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Let's move to success

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Lina is a long standing sales professional recently focusing on expansion of UAB Aurika activities in Scandinavian countries.

In search of competitive advantages of the company Lina was the developer of Aurika's customer stock management service based on StockM© inventory management system.



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Who we are?



- Producer of labels and packaging
- Modern and reliable partner
- 257 employees
- Anual sales 20 mln. EUR
- More than 1500 customers in Lithuania and abroad
- 2600 orders a months in average.



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Why inventory management?

- Shortage in the warehose lost sales
- Surplus in the warehouse elimination off illiquid, frozen cash
- Costs of purchase management
- Human factor:
 - "I think that…"
 - "Needed it yesterday!!"



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What kind of inventory management?



- Principal attitude: inventory should be managed by technology
- Technology should serve people:
 - clear, simple, user friendly
 - specialized by functions



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The solution: StockM DBM What's next?

- Fear and lack of confidence
- 9 months pilot:
 - Does it work?
 - How does it work?
 - What results?
- Introduction of service for the customers



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Why for the customers?



- Packaging is cheap...
 Packaging is cheap??
- Big order = small price:
 - Surplus in the warehouseelimination of illiquid
 - Loss of flexibility
 - Bad cash flow
- Small orders = shortage:
 - "Fires"- lost sales
 - Increased costs of purchase management
- Unreliability of forecasts



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Increase impossible decrease





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Customer inventory management based on StockM DBM (Dynamic Buffer Management) principle





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Reaction

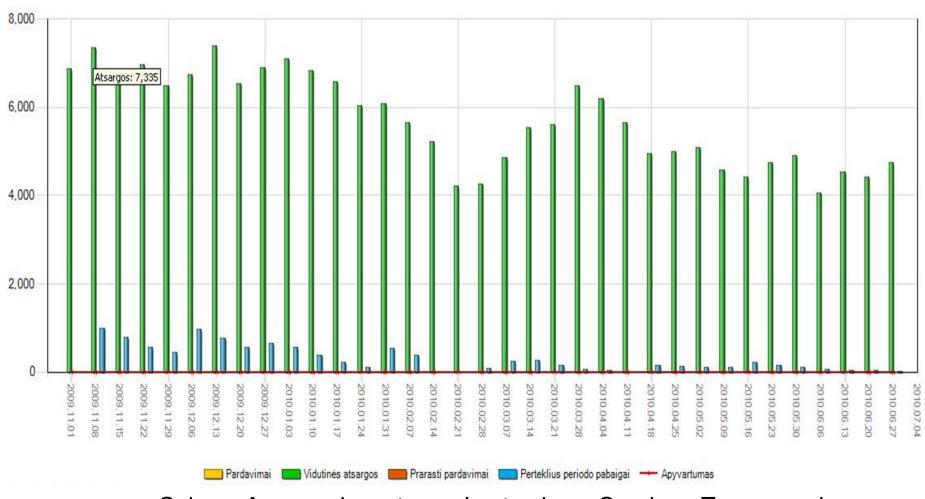
- "Oh, no no..."
- "Sounds interesting but it won't work in our case"
- "I have daubts but let's try"
- Preparation
- Pilot project
- Discussion of results and development



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Case study: expectations and results



Sales – Average inventory – Lost sales – Surplus - Turnarounds



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Case study: expectations and results

- Lower storage costs amount of labels decreased by 48%
- Better cash flow inventory decreased by 37%
- Low/stable purchase management costs – 46 orders without/minimum involvement of customer
- Required items at the right time 0 shortages or fires during the term
- Better planning of packaging expenses – fixed price



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Smart warehouse: what did we want to achieve?

- Manage and optimize inventory flow at the customer's warehouse with no load to customers accounting system and no changes in it.
- Optimize our production process, improve production planning and inventory control.
- Do not load customer with aditional work, share data from our accounting system about supplied items.

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Challenge: inaccurate accounting of balances



How to get data about balances if customer updates stock data in their IT systems only once a month?



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RFID "shop" technology

It was created using passive observation of merchandise balance methodology.



This methodology was launched in Germany in 2004. They launched a "Smart shop" that allowed a customer to pay for goods using e-money in special card. Customer didn't need to pull out pocket.



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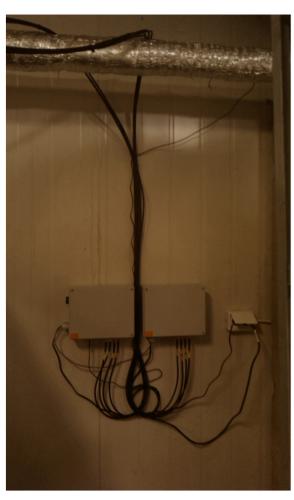
All items in the shop were marked with RFID (Radio-Frequency IDentification) labels. When customer filled the cart and passed the payment/scanning point the system charged apropriate bill from the e-card. At the same time "smart shop" system showed the shop employees which goods should be replenished.



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RFID – we invest in our customer





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RFID in Aurika

While implementing "Smart shop" idea and adopt it for our specific service (called "Smart stock") we involved Autepra, an experienced RFID implementation company, and StockM, that analizes traffic of labels and packaging and automaticaly creates new orders.

For "Smart Stock" service Aurika was awarded as the most "Innovative company" in the "Prize of Innovation" competition in 2010, organized by Lithuanian Innovation Center and Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists.



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