

The CIO's Cookbook Customer Relationship Management



Digitalization now offers a 360° view of customer behaviour, current and potential buying patterns and value proposition offered by products and services

CRM fosters growth by monetizing the customer information, knitting together Leads, Opportunities, Orders and Service records

Successful companies moderate the obligatory nature of CRM, while leveraging capabilities to improve pipeline and forecast, accelerating growth

Trust is ensured by data privacy, data security, process simplicity and accessibility. Tightly couple rewards and recognition to adherence

Leading Thoughts

Identify strategic success factors and ROI with sponsorship from the CEO, the Sales and Marketing Heads

Identify Data Custodians for business critical elements: Customers, Products, Orders etc. Build related dataflow blueprints

Define data cleansing, standardization, augmentation, encryption, access, sharing, archival and reporting models

Simplify customer product offerings, configurations (guided vs Manual) and selling model (B2B, B2C, B2B2C)

Ensure platform includes agile, AI analytics, multi-experience accessible, micro-services architecture

Ensure seamless plug-n-play integration with HR, Finance, Marketing, CPQ and Analytics platforms

Build a skilled and high performing organization that is on a continuous learning path. Build a best-in-class Knowledge Base

Quickly respond to data, process and business consolidation from mergers, acquisitions and divestitures

Continuously look for TCO opportunities to eliminate rogue applications/tools, to effectively utilize licenses and to automate processes

Build kick-ass, real-time, multi-experience executive reporting dashboard

CRM Landscape – Customer 360





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Strategy Plan – CRM Implementation

Emphasize on User Adoption

- Identify a CRM champion from executive team.
- Due diligence on ROI to generate after CRM implementation
- Demonstrate a compelling 360° view of customer lifecycle as part of the sales pitch
- Reward and recognize effective usage and reinforce where there is limited adoption

M&A Support

- Quickly identify a unified process and integrate datasets
- Eliminate redundant business systems and processes

Simplify Processes

- Simplify product catalogs/offerings
- Build a globally oriented, localized Quoting process
- Minimal tracking of business critical data

Avoid Boiling the Ocean

- Adopt "Think Big, Start Small, Move Fast" strategy for CRM
- Provide a highly empathetic and super-efficient sales operations model

Exploit AI capabilities

- Draw insights from customer sentiments
- Identify feature demands
- Automate pipeline creation
- Marketing to sales handover with lead scoring
- Account and opportunity insights

