Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

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Oracle Buys Eloqua

Adds Leading Modern Marketing Platform to the Oracle Cloud to Help Companies Deliver Exceptional Customer Experiences

On December 20, 2012, Oracle announced that it had agreed to acquire Eloqua, a leading provider of cloud-based modern marketing applications.

The transaction has closed.

Eloqua delivers marketing automation and revenue performance management software that ensures every component of marketing works harder and more efficiently to drive revenue. More than 1,200 organizations across a wide range of industries rely on Eloqua’s modern marketing cloud to automate complex marketing processes across multiple channels, to target and nurture prospects, and to deliver highly qualified leads at a lower cost to sales teams. Customers are better able to track, capture and analyze a potential buyer’s Digital Body Language, including their preferences, behavior and decision-making processes, to more accurately score and qualify leads and identify high quality prospects. Eloqua will become the centerpiece of the Oracle Marketing Cloud.

The combination of Oracle and Eloqua is expected to create a comprehensive Customer Experience Cloud offering to help companies transform the way they market, sell, support and serve their customers. The combined offering is expected to enable organizations to provide a highly personalized and unified experience across channels, to create brand loyalty through social and online interactions, and to provide superior service at every touchpoint.

Eloqua’s leading marketing automation cloud will be an important addition to Oracle’s Customer Experience offering which includes the Oracle Sales Cloud, Oracle Commerce Cloud, Oracle Service Cloud, Oracle Content Cloud, and Oracle Social Cloud. Together, this offering provides end-to-end management of the customer journey through unified data, integrated business process management, and business analytics. Oracle also remains committed to enabling customers to use Eloqua’s Marketing Cloud in a multi-vendor environment including non-Oracle sales automation systems.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW AND STRATEGY

What is the rationale for this acquisition?

Customers are increasingly discovering information about products and services through a variety of channels and online sources, rather than relying solely on a salesperson. These better informed and knowledgeable buyers are demanding a more streamlined buying and selling process. As a result, the way customers discover and buy products and services, and the way in which companies sell to and service them is fundamentally changing. Delivering the right content to the right person at the right time drives broader purchases, repeat business, brand loyalty and customer advocacy.

Exceptional customer experience starts with knowing your customer’s preferences and delivering a highly personalized buying experience. Modern marketers drive revenue because they can help organizations understand where the customer is in the buying process and enable them to target and nurture potential and existing customers more effectively. Eloqua’s modern marketing platform delivers best-in-class
capabilities to ensure every component of marketing works harder and more efficiently to drive revenue.

What products does Eloqua offer?
Eloqua’s leading cloud solutions drive higher quality leads that lower the cost of demand generation and increase the revenue per customer. More than 100,000 global users from both large and small companies, rely on the marketing automation power of Eloqua to improve demand generation and lead management while driving more qualified leads. In total, Eloqua has over 1,200 customers across various industries, including 81 of the S&P 500 and 23 of the Nasdaq 100.

Key elements of the Eloqua solutions include:

• A comprehensive revenue performance management platform with best-in-class functionality that automates and optimizes complex marketing and sales processes across multiple channels.
• The ability to track, capture and analyze a potential buyer’s Digital Body Language including their preferences, behavior and decision-making processes, which enables selling organizations to more accurately score and qualify leads and identify high-quality prospects, thereby shortening the sales cycles.
• Comprehensive marketing and sales performance reporting tools, including detailed dashboards tailored to meet the needs of executives, providing them with real-time insight so that they can understand the impact of marketing and sales on revenue growth and measure operational efficiency.
• Seamless integration with other key enterprise systems, including all leading CRM platforms.
• The Eloqua AppCloud is an open online marketplace that allows customers to leverage third party applications to extend Eloqua’s platform capabilities. Eloqua AppCloud offerings help customers to better understand their buyers, to engage through additional channels, to manage, cleanse, and append data, and to collect event registration information and send reminders – all seamlessly integrated with the Eloqua platform.

How will Eloqua extend Oracle’s strategy to deliver Customer Experience solutions?
Oracle plans to make Eloqua the centerpiece of Oracle’s Marketing Cloud, which will result in an acceleration of investments in the Eloqua solutions. We expect this will add additional functionality and capabilities at a quicker pace. Oracle also plans to implement the solution internally for our modern marketing needs.
Will Eloqua Experience continue as planned in October 2013 in San Francisco?
Both companies will work together to optimize Eloqua Experience for 2013. We are committed to providing a forum for the discussion of marketing automation and how to effectively leverage Eloqua’s technology and its capabilities.

Will Oracle continue the Markie Awards?
Yes, we look forward to continuing to recognize this excellence in marketing.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY
Can I still purchase Eloqua products?
Yes. Please contact an Eloqua sales representative to assist you, or visit www.eloqua.com for contact information.

Should Eloqua customers continue to call Eloqua customer support?
Yes. Eloqua customers should continue to use existing Eloqua contacts for support, professional services and sales to address immediate and ongoing needs. We will communicate all changes and transitions occurring well in advance through these familiar channels.

How will Oracle continue to support and broaden relationships with Eloqua partners?
We expect business to continue as usual for Eloqua partners. If contact information changes, we will communicate these changes through normal channels. Oracle partners may also use their existing Oracle channels for support to answer any questions.

Will training on Eloqua products continue?
Yes. We want to ensure that our customers’ software provides the best possible service for their organizations, and we know excellent training is critical to reach that goal.

Where can I find out more information about the Oracle and Eloqua combination?
For more information, please visit oracle.com/eloqua.

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