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Case FUITSU The New Level in Billing

The Immediate Benefits of Automated Service Contract Billing in the Digital Economy

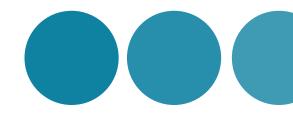
Back In The Day It Took a Week...

Back in the day it took a whole week to travel by horse wagon to a destination, which today can be reached in less than an hour by plane.

Many managed IT services that used to be billed on a monthly basis are now charged according to use per day, hour, minute or second. Collecting billing data once a month in a spreadsheet or in a static database is not cutting it any more.

Look at telecom services: Each second of your conversation on a mobile phone is recorded in detail. Each second may be billed. Or perhaps you subscribed to a monthly package. Nevertheless, all seconds on the phone are recorded as package usage. Decisions on offered services are based on detailed customer usage pattern data. Also, margin simulations of different package models are taken into consideration.

This is where all IT managed services as well as all other digitalizing services are headed.



Empowered User

The age of digitalization and the cloud. Users now know what they need, how and when they need it.

The one-size-fits all approach to service packages is history. Service contents and service chains must be configured to respond to each customer's needs. The demand for exact information on costs and usage in near-real time is self-evident. Competitiveness in the global services market requires a new set of efficiencies and an entirely new level of effectiveness.

What if all this could change? What would it require?



Automate Services? Really?

With a clear gap in service contract management and billing, the big question for management is the following:

Can modern service automation orchestration really enhance efficiency and effectiveness?

What if we could deliver configure-to-order service chains and bill pay-per-use service contracts **automatically**, **transparently** and **intelligently**?

Case FUJITSU The Background & Challenges

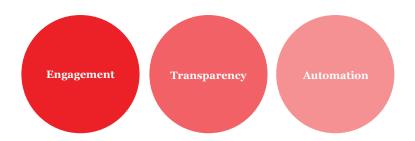
As an innovator Fujitsu understood this development long ago. Yet despite extensive front end self service automation, manual labour continued to be the norm behind the scenes.

Fujitsu Nordic invoicing used to be a month behind actual service delivery. Basic tasks were eating up excessive resources. With up to 20 persons managing the billing infrastructure and trying to tackle the ever more complicated client contract scope and detailed billing requirements, top management at Fujitsu realised that the entire process needed to be made more efficient and effective, rendering more precise information without loss of flexibility.





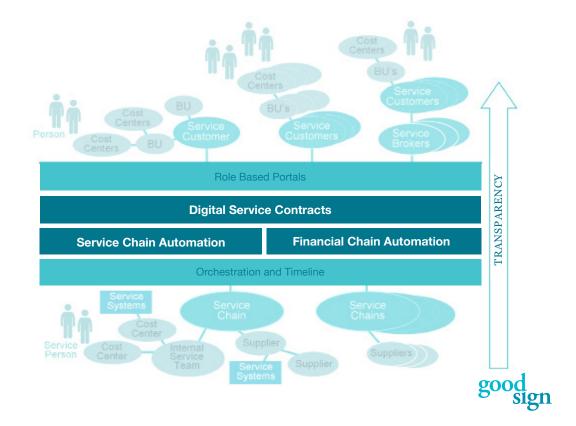
Fujitsu needed a solution which would act like an interpreter in between technical information and commercial contracts. Why? To enable a customer specific way of allocating expenses within their respective organizations.



What we needed was a next generation mediation and billing system. Honestly? It was something that didn't exist.

Mr. Tero Lappalainen Head of Service Delivery, Managed Services Nordic at Fujitsu







Adjust

- Adjust retrieved billing information to all customer contract specifications such as multi-level pricing, packaged pricing and SLA definitions.
- Normalize volume data and information

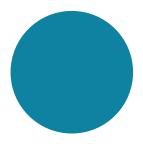


Enrich with any additional *reporting* based billing for incidents, work hours, project milestones etc.

Automate

- Automate the gathering of volume information and usage data records from any central CMDB system and/or numerous various source systems near-realtime, hourly, daily or monthly as desired for billing.
- Automate a billing split according to the customer organizational hierarchy at any level from global units up to cost centers and end users.
 - Automate internal chargebacks.







Automation for IT Managed Services

Fujitsu Nordic serves a global Swedish origin large retail customer chain. When the customer opens a new store, the IT infrastucture is provided by Fujitsu. With Good Sign's solution Fujitsu is automatically able to initiate the right service billing and offer pay-per-use for all customer's entities involved: the new store, the country level, and the global level.



Automation for Telecom Services

Fujitsu Nordic can now provide its customers with a unified IT and telecom service experience. It manages the complete mobile subscription provisioning, call data records mediation and billing in several mobile networks – automated with Good Sign's solution.

Also mobile phones and tablets are managed remotely with Good Sign's solution in 46 countries around the world.



Benefits are sometimes realised with a delay. Not this time.

With Good Sign's solution Fujitsu could immediately decrease billing lead time by two weeks and also gain more benefits in the future.

Work that required a small army of people now deserves the attention of two professionals - eliminating manual mistakes and serving customers with more detailed and relevant, tailored reports.

Empowered FUJITSU?

Yes. And more importantly it means customers and end-users are now in charge.

Customers'
500 million
transactions a year are
evidence of the usability
reliability and scalability
of the solution.

With Good Sign's solution
Fujitsu has also been able to
attach a *time-line* on each customer
contract: Any service addition or
deletion in the past, any active service
now, and any planned change *into*the future is visible for each service
contract.



Automate Your Service Contract Management and Billing Today.

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