

## Profiling the state of the channel for these sellers

- Instrument: Self-selecting web-based survey fielded to the channel.
- 30 questions

Total $\mathrm{n}=139$ BTA respondents of 179 for this presentation Sample represents an estimated/projected 400+ locations

- Thanks to all who took the time to take the survey!


## Part 1 - The Basic Stats

- Verticals dealers sell to
- Clicks: color and monochrome
- Major issues in order of importance to your customers
- Products dealers want to add
- Renewals
- Most important business concerns
- Software carried
- Are you planning to sell your business?





| For which of the following verticals does your company typically sell products? |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vertical Industries |  |
| Legal Services | 85\% |
| Nonprofit/religious organizations | 81\% |
| Healthcare | 79\% |
| Education ( $\mathrm{K}-12$ ) | 75\% |
| Finance and banking | 74\% |
| Manufacturing | 74\% |
| Government | 62\% |
| Education (higher education) | 57\% |
| Retail or wholesale | 54\% |
| Transportation | 44\% |
| Communications, media and entertainment | 43\% |
| Utilities | 36\% |
| Oil and gas | 24\% |



## Rank the following six issues in order of importance to your customers/prospects

| Issue | Rank | 6=most important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reducing print costs | 4.07 |  |
| Scanning/digitizing documents | 4.04 |  |
| Highly secure printers/copiers | 3.34 |  |
| Network security/hacking | 3.29 | Tier 2 |
| Integration of printers/copiers with software | 3.24 |  |
| applications |  |  |
| Simplifying document/process workflow | 3.02 |  |
| n=136 |  |  |



In the next 12 to 18 months, what are your three most important business concerns? (choose exactly three)



## What did we learn?

- Survey data suggests that mono click erosion may be leveling off
- Survey data suggests that color click growth continues - albeit at a lower growth rate
- Renewal rates appear steady overall
- "Reducing print costs" and "scanning/digitizing documents" dominate dealer rankings of important customer issues
- Dealer concerns are led by increasing sales/business growth (so what's new?) and declining prices/margins on hardware and CPPs (ditto)
- Significant dealer interest in adding production print capability
- Despite the acquisition feeding frenzy, most dealers are not planning to sell their business



## Smith's vs. Bob's Copiers



Business is good. Bob thinks he is gaining market share against Smith's


Business is "challenging." Smith has been losing accounts to Bob's

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## Differences in Vertical Industry Click Performance

| $\mathrm{n}=136$ | Bobls Copiers |  | Dealers Increasing Mono Clicks | Dealers Decreasing Mono Clicks |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rank | Vertical | \% Selling | Rank | Vertical | \% Selling |
|  | 1 | Education (K-12) | 77\% | 1 | Legal Services | 92\% |
|  | 2 | Legal Services | 77\% | 2 | Nonprofit/relig | 83\% |
|  | 3 | Nonprofit/relig | 77\% | 3 | Manufacturing | 81\% |
|  | 4 | Finance \& banking | 71\% | 4 | Education (K-12) | 78\% |
|  | 5 | Edu (higher ed) | 69\% | 5 | Healthcare | 78\% |
|  | 6 | Government | 69\% | 6 | Finance \& banking | 71\% |
|  | 7 | Healthcare | 66\% | 7 | Retail-wholesale | 58\% |
|  | 8 | Manufacturing | 63\% | 8 | Edu (higher ed) | 56\% |
|  | 9 | Retail-wholesale | 46\% | 9 | Government | 54\% |
|  | 10 | Transport | 43\% | 10 | Transport | 44\% |
|  | 11 | Comm/media | 40\% | 11 | Comm/media | 39\% |
|  | 12 | Utilities | 31\% | 12 | Utilities | 37\% |
|  | 13 | Oil and gas | 29\% | 13 | Oil and gas | 19\% |


| For which of the following verticals does your company typically sell products? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vertical | Bob's Copiers $\square$ | Omith's Copiers $\square$ |
|  | Communications, media and entertainment | 45\% | 36\% |
|  | Education (K-12) | 77\% | 93\% |
|  | Education (higher education) | 60\% | 64\% |
|  | Finance and banking | 74\% | 71\% |
|  | Healthcare | 81\% | 71\% |
|  | Government | 62\% | 57\% |
|  | Legal Services | 86\% | 79\% |
|  | Manufacturing | 76\% | 79\% |
|  | Nonprofit/religious organizations | 88\% | 71\% |
|  | Oil and gas | 25\% | 14\% |
|  | Retail or wholesale | 53\% | 57\% |
|  | Transportation | 42\% | 43\% |
| $\mathrm{n}=136$ | Utilities | 38\% | 36\% |

## What did we learn?

- Dealers reporting increasing mono clicks more heavily targeted Higher Ed, Government, and Oil/Gas verticals
- Dealers reporting decreasing mono clicks more heavily targeted Legal Services, Nonprofit/Religious, Manufacturing, and Healthcare
- Dealers reporting increasing color clicks more heavily targeted Nonprofit/Religious organizations, Legal, Healthcare, and Communications/Media
- Industry targeting must recognize that each industry is in different stages of evolution for color vs. monochrome clicks
- We suggest comparing these statistics to your own dealership's performance


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## The connection between renewal rates and performance metrics




## Renewals and click performance

- The mono click decline for the full sample averaged: - 4.9\%
- Mono click decline of dealers with declining renewal rates: -9.5\%
- The color click decline for the full sample averaged - 5.4\%
- Color click decline of dealers with declining renewal rates: $-9.5 \%$
- For dealers reporting an increase in mono clicks, the full survey average increase was 7.4\%
- For dealers reporting an increase in mono clicks and an increasing renewal rate, the average increase was 10.5\%
- Renewal rate for dealers whose mono clicks went up -91.3\%
- Renewal rate for dealers whose mono clicks went down - 88.6\%
- Renewal rate for dealers whose color clicks went up $-90.6 \%$
- Renewal rate for dealers whose color clicks went down - 84.9\%

For which of the following verticals does your company typically sell products?

|  | Vertical | Renewals UP | Renewals Down |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Communications, media and entertainment | 33\% | 43\% |
|  | Education (K-12) | 80\% | 57\% |
|  | Education (higher education) | 53\% | 29\% |
|  | Finance and banking | 80\% | 71\% |
|  | Healthcare | 80\% | 71\% |
|  | Government | 53\% | 43\% |
|  | Legal Services | 80\% | 71\% |
|  | Manufacturing | -60\% | 64\% |
|  | Nonprofit/religious organizations | -73\% | 79\% |
|  | Oil and gas | 27\% | 7\% |
|  | Retail or wholesale | 53\% | 50\% |
|  | Transportation | 33\% | 36\% |
|  | Utilities | 47\% | 14\% |
| $\mathrm{n}=136$ | Communications, media and entertainment | 33\% | 43\% |



## What did we learn?

- Renewal rates seem to follow the "increasing/declining click rule" - if clicks are increasing, renewals rates are up or staying the same
- For color clicks, this connection is even more pronounced
- Dealers with increasing vs. decreasing renewal rates exhibit differences in the vertical industries they focus on or sell to
- Dealers with increasing vs. decreasing renewal rates exhibit large differences in their most important business concerns
- The magnitude of click growth or decline is linked to corresponding increases or declines in renewal rates
- The results suggest attitudinal differences in dealer perceptions
- We suggest comparing these statistics to your own dealership's performance


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# Differences in perceptions of what is important to their customers 

## Rank the following six issues in order of importance to your customers/prospects

| Issue | Renewals Went Up | Renewals Went Down |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scanning/digitizing documents | 4.47 | 4.07 |
| Highly secure printers/copiers | 3.93 | 3.36 |
| Reducing print costs | 3.87 | 4.29 |
| Network security/hacking | 3.6 | 2.86 |
| Integration of printers/copiers with software applications | 2.67 | 3 |
| Simplifying document/process workflow | 2.47 | 3.43 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{n}=136$ |


| Are you seeking to add to the following product |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| categories? |  |  |  |
| tem | \% | Type | - 6 of the top 10 "to |
| Scanning/capture document mgmt. software | 45\% | software | add" products are |
| Managed print solutions | 44\% | software | software |
| Network security applications | 44\% | software | - 2 of the top tier "to |
| Production print | 42\% | hardware | add" products |
| Network management, monitoring apps | 40\% | software | address network |
| Cloud storage | 39\% | software | management or |
| A4 printer/MFP hardware | 38\% | hardware |  |
| Scanning/archiving digital capture hardware | 37\% | hardware | - "Production print" is |
| Backup/disaster recovery (BDR) | 35\% | hdw/softw | the highest rated |
| ECM/workflow automation | 34\% | software | int hardware item |
| Label printers | 31\% | hardware |  |
| A3 printer/MFP hardware | 24\% | hardware | rated surprisingly |
| Non-OEM toner, drum, ink, ribbons supplies | 23\% | supplies | high |
| ERP software | 10\% | software |  |



## Are you seeking to add to the following product categories?

|  | Item | Sell biz - Yes | Sell biz - No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A3 printer/MFP hardware | 58\% | 22\% |
|  | A4 printer/MFP hardware | 67\% | 35\% |
|  | Scanning/archiving digital capture hardware | 58\% | 30\% |
|  | Scanning/capture document management software | 58\% | 43\% |
|  | Managed print solutions | 42\% | 45\% |
|  | Non-OEM toner, drum, ink, ribbons supplies | 17\% | 18\% |
|  | ECM/workflow automation | 50\% | 32\% |
|  | Production print | 50\% | 38\% |
|  | Label printers | 50\% | 30\% |
|  | ERP software | 8\% | 13\% |
|  | Cloud storage | 42\% | 33\% |
|  | Network security applications | 42\% | 43\% |
|  | Backup/disaster recovery (BDR) | 42\% | 30\% |
| $\mathrm{n}=111$ | Network management/monitoring applications | 58\% | 33\% |

## Dealers perceptions of client needs vary greatly

- Dealers emphasizing overall network and printer/MFP security issues and scanning/digitizing enjoy increasing renewal rates compared to those that emphasize print costs/CPPs or document/process workflow.
- Scanning/digitizing applications and hardware and network/security related applications top the products dealers with increasing renewals plan to add huge differences in plan to add between dealers with increasing renewal rates vs. those exhibiting declining renewals.
- Huge differences in adding new products between dealers planning to sell the business vs. those not planning to sell.
- Dealers with increasing renewals don't want more print/MFPs - but do want cloud, network security and backup/disaster recovery (BDR) solutions/apps (nonprint capabilities/offerings)


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# Differences in how offering software affects key metrics 

## Observations of dealers offering software

- Of the $71 \%$ (98) that do offer software applications:
- $34 \%$ were classified as "very involved," offering 3 or more applications
- Of the dealers "very involved" in offering software:
- 11 carry 3 software applications
- 8 carry 4 or 5 software applications
- 1 carries 6 software applications
- 3 carry 7 software applications
- 1 carries 8 and 1 carries 9 software applications
- the average carried 4.7 applications
- $29 \%$ of dealers say they don't offer software/solutions - why not?


## Click performance is linked to software

The average rate of mono click decline for the full sample was 4.9\%

- For dealers reporting declining mono click rates - but who offer multiple software/solutions applications - the decline was 3.75\%

The average rate of color click increase for the full sample was $9 \%$

- For dealers reporting increasing color click rates - but who offer multiple software/solutions apps - the increase was $10.2 \%$
- Dealers in the full sample reported an average renewal rate of $93 \%$
- The renewal rate for dealers not offering software/solution applications was 85.2\%



## In the past year, what percentage of your company's

 revenues were derived from? (total must add up to 100\%)| Revenue Source | All BTA | Color Click <br> Declining | Color Click <br> Increasing | Multiple <br> Software <br> Titles Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Printer/MFP/copier hardware and associated <br> service and supplies | 76.4 | 64.9 | 79.36 | 75.91 |
| Applications software and solutions and associated <br> support/service | 7.0 | 9.0 | 6.30 | 8.31 |
| Consulting and workflow/process design and <br> development | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.21 | 3.22 |
| Image/document capture scanning services | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.04 | 3.16 |
| Leasing/financing revenue | 7.1 | 10.3 | 6.56 | 6.27 |
| Other | 4.5 | 10.3 | 3.53 | 3.97 |

The impact that losing valuable clicks or carrying software can have on basic dealer financial metrics

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## Selling your business?



Are you planning to sell your business in the next three to five years?


Dealers not offering software more likely to consider a buyout offer; dealers offering software much less likely to sell
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## Are you planning to sell your business in the next three to five years?

| Concern | All BTA | Sell biz - Yes Sell biz - No |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Declining prices and margins on hardware and CPPs | $57 \%$ | $67 \%$ |  |
| Increasing sales/business growth | $70 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| Managing the business during major industry changes | $17 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| and/or growth | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Competition from large dealer groups | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Competition from OEM direct sales | $39 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Staffing/hiring/training challenges | $26 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Declining clicks/page volumes | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Competition from MPS/IT providers | $34 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Expanding into managed IT/network services | $11 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Customers migrating to paperless processes | $5 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Shift to A4/away from A3 |  |  | $7 \%$ |

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## General Takeaways

- A clear and compelling linkage is evident among dealers offering software/solutions and improved business operating metrics including renewals and clicks, and interest in selling the business
- Conversely, dealers not offering software/solutions exhibit weak and/or declining business operating metrics
- Declining clicks and margins look to be the primary motivators for a dealer having plans to sell the business
- A significant cohort of dealers exhibiting poor business metrics appear largely uninterested in changing/expanding their offerings
- Dealers that are unwilling to change/evolve their offerings appear to be traveling a slow road to extinction


