Global Support Services: Overview

Software AG Global Support





Agenda

General Information

Maintenance and other services

Empower Portal

Support Delivery

- Support Process
- Fix categories
- Escalation Management

General Information

Global support with ISO Certifications

Assures compliance with laws and regulations on quality, safety and performance

- Safeguards our ability to support our customers
- Clearly defines transparent processes
- Enables a continuous stream of innovation in an agile development environment
- Builds in feedback to assure we supply quality software that creates a competitive advantage for our customers



ISO 9001: 2025 Certified Quality Management



ISO 27001: Certified Cloud Information



ISO 22301: Certified Business Continuity



Global support and expertise

Our objective is to help you be successful with Software AG technology

Experienced technical staff

Focused on your success

Available to you from Day One

Phone, web and self-service

Collaboration with R&D and Professional Services

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Maintenance and Other Services

Software AG offers two levels of Product Support...





Standard Product Support

Standard Support Services are available to customers who subscribe to the standard maintenance package.



- Phone/Web support during regular business hours for your company's support hub
- New Versions/Upgrades + Product updates and Fixes
- Access to Empower, the Software Download Center, and TECH Community.
- Seven (7) Authorized Technical Contacts (ATCs)
- Self-Service Knowledge Center, Forums
- Fixes/Error Corrections
- Escalation Management
- 24×7 Crisis Support*
- Support Consultation with R&D
- Remote Access Tools

Enterprise Active Support

To meet the Needs of "Always On" Environments

- Help when you need it
 - 24/7 phone support for ALL severities
- Help as soon as you need it
 - 30 minutes for Crisis / Production Down Incidents
 - 2 hours for Critical Incidents
 - A resolution plan within first four hours for Crisis Incidents
- Help for everyone that needs it
 - Unlimited Authorized Technical Contacts
- Multi-regional help where you need it
 - Access to engineers in your local support hub



What is the right level of support for you?

	Standard Support	Enterprise Active Support
Access to Global Support Engineer		
Crisis	Anytime	Anytime*
Critical	Contact's business hours	Anytime*
Standard	Contact's business hours Business hours are 8am – 5pm local times (Monday through Friday)	Anytime* Customer contacts must always call the support hotline outside their "business" hours
Software AG Reaction Times		
Crisis	1 hour	30 minutes ¹
Critical	4 hours	2 hours ²
Standard	1 business day	1 day
Authorized Technical Contacts		
	7	Unlimited

¹ Software AG will begin progressing incident within defined time regardless of when it is logged and continue on a 24 × 7 basis

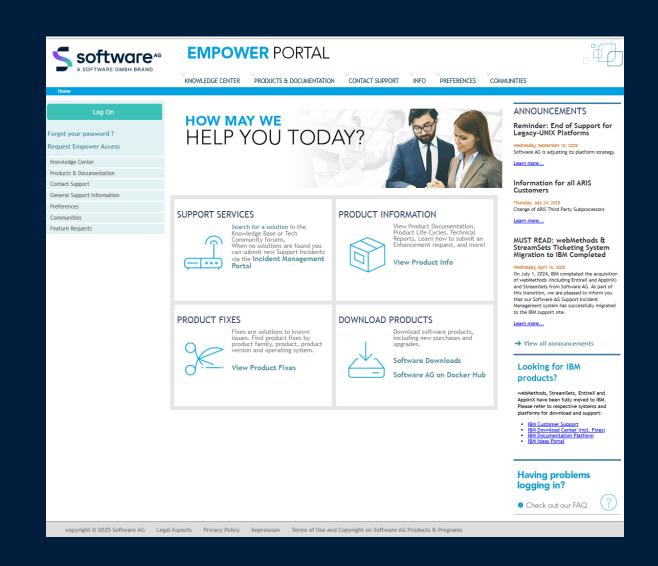
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Empower Portal

Empower Portal is your single go-to place for contacting us

empower.softwareag.com

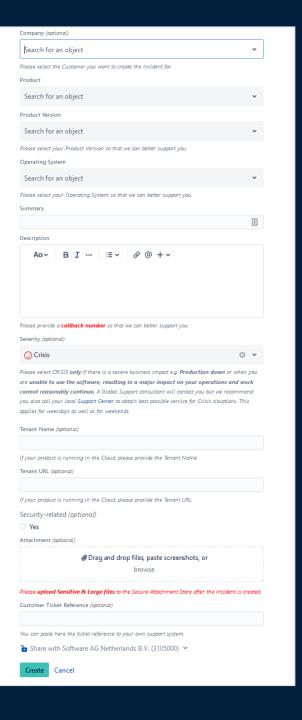
- Global Support
 - Knowledge Center for Self-Service and fix download
 - Incident Management Portal
 - Contact Management Portal
 - Telephone support
 - Phone: Toll-free numbers available
 - Global Support Contact Directory at https://empower.softwareag.com/public Directory.aspx
- Customer Community
 - Tech Community
- Product Delivery
 - Software Download Center
- Feature Requests in the AHA! Portal



Incident Management Portal

empower.softwareag.com/ContactSupport/

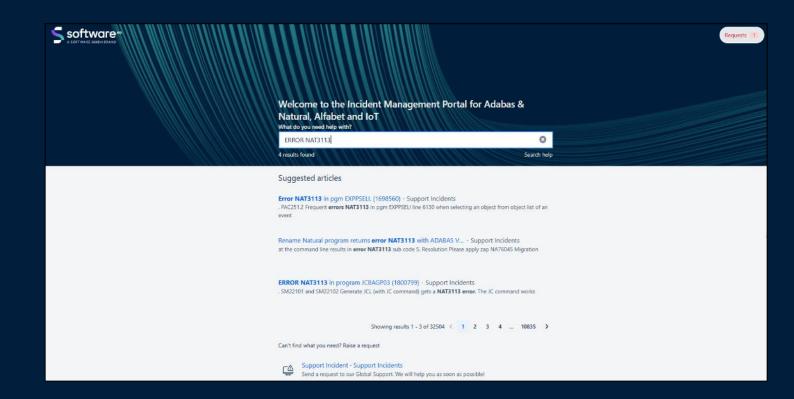
- Reporting Support Incidents
- Viewing reported support incidents
- Query the KB articles
- Contact Management



Ability to query Knowledge Base articles

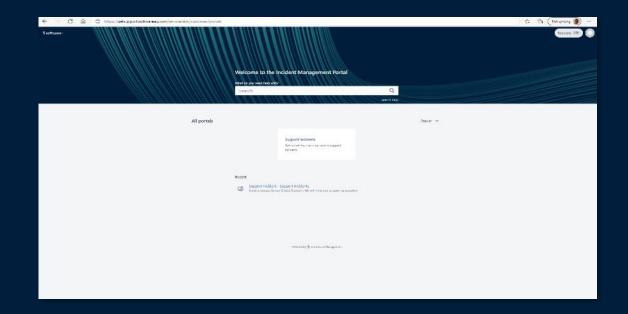
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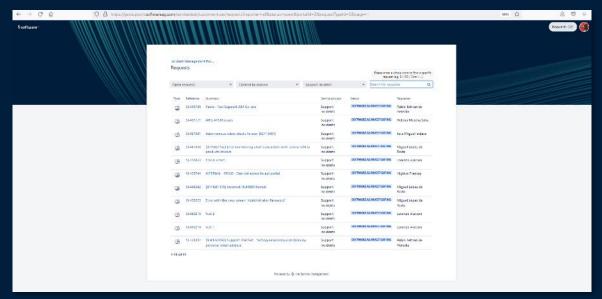
- In the Search Box query for a text, an error code, etc.
- The Portal will show you the most relevant articles from the Knowledge Base related to the text introduced.



External training material available via Tech Community at (Verify) https://tech.forums.softwareag.com/tag/new-product-support-portal

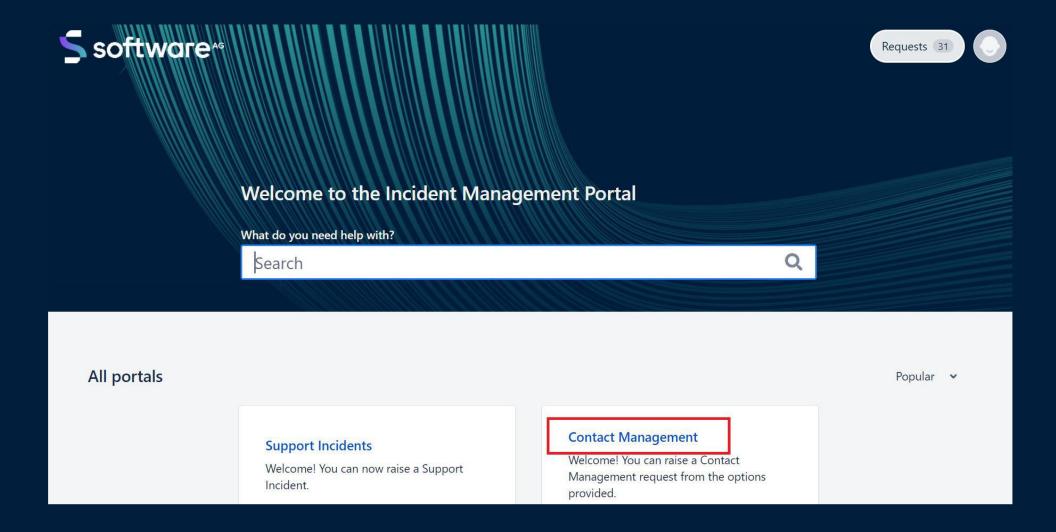
From Incident Management Portal, ability to query incidents

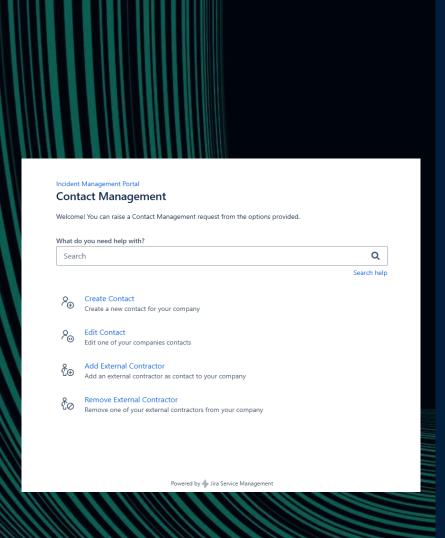




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Contact Management Portal



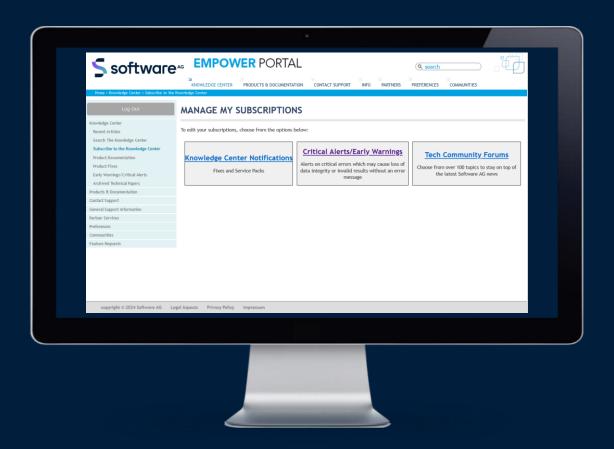


Contact Management Portal

- Support Authorizers can request a current list of their Empower contacts by emailing
- Newly added Basic User, Authorized Technical Contact, or Support Authorizers ,and External contractors will gain access to Empower and receive an email with their credentials
- Group/shared email aliases, generic emails, and public email domains (e.g. @gmail.com) are not permitted
- External contractors must accept your request to add them to your site before the process to add them completes and they receive a Welcome email
- Please maintain your contact list and actively deactivate any contacts no longer with your organization or who no longer require access
- Individuals requesting Empower access will be referred to their company's Support Authorizer
- If you are unable to add ATCs or Support Authorizers for your organization due to the ATC limit (ATCs + Support Authorizers), you must demote a contact to "Basic Access", "None", or "Deactivated" to free up room (does not apply to Enterprise Active Customers)

Early warnings

Contacts are automatically subscribed to Early Warnings upon Empower account creation.



Subscribe and unsubscribe at: https://empower.softwareag.com/KnowledgeCenter/Subscribe/default.asp

Incident access and communication

- Creation + Access to Incidents
 - Available only to defined Authorized Support Contacts
 - Search the Empower knowledgebase
 - Use Incident Management Portal to report and update Support Incidents
- Communication
 - Communication for existing incidents
 - Respond to emails from <u>getsupport@softwareag.com</u>
 - Leave the subject line as is ... (contains: subject "SI-nnnnnn")
 - Ensure <u>getsupport@softwareag.com</u> is a safe sender!
 - Via Incident Management Portal
 - Phone



Note that opening new Support Incidents cannot be done via email!

Support Process

A&N Global Support resources

Around the Clock, Around the World 24/7 availability



Business impact: incident severity levels

CRISIS (Severity 1) Severe business impact (production down)

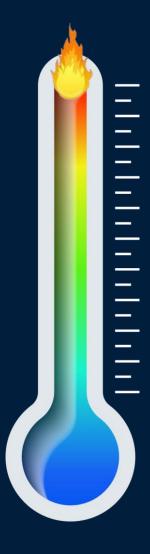
- Please call Global Support to ensure optimum service
- Initial effort focused on system availability and stability
- Root cause analysis will continue when system is stable

CRITICAL (Severity 2) Significant business impact

- Time critical, with wide impact
- Report via Incident Management Portal or phone
- Effort focused on analysis, and workaround or fix

STANDARD (Severity 3) Error or condition returning unexpected results

- Not currently time critical
- Report via Incident Management Portal
- Supply existing fix or workaround, or schedule for future release





Our problem-solving process

Escalating to a Solution

Customer



- Contact Global Support (Phone, Incident Management Portal)
- Always provide a good problem description (What, Where, When)
- Information about affected environment
- Reproducible Case?

Support

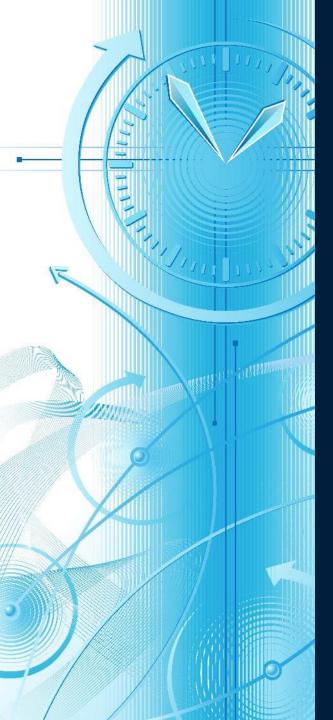


- Track SUPPORT INCIDENT (Unique Number)
- Prioritize: Standard (3), Critical (2), Crisis (1)
- Touch and Hold model
- Troubleshoot, research, reproduce
- Work with R&D for assistance or defects
- Interact with customer until resolution
- Deliver solution, and publish to Empower

Research & Development (R&D)



- Consult Support
- Analyze issue and provide solution
- Creates Fix if it is a product defect
- Document



Minimizing incident resolution time

- Check Knowledgebase Base Articles.
- Check suggested potential resolutions during Incident Creation process
- When you create a Support Incident, please always provide:
 - Business impact (choose correct severity)
 - Information about your environment: O/S, Platform, Product Versions, JVM, fix levels etc.
 - Any recent changes in your environment and/or failing system
 - Steps to replicate the issue, if possible; If we can replicate it, we will be able to get to the root cause faster
 - Send diagnostic dump/log files, screenshots etc.
 - Tip: you can attach e.g. a PDF file every time when you open a new incident with all this information
- Software AG uses Dracoon for large data and file transfers
 - If you cannot use Dracoon, we will request you to provide us access to your common tool.
 - Be aware of this in critical situations.
- Leverage use of remote session to demonstrate problem
 - We can use a diversity of tools to remotely access your system (**)

(**) Software AG uses Microsoft TEAMS by default and we can always host sessions via that tool. If you cannot use this tool, we may request you to initiate the session-sharing with your default tool.

Escalation Process

The escalation process

WHEN to escalate?

- Serious impact to live business processes
- Go-live schedule at risk
- Financial Impact due to problem in production

WHAT to expect?

- Evaluate impact & prioritize issue
- Establish single point of contact for escalation
- Provide overall management of issue
- Deliver regular stakeholder updates internal and external
- Stay engaged until successful resolution





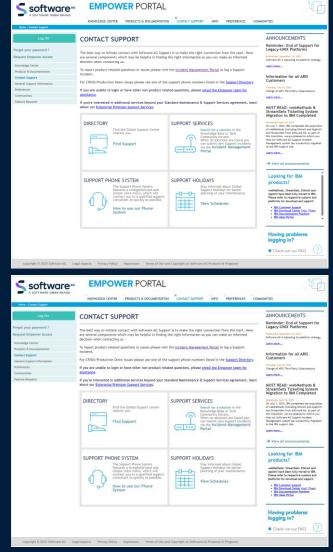


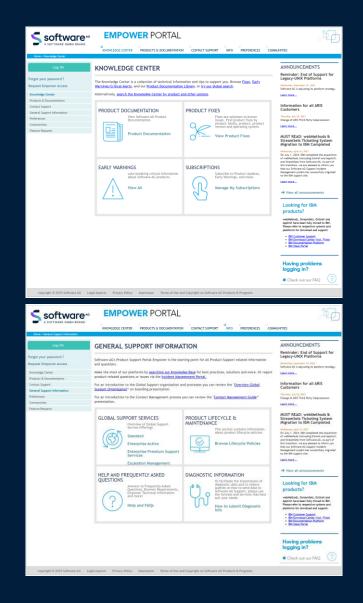
HOW to escalate?

- You can formally escalate your Support Incident via Global Support Managers:
- ssm.services@softwareag.com + Incident
 Number + business case + timeline

More information: https://empower.softwareag.com/GeneralSupportInfo/EscalationMgmt/default.aspx

Empower Portal Screen Shots



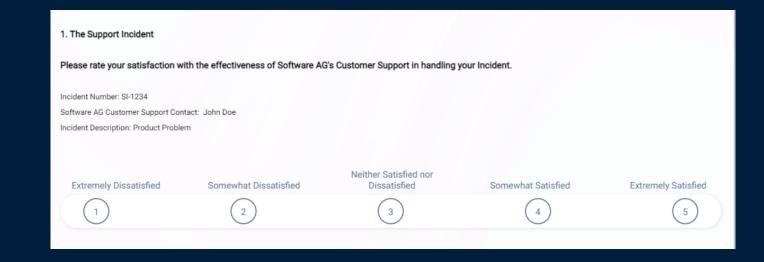




Last but not least ...

Customer satisfaction survey

- Event-based survey 2 questions!
- Your opportunity to provide feedback
 - About the support incident itself
 - Overall Software AG Experience
 - Net Promotor Score
- Promotes improvement
 - Goals for engineers and managers
 - Feedback drives improvement





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