

Restocking Grocery Stores - Mobile Barcode Solution Case Study

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Grocery restock, inside of a grocery store, grocery shelves, anything that illustrates stock, low in stock, stock reorder, etc.

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“Serialio.com has provided an very easy to use restocking solution and the support provided has been exceptional.” – Contact Richard Radack
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BUSINESS SITUATION

Mile High Grocery Supply Inc. is a distributor to over 100 grocery stores in Colorado, USA. Each day, Mile High field service workers visit these grocery stores to perform stock checks and create stock reorder invoices for the store. However, this pen and paper-based process was time consuming and error prone.

BUSINESS SOLUTION

AT&T and Serialio.com teamed up to provide Mile High an all-in-one mobile bar code software solution to improve the stock reorder process. Field workers now use a LaserChamp II (aka Microvision ROV Scanner with Bluetooth) laser bar code scanner with Bluetooth and an AT&T BlackBerry 8310 handheld loaded with SerialMagic with Grid-In-Hand(tm) Mobile Grid software.

When initiating a product reorder, the worker uses the LaserChamp II Scanner to capture the Universal Product Code (UPC) on the item. SerialMagic receives the bar code over Bluetooth and inserts the bar code into the correct field in the Grid-In-Hand(tm) Mobile Grid spreadsheet. The worker then increments the stock order and then moves to the next product.

When ready the worker presses a single button to upload the spreadsheet directly from Grid-In-Hand(tm) Mobile Grid to iScanList.com which sends the spreadsheet in XLS or CSV format over the AT&T network to the office, the order is in the office immediately upon completion. In the office the spreadsheet is used to produce the pick list, eliminating any data re-entry previously required by transcribing paper orders.

SOLUTION BENEFITS

- Increased Data Integrity – Scanning bar codes is 10,000x more accurate and 100x faster than manual data entry.
- Increased Office Efficiency - The spreadsheet is instantly converted into a pick ticket eliminating the need to digitize hand-written invoices.
- Increase Field Force Efficiency – Reorder invoices are instantly created and converted into pick lists, allowing each mobile worker to service more stores per day.
- Simple & Affordable – Solution is comprised of simple mobile hardware and common productivity software that totals between \$500-\$600 per worker

CASE STUDY OVERVIEW

Case Study Type:

Field Service, stock reorder

Customer:

Mile High Grocery Supply Inc.

Customer Type:

Distributor

Location:

Denver, CO

Number of Field Workers:

6

Number of Service Locations:

110 Grocery Stores

Solution Components:

- AT&T BlackBerry 8310 handheld
- LaserChamp II Scanner (aka ROV Scanner with Bluetooth)
- Software: SerialMagic with Grid-In-Hand(tm) Mobile Grid
- AT&T Unlimited Data Plan

Benefits:

- Workers can take orders 50% faster than previously
- Reorder errors are eliminated due to bar code capture
- \$500-600 per worker for entire solution

SOLUTION PARTNERS

