Cambium Networks Case Study

Challenges

DATA INTEGRITY CAUSES CHANNEL INEFFICIENCY AND ERODES REVENUE
When Cambium Networks spun-off from Motorola in 2011, it retained certain heritage processes and tools, including a Channel Data Management (CDM) solution. However, the wireless broadband industry leader soon realized that this older solution could not meet its needs in providing clean, accurate and timely channel POS and Inventory data, leading to significant challenges in operational efficiency as well as revenue erosion. Cambium’s specific challenges included:

01 Spent excessive time and resources trying to fix, manually manipulate, and utilize data
02 Lacked insight into partners and channel business
03 Couldn’t properly compensate its sales force
04 Had constant delays and credibility with data

Benefits

A SELF-LEARNING CDM SYSTEM LEADS TO BETTER DATA INTEGRITY, REPORTING AND CHANNEL INVENTORY MANAGEMENT
After researching multiple options, Cambium leveraged Model N’s Channel Data Management solution to collect POS data globally from distributors with different systems and capabilities – and deliver it on time and in a usable format. Success metrics include:

01 Achieved 99+% data quality in 17 months
02 Reduced manual data intervention from 15 - 20% to less than 2%
03 50% increase in Distributors’ compliance
04 On-time sales compensation payments
05 Greater transparency, trust and credibility in the data

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Cambium experienced overall improvement in channel efficiency with Model N’s CDM solution, which accurately collected POS and inventory data in real-time. This helped Cambium’s sales teams get paid on time while creating more transparency and trust between sales and management. Sales teams could focus on national and global distributors as they could now identify partners who were top performers.

*Model N’s reporting feature increased transparency in the channel as Cambium Networks could track the sales cycle all the way to the final customer.* Cambium Networks moved from reactively tracking partners to proactively managing the relationships to help them succeed. Distributors were rewarded accurately, and this led to increased data sharing as they saw the value of reports generated on their performance. Overall, Cambium Networks noticed 99% improvement in compliance from distributors, especially in international markets.

Value-added Resellers (VARs) supplied data through the distributors, giving Cambium Networks insight into specific verticals. The company could refer customers to the VAR that best served their vertical – something that wasn’t possible before. Looking forward, the company is looking to further drive sales by leveraging the data reporting feature to improve its incentives and rebates to distributors and VARs.

Through its extensive portfolio of reliable, scalable and secure business Wi-Fi, fixed wireless broadband point-to-point (PTP) and point-to-multipoint (PMP) platforms; managed by cloud-based software, Cambium Networks makes it possible for service providers; enterprises; governmental and military agencies; oil, gas and utility companies; Internet service providers; and public safety networks to build powerful communications networks, reach users from 200 kilometers across mountain tops down to the last meter to their devices, and intelligently manage their business Wi-Fi infrastructure through end-to-end network visibility and actionable analytics. Cambium Networks sells through a range of trusted global distributors.