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Communications systems provider realizes the power of marketing automation

The Company

Ciena is a leading provider of communications systems, software and services, and aims to solve network challenges for service provider, enterprise, government and research and education organizations across the globe.

The Challenge

Ciena implemented a variety of marketing programs regularly, however faced several challenges in achieving successful execution including delayed lead follow-up, generic communications, costly outsourcing and difficulty in showing campaign results. New prospects were often buried in the database for months waiting for cultivation, because the marketing team had a difficult time creating relevant campaigns. In other words, the marketing team lacked the tools needed to efficiently nurture incoming prospects and measure the effectiveness of those campaigns.

Ciena's marketing managers realized the value of sending timely, personalized and relevant messages to every contact in their database. However, their existing database and marketing platform was difficult to use and manage, and gave them very little collective insight into their contacts. For this reason, Ciena often resorted to communicating with contacts based on their general interests or attributes in the database.

The Solution

Since implementing Silverpop, Ciena has automated follow-up communications so new contacts and potential leads receive timely communications that are most relevant to them. Each communication is now tailored to the specific need of prospects, enabling Ciena to build stronger connections with these individuals. In addition, marketing managers can spend their time creating automated cultivation tracks rather than one-off email blasts.

Based on business rules, key prospects are filtered out and automatically routed to telesales for further qualification. "Now we can spend more time strategizing and developing key cultivation campaigns and put them on autopilot," said Daniela Szymczak, Ciena Marketing Cultivation Manager. "Using automation allows us to nurture all of our leads while bringing key prospects to the surface."

The Results

Today, Ciena is using Silverpop for multiple automated lead-nurturing campaigns that are both industry and product-specific. "The main value of the cultivation campaigns comes from the ability to increase the level of engagement of our leads and for further sales qualification. In fact, the cultivation campaigns we have

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Business challenges

- Inability to send timely, personalized, and relevant communications
- Lack of ability to score leads was delaying lead follow-up
- Existing database and marketing platform was difficult to use and manage

Benefits

- Replacing outsourced database, which led to a \$10K monthly cost savings
- 40% of requests to speak with sales can be tracked back to one of Ciena's cultivation campaigns
- Successful integration with Salesforce.com

built are responsible for 40 percent of all of our white paper downloads. More importantly, nearly 40 percent of all requests for sales follow-up were made immediately after a cultivation event,” said Szymczak.

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