

A Digital Shift

Using Conversational AI to Navigate
CFCU Community Credit Union's
Merger Challenges





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DIRECTLINK CASE STUDY

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OBJECTIVES

In the competitive financial sector, CFCU Community Credit Union, a New York state chartered credit union serving 82,000 members, strategically merged with CORE Federal Credit Union (6,000 members)in Q1 2023. Ensuring a seamless transition and integration was top of mind and vital for maintaining member satisfaction and service quality.

From January 27th to 30th, 2022, CFCU successfully navigated the technical conversion for the merger. CFCU understood that managing any surge in merger-related inquiries would be vital to safeguarding member service and satisfaction. To address this, CFCU deployed Directlink's Conversational AI (CAI) via the telephony channel, providing instant responses to 80 FAQs. This case study examines the AI solution's effectiveness in managing merger-related questions, enhancing member experience, and streamlining contact center operations.



AT A GLANCE

Challenges

- An influx of merger-related FAQs
- Limited after hours for member support

Benefits

- Saved 208hrs of call time
- 24/7 instant support
- Smooth introduction of CAI to members

SOLUTION

CFCU Community Credit Union joined forces with Directlink to optimize the contact center experience during the merger, managing high call volumes more effectively and efficiently and delivering convenience to its members.

With the integration of Directlink's conversational AI solution, CFCU provided immediate responses to 80 customized merger-related FAQs and ensured round-the-clock accessibility. This cutting-edge approach empowered members to access crucial information quickly, eliminating the need to wait for an agent.

Additionally, the AI solution granted members the option to connect with a live agent whenever needed. By embracing Directlink's innovative technology, CFCU Community Credit Union set the stage for elevated member satisfaction, streamlined contact center performance, and a seamless transition throughout the merger process.







OUTCOMES

Directlink's Conversational AI solution played a pivotal role in the member experience during the merger. By deflecting 1,560 calls with an average call time of 5 minutes, Directlink contributed to a savings of approximately 3 hours of agent call time per day (Monday to Friday). This increased efficiency allowed agents to focus on more complex inquiries, resulting in enhanced support for members. Overall, the implementation of Directlink's AI solution significantly contributed to a streamlined, satisfying member experience throughout the merger process.

80+

Merger-related FAQs launched

5,713

Mins handled by virtual assistant

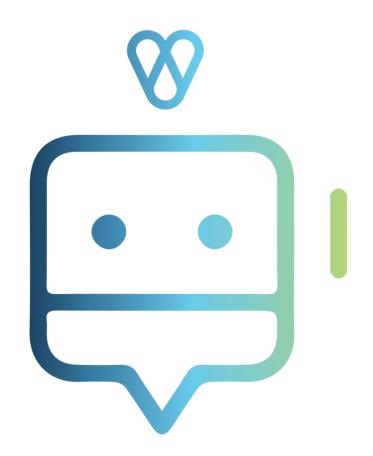
52%

Containment rate achieved

12,480

Mins saved for contact center





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ABOUT

Directlink is an all-in-one conversational banking platform designed for Community Banks and Credit Unions. Seamlessly transition from Al to human support, meeting real-time customer and member needs. Enjoy secure, compliant, hyperpersonalized interactions while effortlessly integrating into your FinTech ecosystem for a superior customer experience.



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