

A Smarter Way to B2B Funnel Tracking





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Today we're talking about a smarter way to B2B funnel tracking

- What IS the funnel? Is it still relevant? Which model is the best?
- You NEED to be tracking something here to get an idea of performance or you're basically just practicing divination.

"All models are wrong but some are useful."













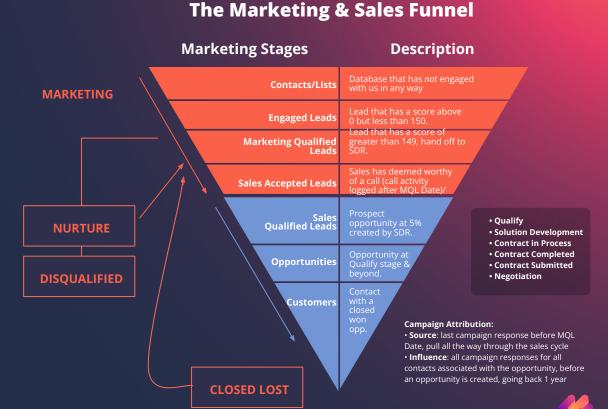




Defining your Stages

- Volume
- Conversion and Velocity
- Where is it coming from?

- Without structure, can lead to poor buyer experience, internal confusion
- If you're not tracking, you can't improve



Defining your Stages



- This is NOT just a marketing discussion get sales and customer success involved too
- Reporting questions will drive some of the stages you use (e.g. How many meetings were booked?)
- Time to lay any missing groundwork and tighten up your processes
- Take your time-cover all the edge cases





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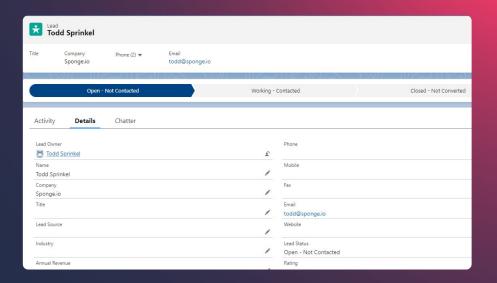


Option 1: Lead Status

Pros

- Out of the box
- Customizable
- Easy to understand

- Only current state
- Doesn't exist OOTB on Contacts
- Separate reports for Leads and Contacts



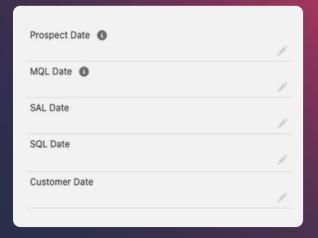


Option 2: Date Stamps

Pros

- Easy to understand
- Can calculate both volume and conversion*

- Separate reports for Leads and Contacts
- Doesn't support multiple cycles



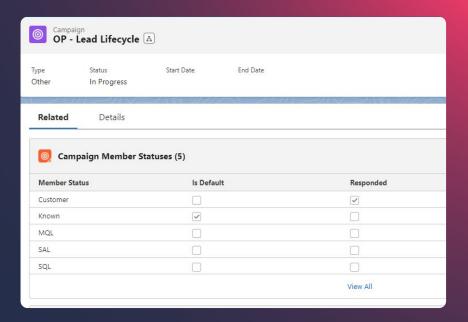


Option 3: Operational SFDC Campaign

Pros

- Single report for Leads and Contacts
- Can calculate both volume and conversion*

- Doesn't support multiple cycles
- Not what Campaigns are designed for





Option 4: Track on Campaign Member

Pros

- Single report for Leads and Contacts
- Can calculate both volume and conversion*
- Attribution*
- Supports multiple cycles

Cons

Cycles that don't start with Marketing response





Option 5: Use a BI Tool

Pros

- Extremely flexible
- Can join across multiple objects in a single report

- Requires dedicated resources
- Can lead to distrust of metrics
- Can be hard to correct mistakes





Drumroll for my favorite option...



Option 6: Salesforce Custom Object

The Problem

Salesforce is natively good at showing you the present state of leads and opportunities. But out of the box, it is not good at displaying time-series data—the history of leads' engagement over time as they progress through the buying cycle.

The Solution

By creating a custom Funnel History
Object in Salesforce, you can "stamp"
each contact as it progresses through the
funnel, including dates and stage names.

The Result

- You can report on how specific campaigns drive MQLs and Opps.
- You can accurately report on contacts that stop and restart multiple buying cycles.
- You can see how quickly contacts move from stage to stage.



Let's get into the mechanics of how this actually works



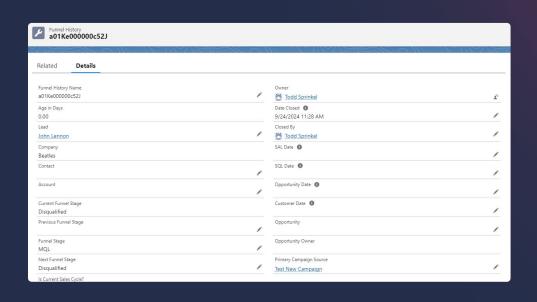


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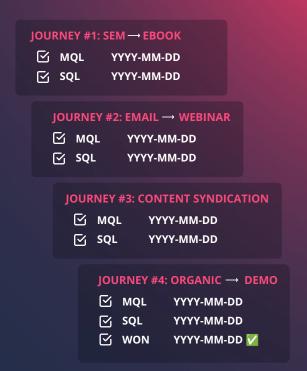




One record per stage vs. One record per cycle



CUSTOM OBJECT - SCALABLE 🗸





2 contacts enter the funnel in January...

January 21 16 **Bob - MQL** Susan - MQL

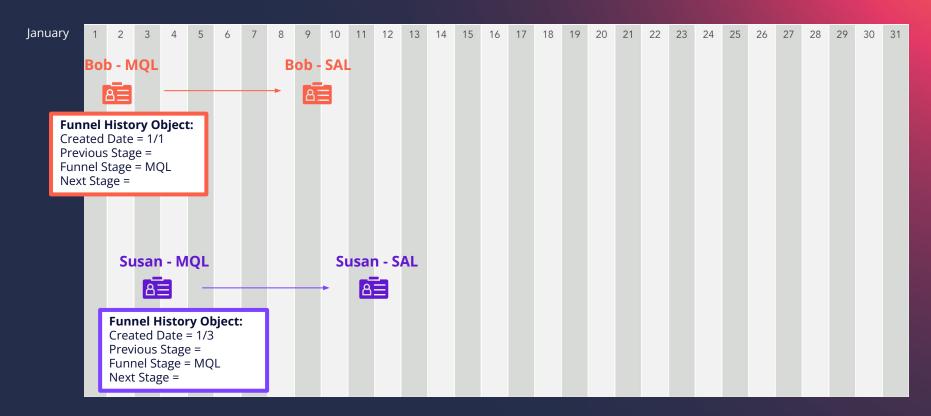


and the Funnel History Object begins stamping their stages.



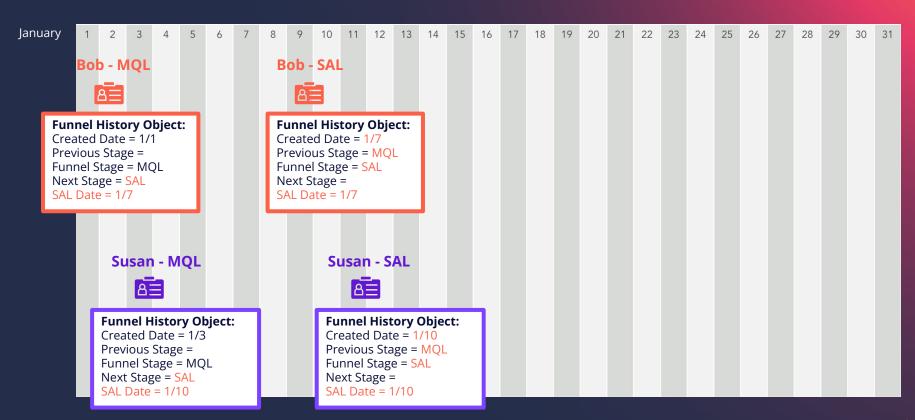


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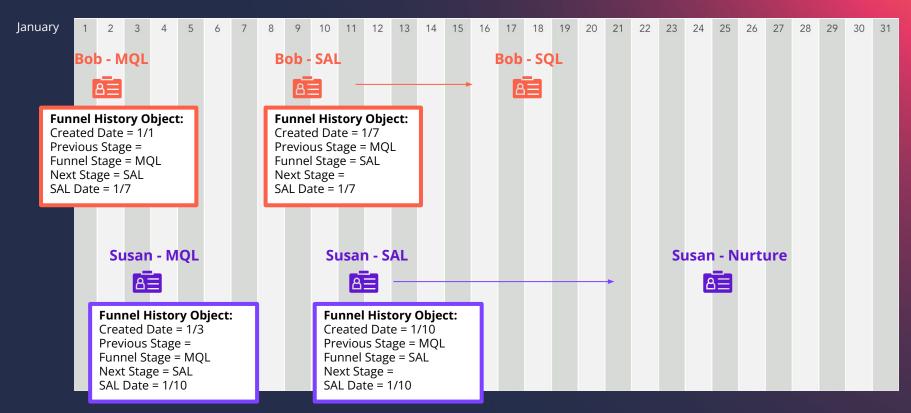


new stamps are created and new data is added to the Funnel History Object.



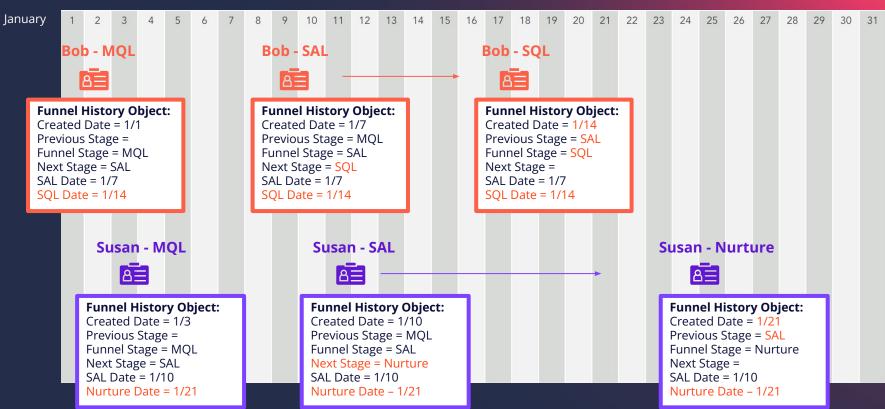


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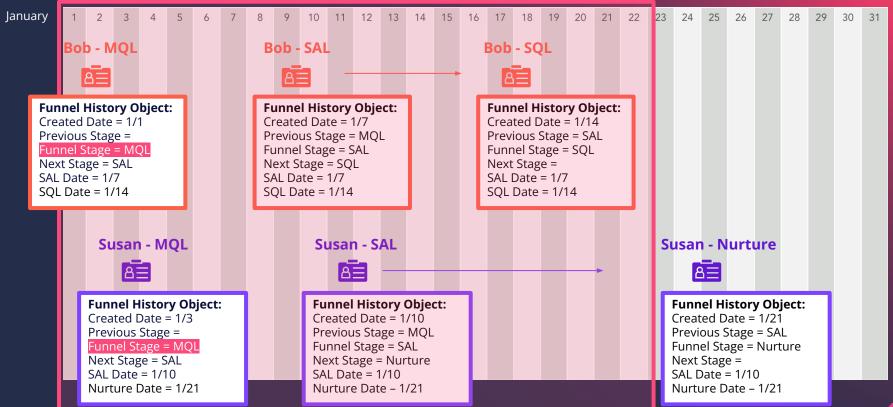


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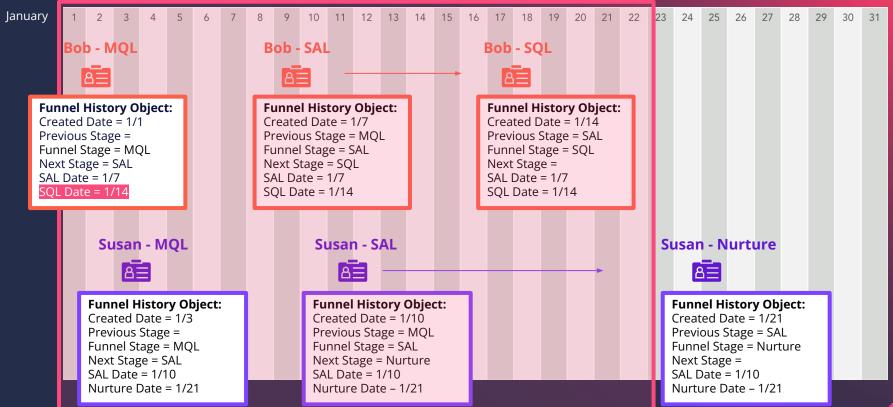




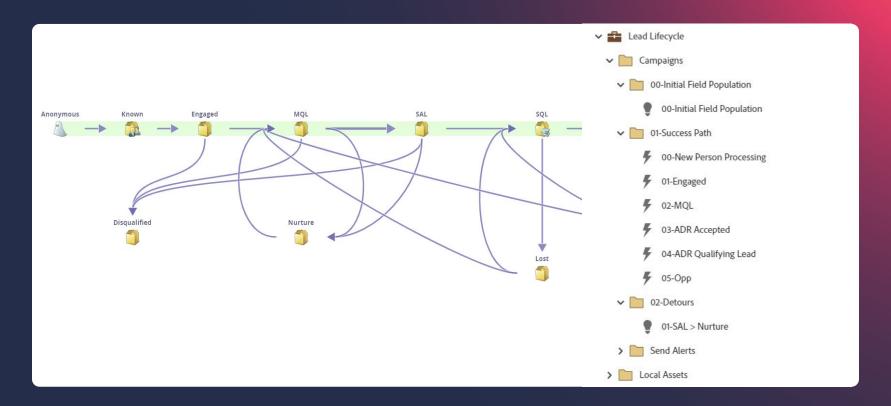
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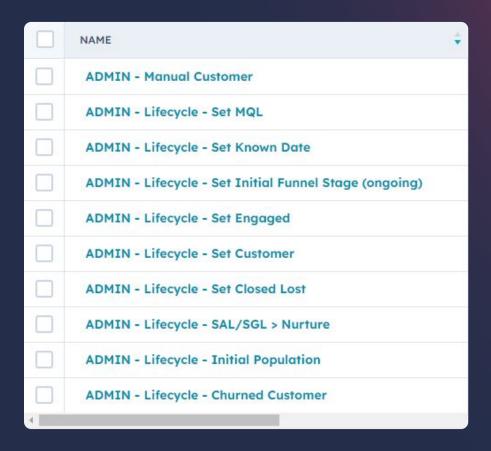


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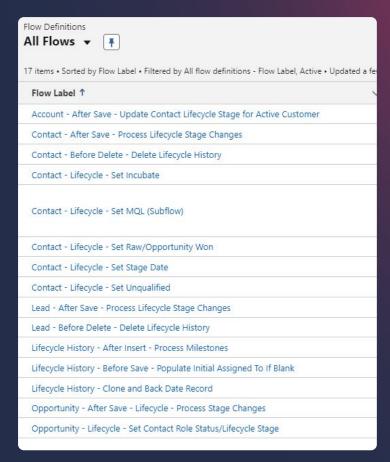
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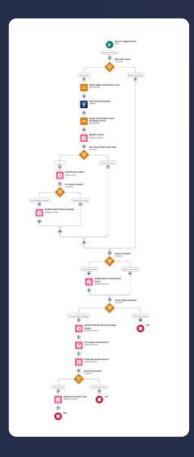


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No code required*



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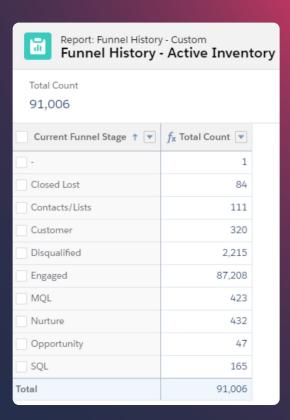


The reporting is magic...



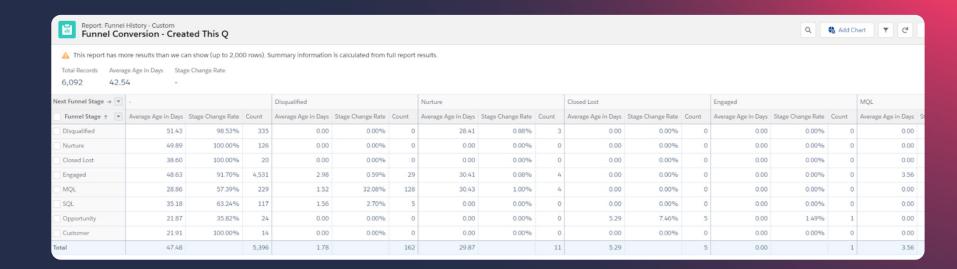
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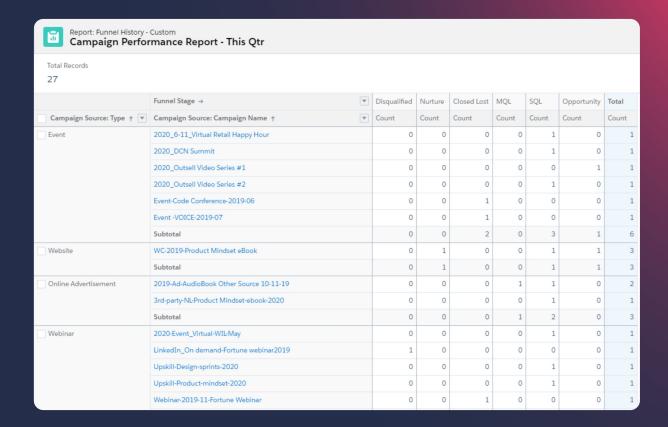


Conversion and Velocity

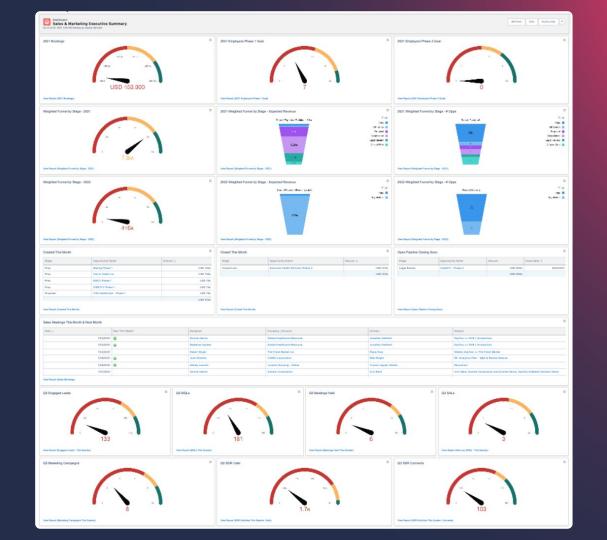




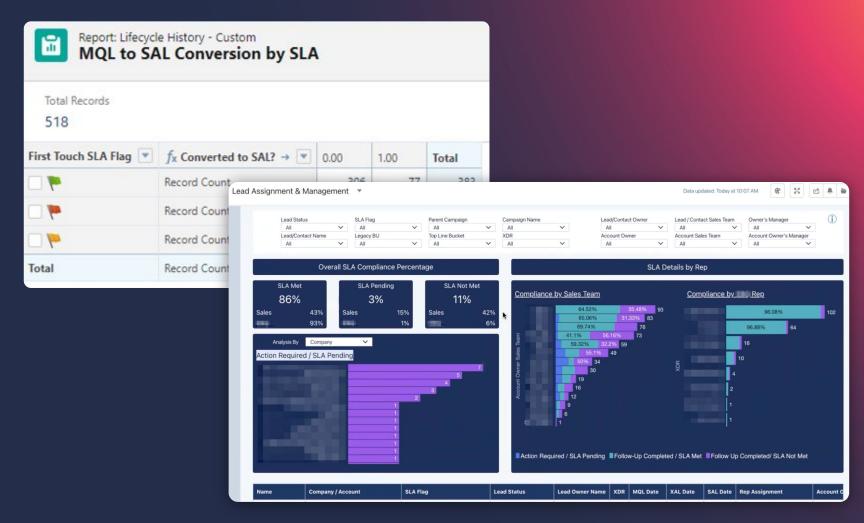
Campaign Performance













Is all of this really necessary?



Maybe not? It's not for everyone...

- Other options might be enough
- Definite learning curve
- Potential storage concerns–at least one custom object record per Lead/Contact
- Maintenance and updates

BUT...

- You may eventually outgrow a "lesser" solution
- Tech debt, resistance to change, etc.

Tricks for Success

- Get the whole team involved, cover all your edge cases before you get started.
- Test thoroughly in sandbox before moving to production
- If this is new, it probably won't be perfect the first time.
 Will need some iteration and someone to monitor reports.
- Reporting starter pack LOCKED DOWN one place for standardized general reports.
 - Do reporting discovery and training
 - Add notes on your reports and dashboards-what questions this report answers, etc.
 - STRONGLY recommend a Dashboard of Zero

Extra Resources

- Funnel Custom Object Overview
- <u>5 Reports to Measure Funnel Performance</u>
- Benchmarks for B2B Funnel Conversion Rates
- Salesforce Dashboard Examples
- Sample Lead Management Models
- Salesforce Package to Stamp UTMs on Campaign Members
- How to Structure Salesforce Campaigns for Attribution
- Sales Funnel ROI Calculator
- How to Build an SLA Alert in Salesforce
- How to Measure Lead Follow Up Beyond First Touch
- RevOps FM A Scalable Solution to B2B Funnel Tracking

THANK YOU



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