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alfa AdSuite Enterprise

The order management system from alfa Media Our flexible solution for administering every type of order

- Handling all commercial and technical processes for
 every type of order
- Optimising customer support through integrated
 Customer Relationship Management
- Integrating the customer via web-based order processing application





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We know the newspaper business. And we know the challenges currently facing media companies and publishers. For this reason, alfa Media have developed a solution that significantly enhances productivity in order processing: alfa AdSuite Enterprise. Orders can refer to much more than just print advertisements: from inserts, online advertising forms, TV and radio spots or user-defined order types – alfa AdSuite Enterprise can handle every type of order quickly, flexibly and easily.

Order administration

(Fig. 1)

Integrated commercial and technical processing deliver heavily streamlined order-processing workflow that gives you integrated operations.

- A convenient and ergonomic user interface allows orders to be processed and administered efficiently
- An integrated invoicing system generates invoices, credit entries, contract and commission calculations and transfers the data via a bidirectional interface to the accounts department

Integrated administration of advertising material

Given the variety of possible orders, it is essential that the workflow that generates advertising material is efficiently controlled. With this in mind, alfa AdSuite Enterprise offers the following features:

- Convenient storage for advertising material in the digital order folder
- Forwarding to the various publication channels
- Integrated forwarding to other alfa Media products

Online ordering (Fig. 2)

The 24/7 online self-service for private and business customers involves no additional personnel deployment or any change of infrastructure in the publisher. However, the added value for the advertising customer is significant and the savings for the publisher are immense.

- Ads can be designed, created, placed and paid for online and at anytime
- Costs associated with order
 processing are reduced
- Seamless integration with a media company's existing IT structure is guaranteed





Operational Customer Relationship Management

Campaign management with customer selection based on definable customer and order criteria offers a clear and comprehensive representation of all relevant customer information.

- Existing customer potential is
 optimally utilised
- Professional contact management with comprehensive CRM functions extends all the way from automatic generation of circular letters and campaigns to tracking existing transactions

Integrated statistics and analyses

The flexible analysis of all offers, reservations as well as the scheduled and invoiced orders provides transparency and makes it easy to create user-defined analysis and statistics.

- Interactive results simply click to open the orders behind a particular amount
- Transfer to other programs with the aid of XML export and transfer to Microsoft[®] Excel

Management Information System and Business Intelligence (Fig. 3)

alfa Business Intelligence collects and compresses the data from various alfa Media applications and provides an overview of analyses, both for compressed data and for detailed information.

- All key business figures are visible at a glance
- Powerful data mining functions build on the latest in-memory technology
- The application can run on local workstations. It can also be web-based or displayed on mobiles and PDA's as an iPhone[™] application



Functional Scope

Customer Data

- Customer number valid across multiple publishers
- Primary address
- Various other address types (e.g. billing address)
- Different commercial and technical data for each client/ publisher
- Contact partners
- Definition of various communication channels
- Product, issue and column-based settlements
- Customer as agency
- Linking agency to advertisers
- Customer relationship management
- Information about credit rating/ dunning attribute from financial accounting via interface
- Salesperson-customer assignment
- Assignment of logos to customer
- Change history
- Information about document dispatch includes advertisement printing on account
- Rapid entry screen for customer input
- Customised accounting
- Freely definable customer and contact partner features
- Customer dashboard
- Definition and account management for customer-specific service packages
- Administration of user-defined customerspecific documents
- Definition of forecast figures for statistical purposes

Salesperson

- Definition of salespersons/sales teams
- Storage of master data
- Definition of commission rates
- Option for salesperson splitting Rule-based automatic salesperson assignment
- Definition for forecast figures for statistical purposes
- Commission entitlement
- Commission invoicing •

Order Data

- Runs for advertisements, inserts, online advertising and freely definable item types
- Multiple items per order
- Complaint handling Offers and reservations are possible •
- Processing back-to-back transactions Automatic salesperson determination •
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- Payment split for orders
- Processing box-number ads • •
- Processing collectives Creating the advertisements •
- Change history Freely definable order characteristics
- Administration of user-defined orderspecific documents

Workflow

- Freely definable publishing processes
- Dynamic task lists for user(groups)
- Assigning tasks
- Automated creation and deletion of entries

Customer

- Relationship Management
- Complete contact management (telephone, E-mail, visit etc.)
- Integration with telephone system (select by clicking, customer search for
- incoming call) Task list via dashboard
- Campaigns
- Creation of circular letters
- Tracking campaigns in task list
- Task list via dashboard (E-mail inbox. contract monitoring etc.)

Clients, Publishers

- and Products Classification by client and publisher
- Unlimited number of publishers within a client
- Unlimited number of products within the publishers
- Central data structure with logically separated data management

Ad Order-taking

- and Advertising Rate
- Powerful search functions for customers. orders, ads, inserts, invoices etc. Creation of new customer via fast entry
- Intelligent duplicate handling
- Capture of commercial order data
- Capture of straight copy, designed ads ready for typesetting using alfa PageOne XT
- Adjustable administration of status and status transitions
- Posting of single editions and freely or
- predefined edition combinations Direct access to logos (section and/or customer-specific)
- Advertisement creation using DTP programs (Adobe® InDesign®, QuarkXPress[®] and
- CorelDraw®) Assignment of delivered camera ready ads
- Various types of individually configurable customer correspondence
- Administration of order documents and
- motifs

Advertisement Scheduling

- Placement sections
- Placing from AdSuite
- Waiting lists for placement
- Display free placings Placing during order entry

Offers and Reservations

- Offers and reservations Handling advertisement scheduling
- offers Entered order can be used to generate offers

Complaint Handling

Batch Processing

salesperson

Processing

Standard letters

Other Order Types

Online advertising

Insert orders

Package orders

Standard Statistics

Salesperson statistics

Target/actual comparison based on

Integrated reporting framework

Aggregation via grouping table

Export to Microsoft® Excel, csv and/or

Central provision of key business figures

Capture, design, booking and payment

of advertisements via the Internet

Advertisement design via electronic

Amendment, copy and repetition of

Processing mass data from owners (e.g.

(optional also via web and iPhoneTM

Custom design options

Business Intelligence

Interactive data mining

Online Ad Order-taking

existing advertisements

properties, vehicles etc.)

Volume statistics

Sales statistics

Insert statistics

forecast figures

Reports

XMI files

applications)

pattern book

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Freely definable services

Creating new batch

Compensation options

Complaint assessments

Creating existing batches

Cause, reason and trigger for complaint

Collective registration also directly by the

Dispatch via letter, PDF or E-mail

Price Calculation

- Pricing Discount scheme definable for individual customers
- Wide variety of discounts/ surcharges
- Manual price adjustments in the order
- Pro-rata invoices
- Individual customer rates
- Differentiation of basic and loco price
- Net or gross prices

Processing

customers

Box-number stickers

Correction Workflow

Creating a PDF file

Internal/external correction

resolution customer proof

Contract Administration

Contract tracking

Group contracts

Agency orders

Agency commission

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Billing

address)

invoicing

systems

Agencies

Contract calculation

Direct printout of the document

Sending an E-mail with document

Creation and administration of all

common current contract forms

Advertising or media agencies Advertiser allocation

Handling advertiser contracts

Accounting (separation, in-house invoice

Interfaces to various financial accounting

Unlimited number of document dispatch

Invoicing, immediate invoicing, cash

Cancellations and credits

Invoice run administration

Document dispatch addresses

Document Dispatch

Document labels

addresses

Production Double pages Flying pages Dual monitor handling Maintenance and Service Distribution via alfa AutoUpdate Multiprocessor enabled Auto-log copy

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Sending an E-mail referring to high-

- Box-number Ads Creation of an advertisement with boxnumber text and box number
- Box-number types/box-number address Communication with box-number