

Challenge:

- The client is a global leader in IT and networking, with headquarters in the United States.
- The company required assistance with an ambitious circular-economy initiative involving product refurbishment to minimize waste, decrease logistical warehouse expenses, and reduce its carbon footprint.
- It faced significant redundancy in its supplychain processes, as products often had to be shipped through warehouses and distribution centers rather than directly to customer homes. This created needless waste and meant customers often had to wait an extra day or two to receive a shipment.

Solution:

- Capgemini's Technology Market Unit team delivered a three-pronged solution to modernize the client's supply chain.
- Developed a Unique Device Identifier to capture the source origin for all products both old and new, with digitized tracing and tracking of parts and materials
- Implemented a new sales application for logistics partners to better capture data from multiple and disparate sources
- Delivered a dynamic disposition engine for channeling returned products more efficiently, by minimizing reliance on warehouses and shipping refurbished products directly between customers or to the manufacturer when required
- Increased operational effectiveness by providing visibility on critical return parameters

Result:

- Capgemini transformed the company's supply chain, boosting efficiency and reducing its environmental impact by an estimated 225,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year.
- Additional annual savings of \$3.5 million as a result of increased return of un-sold goods and value maximization
- Product replacement, service, repair, and refurbishment were provided to end customers on request – extending product longevity and minimizing waste.
- End customers were given easy pickup options for returning products at no cost, further improving the customer experience.
- The client's leadership appreciated Capgemini's overall effort and impact. Our partnership remains strong today, with a mutual commitment to further realizing the company's sustainability ambitions.

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- Our sustainability framework
- Consumers demanding a move to sustainability

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