

# Critical Success Factors for Managed Services in Your Dealership

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### Managed Network Services

- Operational support of network systems and technologies using remote capabilities...delivered in the appropriate way via:
  - Remote Monitoring
  - System Management
  - Remote Remediation
  - End User Help Desk
  - On-site Service (as required)
- A better way to manage your current IT environment <u>and</u> prepare for the future of Information Technology...the Cloud!



# Technology Trends

- ▶ The 80's was the decade of the PC...
- ... the 90's was all about the internet...
- ▶ The 00's were dominated by eCommerce & Social Media...
- ...and the 10's and beyond...will be all about the Cloud!









# Technology Planning For Your Customer



- Business Owners and SMB executives have heard about the cloud market:
  - Likely use these technologies as consumers
  - Seeking to understand how this new paradigm fits for their businesses today...and in the future
  - Most businesses do not have a plan for this technology direction, they just know that they should be doing something

For most executives, the execution steps (and options) are not

clear



# Technology Planning = Enhancing Value



- Moving from Customer Service to Program Management
  - Increasingly we are selling "Programs"
  - Based on managing data and Key
     Performance Indicators (KPI's) over time
  - Generate off-cycle opportunities based on changes within the environment ...and/or in what we offer
  - Provides clarity to a picture that is, well, cloudy today





## 4 Areas to discuss today...

- Technology Oriented Service Provider
- Providing Technology-as-a-Service
- A Repeatable Sales Process
- Deal Examples



### Becoming a Technology Oriented Service Provider



- Developing a Centralized Delivery Model (Customer-facing Help Desk), with <u>technology specialists</u>, <u>real-time information</u>, and <u>automation</u>, the cost of maintenance goes down and the system performance improves.
- Today's technology allows us to:
  - Connect into customers systems
  - Diagnose and repair software, connectivity, and communications issues as if we were there
  - Resolve issues in minutes, not hours (or days)
  - Gather multiple points of key data about the office environment



# Connectivity Help Desk

### Convert one time install fee to renewable service and support offering. Benefits include:

- 4x revenue (assuming 48 month lease term)
- Begin setting expectation of "chargeability"
- Develop Remote Services relationship with customer
- Drive costs out of traditional service operation





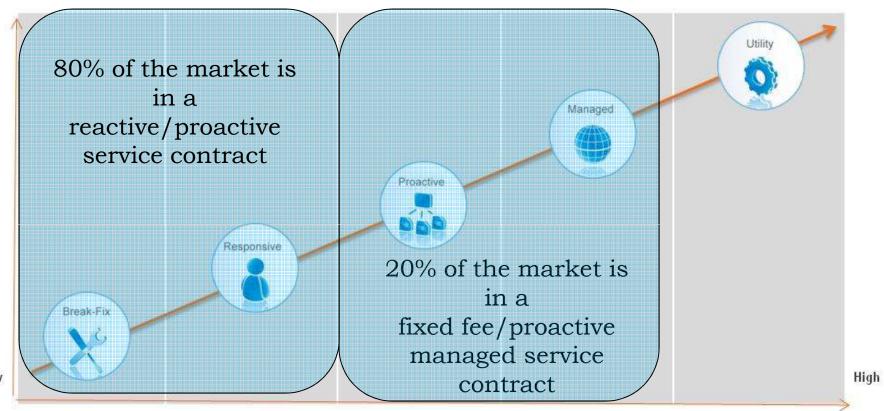
# Why is this important?

- As our product and service mix continues to evolve from MFP, to MPS, to additional Managed Services:
  - The solutions we provide are taking on a more "mission critical" nature
  - As MPS programs bring more print only devices and we see more remote/"Cloud" products and services, the increasing percentage of service incidents will be connectivity and software and related
  - Call avoidance saves money. The cost to "roll a truck" is computed in the industry to be around \$60/incident.
  - The Help Desk becomes a knowledge hub via data collection that can be leveraged to grow accounts
  - Customers are looking for partners that can do more





### Market Evolution



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### IT Services Market

#### Vintage Solution Providers

This segment of today's solution provider channel, (18% of resellers) is based on the traditional solution provider model in which the company makes money by integrating in selling hardware software and services. These companies also generate little to no recurring revenue.

#### Progressive Solution Providers

This segment of the IT channel, at **62% of resellers**, is making the business transformation to recurring revenue. Progressive solution providers are selling on premise solutions and off premise solutions across the IT delivery continuum. These companies may have added a managed services practice in prior years. They are now responding to growing preferences from customers and <u>are making the transition (sometimes slowly and sometimes more rapidly) to add a cloud delivery model to their business.</u>

#### Transformative Solution Providers

This model of solution provider business, at **20% of resellers**, is based largely on recurring revenue generated from off premise services. These companies have either made the business transformation already or are "born on the web". They have a history so far being nimble and evolving business to meet customer needs.



# Technology-as-a-Service

- For our channel it means providing *more things technology* to include equipment (managed) and services (delivered by the dealer and/or partnered providers) and is characterized by:
  - Expansion of the relationship beyond traditional products and services
  - Utilization of a monthly payment as the selling point

Locking out competitors through a broader range of offerings



# Technology Roadmap

- Primary sections should include the following items:
  - Current industry trends and business goals of the client
  - Operational Review over the current period
  - Current state of the environment relative to the Roadmap
  - Upcoming client goals/initiatives
  - Mutual Action Plan for the upcoming period(s)
- Leveraged to administer the program and position the ongoing maintenance and expansion of the account





### The vCIO

- The vCIO role is the key role to the success of the program
  - Pre-Sales Support
  - Post-Sales Administration and On-going Account Development
  - Becomes the CIO SMB's want...and need!

#### Characteristics:

- ▶ A Energized by technology
- S Able to describe technical subject matter to a business level audience (verbal and writing skills)
- K Demonstrated knowledge of networking (hands on and planning level)





### Sales Process Best Practices

- This is a business decision, not an IT sale
  Head to the conference room, not the server
  closet
- Dedicated Roles for Sales and vCIO
  Entry costs can be low, make investments here
- The Target market is 10-100 users, 20-50 being the "sweet spot"

Don't waste time in >10 user environments

- Integrate this into the core business ASAP Compensation, Account Reviews, and TaaS programs
- Technology Planning is a key Program differentiator



## Sales Process Phases & Steps

#### Inform & Educate

### Discover & Validate

### Plan & Implement

#### Actions:

- Determine Business
   Goals, Company
   Direction, and whether
   Active or Latent
   Buyers
- Provide GeneralAwareness of Program/ Cloud
- Determine how decision will be made

#### • Goals:

- Mutually determine the opportunity and lead the next steps
- Don't go into "solve mode"

#### Actions:

- Gain understanding of key Interest & Pain Points
- Position and introduce the vCIO and role
- Obtain necessary information to create proposal – not before!

#### Goals:

- Establish an Interactive Cycle
- Agree to Pain Points
- Mutually commit to next steps

#### • Actions:

- Proposal creation & delivery
- Identify & overcome objections & stalls
- Close deal and begin on-boarding

#### • Goals:

- Proposal that can be tied to Interest & Pain Points
- Ability to counter
  Objections & Stalls by
  aligning to Business
  Goals
- Close the deal!



### Common Pain Points

#### Frustration

- System Performance & Downtime
- Existing 3<sup>rd</sup> party performance
- Being "held hostage" by IT

### Fear & Uncertainty

- Is my network really safe and secure?
- Reliable Backup / Disaster Recovery
- Keeping up with Technology / Technology Planning

### Financial Concerns

- How can I be more cost efficient in managing IT?
- Tendency towards planned, fixed costs.
- How can I get what I need, when I need it?



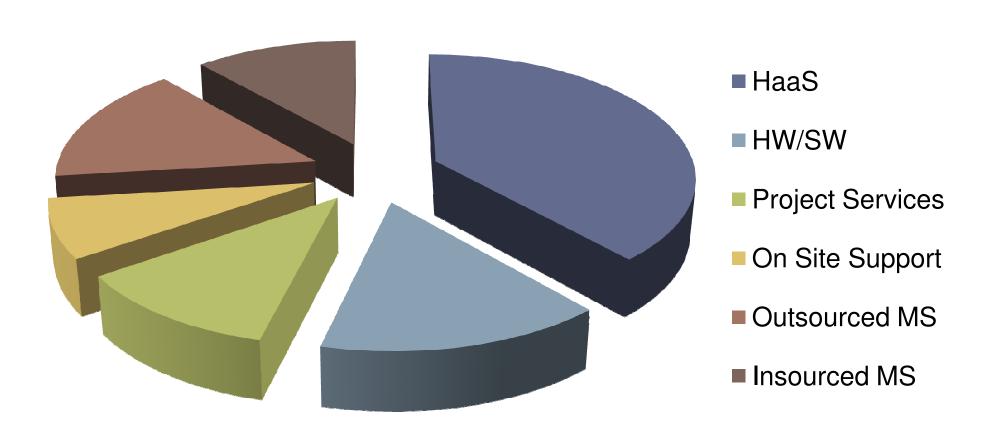
# Why are customers buying?

- Improvement in support
- Improvement in performance / capabilities
- Access to vCIO & Technology Planning
- Lower price



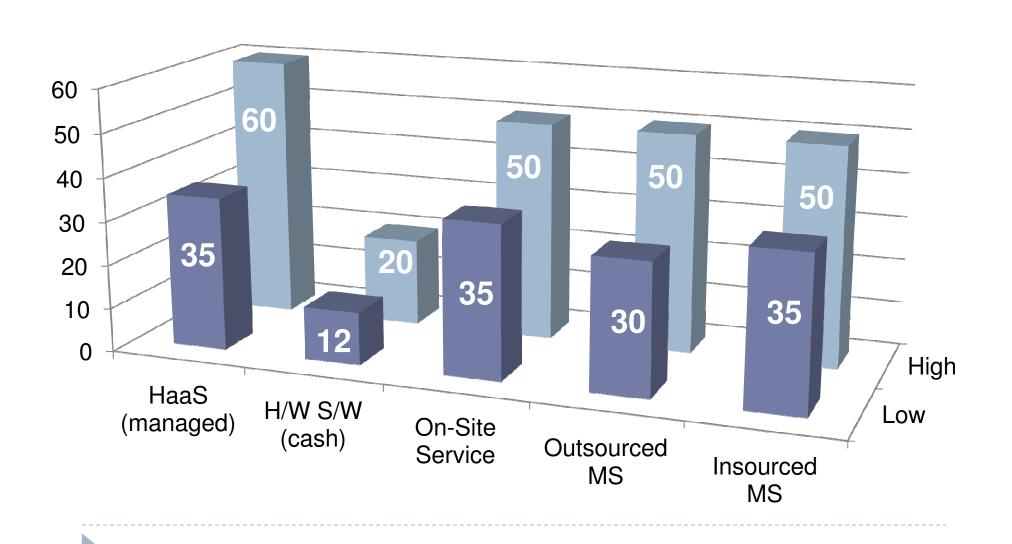


# Target Revenue Mix?





# Target Margin %





### Deal Overview...Dental Lab

- > The lab had 20 employees, 7 workstations, a peerto-peer network, and a remote lab with 2 additional employees
- The lab had business goals of increasing efficiency and had purchased an ERP upgrade to make their manual paperwork processes faster and easier...
- > ...but could not implement due to the poor state of their network and technology.

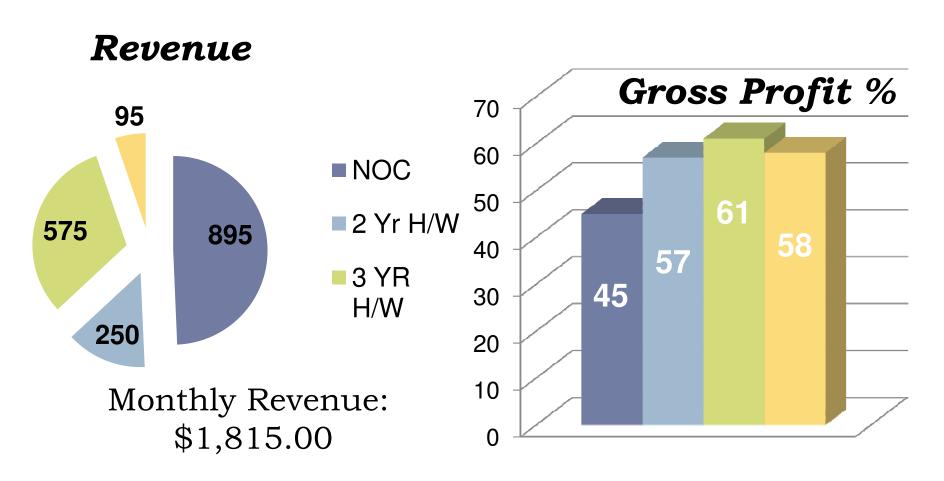


### The Result

- Dealer established the network and a remote VPN as an initial project...
- ...they then provided a server with two gateway/firewall boxes, remote backup, and 9 touchscreen all-in-ones...
- ...and included the existing remaining workstations, all under a 60-month managed program.



## Monthly Revenue and GP



Gross Profit: \$980/Mo. (54% blended GP%)



# ...but wait, there's more!

- The existing workstations will be replaced in a staggered implementation over time.
- The dealer will also be picking up a competitive copier lease.
- The lab is moving and the dealer will be charging for the move to a new building.
- And when they get there, they have the potential to pick up Carrier Services and the phone system!

# Another one...Engineering Firm (It doesn't always happen at once)



### **Overview**

- The firm had workers at the headquarters location, and 5 remote jobsites
- They had older technology, that included 21 workstations, 3 servers, and a firewall.



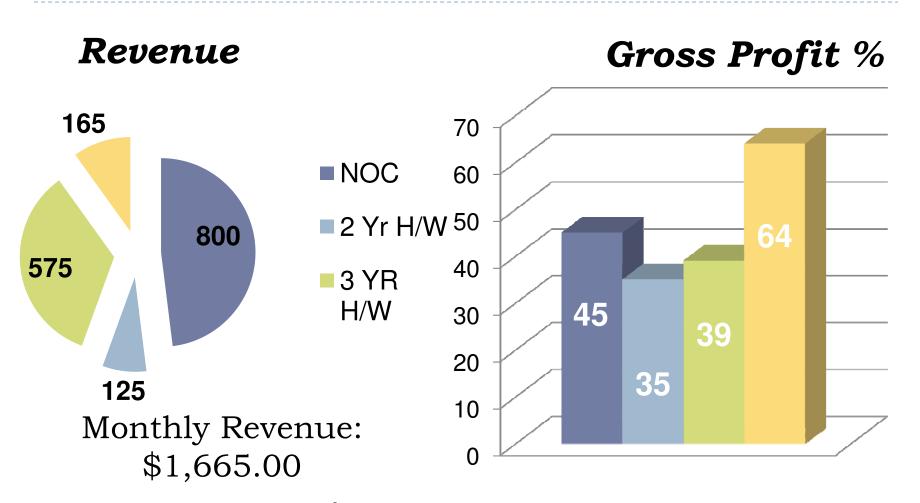
### The Result ... so far

- April, 2011: Dealer established a service agreement for N/W monitoring
  - \$800/month
- June, 2011: A new server and firewall provided under a monthly agreement, managed
  - \$165/month for 60 months
- August, 2011: Remote laptops and A4 MFP's for remote jobsites
  - \$355/month for 36 months

- September, 2011: CAD workstation
  - \$125/month for 24 months
- November, 2011: 3 laptops, A4 MFP, Used MFP
  - \$220/month for 36 months
- > January, 2011: 2 laptops
  - \$120/month for 36 months



# Monthly Revenue and GP



Gross Profit: \$733/Mo. (44% blended GP%)

# This business is different (and better) than what you thought it might be



### Next Steps

- Educate yourself (and your team) on strategies and tactics around:
  - ▶ Build, Buy, or Partner for N/W services delivery
    - □ Local monitoring to extend your Help Desk?
  - Cloud Brokerage
  - Hardware-as-a-Service
  - Technology Road Map Services
- Build a business plan to include a financial model





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