# Hey, I'm Reporting Here

Strategic Analytics with Salesforce & Pardot



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# Agenda

- Vanity Metrics
- Strategic Analyses for the Marketer
- Sales and Marketing Alignment



# Why We Report

Our execs and upper management love numbers

We love making strategic decisions based on fact and personal experience

Dashboards are pretty

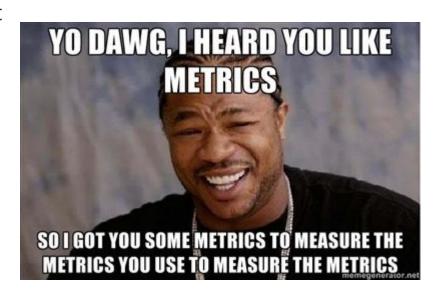




### What is a Vanity Metric?

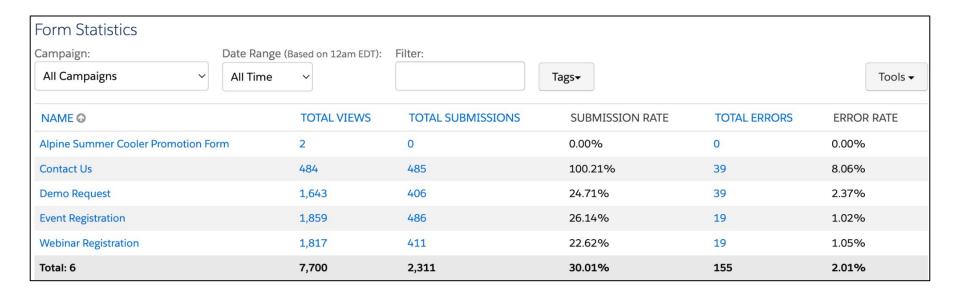
They can make you look good, but don't give any insight to true business performance.

- Open Rates
- Click Through Rates
- Form/Landing Page Views
- Impressions
- Reach
- Cost-per-click
- Followers



Should we still care about "vanity metrics"? It depends...

Vanity metrics like views and submission rates can give high-level insight on campaign performance, new channel/market success, a rebrand, etc.



These are metrics you want to use when asking the following questions questions:

- Was the call-to-action clear in that email?
- Is our target audience on Facebook?
- Are we growing our presence on LinkedIn?

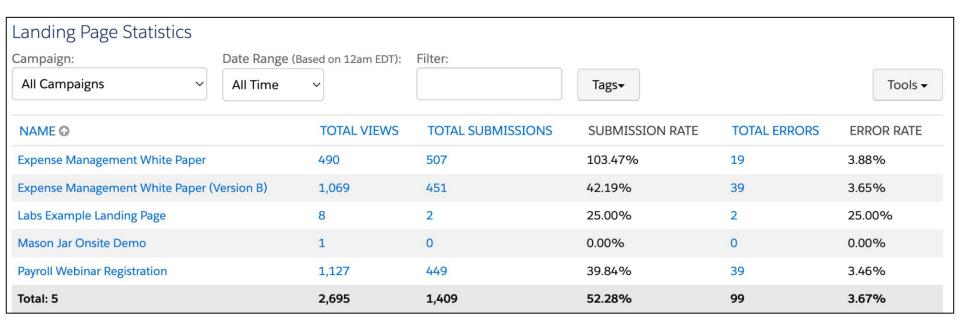
#### And in these situations:

- Top-of-funnel initiatives
- Executive leadership wants to know how that newsletter performed (

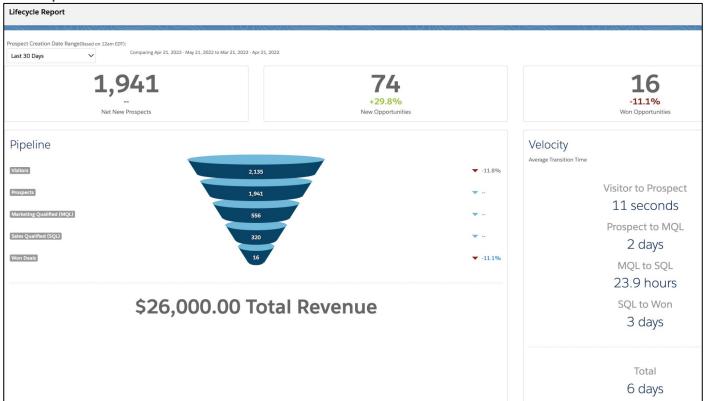


Bottom Line: These aren't the metrics we're using to make key decisions or drive the business forward. These are high-level numbers meant to give an overview of asset performance.

#### Pardot Reports



Lifecycle Report



**Engagement History Dashboard** 



# Strategic Analyses for Marketers



#### What Matters

What is important to your organization?

- New business?
- Customer retention?
- Customer expansion?

Marketers need to move in the same direction as our company.

#### What Matters

Bottom Line: Know where and how your prospects fall in the marketing AND the sales funnel.

Align creative/content and marketing automation strategy to meet those prospects where they are and prioritize campaigns according to company goals.

#### How do we get there?

Great reporting, obvs. And what makes for great reporting in Salesforce?

- Clean data and data framework
- Segmentation
- Excellent Campaign management



#### **Data Maze and Data Waze**



#### The Data Maze:

- What integrations am I using with Pardot and Salesforce? I.e. what systems can create/update records without human intervention?
- How are my fields being updated in Pardot?
- What data do I need to measure success AND make sure Sales is getting the information they need to convert the prospect?
- What fields and data points are Sales using to make decisions (i.e. Status, Source, Type, etc)?

#### Data Maze and Data Waze



#### The Data Waze:

- DOCUMENT! Make a data map.
- Use picklist fields whenever possible.
- Check the sync errors regularly.
- Sync fields that Sales uses for key decision making into Pardot.
- Regularly clean up bad data.

We can use Pardot lists like prospect reports. We should also be using them in our marketing initiatives.

#### Some questions to ponder...

Who are my unassigned prospects? Why are they unassigned?

Who are my inactive prospects? Sort of active? The engagement dream team/our number 1 fans?

What does a Lead mean to my Sales team? A Contact? An Opportunity?

#### For example...

Any unassigned prospects in our Pardot database have either 1) not met the criteria to be a qualified Lead or 2) have not met the ready-to-buy threshold.

Our forms have lower engagement rates. We email about ½ of our prospects. Prospects with the highest scores are mostly syncing with Salesforce already.

We consider Leads as potential customers who have been warmed by marketing, added by our Sales team, or referred by a partner. Contacts are Leads who have asked for a product demo. Each Opportunity represents a product demo, and these are created upon demo request.

My Pardot lists may look like this....

#### <u>Unassigned - High Potential Prospects</u>

Prospect assignment Prospect is not assigned

status

Prospect score Prospect's score is greater than 400

Rule Group Match any

- Prospect landing page: Prospect has successfully completed any landing page
- Prospect email opens: Prospect has opened an email in the past 5 day(s)
- Prospect form: Prospect has successfully completed any form



My Pardot lists may look like this....

<u>Leads - Bottom-Funnel</u>

Prospect CRM status Prospect CRM type is Lead

Prospect form Prospect has successfully completed Demo Request

Prospect opportunity Prospect's opportunity status is 'Open' status

Campaigns need to be the foundation of our data framework when it comes to reporting on marketing initiatives.

#### Some questions to ponder...

- Who will own Campaign creation?
- Are we putting more emphasis on top-of-funnel campaigns this year?
- Which details matter (i.e. date, region, language, etc)?
- Do we care about tracking performance by channel (i.e. Facebook vs Linkedin vs Email)?
- What do we consider engagement or "success"?

For example...

#### Gidgets & Gadgets Co.

MOps owns Campaign creation in Salesforce. Field marketers own asset creation and campaign details.

We want to attract 30% new business in FY2022, so we need to focus on top-of-funnel initiatives.

We are global. Region, date, and campaign type are very important to us.

We're curious what channels are more effective in reaching our PAM/TAM ( ).

Success for us is measured by net-new demos booked.

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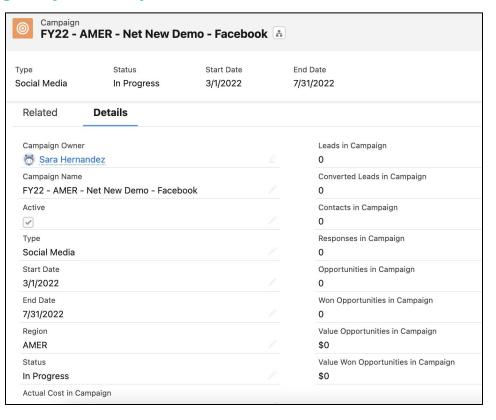
My Campaign structure may look like this...

CAMPAIGN > FY22 - AMER - NET NEW BUSINESS  Campaign Hierarchy			
CAMPAIGN NAME	CREATED DATE	REGION	TYPE
→ FY22 - AMER - Net New Business current	5/27/2022, 11:11 AM	AMER	Other
FY22 - AMER - Net New Dem	5/27/2022, 11:14 AM	AMER	Social Media
FY22 - AMER - Net New Dem	5/27/2022, 11:12 AM	AMER	Paid Advertising

My Campaign member statuses may look like this...

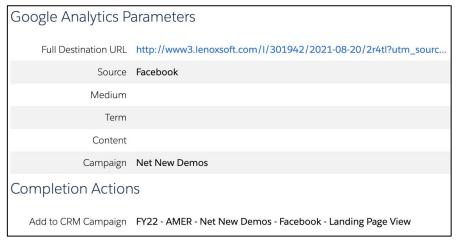


My Campaign page layout may look like this...



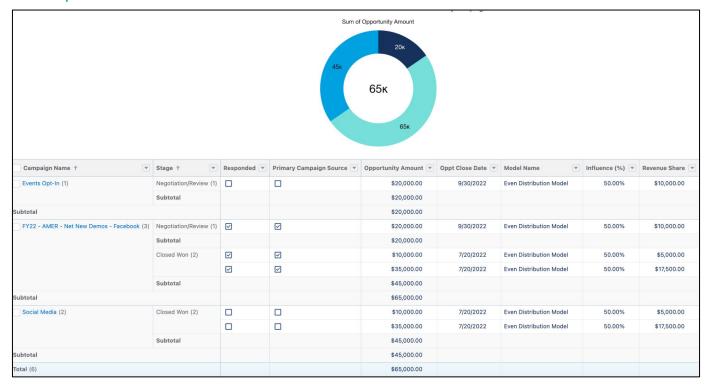
My Pardot automations may look like this...





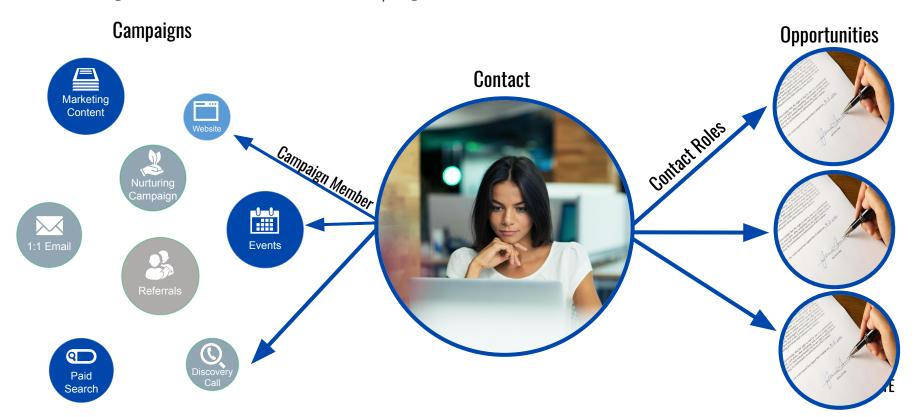


To make a report that looks like this...



#### **GRAND FINALE: Let's Measure ROI**

Let's bring this full circle. Heard of Campaign Influence?



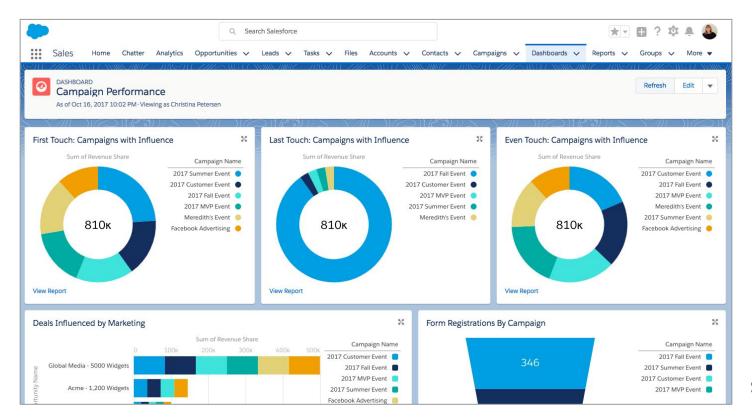
#### Let's Measure ROI

Customizable Campaign Influence

It's a way to connect Opportunity revenue to the initiatives, Campaigns, that helped create and close them. With customizable campaign influence, we have multiple ways to view how Campaigns influence Opportunities.

#### Let's Measure ROI

It may look something like this...





#### Other Metrics to Watch

These are not the fun numbers, but they are important.

- Ad spend
- Cost per acquisition
- Cost per conversion
- Conversion rate
- Martech costs
- Contractor/outsourcing costs

# Marketing + Sales = BFFs 4Ever



#### When Frenemies Are Made

^ For legal reasons this is a joke.

How often do the wires get crossed between Sales and Marketing? The answer is often.

When do we see conflict?

- Poor Lead quality
- Too many or too few leads generated
- Data inconsistencies
- Lack of communication

## Making Amends (and Dollars)

Lucky for us, we do coexist (in most cases) in the same CRM.

While effective reporting doesn't solve every problem, it does give us a common ground to work from.

How can we prevent/resolve conflict?

- Use metrics as a discussion starter
- Let the numbers do the talking
- Build shared dashboards to look at Lead intake vs Lead conversion
- Be consistent with communicating the data

# Final Remarks | Q&A



