## **Buyer's Journey**



BUYER STAGES	AWARENESS	CONSIDERATION	DECISION
User Behavior	Have realized and expressed symptoms of a potential prob- lem or opportunity	Have clearly defined and given a name to their problem or oppor- tunity	Have defined their solution strategy, method, or approach
Research & Info Needs	Research focused on vendor neutral 3rd party information around identifying problems or symptoms	Committed to researching and understanding all of the available approaches/methods to solving their defined problem or oppor- tunity	Researching supporting docu- mentation, data, benchmarks or endorsements to make or recom- mend a final decision
Content Types	Analyst reports Research reports eGuides & eBooks Editorial content Expert content White papers Educational content	<ul> <li>Comparison white papers Expert Guides Live interactions</li> <li>Webcase/podcast/video</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vendor comparisons</li> <li>Product comparisons</li> <li>Case Studies</li> <li>Trial Download</li> <li>Product Literature</li> <li>Live Demo</li> </ul>
Key Terms	Troubleshoot Upgrade Issue Improve Resolve Optimize Risks Prevent	Solution Tool Provider Device Service Software Supplier Appliance	Compare Pros and Cons Vs. Benchmarks versus Review comparison Test
Example	I have a sore throat, fever, and I'm achy all over. What's wrong with me?	Aha! I have strep throat. What are my options for relieving or curing my symptoms?	I can see a primary care physician, ER, nurse or clinic. The ER costs \$\$\$, but are the fastest & I have insurance.