

# EXHIBIT 38

Re: Fw: FW: [Daily Revenue Report] - 01/14/2005 (HTML)

**Subject:** Re: Fw: FW: [Daily Revenue Report] - 01/14/2005 (HTML)

**From:** Joshua Engroff <jengroff@direct-revenue.com>

**Date:** Mon, 17 Jan 2005 13:49:58 -0500 (EST)

**To:** Chris Dowhan <chris@direct-revenue.com>, dan@direct-revenue.com, josh@direct-revenue.com, alan@direct-revenue.com, dan@dkcp.net, raffi@direct-revenue.com

Gang-

As most of you know, there has been a long-running debate about Software Online, and the decision each time has been not to shut them down (the latest reason was that they're a potential distribution partner). Software Online is a huge spender and have been running their ads for a long time on our network. They've also through Satish's QA clean each time we've looked at them—which doesn't mean they couldn't do bad things down the road, of course.

I will turn them off if that's the verdict. But just know that this will be an additional \$3-5K daily loss during a period of relatively low revenue and a user base that continues to shrink week over week (of course, SO could be part of that problem, but no one has confirmed that).

How about starting with having them remove that exit pop? Again, the reason we haven't done this already is that I was told they might be a distribution partner—not sure if that's still the case.

Josh

On Jan 17, 2005 01:15 PM, Chris Dowhan <chris@direct-revenue.com> wrote:

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From: "Daniel Doman" <dan@direct-revenue.com>

To: "Rodney Hook" <rod@direct-revenue.com>; "Chris Dowhan" <chris@direct-revenue.com>

Cc: "Joshua Abram" <josh@direct-revenue.com>; "'Mia Simonsen'" <mia@abetterinternet.com>; "'Alan Murray'" <amurray@direct-revenue.com>;

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Sent: Monday, January 17, 2005 11:57 AM

Subject: Re: Fw: [Daily Revenue Report] - 01/14/2005 (HTML)

I am utterly speechless. Rod is right. These campaigns should be turned off ASAP. We should never run this sort of thing.

- dan

-----Original Message-----

From: Rodney Hook <rod@direct-revenue.com>

Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2005 11:35:53  
To: Chris Dowhan <chris@direct-revenue.com>  
Cc: Joshua Abram <josh@direct-revenue.com>, "Mia Simonsen"  
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Subject: Re: FW: [Daily Revenue Report] - 01/14/2005 (HTML)

Due to the increased paranoia caused by Software online, regclean  
and  
various other spyware sweeper campaigns, I think we should tell  
engroff  
to get rid of them. Even if they are \$3K per day accounts. Their  
purpose is to make users paranoid. and they certainly make us  
paranoid  
and there's no way to measure their affect on our user base.

I see at least two per day as well and it leaves a couple of  
annoying  
exit pops.

If we get rid of them, we dont have to keep wondering and talking  
about  
them.

Using simple undeniable logic, Telling users a few times per day  
that  
they have spyware on their machine cant be making churn better, so  
it  
has to be making churn worse.

Rod

Chris Dowhan wrote:

I think the seasonal surges may be driving some of it, but here are  
the  
issues that collectively keep me up at night:  
1) CERES SEEING INCREASED CHURN FROM COMPETITORS AND ANTI-ADWARE.  
Ceres

has

been around long enough to be getting shot at more consistently  
now.

With

growing competitive shooting, we probably recover fairly often with  
poller

and then get shot again, and wait 24 hours before another recovery.  
I

think

this is happening more often and reducing checkin rates while we  
are  
dormant. There are 3 ways to get out of this cycle:  
a) Swap ad client footprints - may work for a short while but not a  
long-term solution  
b) Shoot the shooters - we just haven't been able to do this well  
enough  
c) MAKE THE AD CLIENT TOUGHER - I think the "hardened ad client" is  
our

best

bet at a mid- to long-term solution to churn. If it's harder to kill, we should be able to avoid the long dormant periods built into our current recovery method.

2) INCREASE IN MYPCTUNEUP OPT-OUTS - we have an add/remove programs entry now for all new distribution. Morpheus (solidpeer brand) and Holystic (Ceres brand) distribution both show that between 6% and 7% of desktops

we

try to acquire have already gone through MyPCTuneup so we leave them

alone.

This may not be average across all distribution, but it implies a rising user-driven opt-out. In addition to having easier access to opt-out, my user experience has changed lately.

a) I come back to my computer after no surfing activity and often see 5

ads

stacked on top of each other. That never used to happen.

b) 2 times while writing this e-mail I got the Ad that has the Regclean\_oc2.exe download attempt which is tacked to the back of ads

shown

by SoftwareOnline (?)

c) Once per day I see a modal pop for "Advanced INF blah blah" asking me

to

reboot my computer. This is a side affect of our torpedos.

d) I have a screenshot attached of a thinstaller that was pulled by one

of

our stubbies after I rebooted that opened a DOS window that didn't close

on

it's own - it seemed to do nothing.

...THESE THINGS MUST BE INCREASING A USERS' NEED TO GET US OFF THE MACHINE.

Are we tracking the volume of MyPCTuneup activity, and the ReferrerAgent

to

see where it comes from?

3) NETWORK ISSUES affecting downloads and possibly checkins.

Speculation,

but since I'm seeing some apps block our communication to download.abetterinternet.com, I would not be surprised if competitors/anti-pop-up apps would try to block our synchronizer checkin domains or IPs. This could be done after download/install at any time in the life of an ad client by an individual or a network admin.

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To: "Joshua Abram" <josh@direct-revenue.com>  
Cc: "Chris Dowhan" <chris@direct-revenue.com>; "Mia Simonsen" <mia@abetterinternet.com>; "Alan Murray" <amurray@direct-revenue.com>;  
"Wendy Miller" <wmiller@direct-revenue.com>  
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2005 9:13 AM  
Subject: Re: FW: [Daily Revenue Report] - 01/14/2005 (HTML)

We had above normal new counts for 2-3 days last week but we were already shrinking at 2% rate. so it just made us shrink at 0% rate for a couple days, now we are back to a 2-3% per week shrinkage rate as our new user acquisitions are right back where they were a week ago. Sunday over sunday, we are off by 3.3% (might be holiday weekend)

Part of what was keeping us flat last week was the return of college students and since we are not going to get any seasonal surges this week, I think this week we can expect even bigger drops in the user counts unless something changes. I'm projecting we will probably expect 3% under last week when we see tuesday numbers.

WSW kicked is kicking in a lot of new desktops (9KUS 6.3K Intl ), but our other distributors (ICMD in particular) have all tapered way off this week

our new desktops yesterday was 39.6K US 19.9K INTL  
our new desktops last sunday was 39.0K US 16.8 INTL

So we have not really changed our downward trend. We are in the same boat we were in last week, except now we have a different list of partners in the top6.

WSW seems to be tapering off fast so, unless something changes in next few days we are going to see even bigger week over week shrinkage in the user base.

Here's the trend on WSW this week. not a very encouraging trend in the NEW columns.

CHECKIN_DATE	TOTAL	US	INTL	NEW	NEW_US	NEW_INTL
2005-01-16	152344	95954	56390	15355	9013	6342
2005-01-15	146435	93724	52711	18477	10959	7518
2005-01-14	155975	99183	56792	28344	16111	12233

2005-01-13	149692	95928	53764	68491	39751	28700
2005-01-12	78904	57390	21514	57383	40661	16722
2005-01-11	10526	8718	1808	9338	7775	1563
2005-01-10	13	12	1	13	12	1

Rod

Joshua Abram wrote:

Anyone have a theory about Friday's large drop in checkins after  
a  
week of distribution actually going up a bit?  
J

From: [dailyreport-bounces@minga.com](mailto:dailyreport-bounces@minga.com)  
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# DAILY REVENUE REPORT

Friday, January 14, 2005

Total Rev	127,199	Per Unit Rev	
0.047632	U.S Clients	2,670,406	

  

Rel Prev Day	95.5%	Rel Prev Day	100.9%	Rel Prev
Day	94.6%			
Rel Last Fri	93.7%	Rel Last Fri	93.5%	Rel Last
Fri	100.2%			
Rel Avg 4 Fri	108.4%	Rel Avg 4 Fri	97.7%	Rel Av
Fri	111.6%			
Rel Record	63.1%	Rel Record	87.1%	Rel
Record	45.5%			
Rel Goal	288.7%			