

Cloud CRM solution

integrated with a web portal for a scrub suit vending machine supplier



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Project Review

WaveAccess has partnered with ScrubPort, a US-based medical uniform supplier, to develop a comprehensive IT solution for providing disposable scrub sets for healthcare professionals at medical care facilities through vending machines. The solution connects the CRM system with user portals and with vending machine API, allowing for reliability, flexibility, and transparency.

Project requirements

In the US, it is a common practice for healthcare professionals to share working hours between two or more hospitals in one day. With schedules this busy, they sometimes do not have time to change their medical attire when leaving the hospital, increasing the risk of infection transmission outside the healthcare facility. Scrubs vending machines intended to minimize this risk, **making it possible for doctors to get a prepaid set of disposable scrubs right at the entrance to the hospital**.

Scrubs are relatively inexpensive, but are intended for use by healthcare professionals only — so the vendor had to **prevent their machines from issuing scrubs to non-professionals**. For this reason, a web portal was launched to register healthcare professionals as customers and manage their billing. When arriving at the hospital, the customer just enters their ID and PIN code at a vending machine and gets their sterile set of scrubs.

The vendor's sales department can **collect scrub sales data** from each machine in every hospital. Hospitals also need vending machine data to calculate their sales commision. Also, the pricing includes sales tax, which is different from state to state.

Therefore, the scrub vendor wanted a solution with the following requirements:

- Being able to add funds to the client's account balance through the online portal and/or automatic charging;
- At the hospital, allows the client to get a prepaid sterile scrubs using their client ID and PIN;
- Gathering sales data and making reports for all stakeholders: business owners, scrubs vendors, hospitals, and clients.

One of the main requirements was to **avoid in-house infrastructure**, so the solution was to be implemented in a cloud service.

Architecture choice

At the start of the project, the vendor only had vending machines with an application programming interface (API). WaveAccess had to integrate them with a future CRM system, which was implemented using a special processing gateway. This gateway also acts as a safety net to conduct transactions in case the CRM system is not available.

- Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM is the main solution backend, it tracks all actions and entities — from user IDs to their transactions. Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM hosts the entire system in the cloud in geographical proximity to the end user.
- Processing gateway is synchronized with the CRM almost in real time. The gateway interacts with the vending machine API through a machine integrator provider.
- Front End Customer Portal allows the healthcare specialists to register in the system and credit their account to purchase the scrubs. Automatic account topping is also available.



Solution architecture

Solution Details

Microsoft Dynamics CRM is the main data storage for all system components. It helps the business track all accounts and gathers statistics.

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Microsoft Dynamics CRM user interface

CRM system, along with the processing gateway, is integrated with payment systems. It uses a token-based system by Heartland API to track credit card transactions. It saves time and effort to undergo the yearly PCI (Payment Card Industry) certification required for companies that work with credit card holders.

Payment system token is also stored in the CRM system, allowing the customer to make a purchase even if they have forgotten to refill the deposit. In this case the customer can call the operator, and based on their Client ID the operator will process the transaction and the customer will get their scrub set right away.

The payment system reduces the PCI DSS scope and saves on the yearly PCI validation: the only requirement is to fill in and submit the SAQ-A form.

Gateway processing integration allows vending machine API to interact with the intermediator database. The gateway authorizes user IDs, and serves as a fail

proof: even if the CRM system and/or web service is down, the transactions will still be processed.

WaveAccess SynclT is a way to maintain a bi-directional synchronization between the CRM system and the cloud storage. SynclT is WaveAccess's own product to synchronize different data sources. It uses its own script language, development environment with a debugger (IDEA) and an unified interface.



Data synchronization. A WaveAccess SyncIT script

When there is a lot of data, the vending machines will send a lot of requests (such as gateway open request for example). These requests are collected by the intermediator base, not the CRM system directly. The intermediator base is then synchronized with the CRM system via SyncIT scripts. The data transferred is client deposit balance, new price lists, new products, user blacklist, and so on.

SynclT uses **Microsoft Application Insights** for analytics, performance counters, and logging. The apps are synchronized on a real-time basis.

Microsoft Power BI is used to make analytical reports and visualize data.

The user portal is implemented using the **ASP.NET MVC** technology, and it contains user, distributor, and point-of-sale administrator sections. The portal gives access to data stored in Microsoft CRM. Registering at this portal is mandatory, the credit card number is requested and checked on registration.



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New user registration page

When registration is completed, the portal sends the account PIN and ID to the client by any preferred means (SMS or email). Using these PIN and ID, the user can now purchase scrub sets. The portal also allows for changing user data and contacting the support team to solve problems.

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All client actions and transactions, be it wrong PIN code or making a deposit, is logged in the system. If the wrong PIN code was entered multiple times, a warning is sent to the client.

Microsoft Application Insights is a base for logging.



Log analyzer

As a competitive edge, a single use scrub set has a special name badge on the coat that fades out with time, therefore signaling the doctor that the scrub is losing sterility.

To print a personalized name badge for a scrub set at any hospital, the badge printing system gets client data from the intermediator badge which is synchronized with Microsoft Dynamics CRM in real time. This way, the doctor also gets a freshly printed name badge with a new set of scrubs in any hospital they work.

"The most challenging job was to enable data-driven subscription reports with given parameters. The reports are used by vending machine supplier as well as the hospitals themselves who are interested in their sales commission. The challenge is that Microsoft Dynamics CRM does not have the required report form. But it was made possible using DevExpress reporting", – says Sergey Gusev, Head of CRM department at WaveAccess. DevExpress reporting is used to generate reports and send them to stakeholders automatically. The sending options can be adjusted in the CRM system. The report looks like this:



PDF-report is mailed out to system users on a timely basis.

As a result, the stakeholders are informed about their transactions, and reports are generated on given settings and mailed out as PDF attachments.

The result

In partnership with the customer, a cloud solution is developed to sell single use scrub sets by vending machines in hospitals.

At a hospital, the healthcare professional is requested to enter their PIN and Client ID to get scrubs. If they have forgotten to refill their scrubs deposit, they may call the support line, name their Client ID and the transaction will be processed, allowing them to get a set of scrubs. All scrub sets include a printed name badge, based on the Client ID.

All stakeholders (business owners, hospitals, and clients) can adjust their report settings. Sales department collects data on each vending machine. Hospitals keep account of their point-of-sale commission that depends on the number of items sold. And the users, who are healthcare professionals, can track their scrub expenses and account balance.











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