

DN 3.0 ServiceNow

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What is ServiceNow?

- Cloud-based platform for IT Service Management (ITSM).
- Automates business processes across IT, human resources, security, and customer service.
- Integrates workflows to improve efficiency and reduce operational costs.

Services of ServiceNow:

- IT Service Management (ITSM)
- IT Operations Management (ITOM)
- IT Business Management (ITBM)
- Customer Service Management (CSM)
- HR Service Delivery
- Security Operations
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)

Career and Growth in ServiceNow:

- **High Demand:** SNOW developers and administrators are in high demand in ITSM, HR, and security industries.
- **Lucrative Career:** Competitive salaries and opportunities for growth.
- **Certifications:** Continuous certification and specialization lead to senior roles.
- **Expanding Ecosystem:** Career opportunities in multiple domains (IT, HR, Security, etc.).

ServiceNow UI Overview:

- **Navigation Bar:** Provides access to applications and modules.
- **Content Frame:** Displays forms, lists, and dashboards.
- **Application Navigator:** Lets users search and access applications quickly.
- **User Profile:** For settings, logout, and preferences.

ServiceNow Components:

- **Forms:** Used for data input, updates, and processing.
- **Lists:** Display records from a table.
- **Dashboards:** Visual representation of data and KPIs.
- **Workflows:** Define process automation.
- **Reports:** Track performance and metrics.

ServiceNow Modules:

- **Incident Module:** Manages and tracks incidents to restore normal service operations.
- **Problem Module:** Focuses on identifying and resolving the root cause of incidents.
- **Change Module:** Manages changes to the IT environment to minimize disruption.

Incident Module:

- Used to log, track, and resolve incidents.
- Incident lifecycle: logged -> triaged -> resolved -> closed.
- Helps in reducing downtime.

Problem Module:

- Investigates the root causes of incidents.
- Provides permanent solutions to recurring issues.
- Tracks known errors and workarounds.

Change Module:

- Manages changes with minimal disruption.
- Uses a structured approach to plan, test, and implement changes.
- Tracks changes through Request, Approval, and Implementation stages.

List in ServiceNow:

- **Lists** in ServiceNow display a set of records from a table in a tabular format.
- Each row in a list represents a record, and each column represents a field in that record.
- **List Layout:** Can be customized to show relevant columns based on user roles or preferences.
- **Inline Editing:** Allows users to modify records directly from the list view without opening individual forms.
- **Filters:** Users can apply filters to narrow down records based on specific conditions (e.g., date range, status).

- **Personalization:** Users can personalize their list views by adding, removing, or rearranging columns.
- **Context Menus:** Right-clicking on a list row provides additional actions like delete, update, or assign.
- **Bulk Actions:** Users can select multiple records and perform mass updates or deletions.
- **Security:** List visibility and actions can be restricted based on roles and permissions.
- **Exporting Lists:** Lists can be exported to various formats like Excel, PDF, or CSV for reporting purposes.

Admin vs. Developer in ServiceNow:

- **ServiceNow Admin:**
 - Responsible for platform management and configuration.
 - Manages user roles, permissions, and data access.
 - Performs upgrades, maintenance, and instance performance tuning.
 - Configures UI elements like forms, lists, and menus.
 - Implements basic workflows, automations, and business rules.
- **ServiceNow Developer:**
 - Focuses on advanced customizations and development.
 - Writes scripts in **JavaScript** for client-side and server-side development.
 - Creates and maintains custom applications and modules.
 - Works on integrations with third-party tools via APIs.
 - Develops and configures workflows, UI actions, and custom business rules.

Major Customers of ServiceNow:

- **Fortune 500 companies:** Includes top brands in finance, healthcare, retail, technology, and manufacturing.
- **Government Agencies:** ServiceNow is used for IT service management and business automation.
- **Universities and Healthcare Institutions:** For service delivery, process automation, and IT support.
- Examples: **Coca-Cola, Verizon, Siemens, Deloitte**, and many others.

ServiceNow Growth:

- **Rapid Expansion:** ServiceNow has been growing its platform offerings beyond ITSM to HR, security, and operations management.
- **Revenue Growth:** The company has seen steady revenue growth year-over-year, often surpassing \$4 billion.
- **Adoption:** Widely adopted across industries due to its ability to streamline business processes and automate workflows.
- **Innovation:** Continuous innovation in AI, machine learning, and automation drives its growing influence in the enterprise space.

ServiceNow Architecture:

- **Cloud-Based:** ServiceNow runs on a cloud platform with multi-instance architecture.
- **Data Layer:** Built on relational databases for structured data management.
- **Application Layer:** Includes modules for ITSM, HR, customer service, and more.
- **Integration Layer:** Supports integrations with external systems using REST, SOAP APIs.
- **User Interface:** Accessible via web browsers, mobile apps, and APIs.
- **Security:** In-built robust security model with roles, ACLs, and encrypted communications.

Who Uses ServiceNow:

- **IT Departments:** For IT service management, incident, problem, and change management.
- **HR Teams:** To manage HR services like onboarding, payroll, and employee requests.
- **Security Teams:** For security operations, vulnerability management, and threat detection.
- **Customer Support Teams:** For handling customer service and support requests.
- **DevOps Teams:** For managing releases, builds, and continuous integration.

What is a Catalog:

- **Service Catalog:** A user-friendly portal where employees or customers can request services or products.
- Offers predefined items like software, hardware, access requests, etc.
- **Self-Service:** Users can browse, request, and track the status of their service requests.

- **Automated Workflows:** Upon request submission, workflows automate approvals and fulfillment processes.
- Customizable to match specific organizational needs.

Dashboard Creation in ServiceNow:

- **Dashboards:** Provide a visual overview of key metrics, reports, and KPIs.
- Users can create customized dashboards to monitor performance and track progress.
- **Widgets:** Add interactive components like charts, reports, and lists.
- **Roles:** Dashboards can be role-specific, showing relevant information based on user permissions.
- **Data Sources:** Pull data from various ServiceNow modules (e.g., incidents, problems, changes).
- **Sharing:** Dashboards can be shared with specific teams or stakeholders to keep them updated.