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# Remote Selling is Permanent

What you should change in your sales & marketing process and why this inevitability is a great thing for your business.



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#### How buyers are evolving

- <u>50%</u> of prospects want to see your product on the first call.
- <u>35-50% of sales go</u> to the vendor that responds first.
- <u>84% of CxO buyers</u> use social-media to make buying decisions.
- Over 80% of buyers kick off the process from a referral

#### How sellers are evolving

- Outside reps are <u>spending 89%</u> more time selling remotely than in 2013
- Only 2% of cold calls result in appointments
- It takes 18 calls to connect with a buyer
- 42% of reps feel they <u>don't have enough</u> <u>information</u> before a call.
- 78% of sales reps that use social media outsell their peers.
- Only 39% of reps time is spent selling

### This data was pre-COVID!



Buyer's were already conditioning your sellers for remote buying. Social distancing measures will only increase the need to become great at remote selling.



#### **TODAY'S BUYER JOURNEY**



Work this new condition to your advantage:

**Increase Sales Volume Accelerate Deal Velocity** 



# What's the impact of increase TOFU and WinRate?



#### **SLIMMING DOWN OFFERING TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITY CONVERSION**

	Current	What If #1
Average Deal Size	\$45,000	<mark>\$35,000</mark>
Average Sales Cycle (days)	180	<mark>120</mark>
Number of New Customers per Year	20	<mark>25</mark>
Number of Inquiries	240	240
<b>Number of Opportunities Created</b>	100	120
Sales & Marketing Investment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Metrics		
<b>Booked Revenue</b>	\$900,000	\$875,000
Win Rate	20%	21%
<b>Opportunity Conversion</b>	<b>42</b> %	50%
Cost to Acquire \$1	\$1.11	\$1.14

#### **INCREASE OPPORTUNITY COUNT THROUGH NEW METHODS**

	Current	What If #1	What If #2
Average Deal Size	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$45,000
Average Sales Cycle (days)	180	120	120
Number of New Customers per Year	20	25	27
Number of Inquiries	240	240	240
Number of Opportunities Created	100	120	130
Sales & Marketing Investment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Metrics			
<b>Booked Revenue</b>	\$900,000	\$875,000	<mark>\$1,215,000</mark>
Win Rate	20%	21%	23%
Opportunity Conversion	<b>42</b> %	<b>50</b> %	<b>54</b> %
Cost to Acquire \$1	\$1.11	\$1.14	\$0.82

#### **INCREASE OPPS + INCREASE WIN RATES**

	Current	What If #1	What If #2	What If #3
Average Deal Size	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Average Sales Cycle (days)	180	120	120	120
Number of New Customers per Year	20	25	27	<mark>39</mark>
Number of Inquiries	240	240	240	240
Number of Opportunities Created	100	120	130	130
Sales & Marketing Investment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Metrics				
<b>Booked Revenue</b>	\$900,000	\$875,000	\$1,215,000	<mark>\$1,755,000</mark>
Win Rate	20%	21%	23%	30%
Opportunity Conversion	<b>42</b> %	<b>50</b> %	54%	54%
Cost to Acquire \$1	\$1.11	\$1.14	\$0.82	\$0.57



How do you do it without increasing spend?



Can you do this in a completely remote selling motion?





How do I create more opportunities through remote selling without spending more money?



#### **HOW DO I GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES?**

#### **Target your Audience**

- Figure out what use cases and industries you have most IP or past success with.
- What were the market problems and triggers to invest with you?
- Create an offering and messaging around that market problem
- Research all potential buyers in that market segment
- Create a Targeted Account Strategy
- Outsource web research



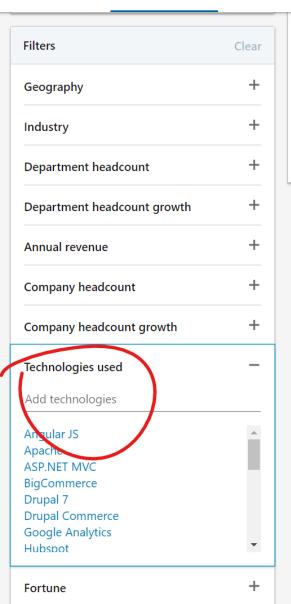
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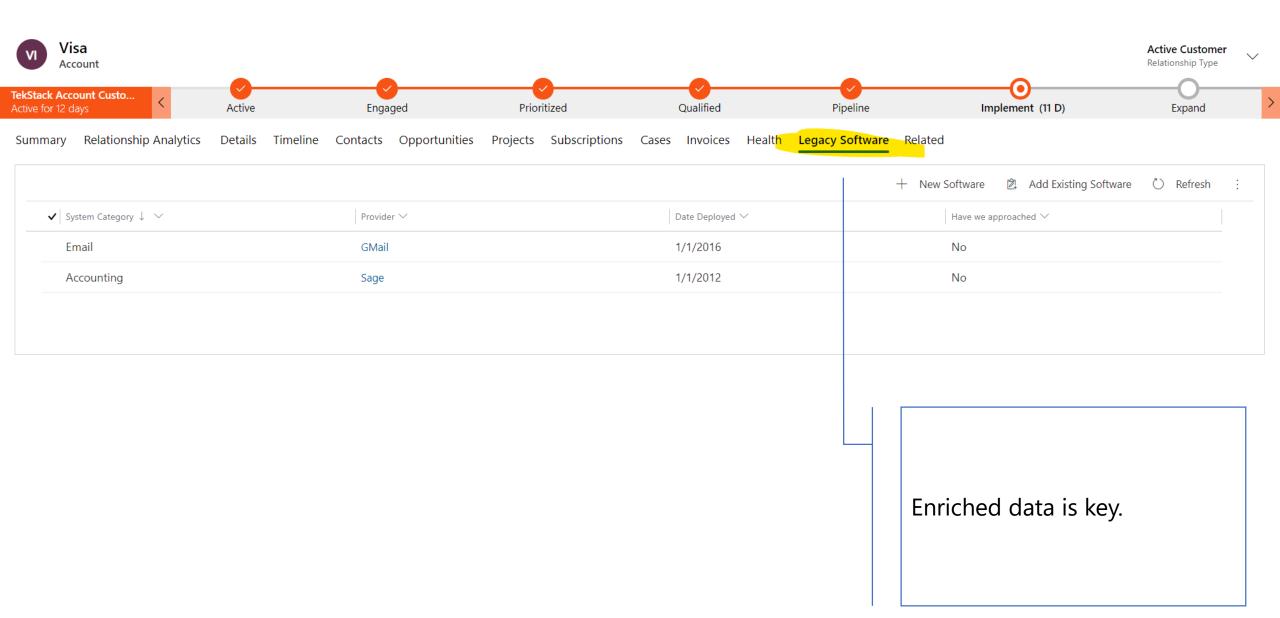
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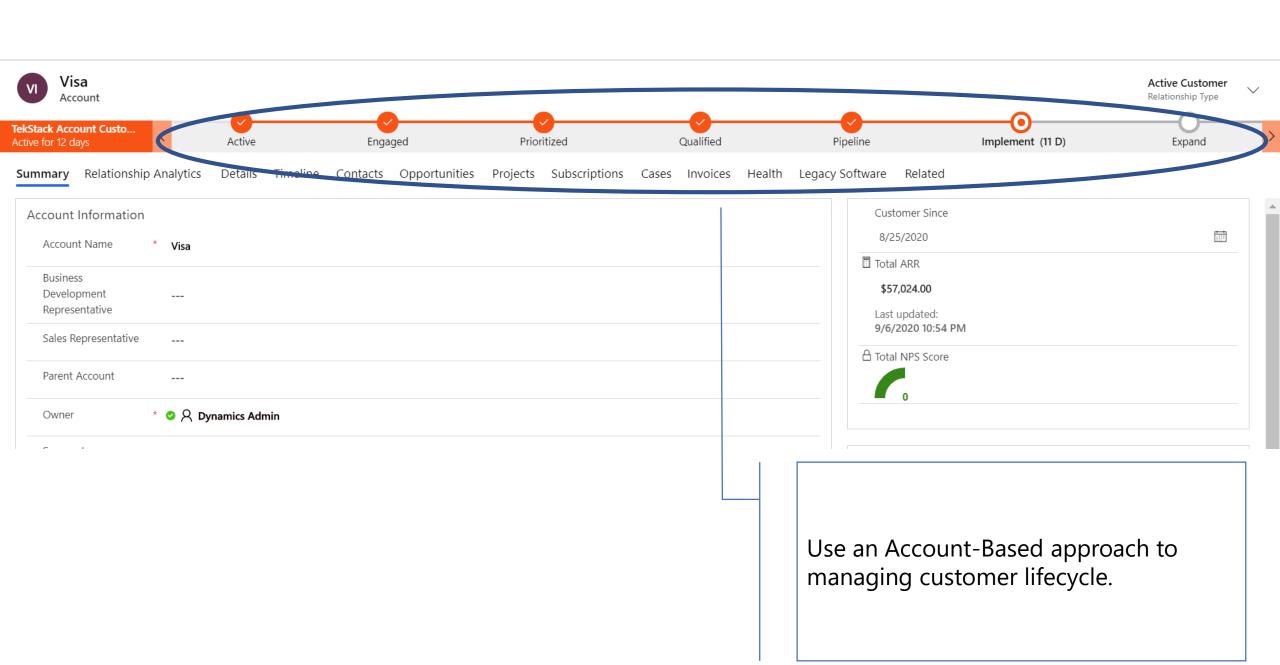




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#### **ENRICH YOUR DATA**





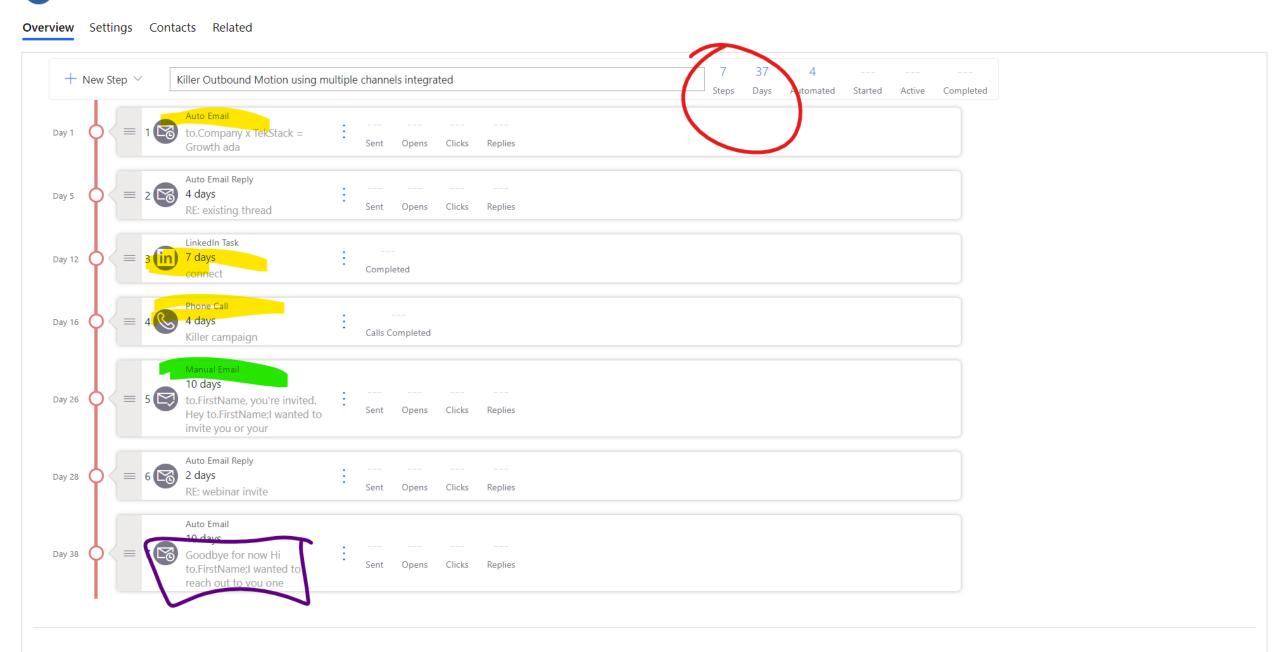
#### **HOW DO I GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES?**

## Go Multi-Channel with target audience

- Write more. Set a goal to create two new pieces of content per week.
- Be personal.
- Use multiple channels
- Automate your cadences.



#### Killer Outbound Motion using multiple channels integrated



#### **HOW DO I GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES?**

## Become ruthless with your time

- Set daily and weekly goals for team.
  - Demos
  - Meetings Booked
  - Call Activity
  - Non-email outreach
- Measure results weekly.
- Reward small wins.
- Structure your day appropriately.

Time	Block out Activity
8:30am	Cold voicemails
9:00am	Daily Stand up (internal)
9:15am	Booked Meetings
11:00am	Email follow-ups
11:30am	Demo block
2:00pm	Cold Emails
3:00pm	Targeted Account Research
4:00pm	Cold Calls
5:00pm	Deal work

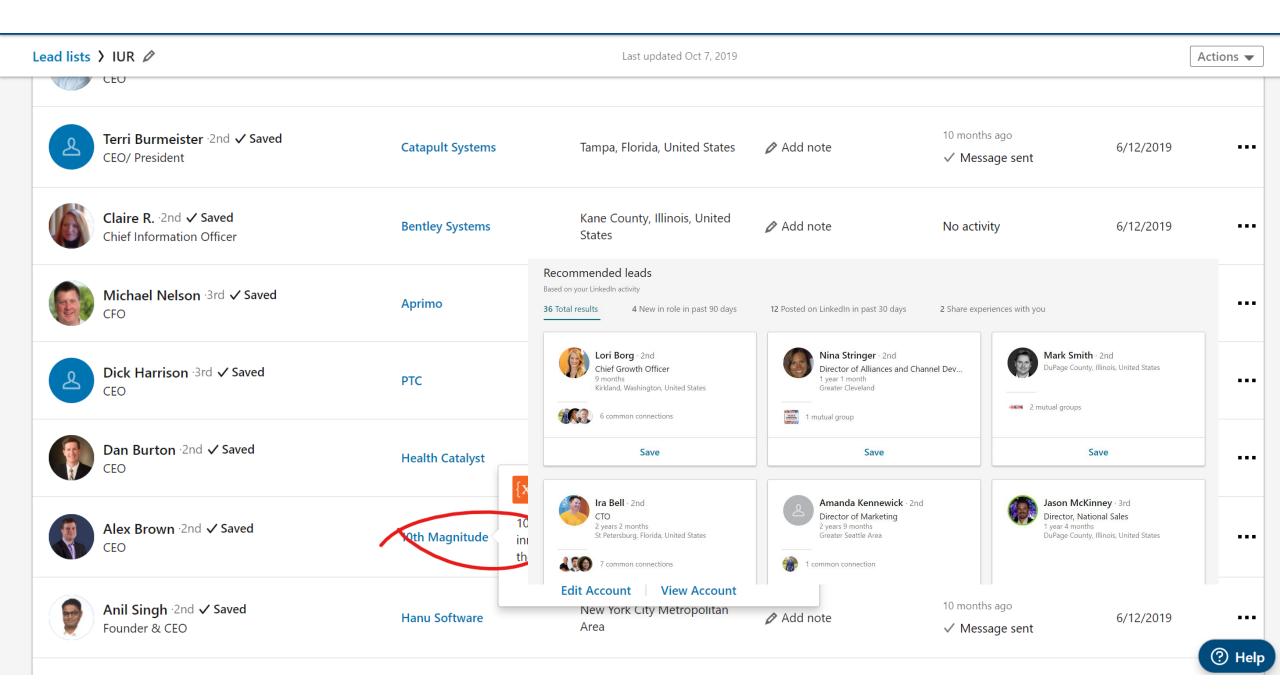
#### **HOW DO I GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES?**

Ask for (specific) referrals

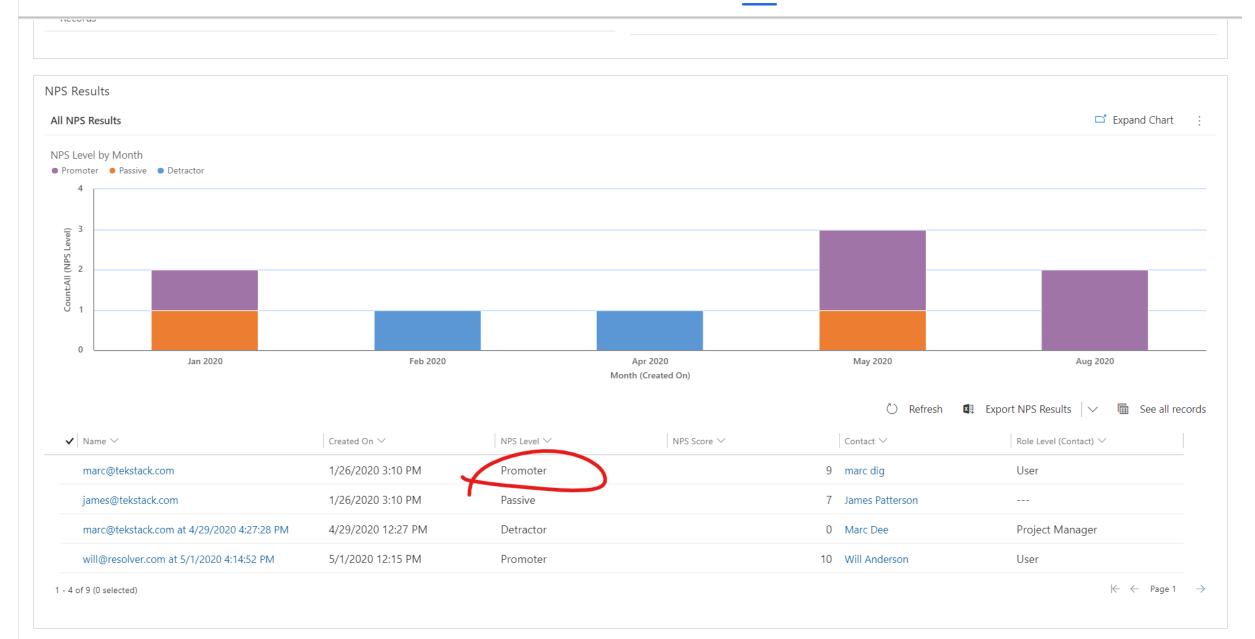
Make it a priority to ask existing customers for references.

Perform Customer NPS surveys and ask every Promoter if they know of a company that could use your services.

Use Sales Navigator to research connections to your existing customers, ask for specific referrals.



Summary Relationship Analytics Details Timeline Contacts Opportunities Projects Subscriptions Cases Invoices Health Legacy Software Related



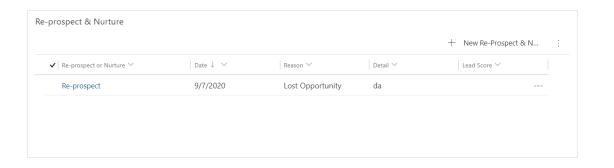
#### **HOW DO I GET MORE OPPORTUNITIES?**

#### Work the retreads!

- Lost opportunities are often the best sources of new opportunities
- Opportunities that enter the funnel for the third time have a 75% win rate. 50% if entering the second time.
- Track 'Re-prospects' and Loss Reasons

Automatically track re-prospect relationships and history

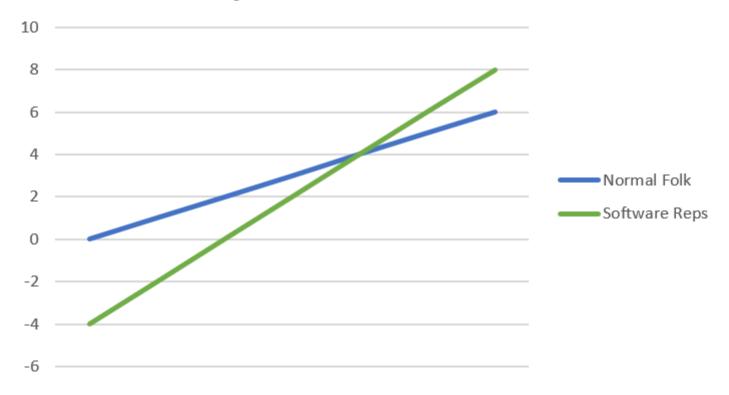




## How do I increase my win rate?



#### Buyer's Trust Scale over Time



#### **HOW DO I INCREASE WIN RATES?**

#### Be first to respond

- Integrate form fills into your CRM system.
- Establish a first response process with agreed SLA
- Followup on every inbound request with 2 hours!

35-50% of deals go to the first vendor to respond.

#### **HOW DO I INCREASE WIN RATES?**

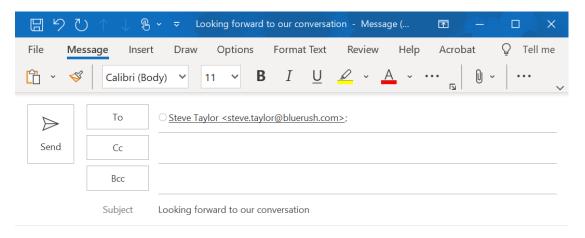
**Give & Gets** 

- Reciprocity is hard-wired into the human unconscious.
- Vendor needs to give first before getting anything
- Exceed expectations at first chance.
- BANT
- MEDDIC
- Be able to show product on the first call if asked.
- Be prepared to provide budget information. Transparency is key.

#### **HOW DO I INCREASE WIN RATES?**

#### **Be Call Prepared**

- Most reps roll into calls with a lack of preparation
- Research your buyer and the targeted account
- Create an account strategy & call plan for every call
- Send pre-call email
- Prepare post-call alignment letter
- Track meetings booked metrics



Hey Steve,

Thanks again for your interest in TekStack. I'm looking forward to our meeting tomorrow. Some items I thought we could explore:

- Get a better sense of what your business objectives are this year
- What you would like to explore with TekStack
- What information you need about our product or company
- Who is involved in a decision like this
- · What is the rough timing
- What the next steps would be if we are a good fit for BlueRush

We'll keep the meeting to 20 min but I have more time if we need it. Let me know if there is anyone else that should attend. The calendar invite has the meeting link.

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#### **CALL PLAN TEMPLATE**

- Who is Attending? What are their roles?
- What are the business issues? Do you have a trigger event?
- Goals for call? Min and max asks
- Key Questions to ask
- Questions they may ask you, how do you respond?
- What is the upfront contract?

#### **Example of alignment letter**

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#### Sample Alignment Email

#### Dear < BDM >,

#### Cc: <PL, SME>

Thank you again for taking the time to share your business objectives and project goals with me today. Based on our discussion, and those I had with <Project Lead> and <Subject Matter Expert/IT> I have summarized my understanding of <Prospect Company's> <ERP/CRM/XXX> project for your team's review.

#### I understand the primary business challenges behind your initiative are:

- · Geographical expansion outgrown current system
- Inaccurate demand forecasts
- · Volatile raw materials prices
- Inaccurate data/reporting
- · Lack of measurement and allocation of environmental cost per finished goods produced
- Decreasing gross margins
- Inability to open new distribution channels
- Increase in returned goods
- · Increase in inventory write-offs
- · Increasing regulatory and compliance requirements
- · Inability to manage multiple manufacturing sites within a single system
- · Inability to integrate with customers, suppliers & shop floor technologies
- Inconsistencies between procurement, warehouse, production, finance and sales data
- Decreasing MTBF

The above challenges are impacting client relationships, and your ability to properly plan production resources, maximize plant capacity and capitalize on your recent expansion/acquisition. While nothing has been documented, the economic impact of the above challenges is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands of dellars annually.

#### To address these challenges, you stated that <company name> is looking for these new capabilities:

- · Improved visibility into scheduling and capacity availability
- · Improved inventory management
- · RFID (receipt to ship)
- · Materials and finished goods inventory consumption reports
- · Batch and series traceability throughout the entire supply chain
- · Compliance governance and quality management
- · Aggregated production and procurement scheduling
- Integration to artificial intelligence and robot systems
- Integration to 3D and Nano printing
- · Capture and transfer customer specific BoMs into the net requirement process
- · Improved BI/reporting capabilities
- · Automated and finite machinery and location maintenance planning
- Quality management
- Ability to rapidly respond to changes in demand, stock levels and production surprises
- Pegging



**Basic Elements** 

Why change

**How & What** 

The Promise

**Anchor phase** 

#### With these new capabilities in place, I understand the anticipated impact to be:

- Improved capacity utilization (13% improvement target)
- · Greater visibility into project and client profitability
- Improved estimate compliance and accuracy
- · Fewer (quality related) returns
- Reduction of unrecoverable unscheduled overtime (8% target)
- · Reduction in raw materials inventory levels
- Improved management reporting related to OTD, margins, customer credits, stock outs, sales forecasts and capacity availability
- More control over finished goods profitability
- Improved compliance accuracy
- Higher OTD compliance
- · Improved and accelerated board reporting
- · Significant reductions in stock outs

Based on your project timeline, we will be working together over the next 16 weeks to ensure < Partner Industry Solution > addresses each of your project objectives.

#### The next steps in this process are:

- February 24th on-site meeting with the Project Lead <name> and Controller <name> to review the project objectives, business case elements, anticipated project risks, key milestones and overall timeline. <Partner> will provide a summary of our understanding of the business and project drivers, anticipated solution scope and critical project objectives. We would also like to share our experience implementing Microsoft Dynamics Business Central in similar discrete manufacturing organizations.
- March 02nd on-site meeting with CIO <name>to discuss Contoso's cloud strategy, integration framework and data transformation strategy.
- March 16th on-site meeting with CFO/FD <names>to discuss project-related business risks, data sovereignty and financial consolidation as well as compliance reporting requirements.
- March 26th on-site meeting with the VP of Manufacturing <name> to discuss business case expectations, long-term business disruption/change events, requirements prioritization and the shop-floor change management strategy.

Set the stage for the Anchor phase.

Please confirm the above captures the purpose, scope and objectives of your ERP upgrade project. Additionally, please forward any information you feel would best prepare my team for our onsite meeting with you and your project team next

Best Regards, Lukas Keller MFG Industry Specialist



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### **Crush the Demo**

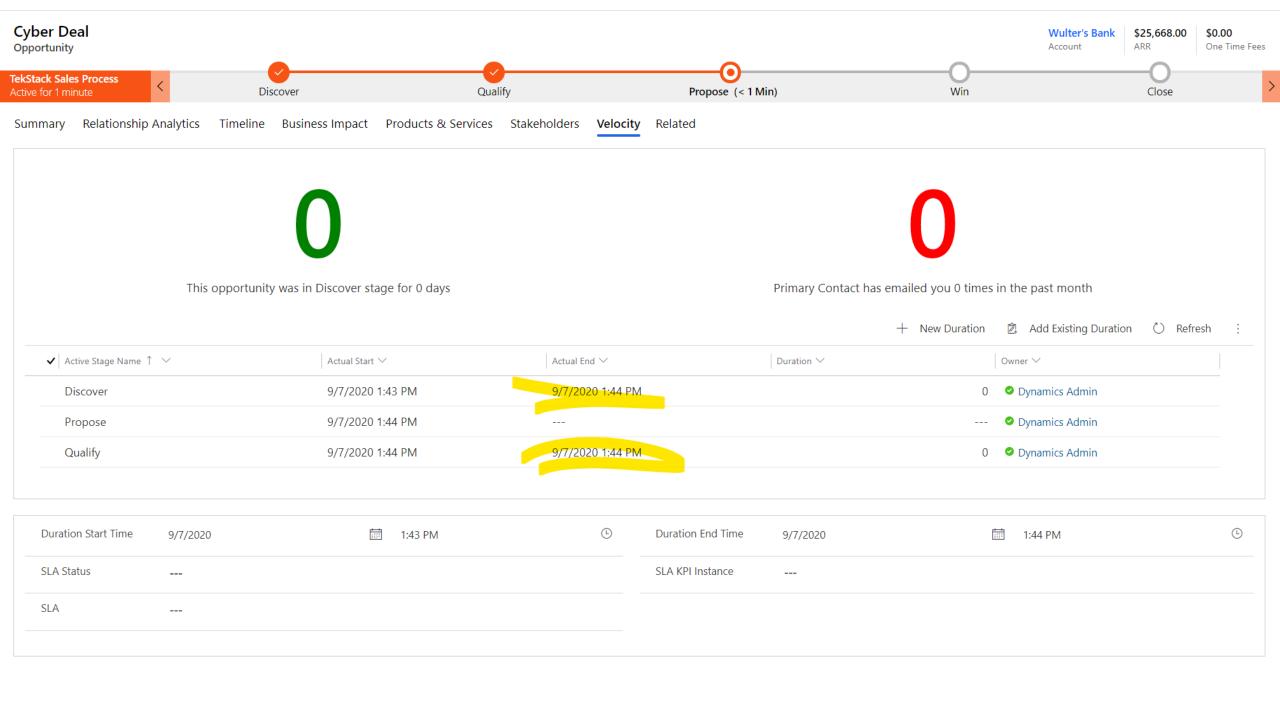
- Track 'Demo' or 'Propose' Stage in your sales cycle
- Track Demonstration activities
- Pre-agree on demo script
- Tell-show-tell
- "Command" the room
- Turn off the screen share during Tell moments
- Know your audience.
  - Who has a vote?
  - What is their vote worth?
  - What do they care about?
  - Are they asking questions?
  - If not, pull their feedback out of them.
- Always use video!!!!!!!
- Always ask for and document demo feedback.

## Master the Art of the Proposal Presentation

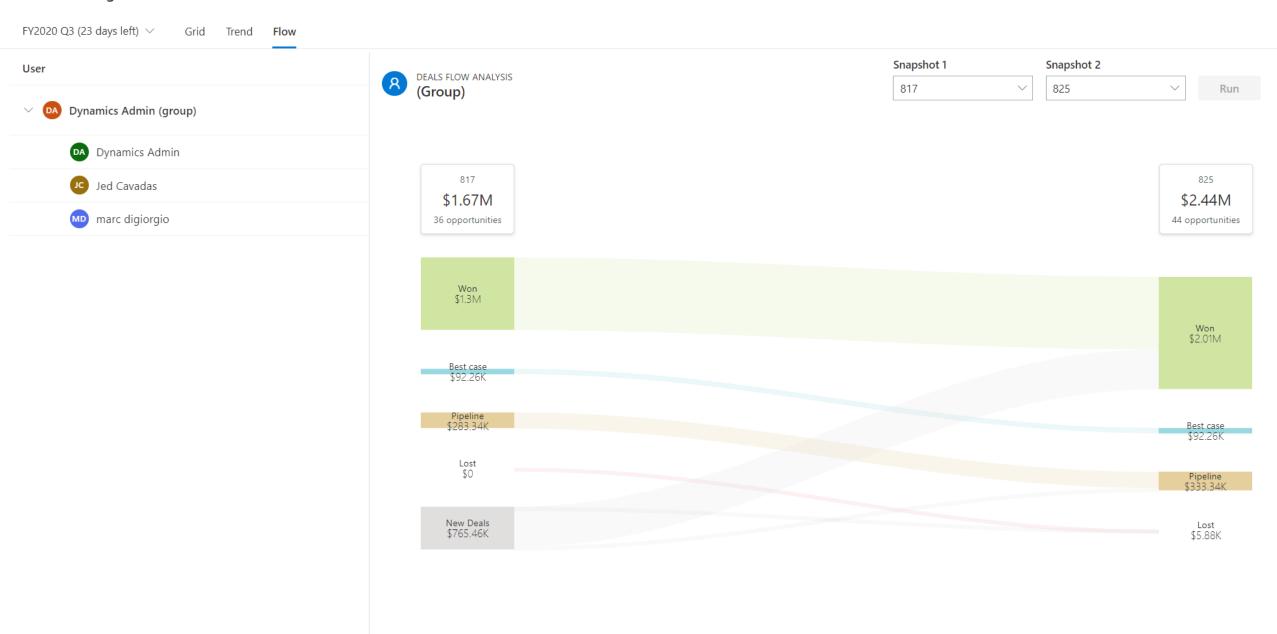
- Never deliver your proposal by email!
- Always schedule a meeting
- Present proposal in context to business value (not ROI)
- Present time to value
- Present differentiation
- Use words like proposal vs. quote, and agreement vs. contract.

## **Coach & Manage**

- Take snapshots of your Opportunity Funnel
- Separate Funnel Category from Sales Stages in your forecasting
- Analyze Deal Velocity
- Analyze Conversion ratio by Product, Deal Value, & Rep



#### ARR Bookings $\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,$

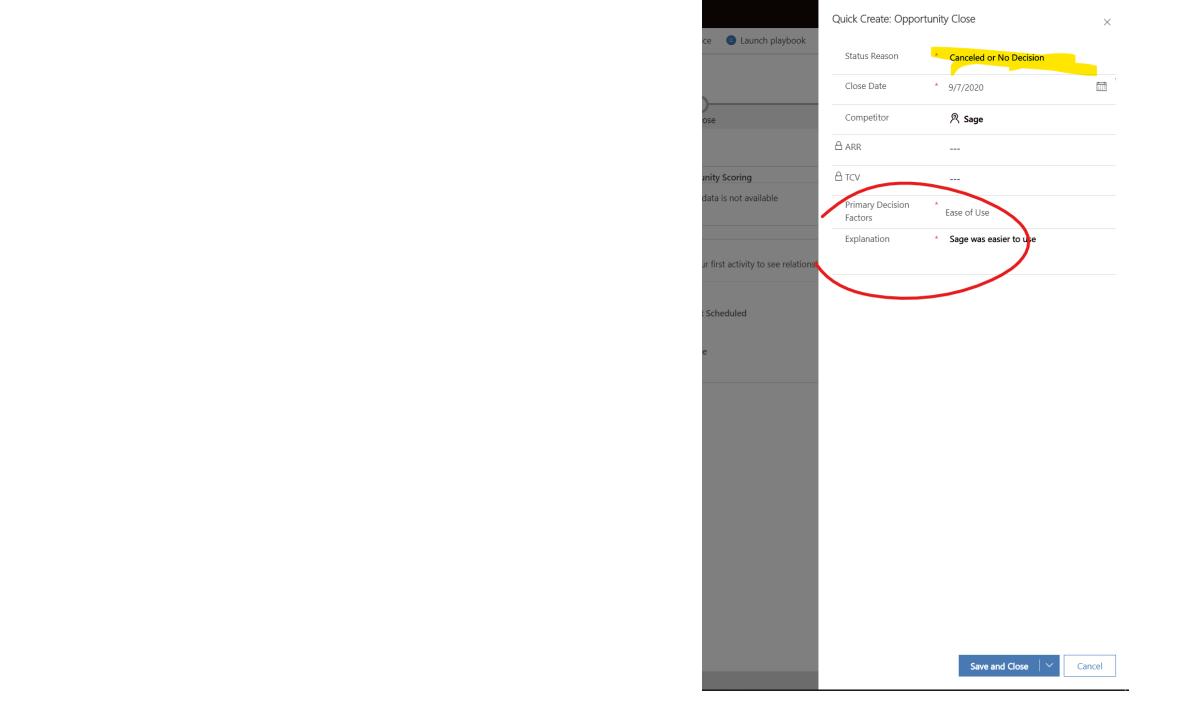


- Assign a non-sales person to the task
- Capture feedback

Perform Win/Loss Interviews

## **Track Competitors**

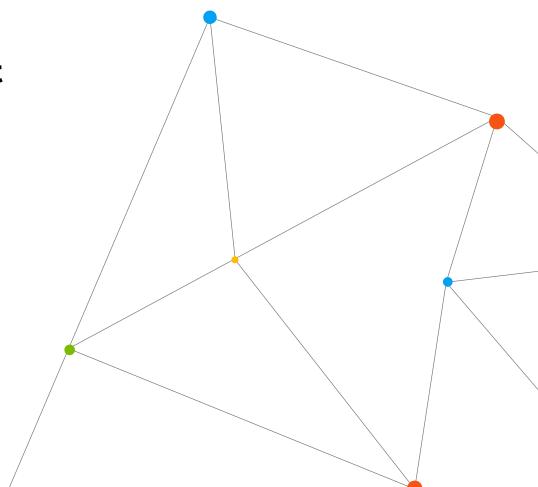
- Track your Top X competitors. (X is based on the number of unique competitors that make up 50% of your lost deals)
- Create a battlecard for each
- Track competitors on every opportunity
- Track competitors on every lost opportunity
- Track Win Rate by competitor
- Lost Deal posts in Teams Channel



#### **RESOURCES**

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