

# Introduction to TSANet

# The Technology Vendor Support Alliance

TSANet is a not-for-profit global collaborative alliance consisting of **900+** companies working together to improve their shared customers' support experiences.

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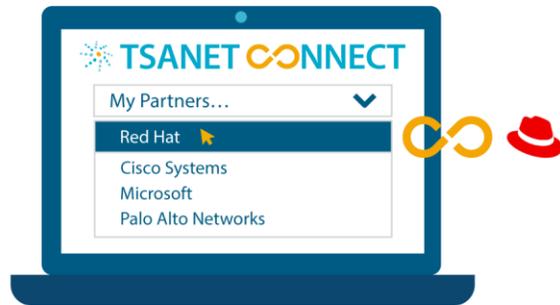
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# Member Benefits...

## Multi Vendor Collaboration



A simple solution that improves:

-  Customer Experience
-  Partner Relationships
-  Employee Satisfaction

## Support Community



Join a Regional Focus Group to:

-  Network with Industry Peers
-  Improve Support Processes
-  Share Technical Knowledge

# TSANet Collaboration Framework

## Common Customer

Meet in the Market

Customer builds a solution and purchases support from each Vendor.

Vendors collaborate on issues as needed. TSANet legal and operational framework used for collaboration.

## Alliance Partner

Technology Partner Programs

Validated configurations from your partner or developer marketplace

Support model documented for Customers and Partners with TSANet collaborative support commitment

## Strategic Partner

OEM, Solution Support

Solutions from your company with integrated technology

Support provided by lead vendor. Back line product support in place with other vendors.

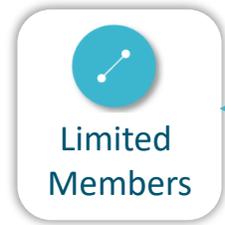
Support for all Technology Partner Models

# Regional Focus Groups



- ❑ The objective of these groups is to define common challenges for technical support organizations and work together on solutions.
- ❑ The group also provides input on reviewing and influencing TSANet's strategy.

# Membership Levels



## STANDARD

Standard collaboration with 24-hour SLA

- Collaborate with Members during business hours/24-hour SLA response
- TSANet Connect Base Features
- Join Partner Programs and Invite existing Members
- Technical Knowledge Exchange
- Regional Focus Group Meetings
- Additional Member privileges

## PREMIUM

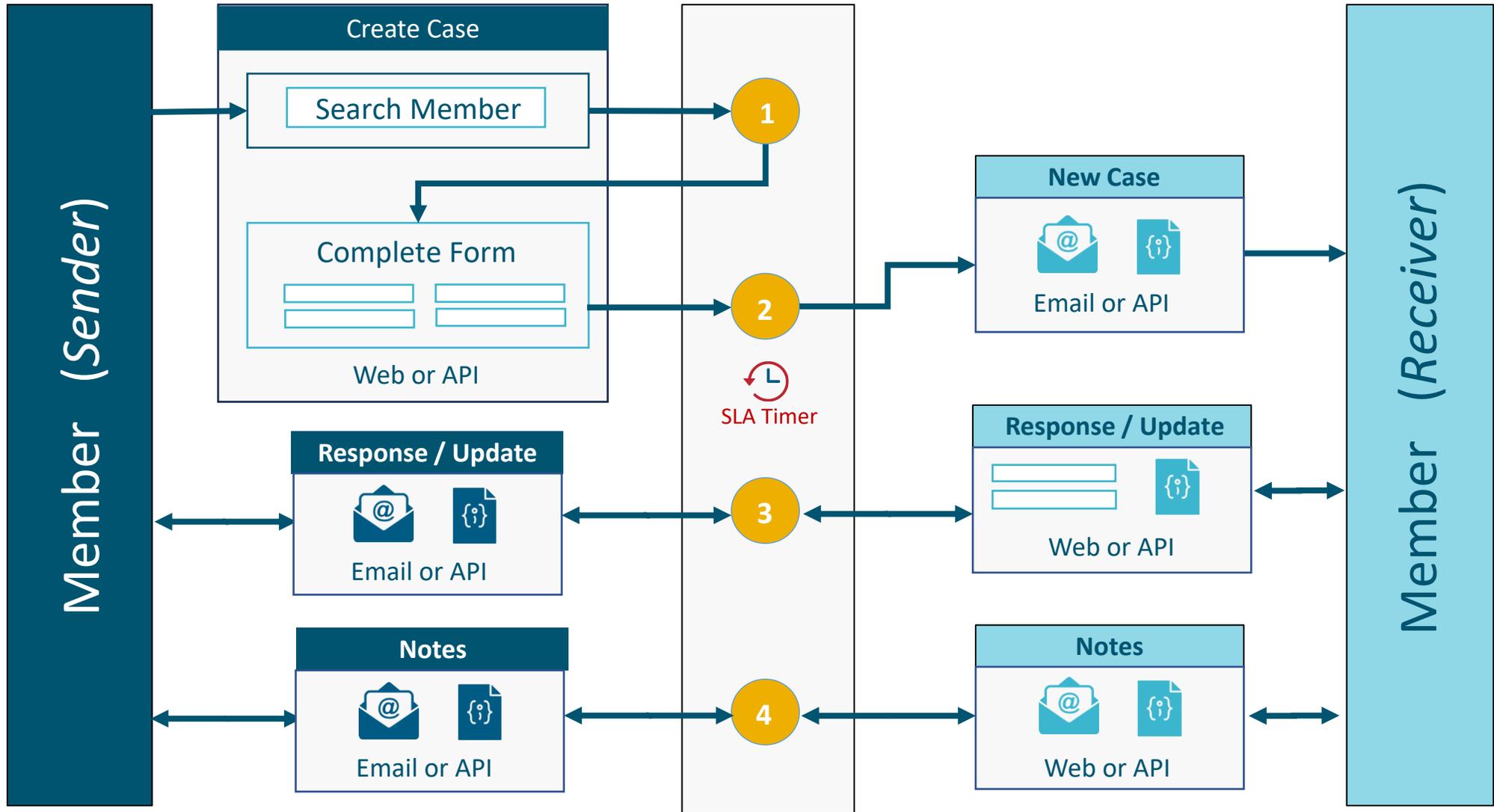
24/7 and SLAs for enterprise support

- All the benefits of Standard plus:**
- Global collaboration 24/7
- Enterprise level SLAs
- TSANet Connect Single Sign-On
- Invite NEW members to join TSANet
- Access to Critical Escalation

## ELITE

Expand multi vendor support needs

- All the benefits of Premium, plus:**
- Assigned Success Manager
- Create Co-Branded Partner Programs
- Implement Solution Support Models
- TSANet Connect System Integration
- Access to Advanced Collaboration Methods
- Co-Marketing Activities
- Network with other Elite Members and apply for Board Seat



NEW - Collaboration Process

# Go to connect.tsanet.org

Sign in to your company page

Not able to find your company page? [Contact Us](#)





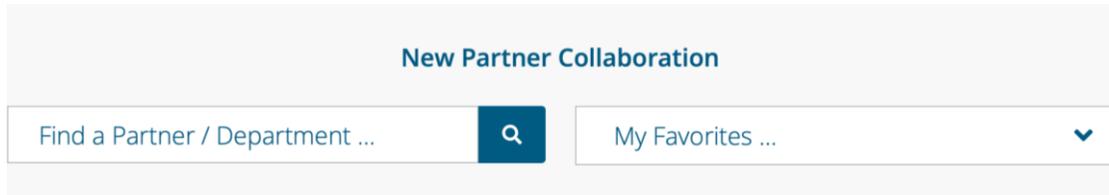
**Login**

  
[forgot password?](#)

1. Find your company or go directly to your company login page: [yourdomain.tsanet.org](#)
2. Login or create an account
3. **Premium** and **Elite** Members can configure Single Sign-on. Requirement for new Collaboration Feed

# User Experience - Submit

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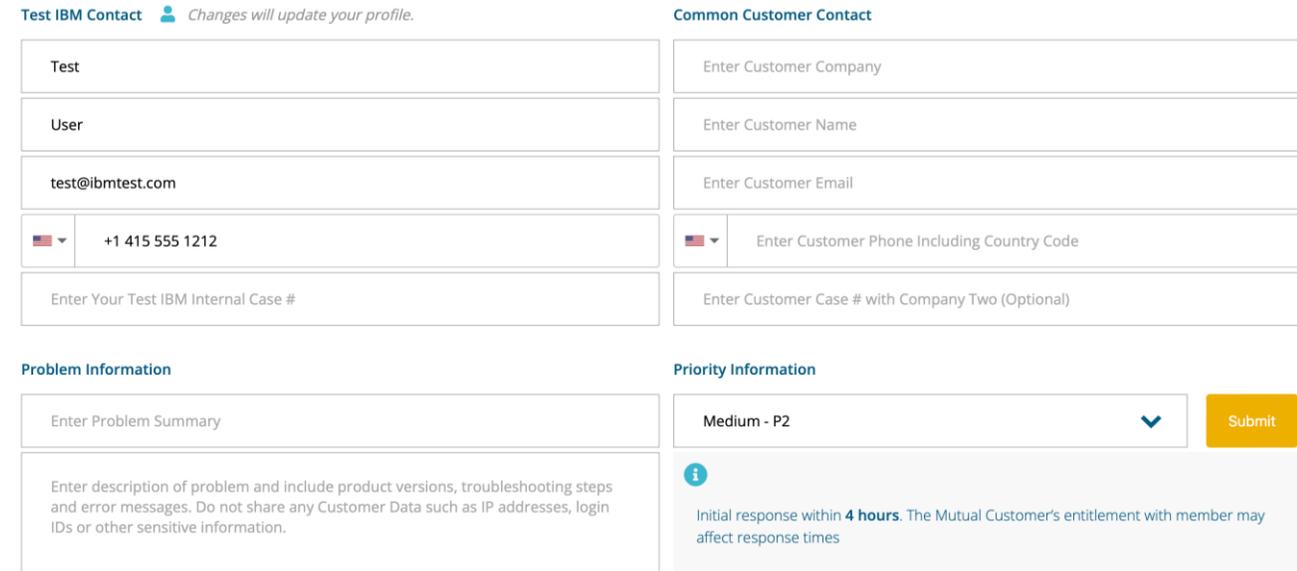


New Partner Collaboration

Find a Partner / Department ...   My Favorites ...

1. User searches for Member company and selects a process. User can also pin favorites
2. System guides user through exceptions such as request relationship or missing Partner

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Test IBM Contact Changes will update your profile.

Common Customer Contact

Test

User

test@ibmtest.com

+1 415 555 1212

Enter Your Test IBM Internal Case #

Enter Customer Company

Enter Customer Name

Enter Customer Email

Enter Customer Phone Including Country Code

Enter Customer Case # with Company Two (Optional)

Problem Information

Enter Problem Summary

Enter description of problem and include product versions, troubleshooting steps and error messages. Do not share any Customer Data such as IP addresses, login IDs or other sensitive information.

Priority Information

Medium - P2

Initial response within **4 hours**. The Mutual Customer's entitlement with member may affect response times

User fills out the process form.

- Their Case#, Problem Details, Common Customer Details
- Select Priority (The system will display SLA response time)

# User Experience – Email Handshake

TSANet Collaboration Request for Case# 785996 to Hortonworks

Your collaboration request to **Hortonworks** for **Test Company Case# 785996** has been sent. . If you need to escalate this case follow the instructions below:

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**Escalation Instructions:**

- 1.Place a Call: Horton toll free support line in the U.S - Call **855.8HORTON (855.846.7866) or +1.408.916.4121**. Please select option 2 for support
2. "Escalate Case" button: Use "**Escalate Case**" button found on the top right hand corner on the Case Details, if a case needs escalation

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**Request Details:**

**Test Company Contact**  
Name: *Brittany Simone*  
Email: [brittjimerson@gmail.com](mailto:brittjimerson@gmail.com)  
Phone: 7855507818  
Case#: 785996

**Customer Contact**  
Customer Company: *ABC Computers*  
Customer Name: *John Smith*  
Customer Email: [j.smith@abccomputers.com](mailto:j.smith@abccomputers.com)  
Customer Phone Including Country Code: *89*  
Customer Case # with Hortonworks: 89

**Problem Details**  
Summary: *Issue with product*  
Description: *Issue with product*  
Priority: *low*

Engineer gets an email back from the system that includes **Escalation Instructions** to use if they do not get a response or need to escalate the issue during the resolution process

TSANet Collaboration Response from Cisco

Cisco has responded to your request (**NetApp Case# 555431 - Questions on error code xyz**). Contact details and Cisco Case# are included below along with any special inspections for working the case.

**DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL.** Use the contact details below.

**Cisco Case# and Contact details**

Cisco Case#: 555459  
Contact Name: *Joe Cisco*  
Email: [joec@cisco.com](mailto:joec@cisco.com)  
Phone: 225-555-1212

**Note**  
Please use the WebEx Team room below to share files and comment on this case  
<https://someurl.com>

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**Escalation Instructions:**  
Escalation instructions from the Member. Should include a escalation contact name and phone. Mary Kay 225-555-1212 or [mary@test.com](mailto:mary@test.com)

Email initial response back from the receiving Member that includes Case Number and Engineer Contact details

# Exchanging notes & Response Update

My Active Cases (30 days) 

**NOTE:** All time stamps are shown in UTC time.

Case#	Partner	Partner Case#	Status	Request Date	Last Update ↑
T1235678	Test Red Hat	765432	Accepted	May-07-2024 12:40 am	Jun-11-2024 03:20 pm

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## Case Details — Inbound from Test IBM

**NOTE:** All time stamps are shown in UTC time.

### Case Information:

Company: Test IBM  
Test IBM Case #: T1235678  
Date: 05/07/24 12:40 am  
Submitted by: API User  
[api@ibmtest.com](mailto:api@ibmtest.com)  
Summary: Testing beta  
Description  
Priority: Medium - P2

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### Response:

Company: Test Red Hat  
Date: 05/07/24 02:26 am  
Case #: 765432  
Engineer Name: Sue Test  
Engineer Email: Sue@redhat.com  
Engineer Phone: US: +1 225 555 1212  
Next Steps: Our assigned engineer will contact you.

Update Response

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1. Select the case from list
2. Details of the case
3. Escalation instructions
4. Update initial response
5. Add notes. Sends notification to the other user
6. History of notes feed available for Premium and Elite members with SSO

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### Escalation Instructions

Testing Red Hat Escalation Test

### Collaboration Feed

Add Note

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	new note	
	test	API TEST
		07/08/24 12:24 pm

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# Next Steps for Members

## **Train your Users (WebApp):**

<https://www.tsanet.org/tsanet-connect-user-training/>. Recordings and materials

<https://www.tsanet.org/tsanet-connect-2-0-user-training-july-24-2024/>. Regional sessions on July 24<sup>th</sup>

## **Look at Integration (Salesforce and other Systems)**

<https://www.tsanet.org/tsanet-connect-update-webinar-may-7-2024/> Webinar

Contact Paul Esch @ paul@tsanet.org

# TSANet Membership Options

# Standard Membership – \$3,000 per year



## Standard Collaboration

Collaborate with all other Members during normal business hours with a 24-hour response SLA



## TSANet Connect

Access to the TSANet Connect base features such as managing departments, users and process forms.



## Connect to Partners

Join hosted Partner Programs free of charge. Request relationships with existing TSANet Limited Members.



## Technical Knowledge Exchange

Attend technical sessions from other Members on products, technologies and troubleshooting methods



## Regional Focus Groups

Network and share best practices with your peers by attending Regional Focus Group meetings



## Membership Privileges

Participate in the strategy and direction of the TSANet Organization. Vote on Board of Directors

# Premium Membership - \$9,000 per year

★ All the features of **Standard**, plus:



## Global 7/24 Collaboration

Global collaboration with Premium and Elite Members on a 24/7 basis.



## Enterprise SLAs

Enterprise SLAs with other Premium or Elite Members (P1 = 2 hours, P2 = 4 hours, P3 = 24 hours).



## Single Sign-on

Members use SAML 2.0 identity management system to control access to the TSANet Connect system.



## Connect to Partners

Join hosted Partner Programs free of charge. Request relationships with existing TSANet Limited Members.



## Invite New Members

Send invitations for companies to join TSANet who are not Members



## Critical Escalation

Provides a direct path to members' peers for a critical customer situation.

# Elite Membership - \$18,000 per year

★ All the features of **Standard** and **Premium** plus:



## Connect Advanced Features

Integrate your systems to TSANet Connect. Access to advanced collaboration methods.



## Co-branded Partner Programs

Create your own partner group and easily establish a collaborative path with your partner network.



## Connect to Partners

Implement solution support models that are specific to your product solutions and solution support offerings.



## TSANet Success Manager

Work with your assigned TSANet Success Manager to implement best practices for multi vendor support.



## Co-Marketing Activities

Your logo on the TSANet homepage and co-branded partner and customer materials.



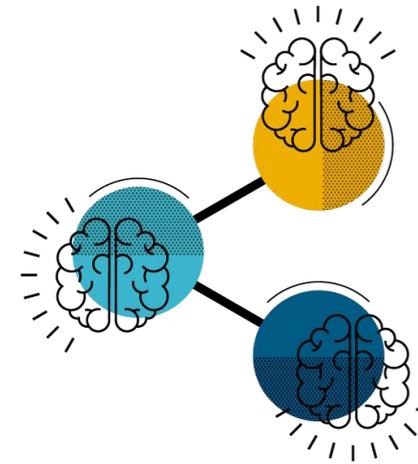
## Eligible for Board Seat

Attend networking events with other Elite Members. Apply for the Board of Directors.

# TSANet Features

# Technical Knowledge Exchange

- ❑ Access to technical sessions on products, technologies, and troubleshooting from Members
- ❑ Sessions are 1 hour long and cover technical topics from top Members. Sessions are recorded for viewing by all Members
- ❑ Regional Focus Groups select topics based on Member feedback. Sessions are done in each region and available globally
- ❑ English and Japanese sessions are available



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EXPERIENCES

# TSANet Connect

- ❑ User interface provides a streamlined method for creating a collaboration case with other Members
- ❑ Process includes integrated escalation management
- ❑ API architecture enables Members to integrate their systems
- ❑ After the initial connection Engineers work with their own systems/process

The screenshot displays the 'Create Partner Collaboration Case' interface. At the top, the 'TSANET CONNECT' logo is on the left, and navigation icons (hamburger menu, refresh, user profile) and 'Your Logo' are on the right. Below the title is a search bar with the placeholder 'Find a Partner / Department ...' and a magnifying glass icon, followed by a 'My Favorites ...' dropdown menu. A large blue arrow points down to the main form area. The form is titled 'redhat - Flexpod Solution Support' and includes 'Support Hours: 7/24/365' and 'Products Supported: Flexpod Product X'. It features sections for 'Internal Notes' and 'Group Documents'. The 'Cisco Contact' section has fields for 'Char Test', 'Charlest@cisco.com', '555-1212', and 'Enter your Test Internal Case#'. The 'Common Customer Contact' section has fields for 'Enter Customer Company', 'Enter Customer First and Last Name', 'Enter Customer Email', 'Enter Customer Phone', and 'Enter Customers Case# with Test (Optional)'. A 'Select Priority' dropdown and a 'Submit' button are also present. A note at the bottom indicates 'Display response time information based on Priority selected'.

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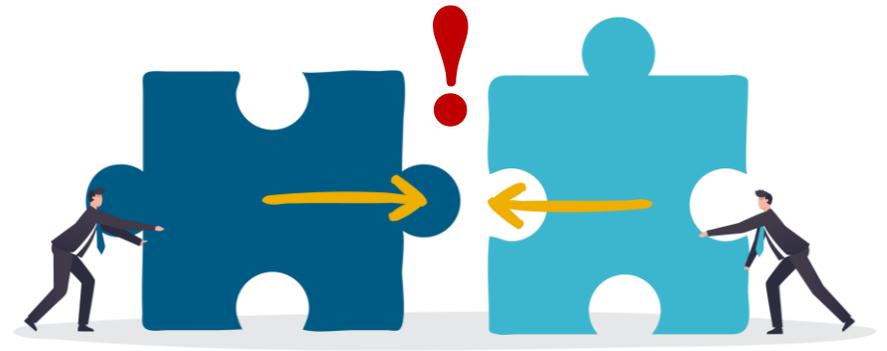
# Single Sign-on

- ❑ Premium and Elite Members can use their own identity management systems to control access to TSANet Connect
- ❑ Unlimited users' policy allows for the Member to define of what employees can have access
- ❑ Support for SAML 2.0
- ❑ Supports just in time user provisioning



# Critical Escalations

- ❑ Provides members a direct path to members' peers where traditional escalation processes do not support a critical customer situation.
- ❑ Optional for Premium and Elite Members of TSANet.
- ❑ The feature is limited to select users at the company and can be integrated to each member's outbound and inbound critical escalation process.



# TSANet Connect – Integration Framework

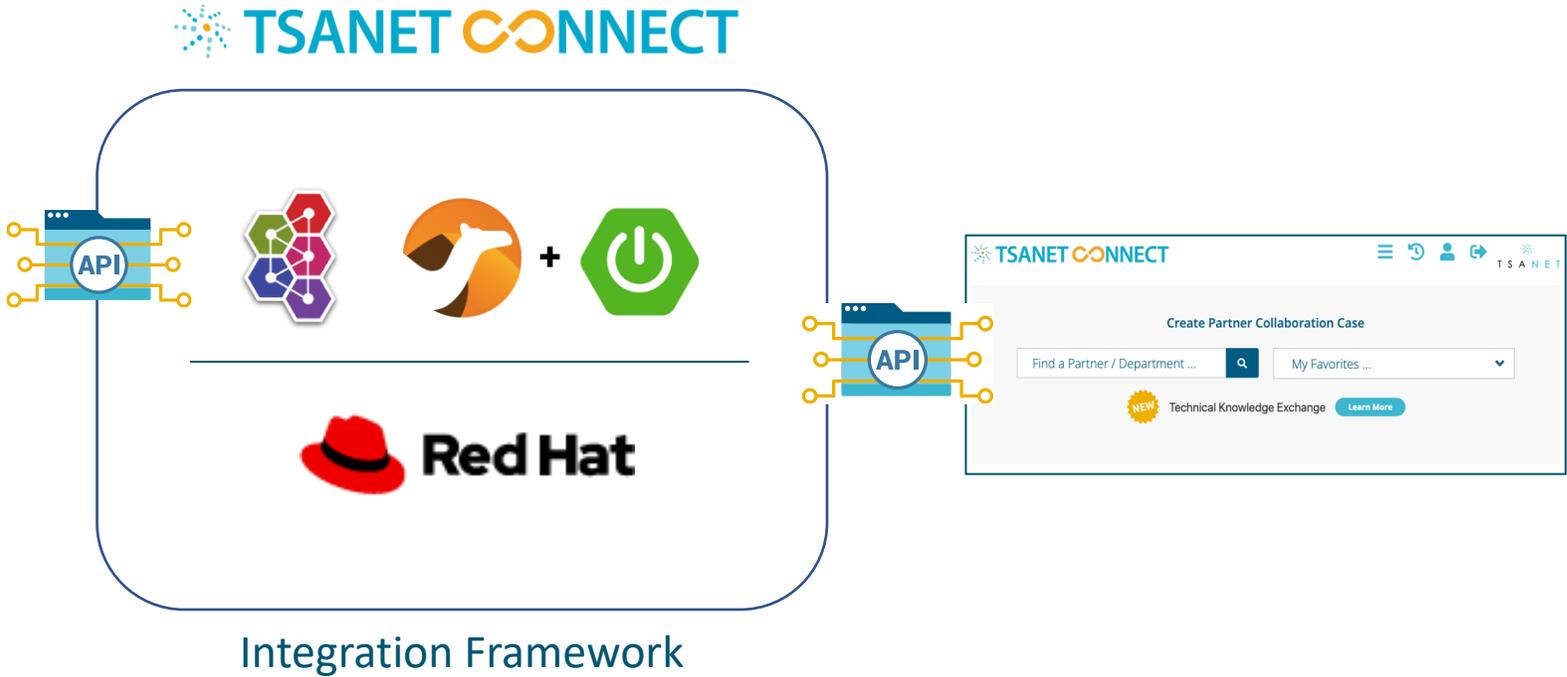
 

**Use Salesforce Packages**

1. Use TSANet and Member API
2. Use the TSANet APIs and documentation to build an App



# Create Partner Programs

- ❑ Establish a two-way collaborative mechanism with your partner network.
- ❑ Onboarding is done through an automated co-branded registration page. This process enables your partners to quickly join TSANet and connect with you.
- ❑ Create inbound processes unique to your Partners
- ❑ Select “Host Pay” or “Partner Pay” models



# Create Solution Support Models

- ❑ Use the proven TSANet Legal framework to define service agreements with your Partners
- ❑ Create processes with your Partners that support your defined Support Models
- ❑ Unique Process forms collect data needed for the inbound process of each Member supporting the solution
- ❑ Collaborate with confidence using the ISO 27001/27701 certified TSANet Connect System



# Success Manager

- ❑ Acts as the primary point of contact, ensuring a member's success on the TSANet platform
- ❑ Provides data-driven best practices
- ❑ Create Partner Programs & Solution Support Models
- ❑ Works with you to improve usage with training and awareness activities
- ❑ Networking with peers by encouraging participation in Regional Focus Groups

