IT-NAVIGATOR

Digital transformation and operational efficiency

Conversation report and proposals for the client

Romashka Ltd.

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1. Conversation breakdown

facts and parameters · section by e-Katerina

e-Katerina

DIGITAL ANALYST · EXTRACTS FACTS

I transcribed the conversation — 265 replies over 22:53 — and broke it down into facts: 12 client direct requests, 2 objections, 5 agreements on the next step. Below are the gist and the parameters; every conclusion of mine can be checked against a quote in the transcript.

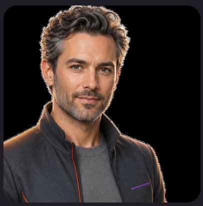
The gist of the conversation — e-Katerina's conclusion

The manager discusses digitalising the client's sales workflow. The client shows interest in solving capacity constraints and expanding the sales market through representatives. Client's industry: flour and food production.

Conversation parameters	
Date and time	2026-07-21, 18:24 MSK
Phone	+79646477752
Called party	Romashka Ltd.
Direction and duration	inbound, 22:53
Manager / deal stage	Igor Bankevich · Warm-up
Contact depth	A substantive conversation took place · spoke with: head of sales ««On one hand we are limited by our own capacity, that is, by the volume we can process in a period.»»

2. Moves: what to offer the client

proposals and the next step · section by e-Melya



e-Melya

DIGITAL ENGINEER · PROPOSES MOVES

I take Katerina's facts and play the game for us: I prepared 7 moves. The first ones are what the client asked for or hinted at with a refusal; another 3 are my signature ones — the kind nobody else will offer. Every move comes with evidence and a fit percentage against the client's words.

1. Raising production efficiency

90% · the client asked for it

Why we concluded this: Limited production capacity
«On one hand we are limited by our own capacity, that is, by the volume we can process in a period.»

Idea: Offer a process-automation solution that lifts the achievable output
Rationale: It would help the company raise its production capacity
Next step: A specification of the process-automation solution
Line to say: “We offer a system that lets you raise production capacity without expanding headcount”

2. Expanding the sales market

85% · the client asked for it

Why we concluded this: Restricted access to new clients
«On the other hand we look for new clients, but we're somewhat constrained: we don't look for them in the territories where we already work through representatives.»

Idea: Offer tools for expanding the sales market through the existing representatives
Rationale: It would help the company win new clients in regions where representatives already operate
Next step: A requirements questionnaire for the market-expansion setup
Line to say: “We can offer you tools to expand your sales market through your existing representatives”

3. Transparent solution pricing

55% · inferred from the conversation

Why we concluded this: Uncertainty about the cost
«Say, about the cost — can you tell me anything?»

Idea: Offer the client an itemised cost calculation of the proposed solution
Rationale: It would help the client understand what the rollout would cost
Next step: A cost calculation of the solution
Line to say: “We can provide you with an itemised cost calculation of our solution”

4. Moving into new sales channels

55% · inferred from the conversation

Why we concluded this: Export-market resistance
«Not in all regions. We do look for some new channels, beyond the country — export markets.»

Idea: Offer a strategy for entering new sales channels that helps overcome export-market resistance
Rationale: It would help the company find new paths to grow the business
Next step: A strategy for entering new sales channels
Line to say: “We can offer you a strategy for entering new sales channels that helps you overcome export-market resistance”
e-Melya's honest check: the wording is not quite precise — The wording “overcome export-market resistance” is unclear; it likely means “overcome trade barriers or restrictions”.

5. Localising production

45% · e-Melya's signature move

Why we concluded this: Export-market resistance
«export markets»

Idea: Offer production localisation using local resources and workforce
Rationale: It lets the company minimise the influence of external factors and focus on internal growth
Next step: Prepare a production-localisation plan and propose a meeting to discuss details
Line to say: “We propose localising production using local resources and workforce, which minimises the influence of external factors.”

6. Automation without extra headcount

40% · e-Melya's signature move

Why we concluded this: No, absolutely not, because either way that means more headcount, more risk
«No, absolutely not, because either way that means more headcount, more risk»

Idea: Offer process automation that requires no growth in staff numbers
Rationale: It lets the company raise productivity and efficiency without extra risk or payroll costs
Next step: Prepare a process-automation plan that requires no growth in staff numbers
Line to say: “We offer process automation that requires no growth in staff numbers — raising productivity and efficiency without extra risk.”

7. A personalised solution

40% · e-Melya's signature move

Why we concluded this: It's clearly universal — with respect to our sales it doesn't quite fit us
«it's a bit not quite — it's clearly universal, I mean with respect to our sales it doesn't quite fit us»

Idea: Offer a personalised solution that reflects the specifics of the client's business
Rationale: It gives the company a solution that precisely matches its needs and particularities
Next step: Prepare a personalised solution reflecting the specifics of the client's business
Line to say: “We offer a personalised solution built around the specifics of your business, so it precisely matches your needs.”

e-Melya's experimental mode · wild ideas (beta)

Here I deliberately took the brakes off — these ideas may be crazy, and I know it. But you are human: you might just see how to refine them or take them creatively. Don't take them seriously, don't rush to throw them away.

Э1. Flour from lunar soil — Explore using lunar regolith to produce a unique flour with unheard-of properties that attracts lovers of exclusive products.
the grain: Unique materials can lead to a product with unique characteristics.

Э2. Flour from the deep sea — Develop a technology for processing algae and other marine organisms into a new kind of flour for dietary nutrition.
the grain: Marine resources may open new possibilities in dietary nutrition.

Э3. Flour from solar energy — Use the energy of the sun to create a flour with higher nutritional value thanks to exposure to sunlight.
the grain: Solar energy might raise the nutritional value of the product.

Э4. Flour from time — Create a flour stored in special containers where time itself shapes its texture and taste, making it unique for every buyer.
the grain: Using time as an ingredient can create unique products.

Э5. Flour from emotions — Develop a flour produced only when the staff are in a positive mood, making it special and desirable to consumers.
the grain: Positive emotions might influence product quality.

Э6. Flour from starlight — Use the light of distant stars to create a flour with a unique composition and properties tied to cosmic phenomena.
the grain: Cosmic phenomena can create a product with unique properties.

Э7. Flour from thoughts — Create a flour produced strictly to the customer's thought, using thought-control technology to shape its composition.
the grain: Thought as a production factor can create a product reflecting individual preferences.

3. Conversation transcript

265 replies · the source of every quote above

e-Katerina

DIGITAL ANALYST · TRANSCRIPT

What follows is the verbatim record of the conversation I transcribed: 265 replies over 22:53. Let me repeat the key things — the client said: “On one hand we are limited by our own capacity, that is, by the volume we can process in a period.”; we agreed: “let's say the 30th”. The timecodes make it easy to find any spot in the recording.

0:06 Manager: Hello, this is Igor from IT-Navigator. Remember we spoke about digitalising your sales workflow?
0:13 Manager: Yes, I remember.
0:14 Manager: Is now a good time? You had a meeting earlier, I believe. Convenient?
0:21 Manager: Yes, it's fine.
0:22 Manager: I sent you some information
0:25 Manager: specifically about what
0:27 Manager: we need for a preliminary analysis
0:29 Manager: what is required from you
0:30 Manager: so that we can prepare a demo for you
0:32 Manager: so you can see how it works
0:34 Manager: shipments, sales, shortages
0:36 Manager: right
0:38 Manager: Have you had a look at the letter?
0:40 Client: Well, I've already read the letter
0:43 Client: Yes
0:44 Manager: So what do you say — could you
0:46 Manager: provide us with some information
0:48 Manager: so that we can prepare for you
0:49 Manager: an actual demo version
0:51 Manager: of the software, so you can see how it
0:53 Manager: works, how it forecasts
0:55 Manager: sales,
0:57 Manager: which
1:00 Manager: market
1:02 Manager: situations influence, so to speak,
1:03 Manager: the forecast and
1:08 Manager: other aspects.
1:09 Client: Right, if,
1:11 Client: well, just as an example,
1:14 Client: could we take, say,
1:17 Client: well,
1:18 Client: I think half a year won't show
1:21 Client: our full seasonality, we'd rather
1:23 Client: need to take a year, right? Yes,
1:25 Manager: at least a year is better, so that
1:27 Manager: the seasons repeat.
1:29 Manager: A year and a half is better, for example,
1:30 Manager: or two. You can
1:32 Manager: anonymise it, that's not a problem. You can
1:34 Manager: just do product one, two, three and
1:36 Manager: an understanding of the shipments, what
1:38 Manager: their shipments looked like.
1:40 Manager: You may also have a situation,
1:42 Manager: we'd also need to understand
1:44 Manager: how exactly your
1:46 Manager: sales department works.

1:48 Manager: On the inbound flow,
1:50 Manager: maybe you find the customers
1:52 Manager: yourselves, maybe,
1:53 Manager: well, that whole situation would also
1:56 Manager: be good to understand, then
1:57 Manager: the forecast will be cleaner.
2:03 Client: Say, about the
2:05 Client: cost — can you tell me anything?
2:09 Manager: No, right now we're talking about the free part.
2:11 Manager: That's because
2:13 Client: with what you sent me,
2:16 Client: and with my own
2:17 Client: comments, I go to senior
2:19 Client: management, I mean I'm not acting
2:22 Client: on my own behalf, right?
2:24 Manager: That's understandable,
2:25 Manager: yes, you have management who has to...
2:27 Client: When I go to management, besides what you're offering — fine, anonymised — I have to give them some information, I have to tell them roughly what we get as the output, and then the financials: what it costs, maybe depending on things, within a range, from and to.
2:51 Manager: Yes, depending on the amount of products you have, the number of clients, the base, the volume — for each product we have a different pricing tier, based on how many users will actually be using the product.
3:15 Manager: Three managers or ten — it all depends on many factors, on the headcount.
3:22 Manager: So first we'd like to make a demo, get on a video call, show how it works, what will be forecast.
3:30 Manager: And then we talk about the price.
3:32 Manager: Well yes, of course, because it all depends on many factors.
3:36 Manager: I believe Evgeny, I sent you our role map for all products, by manager roles.
3:47 Client: Yes, yes, yes. That's the presentation with a link somewhere, right?
3:55 Manager: Yes, where you can click, for example, on a role and go from there.
4:01 Manager: There's a description, say, of a head of sales — what losses there may be,
4:08 Manager: well, where the interest in services like ours comes from.
4:12 Manager: Which products can close those problems, let's say,
4:16 Manager: or improve efficiency.
4:19 Manager: And then
4:20 Manager: you can also click on each product.
4:23 Manager: At the end of the presentation, naturally,
4:24 Manager: for every product there is a full
4:26 Manager: description of what it is for
4:28 Manager: in general, how it works and
4:30 Manager: a small interface preview.
4:31 Client: I've read that map of yours,
4:34 Client: looked through it, I mean
4:36 Client: well, it's a bit not quite,
4:38 Client: let's say — it's clearly universal,
4:40 Client: I mean with respect to
4:44 Client: our sales it doesn't quite
4:46 Client: fit us.
4:48 Client: On one hand we are limited by our own capacity, that is, by the volume we can process in a period.
5:02 Client: On the other hand we look for new clients, but we're somewhat constrained: we don't look for them in the territories where we already work through representatives.
5:29 Client: That is, there are regions where we have representatives who built our brand there. And accordingly they promoted us there and keep promoting us.
5:46 Manager: Would you still want to reach that level on your own?
5:49 Client: No, absolutely not, because either way that means more headcount, more risk.
5:58 Client: I mean, when we work in another region through a representative, it's more convenient for us.
6:04 Manager: So at least for the tasks — you only need shipments handled, everything on time?
6:08 Client: Yes, we have to fulfil the orders to the maximum.
6:16 Client: And, let's say, without distortion — after all it's not quite an end product.
6:28 Client: Flour is more of a raw material, and that's why we're noticeably more expensive than our competitors.
6:39 Client: Well, of course, yes.
6:42 Client: They say ours isn't flour, it's a Mercedes, right?

6:46 Manager: That's not the point.
6:47 Manager: Still, it's a product that is always needed, it's essential.
6:51 Manager: What I'm saying is...
6:55 Manager: I wanted to ask then, to clarify — what exactly do you need to improve, since we're at it.
7:05 Manager: If you work with representatives, then de facto the sales function is theirs. Your production only mills the flour and ships it. Correct? Or does it not work like that in all regions?
7:26 Client: Not in all regions. We do look for some new channels, beyond the country — export markets. And we do it both directly and through intermediaries. Whichever is more convenient and interesting for us.
7:54 Client: In your previous product, what I wanted to get for myself was exactly the sales forecasting attempt, because we do monthly and yearly budgeting — I had to defend the budget at a meeting; that was the budget defence for the next month, for July we defended the budget.
8:32 Client: To plan the budget so that it is then executed to the maximum, yes — to guess both the price and the volume, in which month, in which directions.
8:59 Manager: Right. But that is exactly what you need then, of course. And I understand you don't use much automation, right? So you surely have... What do you use for forecasts? Just information, or news, or do you have some forecasting software? What exactly?
9:20 Client: No, there is no forecasting software. I was actually looking at the fact that many now partially offload this task to AI, and I'm thinking of learning it for myself — to understand how to use it, what I can do, how much it sharpens my forecasts.
9:51 Client: For now we use, like everyone: sales history plus some forecast of the probable harvest and some expert research, expert reports — what industry experts say.
10:13 Client: But they get it wrong sometimes too. Everyone seems to think it will go one way, and then it turns out otherwise. Especially since in a region it's one thing, across the country another, then broken down by classes — wheat by grades.
10:35 Client: And if only feed grain grew, there will be little of it, it will be hard to find, you'll have to pay more for it, and the cost of flour will follow.
10:51 Client: Well, those are the factors.
10:54 Manager: Well, exactly those factors can all be added into our forecast, specifying what depends on what,
11:02 Manager: and initially it can be set up, so to say, to your requirements.
11:08 Manager: That is, entering such-and-such data, such-and-such data.
11:11 Manager: Plus the information is taken from an export of your figures.
11:16 Manager: That would be, I assume, an export from your ERP, from the sales history.
11:22 Manager: And besides that, it will also work — how shall I put it —
11:29 Manager: you can change certain inputs.
11:32 Manager: There are scenarios: in a scenario you can change the planning parameters.
11:39 Manager: Demand growth, extra output — say you got a big new client, you increase by a few units a month.
11:47 Manager: A production shift — say some conveyor stopped, or, I don't know, the shop-floor manager responsible for everything is away,
11:59 Manager: and the process is slightly
12:01 Manager: rearranged because his deputy stands in.
12:04 Manager: Or, say, a delay
12:05 Manager: of raw material. Well, a raw-material
12:07 Manager: delay in your case is probably
12:09 Manager: unlikely, because you actually produce
12:11 Manager: the raw material. But—
12:14 Client: a change... We do have
12:15 Client: raw material, true. Wheat.
12:17 Manager: Well yes, right, exactly.
12:19 Manager: So, actually, yes. Then
12:21 Manager: this is really quite relevant.
12:24 Manager: Delivery delays, or something
12:25 Manager: else. Capacity limits, and so on —
12:27 Manager: I mean, these are just a few items from one sub-group of the scenarios where you can take part; and you can make changes on your own, and the scenario effect will immediately be written into the forecast: shortage, how much growth or decline, fulfilment — where the scenario had 100 per cent, after you change the parameters it becomes, say, 95.
12:55 Manager: you understand that if this broke, or that isn't working, or something arrived late,
13:02 Manager: you already see it for the next month or whatever period your forecasting runs on,
13:08 Manager: but mostly granular, naturally.
13:09 Manager: Well sure — the cost of every factor.

13:10 Manager: You already see the growth or the decline — all of these are very important parameters,
13:16 Manager: and it all likewise runs on AI, plus there is monitoring, so to speak, of the here-and-now information
13:25 Manager: on the market.
13:28 Manager: That is, all the factors are used.
13:30 Manager: You said it exactly right:
13:32 Manager: the future belongs to AI, and
13:34 Manager: actually all our products
13:36 Manager: forecast that way. All our
13:38 Manager: products are built on AI so that
13:40 Manager: the maximum set of
13:42 Manager: parameters is used
13:44 Manager: in the forecast.
13:48 Client: Well, I still have questions
13:50 Client: of this kind — for example,
13:58 Client: where would
13:59 Client: the AI know
14:03 Client: at what price competitors
14:05 Client: sell their product.
14:09 Manager: Well, regarding competitors,
14:11 Manager: if something
14:13 Manager: is publicly available,
14:15 Manager: or, for example, if something is provided —
14:18 Manager: for example, that
14:19 Manager: such-and-such product — well, in your case
14:21 Manager: you essentially have one product, right?
14:23 Client: Well, because in fact it turns out that
14:27 Client: the information
14:28 Client: is often closed,
14:29 Client: it's commercial, right?
14:31 Client: Yes, exactly.
14:32 Client: I mean, who sold to whom at what price.
14:38 Client: Several products — even though standardised.
14:41 Client: Take flour: there is flour where the spec grade doesn't fit those parameters, but still, one flour sells well for one buyer, another goes better for someone else — each flour is needed for different purposes, right?
15:11 Client: Well yes, yes.
15:12 Client: So again, one flour suits this well,
15:15 Client: another suits that.
15:17 Client: Exactly, yes.
15:18 Client: One is specialised for pasta production,
15:21 Client: and another for making pancakes, right?
15:25 Client: Baking and so on.
15:26 Manager: There is even flour used mostly for technical purposes.
15:30 Manager: Well, there are many variants, and that's exactly...
15:36 Manager: On the price — yes, I agree with you.
15:38 Manager: But on other indicators — on price I still need to talk to my technical specialists, because honestly I don't know; we did forecasts for milk, and there, I believe, competitor prices were taken into account.
16:02 Manager: I wasn't deep in it, because that was a colleague in the neighbouring team.
16:06 Client: That's interesting too — which price was used there, shelf price or what? What kind of price? Because retail sale is one thing, and selling to manufacturers is another, right?
16:22 Manager: Those are different, of course. First, everyone's cost base is different, 100 per cent different. Some pay higher salaries; some have equipment so robotised that it's more expensive.
16:42 Manager: The product cost comes from new materials, new belts, those robots with sensors, an A+ warehouse, and so on.
16:51 Client: Although in fact, with rising output the turnover should...
16:58 Manager: The unit cost should fall, yes.
17:00 Manager: The unit cost should fall if sales go up, revenue is higher, yes.
17:05 Manager: Well — there are many factors, so I think, Evgeny, if
17:11 Manager: you could give me at least a little information —
17:14 Manager: I wrote it all to you in the letter —
17:16 Manager: just so I can prepare the demo tailored to your company,

17:19 Manager: and if we also got on a video call, talked it through,
17:23 Manager: you would see how it all works, what can be planned and forecast,
17:27 Manager: what can be changed in those planning parameters, and you would understand how useful it would be for you.
17:33 Manager: All of this is completely free.
17:36 Manager: I'll prepare the demo for you free of charge as well.
17:39 Manager: Then we'll think together, you'll understand roughly what you need,
17:44 Manager: then we'll put together a commercial proposal, you'll discuss it with your management
17:48 Manager: and decide about the rollout.
17:52 Client: Well, let me talk to management first — you know, that conversation will happen literally within a week, I'll just get their preliminary yes or no. So let's say the 30th.
18:23 Manager: You know what else I thought? I may be hearing some concern on your side about having to share information. We can do it without it. I can show you the demo based on another company's data.
18:43 Client: Without our data. What would interest me, for example, is to take the current period and compare it with the actuals, right? Against what I forecast, and against what the system forecasts.
19:08 Client: Yes, yes, yes.
19:11 Client: At least that.
19:13 Manager: That works, I agree. Then the numbers will be real.
19:17 Manager: An understanding based on your own view.
19:17 Client: Then it's clear whether it works or not, how much it errs — or how much I err, right?
19:25 Client: Exactly, yes.
19:27 Manager: Well, you may not be erring — you may simply not know many factors that will go into our software.
19:32 Client: Well, that's still — sure, many factors.
19:34 Client: That is, I analyse one set of factors, and the system analyses...
19:38 Manager: The software analyses far more.
19:40 Client: Different ones, or far more, yes?
19:42 Client: Well, that's exactly what's interesting to see — how much more accurate the forecast gets with software methods.
19:51 Manager: Well yes. Then let me also remind you that we can easily sign an NDA.
19:59 Manager: From our side it matters because our product is unique,
20:03 Manager: we wouldn't want it spreading.
20:05 Manager: And from your side too — if you do provide information
20:09 Manager: and have any concerns, no problem at all.
20:14 Manager: We have our own confidentiality policy,
20:17 Manager: we can send the NDA, sign it,
20:19 Manager: and after that the data,
20:22 Manager: the demo and the conversation
20:24 Manager: with you and, say, with another
20:26 Manager: of your executives
20:28 Manager: who is competent
20:29 Manager: and interested in improving
20:32 Manager: the forecast and, naturally, the sales.
20:34 Client: Well, I'm trying — so far
20:38 Client: I've been feeding it to him
20:39 Client: from a distance, bit by bit:
20:41 Client: a link from here,
20:43 Client: a link from there, so that...
20:45 Manager: I can send you our NDA so you can look through it.
20:47 Manager: Everything in it is plainly simple: only the parties are named, the key clauses are listed — have a look, at least pass it to your lawyers, and that's it.
20:57 Manager: And if there's agreement, sign right away.
21:00 Client: Let's try. The only thing is, I think we'll really get down to this properly in September, probably.
21:11 Manager: Yes, no problem — better to prepare in advance than to lie waiting later: approvals, one thing, another, a fifth, a tenth.
21:19 Manager: Rollout also takes time, and your window can run away.
21:26 Manager: Then there'd be no point rushing.
21:32 Client: Let's do it — I mean, the template.
21:35 Manager: I'll then send you the draft template, so you have it as well,
21:39 Manager: in case of the conversation with management, so they see that we also provide this,
21:44 Manager: we sign it, and that's it — neither side discloses the other's information.

21:50 Client: Good. And will I be able to go through the details with you then?
22:01 Manager: Yes, fine, fine, Evgeny. So, the 30th — let me check. That's a Tuesday for us. Well, until about 12 our time I'm probably busy. Around 12:30 or 1. Would that work? That's Moscow time I'm quoting, excuse me, for you there.
22:21 Client: That's the same time as ours now?
22:25 Manager: Well yes, exactly. It's the time it is now.
22:29 Manager: So that time works, yes?
22:33 Manager: Right, I'm putting a note in for around 12–12:30 on the 30th.
22:37 Manager: And today I'll try, in the evening, to ask my assistants to send you this information by email.
22:43 Manager: Good.
22:44 Manager: That's the idea.
22:45 Manager: All right.
22:46 Manager: That's settled then, Evgeny.
22:48 Manager: Stay in touch. Have a great week. Goodbye.

4. Next steps

agreements from the conversation · recorded by e-Katerina

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DIGITAL ANALYST · AGREEMENTS

I wrote out the agreements from this conversation separately — who promised what and by when. 5 in total. This is what you can move the deal on today.

Agreement	Owner	Deadline	Time
let's say the 30th	not assigned	on the 30th	17:52
I'll then send you the draft template, so you have it as well, in case of the conversation with management — we sign it and neither side discloses the other's information.	not assigned	—	21:35
Good. And will I be able to go through the details with you then?	not assigned	—	21:50
Yes, fine, Evgeny. The 30th — that's a Tuesday. Until about 12 our time I'm busy; around 12:30 or 1. Would that work? That's Moscow time.	not assigned	—	22:01
Right, I'm putting a note in for around 12–12:30 on the 30th. And today I'll try to ask my assistants to send you this information by email.	not assigned	—	22:33

Please note: there are agreements without an owner — such steps get lost most often. Assign an owner in the cockpit with the “to task” button.