

Distributed Capture: Big Bluster or Big Savings for a Global Economy?

Is there real value in distributed capture—or is it just another phrase in an endless string of jargon from the data capture industry?

Good news. There are real benefits—in time and costs savings—to be had with distributed capture. In a nutshell, the phrase means this: instead of scanning all documents in one central location, companies capture data at remote locations, the source of the documents, too. Then the images are delivered via the Internet for centralized processing, distribution and storage.

Distributed capture is a natural next step in our evolving global economy. As companies become more globally fragmented, distributed capture can be a great way to lower costs and improve the speed at which information moves through your enterprise.

Evolving business models lead to evolving methods of capturing savings

The past ten years have seen massive changes in the business landscape. But one thing has remained constant: paper. The first business response to the issues of cost and speed in dealing with paper was to set up centralized imaging and data capture operations. Paper is routed to one location where it is sorted and scanned. Images and data were then routed to the right backend and document management systems for business use, and the physical documents themselves archived.

The centralized model does lower costs. It minimizes the need for manual data entry and the hidden costs associated with slowly moving paper through an organization, such as with delays caused by missing documents.

But centralized capture can also leave savings on the table. Companies still have to route paper to the central location, and whether that's done via mail, fax or a combination of both, the costs add up. The larger and more dispersed an organization, the higher the costs.

And that's where distributed capture comes in. As business becomes more globally intertwined, it must rely even more on the Internet. Forward-thinking organizations are finding that by investing in remote scanning capabilities, they earn many times their investment back in lower postage and long-distance phone service costs created by faxing.

Get started quickly with CAPTUREit

AnyDoc® CAPTUREit™ can help you eliminate the faxing and mailing. Whether you need to capture and email just a few documents, or scan and deliver thousands of documents from offices dispersed around the globe, CAPTUREit is the solution. The software works with any TWAIN-compatible scanner, and delivers images to OCR for AnyDoc® or other destinations.

For example: one CAPTUREit customer, a national restaurant chain, would overnight invoices from each remote location to their corporate headquarters. Every day, volumes of envelopes arrived at corporate stuffed with rapidly aging invoices. The company was incurring a massive mailing expense—and delaying invoice processing.

Now, each location scans their invoices and automatically sends the images to corporate headquarters via the Internet with CAPTUREit. Data is then processed and extracted for export to their backend system using AnyDoc®INVOICE. So, invoices are processed faster. The company is hitting more early payment discounts. And mailing, faxing and long distance phone charges have been drastically reduced.

As business becomes more global, companies need to keep finding ways to control the costs of dispersed operations. And distributed capture is a great way to do just that. It makes sense for companies with just a few remote locations as well as global conglomerates.

If you're ready to increase the costs savings created by your data capture operation, contact us today to learn more about CAPTUREit.