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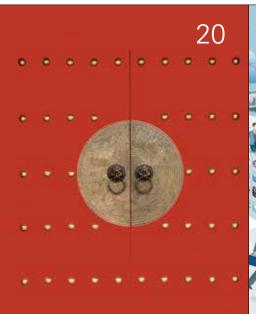






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#### **NEW DOMAINS**

Flipping through the deck of the 2016 edition of Mary Meeker's recently released and widely covered annual "Internet Trends" report, it's hard not to feel a little overwhelmed. It's not so much that Meeker brings to light any shifts we all are not feeling or exposes any trends we have all not seen developing. It's just that when all those observations are brought together into 213 information-packed slides, one wonders how it is possible to keep pace with the seeming rapidity of change in communications and technology.

According to Meeker, for instance, growth is down, debt is up; Twitter is down, Snapchat is up; Apple iPhones are down, Amazon Echo devices are up, and video is the new text. Commerce is becoming conversational, and we are talking to our computers but typing to our friends. In the near term, your car could be the most advanced computing device you use, and the U.S. could once again become the hub of automobile innovation. And if you are a brand marketer, social media marketing is yesterday's news. You better also know about Snapchat lenses, geofilters, Houzz, OfferUp, stories and Periscope, as "each new marketing channel grows faster than previous ones," says Meeker.

And then there are the other 200 slides.

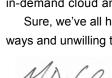
There is certainly lots to grasp today, and we are willing to guess that most of your customers feel similarly overwhelmed as they survey all the technology options and delivery mechanisms that will, in many cases, transition their companies to digital organizations.

It's also quite likely that telecom agents and sub-agents feel equally strained by the transition to a post-transactional market, "where discrete sales of individual products or integrated systems are replaced by agreements to provide IT capacity and business functionality as-a-Service," as Techaisle researchers put matters, and they transition from being "trusted advisors" focused on product suggestions and problem solving toward "meaningful customer partners" focused on "delivering customer success."

This market upheaval, if you will, makes the link that master agencies hold in the telecom value chain stronger and more important than ever. After all, it has always been the role of master agents to survey a changing landscape, navigate and vet new programs and providers, aggregate their disparate offerings, put agent and subagents in position to help their end users realize their goals within those products and providers, and otherwise grease the sales cycle. For agents and subs transitioning to a cloud, mobile and IP world, that sounds like a pretty good partner to make.

All the while, leading master agents are investing in the capabilities to lead the transition, from sales engineers and business-outcome specialist, to automation, partner portals and help desk support, as well as partnering with providers of the most in-demand cloud and software-based IT and business services.

Sure, we've all heard the comments about the telecom channel being stuck in its old ways and unwilling to change. Our annual Master Agent Directory tells a different story?





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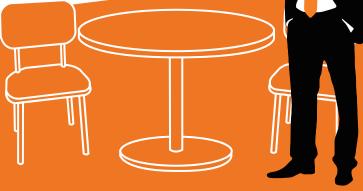
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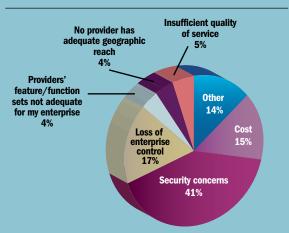
#### **Numbers Worth Noting**

By Martin Vilaboy

#### The Big 'No'

Trepidation surrounding cloud delivery models is certainly waning, but security of corporate data and resources still is far and away the number one fear keeping buyers from hosted communications services, according to a survey by Krapf.

#### For those who use no hosted communications service: Why not?



Source: Krapf Cloud Survey

Percentage of mid-sized and large enterprise cloud computing users surveyed by B2B market research firm Clutch that said they utilize an external, professional consulting firm to implement cloud infrastructure.

Percentage of B2B customers that told Gallup they are "fully engaged" to the companies they do business with. In other words, the other 71% of customers are ready and willing to take their business elsewhere.

#### Video Call Exposure

Although 77 percent of workers surveyed by service provider West Unified say they are comfortable with video calling, workers still prefer audio to video calls by a three-to-one margin. So what makes folks uneasy during video calls?

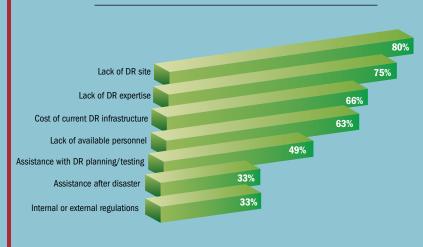
What makes you uneasy during video calls?	Men	Women
Public speaking	34%	42%
The background setting	15%	25%
How lighting affects appearance	36%	51%
What they're wearing	18%	24%
How voice sounds on camera	28%	36%

Source: West Unified

#### Why Choose DRaaS

DRaaS adoption is picking up, and the top two reasons why are somewhat unsurprising. Businesses, guite simply, lack the site and the expertise to do disaster recovery right, suggests a survey by Veeam. Cost, of course, is a big issue as well.

#### What are drivers for your customers to consider DRaaS? (Select all that apply)



Source: Veeam

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#### METASWITCH LOOKS TO MOVE VOICE INFRASTRUCTURE TO CLOUD

At its recent customer event in Scottsdale, Ariz., Metaswitch announced its new MetaSphere Cloud Service, whereby the core of an operator's communications network will be deliverable from a cloud infrastructure that is managed and maintained by Metaswitch. With a voice core in the cloud, operators will find it easier to manage, purchase and grow their communication services, quickly introducing new features from Metaswitch's virtualized telephony application servers, says the company.

According to Kelsyn Rooks, director of network transformation marketing at Metaswitch Networks, the model will likely involve a deployment cost and recurring software licensing fees based on what the service provider utilizes. The solution includes "everything involved in a Metaswitch deployment," he said, but stops short of being a full-service, fully supported model. In other words, service providers maintain the customer interaction, and Metaswitch is not looking for a revenue share.

Metaswitch expects to host the infrastructure in selected third-party data centers, as the communications software provider is "not looking to get into the data center business," said Rooks.

Rooks was sure to point out that MetaSphere is not multitenant, so every service provider gets its own instance. He said Metaswitch is collaborating with customers on some final details of the service to make sure needs and concerns are met.

MetaSphere was one of seven major product announcements released at the customer event. The others include an NFV starter kit, new analytics tools, an expanded unified communications solution and a security review service, among others.

#### WIRT TO LEAD LINE SYSTEM SALES AND MARKETING

Line Systems formally announced the addition of Bruce Wirt as vice president of sales and marketing.

Wirt will be responsible for supporting LSI's existing regional infrastructure while expanding the company's national service footprint by directing the internal sales team and advancing channel opportunities. He will also oversee sales engineering, sales support and marketing.

Before joining Line Systems, Wirt served as vice president of sales at NetCarrier, where he developed a national presence for the Mid-Atlantic carrier – signing large regional and national master agents, tripling annual revenue and winning multiple awards in national trade publications along the way. In a prior role at Cavalier Telephone, Wirt successfully incubated key business development programs and had full autonomy over direct and indirect sales teams.

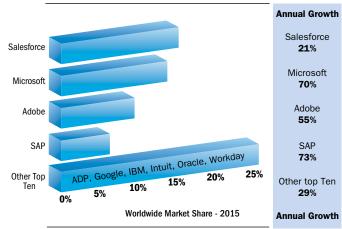
"I've always had tremendous respect for what the leadership team has been able to accomplish at Line Systems over the past 17 years. When I saw that they were expanding out of the Mid-Atlantic and tapping into the national marketplace, I felt strongly that I could have a great deal of success leading that charge," said Wirt. "My goal is to build upon the achievements of the internal sales department and add a turnkey master agent component to the revenue production."

#### MICROSOFT MAKES GAINS IN SaaS MARKET

New data from Synergy Research Group shows that Microsoft is now challenging for leadership in the enterprise SaaS market. In 2015 Microsoft grew its market share by almost 3 percentage points but was still a little way behind long-time leader Salesforce.

However, Microsoft continues to grow its SaaS revenues much more rapidly, says Synergy, achieving the second highest 2015 revenue growth rate among the top 10 SaaS companies. If current trends continue, Microsoft should overtake Salesforce.com in 2016. Microsoft had 70 percent year-over-year growth in 2015, driven largely by Office 365. Salesforce, for its part, experienced 21 percent growth last year. Synergy's figures do not include home sales of Office 365.

#### Enterprise SaaS Market Share & Revenue Growth



Source: Syngergy Research Group

All told, the enterprise SaaS market grew by almost 40 percent in 2015, and Synergy forecasts that it will more than triple in size during the next five years. The smaller consumer SaaS market is only a third of the size of the enterprise market and also has a lower growth rate. While it is not the leader in consumer SaaS, it is notable that Microsoft's growth far outstrips that of other major consumer SaaS operators.

"In many ways SaaS is a more mature market than other cloud markets like laaS or PaaS," said John Dinsdale, a chief analyst and research director at Synergy Research Group. "However, even for SaaS it is still early days in terms of market

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adoption. It is notable that the big three traditional software vendors – Microsoft, Oracle and IBM – are all now growing their SaaS revenues faster than the overall market, and yet SaaS accounts for less than 8 percent of their total software revenues."

#### TELEDOMANI ADDS CLEARONE TO ROSTER

ClearOne has signed a master agent agreement with TeleDomani to expand the reach of Spontania, ClearOne's cloud-based media collaboration software. TeleDomani is one of the largest master agency in the Northeast.

"Customers seeking easy-to-use and accessible video collaboration will find superb solutions through our partnership with ClearOne," TeleDomani director of business development Carmine Yodice said. "Since ClearOne's Spontania platform is cloud-based, clients don't have to purchase or deploy any hardware for their users to join a meeting. Spontania is a more viable meeting choice; it takes just a few clicks to schedule, host and join videoempowered meetings."

"TeleDomani has a reputation for outstanding partner support," said ClearOne Connections Partner Program senior consultant Kent Terpe. "They cover everything from opportunity assessment and quoting to project management and pre- and post-sales support."

He added, "ClearOne offers a clear 'transition path' for channel partners to develop the expertise, build a profitable business and drive additional revenue whether they're an agent, VAR, IT/cloud consultant, MSP or interconnect/ service provider. Spontania gives channel partners the positioning to market, sell and deliver a differentiated and price-disruptive HD video collaboration solution. ClearOne never sells directly; we always support the channel."

#### INCOMPAS ELECTS 13 TO BOARD

Members of INCOMPAS, the competitive networks association formerly known as COMPTEL, elected 13 companies to serve on the INCOMPAS Board of Directors for the 2016-2018 term during the annual membership meeting at The INCOMPAS Show. These newly elected board members join the others who are currently serving their 2015-2017 terms.

At its first meeting with the newly elected directors, the Board re-elected Deb Ward, CEO of TSI, as its chairwoman; Chris Murray, senior vice president of Public Policy at Earth-Link, as vice chairman; and Jim Butman, group president at TDS, as treasurer. Rounding out the executive committee are four at-large members: Robert Beaty, president and CEO of Impact Telecom; Michael Galvin, general counsel for Granite Telecommunications; Charles McKee, vice president of Government Affairs, Federal and State Regulatory at Sprint; and Dale R. Schmick, COO of YourTel America.

Others elected to the board for the 2016-2018 term include:

#### **SMALL CATEGORY**

- · Mark Scully, president, ComSpan
- Chris Birdsall, executive vice president of global sales, Global Convergence Solutions
- Tim Koxlien, CEO, TeleQuality Communications

#### **MEDIUM CATEGORY**

- · Scott Widham, CEO, Alpheus Communications LLC
- Randy Lemmo, executive vice president, Strategic Business, ANPI
- Kurt Van Wagenen, president and CEO, FirstLight Fiber
- · John Schoder, chief marketing officer, Inteliquent
- Alan Katz, vice president, Sunesys

#### LARGE CATEGORY

- · Chris Murray, senior vice president, Public Policy, Earthlink
- Michael Galvin, general counsel, Granite Telecommunications
- Joseph Cavender, vice president and assistant general counsel, Federal Affairs, Level 3 Communications
- Charles McKee, vice president, Government Affairs, Federal and State Regulatory, Sprint
- Eric Einhorn, senior vice president, Government Affairs, Windstream

#### RINGCENTRAL, TELARUS ENTER PARTNERSHIP

RingCentral and Telarus announced a new master agent agreement between the companies. The partnership with Telarus is an extension to the channel program that Ring-Central announced earlier this year. Now, Telarus' 2,000-plus agents will have the opportunity to quote and sell Ring-Central services for the first time.

"There has been an inflection point in the market where larger enterprise customers are starting to demand cloud solutions like never before," said Patrick Oborn, co-founder of Telarus. "Our partners have asked for RingCentral, as they are committed to providing market-leading UC services and solutions to their customers."

RingCentral also recently added and redesigned existing channel manager roles to match the demands of the current channel landscape, said the company. One key differentiator in its channel program is its collaboration policy. For opportunities that involve 50 or more employees, RingCentral dedicates a subject matter expert to join the partner team and work with them to close the deal: full provisioning, full implementation, full customer service from RingCentral — full commission to RingCentral partners.

"Business needs are becoming more and more centered on agility, mobility and interoperability," added Zane Long, vice president of channel sales at RingCentral. "Now,



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Telarus partners can deliver enterprise-grade cloud business communications solutions to their customers as they migrate away from antiquated legacy on-premises systems."

RingCentral will participate at the Telarus Partner Summit on June 21-23, 2016, in Park City, Utah.

#### INTELISYS KICKS OFF INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

Intelisys Communications has secured the services of European telecom channel veteran Stephen Hackett in a move that solidifies its entry into the international market. Intelisys is on-boarding new partners to offer telecom, connectivity and cloud services to business customers around the globe, with dedicated international support in the UK.

"Cloud has made the world flat again," said Ernie Ortega, chief revenue officer for Colt, an international Intelisys supplier partner that provides network and communications services to businesses across Europe, Asia and North America. "We feel very positive about Intelisys expanding its successful sales partner model internationally, and we recognize twofold opportunities: firstly, to continue to enable the U.S. enterprises to expand their reach outside the borders of the United States, and secondly to gain access to a brand new European sales partner community who can help their customers wanting to procure both local services and international services, including back in the United States."

"We at Intelisys pride ourselves on supporting the top producers in the industry," said Dana Topping, Intelisys co-owner. "We owe it to those future sales partners in the UK to have a local presence that embodies the Intelisys DNA and commitment to the channel but also clearly understands the uniqueness of that market. Identifying Stephen as the right person to undertake this exciting challenge was the most important first step."

Hackett is a 15-year telecom industry veteran based in the UK, with extensive experience crafting and implementing compelling partner-facing strategies for development of industry programs via indirect sales channels. He most recently served as channel sales manager for NFON, Europe's leading provider of cloud telecommunications services. Additionally, he has held senior roles with Gamma Business Communications, Orange Business Services, Level 3 Communications and Telstra Europe.

#### ANPI RESIDENTIAL VOIP AVAILABLE FOR RESELL

ANPI announced that its Wholesale Residential Service, homeXtend, is now available as part of its Private Label UCaaS Package. ANPI's homeXtend allows carriers currently selling UCaaS to businesses to bring VoIP service to their customers' homes via a fully integrated and turnkey solution. In other words, carriers can immediately add custom-

ers without spending time and money developing, deploying and maintaining their own product, says ANPI.

The new service will be available in two packages, both of which take full advantage of cloud-based technology and give local carriers the ability to sell outside their current territories. Residential Standard includes unlimited local, long distance and international calling to 22 countries, as well as voicemail and advanced calling features. Residential Select includes those same services and features, plus a mobile app available on Android and iOS.

ANPI's Atlas software allows carriers to sell and manage residential customers out-of-the-box, says the company. Atlas helps deploy the residential solution with order, customer and provisioning management.

An online interface provides visibility into a customer's account and activity in real-time. Alternatively, ANPI offers a comprehensive open API interface for homeXtend partners wanting a tighter integration to their existing internal systems for ordering, provisioning and customer management.

"Residential VoIP service has been one of the most requested products," said Dave Manfredo, ANPI vice president of carrier sales. "We are thrilled to offer a solution that can integrate seamlessly into a partner's existing product portfolio and customer management systems."

#### GLOBAL CAPACITY UPDATES SERVICE LIFECYCLE MANAGER

Global Capacity has updated its service lifecycle manager software, purpose-built to simplify the design of multi-site architectures. The new Connect Marketplace empowers customers to quickly identify, price and order network connectivity, all from one view with more intelligence and less risk.

Connect Marketplace provides carriers, service providers and system integrators the visibility to fully understand and analyze available data connectivity services by location, said the company. In turn, better visibility means a better way to plan customer network connectivity, thereby maximizing revenue. Customers can now design purposebuilt networks for applications such as voice, video, cloud, storage and retail point of sale with real-time requirement modeling to identify optimal network price and performance. Service options modeled in the initial release include network cost, service technologies, latency, contract term and preferred interconnection points.

With Connect Marketplace, RFP processes become obsolete, said Global Capacity, replaced by online dynamic entry of enterprise requests and real-time results for informed buying, while intelligent location uploads with mapping delivers transparent views of available services by location in seconds. Filter results are based on unique service requirements such as speed, interconnection points, technologies and contract term in real-time.

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#### COLT NAMES KOPP TO LEAD CHANNEL

Colt Technology Services announced the appointment of Mike Kopp to the role of vice president, channel sales. Kopp joined Colt at the end of 2015 and will be a key member of the U.S. leadership team, said the company.

In his role at Colt, Kopp will be responsible for the development of Colt's channel strategy, including managing partner relationships, driving adoption of company channel programs, and driving sales growth through relationships with partners throughout the U.S. He brings more than two decades of telecommunications and channel management experience to this role, most recently at Cogent Communications, where he was responsible for introducing and building the channel program there.

"We are thrilled that Mike is leading our channel team," said Ernie Ortega, Colt's chief revenue officer. "His track record of building channel programs and his understanding of the indirect business as well as his relationships with key partners will be invaluable as we execute on the channel strategy and drive the level of success that we envision."

"Colt has a strong value proposition to support multinational enterprise customers," said Kopp. "We offer a full portfolio of products and services and a support infrastructure that really differentiates Colt in the marketplace. I'm really looking forward to working with our partners to demonstrate that differentiation and drive more business."

#### CNSG TO OFFER PGI CLOUD COLLABORATION SOLUTIONS

PGi announced a new strategic alliance with master agency Converged Network Services Group (CNSG). Through this agreement, CNSG now will have access to the entire PGi collaboration portfolio including PGi's audio conferencing, web and video conferencing, event conferencing, webcasting and unified communications solutions. With a SaaS-based delivery model, PGi will handle customer implementation, support, co-marketing and engagement programs.

"Working with PGi means CNSG partners have access to industry-leading audio, video and web conferencing solutions and support resources," said Randy Friedberg, vice president of business development at CNSG. "In order to navigate the complex demands of the collaboration market, it is imperative to align with a proven solution provider like PGi."

"PGi's audio, video and web collaboration solutions will drive new revenue streams for CNSG agents as they,

in turn, provide greater value for their customers," added Ralph Hawkins, senior vice president, PGi Partner Channel. "With competitive pricing, detailed implementation services and a responsive team, PGi looks forward to growing our relationship with CNSG in 2016 and beyond."

#### LUMOS JOINS EQUINIX CLOUD EXCHANGE

Lumos Networks, a fiber-based infrastructure provider in the mid-Atlantic region, announced it has joined the Equinix Cloud Exchange, an interconnection solution that provides direct, private access to multiple cloud service providers. As a member, Lumos Networks provides Ethernet access to the exchange, where customers can connect with a wide array of cloud service providers.

The Lumos Networks connectivity provides a high-speed, secure, carrier-class alternative to the public Internet to access the exchange, said the company. In addition to the Cloud Exchange, Lumos connects to two Equinix data center facilities in Ashburn, Va., (21715 Filigree Court and 44470 Chilum Place).

"Businesses need robust, predictable connectivity to the Equinix Cloud Exchange so they can deploy cloud environments that deliver the benefits they expect," said Bill Long, Equinix vice president of interconnection solutions. "Enterprises cannot afford for their access to cloud resources to be put at risk by public Internet latency and congestion. High-performance network access to the cloud is a must-have for cloud success."

"By joining the Equinix Cloud Exchange, we're helping enterprises expedite and improve their cloud deployments by giving them industrial-strength access to an impressive range of cloud service providers," said Tim Biltz, president and CEO of Lumos Networks. "Customers can reach providers on the Equinix Cloud Exchange with the kind of throughput and latency they need to keep the response time, user experience and security of cloud services that these mission-critical applications demand."

#### U.S. BUSINESS FIBER PENETRATION NEARS 50%

The U.S. fiber gap continued to narrow in 2015 as business fiber penetration in commercial buildings grew to 46.2 percent, according to latest research from Vertical Systems Group. This benchmark figure quantifies fiber-connected multi-tenant and company-owned buildings in the U.S. with 20 or more employees, which equates to more than 2 million individual business establishments.

Fiber penetration increased in 2015 as network operators targeted greenfield metro areas and mid-size multi-tenant buildings for new installations, said Rosemary Cochran,



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principal at Vertical Systems Group. Fiber access to network services is additionally being pre-built into nearly every new commercial building across the U.S."

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#### CONSOLE GEARS UP FOR JUNE LAUNCH

Global wholesale carrier and partner to leading Internet exchange points, IX Reach has changed its name to Console Network Solutions. It will launch its new platform in June 2016, though select customers are active on the platform today.

With Console, companies can bypass the public Internet and directly connect to business-critical cloud services, such as Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Platform. In addition, the Console platform enables direct connections with a variety of other cloud service providers, enterprises and networks. Services accessible via the Console platform offer highly reliable, private and flexible direct connections that avoid the associated risks of sending data over the public Internet. The Console platform extracts all of the Layer 2 and Layer 3 configuration complexity for the enterprise to connect its network privately and directly to others.

Building on its continued rapid growth in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, the innovative Console platform is available across the company's global footprint, which consists of more than 160 global points of presence.

#### LEVEL 3 EXPANDS VOICE COMPLETE TO WESTERN EUROPE

Level 3 Communications has expanded the Voice Complete enterprise communications solution to select countries in Western Europe.

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"Level 3's Voice Complete is a comprehensive, global communications solution enabling large enterprises to implement SIP-based services to integrate their voice communications and business applications to improve performance, enhance reliability and allow collaboration among its employees and customers," said Mike Sapien, principal analyst, Ovum

Enterprise Services. "Voice Complete includes communications management using a single contract, customer portal, feature set and the appropriate SLAs. Based on Level 3's strong, successful experience in the U.S. with this service, this solution offers European enterprises a flexible, dynamic and cost-effective IP platform for business communications."

#### CDI PARTNERS WITH ESENTIRE TO SERVE MID-MARKET

Computer Design & Integration has executed a strategic partnership agreement with eSentire, an industry-leading provider of managed security services. This partnership is designed to enhance CDI LLC's capabilities around IT security, while adding to its Professional and Managed Services portfolio of offerings.

Through this partnership, CDI LLC customers will have access to an advanced cybersecurity program that is fully managed and focused on addressing the attacks that target the mid-market. eSentire delivers next-gen technology solutions that are based on the strength of an elite security team, with a white-glove, hands-on embedded incident response approach.

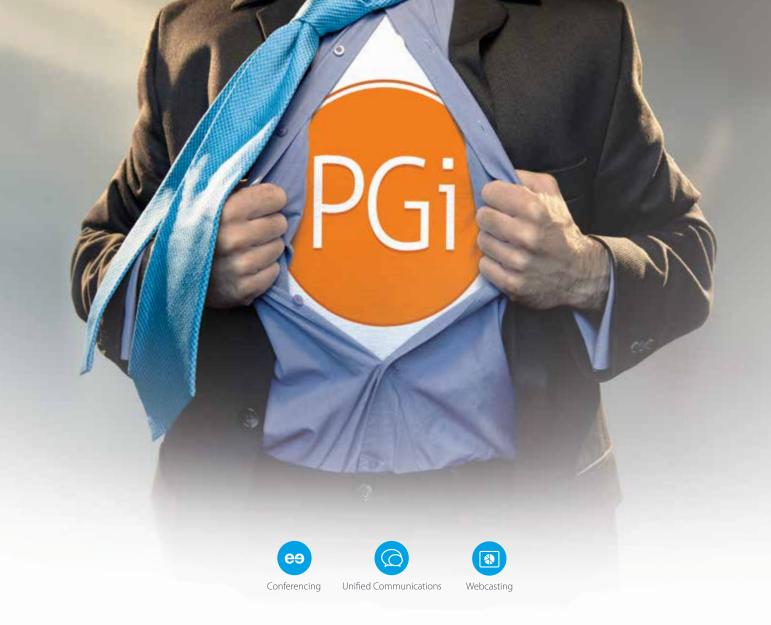
"IT security and threat detection/remediation is top-ofmind for CDI's customers, and this partnership is a seamless way to add IT security to our service portfolio," said Ben Salomon, director of sales, CDI LLC. "eSentire is prevalent in financial services and quickly gaining ground in other industries, such as legal, biopharmaceuticals and healthcare."

"Mid-sized enterprise is the fastest-growing target and victim when it comes to cyberattacks," said Mark Adams, vice president of corporate development, eSentire. "At eSentire we're committed to ensuring small to mid-sized organizations are able to adopt comparable security best practices, like those utilized by their peers."

#### CLARUS JOINS CLOUDROUTE PARTNER PROGRAM

CloudRoute, an Authorized Microsoft Cloud Solution Provider (CSP), announced a new strategic partnership with St. Louis-based master agent Clarus Communications. The partnership provides Clarus with Microsoft cloud-based products, solutions and infrastructure, which includes voice services, Skype for Business, enterprise mobility and disaster recovery.

"Our customers are demanding Microsoft cloud-based solutions like Office 365. This partnership gives us the opportunity to map the right business solutions to each of our customer's needs," said Chris Torbit, Principal of Clarus Communications. "Partnering with CloudRoute allows us to deliver scalable cloud technology solutions and ensure enterprise support and services for our customers and partners."



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### Eyes to the East

Opportunities in Asia Grow for Partners



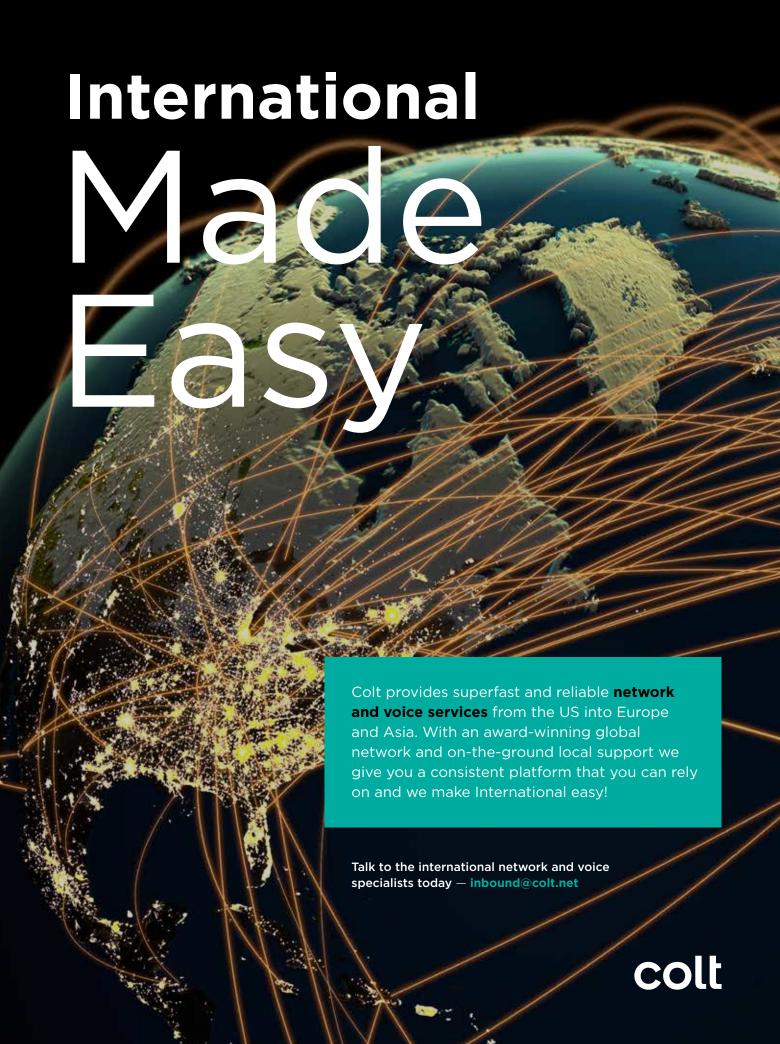
sia-Pacific has long been known as a growth market for communications, but heading East has traditionally been easier said than done for channel partners. A mix of cultural differences, language barriers and a dearth of conduits to selling there has hamstrung U.S. partners from tapping the opportunities. That's however starting to change, especially in the unified communications space, where companies are actively looking for U.S. channel partners to strengthen their cross-Pacific ties.

When it comes to what's hot in Asia, there are two primary buckets of services that channel partners can

offer their multinational clients: Data center/MPLS/IP VPN services; and unified communications.

On the data center front, Technavio anticipates the data center market in the region to grow at an impressive CAGR of approximately 20 percent between now and 2020.

Factors such as the growing adoption of cloud-based services, big data analytics and Internet-of-Things (IoT) will aid in the growth of this market, the firm noted. Digitalization has enabled several organizations to adopt cloud-based services for their businesses. By 2020, more than 50 percent of SMEs in the region are expected to operate their businesses by adopting cloud offer-



ings from major communications service providers in the market. This growing preference for digitalization will spur the adoption of cloud-based services, which in turn will necessitate the utilization of data center services and high-speed connectivity.

Meanwhile, the unified communications market size is forecast to reach a healthy \$96 billion by 2023, according to Global Market Insights. While the developed markets of the U.S. and Europe will continue witnessing steady demand, the market will largely be driven by Asia Pacific. The region's market share is expected to reach more than 29 percent by 2023. Growing emphasis on cost cutting as well as demand for collaboration is expected to drive regional demand over the next seven years, according to GMI.

Steady proliferation of hosted products will be one of the key unified communications market trends, with more than \$14 billion in revenue last year forecasted to grow to \$49 billion by 2023. And GMI also noted that enterprises accounted for more than 60 percent of the UC market share in 2015. This can be primarily attributed to rising adoption of video conferencing and web-based collaboration.

In other words, there's a clear and growing opportunity for channel partners in the region.

#### SUPPLIERS HELP PARTNERS HEADING EAST

One of the suppliers looking to channel partners to help it grow in Asia is Telstra, whose acquisition of Pacnet has allowed it to tap the connections between the United States and China to support U.S.-based multinationals in that region, especially through Pacnet Business Services (PBS), which has been operating in China since 2008.

China is the fastest-growing emerging market in the world and offers vast prospects for expanding businesses. Over the past 25 years, China has experienced big changes. It has transformed from a market with a limited private sector into the manufacturing base of the world. This has opened the doors for vast opportunities for businesses across the nation in all major sectors including energy, technology, engineering, healthcare and finance.

"If your clients are not already doing business in China, they most certainly are considering how to – and there is opportunity for channel partners to support them on that journey," the company noted.

Through PBS, Telstra offers IP VPN across 23 provinces, data center services in six cities and Internet services in 10. It has an established network of 25 points of presence in mainland China, located in 20 cities and covering major IT hubs.

Telstra's partner program is based on in-region support to help channel partners navigate the complex nuances of Asia, with support personnel on the ground that understand the local markets, culture and complex local processes. California-based master agency Intelisys was one of the first to add Pacnet services to its Supplier Partner program. Intelisys sub-agents can sell Pacnet's

data center, MPLS, Ethernet private line, IP transit, dedicated Internet access and content delivery network services throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including China, Australia and India.

"The Asia-Pacific region has seen explosive growth over the past several years, and more and more US-

### Top 10 UC Trends in Asia-Pac

According to Frost & Sullivan, the UC industry in the Asia-Pacific region is nicely balanced, with newer fast-growing segments and older, consolidating sub-markets.

"We also expect service providers to form alliances or acquire companies, such as channel partners or small emerging solution vendors, to increase their reach and offering," said Shailendra Soni, industry principal for ICT at Frost & Sullivan Asia-Pacific.

According to the report, the top 10 UC trends in Asia-Pacific through 2015 will be:

- 1. UC on-premises market to migrate to UCaaS UC on-premises customers, particularly large enterprises, will migrate to UCaaS at a fast pace. The flexibility of deployment from on-premises to hybrid to cloud will put UCaaS solutions ahead of UC on-premises solutions.
- 2. Third-party vendors will play a pivotal role As the UC industry is expected to move to the cloud, third-party vendors will increasingly provide solutions that enable integration and growth for the UCaaS market.
- UC R&D investment to decline UC investment on R&D is expected to decrease, forcing UC vendors to pick and choose specific UC segments for R&D investment.
- 4. Mid-market is a new green field Vendors will strengthen their GTM for the mid-market leading to higher growth in this segment. Vendors' focus will move from just recruiting to recruiting and sustaining channel partners.
- Video conferencing Will continue to move from the conference rooms to desktops, and from hardware to software solution. WebRTC will see growth in the SMB and education sectors.
- 6. Google's 'Apps for Work' and Microsoft's 'Skype for Business' will further disrupt the UC market – Microsoft will be more aggressive with Office 365 and Skype for Business, and increase its penetration in large and mid-sized enterprises. Google's 'Apps for Work' has entered enterprises in Asia-Pacific, especially in the education sector and will break into mid-sized and small enterprises.
- 7. Wearables will continue to enter the enterprise Smartwatches might monitor employee activity, manage schedules and help to push notifications and communications to customers. Wearables are also expected to popularize the use of 'speech to text'.
- 8. Communications will continue to drift away from the desktop Asia-Pacific is rapidly catching up with the trend of working from remote locations, from home, and while in transit. Many offices will migrate away from fixed desks, reducing the need for hard endpoints and boosting sales of softphones, and UC and mobile clients. As a result, IP phones and digital phone sales will decline.
- 9. Headset sales to go up Softphones, and UC and mobile clients will see accelerated adoption. In addition, 'Skype for Business' will create a strong business proposition for the enterprise headset market. As a result, market leaders, such as Plantronics and Jabra, will experience high growth in enterprise headset products. Wireless headsets will have faster growth than wired as employee usage moves from one device to many devices.
- 10. Resurgence in hosted telephony market Service providers will attack the hosted telephony market with new offerings and with new vigour, as telecommunications infrastructure across the Asia-Pacific region is expected to continue improving in the future. Enterprises will adopt hosted telephony as a part of UCaaS solutions, or as a part of their future roadmap in UCaaS adoption.

based companies are either looking to expand their current operations in the region or create new operations — particularly in China and India," said Cardi Prinzi, head of enterprise sales for the Americas for Telstra. "We have seen from experience that agents' customers may be utilizing providers that do not extend services to Asia, so Pacnet can help them provide additional services for expansion and have a platform to address new opportunities."

That's a message that resonates as master agents move up-market to tap larger enterprises, many of whom are looking to expand globally. Jay Bradley, president of Intelisys, added, "Demand for international services continues to grow and [we have a] commitment to support our partners with customer opportunities in Asia."

Telstra's recent success with U.S. partners in China include a large data contract for an advertising customer that delivered a \$20,700 monthly recurring commission to the channel partner; a manufacturing customer that needed an Ethernet private line between Taiwan, Shanghai and the U.S. (a \$30,600 MRC); and a couple of global MPLS wins with a logistics customer and a software customer – resulting in \$178,000 MRC and \$27,000 MRC, respectively.

"We are helping partners to expand their conversations and drive new revenue streams within their existing account base through international," said Jason Kitzmiller, vice president of channel sales. "My team is ready to help you do the same – we are your expert resource for doing business in Asia – and particularly in China."

NTT Communications (NTT Com) has also set its sights on U.S. channel partners, especially given the dramatic growth in the UCaaS market in the Asia-Pacific region. The company sees a key trend being businesses making the switch to IP communications in order to reduce their cost of international calls. This is particularly the case in industry verticals with highly mobile workforces such as in professional services, logistics, travel and hospitality, transportation, entertainment and retail sectors.

Last fall, NTT America said that its new Global Solutions Channel Partner Program had surpassed initial expectations by achieving 60 percent of the company's total goal for secured channel partnerships ahead of schedule. So far, NTT America has signed nine master agents from all regions of the country, including Sandler Partners, PlanetOne

Comunications, TBI, Presidio, WTG and others. It has a goal of reaching 15 total, all of which is aimed at signing enterprises and mid-market organizations looking to expand their operations globally.

"NTT Com's global reputation and international service offerings were among the primary reasons that Sandler Partners became one of the first distribution partners to join NTT America's Global Solution Channel Partner Program," said Alan Sandler, founder and managing partner, Sandler Partners. "So far, the NTT America team has shown extraordinary flexibility and support in matching and engineering their services to client needs. We are looking forward to an ongoing successful partnership."



# Unlicensed Spectrum Open the Door to Resellers

By Tara Seals

aced with the scarcity, cost and difficult propagation characteristics of the remaining greenfield licensed spectrum, one of the first steps in achieving a nextgen wireless network vision that can stand up to the growing thirst for rich content will likely be the use of unlicensed LTE approaches.

LTE-U, as it's known, will allow operators to extend and enhance their LTE coverage and network performance but it also paves the way for higher-margin MVNO services that could reinvigorate the global wireless resale market.

Unlicensed LTE approaches typically aggregate Wi-Fi and unlicensed spectrum in order to get the maximum benefit out of Wi-Fi's heightened bandwidth throughput – while leveraging LTE links for signal control and management.

One approach is now under development by 3GPP for standardization in Release 13 - to be known as License-Assisted Access (LAA). That standard is expected to be finalized this summer. Heavy hitters such as Verizon and Qualcomm are embracing the approach.

It works like this: The LTE control channels, and primary uplink/downlink channels, are handled in the licensed bands, using LTE-A Carrier Aggregation (CA) to do channel bonding between the licensed and unlicensed downlinks, and possibly the uplinks in follow-on iterations. The purpose of the unlicensed bands is to provide additional

data plane performance - a data plane boost, in effect.

To minimize interference, it has a "listen before talk" (LBT) mechanism, which is the same approach that Wi-Fi uses to share the unlicensed spectrum with other Wi-Fi systems.

"LTE in unlicensed spectrum will be an important part of the network densification initiatives to increase network capacity, using small cells that support LTE in 5GHz," said Adam Koeppe, vice president of network technology planning at Verizon. "LTE in unlicensed spectrum also offers an evolutionary path based on specifications being developed in global standards groups (3GPP), to continuously enhance the capabilities of LTE in unlicensed spectrum. For example, a future 3GPP release (3GPP Release 14) will allow uplink operation using 5GHz."

While LAA does have LBT involved, there are still concerns from other stakeholders when it comes to interference. With LAA, LTE is operating in both the licensed bands and within the same spectrum that Wi-Fi uses - so there are two signals in the same band, and therefore the potential for coexistence problems.

To address this, Verizon and all other LTE-U Forum members are collaborating with the Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA) in the development of a very comprehensive coexistence test plan geared toward the lab validation of coexistence with Wi-Fi. But, there is also another technology approach that could save the day.

Licensed Wi-Fi Access, or LWA, is also on track to have a final iteration in the 3GPP Release 13 spec.

As its name would suggest, LWA represents true LTE-Wi-Fi convergence. With LWA, Wi-Fi runs in the unlicensed bands and LTE runs in the licensed bands, and the two radio technologies are combined to offer a compelling user experience. The control channel for the traffic remains in an LTE uplink. Meanwhile, on the downlink, operators get a significant speed boost from using Wi-Fi for transmission.

From a more technical standpoint, LWA tunnels LTE traffic in the 802.11 MAC frame, so it will look like Wi-Fi to another network, even though it is carrying LTE data.

It also eliminates interference worries, because with LWA, LTE is aggregated only in the licensed bands, leaving Wi-Fi the master of its domain.

Cable operators and others that have extensive Wi-Fi holdings could be in the catbird seat with this one, either because of the opportunity for leasing their footprints to wireless carriers or by enabling new entrants on an MVNO basis. They could leverage their footprints themselves as well, working with LTE providers for the signaling and management

piece but maintaining their own last-mile footprint themselves. In theory this could radically lower the economic barrier to entry to get into wireless resale - a notoriously low-margin business in a white label or pure-play resale iteration.

Both of these existing unlicensed LTE approaches require anchor spectrum; in other words, operators still need a licensed band to handle signaling, while the unlicensed spectrum is used to boost capacity. But a new approach called MulteFire proposes a standalone LTE-based technology for small cells that would allow anyone, even those without any licensed spectrum, to build an LTE network.

This means that cable MSOs and others could use MulteFire as a path to creating their own largescale networks, with the aim of either providing addon retail service to the triple play or for business customers, or becoming neutral host providers. That neutral wholesale environment can augment wireless network operator environments by providing enterprise penetration, and spawn a new kind of MVNO opportunity. Because MulteFire is a variant of LTE, synching up for roaming agreements presents limited technical obstacles.

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# Connection is the New Currency



By Tony Bishop

Today's digital disruption is impacting business in ways not seen since the rise of the Internet.

More and more companies are leveraging social, mobile, analytics and cloud (SMAC) to transform into digital businesses. In fact, according to IDC, by 2020, 60 to 70 percent of all software, services and technology spending will be cloud-based.

It's clear we are well into the "interconnected era:" a time when business models are interdependent and companies forge advantage by collaborating in communities with other enterprises and service providers via secure, reliable and internetworked connections. Without interconnection. enterprises, cloud services providers and network service providers can't tap into the rich opportunities for growth and innovation the cloud presents.

Defined simply, modern interconnection establishes direct and secure, physical or virtual connections between an enterprise and its partners, customers and employees. Among the chief benefits of interconnection are higher application and network performance, which is critical to mobile, the Internet of Things, cloud services and content delivery.

Take, for instance, BlueJeans, an up-and-coming player in the cloud-based video platform space. The company has hosted participants from 12,000 cities in 200 countries on seven continents and is on a billion-meeting-minutesper-year pace with 25 million overall participants. Simplicity, reliability, scalability, security and flawless connectivity are just some of what a company in this space must deliver to satisfy global customers.

Up until now, however, solution providers such as Blue-Jeans often needed to rely on the Internet to determine optimal network routes, with less than optimal results.

But interconnection, it turns out, solves problems. By connecting directly, securely and in close proximity to cloud providers and markets, BlueJeans is able to deliver the enterprise-grade video its customers expect.

Sounds simple, right? But delivering interconnection at the speed, security and performance that users today expect actually takes a radically different approach to IT. Companies need to evolve the traditional data center model, which



sees IT as centralized and siloed, to a new model where IT is distributed and internetworked, capable of interconnecting dispersed people, locations, data and the cloud.

First, organizations must bring physical worlds together via direct, short-range connections. Shortening the distance between customers is the only way to speed connections and lower latency. For industries such as finance, gaming and security, the ability to trim latency by milliseconds is invaluable. And the argument for bringing data and apps closer to end users, enabling critical data and analytics housing at the point of data creation, while locking down data transit within a single ecosystem, makes even more sense when you toss in compliance and security, privacy and data residency requirements.

Private-line connections between partner companies also can be improved by proximate connections enabled by a colocation provider, rather than depending on connection through a company's pre-selected network carrier. Such direct interconnectivity enables enterprises to react in real time, adapt quickly to change and leverage digital ecosystems to create new value and growth. It's also important to keep in mind that these direct connections aren't limited to offices, mobile and home workers, but include connections to resources such as cloud, suppliers and customers.

Additionally, an organization's IT architecture must be agile enough to get close to users at the edge of the corporate network, rather than fixed at a single geographical location. Cloud providers, content-offering cable TV providers and large industrial companies (GE is an example) are realizing this, and for that reason, the edge computing model will become increasingly common.

The reasons interconnection is needed are broad, ranging from something as complex as directing data traffic to the simple need for better human-to-human interaction. From a people-perspective, poor and inconsistent user experiences are absolute brand loyalty and revenue killers. Yet most end-user connectivity architectures are fragmented, exposed (from a security standpoint) and scale-resistant. Consumer demand for rich, fast, consis-

tent and secure content engagement is growing faster than legacy architectures can support it.

Fortunately, this is the sweet spot of Equinix and enabling an Interconnection Oriented Architecture (IOA).

Equinix launched in 1998 when there was no such thing as the Internet of Things, SMAC, high performance computing or the cloud. But fast forward 18 years and Platform Equinix is now recognized as the onramp for workloads on their way to the cloud. IOA is the blueprint for how organizations can meet user demands for interconnection anytime, anywhere and on any device.

The 30,000-foot description of IOA is this: it's a proven and repeatable model for becoming an interconnected enterprise, capable of connecting people, locations, clouds and data in real time. Enterprises can react quickly to change and leverage digital ecosystems to create new value and growth.

Equinix has been about interconnection since its first days, when it was founded to give the network carriers that formed the early Internet a place to exchange traffic and grow. The IOA continues the long Equinix tradition of interconnection leadership.

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### Think Global, Act Local

### Colt Technology Makes a Big Play for the U.S. Multinational Market

By Tara Seals

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s channel partners move upmarket and diversify from the traditional base of dentist offices and burger franchises, they're increasingly finding themselves with opportunities to sell international connectivity. Enterprises and mid-tier companies alike are looking to establish offices and locations overseas – and it's an opportunity that Colt Technology Services has leapt into with a big channel push in the U.S.

Since its founding in 1992 as City of London Tele-communications (COLT, since rebranded to Colt), the company steadily has grown by acquisition into a multinational telecom carrier, offering voice, data, hosting and managed services in 13 countries in Europe. The 2014 acquisition of KVH also gave it a footprint in Asia-Pacific, especially in the key markets of Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong and Seoul.

After a stint as a public company, it became private again last year when Fidelity bought it in August. And Carl Grivner, the former CEO of Pacnet as well as XO



Colt VP of channel sales Mike Kopp

Communications, became the company's CEO last September. But besides the high-level restructuring, the company has doubled down on its channel partner strategy in the U.S.

#### A HIGH-TOUCH APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL

With established points of presence in Boston, the New York and Chicago areas and Los Angeles, Colt offers U.S. companies a streamlined way to establish on-net offices in other regions of the world. And one of the things that sets Colt apart is its unique ability to support multinational installations with in-region resources.

"That's particularly important in North America," said Patrick Ferretti, head of marketing for North America at Colt. "When we talk to U.S. headquartered companies, many of them have some scar tissue from previous international implementations. We have the ability to support them on a local basis, with teams that have institutional knowledge of the culture, heritage and how things get done in a certain market."



Mike Kopp, vice president of channel sales at Colt, pointed out that as opposed to the States, where the grid and infrastructure is less than 200 years old and processes are somewhat standardized for provisioning, Europe represents a hodgepodge of infrastructure and regulatory challenges that require feet on the street to get orders implemented and deployed properly. It's so complicated that many companies opt to have their satellite locations install their own, separate communications network, cut off from corporate resources. Colt's specialty is getting locations in disparate countries up and running on the corporate network, so that locations and workers can share resources, collaborate better and lower their overhead.

"That process is local, local, local, and we manage everything on the ground," Kopp explained. "When you send us an order for Frankfurt, that's going to a local person in Germany who knows how to get things done there. There's always some form that needs to be filled out, or some department to gain approval from. In America we love processes. And the process in Europe is that there is none. The fact is, you must be involved every step of the way; you can't trust an order to go from one place to the next place without manually watching it. And the steps you need to take differ from market to market, even within the same country. We bring the management of all of that to the table."

#### 100% CHANNEL-FOCUSED

As far as enterprise business goes in the U.S., the indirect channel is Colt's only sales vertical, barring a handful of direct salespeople that sell to other carriers and very large enterprises.

"We are 100 percent hanging our hat on the channel community to drive sales," Kopp said. "And the partner community is moving towards selling international services. They increasingly have, say, a law firm that needs a location in Paris or London, or a retailer interested in expanding to Tokyo. Just recently we've started to see international panels at partner events. It's a new space for the partners, and the time is right for Colt to enter this market."

He added that this is helped along by the trend of larger enterprises turning to channel partners to help them make sense of the changing communications landscape.

"As networking becomes more complicated, their roles as trusted advisors are opening the doors to nice-sized accounts," Kopp said. "The cloud, for instance, scares the crap out of large enterprises, and the technology is moving faster than they can hire people to keep up with it. So VARs and agents are there to save the day. And as they move upmarket, they run into places that do need locations in London, Seoul or Rome."

Colt's high-touch service model extends to its channel strategy – and in fact forms its core.

"I've watched every deal come through the funnel and my channel managers are talking to the customer directly in every deal we do," he said. "We get right up in the opportunity to work it with our partner. We are not just passing pricing back and forth through the agent – it's a completely different sale. It's a technical sale, it's a comfort sale, and there are a lot of nuances about selling internationally. Customers don't ask for a lower price, let's put it that way."

Colt also has nine channel support people in place in the United States, which includes channel managers, partner support specialists devoted to problem-solving, and sales engineering. "We have a really good solid back office, if you will," said Kopp. "We're not just a quote shop."

Colt is the number two carrier behind the incumbent in all 13 European countries in which it offers service, and most incumbents aren't playing ball with the channel. However, the company, being relatively new to the U.S. scene, has one major challenge: a lack of brand recognition on this side of the pond.

"Colt's brand name isn't out there yet," he said.
"When the partner community thinks of international opportunities, their first instinct might be to go with a Level 3 or a CenturyLink. But what they don't realize is that those carriers are going to hand off that order to either Colt or the incumbent anyway."

#### **UNIQUE PRODUCTS**

Beyond its management and back-office capabilities, the company is also differentiated on a product level – most notably when it comes to capital markets.

Harkening back to its roots in the City of London, one of the key verticals for Colt is financial services. It offers Colt PrizmNet, which is a secure, fully managed private extranet dedicated to capital markets, connecting more than 10,000 organizations worldwide and offering easy access to a wide range of content providers. Those include market data, research and other services.

"This is an initiative that's unique to us and differentiates our capabilities," Ferretti said. "And it's an opportunity to help the channel gain traction in that industry."

The company also has 24,000 lit buildings in Europe and a cornucopia of data centers. "Companies are moving to the cloud and that's a bit of a sweet spot for us," Kopp said. "All of that business that was sitting at the customer premises is being shifted, and we have data center bandwidth just waiting to be consumed. We are well-positioned as an enabler of that market shift."

Bottom line though, Colt's value proposition for end users and the channel alike is its supporting resources.

"When I wake up every morning and say, 'you've got to go sell your company today,' I realize that customers and partners conceive of what we do as a commodity," said Kopp. "No one likes to speak of themselves as selling a commoditized service, because it has a stigma. But many of us sell similar services, and a SIP trunk is a SIP trunk. What sets us apart is our program, our infrastructure, and the institutional and tribal knowledge of the people we have in key roles."

# Unifying UC Demand

UCaaS expected to drive next adoption wave



he need for unified communications is fairly ubiquitous. Across just about every vertical and SIC code organizations are faced with sprawling employees and devices, fast and agile competitors, empowered and demanding customers and a need to control cost, be it in real estate or telecom expenses. Tools that unify communications and facilitate collaboration specifically address all those issues.

Yet unified communications as a packaged service, despite its relative maturity, remains far less than universally adopted, particularly outside of larger enterprise accounts. A recent survey of more than 400 enterprise and SMB IT decision-makers,

performed by UBM Tech for XO Communications, found that only one-third of organizations had fully embraced UC. On the other side of the spectrum, a separate survey performed by Osterman Research for ConnectSolutions found that about as many IT decision-makers (26 percent) and business decision makers (39 percent) are either "somewhat" or "very fearful" of migrating to UC. Nearly half of those surveyed admitted that they don't fully understand the full impact UC would have on their organizations. These fears and trepidations come despite the fact that 71 percent of those surveyed by Osterman believe there are "significant" or even "enormous" benefits that can be realized from the deployment of UC.



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Once again, the cloud comes to the rescue.

Of course, cloud or hosted UC is nothing new either. The concept of cloud communications and the basis of UC-as-a-service (UCaaS) go back at least 15 years. But it's only more recently that UCaaS has hit performance and feature levels rivalling on-premises solutions. And many pundits and proponents believe the cloud is ready to push a powerful second wave of UC adoption.

"Private and public cloud-based UC-as-a-service solutions are expected to fuel the next phase of growth," says BCC Research analyst Nandita Bhotika. "The cost efficiencies and operational flexibility of these shared services are proving a potent model for market players. Although challenges in its adoption are still a concern, UCaaS is expected to give the UC&C market its needed boost."

BCC researchers expect the market for UCaaS to total nearly \$18 billion by 2020, up from \$6.5 billion in 2015 and reflecting a five-year CAGR of 22.5 percent. Much of the growth, say BCC, will be driven by wider adoption among SMBs, which tend to find cloud-based services more accessible due to smaller capital outlays.

**UC&C Market Size and Expectations** 

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Service Type	2015	2020	CAGR
Global UC&C market total	\$26.5 billion	\$62 billion	18.5%
On-premises deployments	\$18.2 billion	\$37.8 billion	15.7%
Hybrid deployment	\$1.8 billion	\$6.2 billion	28%
UCaaS	\$6.5 billion	\$18 billion	22.5%

Source: BCC Research

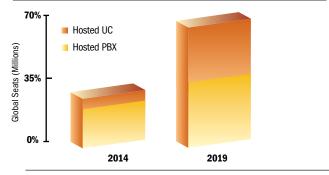
According to Diane Myers, senior research director at IHS, Inc., hosted UC seats, which made up 22 percent of the unified communications market in 2014, will jump to 46 percent of the market by 2019. Myers says hosted PBX and UC services are being pitched alongside SIP trunking as more multi-site businesses seek out hybrid solutions. Markets and Markets, meanwhile, makes an even more ambitious forecast, putting the UCaaS market at \$24.88 billion by 2020. Here again, the research firm attributes much of this growth to SMB adoption as these buyers look to update and simplify communication processes at an affordable cost.

In a bit of a twist, the optimism around future cloud UC adoption has a lot to do with the reasons why businesses have not adopted UC up to this point. And, not surprisingly, the top barrier to UC adoption, at least according to UBM Tech's findings, has to do with perceived costs and subsequently getting an ROI on those expenses, both of which were named by about three-quarters of respondents. For more than two-thirds of non-adopters, UC implementations are perceived as posing a risk of disruption to the business, while 62 percent cited a lack of in-house technical expertise.

"The cloud may well provide one possible answer," say UBM Tech analysts.

Indeed, more than half (54 percent) of respondents who don't yet have UC in production believe cloud can

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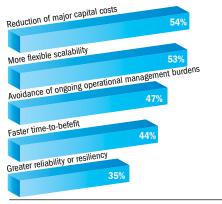
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help overcome their top obstacle to implementation: cost, while about the same percentage (53 percent) see the cloud as offering more flexible scalability – a key concern for incremental UC rollouts, say UBM analysts.

In addition to addressing objections about upfront capital investment, the as-a-service model also is known to alleviate issues with internal IT skills shortages, while allowing firms to bypass technical implementation issues and, in turn, start delivering results to the business sooner. A cloud-based deployment also can facilitate the kind of smaller-scale pilot that can provide the proof-of-value executives need to green-light broader enterprise adoption, UBM Tech researchers point out.

#### **Next Wave of UC**

Which of the following do you perceive as advantages of cloud-enabled UC?



Source: UBM Tech, XO

"These advantages, combined with ongoing advancement in cloud technology and market acceptance of the cloud model, are making it more likely that future adopters will opt for some type of UC-as-a-service offering," says the UBM Tech study.

Among respondents who made their decisions to implement UC a year or more ago, for instance, only 35 percent even considered the cloud, and just 19 percent wound up going with a cloud-based solution. Of respondents who are still contemplating their UC implementations, on the other hand, more than half say they are now likely to consider cloud. "In fact, 15 percent have already made up their minds that if and when they



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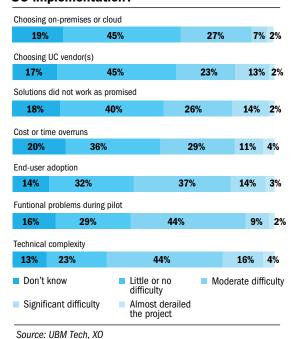
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#### How much difficulty did each of the following present during your organization's UC implementation?

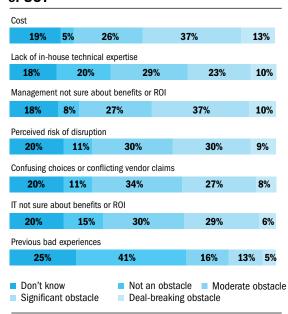


implement UC, it will definitely be cloud-based," found UBM Tech researchers.

Of course, a cloud delivery model, in and of itself, is not enough. UCaaS providers also have stepped up their games.

"UCaaS offerings are increasingly functionally competitive with their premises-based alternatives," write Gartner analysts Daniel O'Connell and Bern Elliot in the firm's most recent Magic Quadrant report on the category. Key improvement in 2015, says Gartner, include an improved

#### How much of an obstacle is each of the following to your organization's adoption of UC?



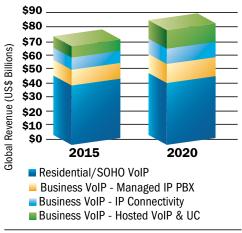
Source: UBM Tech, XO

UCaaS user experience, API connectivity with leading cloud applications and mobile-first user deployments.

Among specific providers, Star2Star recently introduced StarBox CCM 2.0 to facilitate onboarding and support for large enterprises with specialized or complex dialing needs. The company also introduced StarBand to its UCaaS offering, which supports primary and secondary circuit support, traffic prioritization and automatic failover and service quality monitoring. Recently added capabilities also include Android mobile support, screen sharing and an automated quoting tool.

Last year Mitel, for its part, acquired Mavenir to enhance its mobility capabilities. The Mitel Open Integration Gateway (OIG), meanwhile, supports integrations with Salesforce, SugarCRM, Google, Microsoft, NetSuite and Zoho, as well as custom integrations. And a partnership with Vidyo has improved Mitel's video capabilities, says Gartner, while also enabling integration with Polycom and Cisco video.

Over the next 5 years, hosted VoIP and UC will be the segment with the largest growth in the global VoIP and unified communications market



Source: IHS, Inc.

RingCentral likewise continues to expand its capabilities and in 2015 added integration with Google Apps for Work, Microsoft Office 365, and a RingCentral-branded contact center developed with inContact.

The good news for all providers and resellers of unified communications: UC adopters are seeing results. According to UBM Tech findings, 82 percent of adopters reported they their UC deployment met or exceeded their expectations for improved team collaboration, which was the number one expected benefit. Eight in 10 said UC met or exceeded expectations in terms of improved user productivity, while three-quarters said the same about lowering technology ownership cost. All told, 87 percent of adopters say UC met or exceeded their expectations.

And even more good news for UCaaS providers, according to UBM Tech findings, whereas 47 of current users opted for on-premises UC, only 13 percent of future adopters are likely to choose on-premises.



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# Masters of Many Pieces

2016 Master Agent State of the Market and Services Directory

By Martin Vilaboy

imilar to just about every business model within telecom alternate channels, master agents have been heavily impacted as the market shifts toward IP services, cloud and mobile. Indeed, master agents have felt the SMAC and rolled with the SoLoMo.

"The role of the master agent has become much more complex as we transition to an IP-based world," said Denis Raue, president of Telegration, responding to our informal survey of master agencies.

"The entire business is radically different than what transpired in the channel in the past," agreed Greg Praske, CEO of ARG. "It's far less likely that you'll be responding to a

request for a PRI, an Internet circuit or a WAN – where you simply survey the market and present the most compelling options."

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Rather, in today's environment, said Praske, masters and their sub-agents need to be prepared to discuss and advise on matters ranging from whether a company would be better off reimbursing their employees for their wireless devices or purchase them through a corporate plan, or which hosted providers integrate best with Microsoft, Cisco or Salesforce, and which have specific functionality. They may need to know which data centers meet which compliance, and where the best fits are in terms of power draw or most-efficient cross connects. They'll likely need to pull up fiber maps to show on-net and nearnet and be aware of who is willing to do a build for free and for how many feet from the splice point. "And, on and on," said Praske.

In short, businesses increasingly are looking for more than just access and feature sets. They seek communications technologies and providers that will help them find ways to use IT to move their businesses forward. For master

agents, keeping up with this transition requires significant investment in specialized personnel, product education and training, back office processes and preand post-sales support.

"We've had to increase our headcount in sales engineering, order fulfillment and project management as well as our help desk support," said Raue. "We have had to invest in training and certification for our employees such as CompTIA training certifications in Security, Project Management and Cloud Essentials, as well as master trainings and fulfillment processes for most all prominent hosted PBX providers, and invest in systems such as SalesForce.com."

"For the past four years, we have been assembling a team of very accomplished people with specialized expertise," said Praske. "We have been doing tons of client education – mostly one-on-one but also seminars for our clients and prospects."

Those experts include business consultant types who can discuss business strategies with the C-Level executives who are increasingly part of the technology purchasing process and are leading organizations' digital transformations. "We make

these (business consultants) available to our subagents to go on-site for their meetings," said Praske.

"Sales engineering will also be more important in the coming years," emphasized Vince Bradley, WTG CEO. "WTG has a sales engineering practice that continues to identify the best solutions for our agent community's clients and assist with supporting their implementation."

Automation, likewise, will be an important cornerstone of the transition, said Bradley. "WTG has been constantly updating the PartnerEdge system to meet that increasing demand. For example, in addition to being able to identify fiber in an automated way, we are now utilizing a tool whereby our distribution can find out what hosting provider a client is using."

It's an expensive proposition, masters agents tell us, but it's a transition that must be made, and one that, all the while, relies on maintaining significant growth in access revenues from traditional and primary providers to subsidize the investments.

"I'm not sure how somebody who is getting started today can jump into this world," said Praske.

"I believe it is a barrier to entry to scale now for new master agent entrants to the marketplace," Raue concurred. (Although Raue does see room for specialized smaller agencies to work targeted sub-agents of masters that do not possess the skill and knowledge to make the transition themselves.)

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On the other hand, as the communications services landscape grows increasingly complex and wide-ranging. the part master agents play within the channel only grows in terms of influence and importance. In other words, it's hard to imagine that a single sales rep or agent will be able to keep up with the breadth of services that go into today's communications solutions and all the conversations that go into packaging and selling them.

"Cloud services have made our role as a strategic advisor - or coach - all the more important," said Ted Schuman, PlanetOne Communications CEO. "In many cases, we're the glue that brings the deal together and positions the partner as the cloud services expert and trusted advisor.

"What's great about cloud is the detail behind the deal and the teamwork needed to execute - that's where we excel and where our partners rely on us most to add value and protect their profits," continued Schuman. "Similar to managed services, process is paramount when it comes to cloud services. Without it, success isn't repeatable or sustainable."

It's certainly been a winning formula for PlanetOne, which has seen its cloud business grow from 5 percent of revenues to 35 percent during the past year.

And PlanetOne certainly isn't alone. As can be seen in the following Master Agent Directory, masters are partnering with

the full spectrum of cloud services and platform providers, from Amazon to Zavo.

That's not to say agents and sub-agents shouldn't be leery of agencies that "scramble to sign agreements with as many cloud providers as they can identify." Despite any gold rush of opportunity that comes with major transitions, the value proposition of the master agent largely remains the same.

"Our perspective is that the master agent's role in the ecosystem has not changed much, but rather the focus of the channel in general has re-aimed its sights upward to the 'cloud,'" said Bradley.

At the end of the day, master agents, said Bradley, still are looked upon to provide education, support and a safe working environment for their agent partners. Regardless of the widgets, the model remains based on adding value to service portfolios, navigating and managing vendors and ecosystems in the best interest of sub-agents and their end users, and putting agents in position to make consultative sales built upon appropriate business solutions – ultimately providing a "consistent ease of doing business in the ever-fluctuating landscape," said Bradley

As Schuman summed up matters: "A good master agent is relentless about service levels and will have your back, always."

It's just that, nowadays, there are a lot more pieces for them to masters.

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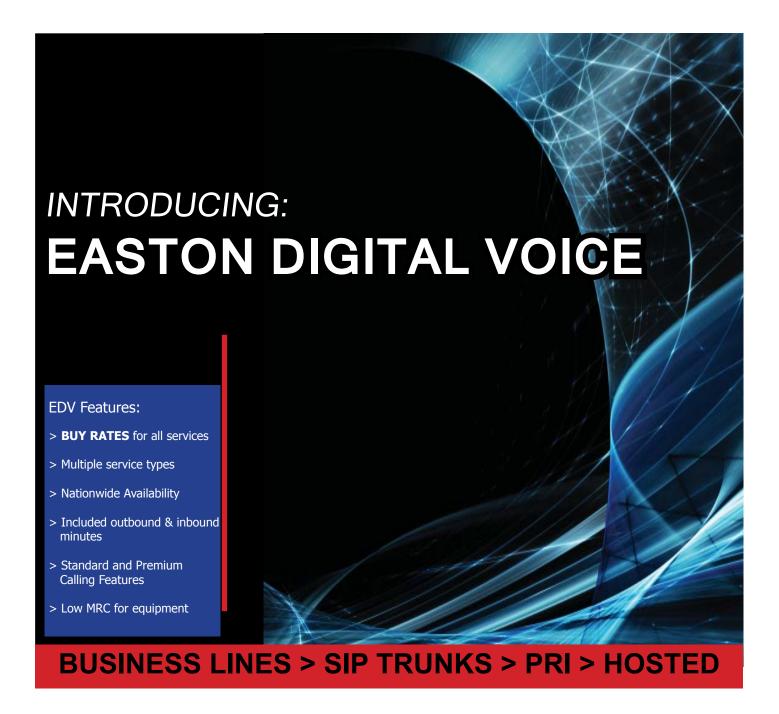
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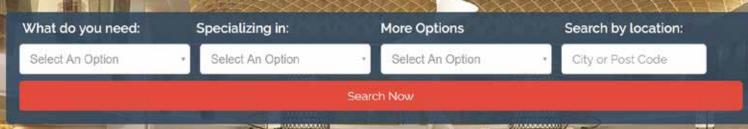
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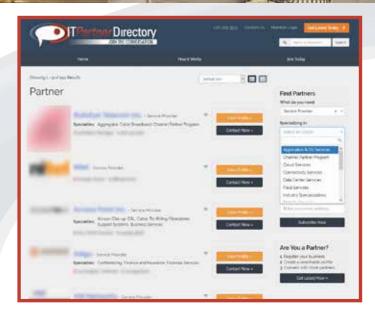
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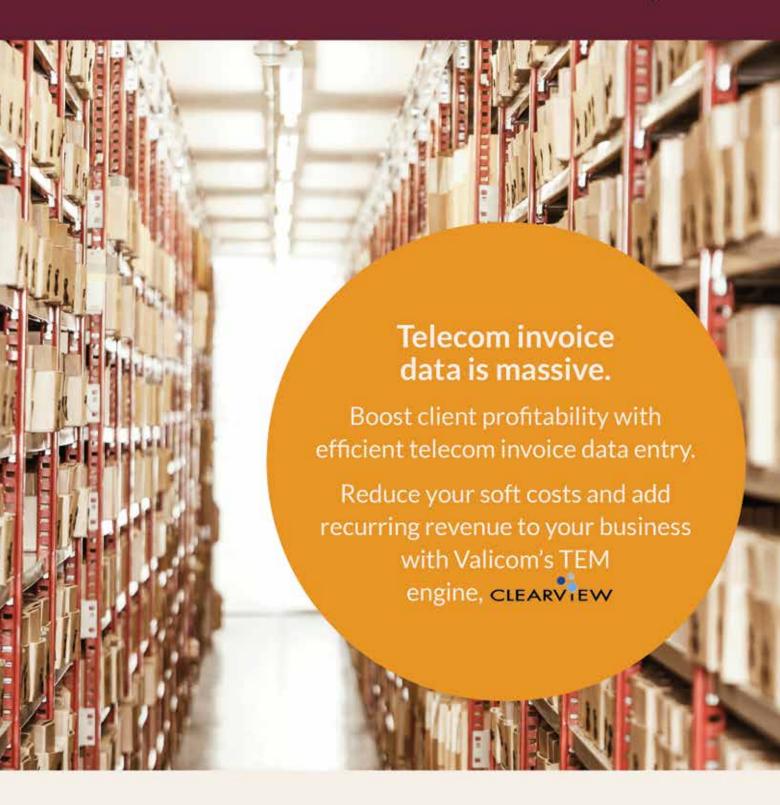
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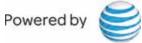












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Conferencing Hosted PBX Mobile services SIP trunking VoIP

Unified communications

Data/Network Services: Access (dial-up, DSL, cable, T1) Access (DSO-OCn) BC/DR Colocation/Data Center Dark fiber
Desktop virtualization
Ethernet services
Hosted Email
Hosted infrastructure/platform Hosted IT services Integrated access

International access
Managed network services
MPLS VPN

MPLS VPIN
Private line, Point to point
Security/Firewall
Storage
Virtual servers WAN optimization

Web hosting
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Support/Other Services:

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Zayo Voice Services:

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Unified communications

Data/Network Services: Access (dial-up, DSL, cable, T1) Access (DS0-OCn)

Colocation/Data center services Dark fiber
Desktop virtualization

Hosted email
Hosted infrastructure/platform Integrated access International access

Managed network services MPLS VPN Private line, Point to point Security/Firewall

Storage
Virtual servers
WAN optimization
Web hosting
Wireless data access

Support/Other Services: Business services

Consulting Expense/mobile management

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Conferencing Dedicated local/LD Hosted PBX Mobile services
Prepaid voice/data

VolP
Unified communications
Data/Network Services: Access (dial-up, DSL, cable, T1) Access (DSO-OCn)

Colocation/Data center services
Dark fiber
Hosted IT services Ethernet services Integrated access Managed network services MPLS VPN Private line Security/Firewall

Web hosting
Wireless data access
Support/Other Services:

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Email
Ethernet services
Hosted infrastructure/platforms
Hosted Office IT services
Managed network services
MPLS VPN

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Hosted email Ethernet services
Hosted infrastructure/platforms
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VoIP Unified communications

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Managed network services

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SIP trunking
Unified communications

Data/Network Services:
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Access (DSO-OCn) Colocation/Data center services Managed network services Private line, Point to point Security/Firewall

WAN optimization Web hosting
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Storage
Virtual servers
Wireless data access
Support/Other Services:

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Managed network services
MPLS VPN

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Managed network services
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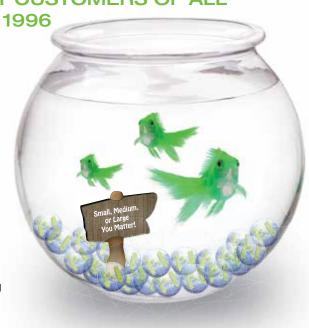


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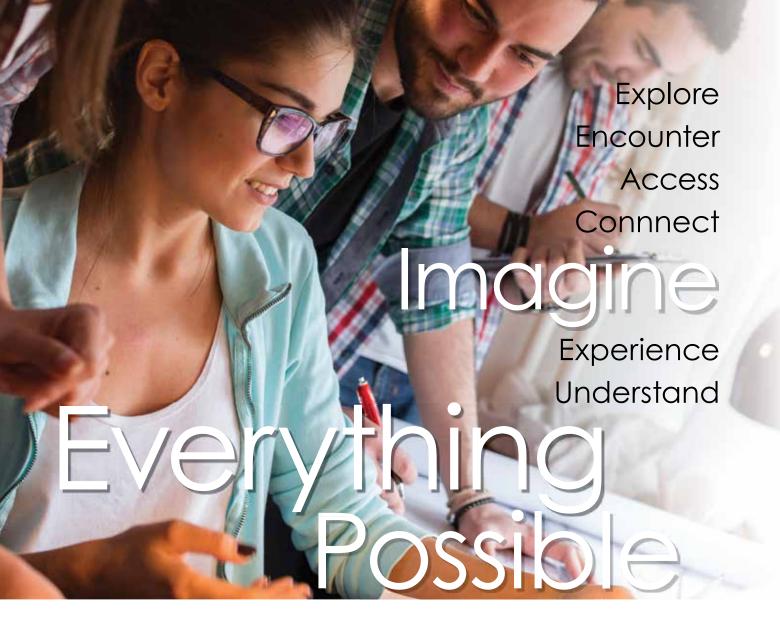
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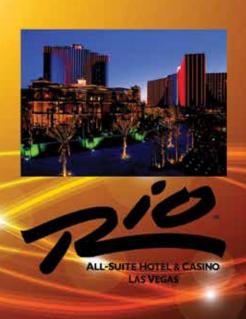
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## **Attention and Demand**

By **Peter** Radizeski

There is a saying that if I have to beg for your attention, it isn't worth it. It is true, but that doesn't stop businesses and channel managers from interrupting and annoying people who don't want to be bothered.

The reason that the funnel has flipped is due to marketers ruining everything. Spamming, shouting, robo-dialing, gone are the days of just throwing away a direct mail piece. Voicemail, spam filters, delete keys, temporary email addresses, and ad blockers all have been invented to help people avoid the onslaught of unwanted solicitations.

I was yelled at recently for putting someone on my email list in 2012. He never said remove me. He just simmered until he exploded one day years later. And it turns out he would never buy from me anyway. There is a lesson in there somewhere.

But that won't stop you from heading into the office and doing the same thing. You will add email addresses to an email list. You will try to recruit a bunch of agents who may ink the agreement but never sell a single thing. You will chase master agents and value added distributors to get the chance at thousands of partners, more than 99 percent of whom will not sell your stuff.

Everyone has their own strategy, and certainly everyone has quota. Quota makes us do dumb things, especially when we focus on quota instead of on daily activity, follow up and making friends. (Yes, sales is first and foremost about making friends.)

Comcast and AT&T can sign up thousands of agents because of demand. There is heavy demand for cable broadband. AT&T doesn't sign up thousands for a lot of reasons, one of which is controlling their brand, an asset worth billions. Amazon is selling Comcast services and VoIP installation now. There is D=demand.

For most of telecom there isn't demand. The duopoly – the ILEC and the cableco – are known entities, but most other competitors are not. Being a brand has its own demand.

Too many channel execs confuse their programs to be similar to Cisco or Microsoft. Cisco and Microsoft have channel partners who are invested. They spent time and money to get certified. They spend time and money to stay certified, educated and up-



to-date. Their business model encompasses Cisco or Microsoft (or Dell or IBM or HP or even Apple). That isn't the case for most other programs.

Demand creates invested partners. This demand meant that the vendors needed logistics and distribution. This meant Ingram Micro or Tech Data, value added distributors, with a purpose to distribute hardware for the vendors to the VARs, which would install and maintain it for the customer. The VAD would even manage software licensing. The VADs allowed the vendors to scale to tens of thousands of partners.

In the land of business IT, Microsoft and Cisco are staples. There is demand for buyers. VADs facilitate that for the channel program. How does that work for a cloud company or hosted VoIP company? They have not created (1) demand from buyers; (2) market awareness; (3) invested partners. Heck, they are still spamming and dialing to get anyone to sign up to sell their services. It's like the skinny kid with acne a week before prom.

A lot of the components to create demand are out of your hands. It is a company issue. Branding, deployment, customer experience, etc., are all ways to create awareness, which helps to create demand.

Yet there are still things you can do. Find out how your customers are using your services. Get testimo-



nials – from customers and successful agents. Craft a customer profile AND a partner profile.

The funnel in sales has flipped. Instead of everything being outbound in marketing, it is now inbound. Content marketing is the new lead generation ingredient. That means stories are in, in a big way.

If you are going to spam their email, do so with something quick and eye catching like a short video (recorded on your smartphone) about the last deal, an excited partner or a happy customer. Give tips on how to bundle your service into a complete solution.

With all of the platforms – Facebook, email, LinkedIn, blogs, Snapchat, Instagram and others – it isn't like you can't pick one social media network and "own" it. You could. And it would be more fun than what you are doing now.

Many channel managers tell me that they like to go with their partners on sales calls. Tape segments of one: a day in the lifestyle. Post it to Instagram: wins and losses. Have fun with it. It will help. Not immediately, but it will work. Good content is the scarce resource. Good content is what is in demand.

Good stories are in demand (cat photos too). Talking about your product, your features, your company to a prospect is asking to get the door slammed in your face.

Why are Infographics in demand? They visually tell a story. Most studies I have seen have a summary infographic. We live in a sound bite world. You capture attention in 100 characters or less.

Think about billboards. Unless you are stuck in traffic, you are driving by at 30 mph. That message has to hit you fast. Look at your emails. Do they look like a billboard? Would you send them to your grandmother?

Where does sales start? Oh, right, with making friends. Would you text that stuff you write to your friends?

It is a new era. It is the time of the flipped funnel. We live in a connection economy that lends itself to sharing good stories. Create a couple of good stories and share them. When these stories resonate with prospects they will become friends, partners and sell your stuff.

In the words of Susan Sontag, "Do stuff. Be clenched, curious. Not waiting for inspiration's shove or society's kiss on your forehead. Pay attention. It's all about paying attention. Attention is vitality. It connects you with others. It makes you eager. Stay eager."

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## **Making Contact**

### Fusion looks to cloud to transform the contact center market

By Tara Seals

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Fusion, which has a history of providing innovative cloud solutions to businesses of all sizes, is taking aim at a large, growing segment with significant pent-up demand: contact centers for mid-sized businesses.

The high-priced, premises-based solutions that were the norm for decades have traditionally reserved the most sophisticated, feature-rich solutions for the very largest enterprises. But the cloud enables the delivery of enterprise-level solutions to the midmarket, giving agents, VARs and other sales partners a raft of fresh opportunity.

In fact, global cloud service revenues are forecasted to reach \$106 billion in 2016, increasing 21 percent over projected 2015 spending levels, according to Goldman Sachs.

"The cloud is not just changing the contact center industry but is instead completely transforming it," said Fusion CEO Matt Rosen. "We saw the opportunity within our advanced, high-availability service platform to enable the integration of cloud communications, connectivity and analytics for an end-to-end contact center approach that sales partners can use to give mid-sized businesses the ability to provide customer service that equals or in many cases surpasses their larger rivals."

This competitive boost can be critical especially in industries where large market players dominate the landscape. Fusion's Contact360 platform includes the integration of features such as outbound as well as inbound campaign capabilities; softphone and mobility options; screen pops; simultaneous screen transfer; business analytics and customized reporting; and CRM integration. Taken together, these give medium-sized companies significant productivity and collaboration improvements, which in turn allows them to better serve customers.

That means putting an end to the common frustrations that cause customers to move away, such as long hold times and the multiple calls to resolution often caused by disjointed interactions and re-directs.

To address the former, customers are offered options for callback, scheduled or ASAP, reducing average speed of answer and abandon rates. To address

the second common frustration, Cloud360 in-

tegrates resources and information to eliminate swivel chair responses, and instead allows for datadriven, schedule-based,

> statistics-based, prioritybased, multimedia-based, skills-based routing. In other words, calls are directed to the right agent at the right time for faster issue resolution.

There's another selling point too: moving mission-critical communications to the cloud also reduces the cost, footprint and significant administrative and IT staffing required to maintain support-

ing systems, communications, network and data infrastructure. Ultimately, cloud contact center solutions reduce customers' cost of ownership and deliver new levels of security, flexibility, scalability and speed of deployment. Moving the contact center to the cloud also means that businesses can scale resources on demand, allowing them to master peak periods, both planned and unplanned.

"This means that businesses can re-orient their resources to support their primary business," Rosen noted.

Fusion's cloud-based, single source solution also is unique in that it integrates advanced, enterprise contact center features with hosted voice, unified communications-as-a-service (UCaaS), collaboration, mobility and the connectivity required to access the services. It also includes managed network services and live, 24x7x365 monitoring, maintenance and support.

"We have a robust, secure and diverse national network that delivers access to fully integrated cloud communications and our contact center solutions, which minimizes the headaches for both our sales partners and their customers," Rosen said. "Access, data and fully managed network services can be built in: DIDs, toll free and circuit solutions including Internet access and MPLS to connect multiple locations. We offer one contact, one contract, one invoice – and that's an immense value for partners looking to retain and then grow loyal, lifetime customers. That's the special value that Fusion brings to the table."

Fusion's solution also helps contact centers of all sizes record, measure and improve performance—another big competitive differentiator for companies. Smart analytics, when applied the right way, translates into better customer segmentation, and the ability to evaluate customer satisfaction and process effectiveness. In turn, that data can be used to improve first call resolutions, ensure service levels and drive better campaign results.

Fusion facilitates this with business analytics and advanced real-time and historical reporting that can be customized to meet customer's specific requirements, including cradle-to-grave call analysis. This includes support for integration to other sys-

tems, including CRM, ERP, Workflow, customer profiles, call recording and so on, providing access to metrics on key performance indicators. And, the analytics engine supports the integration of telephony, messaging and customer information data sources to enable better

outcome strategies.

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Further, in a boon for channel partners and midsized businesses alike, Fusion provides a flexible migration strategy to the cloud, accommodating existing investments, adoption readiness and appetite for change. It also offers a hybrid solution that can accommodate existing PBX – Fusion is fully certified with virtually every premises-based provider.

Channel partners are increasingly recognizing that cloud solution adoption is a question of when, not if, thanks to the cost-saving and productivity-enhancing benefits that migration provides.

"With service enhancements and business continuity built-in, eliminating costly end-of-life concerns and providing insurance against natural or man-made disasters, tapping into the cloud means that partners can confidently count on Fusion to deliver a full complement of services through our powerful partner and customer portals, exceptional 24x7x365 support delivered by highly trained and

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experienced technology professionals, and consistent revenue streams from loyal, satisfied customers," Rosen noted.

Going forward, Fusion plans on increasing investment in sales and marketing to

accelerate its own growth and that of its sales partners. To that end, the company recently hired John Hendler as senior vice president of sales. Working with Stacy Conrad, the company's vice president of channel sales, Fusion plans to continue to extend its geographical coverage with channel sales managers and directors deployed in key markets. The company is also rolling out a series of increasing incentives and rewards with spiffs and promotions, culminating in recognition in Fusion's "Power Circle."

Fusion also offers support and participation in joint events and joint marketing activities, a series of webinars on topics of interest in cloud thought leadership, as well as training on new initiatives, products and promotions.

In addition, Rosen said that Fusion will continue its steady growth through acquisition: "With six successful acquisitions in three years, Fusion is making sure our partners will continuously have new products to sell and new markets to explore," Rosen said.

In addition to taking the contact center to the cloud, the company is also using its platform to offer virtual datacenter solutions that reduce IT resource requirements in space and staffing. That in turn facilitates the integration of a full range of cloud-based services and applications managed in the Fusion cloud, including storage, and back-up and recovery integrated with cloud-based voice, UC and connectivity for a disaster recovery as a service (DRaaS) solution.

"Fusion relies on our extraordinary network of partners to help fuel our growth as the industry's leading single-source cloud services provider," Rosen said. "That's why we are fully committed to advancing our sales partners' success with a comprehensive and integrated portfolio of solutions that will help them, and our mutual customers, benefit from the many advantages of the cloud. To achieve that goal, we are committed to providing the sales and technical support, industry, product training and ongoing development that will help them find new ways to sell, make money and grow."

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