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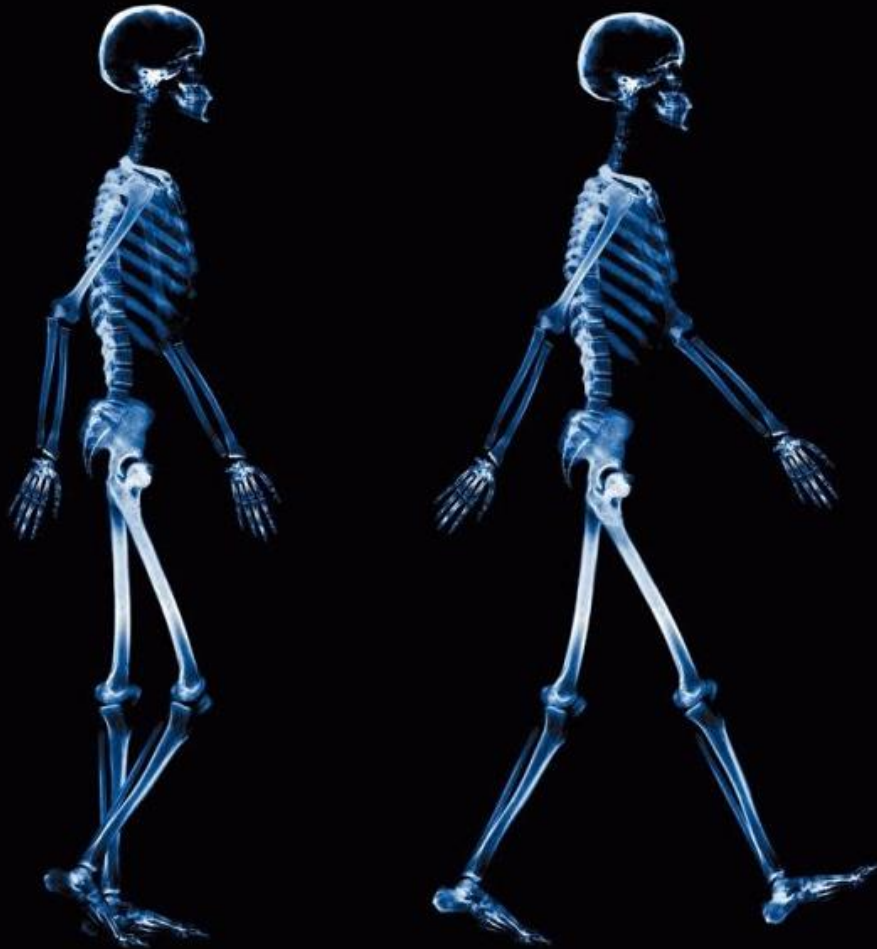
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Ten key elements that help make a brilliant service desk

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1. Define strategic purpose

"Purpose is one of the most powerful and least leveraged weapons of leadership"

Nikos Mourkogiannis
Purpose: The Starting Point of Great Companies

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Vision

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Dare to dream…

✓ Direct

✓ Clear

✓ Brief

✓ Achievable

✓ Aspirational

"Bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete* in the world"

*If you have a body, you are an athlete

Nike

"To make people happy"

Disney

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"To inspire service desks to be brilliant"

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Mission

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"A way of ensuring that the dumbest person in the company knows what they should be doing"

Dave Marinaccio

- ❏ What?
- ❏ How?
- ❏ For whom?
- ❏ Why?

The greatest mission statement of all time?

Clue:
It's a five year mission

Mission statement

- To explore strange new worlds

- To seek out new life and new civilizations

- To boldly go where no one has gone before

"What is the single most important thing you are trying to accomplish?"

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Q: But how Captain?

2. Understand customer needs

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Service level agreement (SLA)

- Service description

- Performance levels

- Monitoring and reporting

- Contacts

- Response and resolutions timescales

- Repercussions for not meeting its commitment

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How do we measure?

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"The technology they need to do their job"

- Service catalogue
- Quality management
    - New starter process
    - PC build/software deployment
- Number of service requests (by category)

How do we measure?

"They want that technology to work"

Availability and capacity management

Number of incidents

Event Management

How do we measure?

"They want to contact the right person quickly"

Response times

Calls answered/abandoned

Time to assign

Bounce rate

How do we measure?

"They want that person to deal with it courteously and immediately"

Customer satisfaction surveys

Complaints, compliments, and suggestions

First contact resolution (FCR)

First level resolution (FLR)

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Quality management

Number of escalations

Percentage of aged tickets

Number of tickets updated within a specific period

3. Review and improve processes

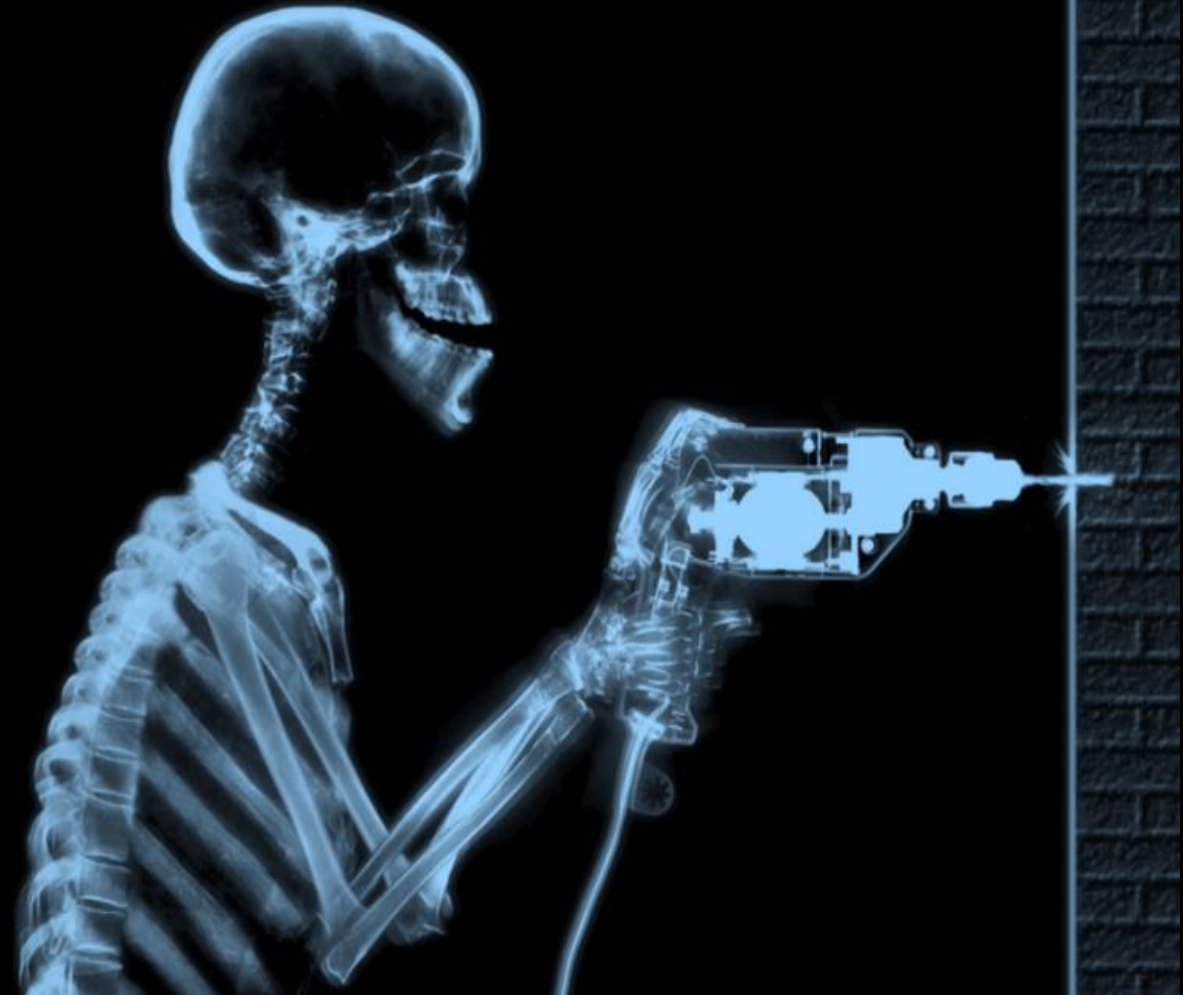SDI | Service Desk Institute
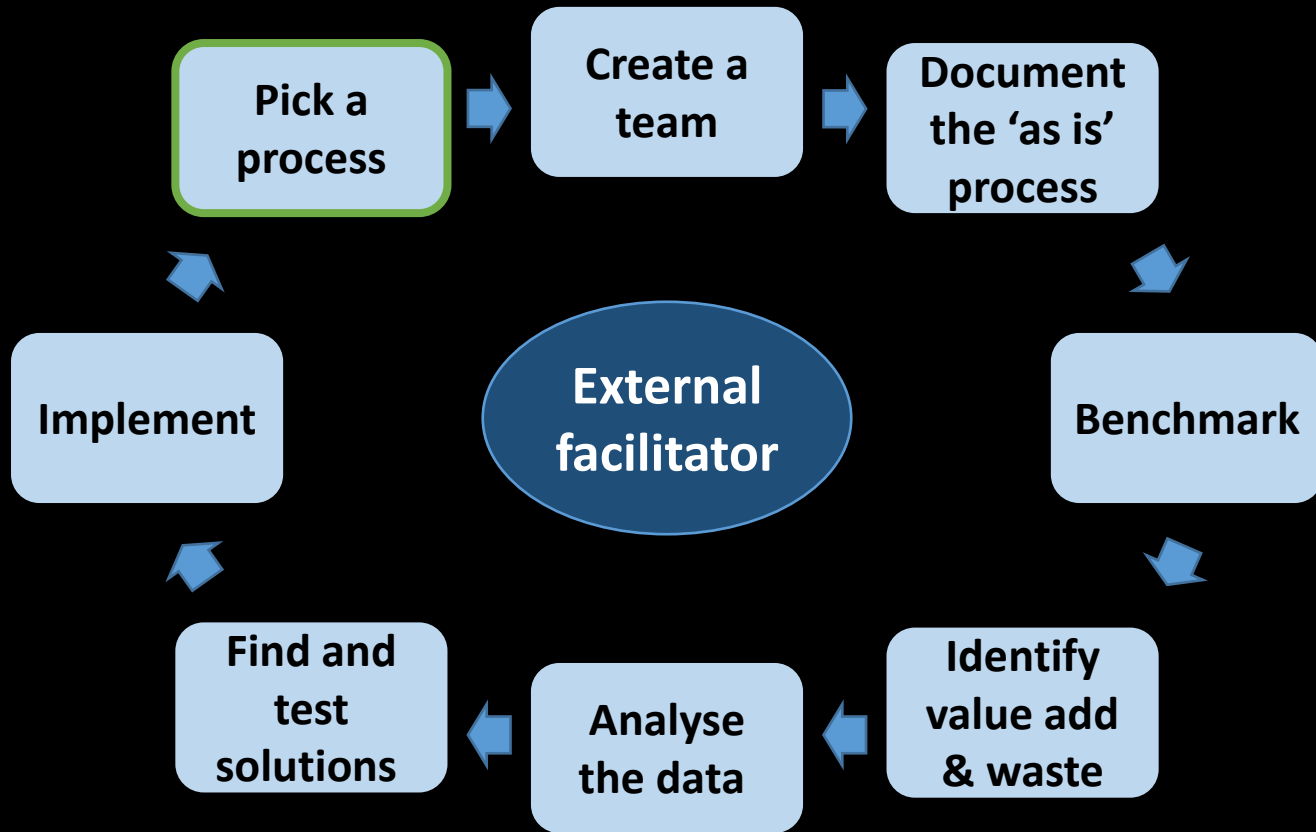
Common problems

- Too detailed too early

- Looking for solutions before completing the process

- Mapping what you want to see

- Falling post-it notes

4. Choose an ITSM tool

Understand requirements

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Processes

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Strategy

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Functionality

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Processes

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Functionality

Outputs

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Outputs

Future...

Future requirements

Shift Left

Self-heal

Machine Learning & AI

Chatbots

XLAs

Data & Predictive Analytics

Predictive Infrastructure

Research

Engage with experts

Engage with the community

Demo

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Webinars

Software showcase

5. Review requirements for communication channels

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6. Recruitment and retention

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Career
Development

7.
Develop a customer experience program

"Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning"

Bill Gates

Inputs = Opportunities to improve

Inputs

Customer satisfaction surveys

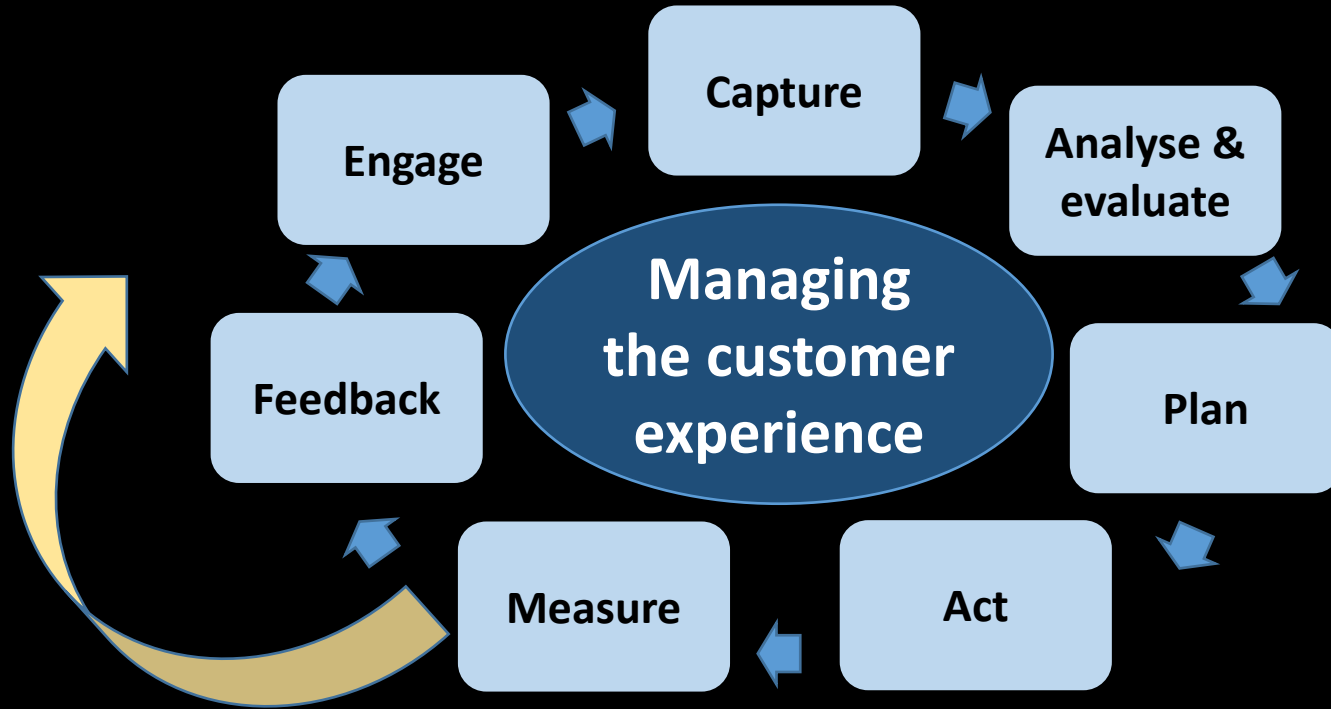Complaints, compliments and suggestions

Business relationship management

Management reports

Major incident & quality reviews

Cross-functional meetings and focus groups
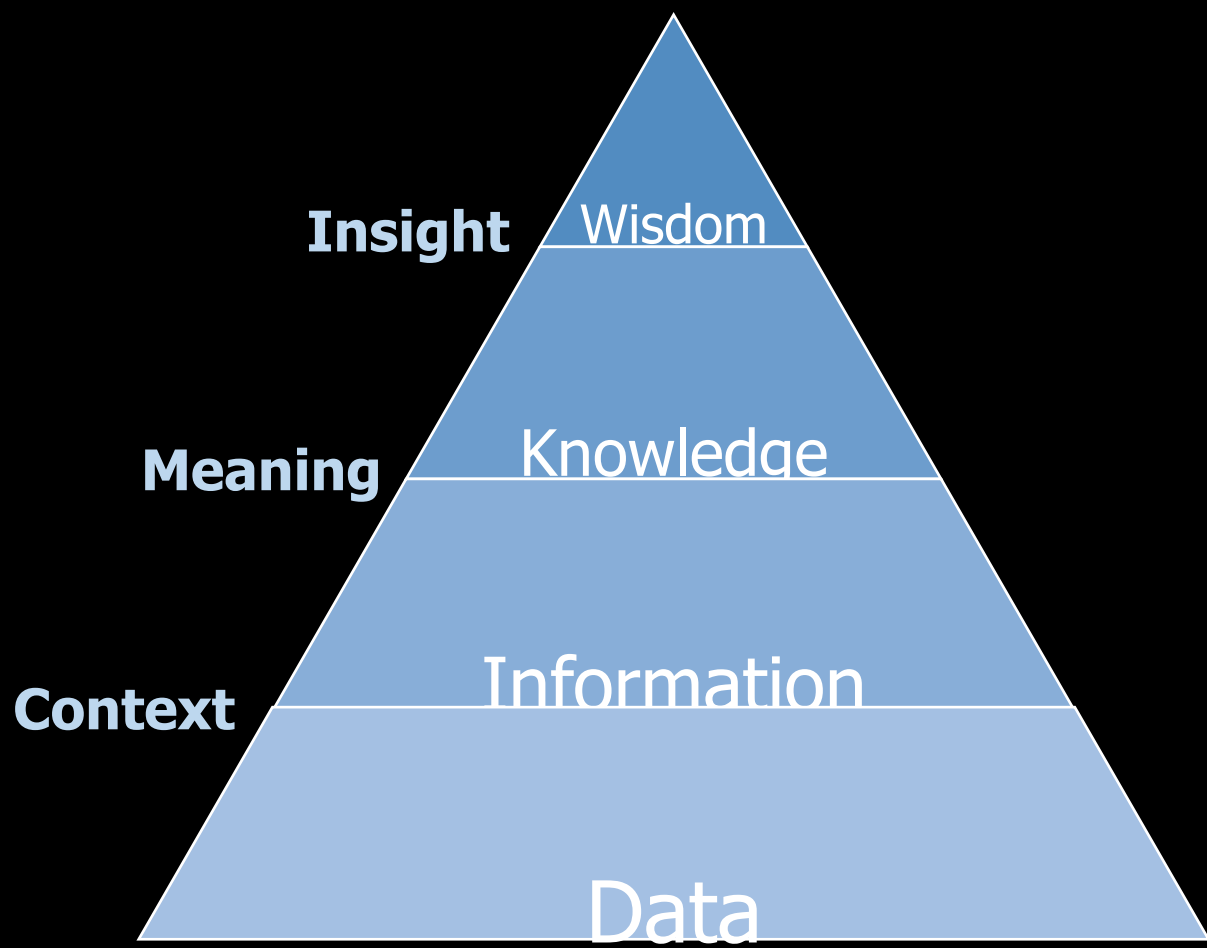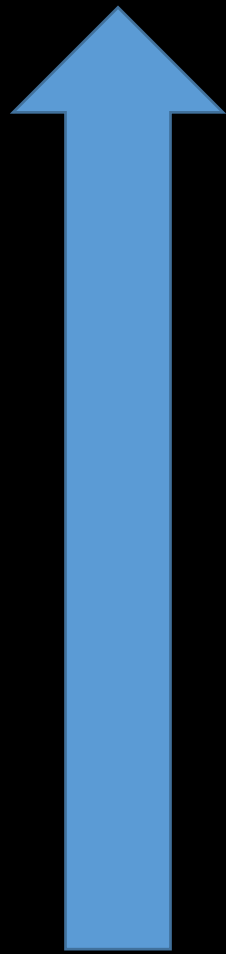
Corridor conversations

Social media

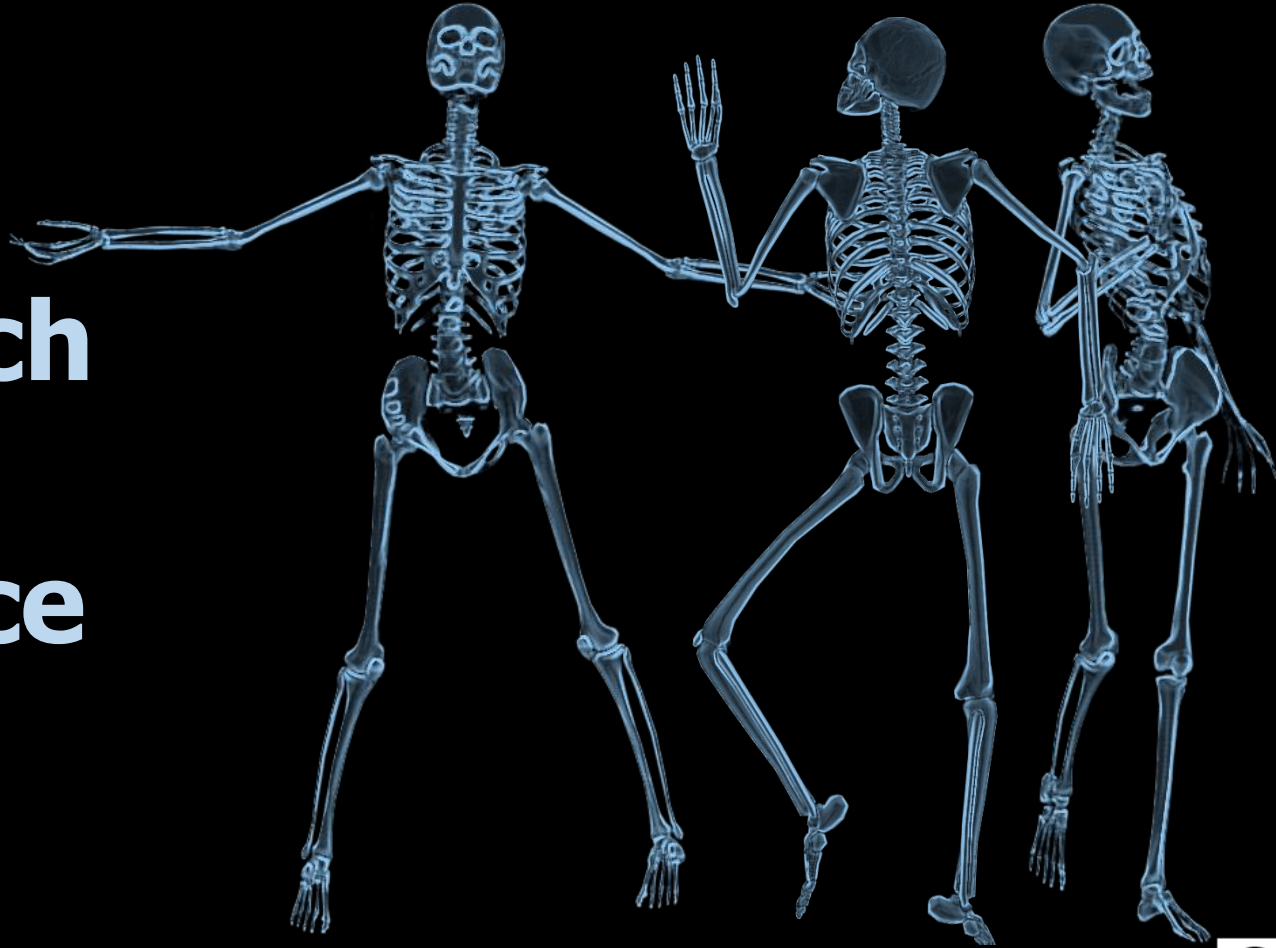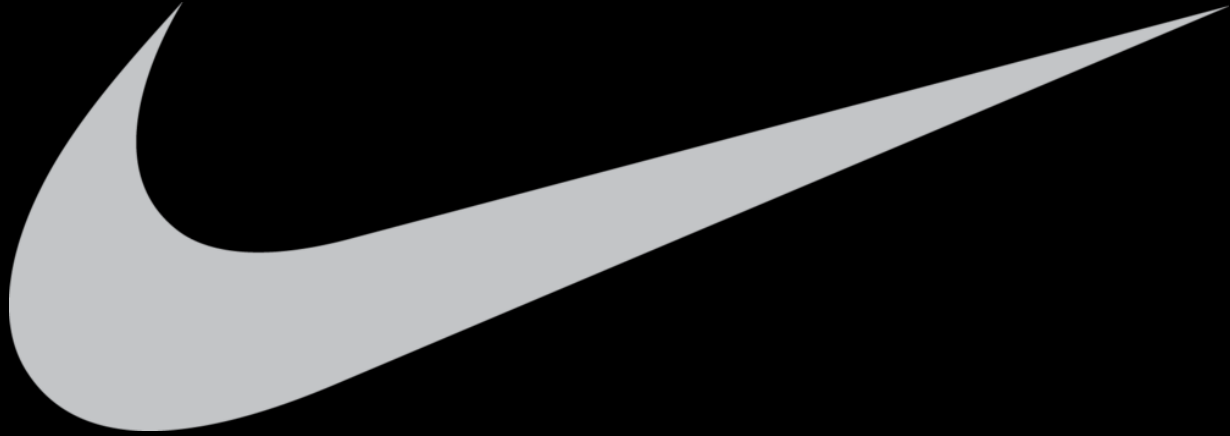**8. Regular activity and performance reports**

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9. Launch the service desk

10. Celebrate success

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