

SAS Technical Support

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Technical Support Account Manager

Christian Wolf - TSAM



Paul Scheenaart - TSAM



Chris & Paul have 25 years of combined SAS experience at SAS Technical Support (TS). They have been working with SAS 9.4, SAS Viya 3.x, SAS Viya 4 on all known Platforms.

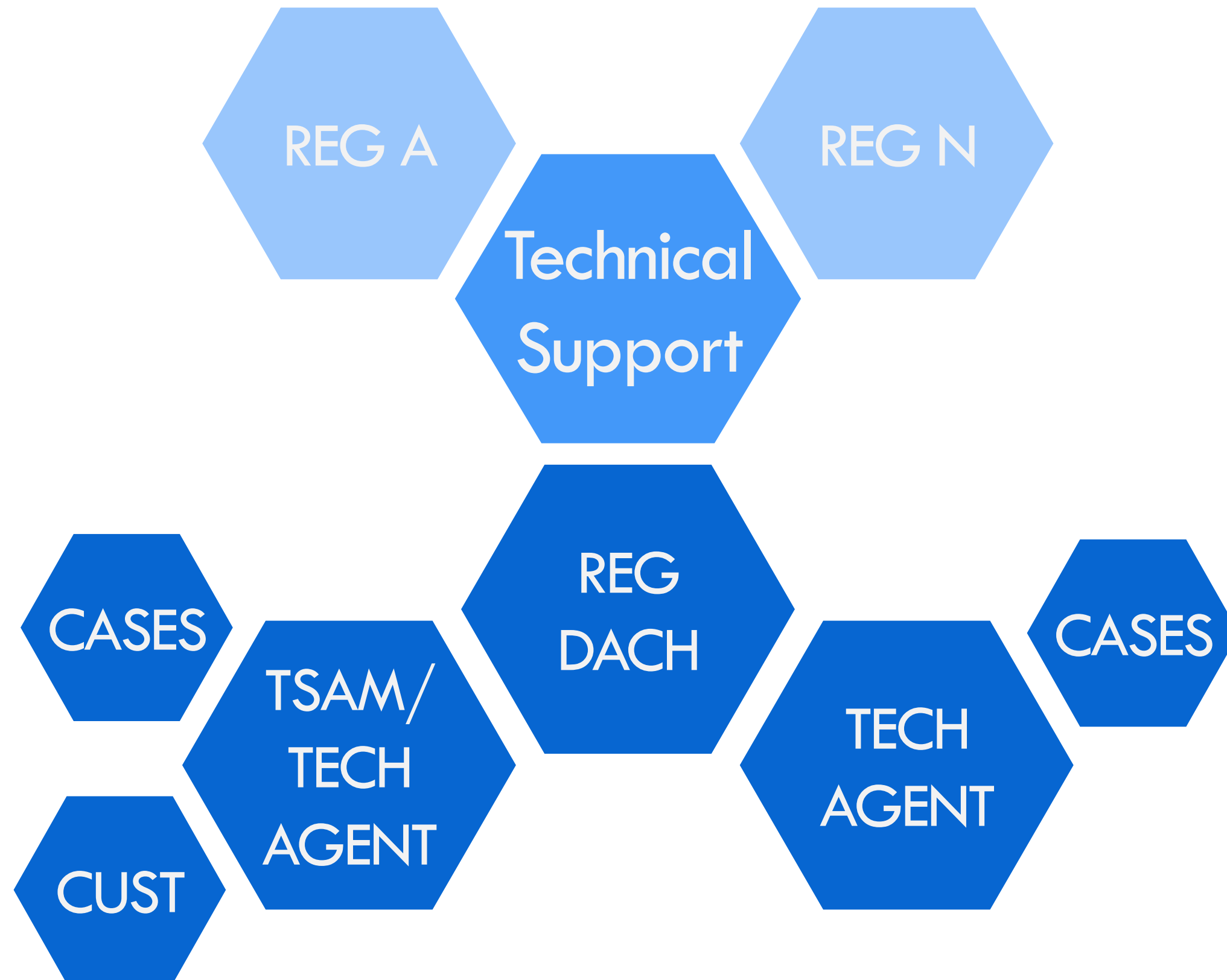
Paul & Chris have worked as TS Viya* spearheads in the DACH region.

Paul & Chris have worked for different Premium Support customers as TSAM and providing Admin Support over the past few years.

Both have a degree in business informatics and are happy to support you as TSAM's.

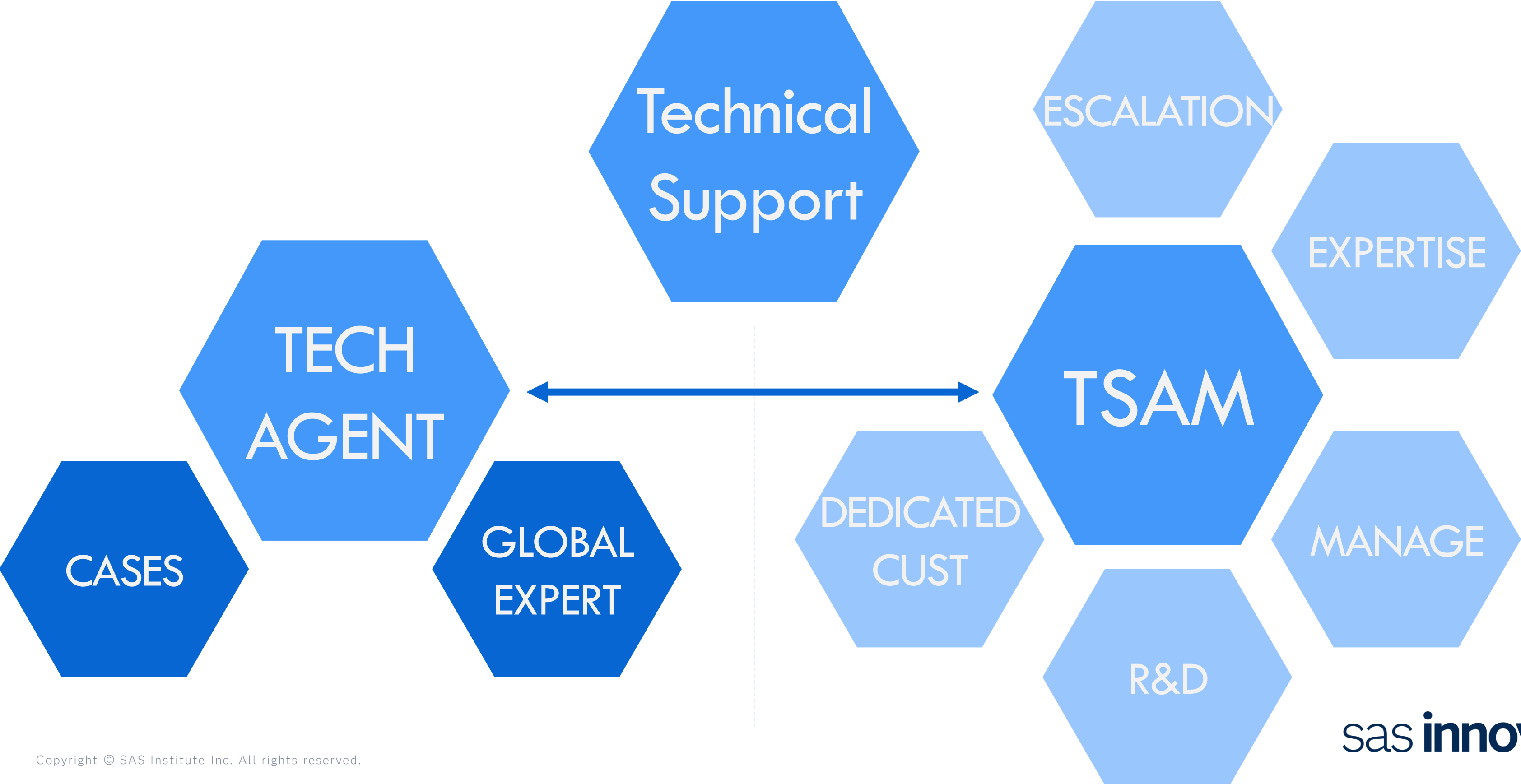
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Before March 2024

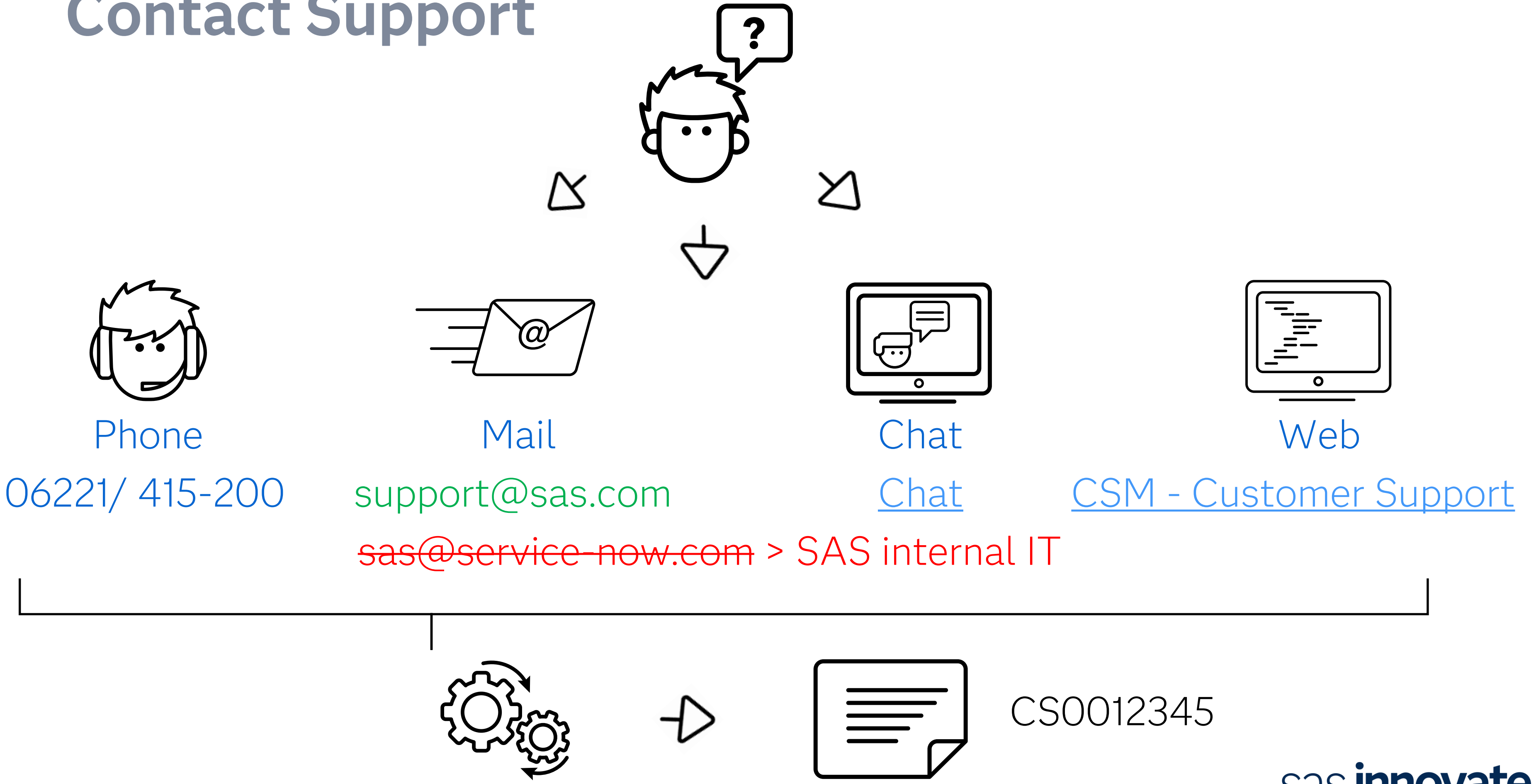


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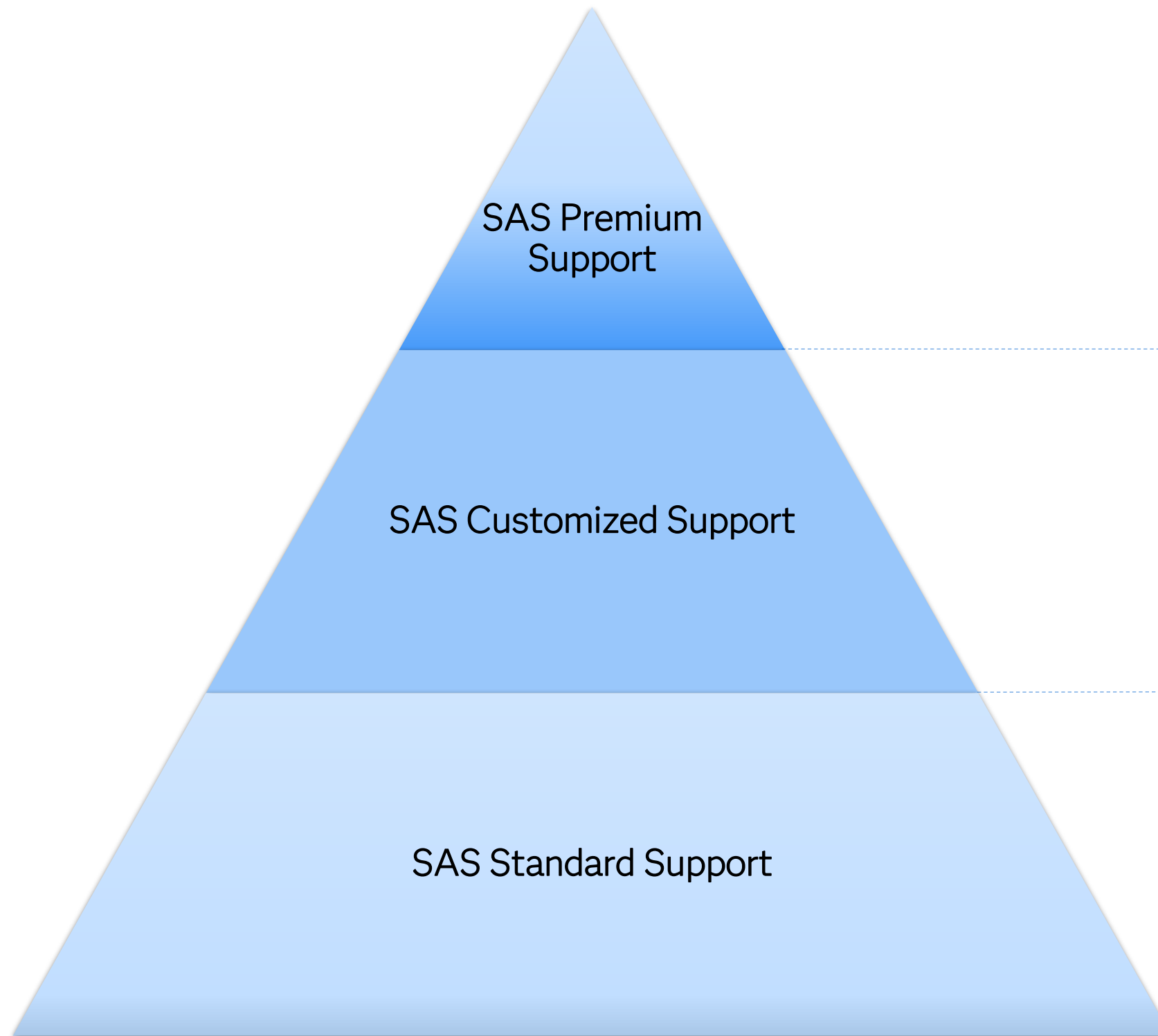
Beginning March 2024



Contact Support



SAS Enhanced Support Services



- Enhanced Service Level Agreement
- Technical Support Account Manager
- Workshops
- Status Reports
- Access to Enhanced Support Case Dashboard
- Access to Support Resources on SAS Website
- Support for Executable Modules and Hotfixes
- Telephone Support
- Email Support

SAS Premium Support | Overview

What

- ADDITIONAL TO STANDARD SUPPORT
- **DEDICATED TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACCOUNT MANAGER**
- **ENHANCED SERVICE LEVELS**
- **PROACTIVE SUPPORT MODEL**
- FOCUSED ON SAS PLATFORM POST LIVE SUPPORT & PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES
- STATUS REPORTING
- FIXED DURATION, \geq 12 MONTHS

SAS Premium Support | Overview

Why

- MAXIMISE VALUE FROM YOUR SAS ESTATE
- **MINIMISE OPERATIONAL RISK**
- **INCREASE SYSTEM STABILITY & UP TIME**
- PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF UNDERSTANDING
- **LEVERAGE SAS EXPERTISE, BEST PRACTICE & EXPERIENCE**
- INCREASED USER ADOPTION AND SATISFACTION
- **ENHANCED DIAGNOSIS & RESOLUTION**

SAS Premium Support | Overview

How

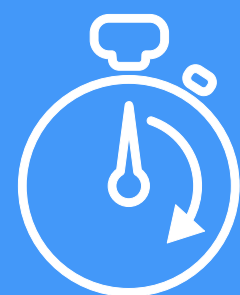
- EMPOWER YOU TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT
- **ANTICIPATE YOUR NEEDS & DELIVER STRATEGIC ADVICE**
- **FLEXIBLE DELIVERY OF A RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES
ALIGNED WITH YOUR BUSINESS, IT STRATEGY AND
VISION**
- **DEFINE ESCALATION PATH & PROACTIVE ISSUES
MANAGEMENT**
- **SHARE BEST PRACTICES**
- ASSIGNED SAS ADVOCATE & ALIGNED TECHNICAL
SUPPORT RESOURCES

Technical Support Services Comparison

| Support: | Standard | Premium |
|--|----------|---------|
| Enhanced Support Service Level Agreement (SLA) | | ✓ |
| Technical Support Account Manager | | ✓ |
| Premium Support Workshops | | ✓ |
| Premium Support Status Reports and Meetings | | ✓ |
| Access to Case Dashboard | | ✓ |
| Telephone Support | ✓ | ✓ |
| Email Support | ✓ | ✓ |
| Access to support resources on SAS Customer Support Web Site | ✓ | ✓ |

Premium Support Benefits

Minimizing Risk – Maximizing Value



Reactive Value

- ❖ Reduced Issue Impact & Severity
- ❖ Faster Response Times
- ❖ Named Technical Support Account Manager
- ❖ Business Context for Issues
- ❖ Understanding the customer's environment
- ❖ Priority Treatment of Issues
- ❖ Escalation Management
- ❖ Co-ordinated support responses



Proactive Value

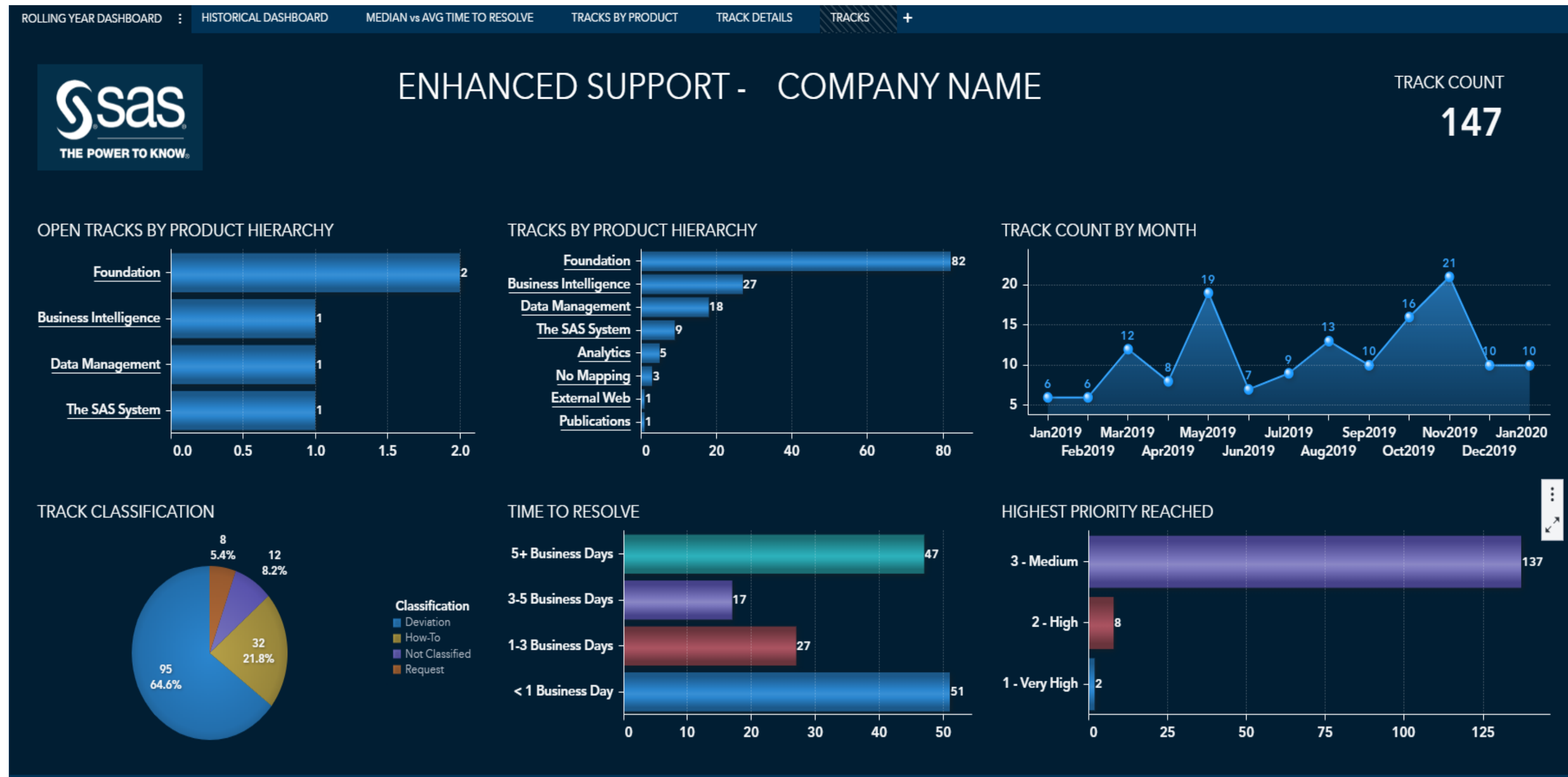
- ❖ Platform Risk Mitigation
- ❖ Improved Stability
- ❖ Improved Business Service Provision
- ❖ SAS Technical Leadership, Advice & Guidance
- ❖ SAS Support Model Definition
- ❖ Embedding SAS Best Practice Support Methods
- ❖ Platform Improvement Recommendations
- ❖ Maintenance Planning & Out Of Hours Support
- ❖ Support Resource Co-ordination
- ❖ Access to Experts
- ❖ Flexibility (Jointly Agreed & Aligned Priorities)
- ❖ Budgetary Certainty

Technical Support Response Time SLAs

| | | Premium Support | | Standard Support | |
|----------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Severity Level | Condition | Initial Follow Up | Frequency of Updates | Initial Follow Up | Frequency of Updates |
| 1 | A critical SAS production system is down or does not function at all, and there is no circumvention for the problem; a significant number of users are affected, and a production business system is inoperable. | 1 hour* | As agreed upon | 2 hours | Every Day |
| 2 | A component of SAS technology is not performing, creating a significant operational impact. | 2 business hours | Every business day | 4 business hours | Every 2 business days |
| 3 | A component of SAS technology is not performing as documented. There are unexpected results. Problems can be circumvented. There is moderate or minor operational impact. | 8 business hours | Every 2 business days | 1 business day | Every 3 business days |
| 4 | Questions pertain to usage or clarification of documentation. | 8 business hours | Every 5 business days | 1 business day | Every 10 business days |
| 5 | Customer offers suggestions or requests for new product features and enhancements. | 8 business hours | Every 15 business days | 1 business day | Every 30 business days |

* Support outside of normal business hours is available for Production Environments with Severity 1 issues.

SAS Enhanced Support Dashboard



SAS Enhanced Support customers can access the dashboard to explore and visualize their own support activity

THANK YOU!

<https://support.sas.com/en/support-home.html>

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