

# APPLYING TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD CUSTOMER CONFIDENCE



# The changing postal world

- The postal industry is in turmoil
  - Postal Markets are de-regulating
  - Many posts are up for sale
  - Technological acceleration is squeezing mail out of the value stream
  - The retail world is moving away from the High Street to e-commerce
  - Consumers and businesses are demanding real-time capabilities for communicating with their friends, colleagues, customers, suppliers....







# The mailer perception

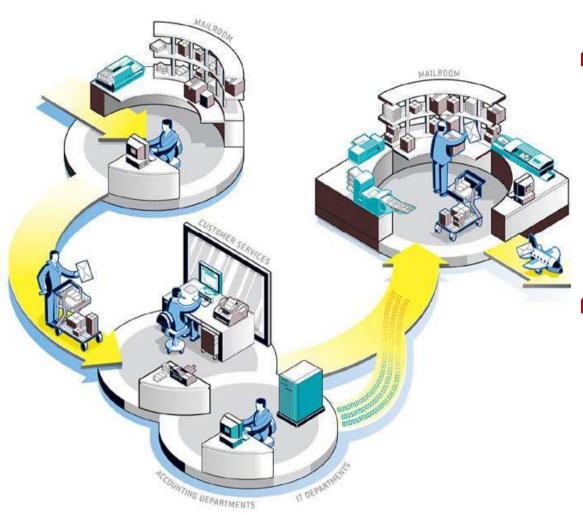
- Customers increasingly consider Mail a less relevant response to their communication needs
- Mail is seen as expensive, old-fashioned and no longer in tune with a digital age
- Individual mail pieces are difficult to customise/differentiate in a communication saturated age.
- The expectation is for immediacy of contact (not a "next-day service")
- **■** BUT...
- Nothing beats an innovative and well targeted mail shot for customer acquisition
- The retail experience is moving to on-line and requires a physical delivery
- Postal providers are trusted and enjoy powerful brand recognition
- AND...
- Emerging technologies might be the catalyst to revitalise mail

# So is this where we're going...?





# End-to-end mail management is key...



- Mail contains
  important documents
  – bills, statements,
  contracts and is a
  major factor in
  business growth
- ■It is critical for mail to be individually distinctive yet handled as part of a flexible, controlled and highly efficient process

# The key is to make mail easy to use

- Capturing data once and using it to drive value end-to-end
- Encrypting information to offer security and user confidence
- Providing add-on services to improve mail effectiveness (e.g. address cleansing)
- Using a variety of "push" or "pull" techniques to provide timely communications on mail performance
- Making it incredibly easy to access and use mail as a medium of choice
- What enablers exist:
- Two-dimensional datamatrix codes
- Electronic pre-advice and manifesting
- Developing loyalty programmes by leveraging technology
- .....and many others.....

## The world of datamatrix









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## Deutsche Post "Premiumadress"







#### In the data matrix code are:

- The customer number of the sender
- a Premiumadress ID for specifying different return addresses, data recipients, invoice recipients.....
- The version number of the product key list
- Product key of the basic product with the desired Premiumadress product variant.
- Customer-specific data space

### Accessing the product

- With IT-franking (on the document)
- With franking machines (on the envelope)



## Deutsche Post Premiumadress

#### Professional and reliable: the Premiumadress process

# Preparations for dispatch

Fraking your item with a "P" and printing the data matrix code.



# Deliverability checking

Deutsche Post's mail carriers establish at the location whether items can be delivered or not.



#### Data entry

data matrix code and address field are scanned.



#### Data reconciliation

The digitalized address data are checked against the redirection, deceased and, upon request, the non-delivery database.



#### Data transfer

Transfer of corrected address data by download or FTP.

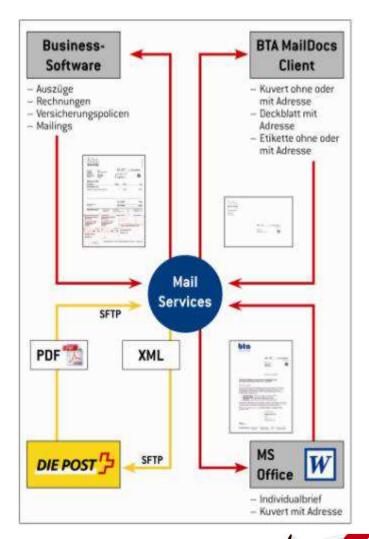


#### Post/Customer benefits

- Unique source of information: delivery checking on-site
- Consistent electronic address maintenance process, data alignment and transfer
- Efficient address management generating customer loyalty for mailers, saving postal processing costs and generating an item by item revenue stream

## "Maildoc" Solution

- Business-Software
  - Transactional documents e.g. account statements, bills, credit notes, reminders, insurance policies, tax letters etc.
- MailDocs Client
  - First page with address and franking impressions
  - Label only franking impressions and/or addressing
- Microsoft Word
  - Individualised mail pieces
- Mail Services
  - Pre-advice communication to the Post office (task listing, delivery note)
  - Production of electronic manifest

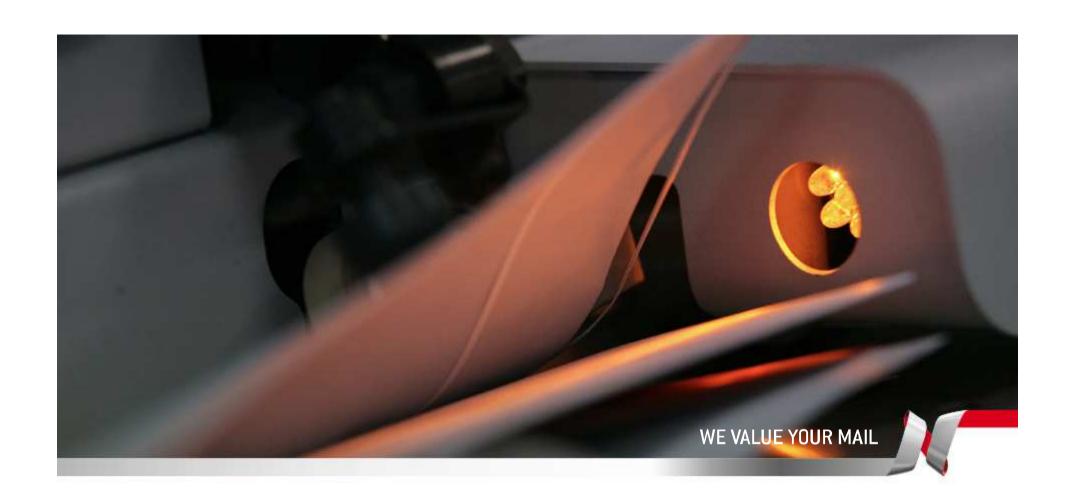


## Postal loyalty programmes

- Use technology to make customers "sticky"
- Invest in long-term relationships
- Communicate in a segmented and tailored way
- Promote mail medium through relevant and cost-effective campaigns







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