#### Conversational Voice AI with Voca CIC

- Multi-language Conversational Interface
- Natural Language Understanding
- Unique Support For Custom Vocabulary (Names, Locations & Products)
- Optimization Using Keywords & Recordings
- Intuitive caller experience
- Infinite IVR destinations
- 1-hit instant interaction



**English US** 

Deutsch (German)

Español (multi-dialect)

Italiano

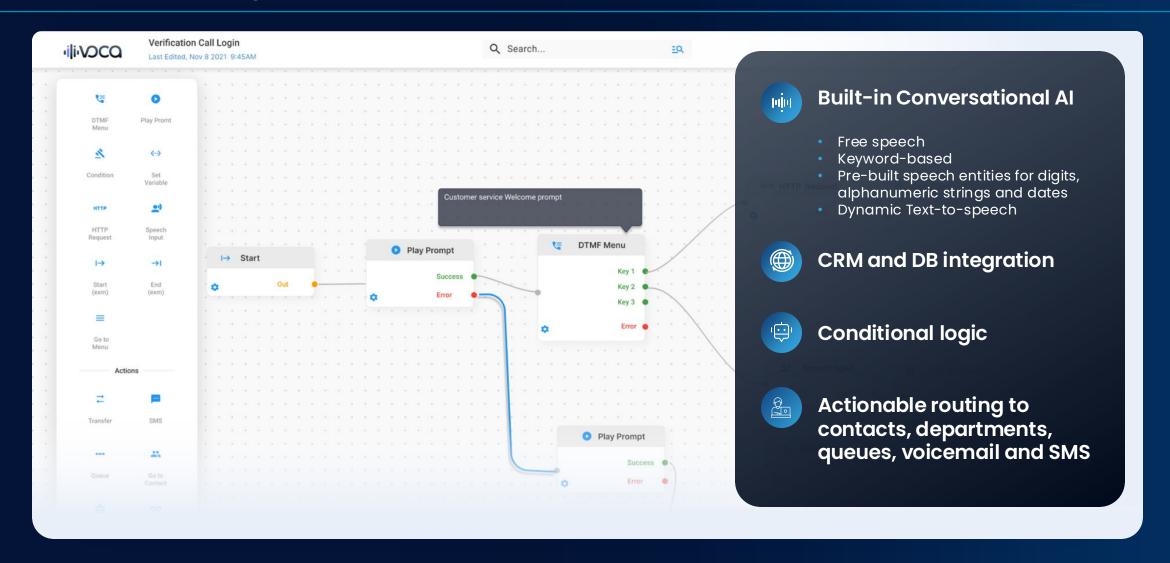
Русский (Russian)

Português (Brazil)

# Cost flexibility vs. a traditional agent model

- Most contact centers are licensed by the agent
- This can lead to excessive costs to license individual users who may or may not be in queue at any given time
- Contact Center Managers must plan for the highest possible volume of users when licensing the contact center
- Voca is priced by call path and not by agent
- This means that Voca natively supports unlimited users, supervisors, queues, and tenants
- Contact Center Managers can plan their licensing around call volume for the contact center, not agents
- This also makes it extremely easy to provide <u>any</u> organizational user with Contact Center functionality

### Visual Flow Designer and unlimited tenants for ease of deployment





#### **AudioCodes Live**

# Complete Calling and Contact Center for Teams







# AudioCodes has a unique position as a leading enterprise vendor in the Microsoft Teams arena

Single Vendor
Offering for Teams
Calling and
Contact Center

Native Voice
Integration with
AudioCodes-native
Voice capabilities

Superior Service and Support Knowledge





"AudioCodes has the widest range of Microsoft-certified solutions. They have certified SBCs, Phones, MTR, Recording and even Contact Center."

- Tom Arbuthnot, Empowering Cloud

### THE FUTURE OF IIIVOCO IS UC & CC + AI

AudioCodes announces Microsoft Teams Phone extensibility for its Alfirst Voca Conversational Interaction Center

Mar 18, 2025

#### **Highlights**

- AudioCodes' Voca Conversational Interaction Center (Voca CIC) now supports the latest, most reliable platform available to Microsoft Teams CCaaS
  applications: Teams Phone extensibility.
- Voca CIC's new support uses Microsoft's latest platform for standardized provisioning, customer onboarding and day-to-day operations for applications integrated with Microsoft Teams Phone.
- With Teams Phone extensibility, AudioCodes Voca CIC will continue delivering Microsoft Azure Al Services as a built-in offering, coupled with Teams
  Phone 99.999% uptime.
- Following an earlier collaboration with Teams Phone via Azure Communication Services (ACS), AudioCodes is delighted to be part of the launch announcement at Enterprise Connect 2025 for this newest innovation from Microsoft.
- · Voca CIC is part of AudioCodes Live Platform, offering a wide range of Microsoft-certified solutions.

Conversational IVR & IVA

**Agent Insights** 

Sentiment Analysis Real-time Transcription



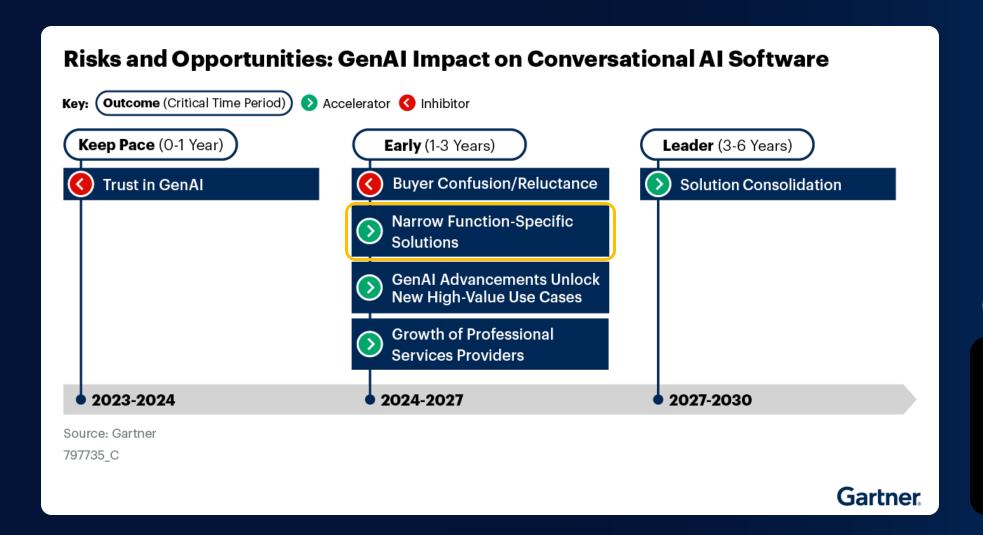








#### The Race to Al in CX: How do we move forward?



# Gartner

Emerging Tech: Market Projection of Generative Al on Conversational Al

Gartner | 19 January 2024

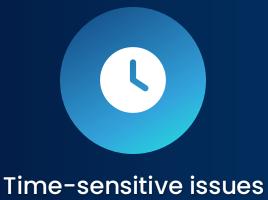
#### **Conversational AI: Where to start?**

70%+

of customer interactions end up on a voice call

\*Metrigy - Customer Experience Transformation For most consumers, phone calls are still the preferred channel of choice, especially for:





#### **Voice Conversational Al Use Cases**



# Conversational IVR

- Superb user experience
- Flatten hierarchical menus
- Easy to build



#### **Virtual Agent**

- Offloads tasks from live agents
- Reduces service costs
- Quick, accurate query resolution



#### **Agent Assistant**

- Better & quicker resolution
- Greater agent productivity
- Real-time supervisor notification



#### **Real Time Translation**

- Serve customers in their own language
- Easier to hire agents (no language barriers)
- Reduces service costs significantly



#### Click 2 Call

- Digital First
- Escalate digital channels to Voice
- Replace expensive Toll Free numbers
- Reduce AHT & Improve FCR

# Challenges & Complexity of Al Adoption

Too many vendors, too many industries, early players

Fragmented tech stack

Endless AI "Terms" STT, NLU, GPT, LLM, TTS, etc.



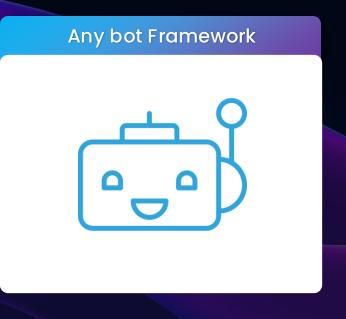


### Conversational AI: Best of Breed

#### **Voice Engagement Channels** Public Enterprise Telephony Communication Provider Contact WebRTC Center



**Bot Framework APIs 4.....** Enroll/Verify Stop/start recording Identify language



#### **Cognitive Speech Services**

Speaker Verification







Speech-to-Text Services



**Voice Recording** 



Language **Identification** 















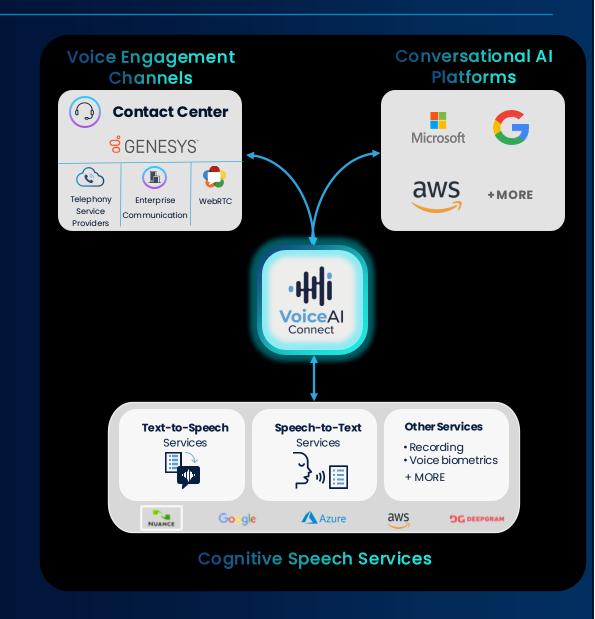


#### Where does Conversational IVR fit?

# "How can I turn my bot into a voice bot and connect it to my voice engagement channels?"

- If you are a bot developer you will find yourself on the right hand of the diagram, writing your bot with one of the bot frameworks you see here
- Most of them are text based, some supply voice APIs in addition to the text ones, you may also find middleware developed by large enterprises AI teams.
- On the left-hand side you have the Voice Engagement Channels. Voice applications know SIP and voice – not bots.

Voice.Al Connect is the orchestration engine allowing you to voice enable your Bot. AudioCodes Voice Al Connect is the solution that allows you to connect ANY Bot framework with ANY Voice Engagement Channel, using different Cognitive Speech Services.



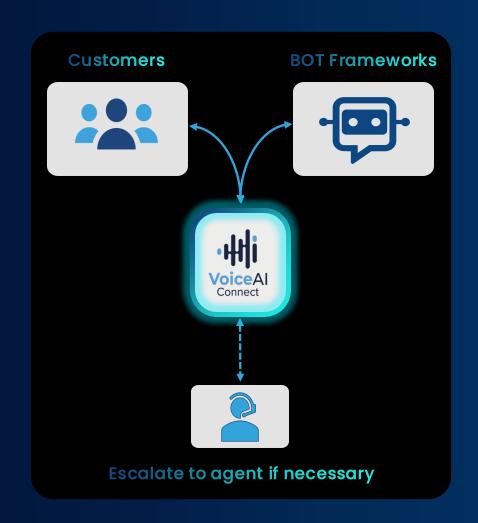
# Where does Virtual Agent fit?

"How can I improve my CX and customer satisfaction without hiring and training more agents?"

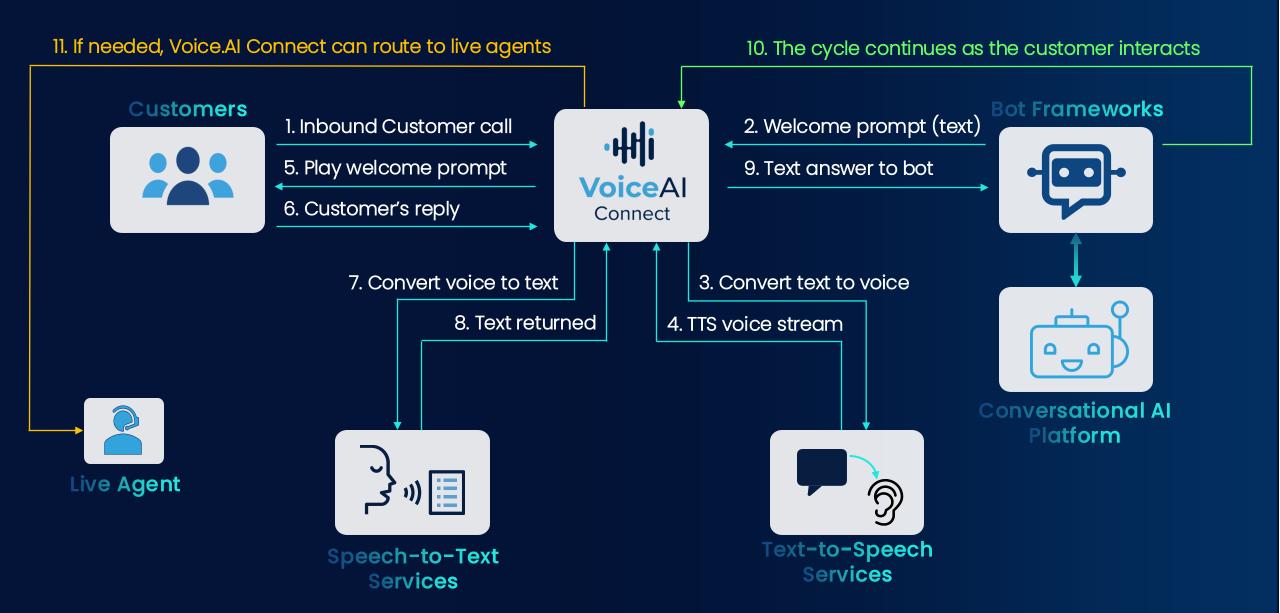
The real trick with the "AI craze" taking the market by storm is finding ways to make ROI for AI tangible. Virtual agents are a great way to do this. Virtual agents, in a general sense, offer the potential to offload some or all calls to bots instead of physical agents.

The secret ingredient in this flow is Voice.Al Connect. Voice.Al connect acts as the orchestrator between bots – and associated backend databases – and voice interaction with the customer.

Leverage AI through voice bots to offload inbound call traffic from live agents to reduce cost and wait times.



# **How Virtual Agents work**



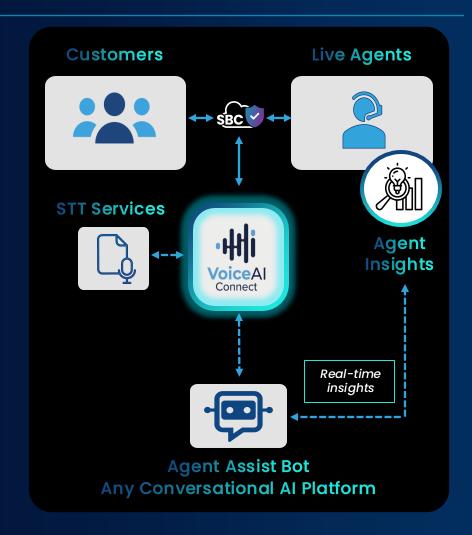
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"How can I improve the quality and responsiveness of my contact center agents?"

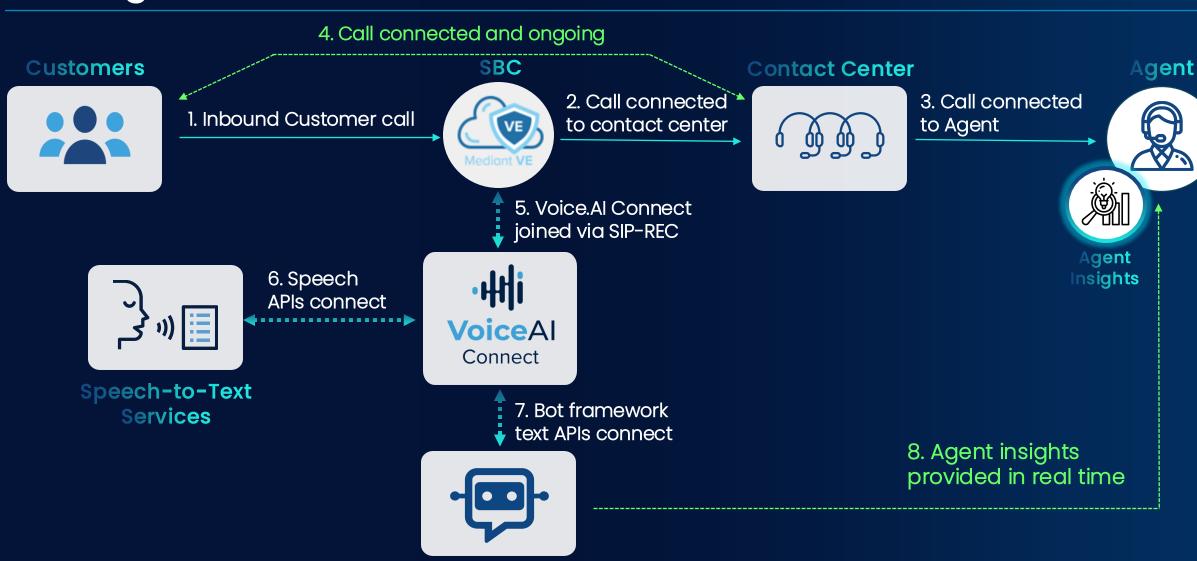
Agent Assist is a great way to use AI through bot frameworks to provide agents with real-time information to help them better serve customers.

The goal here is not to replace agents as we looked at previously with Virtual Agents; instead, the goal here is to use similar technologies to help agents with information to be more effective.

Agent Assist helps customers better equip their live agents to deliver an exceptional CX experience for inbound callers.



# **How Agent Assist works**



Any Conversational
Al Platform

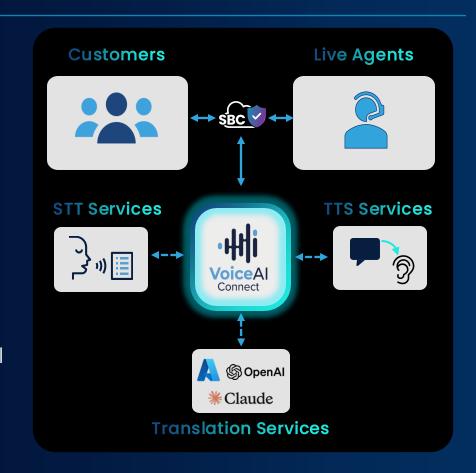
#### Where does Translation Services fit?

"How can I possibly find and train enough bilingual agents to support all of my customers and regions?"

Multi-lingual agents can be extremely tough for contact center managers, with challenges such as:

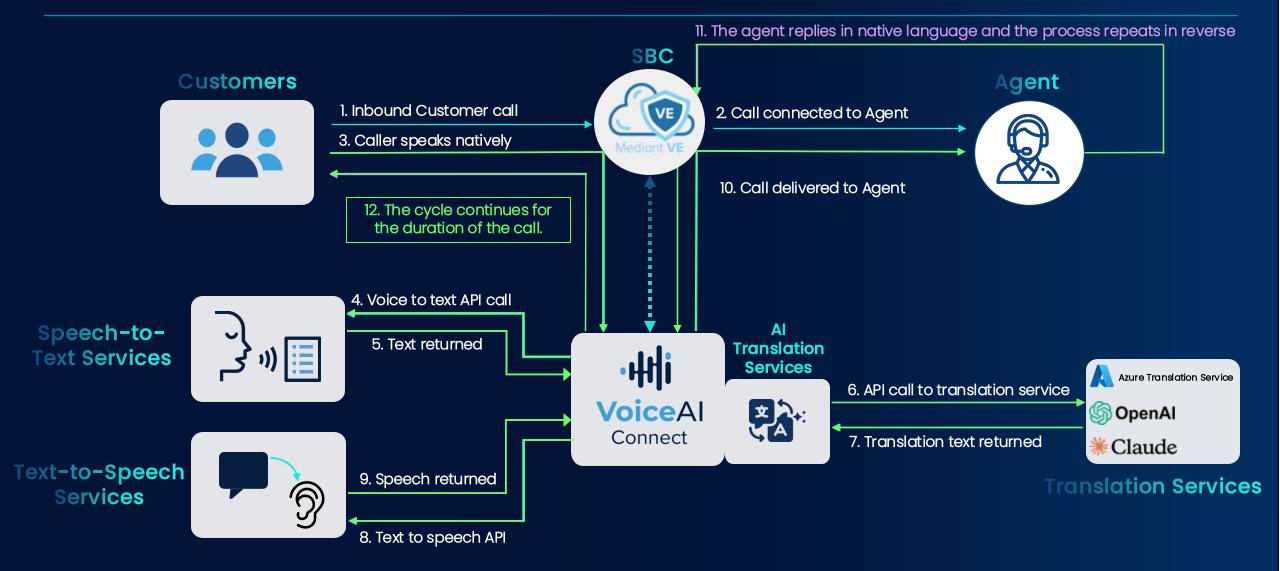
- Higher salary requirements for multi-lingual agents
- Time consuming hiring and training
- Availability; multi-lingual agents may not be 24x7
- Limited language support and longer hold times

AudioCodes' Live CX Real-Time Voice Translation service can be an ideal fit for customers looking to economically support a multi-lingual contact center. Using Voice.Al technologies, AudioCodes integrates with a multitude of different STT and TTS services for optimal, local and real-time language translation during calls for agents.



Make <u>every</u> agent multi-lingual with Live CX Live Voice Translation Services

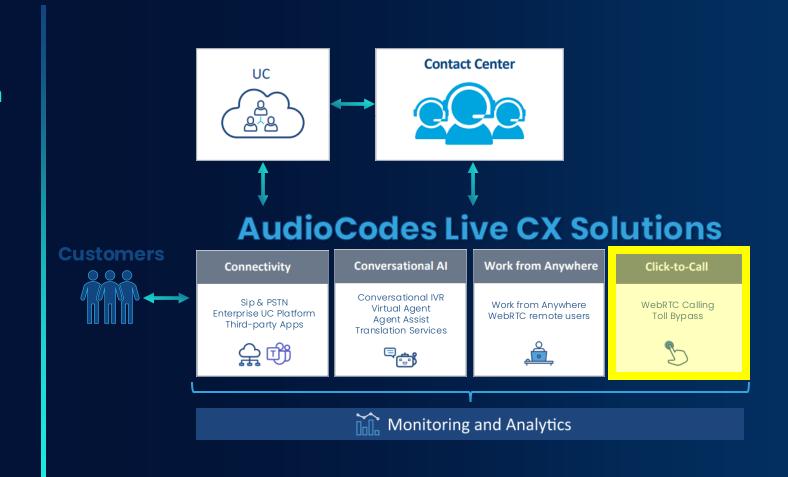
#### **How Real-Time Voice Translation works**



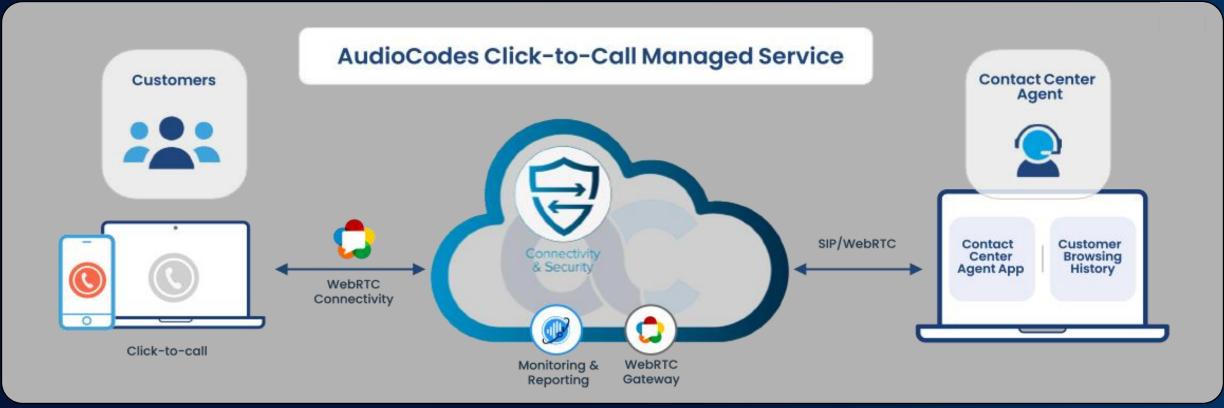
#### Live CX - WebRTC Click-to-Call

#### **Use WebRTC to:**

- Reduce toll costs associated with 800-numbers to agents or users
- Provide a convenient method for customers to reach agents, particularly from mobile devices
- Offer global reach without concerns of local PSTN services
- Provide agents with callers' browsing context for connected calls



#### Click to Call architecture





# Reduced communications bills

Bypass domestic & international toll-free charges



# Global reach

Contact an agent easily from any location



# Integrated digital journey

Speak to an agent without leaving website/app



# Excellent voice quality

Powered by WebRTC technology



# Easy deployment

Low-code integration into website/app with open SDK

### In summary...

- Contact Center and Voice Platforms continue to merge
- Customers realize Al solutions can optimize interactions, but are leery of complexity and accuracy
- Partners offering tangible Al-based solutions in the Contact Center through a limited number of vendors have a <u>distinct advantage</u>
- AudioCodes Voca is a unique, Microsoft-certified Contact Center offering to build from
- Coupled with AudioCodes Live for voice services, customers enjoy consolidation of UCaaS and CCaaS platforms
- AudioCodes Voice.Al Connect is the engine driving integration with any contact center solution and enhanced GenAl offerings, including:
  - Best-in-Class Conversational IVR
  - Virtual Agents
  - Agent Assistant
  - Real-time Translation for live calls
  - Click-to-Call (WebRTC) solutions
- eGroup and AudioCodes are uniquely positioned to embrace AI to enhance your CX solutions with a consolidated platform!

