

Executive Summary

Leveraging existing technology, Comcel began using DOC1® to compose its wireless bills and other customer correspondence in November 1999. Previously, Comcel had outsourced its bill formatting, printing and mailing. After installing DOC1®, Comcel composed and printed in-house and realized substantial savings in reduced application maintenance costs. Comcel was also able to change document content and formatting quickly, as the company brought new products and services to market and revamped its corporate image. *"We selected Vault because it was 100% compatible with the DOC1® application that was already in production."* Alberto Campos, Information Technology Director, said, *"This enabled us to provide online access to customer documents in just one week. Documents created by DOC1® can be indexed, ingested and ready for customer service representatives (CSRs) and customers to view in less than four hours of completion of the billing cycle."*

Business Challenge

In the old process, Comcel produced bills in IBM AFP format. It took the billing and customer care system 15 hours to ingest documents from each billing cycle. Comcel also burned the documents onto multiple CDs and distributed these to account managers throughout Columbia—a three-day process. The billing system did not have compression capabilities, so each billing cycle required 35 GB of storage. Because storage costs were increasing at a dramatic rate, Comcel provided only the current and previous two months of documents online. For online documents, CSRs could display bills in less than five seconds. However, for bills aged three months or more, retrieval was from the CD, which averaged ten minutes each.

CASE STUDY



CUSTOMER PROFILE

- Leading provider of wireless communications in Colombia, offering customers innovative solutions in voice communication services
- Comcel's customers comprise more than 60% of Colombia's wireless subscribers, representing 57% of processed calls
- Implemented DOC1[®] in 1999 for in-house production of wireless bills and customer correspondence
 - We anticipate savings of \$500,000 for the first year and \$1,000,000 in year two on storage hardware and document distribution costs.

Alberto Campos IT Director Comcel



Solution

Upon implementing a customer communication management solution from Pitney Bowes Software, Comcel was able to index and ingest documents within four hours of completion of the billing cycle, resulting in immediate access to bills by Customer Service Representatives and customers. Because Comcel now stores all documents in the repository, Customer Service Representatives no longer need to retrieve documents from CDs. This helps them provide faster response to customer inquiries while lowering service costs. Using an in-house solution built in Vault, Comcel also provided two levels of security for Comcel's corporate customers. For example, within a company a manager can view all of his employees' bills, but the employee views only his bill.

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TECHNOLOGY USED

- DOC1[®] for in-house document composition
- Vault for document storage and retrieval

Results and Benefits

Leverage existing document composition solution to have an online presentment system in production within a week

Display online documents within 4 hours of a billing cycle instead of 3 days later

Reduce storage and outsourcing costs

Answer inbound customer inquiries in less time, especially when it comes to documents that are older than 3 months

We are pleased that we've been able to leverage our existing investment in DOC1[®] to provide exceptional customer service while achieving a quick return-oninvestment.

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