

Executive Summary

Every distributor has that one rep who's got it all figured out. Call him Jeff. Jeff has something special. He's built rock-solid customer relationships, responds quickly, and reaches out when they're most likely to order. Of course, he gets a ton of orders.

Unfortunately, there's only one Jeff. When your front of house can't see every conversation and order in one place, they can't respond fast or sell proactively. That means you're missing orders you should be winning.

But what if every rep was like Jeff—serving customers fast and driving orders proactively? Think about the effect this would have on your business and on your revenue.

That's why we created this guide. This playbook breaks down how you can replicate Jeff's success across your entire front-of-house. By focusing on three core strategies — **Serve**, **Centralize**, **and Drive**, you'll transform every rep into a Jeff-level performer that wins orders.



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Jeremy Marston | Chief Operating Officer - J.J. Nichting Company

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Driving More Orders with Proactive Sales & Marketing

Turning Service Into Sales to Unlock Growth

Growth doesn't come from waiting for customers to call in—it comes from driving the conversation. Jeff demonstrates this every day; he takes the initiative to check in, suggest add-ons, remind them about reorders, and capitalize on every customer interaction. That's why Jeff consistently outperforms—he drives orders, while others wait for them to come in.

Why It Matters

If your team is only reacting to inbound orders, you're missing out on opportunities to drive more revenue. Customers who don't regularly hear from you often drift toward competitors who are more proactive.



Jeff flips this script. He checks order histories, spots gaps, and reaches out before competitors can.

Most reps don't do this—not because they don't care, but because they lack the time, systems, and execution to act.

Tip 1: Reclaim Missed Revenue — Re-engage Dormant Accounts to Drive New Orders

Allowing dormant accounts to stay dormant is a missed revenue opportunity. Jeff is well aware that 80% of your revenue comes from 20% of your customers, and that means there's a gold mine of potential just waiting to be tapped. With simple intentional outreach, Jeff makes it a priority to re-engage dormant customers and drive orders.

67%

more orders comes from re-activated customers rather than net new logos.

How a Great Rep Drives Orders from Existing Customers:

1	Identify Who's Gone Quiet	A great rep pulls a list of customers who haven't ordered in the past 3, 6, or 12 months to tailor his outreach.
2	Reach Out Personally	A simple, "Haven't heard from you in a bit. Here's a 20% discount," goes a long way to win a customer back.
3	Remedy a Bad Experience	Sometimes, customers fall off because of a frustrating experience. Reach out to see how you can make it up to them.

How Prokeep Reactivates Revenue Hiding in Plain Sight:

	Surface Dormant Accounts	Prokeep records all customer conversation and order history, giving you visibility into who's gone quiet.
2	Personalized Customer Outreach	Send promos, event invites, and win-back campaigns that win customers back.
3	Create Feedback Workflows	Send surveys to customers who order and create follow-up tasks for negative experiences to prevent loss.

After an SMS broadcast? We'd do between \$60K and \$100K. One message equaled \$60K in new sales.



Rusty Thompson | General Manager - Johnstone Supply

Tip 2: Stop Missing Promotions Because of Time Constraints — Send Them Out Quickly and Effortlessly

Ever gotten a 24-hour promotion from an OEM and handed a call list to your reps with a strong suspicion that calls would not be made? Jeff doesn't make that mistake. He knows that promotions are often the final nudge customers need to pull the trigger, and he doesn't waste any opportunity.

70%

increase in average order value comes from proactively capitalizing on every sale.

How a Great Rep Makes Promotions Easy:

	Segment By Activity Level	Separate out lists of customers by company size, and activity level, so you know which promotions are relevant to whom.
2	Use SMS Marketing	Send promotions with ease by simply texting your customers about upcoming promotions instead of making individual calls.
3	Mention Promotions Often	Even seemingly irrelevant conversations are opportunities to casually mention a promotion and plant the seed.

How Prokeep Powers Proactive Selling:

	Build Smarter Audiences	Prokeep's Audience Builder uses activity and customer labels to create ready-to-buy audiences.
2	Easy Time Sensitive Campaigns	With Prokeep's Al-recommended templates, you can quickly launch promos with the click of a button.
3	Stop Leaving OEM Dollars on the Table	Use Prokeep to run campaigns that promote OEM products, meet co-op spend requirements, and drive more orders.

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Tip 3: Stop Sitting on Customer Insights — Turn Them into Timely Recommendations that Drive More Orders

Jeff doesn't just wait for customers to tell him what they need—he already knows. By tracking their buying habits, preferred brands, and upcoming projects, Jeff can offer suggestions that feel more like helpful advice than sales pitches. Because his recommendations are relevant and well-timed, customers see Jeff as a trusted partner, not just a rep.

more daily orders from proactive

outreach.

How a Great Rep Uses His Knowledge to Drive Orders:

	Knows What to Recommend	Know each customer's brand preferences, so you can suggest relevant products instead of generic upsells.
2	Timely Outreach	Anticipate when customers typically reorder or start new projects and proactively reach out with quotes to secure the order in advance.
3	Leverages Delivery Routes	Utilize scheduled delivery notifications to mention add-ons that customers often order together.

How Prokeep Turns Customer Knowledge into More Revenue:

	Easy Customer Segmentation	Prokeep centralizes customer data and segments customers into lists to send relevant promotions with ease.
2	Generate Quotes Proactively	With Prokeep's Al-recommended templates, you can quickly launch promos with the click of a button.
3	Quote Recapture	Prokeep makes it easy to follow up on abandoned quotes and offer discounts or promotions to convert them into completed orders.

Prokeep has really helped us solidify the fact that we are communicating the right information to our customers.

Benton Jolly | President - Bowling Green Winlectric



Serving Customers Faster to Capture More Orders

Serving customers fast is no longer just a competitive edge—it's a business imperative. *Jeff sets the example.* He knows every customer by name, responds instantly, and makes every interaction feel effortless. That is why Jeff's customers order from him again and again.

Why It Matters

If your team is still leaning on traditional service methods—endless phone calls, in-person counter traffic, and reactive order-taking—your reps are leaving orders on the table and losing customers to more responsive competitors.

Learn how to increase orders by enabling your team to respond to every order faster so customers choose you first, place more frequent orders, and return because they trust that the experience will always be quick, seamless, and reliable.



Most distributors are held back by outdated systems, overwhelmed reps, and fragmented communication.

That gap is why so many reps can't "be Jeff." The result? Slow response times, missed orders, and frustrated customers.

Tip 1: Don't Limit How Customers Connect — Let Them Reach You From Any Channel They Prefer

Forcing all customers to order through one channel creates bottlenecks, long hold times, and, ultimately, missed orders. That's why Jeff makes it a point to meet customers where they are and do business the way they want to do it.

9.5%

YOY revenue growth for businesses that use omnichannel communication.

How a Great Rep Meets Customers Where They Are:

1	Answers on Every Channel	Don't limit yourself to just the phone or the counter — make yourself always available to take orders through any means.
2	Responds Quickly, Regardless of the Channel	Prioritizes fast responses across all channels, so you can place the order and move on to the next.
3	Adapts to Customer's Preference	Taking orders the way your customer prefers ensures they'll come back to you, rather than a competitor that offers options.

How Prokeep Helps Your Whole Team Meet Customers Where They Are:

	One Inbox for All Channels	Prokeep connects text, chats, email, and fax to one business-dedicated inbox where more orders are closed faster.
2	Seamless Speed Across All Channels	With all channels connected to one inbox, you can stay focused without flipping tabs or putting the phone down.
3	Personalized Experience at Scale	With multiple channels and centralized data, Prokeep ensures every customer interaction feels tailored and fast.

We're able to multitask. I can take an order from someone over text, email, over the phone, and in person smoothly. So instead of that one order at a time, we're able to take about 3x more orders in the same time frame.

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Rusty Thompson | General Manager - Johnstone Supply

Tip 2: Eliminate the Wait — Give Customers Instant Quotes and Order Status Updates from Confirmation to Delivery

When your front-of-house team can't see every conversation and order in one place, they can't respond fast or sell proactively, and that opens the door for competitors. Jeff makes it a point to make sure service is quick. Even if he can't solve the problem right away, he acknowledges the customer by saying, "I'll be right with you."

80%

more revenue for businesses that provide quick service.

How a Great Rep Eliminates Wait-Time:

	Acknowledges Instantly	The moment a message comes in, send a quick acknowledgment so customers know they're getting an answer soon.
2	Sets Alerts	Prioritizes fast responses across all channels, so you can place the order and move on to the next.
3	Keeps Key Details at Fingertips	Memorize common part numbers and stock availability, so customers aren't waiting or turning to faster competitors.

How Prokeep Helps You Eliminate Wait-Time:

	Instant Auto-Acknowledgments	Prokeep sends an automatic reply the moment a message comes in, so customers know a rep is on the way.
2	Built-in Alerts	If a message sits unanswered, Prokeep flags it so nothing slips through the cracks and customers aren't left waiting.
3	Centralized Product Knowledge	With stock & quote lookup and order details in one place, reps can respond quickly and accurately.

We have a couple of branches that really only have 1 full time counter person in their management those branches have done extraordinarily well with Prokeep because they can multitask so well. They can handle 3 or 4 customers with Prokeep versus just one on the phone.



Susan Dunn | Corporate Inventory Control Manager - Truckworx

Tip 3: Stop Leaving Customers Guessing - Send Instant Quotes and Order Status Updates

Jeff eliminates any uncertainty by keeping customers in the loop at every stage, from quote to confirmation to delivery. By sending instant updates, he builds trust, reduces call-backs, and gives customers confidence that their order is moving forward without a hitch.

50%

of orders go to the business that sends quotes first.

How a Great Rep Keeps Customers in the Loop:

	Send Quotes Fast	Turn requests into quotes instantly, giving customers a reason to choose you over your competition.
2	Confirms Orders Right Away	Inform customers the moment their order is placed, reducing turnover and making it easy for them to order from you again.
3	Real-Time Updates	From quote approvals to delivery notifications, proactive updates eliminate uncertainty and enhance the overall experience.

How Prokeep Keeps Your Customers in the Loop:

1	Instant quotes	Prokeep uses Al-powered Order Automation to match inventory, check stock, and generate quotes in seconds.
2	Automatic order confirmations	Every order placed through the ERP triggers an automatic confirmation sent through Prokeep.
3	Real-time status notifications	Updates aren't limited to order confirmations; customers are automatically notified all the way until the product is at their door.

It's as quick as sending a text—no more tying someone up on the phone for 90 seconds. And those 90 seconds add up over a week, over a month. Saving that time keeps reps engaged with customers instead of bogged down in simple tasks.



Visibility Drives Orders: Lead with Clarity, Not Complexity

Having centralized customer data puts you in control of your key customer relationships and opens up new opportunities to grow and scale your business. Without confidence in the data you're working from, you can't leverage that information to drive orders.

Why It Matters

Jeff shows us that strong customer relationships don't just come from fast service—they also come from clear visibility. When Jeff follows up with a customer, he recalls the quote from last week, the current status of the order, and any outstanding issues. That consistency strengthens relationships, *drives more orders*, and turns data into revenue gains.

Understanding the Challenge: Meeting Expectations with Clear Visibility

Most reps can't operate like Jeff. They're juggling siloed inboxes, disconnected spreadsheets, and scattered notes. Jeff avoids this by keeping everything straight in his own system, but scaling that across an entire business is nearly impossible without the right tools.

Customers don't just want fast service—they want certainty:

of buyers choose distributors that offer personalized experiences.

of sales reps say good data helps them build customer loyalty.

\$3.7 trillion in risk comes from poor customer experiences and siloed data.

of businesses have reported increased revenue along with better data.

Most reps lack Jeff's memory and discipline— and without centralized visibility, things often slip through the cracks.

The result? Lost trust, lost opportunities, and lost revenue.

Tip 1: Stop Working with Incomplete Data — Build Complete Customer Profiles that Give You the Full Picture of Every Relationship

Jeff knows the value of a complete customer profile. It's more than just a name and phone number—it's a living record of a customer's contact details, industry, title, company, and project history, that helps him provide tailored service.

40%

more revenue for businesses that use personalization compared to those who don't.

How a Great Rep Keeps Accounts Organized:

	Segments for Growth	By tagging customers as active, dormant, or at-risk, you know exactly where to reach out to get that order.
2	Turns Data into Action	Use data to spot risks, identify opportunities, and turn insights into revenue.
3	Drive Orders with Precision	Using purchase history and brand preferences, deliver the right promotions to the right customers at the right time.

How Prokeep Lets You Leverage Customer Insights for Better Service:

	Spot Opportunities to Drive Orders	With all customer contacts and notes unified, reps know who's active or dormant and can reach out to them with relevant offers.
2	Turn Insights into More Orders	Every past conversation and detail is actionable, helping reps move from reactive service to proactive account protection.
3	Tracks Order & Quote History	Purchase patterns, frequency, and brand preferences are logged automatically, enabling reps to anticipate customer needs.

It's just a very fast, easy way that folks are accustomed to using because it's a text stream. Prokeep has meant access to information and the ability to deliver answers quickly to our client base.

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Tip 2: Stop Guessing What Customers Need — Use Order History to Anticipate their Next Purchase

Jeff takes that foundation a step further. Beyond names and contact details, he remembers buying habits, brand preferences, and upcoming projects. With that knowledge, he can tailor recommendations, suggest add-ons, and anticipate needs before customers even ask.

52%

of consumers buy more when experiences are tailored.

How A Great Rep Knows His Customers So Well:

	Tracks Patterns Over Time	Remember customers' order preferences and what items are often ordered together, so you can tailor recommendations.
2	Stays Ahead of Project	Anticipate when customers have big jobs coming up, securing their order before they can go to competitors.
3	Knows When to Upsell	Give personalized recommendations and offer relevant add-ons or upsells during every conversation.

How Prokeep Fixes the Visibility Gap:

	One Record for Every Customer	Calls, texts, faxes, emails, and chats all flow into a shared profile, so your team can identify patterns and use that to drive orders.
2	Quotes and Follow-ups Tracked Automatically	Every request, update, and response is logged, so reps can anticipate needs and secure advance orders.
3	Team-wide Transparency	With a centralized inbox, leaders can trust nothing slips through the cracks, and reps can up-sell based on order history, regularity, or brand.

The biggest day-to-day difference Prokeep brings to Ideal Supply Inc. is visibility into the channel. It helps us understand where customers are reaching out and how the business is performing.

Chris Moon | General Operations Manager - Ideal Supply



Tip 3: Stop Letting Errors Cost You Orders — Keep Everything Documented So Your Team Stays Accurate

Jeff knows that mistakes cost more than money; they cost time and trust. That's why he double-checks details, keeps records straight, and makes sure nothing slips through the cracks. By staying organized and accountable, Jeff not only reduces errors but also gives his customers confidence that every order will be handled right the first time.

27.5%

of data entry errors come from manual input.

How a Great Rep Minimizes Errors:

1	Standardized Processes	Maintain a customer follow-up workflow that allows you to drive orders consistently and easily.
2	Shorten the Search for Answers	Keep data easily accessible so you can turn customer information into more orders.
3	Eliminate Inconsistencies	Ensure that information is always up to date and accurate so you know as much as possible about your customers.

How Prokeep Cuts Errors and Boosts Accountability:

	Accurate Order Placement	With a system of record for accountability, your team no longer loses orders due to errors.
2	ERP & Communications in Sync	Prokeep integrates with your ERP, so contact information and order status automatically match across systems.
3	Answers Without the Digging	Prokeep uses AI to generate relevant quotes and makes stock look-up easy, so customers can order what they need instantly.

To be able to tell a customer you can just shoot me a picture of something. People know that there's not a mistake really that can be made if I have the picture of what they're looking at.

Jordan Kopfman | Inside Salesman - Charles D. Jones



From Top Performer to Team Standard: Scaling Jeff's Success Across Your Team

Every distribution branch has a Jeff. He represents what's possible when service and sales come together. He knows his customers, responds without delay, and takes the initiative to drive orders instead of waiting for them. That's what makes Jeff the top performer every distributor wishes they had more of.

The good news? With the right systems and processes in place, every rep can operate at Jeff's level. Scaling success isn't about hiring more Jeffs—it's about equipping your entire team to serve, centralize, and drive the way he does.

Bringing It All Together with Prokeep

The Prokeep Order Engine gives distributors the tools to turn service conversations into sales. It brings messaging, quotes, order updates, and marketing together in one place so reps can respond quickly, stay informed, and follow up at the right time.

How the Order Engine Works

Centralize Every Conversation — No more bouncing between phones, faxes, emails and texts. The Order Engine pulls every message, quote and update into one connected workspace so reps see the full picture and never miss an order.

Turn Service into Sales — Every conversation is an opportunity. With built-in quoting, order status updates, and proactive outreach tools, the Order Engine helps reps turn routine service questions into closed sales.

Activate Customer Data — Your team doesn't just respond — they anticipate. The Order Engine surfaces order history, buying patterns, and customer preferences so reps can follow up at the right time, protect accounts, and drive repeat business.

Launch Campaigns That Drive Orders — From promotions and win-backs to even invites, reps can send timely, targeted campaigns through customers' preferred channels-powered by Al recommendations that make execution fast and effective.

Scale Jeff's Impact Across Every Branch — Your best rep already knows how to build loyalty, move fast, and keep orders flowing. The Order

Engine makes it possible for every rep, at every location, to sell like Jeff- so no opportunity slips through the cracks.

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The Order Engine makes the "Jeff standard" achievable for every rep, every day.

By combining **Serve**, **Centralize**, **and Drive into one connected front-of-house platform**, distributors can
respond faster, keep every customer interaction in one
place, and launch proactive campaigns that drive
measurable growth.



And the results speak for themselves:

300% increase in online sales.



142% more orders in a single month.



3x spike in daily orders.



50x increase in promotional revenue.

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The future of distribution isn't about hoping you've got a Jeff—it's about giving every rep the tools to operate like one.

With the Prokeep Order Engine, turning service into sales becomes the rule, not the exception.

Ready to see it in action?

Get a Demo of Prokeep and learn how you can start driving *more orders today.*



How Top Reps Win Orders and Retain Business

Drive: Turn Interactions into More Orders

Stop Le	tting Dormant Accounts Slip Away
	D Who's Gone Quiet – Identify customers who've gone quiet and target outreach.
	Reach Out Personally – Personalized messages spark re-engagement and orders.
	Make it Easy to Come Back - Make buying easy so customers return again and again.
Stop Mi	ssing Promotions Because of Time Constraints
	Segment By Activity – Organize customers by activity to target offers strategically.
	Jse SMS Marketing – Send promotions at scale with one click, no call sheets needed.
	Plant Promotion Reminders - Use every conversation to keep offers top of mind.
Stop Sit	tting on Customer Insights
	Tailor Recommendations – Suggest products based on order preferences.
	Fime Outreach Right – Reach out when customers are most likely to buy.
	Jse Delivery Touchpoints – Turn scheduled drops into opportunities for add-ons.
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erve: V	Vin Customers With Speed and Reliability
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Stop Le	eaving Customers Guessing
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□ C	onfirm Orders Instantly – Inform customers right away and secure repeat business.
☐ R	eal-Time Updates – Keep customers informed at every step to drive more orders.

Centralize: Use Data For Smarter Selling

Executive's Rollout Plan for Modernized Revenue Growth

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