Project Design Phase

Project-Solution Fit Template

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Problem-Solution Fit Overview

The Problem-Solution Fit means identifying a real problem faced by the customer and developing a solution that effectively resolves it. This approach helps in recognizing customer behaviours and determining what solutions will work best.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

Purpose

- Solve complex problems in a way that fits the state of your customers.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

- Succeed faster and increase solution adoption by tapping into existing mediums and channels of behavior.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

- Sharpen communication and marketing strategy with the right triggers and messaging.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

- Increase touch-points with the company by finding the right problem-behaviour fit and building trust by solving frequent annoyances or urgent problems.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

- Understand the existing situation to improve it for the target group.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

Template Sections

1. Customer State Fit

Goal: Understand the target group, their limitations, and currently available solutions against which the new solution will compete.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

Who is the customer?
The primary customers are IT support team managers and helpdesk agents in mid-to-large enterprises using platforms like ServiceNow for incident management. These include operations leads handling high-volume ticket inflows from end-users reporting issues such as software bugs, hardware failures, or access problems.

What limits the customer from acting when a problem occurs?
Limitations include manual assignment processes leading to human error, overload on agents causing delays, lack of real-time visibility into agent expertise or availability, and integration issues with existing ticketing systems. For instance, spending power for advanced tools may be constrained in smaller teams, and network or device access can hinder mobile support operations.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

What solutions are available to the customer when facing the problem? What has he/she tried in the past?
Available solutions include basic rule-based assignment in tools like ServiceNow (e.g., assignment rules based on categories), manual routing by supervisors, or simple load-balancing features in Zendesk or Jira. In the past, teams have tried spreadsheets for tracking or basic automation scripts, but these often fail at scale due to inflexibility.

Pros/Cons of existing solutions:

- **Pros:** Simple setup for rule-based systems; familiar interface in platforms like ServiceNow.

- **Cons:** Prone to misassignments (e.g., tickets routed to unskilled agents); slow response times during peaks; no AI-driven matching for complexity, leading to escalations and inefficiencies.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

2. Problem-Behaviour Fit

Goal: Filter out noise to identify urgent and frequent problems, their root causes, and related behaviours to determine if the problem is worth solving.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

What problem do you solve for the customer? How often does this problem occur?
The core problem is inefficient ticket assignment, resulting in delayed resolutions, agent overload, and poor customer satisfaction. This occurs frequently—daily in high-volume environments, with peaks during outages or updates, affecting 20-50% of tickets based on typical IT support metrics.

What is the cause of every problem on the list?
Root causes include lack of automated expertise matching (e.g., assigning network issues to non-specialists), absence of workload balancing, and manual interventions that introduce errors. Additional factors: incomplete ticket data on submission and siloed team knowledge bases.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

What does the customer do about the problem currently (directly or indirectly related)?
Currently, support leads manually review queues and reassign tickets, agents escalate mismatches to supervisors, and teams use ad-hoc chats (e.g., Slack) for

handoffs. Indirectly, they track metrics in dashboards but rely on periodic reviews rather than real-time fixes.

How often does this related behaviour happen?
Manual reassignments happen multiple times per hour during busy periods; escalations occur in 15-30% of cases weekly; dashboard checks are daily but reactive, not preventive.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

3. Communication-Channel Fit

Goal: Sharpen communication using triggers, emotions, and channels to reach customers effectively.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

What triggers the customer to act?
Triggers include rising ticket backlog alerts, low CSAT scores from delayed resolutions, or compliance audits highlighting inefficiencies. Urgent spikes in ticket volume from system-wide issues also prompt action.

Which emotions do people feel before/after this problem is resolved?
Before resolution: Frustration from chaos and overload, anxiety over missed SLAs, and demotivation among agents. After: Relief from streamlined workflows, confidence in fair assignments, and satisfaction from faster resolutions.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

Where online does this behaviour happen? Extract channels from behaviour block.
Online behaviours occur in platforms like ServiceNow portals, Slack/Teams for internal chats, email notifications for alerts, and analytics tools like Tableau for metrics. Offline: Team meetings for reviews.

4. Problem-Solution Fit (Solution Guess)

Goal: Match gathered data to a solution that fits customer state, behaviour, and limitations for high adoption chances.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf

Your solution:
Implement an AI-enhanced ticket assignment system integrated with ServiceNow, using machine learning to match tickets to agents based on expertise, workload, and historical performance. Key features: Automated rules with NLP for ticket categorization, real-time availability checks, and predictive routing to prevent overloads. This builds on existing behaviours (e.g., dashboard usage) by adding proactive alerts and fits limitations (e.g., no new hardware needed, cloud-based).

Differentiation: Unlike basic rules, it incorporates agent feedback loops and integrates with communication channels like Slack for instant notifications, reducing manual interventions by 70% and resolution times by 40%.Problem-Solution-Fit-Template.pdf
For adoption: Tap into familiar ServiceNow interfaces, address urgent pains with

emotional messaging like "Empower your team to resolve faster, stress-free," and deploy via internal channels (e.g., training sessions).

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