

Module 2: Maintaining a Professional Demeanor

In this module, participants will learn how to maintain professionalism in their interactions and behavior, ensuring they leave a positive impression on clients and colleagues.

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Key Topics: Communication Skills

Email

Use a professional tone and clear language. Structure emails with a proper greeting, concise body, and polite closing. Example: Responding to a query about server performance updates.

Live Chat

Be prompt, polite, and clear. Avoid jargon unless necessary; explain technical terms when used. Example: Assisting a client in configuring their DNS settings via live chat.

Phone

Use a friendly yet professional tone. Actively listen to the caller's concerns and confirm understanding before responding. Example: Guiding a client through the process of resetting their client area account password.

In-Person

Maintain eye contact and use open body language. Show attentiveness and professionalism during discussions. Example: Welcoming a client to discuss a custom hosting solution.

Key Topics: Dressing Appropriately

Virtual Settings

Dress as you would for an in-person meeting (e.g., business casual). Ensure your background is clean and uncluttered. Test video and audio equipment beforehand to avoid technical issues.

In-Office Settings

Follow the company's dress code policy. Wear neat, clean, and appropriate attire that reflects professionalism. Example: Wearing a company-branded shirt when interacting with clients. E.g OLITT Shirt.



Key Topics: Maintaining Composure

- 1** Take a deep breath and focus on understanding the issue at hand.
Speak slowly and clearly, even if the other party is upset. Use phrases like, "I understand your concern," to validate the other person's feelings.
- 2** Break down the issue into manageable parts.
Prioritize urgent matters and communicate realistic timelines.

Why It Matters: Professionalism During Crises

Builds Trust and Credibility

Professionalism during crises builds trust and credibility. It prevents escalation of conflicts and fosters a problem-solving mindset.



Examples/Scenarios: Handling an Irate Customer

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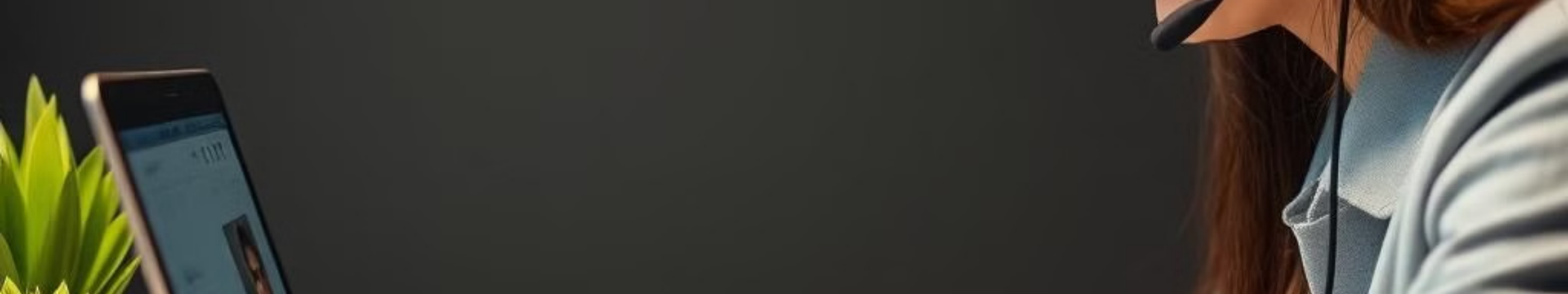
Situation

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Professional Response

Greet the client politely and acknowledge their frustration. Assure them that their issue is a priority and begin diagnosing the problem. Keep the client informed at every step of the resolution process.



Scenario 1: Handling an Irate Customer



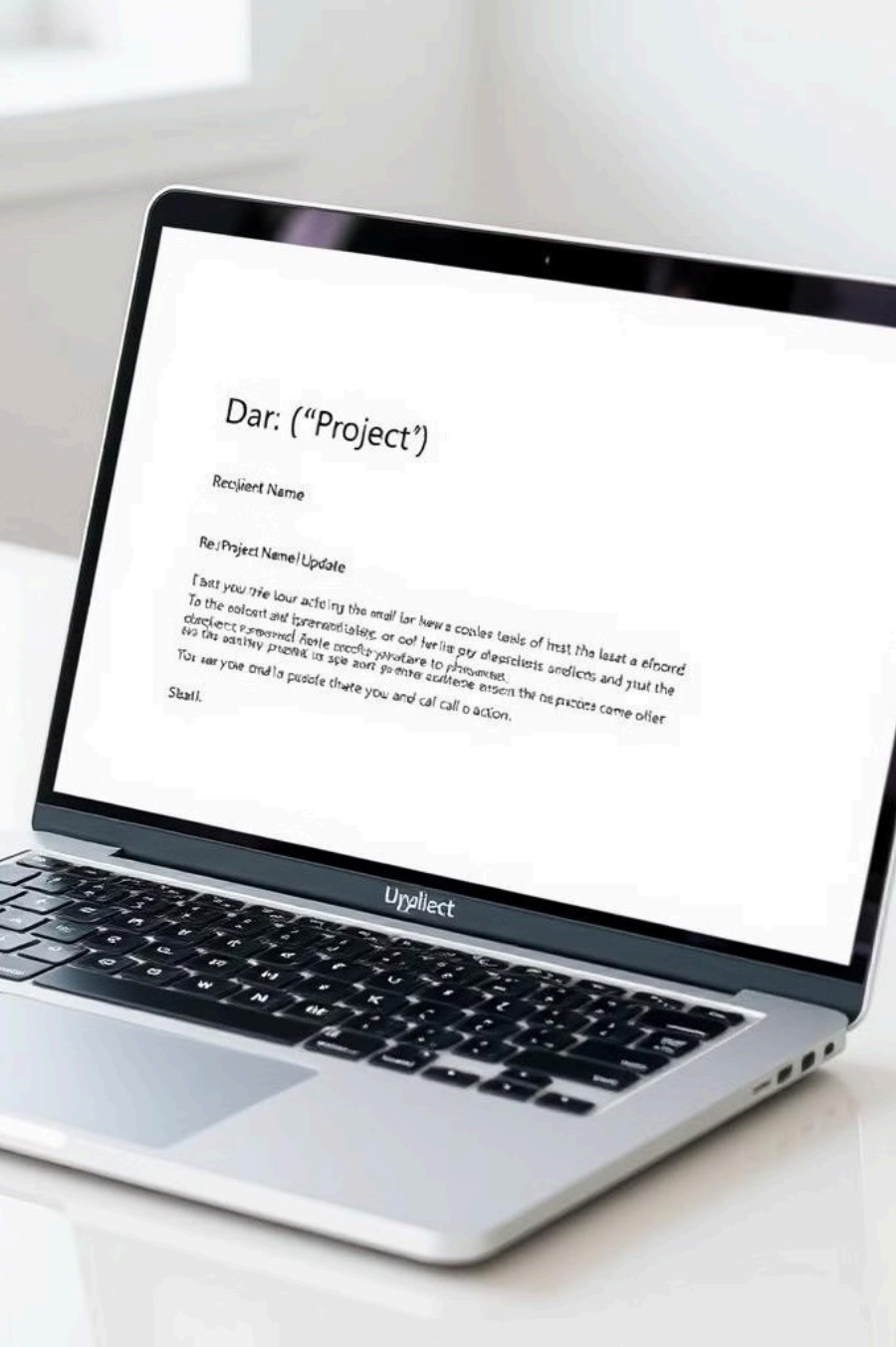
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Scenario 2: Responding to Emails



Email

A customer emails to complain about a delayed server migration affecting their operations.



Professional Response

Apologize for the delay and provide a clear explanation. Share an updated timeline and steps being taken to resolve the issue. Offer a gesture of goodwill, such as a free month of service, if appropriate.



Conclusion

By mastering these key topics, you will be equipped to maintain a professional demeanor in all interactions, fostering positive relationships with clients and colleagues.