

Ordering automation and call center centralization increase revenue

Automation and call center centralization enable hyper-personalized order processes—and boost CSAT score by 95%.

The challenge

In 2020, during the pandemic, a large US pizza chain with thousands of locations saw its sales increase by 13.5% in the fourth quarter. This increase in volume led the client to examine efficiency as a target for innovation, specifically in its ordering processes. Of the 30 percent of orders placed by phone, about 10% were abandoned due to non-answer, indicating an opportunity to recapture lost revenue.

As phone calls can affect many steps in the process—including delivery time—automating the order process could help the restaurants focus their resources on the important task of making and delivering pizzas. The client wanted to optimize its operations for growth and improve customer service by cutting order wait times and significantly reducing dropped calls on phone orders.

The solution

Cognizant worked with the food services giant to automate ordering operations by designing an end-to-end, intelligent, cloud-based omnichannel solution. The solution includes a centralized ordering model that uses advanced analytics to provide agents with hyper-personalized menu suggestions for customers based on their prior preferences.

To handle call overflow, Cognizant recommended a unified contact center agent desktop solution that combined restaurant and e-commerce systems with real-time integration to enable order accuracy and efficiency.



Reduced call abandon rate. Improved customer order experience.

Cognizant AWS practitioners helped the pizza chain realize savings from the new overflow call handling process and capture additional revenue. Today, all order takers in the contact centers use the integrated system to process a phone order, customize it and collect payment—all on one screen.

95% customer satisfaction (CSAT) score for services delivered with the new ordering solution

Up to 50% improvement in the client's in-restaurant metrics

15% increase in revenue per order





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