

ServiceDesk Plus Cloud Masterclass 2023

S2E3: Utilizing visual life cycles and workflows to standardize ITSM practices

Allow IT teams to streamline and automate various ITSM practices by creating life cycles and workflows on a graphical, user-friendly canvas. Enable your technicians to follow organizational processes accurately and minimize errors.

Best practices enabled by different life cycles and workflows in ServiceDesk Plus Cloud:

| Best practices | Features |
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| Standardize incident and problem management and service delivery Craft request and problem life cycles to guide help desk technicians through the ticket resolution process. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Request life cycles➤ Problem life cycles<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Restrict transitions to particular roles and users.○ Update and mandate fields.○ Perform custom actions, like sending contextual notifications, executing custom functions, triggering webhooks, and creating tasks. |
| Implement an effective change and release workflow Deploy changes and releases successfully with workflows built on a GUI. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Change workflows➤ Release workflows<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Set conditions and switches to split the workflow into different directions.○ Send notifications, automate approvals, and update fields. |
| Monitor asset states and availability Build an effective asset life cycle for all your IT and non-IT assets to track them from discovery to disposal. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Asset life cycles<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Associate assets with resource-specific life cycles.○ Update fields.○ Perform custom functions, trigger webhooks, and send contextual notifications. |
| Allow the chat bot to handle L1 tickets and enable skilled technicians to focus on more complex IT issues Create several conversation flows and provide contextual assistance for common queries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Blended conversations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Utilize blocks to perform specific functions in a flow.○ Use variables as data placeholders to store input or output data in blocks.○ Define the flow pattern from top to bottom with Paths. |

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| <p>Build event-driven workflow automations to complete a set of IT tasks in a sequence</p> <p>Embed single-touch automations within your service delivery and change management processes.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zoho Circuit integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Define states and their attributes. ○ Define the common and unique fields of a state. ○ Provide error handling options. ○ Specify paths for input and output processing. |
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