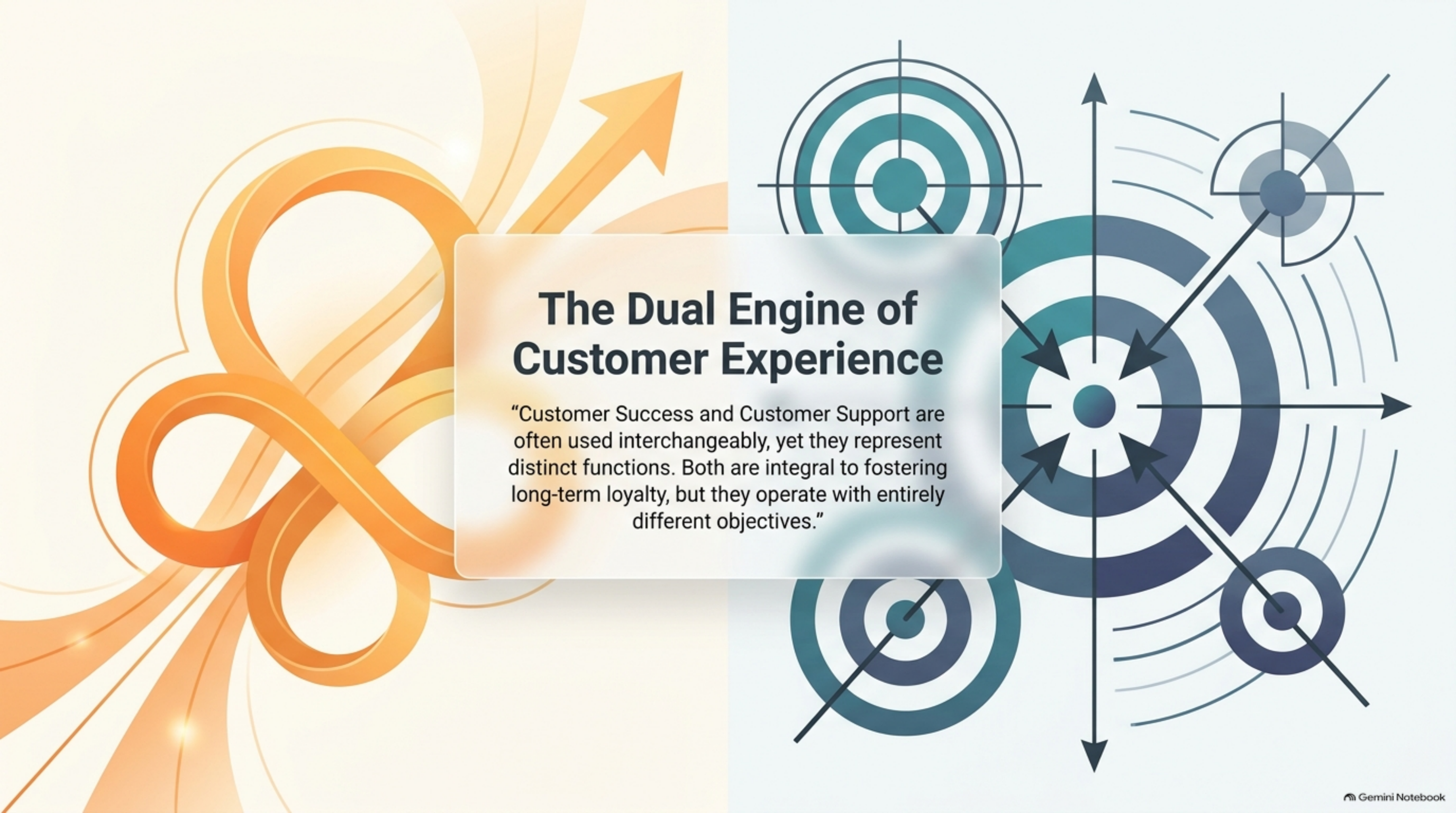


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The Dual Engine of Customer Experience

"Customer Success and Customer Support are often used interchangeably, yet they represent distinct functions. Both are integral to fostering long-term loyalty, but they operate with entirely different objectives."

Divergent Behaviors: Proactive Value vs. Reactive Resolution



Proactive Approach

Focuses on helping customers achieve desired outcomes over time. Drives value by anticipating needs, building partnerships, and looking beyond mere transactional interactions.

Reactive Approach

Focuses on resolving immediate issues and inquiries in real-time. Drives satisfaction by answering questions, minimizing downtime, and troubleshooting friction points as they occur.

The Anatomy of Customer Success

Onboarding

Guiding new users through initial stages and training sessions so they understand full product capabilities, ensuring a smooth transition and long-term engagement.

Consultative Check-ins

Ongoing relationship management to assess satisfaction, gather feedback, and align the organization's offerings with the customer's overarching productivity goals.

Retention & Expansion

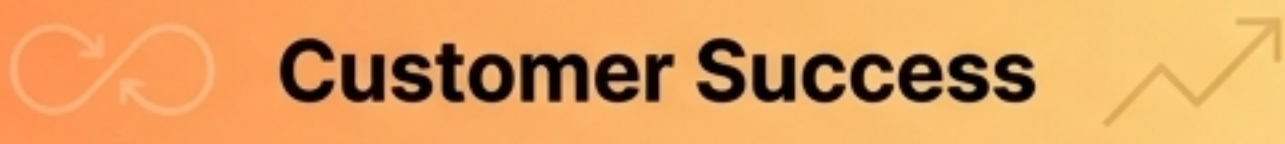
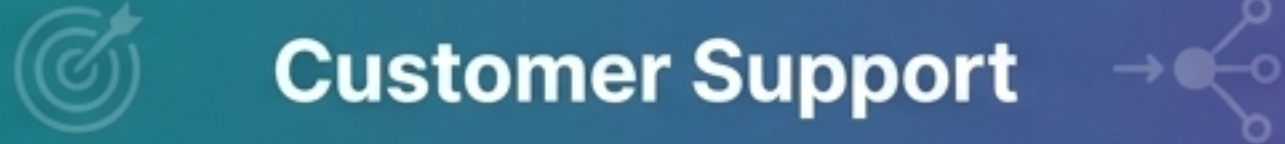
Demonstrating continuous value to reduce churn rates while identifying strategic upselling or cross-selling opportunities based on usage patterns.



The Anatomy of Customer Support



Comparing the Mechanics of Success and Support

	 Customer Success	 Customer Support
Methodology	Proactive value creation	Reactive issue resolution
Operational Timeline	The entire long-term customer relationship	Immediate, real-time ticket lifecycles
Primary Objective	Driving ROI and desired outcomes	Restoring confidence and fixing problems
Customer Perception	Strategic, consultative partner	Tactical, reliable lifeline
Business Impact	Drives revenue expansion and structural retention	Protects baseline satisfaction and identifies product flaws

Measuring Growth: KPIs for Customer Success



NPS (Net Promoter Score)

Measures customer loyalty and advocacy—how likely they are to recommend the product.



CLV (Customer Lifetime Value)

Estimates the total expected revenue a business will generate from a single customer throughout their relationship.



Churn Rate

Measures the percentage of customers who discontinue their relationship, highlighting the effectiveness of retention strategies.

Measuring Speed: KPIs for Customer Support



FRT (First Response Time)

Measures how quickly representatives reply to initial inquiries, heavily impacting immediate satisfaction.



RT (Resolution Time)

Tracks the total time required from the moment an issue is reported until it is fully addressed and closed.



Ticket Volume Trends

Identifies peak demand periods, allowing organizations to allocate resources effectively and spot recurring product glitches.

The Synergy Loop: Closing the Feedback Ecosystem

Support fuels Success

Insights gathered by Customer Support regarding common technical friction points inform Customer Success strategies, highlighting exactly where additional training and resources are needed during onboarding.



Success fuels Support

Customer Success managers identify usage patterns indicating upselling readiness, collaborating proactively with Support to ensure VIP concerns are prioritized before presenting new offerings.

Strategic Principles for Unified Customer Experience



Distinct but Equal Functions

Customer Success drives long-term value realization; Customer Support ensures immediate stability. Both are mandatory for loyalty.



Different Math for Different Goals

Measure Success in years and revenue (CLV, NPS, Churn); measure Support in minutes and volume (FRT, RT, Ticket Trends).



Total Operational Alignment

True customer loyalty requires both teams to share data seamlessly, utilizing reactive insights to inform proactive strategies.