# KronoDesk

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# 1. Introduction

KronoDesk® is an integrated customer support system that includes help desk ticketing, customer support forums and an online knowledge base in a single user interface.

KronoDesk® includes a powerful and flexible help desk ticketing system that can be quickly and easily tailored to meet your support needs. With support for custom fields and workflows you can create different support processes for your different products.

KronoDesk® provides a knowledge base and online support forums, making your customers more self-sufficient with routine issues so that your support personnel can focus their time on the critical issues and complex enquiries.

This user manual outlines the features and functionality available in KronoDesk®, and demonstrates how to use the application to improve your customer satisfaction and optimize your customer support. For information on how to install and administer KronoDesk, please refer to the *KronoDesk Administrative Guide*.

## 1.1. Improve Customer Satisfaction

For your customers, KronoDesk® provides a single, easy to use destination for all their support needs. When they arrive with a problem, question or enquiry, KronoDesk will direct them to relevant knowledge base articles, suggest helpful discussion threads and provide self-service solutions so that they can find a wide range of immediate solutions and suggestions.

For those enquiries that do not match an existing article or have not yet been discussed in a support forum, KronoDesk will direct the customer to log a help desk ticket.

The system provides an easy-to-use help desk submission form that gathers the appropriate information to ensure a speedy resolution of the problem. The customer can use their personalized dashboard to view the status of their help desk tickets and provide additional information as requested by the support agents.

## 1.2. Optimize Customer Support

For your support agents, KronoDesk® eliminates the time and effort spent checking separate systems for help desk tickets, support requests and forum posts. Using the customizable agent dashboard, they can view all their assigned tickets, monitor incoming forum posts and check for new tickets all from the same screen.

To reduce the time and effort spent dealing with routine enquiries, the agents can use KronoDesk to create knowledge base articles, FAQs, whitepapers and forum posts to document common problems and the possible solutions.

# 2. Functionality Overview

This section outlines the functionality provided by KronoDesk® in the areas of help desk ticketing, customer support forums, online knowledge base and user account management.

## 2.1. Dashboards

When a customer first accesses KronoDesk, they are taken to the KronoDesk Customer Homepage. This page is designed to provide them with an easy to use starting point for resolving their support issue. They are provided with tools for searching the online knowledge base, asking questions in the support forums and a link to create a help desk ticket.

The dashboard also includes recent knowledge base articles, news updates, and recent forum posts so that they can keep on top of recent development and contribute back into the support community.

For customer service agents, the Employee Homepage provides them with a consolidated view of their assigned tickets, any tickets not current assigned, recent forum posts, and current news updates so they can see all inbound requests from customers in one single place, ensuring that they are able to monitor the support forums and help desk from a single screen.

## 2.2. Knowledge Base

The KronoDesk® online knowledge base provides the first level of support to customers. Instead of having to constantly respond to the same routine enquiries and support requests, customer support agents can use the built-in knowledge base to create articles related to different topics, categories and products. Knowledge base articles can be linked to multiple categories and also tagged with meta-tags to make searching easier by customers. The system includes full rich-text editor so that articles can be formatted with lists, tables, different text styles and embedded hyperlinks.

## 2.3. Support Forums

The KronoDesk® support forums provide the next level of support to customers. Where a fully codified knowledge base article has not yet been synthesized and created by the support agents, the support forums provide a place where users can search for existing messages concerning the same problem. The support forums thereby provide a community where customers and support agents can post replies to common questions visible to the entire community.

This provides a faster turnaround for customers who can find immediate solutions to their issues and enables the support agents to focus their time on dealing customer issues that have not been previously encountered or customers issues that particularly complex or environment-specific.

## 2.4. Help Desk Ticketing

The KronoDesk® help desk ticket management system provides the final level of customer support. When a customer cannot readily find the solution through either the knowledge base or support forums, they can submit a help desk ticket through KronoDesk's help desk submission system. The system allows them to quickly and easily enter the description of the problem, attach any relevant documents or screenshots, categorize the issue and then submit it for resolution by the support agents.

The customer support agents can use the help desk system to review incoming tickets, assign them to themselves or other support agents as needed, provide suggestions to the customer, or escalate to the next level of support. They can use the system to add notes to the ticket, change the fields, or ask for more information. Any changes made to the ticket will be notified to the customer so that they're kept abreast of changes to their ticket. In addition, the customer can use their customer homepage to see a list

of their open tickets together to see at a glance what action has been taken and what recommendations have been made.

## 2.6. User Account Management

KronoDesk® supports the management of an unlimited number of users, which can be administered through the same web interface as the rest of the application, and each user of the system can be given a specific role in the system. In addition, each user has a secure Account management section of the application where they can update their personal information, manage their subscriptions and change their password information.

In addition to these administration functions, each user has their own personalized dashboard view of all the pertinent and relevant information. This feature reduces the information overload associated with managing such a rich source of information, and allows a single customer and employee snapshot to be viewable at all times for rapid decision-making.

#### 2.7. Miscellaneous

#### 2.7.1. Artifact Relationships

The sections above have outlined the different features and functions available in the system, and have described the various artifacts managed in the system (e.g. tickets, articles, forums, threads, etc.). To aid in understanding how the information is related, the following diagrams illustrates the relationships between the different artifacts and entities:

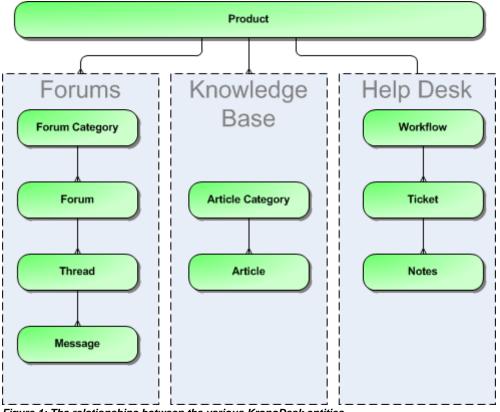


Figure 1: The relationships between the various KronoDesk entities

With these overall concepts in mind, the rest of this help manual will outline the functionality in each of the KronoDesk® screens, and provide specific information on how to manage each of the artifacts illustrated

above. Note that this manual does not explain the Administration-level functionality of the system; for that, please refer to the *KronoDesk® Administration Guide*.

#### 2.7.2. Artifact Naming Conventions

On various screens in the system, you will see lists of artifacts (tickets, articles, etc.) together with a unique identification number. In order to make it easier to recognize at a glance which type of artifact the identification number refers to, KronoDesk uses a system of two-letter prefixes which help identify the type of artifact being displayed. The current prefixes used by the system are:

Artifact	Prefix	Artifact	Prefix
Ticket	TK	Knowledge Base Article	KB
Ticket Status	TS	User	US
Ticket Type	TT	Forum	FR
Ticket Priority	TP	Thread	TH
Ticket Resolution	TR	Message	MG
Product	PR		

In addition, certain artifacts in the system are displayed with an icon that helps distinguish them from each other, and provides additional context on the state of the artifact:

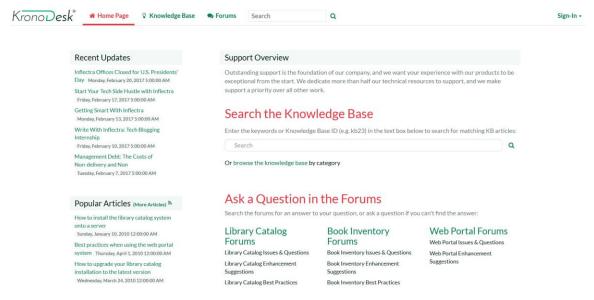
lcon	Artifact Description
Ŷ	Knowledge Base Article
	Forum Category
Q	Forum
Ω	Thread
$\square$	Help Desk Ticket
л <b>́н</b>	SpiraTeam® Incident
U	Artifact has an Attachment

# 3. Home Page

When you first access KronoDesk®, the system will default to displaying either the Customer Home Page or the employee home page. The choice of default home page depends on whether you are logged into the system and if so, what role(s) your user belongs to. In either case, you can switch from the Customer Home Page to the Employee Home Page by clicking the link at the top of the page (assuming your user has permissions to see the other page).

# 3.1. Customer Home Page

When you first access the system without being logged-in, it will display the public version of the customer home page illustrated below:



This version of the home page is neither personalized, nor customizable and displays the following widgets:

- **Support Overview** This widget walks you through the steps of getting your support issue resolved. It provides a search box for searching the online knowledge base, links to browse the support forums and a message that you need to first log-in if you want to submit a help desk ticket.
- Recent Forum Posts This widget displays a list of the most recent forum posts, including the name and date of the post. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the post.
- **Recent Updates** If enabled by the administrator, this will display a list of recent news items from the company's website made available by an RSS newsfeed. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the news item.
- **Popular Articles** This widget displays a list of the knowledge base articles that have been most frequently viewed by users of the system. Each article is displayed with its title and date of publication. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the article.
- **Recent Articles** This widget displays a list of the most recently submitted knowledge base articles that have been submitted into the system. Each article is displayed with its title and date

of publication. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the article.

If you follow the instructions and login to the system with a basic user account (i.e. a user that does not have the "customer" role such as **ursulauser**), the dashboard will change to the basic authenticated user home page illustrated below:

Recent Updates	Support Overview			
Inflectra Offices Closed for U.S. Presidents' Day Monday, February 20, 2017 5:00:00 AM		dation of our company, and we want you ledicate more than half our technical reso		
Start Your Tech Side Hustle with Inflectra Friday, February 17, 2017 5:00:00 AM	support a priority over all other			
Getting Smart With Inflectra Monday, February 13, 2017 5:00:00 AM	Search the Know	vledge Base		
Write With Inflectra: Tech Blogging Internship	Enter the keywords or Knowled	ge Base ID (e.g. kb23) in the text box belo	ow to search for matching KB articles:	
Friday, February 10, 2017 5:00:00 AM	Search		Q	
Management Debt: The Costs of Non-delivery and Non Tuesday, February 7, 2017 5:00:00 AM	Or browse the knowledge base	by category		
Popular Articles (More Articles)	Ask a Question	in the Forums		
How to install the library catalog system	Search the forums for an answe	r to your question, or ask a question if you	u can't find the answer:	
onto a server Sunday, January 10, 2010 12:00:00 AM	Library Catalog	Book Inventory	Web Portal Forums	
Best practices when using the web portal	Forums	Forums	Web Portal Issues & Questions	
system Thursday, April 1, 2010 12:00:00 AM	Library Catalog Issues & Questions	Book Inventory Issues & Questions	Web Portal Enhancement	
How to upgrade your library catalog installation to the latest version	Library Catalog Enhancement Suggestions	Book Inventory Enhancement Suggestions	Suggestions	
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 12:00:00 AM	Library Catalog Best Practices	Book Inventory Best Practices		

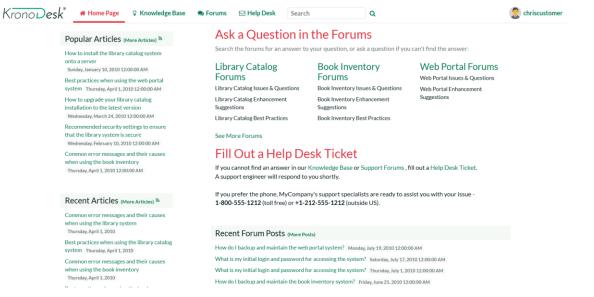
This version of the home page contains all the widgets in the public version, with the following additions:

- **Subscribed Threads** This widget displays a list of the support forum threads that your user is currently subscribed to. This allows you to keep track of specific topics that are of interest.
- **Subscribed Articles** This widget displays a list of the knowledge base articles that your user is currently subscribed to. This allows you to keep track of specific topics that are of interest.

Subscribed Threads (More Posts)

Subscribed Articles

If you login to the system with a Customer account (one that has the role of customer, for example **chriscustomer**), you will get the registered customer home page which is illustrated below:



This version of the home page contains all the widgets in the public version, with the following additions:

- **Support Overview** This widget includes all of the information in the other versions of the home page, but it will also include links for creating a new help desk ticket.
- **Useful Links** This widget simply displays a list of useful links that have been provided by the customer support agents.
- **My Open Tickets** This widget displays a list of all the open help desk tickets logged by your user. The list is displayed in descending date-order. The list includes the name of the ticket, the product it relates to, the status of the ticket and the customer support agent it is assigned to (if any). Positioning the mouse over the title will display the full description of the ticket, together with any notes from the customer support agent.

#### My Open Tickets (View All)

ID	Name	Opener	Status
TK:2	Book title is always marked as 'deactivated'.	Chris Customer	Open
TK:6	Database not backing up correctly	Chris Customer	Assigned
TK:10	Editing the date on a book is clunky	Chris Customer	Assigned
TK:14	Quote handling issues throughout	Chris Customer	Assigned
TK:18	The homepage hangs whilst loading	Chris Customer	Waiting on Development

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# 3.2. Employee Home Page

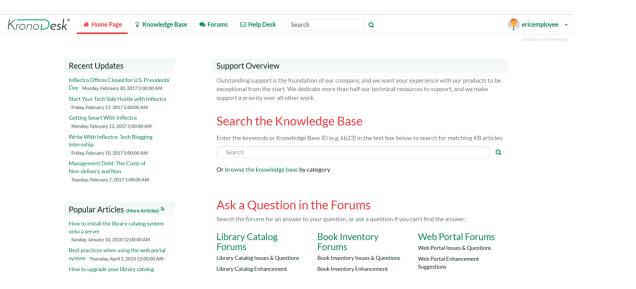
When you first access the system whilst logged-in as a customer support agent (i.e. in the "Employee" role such as **ericemployee**), it will display the employee home page illustrated below:

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Recent Updates	«					
Inflectra Offices Closed for U.S. Presidents' Day Monday, February 20, 2017 5:00:00 AM	Μν Δςς	igned Tickets (View All)				
Start Your Tech Side Hustle with Inflectra	ID ID	Name	Opener	Product	Last Updated	Status
Friday, February 17, 2017 5:00:00 AM	TK:4	Not able to add new author	Cathy P Customer	Library Catalog System	02/01/2012	Open
Getting Smart With Inflectra Monday, February 13, 2017 5:00:00 AM	TK:6	Database not backing up correctly	Chris Customer	Book Inventory System	09/16/2011	Assigned
Write With Inflectra: Tech Blogging	TK:8	The book listing screen doesn't sort	Cathy P Customer	Book Inventory System	09/04/2009	Assigned
Internship	ТК:9	Cannot add a new book to the system	Carla T Customer	Library Web Portal	05/29/2011	Assigned
Friday, February 10, 2017 5:00:00 AM	TK:10	Editing the date on a book is clunky	Chris Customer	Library Web Portal	09/18/2009	Assigned
Management Debt: The Costs of Non-delivery and Non	TK:11	Editing the date on an author is clunky	Charles Customer	Library Web Portal	11/15/2009	Assigned
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 5:00:00 AM	TK:18	The homepage hangs whilst loading	Chris Customer	Library Catalog System	05/15/2011	Waiting on Development
	TK:19	Cannot log into the application	Charles Customer	Library Catalog System	01/12/2012	Waiting on Development
Recent Forum Posts (AII)	TK:20	User expectations from old client app	Cathy P Customer	Book Inventory System	01/17/2012	Waiting on Development
Subscribed Threads (AII)						≪ ≫
Subscribed Articles						
	Unassig	gned Tickets (View All)				
	ID	Name	Ope	ner P	Product	Created Date
	TK:2	Book title is always marked as 'deactivated'.	Cł	ris Customer	Library Catalog System	01/18/2012
	TK:12	Doesn't let me add a new category	Ca	thy P Customer	Library Web Portal	10/28/2010

This dashboard is personalized to the current user and can also be customized by clicking on either the "Modify Layout/Settings" or "Add Items to Dashboard" hyperlink. By default, this home page includes the following customer agent widgets:

- **My Assigned Tickets** This widget displays a grid containing the most recent open help desk tickets that have been assigned to you. Each ticket is displayed along with the name of the product it relates to, the customer who opened it, the date it was created, its current status, and the date that it was last updated.
- Unassigned Tickets The widget displays a grid containing the most recent open help desk tickets that are not currently assigned to any customer support agent. Each ticket is displayed along with the name of the product it relates to, the customer who opened it, the date it was created, its current status, and the date that it was last updated.
- Recent Updates If enabled by the administrator, this will display a list of recent news items
  from the company's website made available by an RSS newsfeed. Positioning the mouse over
  the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the news item.
- **Recent Forum Posts** This widget displays a list of the most recent forum posts that have not yet been answered. The list includes the name and date of the post, and positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the post.
- **Subscribed Threads** This widget displays a list of the support forum threads that your user is currently subscribed to. This allows you to keep track of specific topics that are of interest.
- **Subscribed Articles** This widget displays a list of the knowledge base articles that your user is currently subscribed to. This allows you to keep track of specific topics that are of interest.

As an employee or other internal user, you can click on the "Customer Home Page" hyperlink to display the view of a customer in case you want to see what they're currently seeing:

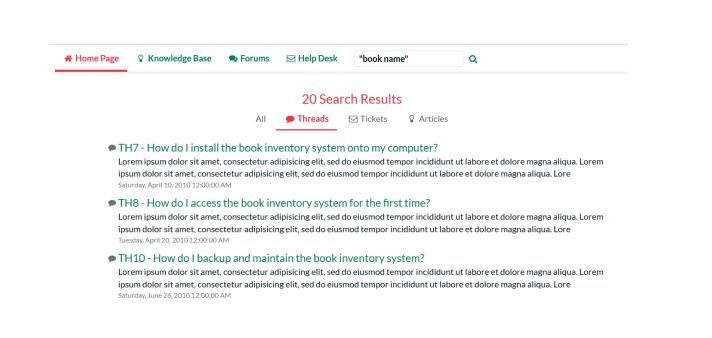


# 3.3. Global Search

KronoDesk includes a global search bar that can be used to search across products and artifact types for items that include the entered keywords in either the name or description field:

希 Home Page	<b>V</b> Knowledge Base	🗣 Forums	🖂 Help Desk	book
			20 Sear	ch Results
		All	Threads	☐ Tickets ♀ Articles
W	K8 - The book listing hen I click on the grid hea urday, September 5, 2009 12:0	dings on the bo		othing happens
Th	K13 - Validation on t e edit book page keeps th dnesday, February 1, 2012 12:4	nrowing validat		ere form filled out correctly
Th	K28 - Validation on t e edit book page keeps th ursday, September 9, 2010 12:0	nrowing validat		ere form filled out correctly
W	K2 - Book title is alw hen selecting the Book it dnesday, January 18, 2012 11:	em, once entere		is disabled and cannot be changed.
W	<b>K9 - Cannot add a ne</b> hen I click on the button f nday, May 30, 2011 12:00:00 A	o add a book, e		nation and click submit, I get a subscript out of range error

You can narrow down the search results by clicking on the artifact filters to limit the returned results to just forum threads, support tickets or knowledge base articles:



## 3.4. Register for New Account

When you click on the hyperlink to register a new account, the system will display the following dialog:

Register				
Login ID:				
Email Address:				
First Name:				
Middle Initial:				
ast Name:				
Password:				
Confirm Password:				
Security Question:				
Security Answer:				
	Create Account	Cancel		

You need to enter the following fields:

- Login ID the username that you'd like to use in the system. This has to be unique.
- Email Address a valid email address that notifications will be sent to.

- First Name your first name
- Last Name your last name
- **Middle Initial** your middle initial (if applicable)
- Password enter your desired password twice to ensure that you have entered it correctly.
- **Password Question/Answer** enter a question that only you will know the answer to, together with the matching answer to that question.

Once click the [Create User] button, the system will create a new user in the system. Depending on how the administrator has configured the system, you may get a welcome email that provides you with a copy of your chosen login information.

#### 3.5. Sign-In to Account

When you click on the hyperlink to sign-in to an existing user account, the following dialog is displayed:

	Sign-In 🗸
Login ID	
Password	
□ Keep me logged in	
Sign-In	
Forgot Your Password?   F	Register

You need to enter a valid login and password to access the system. If you enter an incorrect login or password, the system will display a validation message. If you fail to login successfully after five (5) attempts, the system will lock your user account for ten (10) minutes. This is to prevent brute-force attacks on the system.

#### 3.5.1. Reset Your Password

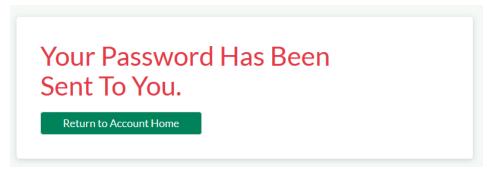
If you have forgotten your password, click on the "Forgot Your Password" hyperlink which will display the following dialog:

Forgot Your Password? Enter your Login to receive your password.	
Login ID	
Submit	

To reset your password, you need to enter your login name and click the "Submit" button. Then you'll be taken to the password question/answer challenge screen:

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on to receive	e your passwo	ord.	
			on to receive your password.

You will be asked to provide the answer to your secret question. If you successfully enter the correct password answer, the system will generate a new random password and email it to you.



If for any reason you do not receive an email with your new password, you need to contact the administrator of your installation to have them manually reset your password.

# 4. Knowledge Base

The KronoDesk® online knowledge base provides the first level of support to customers. Instead of having to constantly respond to the same routine enquiries and support requests, customer support agents can use the built-in knowledge base to create articles related to different topics, categories and products. Knowledge base articles can be linked to multiple categories and also tagged with meta-tags to make searching easier by customers. The system includes full rich-text editor so that articles can be formatted with lists, tables, different text styles and embedded hyperlinks.

When a user starts entering a support ticket, KronoDesk automatically scans the available KB articles to suggest a response before they submit the ticket.

### 4.1. Article List

When you click on the Knowledge Base option in the global navigation, you will be taken to the main knowledge base page:

#### **Knowledge Base Articles** Tag Cloud best practices book inventory Book Inventory Articles (View All) Library Catalog Articles (View All) error messages fags install issues library catalog processes training Sub Categories Sub Categories Book Inventory News Articles 0 Library Catalog News Articles 0 troubleshooting upgrades web Book Inventory Technical Articles 8 Library Catalog Technical Articles 8 portal webserver Recent Articles Recent Articles Best practices when using the book inventory system Thursday, April 1, 2010 Best practices when using the library catalog system Thursday, April 1, 2010 system Thursday, April 1, 2010 Suggested training for users of the book inventory Suggested training for users of the library catalog system Wednesday, February 10, 2010 system Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Recommended processes for managing a book Recommended processes for managing a library catalog Thursday, January 21, 2010 inventory Thursday, January 21, 2010 FAQs for using the book inventory system FAQs for using the library catalog system Wednesday, January 20, 2010 Wednesday, January 20, 2010 Web Portal Articles (View All) Recent Articles Common error messages and their causes when using the web portal Thursday, April 1, 2010 Best practices when using the web portal system Thursday, April 1, 2010 Database maintenance plans for our products

This page consists of list of article categories, with recent articles and sub-categories displayed underneath. In addition, on the left-hand side, there is a tag cloud that lets you find articles that use the various tags.

#### 4.1.1. Category and Article List

The main section of the page will display a list of the article categories and sub-categories, with the list of most recent articles displayed underneath:

# **Knowledge Base Articles**

#### Book Inventory Articles (View All)

#### Sub Categories

Book Inventory News Articles 0 Book Inventory Technical Articles 8

#### **Recent Articles**

Best practices when using the book inventory system Thursday, April 1, 2010

Suggested training for users of the book inventory system Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Recommended processes for managing a book inventory Thursday, January 21, 2010

FAQs for using the book inventory system Wednesday, January 20, 2010

#### Library Catalog Articles (View All)

Sub Categories Library Catalog News Articles 0 Library Catalog Technical Articles 8

Recent Articles Best practices when using the library catalog system Thursday, April 1, 2010

Suggested training for users of the library catalog system Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Recommended processes for managing a library catalog Thursday, January 21, 2010

FAQs for using the library catalog system Wednesday, January 20, 2010

If you click on a specific category or sub-category, KronoDesk will display the list of articles in the category, ordered by date:

Home > Book Inventory Articles

# Book Inventory Articles \*

#### Sub Categories

#### **Book Inventory Technical Articles 8**

#### Book Inventory News Articles o

#### Articles

# Best practices when using the book inventory system

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# Recommended processes for managing a book inventory

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#### Suggested training for users of the book inventory system

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#### FAQs for using the book inventory system

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If you click on the RSS icon, you can subscribe to the current category in an RSS-compatible newsreader.

If you click on an article in the list, it will display the article details page described in section 4.2.

#### 4.1.2. Tag Cloud

The tag cloud displays a list of all the tag names associated with knowledge base articles in the system. The size and color of the font is proportional to the number of articles associated with the tag.

# Tag Cloud

best practices book inventory error messages faqs install issues library catalog processes training troubleshooting upgrades web

portal web server

Clicking on a tag name will display a page listing all of the articles that use that tag:

Home Page > Knowledge Base > Articles Tagged 'library catalog' Articles Tagged 'library catalog'

#### Articles

# Common error messages and their causes when using the library system

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# How to upgrade your library catalog installation to the latest version

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# Best practices when using the library catalog system

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# Suggested training for users of the library catalog system

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## 4.2. Article Details

When you click on the name of an article, the article details page is displayed:

# Best practices when using the library catalog system

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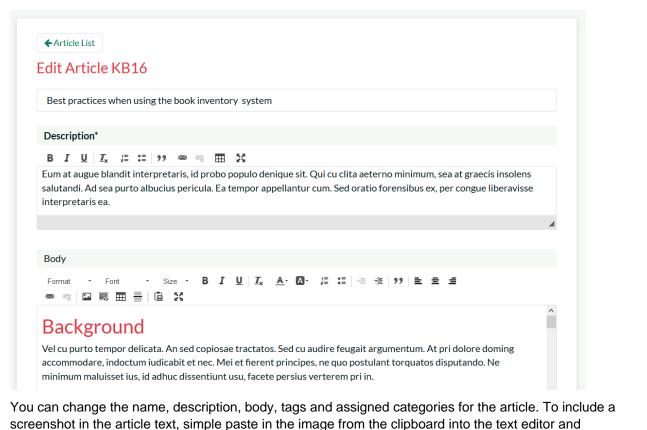
#### This page displays the following information:

- Article Breadcrumb The breadcrumb list at the top of the page displays the hierarchical list of categories and sub-categories that the article belongs user. If you click on one of the categories, the system will display of related articles in that category.
- Knowledge Base Article This is the main part of the page and displays the name, short description and long description of the knowledge base article. If you click on the Subscription icon to the right of the article title, the article will be added to your list of subscribed knowledge base articles. Whenever a change is made to the article, you will receive an email notification.
- Article Info This information pane displays the unique ID assigned to the article, the date it was last updated and the number of times that it has been viewed.
- **Tags** This pane displays a list of the meta-tags associated with the current knowledge base article as well as an indication how many other knowledge base articles have been tagged with the same keywords. Clicking on the meta-tag name will automatically take you back to the knowledge base list page with the filter set to the tag name in question.
- **Operations** This pane is only visible for customer support agents and will display options for creating a new article, deleting the current article or modifying the current article.
- Links This section lets you see the links to related information associated with the article
- Attachments This section lets you view the documents and screenshots attached to the current article.

#### 4.2.1. Editing an Article

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#### 4.2.2. Creating an Article

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Finally, to attach a document to the article, you can either drag the file onto the upload control or click on the button to browse to a file on your local computer:

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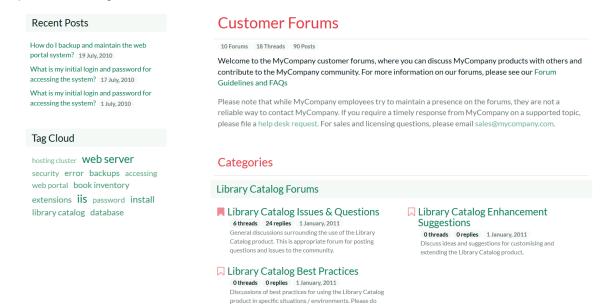
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# 5. Forums

The KronoDesk® support forums provide the next level of support to customers. Where a fully codified knowledge base article has not yet been synthesized and created by the support agents, the support forums provide a place where users can search for existing messages concerning the same problem. The support forums thereby provide a community where customers and support agents can post replies to common questions visible to the entire community.

# 5.1. Category List

When you click on the Forums option in the global navigation, you will be taken to the forum home page that displays a list of all the categories and associated forums, together with widgets that display recent posts, and a tag cloud:



Each category will be displayed together with the list of active forums in the category. Each forum will be displayed along with the number of threads and replies in the forum as well as information describing the last post made in the forum.

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If the forum icon is filled-in, it means that there is at least one new thread or reply in the forum that you have not already read. If the forum icon is not filled-in, it means that there are no new forums or replies since the last time you visited.

#### 5.1.1. Tag Cloud

The tag cloud displays a list of all the tag names associated with forum threads in the system. The size of the font is proportional to the number of threads associated with the tag. Clicking on a tag name will take you to the following page that lists all the threads that have been tagged with the specific tag:

<< Back to Forums Home

# The following threads have been tagged with 'web server'

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#### 5.1.2. Recent Posts

This widget displays a list of the most recent forum posts in the system, including the name and date of the post. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the post.

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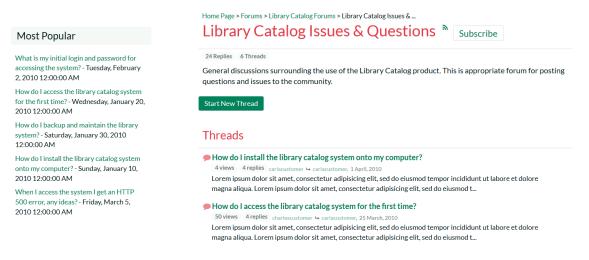


This page displays the selected category together with a list of active forums in the category. Each forum will be displayed along with the number of threads and replies in the forum as well as information describing the last post made in the forum. The **Recent Posts** widget will also be filtered to only include threads/posts from the current category. The **Tag Cloud** will show tags from all categories.

If the forum icon is filled-in, it means that there is at least one new thread or reply in the forum that you have not already read. If the forum is not filled-in, it means that there are no new forums or replies since the last time you visited.

## 5.3. Forum Details

If you click on the name of a forum, it will bring up the forum details page:



This page displays all the threads in the selected forum, together with the number of replies to the thread, the number of times the forum has been viewed and a description of the most recent reply to the thread.

If the thread icon is filled-in, it means that there is either a new thread or there is at least one new reply that you have not already read. If the thread is not filled-in, it means that you have already viewed the thread and that there are no new replies since the last time you visited.

If you click on the RSS icon, you can subscribe to the current forum in an RSS-compatible newsreader. If you click on the "Subscription" hyperlink underneath the forum title, the forum will be added to your list of subscribed forums. Whenever a new thread is posted or a new reply occurs, you will receive an email notification.

In addition, the **Most Popular** widget displays a list of the forum threads that have been most frequently viewed by users of the system. Each thread is displayed with its title and date of publication. Positioning the mouse over the title will display a popup tooltip containing the long description of the thread.

#### 5.3.1. Starting a New Thread

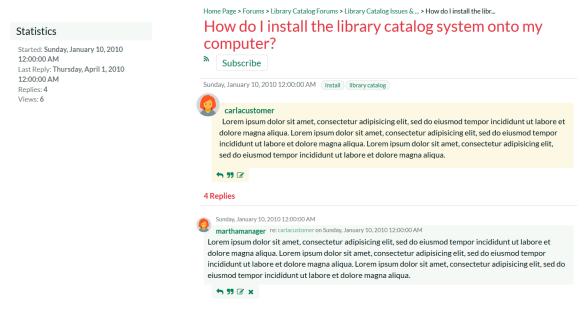
If you are logged in as an authenticated user, you can click on the "Start New Thread" hyperlink to create a new forum thread:

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You need to enter the subject, description and meta-tags for the new thread. Once you are satisfied with your submission you should click the "Post Message" hyperlink to add the new thread to the forum. If you would like to subscribe to the new thread (and thereby get notified when someone replies), make sure to check the "Subscribe to this thread" box before submitting.

# 5.4. Thread Details

If you click on the name of a thread in the thread list, it will bring up the thread details page:



This page displays the subject and description of the thread together with a list of replies from different users. Each reply will be displayed along with information that describes whether the reply is a direct response to the thread itself or a reply to one of the other replies.

If you click on the RSS icon, you can subscribe to the current thread in an RSS-compatible newsreader. If you click on the "Subscribe" hyperlink underneath the thread title, the thread will be added to your list of subscribed threads. Whenever a new reply occurs, you will receive an email notification.

The tags section under the heading displays a list of the meta-tags associated with the current thread:

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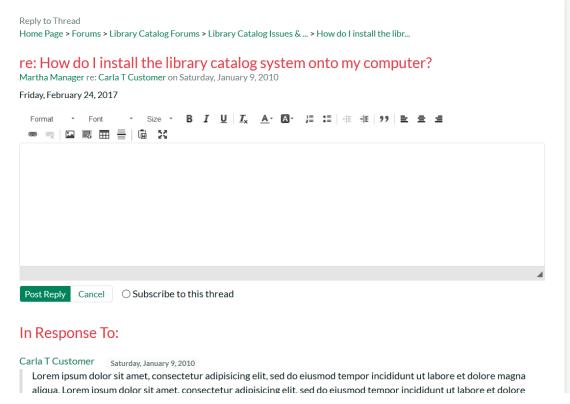
Clicking on the meta-tag name will automatically take you back to the thread search page where you can see a list of other threads that have been tagged with the same keyword.

Depending on your role, you will see different operations available for the thread and each of the individual replies:

- **Reply** this allows you to reply to the thread or a specific message (see below)
- **Quote** this allows you to reply to the thread or a specific message, quoting the text (see below)
- Edit this allows you to make changes to the thread or reply (see below)
- Delete this will delete the thread or reply

#### 5.4.1. Reply to Thread

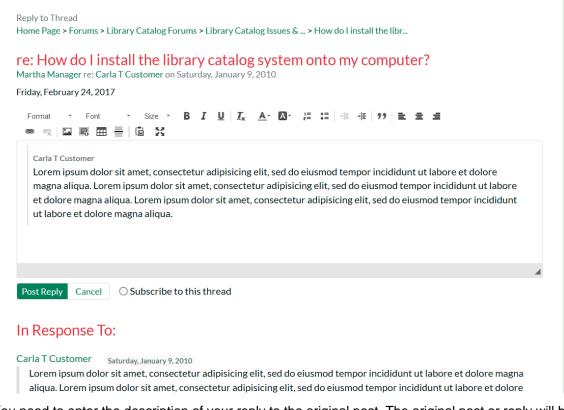
When you click on the "Reply" hyperlink it will display the following dialog:



You need to enter the description of your reply to the original post. Once you are satisfied with your submission you should click the "Post Reply" hyperlink to add the new response to the thread. If you would like to subscribe to the thread (and thereby get notified when someone replies), make sure to check the "Subscribe to this thread" box before submitting.

#### 5.4.2. Reply to Thread with Quote

When you click on the "Quote" hyperlink it will display the following dialog:



You need to enter the description of your reply to the original post. The original post or reply will be displayed inside a grey box. You can delete some of the text inside the box so that you can make it clear which part of the original message you are responding to.

Once you are satisfied with your submission you should click the "Post Reply" hyperlink to add the new response to the thread. If you would like to subscribe to the thread (and thereby get notified when someone replies), make sure to check the "Subscribe to this thread" box before submitting.

## 5.4.3. Editing a Thread/Reply

When you click on the "Edit" hyperlink it will display the following dialog:

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This page lets you edit a specific thread or reply in the forum. You can edit the subject, body and tags of the message. Once you are satisfied with your changes, click the [Save] button to commit the changes.

# 6. Help Desk

The KronoDesk® help desk ticket management system provides the final level of customer support. When a customer cannot readily find the solution through either the knowledge base or support forums, they can submit a help desk ticket through KronoDesk's help desk submission system. The system allows them to quickly and easily enter the description of the problem, attach any relevant documents or screenshots, categorize the issue and then submit it for resolution by the support agents.

# 6.1. Ticket List

When you click on the Help Desk option in the global navigation, you will be taken to the main help desk page:

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X Delete Tickets	TK:20	User expectations from old client app	Cathy P Customer	Eric W Employee	Waiting on Developr	ment		3 - Me	dium
	TK:19	Cannot log into the application	Charles Customer	Eric W Employee	Waiting on Developr	ment		3 - Mi	dium
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Display Options	TK:14	Quote handling issues throughout	Chris Customer	Evan Employee	Assigned			2 - Hi	gh
My Assigned Tickets	TK:13	Validation on the edit book page	Carla T Customer	Evan Employee	Assigned			4 - Lo	N
Unassigned Tickets	TK:12	Doesn't let me add a new category	Cathy P Customer		Open			2 - Hi	;h
All Open Tickets	TK:11	Editing the date on an author is clunky	Charles Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned			1 - Cr	tical
All Closed Tickets	TK:10	Editing the date on a book is clunky	Chris Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned			4 - Lo	N
All Tickets	TK:9	Cannot add a new book to the system	Carla T Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned			2 - Hi	şh

This page displays on the left-hand side a list of display options for viewing the help desk. The available option will depend on your role in the system. In general customers can only see their submitted tickets whereas customer support agents can see all the tickets in the system.

The following display options are available:

- My Assigned Tickets This displays a list of all the open tickets assigned to the current user.
- **Unassigned Tickets** This displays a list of all the open tickets that are not assigned to any support agents.
- **My Opened Tickets** This displays a list of all the open tickets that were opened by the current user.
- **My Closed Tickets** This displays a list of all the closed tickets that were opened by the current user.
- All Open Tickets This displays a list of all the open tickets regardless of who opened them or who they are assigned to.
- All Closed Tickets This displays a list of all the closed tickets regardless of who opened them or who they are assigned to.
- All Tickets This displays a list of all the tickets regardless of their status, who opened them or who they are assigned to.

In addition, there is an Operations pane that is displayed for support agents and lets you perform the following tasks:

• Assign Tickets to Me – If you select ticket(s) in the main grid and then click this option, it will assign the selected tickets to your user.

- Assign Tickets to User If you select ticket(s) in the main grid and then click this option, it will allow you to assign the selected tickets to a specific customer agent.
- **Unassign Tickets** If you select ticket(s) in the main grid and then click this option, it will return the ticket to the unassigned list.
- **Merge Tickets** If you select two or more tickets in the grid (using SHIFT+click or CTRL+click) then click merge, the system will combine them into a single ticket for you.
- **Delete Tickets** If you select ticket(s) in the main grid, then click this option, it will permanently delete the selected tickets. Typically this is only used for tickets generated from spam emails.

#### 6.1.1. Filtering and Sorting

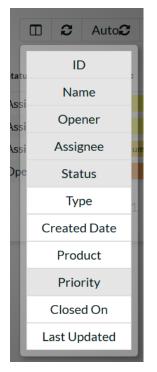
The main ticket grid allows you to filter and sort the ticket list. You sort a column by simply clicking on the arrow in the header row. To filter the ticket list, simply enter the text into the search box and the ticket list will be automatically filtered:

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TK:13	Validation on the edit book page	Carla T Customer	Evan Employee	Assigned	4 - Low
TK:10	Editing the date on a book is clunky	Chris Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned	4 - Low
TK:9	Cannot add a new book to the system	Carla T Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned	2 - High
TK:8	The book listing screen doesn't sort	Cathy P Customer	Eric W Employee	Assigned	3 - Medium
TK:2	Book title is always marked as 'deactivated'.	Chris Customer		Open	2 - High

If you want to undo the filter, simply clear the filter and the full ticket list will be displayed.

#### 6.1.2. Changing Columns

To show and hide different columns in the ticket grid, click on the columns icon above the grid and the column selector will be displayed:



Once you have chosen the columns to display or hide simply click away from the dialog and the column selector will close and the grid will be reloaded with the new columns.

#### 6.1.3. Auto-Refreshing

Sometimes as a support agent it is useful to have the ticket list auto-refresh every couple of seconds to ensure that you are seeing the most up-to-date information. Clicking on the "Auto Refresh" icon will enable this feature.

#### 6.1.4. Export to Excel

To export the current list of tickets to an Excel Comma Separated Values (CSV) file, simply click on the 'Excel' icon and the current ticket list will be exported into an MS-Excel compatible CSV file:

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3	TK:10	Editing the	Chris Custo	Eric W Em	Assigned	Sales	8/11/2009	Library We	4 - Low		9/18/2009
4	TK:8	The book I	Cathy P Cu	Eric W Em	Assigned	Sales	8/30/2009	Book Inver	3 - Mediur	n	9/4/2009
5	TK:2	Book title	Chris Custo	omer	Open	Sales	1/18/2012	Library Cat	2 - High		1/18/2012
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#### 6.1.5. Context Menu

KronoDesk® provides a handy shortcut for performing frequent operations on the ticket list. Simply hover the mouse over the ticket grid and click the right mouse button. This brings up the context menu:

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You can use this to perform the following operations:

- Assign Tickets to Me If you select ticket(s) in the main grid and then click this option, it will assign the selected tickets to your user.
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#### 6.2. Create New Ticket

If you click on the hyperlink to "Open Ticket", the system will display the new help desk ticket entry page:

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This page displays the following information:

- **Opener** When a customer support agent opens a ticket, they are opening it on behalf of a customer (for instance during a phone call). You can type a name, email address, or organization name into this field to get a list of possible matches. When a customer opens a ticket they do not see this field.
- Product Each ticket has to be assigned to a specific product, which can be selected from the dropdown list
- Subject/Description This section of the page allows you to enter the subject and long description of the customer's support issue. The long description allows formatted text and can include lists, tables and hyperlinks.
- Ticket Fields This section displays all the fields that need to be filled out when submitting the ticket. The fields that are required are displayed in **bold type** with an asterisk(\*) next to the field name. When you change the product name field that may change the workflow associated with the ticket. If that happens, you will see some of the fields change.
   This is normal and allows the administrator to tailor the fields required to the type of product (e.g. a web application may need you to enter the browser type, whereas a mobile application would need to know the cellphone network)
- Attachments This section is described in more detail below in section 6.2.1.

Please note that when a customer is creating a ticket, KronoDesk will dynamically search the knowledge base to see if there are any articles that could answer their question, based on what they enter as the ticket's subject:

Subject					
install on server					
These articles may have the information you need:         Image: Whether the information you need:					
<b>5.2.1. Adding a Document Attachment</b> You can drag and drop files onto the attachment area:					
Select files to upload Or drag and drop files here					

As you add documents, they will appear in this control. To add a new attachment to the ticket, either drag and drop the files onto this control or click on the arrow to browse your local file system. Once the documents are attached they will be listed below the attachment area:

•	Select files to unload
4	Select files to upload Or drag and drop files here
Done! Upload More?	
Recently Uploaded	
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You can remove any items by selecting the item and clicking the "Delete Selected" x.

Note: The system uses file extensions to identity the type of file, so if your local operating system doesn't use file extensions, you may want to rename the file before uploading (e.g. changing MyDocument to MyDocument.pdf to identity it as an Acrobat document).

#### 6.2.2. Adding a Screenshot

To include a screenshot in your ticket, first copy the image to your computer's clipboard (e.g. on Windows computers, the PRINT SCREEN button captures the current page and adds to the clipboard). Once the image is in the clipboard, position the cursor in the ticket Description text box where you want it to appear and then click CTRL+V to paste the image.

The image will then be attached to the ticket and embedded in the rich text box.

## 6.3. Ticket Details

If you click on the hyperlink for a specific ticket in either the main ticket list page, one of the user dashboards, or the navigation sidebar, you will be taken to the details page for the specific ticket:

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This page is made up of three areas; the sidebar (left), the header (top right), and the journal (bottom right).

The sidebar has two views. In both views there is a submit button at top. By default the sidebar shows:

- information about the opener of the ticket
- an uploader area
- a list of custom fields

The alternate view of the sidebar is to show lists of relevant tickets to the user and can be used to quickly jump to other tickets. You can switch between these two views at any time by clicking the button in the top left (just to the left of the submit button).

The header contains the ticket name and other important meta-data.

The journal contains information associated with the activity taken over the course of the ticket. There are up to four types of data that the journal shows. Each user can show or hide the information based on their needs, by clicking the filter buttons, or change the sort order to be by date ascending or descending.

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The four types of information shown in the journal:

• **Notes –** the description of the original ticket plus a list of all the notes added by support personnel and the original submitter.

- Attachments any file added to the ticket
- Incidents If you have the integration with SpiraTeam® enabled, you will see any incidents (defects, bugs, change requests, etc.) related to the current ticket.
- History -shows you the change history for the ticket.

#### 6.3.1. Changing Fields and Statuses

When editing an existing ticket, the fields that are available and the fields that are required will depend on your stage in the ticket workflow. For example, an open ticket might not require an "Assignee" whereas an assigned ticket typically would not. The types of change allowed and the email notifications that are sent will depend on how the system administrator has configured the workflow. Administrators should refer to the *KronoDesk Administration Guide* for details on configuring the ticket workflows to meet their needs. The workflow controls both the meta-data fields shown in the header, as well as any custom fields shown in the sidebar.

Depending on the user's role and whether they are listed as the opener or assignee of the ticket, displayed in the top-left of the header, is a dropdown list with the allowed workflow operations:

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Waiting on Development												

These workflow transitions allow the user to move the ticket from one status to another. For example in the default workflow, when the ticket is in the Assigned status, you will be given the options to change the status to one of:

- "Open"
- "Waiting on Customer"
- "Waiting on Development"
- "Duplicate"
- "Non-Issue"

After changing the status of the ticket by clicking on the workflow link, you can then fill in the additional fields that are now enabled and/or required. Once you've made the changes to the appropriate ticket fields, click on the "Submit" button in the sidebar (at the top left of the screen).

Some transitions may require a digital signature. In the workflow dropdown, those transitions will be marked with a lock symbol. Upon saving, you will be given a prompt:

×
Enter Electronic Signature
Please enter your login/password together with the meaning and click Sign:
Login: administrator
Password
Meaning
Changing Ticket TK:21 from 'Assigned' to 'Waiting on Development'
Sign Cancel

You must re-enter in your password, and an additional reason/meaning for the transition before the application will allow you to save your changed.

#### 6.3.2. Using the Journal to view comments

The journal displays the entire history of a ticket, and most importantly all communication between agents and the customer. All messages from customers are shown in one color background (pale yellow in the default application theme). All messages to customers from agents are in a different color (light gray in the default application theme). Clicking at the top of each message / note will expand or collapse that note, to help scrolling through long tickets, or reviewing new information. Using the button at the top of the journal, you can also expand or collapse all comments at once.

Here all comments are expanded:

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Any notes that are 'internal only' and therefore only visible to customer support agents, are displayed with a red background (in the default application theme) with a mute icon at the top left:

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#### 6.3.3. Adding Notes

You can reply to a ticket at any time by clicking the reply button in the journal toolbar (the rightmost button):



You can also reply using any reply button on any expanded ticket note. This will show the reply window directly underneath that note. You can even start replying to one note and then click on another note to move the reply window to that second note. The new note / reply will always get added to the ticket in the same way, but it can be helpful to 'attach' the reply window to a specific note you need to refer to in a reply.

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You need to enter the note text in the rich-text box. As soon as you do you will see the button to the bottom left of the reply window become active and say "Submit". Click this will save all changes to the ticket and add the note to the ticket at the same time.

If you would like to insert a Knowledge Base (KB) article into your reply to the user, you can click on the link "Add KB to Note" (this is only visible to agents):

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You then select the KB article from the available list, choose the type of link to insert (name and link only, full article text, etc.). Then click the 'Insert Template' to populate the note with the KB article link/text. There are a number of templates you can use. These are all configurable by the application administrator.

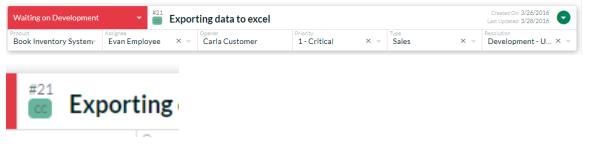
To include a screenshot in your note, first copy the image to your computer's clipboard (e.g. on Windows computers, the PRINT SCREEN button captures the current page and adds to the clipboard). Once the image is in the clipboard, position the cursor in the Note text box where you want it to appear and then click CTRL+V to paste the image.

The image will then be attached to the ticket and embedded in the note text.

### 6.3.4. CC's to a Ticket

With KronoDesk's cc functionality, a user can make sure other interested parties are copied in to all email notifications about a ticket. If a user creates a ticket via email and adds cc's to that email, they will automatically be added as a cc to the ticket.

You can tell that a ticket has cc's on them by looking at the ticket header – there is a cc badge to the left of the ticket name:



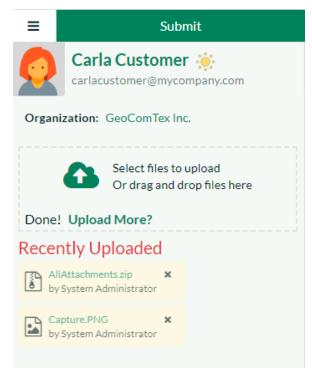
To view and edit the cc's on the ticket (any valid email address can be used), click on downward facing arrow on the right hand side of the ticket header (the "more actions" button).

		Created On: 8/17/2018 Last Updated: 8/17/2018
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### 6.3.5. Attachments

The attachments pane of the sidebar gives a drag and drop area for adding files to a ticket. Files added in the current editing session (before clicking "Submit") are shown below the attachment pane. Older files are shown in the journal. The documents can be in any format, though KronoDesk® will only display the icon for certain known types:



The attachment list includes the filename/URL that was originally uploaded together with the file-size (in KB), name of the person who attached it and the date uploaded.

To actually view the document, simply click on the filename hyperlink and a new web browser window will open. Depending on the type of file, this window will either display the document / web-page or prompt you for a place to save it on your local computer. To remove an existing attachment from a ticket, simply select the item and click the [Delete] button.

To attach a new document to the ticket, you simply drag them onto the attachment upload control or click on the upload button and then browse to find the file on your local filesystem.

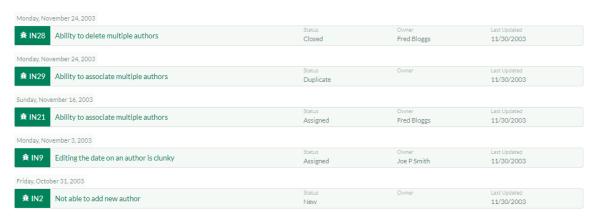
Note: The system uses file extensions to identity the type of file, so if your local operating system doesn't use file extensions, you may want to rename the file before uploading (e.g. changing MyDocument to MyDocument.pdf to identity it as an Acrobat document).

### 6.3.6. Incidents

SpiraTeam® incidents linked to the current help desk ticket are shown in the journal (as long as the current user has permission to view them). If you see the following message, it means that your user profile in KronoDesk has not been linked to an equivalent SpiraTeam user profile. To fix the issue, click on the "user profile" link and enter your SpiraTeam RSS Token into your KronoDesk user profile. This is described in more detail in section 7.1

Unable to connect to Spira server, please check that the API Key you are using is valid for this system and that you have permission to view incidents 👘 🗴

Once your KronoDesk user is linked to a corresponding SpiraTeam user, you will see a list of SpiraTeam incidents that were generated from the current ticket in the journal, organized with other journal items based on the date the incident was created:



Each incident is displayed together with its incident ID, name, status, owner, and last update date. Hovering over the incident name will give a tooltip of the incident description. Clicking on the incident name/hyperlink will open the incident in SpiraTeam in a new window.

This allows support agents to view the status of the incidents use it to determine when the ticket can be resolved because the underlying product issue has been resolved.

To log a new incident in SpiraTeam based on the current help desk ticket, click on downward facing arrow on the right hand side of the ticket header (the "more actions" button).

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To "Add New Incident" make sure a SpiraTeam project is selected from the dropdown list (if the name of the product for the ticket matches the name of any Spirateam project, that project will be automatically selected for you):

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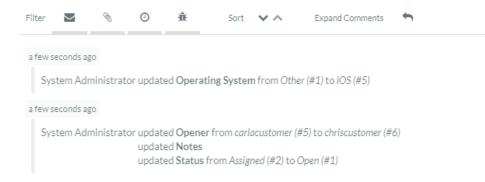
This dialog lets you add a new incident to the linked instance of SpiraTeam. The system will prepopulate the description of the incident with the ticket description. You can edit this text or clear it completely and enter in custom content.

You then need to enter an incident name, and choose values for other fields based on what fields are required (this is set inside SpiraTeam on a project by project basis). Once you are satisfied, click "Add" to add the incident to SpiraTeam. Once the incident has been added, it will appear in the KronoDesk journal.

Note: You need to make sure that the SpiraTeam user that you have associated with your KronoDesk profile has permissions to create new incidents in that project in SpiraTeam.

### 6.3.7. History

The journal displays the list of changes that have been performed on the help desk ticket artifact since its creation. An example ticket change history is shown below:



The change history displays the date that each change was made, together with the fields that were changed, the old and new values and the person who made the change. This allows a complete audit trail to be maintained of all changes in the system.

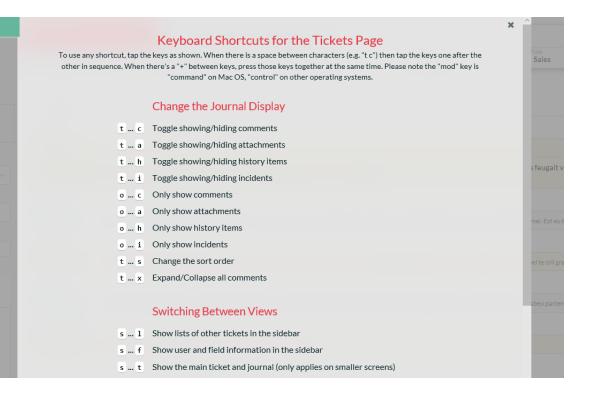
### 6.3.8. Navigating tickets using the sidebar

When viewing the sidebar as a list of tickets, you will see links to take you back to the ticket list and to create a new ticket. There will also be a list of peer tickets to the one selected. This latter list is useful as a navigation shortcut; you can quickly view the peer tickets by clicking on the navigation links without having to first return to the ticket list page. The navigation list can be switched between four different modes:

- The list of tickets matching the current filter
- The list of all tickets, irrespective of the current filter
- The list of tickets assigned to the current user
- The list of tickets opened by the current user

### 6.3.8. Working More Efficiently Using Keyboard Shortcuts

Press the question mark symbol on your keyboard to bring up a list of available keyboard shortcuts. These should allow you to operate the entire ticket details page without requiring a mouse and can greatly speed up your workflow as you reply to, and manage your tickets.



# 7. User Profile

To update your user's profile, view your list of tickets, threads/replies, draft KB articles or change your password, simply click on your username in the top-right of the application header. The system will then display the user profile home page:

Name:	Martha Manager			
Login ID:	marthamanager			
Email Address:	donotreply1@kronodesk.net			
Member Since:	Friday, January 1, 2010	)		
Last Login:	21 hours 33 minutes a	go		
My Tickets				
ID	Name	Opener	Status	
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My Replies				

This page will display your user's name, login, email address, date of registration, culture/locale, timezone, linked SpiraTeam login and RSS Token (also known as the API Key), avatar image and a list of the roles that your user belongs to.

Underneath this section the system will display a list of help desk tickets, draft KB articles, forum threads and thread replies that you have posted. To edit your profile, click on the 'Edit Profile' button.

### 7.1. Edit Profile

If you click on the "Edit Profile" button, it will bring up the following dialog:

account Home	
Account Infor	mation
Login ID:	marthamanager
Email Address:	donotreply1@kronodesk.net
First Name:	Martha
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	Manager
Culture/Locale:	Use Application Default
Timezone:	Use Application Default
Password:	Change Password
Security Question:	What is 1+1?
Security	
Answer:	Leave the Security Answer field empty if you do not want to change it. You need to specify the current password if you want to change the password question/answer.
Spira Login:	fredbloggs
Spira Api Key:	{7A05FD06-83C3-4436-B37F-51BCF0060483} Test Your valid Login ID and RSS Key. Used to create linked incidents in Spira if configured.
	Save Changes Cancel

You can update the following fields on this page:

- Login ID the username that you'd like to use in the system. This has to be unique.
- Email Address a valid email address that notifications will be sent to.
- First Name your first name
- Last Name your last name
- Middle Initial your middle initial (if applicable)

- **Culture/Locale** choose a specific culture/locale for your user. This will determine which language pack is used by the application and what date format is used
- **Timezone** choose a specific timezone for your user. This will determine the timezone that dates will be displayed in the application
- RSS Token used to allow you view secure KronoDesk RSS newsfeeds from outside the system
- **Password** enter your current password if you plan on changing the password question/answer. If you don't need to change the password question/answer, you can leave this blank.
- Security Question/Answer enter a question that only you will know the answer to, together with the matching answer to that question.
- **Spira Login** You need to enter a valid login for SpiraTeam that corresponds to your user. This allows you to view SpiraTeam incidents linked to a specific KronoDesk help desk ticket.
- Spira Api Key You need to enter the SpiraTeam RSS token (also known as the API-Key) for the SpiraTeam user specified above.
- Avatar Each user in KronoDesk can have a small graphic icon (called an avatar) associated with their account. This icon will be displayed next to forum posts, ticket comments, etc. You can click on the [Browse] button to change your avatar or [Remove] to switch your user back to the default image.

Once you are satisfied with the changes, you can click [Update User] to commit the changes.

### 7.2. Change Password

If you click on the "Change Password" button you can update your password

Security Question:	What is 1+1?
Question Answer:	
Current Password:	
New Password:	
Confirm Password:	

You need to enter the old password and the new password twice. Assuming that the old password matches your current password and that the two instances of the new password match, the system will change your password.

### 7.3. Organizations

Customers may be assigned to an organization. Refer to the Administration Document on how to create and add users to organizations.

When part of an organization, the user may be in one of three roles:

- **Member** This user can view company information, users in his organization that have accounts in the application, and view open tickets by other organization members.
- **Supervisor** This user can do all of the above, plus edit any of the open tickets.
- **Manager** This user can do all of the above, as well as remove user accounts from the organization and add new users, and modify organization properties.

## 8. Reports

This section describes the reporting features of KronoDesk®, including an overview of each of the report types that are available. When you click on the "Reports" tab on the global navigation bar, you will initially be taken to the reports home page illustrated below:

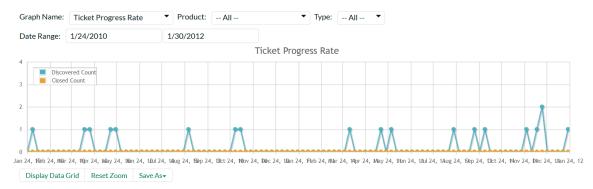


The Reports page is a dashboard that contains links to a number of reports, as well as a set of graphs. By default the dashboard will display: the Ticket Progress Rate, Ticket Aging and Ticket Custom Graphs.

Each of the graphs is described in more detail in the sub-sections below:

### 8.1. Ticket Progress Rate

The ticket progress rate chart displays the total number of tickets created and closed over a particular date-range, either for all ticket types and/or products or for a specific ticket type and/or product:



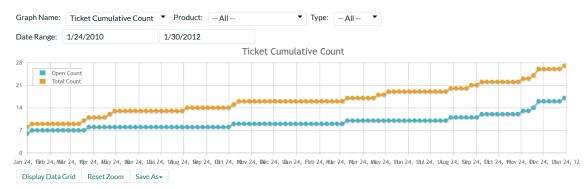
In this version of the report, the y-axis represents the number of tickets (either created or closed in a 24 hour period), and the x-axis represents a specific day in the time-span. Each data-point can be viewed by positioning the mouse pointer over the point, and a "tooltip" will pop-up listing the actual data value. You can filter the report by the type of ticket and/or product, and also change the date range (e.g. displaying

only the infrastructure tickets for the date range). If you choose a smaller date-range, the x-axis will switch from weekly to daily and if you choose a larger date-range, the x-axis will switch to monthly.

Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

### 8.2. Ticket Cumulative Count

The cumulative ticket count chart displays the cumulative total number of tickets logged in the system over a particular date-range, either for all ticket types and/or products or for a specific ticket type and/or product. The report displays two data series, one illustrating the total count of all ticjets, the other the total count of all *open tickets* (i.e. with status not set to a closed status):

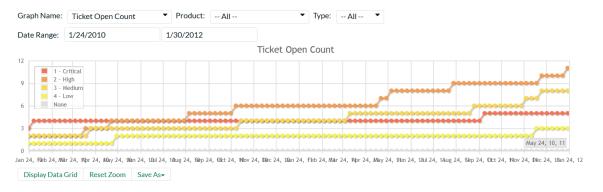


In this version of the report, the y-axis represents the number of tickets, and the x-axis represents a specific week in the time-span. Each data-point can be viewed by positioning the mouse pointer over the point, and a "tooltip" will pop-up listing the actual data value. You can also filter the type of ticket being reported, the product as well as change the date interval. If you choose a smaller date-range, the x-axis will switch from weekly to daily and if you choose a larger date-range, the x-axis will switch to monthly.

Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

### 8.3. Ticket Open Count

The open ticket count chart displays the net number of open tickets in the system over a particular daterange categorized by ticket priority, either for all ticket types and/or products or for a specific ticket type and/or product:

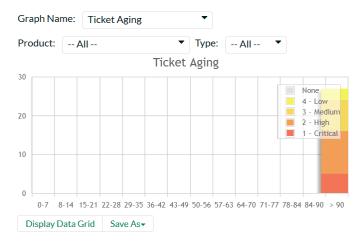


In this version of the report, the y-axis represents the number of tickets, and the x-axis represents a specific week in the time-span. The exact count of each bar in the stacked histogram can be viewed by positioning the mouse pointer over the bar, and a "tooltip" will pop-up listing the actual data value. You can also filter the type of ticket being reported, the product the ticket was reported against, as well as change the date interval. If you choose a smaller date-range, the x-axis will switch from weekly to daily and if you choose a larger date-range, the x-axis will switch to monthly.

Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

### 8.4. Ticket Aging

The ticket aging chart displays the number of days tickets have been left open in the system. The chart is organized as a stacked histogram, with the count of tickets on the y-axis and different age intervals on the x-axis. Each bar-chart color represents a different ticket priority, giving an IT service manager a snapshot view of the age of open tickets by priority.

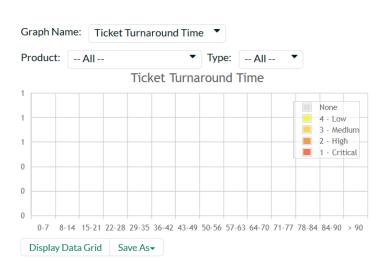


This report can be filtered by the type of ticket and/or product, so for example you can see the aging of just support tickets, or just tickets for a specific product.

Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

## 8.5. Ticket Turnaround Time

The incident turnaround time chart displays the number of days incidents have taken to be closed (from the time they were first raised) in the system. The chart is organized as a stacked histogram, with the count of incidents on the y-axis and different turnaround time intervals on the x-axis. Each bar-chart color represents a different incident priority, giving a project manager a snapshot view of the turnaround time of project incidents by priority.



This report can be filtered by the type of ticket and the product, so for example you can see the turnaround time of just infrastructure tickets, or just tickets for a specific product.

Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

### 8.6. Ticket Custom Graphs

The ticket custom graph widget shows how many tickets are currently in the system. The number of tickets is displayed according to the criteria that you specify. You can specify the type of data displayed along the x-axis, and the ticket information that is used to group the data. When you first open the graph you will be asked to pick the field that you would like to display on the x-axis and the field that you would like to group the data by. Once you have chosen the appropriate fields the graph will be displayed:



In the illustration above, the x-axis represents the ticket status, and the individual bars are grouped by the priority of the ticket. Each data-value can be viewed by positioning the mouse pointer over the bar, and a "tooltip" will pop-up listing the actual data value. Clicking on the "Display Data Grid" link will display the underlying data that is being used to generate the graph. In addition, clicking on the Download Data as CSV link will export the datagrid into Comma Separated Values (CSV) format that can be opened in MS-Excel. Some browsers also support the ability to save the graph as an image file (JPEG, PNG and GIF formats).

### 8.7. Reports

Kronodesk has nine different reports covering the help desk, knowledge base, organizations, and users. Each report can be exported in a number of different formats, including PDF, Word, and Excel. Each report can also be filtered by a number of different fields and sorted by a particular field as well. These features make it easy to quickly generate a report to explore a subset of all the data in the system.

For example, you can create a report showing all tickets in the last six months for one product that have been resolved. Below is a report configuration page to illustrate the exporting, filtering, and sorting options available. Here we are looking at the Ticket Details report.

To create the report, configure the options as required, then click "Create Report". The report will then be dynamically created live. To view the report follow the onscreen instructions.

## **Ticket Detailed Report**

Please choose from the various options below to specify how you would like this report to appear. You can filter the results displayed by various parameters as well as choose which elements of the report are displayed.

#### **Report Format**

- Format: 💿 Adobe Acrobat 🕒
  - HTML
  - MS-Word 2003+ M
  - ◎ MS-Word 2007+
  - XML 🛃

#### **Report Elements**

Ticket Detailed: 💌 Attached Documents

- Change History
- Incidents
- Notes

#### Standard Field Filters

Assignee:	•
Opener:	•
Priority:	•
Product:	•
Resolution:	•
Status:	•
Туре:	
Created Date:	-
Last Updated:	-
Closed Date:	-
ID:	
Name:	
Sort By:Default Sort	•
Sort Ascending	
Create Report Cancel	

### The first part of the report generated may look something like that below in HTML format:

Last Modified:

Product:

Closed On:

Type:

#### **Ticket Detailed Report**

This report displays all of the tickets in the help desk in a document form. For each ticket it can include the list of attachments, the change history, the linked Spira incidents, and the notes added by the users.

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#### TK:1-Author cannot be updated after set.

Opened On: 18-Aug-2018 Status: Assigned Opened By: Carla Customer Priority: 1 - Critical Resolution: Operating System: Other Browsers Affected: Internet Explorer, Edge, Android Other Information: User must click 'Update' button twice. Notes: Hosted System?: Y 01-Feb-2012 Target Date: Reviewed By: Phone Extension: 1556 5.69 Response Time (mins):

Customer Issue - Network None at the moment. System Administrator

Assigned To:

18-Aug-2018 Library Catalog System Evan Employee Sales

#### Notes:

From:Carla Customer, on:18-Aug-2018

When selecting the Author field and changing it, upon saving, the Author field will revert back to what it was originally.

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