World first: VoIP telephony integration with Salesforce.com, automatic call logging: trixbox Pro UAE

A world first call centre performance booster: with trixbox UAE all inbound and outbound calls are automatically matched with the corresponding record in Salesforce.com, and call data is captured and logged. No more manual entries and wasted time.

Sept. 5, 2008 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Fonality, the leading provider of open source business communications systems, today announced the collaboration of the award winning trixbox Pro Unified Agent Edition and salesforce.com's AppExchange.

Fonality's trixbox Pro, Unified Agent Edition (UAE) is immediately available for test drive and deployment from Fonality Australia.

The collaboration of the two innovative systems provides a unique customer centric view of a company's telephony interaction and contributes to the customer value creation.

Fonality Australia director, Marc Englaro said that it used to take time and budget to create the kind of deep integration between a CRM and a phone system.

"Fonality is creating a clear channel between the two systems and helping organisations get a complete picture of the interactions with a customer or prospect.

"Fonality is the first company to provide automatic logging of phone calls into Salesforce.com. No longer do the sales and service representatives have to manually log calls into the CRM system. Now, all inbound and outbound calls are automatically matched with the corresponding record in Salesforce.com, and call data is captured and logged," said Mr Englaro.

The UAE value cycle includes three stages:

- Preparation: call centre and support agents are informed of the customer purchase and case history before they even take the call. They are therefore in a better position to help the customer achieve what they are trying to achieve, in the least stressful way.
- Engagement: both the customer and the call centre/support agent develop an ad-hoc amiable relationship based on perceived consideration from the company's side and subsequent positive response on the client's side.
- Review: the high degree of visibility across the sales, support, marketing and management teams allows for easy identification and targeting of problematic customer touch points.

The Fonality UAE value creation process is driven by the following features:

- Performance Management:
- Automatic Call History provides a detailed history of who employees are calling and the duration of each call.
- Integrated Call Recording allows any call to be recorded from the PBX system and attached to the corresponding record in Salesforce.com.
- Lead Management Reporting provides reports on how many calls were required for conversion, lead activity, etc.
- Agent Activity Reporting ranks agents based on activity and productivity.
- Outbound Call Reporting shows which reports are busiest on the phone, how many calls have been made to leads and customers.

Agent Productivity:

- Click to Call allows any number is Salesforce.com to be automatically dialled with the click of a mouse.
- Improved Screen Pops address the problem of multiple matching records. A screen is automatically launched for immediate note taking, and then can be attached to the proper record after the call.
- Deal Size Alerts pop-up on a rep's desktop and display the name, company and size of the opportunity before the phone starts ringing.
- Account Ownership Routing automatically directs incoming calls go to the account owners

Salesforce.com was recently announced the winner for their Midmarket Suite CRM by US CRM Magazine for its 2008 CRM Market Awards, a title held by Salesforce.com since 2005. They have also won the Marketing Automation category. Recipients were determined through an extensive three-month process and proprietary rating formula that involved industry analysts, financial and corporate information, product and functionality assessments, and scores reflecting customer satisfaction.

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About Fonality

Fonality is a leader in open source, Asterisk-based IP telephony systems. trixbox Pro, Fonality's award winning IP-PBX product line for small and medium-sized businesses, is widely recognised as the world's largest commercial Asterisk-based deployment with over 5000 systems in 100 countries making over 225 million calls. For more information please visit: http://www.fonality.com.

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