Dock Scheduling Case Study

One of C3 Reservations’ early adopters is a leading North American distributor of natural and specialty food products, which distributes over 60,000 products to more than 33,000 retail outlets.

In a very competitive industry, this company needed a functionality-rich dock scheduling system that would be easy to deploy at a competitive price.

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- Up to 80% reduction in overtime dock labor charges
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