ABSTRACT



2018-2019 Speech Analytics Product and Market Report





The 2018-2019 Speech Analytics Product and Market Report presents the most comprehensive coverage of the competitors, products, features, pricing, payback, and trends and challenges in the speech analytics market. This year's Report, DMG's thirteenth annual edition, is intended to inform end users about the vendors and products in this complex market, and enable them to select the best solution to address their specific needs. The Report focuses on contact center uses of speech analytics, but also covers expanded applications of speech analytics throughout the enterprise.

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Innovation in the speech analytics (SA) market is reinvigorating this highly valuable sector. There is renewed interest in these solutions, which are incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to keep speech analytics up-to-date with the digital transformation. The vendors are adding advanced AI-enabled technologies, including supervised, semi-supervised and unsupervised machine learning, as well as predictive analytics, to their solutions. These advancements are fueling interest in speech analytics and accelerating sales of new and replacement solutions.

Enterprises are seeking tools to help them understand and address customer needs more quickly. The result is increased demand for real-time speech analytics. Recent enhancements have enabled the vendors to deliver accurate and timely insight and guidance during interactions with customers. Agents can receive reminders about required disclosures, identify potential fraud before they release confidential customer information, and receive guidance in the moment to recommend the right product or service to the customer. Powerful speech analytics engines can mitigate liability risks and guide interactions to results that are mutually beneficial for the enterprise and the customer.

Today's SA solutions give enterprises much-needed first-hand access to the voice of the customer (VoC). Speech analytics, combined with text analytics, can be used to mine customer interactions from all voice and digital channels, including social media, to "hear" what customers are saying. Speech and text analytics provide essential input into the customer journey analytics (CJA) process by capturing and converting spoken

and written interactions into structured data for analysis. Analysts can examine individual customer journeys from end to end, or analyze contacts from multiple callers with the same issue. The derived insights can help identify the actions required to expedite resolution of customer challenges, minimize impacts, and enhance the customer experience and relationship with the enterprise.

Progress is well underway in the speech analytics market. The next step for these solutions is to combine SA with true machine learning and predictive capabilities. Real-time speech analytics will play an essential role in understanding customer preferences, anticipating consumers' behavior, guiding transactions to successful outcomes, and personalizing the customer journey. Companies that invest in the resources and best practices to build an effective SA program will realize substantial benefits.

There are significant differences among the speech and text analytics offerings in the market. The *Speech Analytics Product and Market Report* is intended to assist contact center, IT and enterprise leaders in selecting the right vendor to meet their organization's current and future needs. The 2018–2019 edition of the Report covers 8 leading and contending vendors in–depth: Calabrio, CallMiner, NICE, OnviSource, SESTEK, Verint, Voci and VoiceBase. It explores customer satisfaction with vendors, products and pricing, and offers implementation and operational best practices to help users realize an ongoing return on their investment.

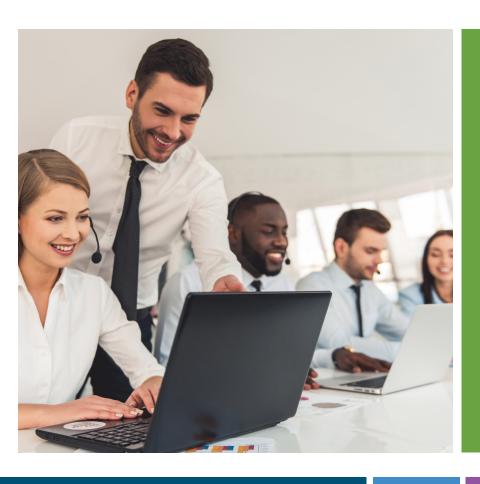


Key Reasons to Buy this Report

- Speech analytics defined: how it works, post-call versus real-time speech analytics, and the functional building blocks and speech engines that enable speech analytics solutions
- Overview of speech analytics fundamentals: data capture, recognition, audio mining, indexing, search and queries, tuning and accuracy, output and reporting
- ⇒ Market trends and challenges that are driving investments and influencing the direction of vendor research and development (R&D)
- \Rightarrow A look at new product features and a preview of enhancements that the vendors plan to deliver in the next 12 18 months
- ⇒ Discussion of how artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning technologies are enhancing speech analytics capabilities
- ⇒ Explanation of how analytics-enabled quality management (AQM) is being leveraged for automated omni-channel quality management
- ⇒ Examination of how interaction analytics is an essential contributor to understanding and improving the customer journey
- ⇒ How real-time speech analytics is transforming the customer and agent experience
- ⇒ Speech analytics vendor market activity and 5-year projections
- Overview of the 8 featured speech analytics vendors, including company snapshots, qo-to-market strategies, product offerings and packaged/verticalized applications
- ⇒ Detailed comparative analyses of the key functional capabilities of the 8 featured speech analytics solutions
- ⇒ Speech analytics benefits and return on investment (ROI) analysis
- Implementation analysis, including vendor methodology, best practices, training and professional services, and maintenance and support
- Comprehensive customer satisfaction survey results that measure and rank vendor approval ratings across 15 product components and 10 vendor categories
- Detailed pricing comparison and analysis for on-premise, cloud and managed service speech analytics solutions
- ⇒ Detailed company reports for the 8 SA vendors, analyzing their products, functionality and future product development plans
- ⇒ Comprehensive Speech Analytics Vendor Directory

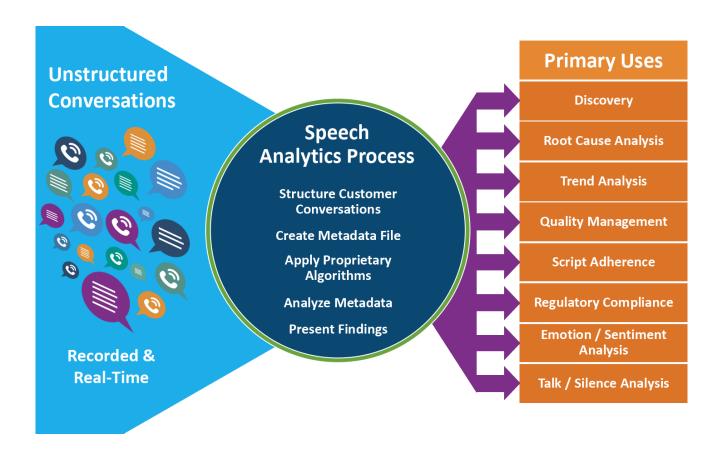
Report Highlights

- **Al-enabled solutions are reinvigorating the speech analytics market:** Speech analytics solutions have long leveraged core Al technologies such as natural language processing (NLP), natural language understanding (NLU), neural networks, etc. But the current generation of SA solutions takes the technology a step further, incorporating more advanced Al-enabled capabilities such as machine learning and predictive analytics.
- **Demand for real-time speech analytics is growing:** Enhancements to speed and accuracy in SA engines are producing results quickly enough to deliver insights that can impact ongoing conversations with customers. Agents can receive guidance and reminders while interactions are in progress, enabling them to mitigate risk and bring transactions to optimal conclusions.
- Analytics-enabled quality management (AQM) is ready for the commercial market: Speech and text analytics can listen to/read customer interactions, evaluate and produce feedback about general trends to the enterprise, and specific guidance to agents. The SA market has matured a great deal in the past 3 years, and AQM is viable for companies that are reimagining how they interact with customers and prospects.
- Speech analytics is a valuable way to capture the voice of the customer first-hand: Speech analytics and text analytics can mine customer interactions in all voice and text channels. Inputs and feeds from transactional and other analytics solutions can provide valuable insight into the customer perspective and feed the CJA process. The result is a better understanding of customer preferences, the ability to anticipate customer behavior and needs, more successful and satisfying transactions, and a personalized customer journey.



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What is Speech Analytics?



Source: DMG Consulting LLC, September 2018

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