Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

Department of Success

Components of prospecting

- Lead generation system
 - Marketing campaigns
 - Networking
- Database
- Lead conversion system

CRM

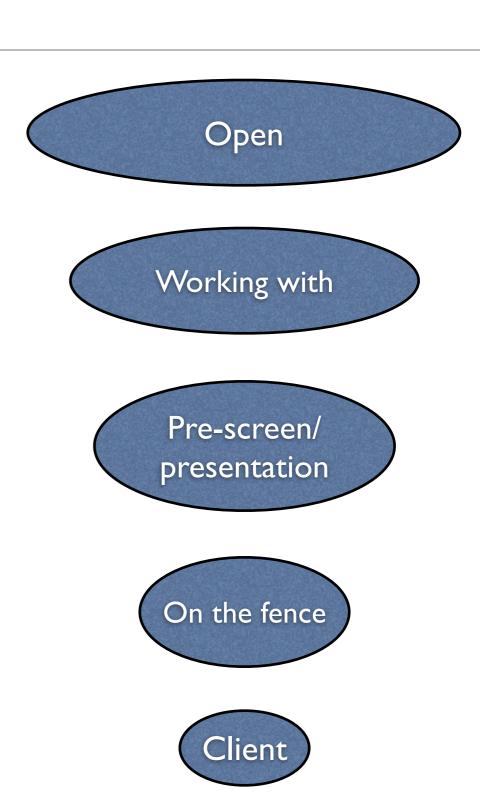
Customer retention system

Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

- "...the practice of intelligently finding, marketing to, selling to, and servicing customers"
- Utilizing systems to provide personalized customer service
 - Sales force automation (lead conversion)
 - Marketing (campaigns)
 - Service/support (cases)
 - Analytics
- \$9.1 billion industry in tools alone (2008)
- Application vs. hosted database solution
 - Automation
 - Integration with other applications/services

Data to Track

- Basic contact information
- Qualification (need/desire)
- Date/activity history log
- Pipeline status/funnel
 - Open
 - –Names/community list
 - –Leads (purchased, advertising)
 - Working with
 - -Review web site, brochure
 - Pre-screen/presentation
 - -Informal intake, needs assessment
 - On the fence
 - Ready to schedule session
 - -Slow drip



Data to Track (2)

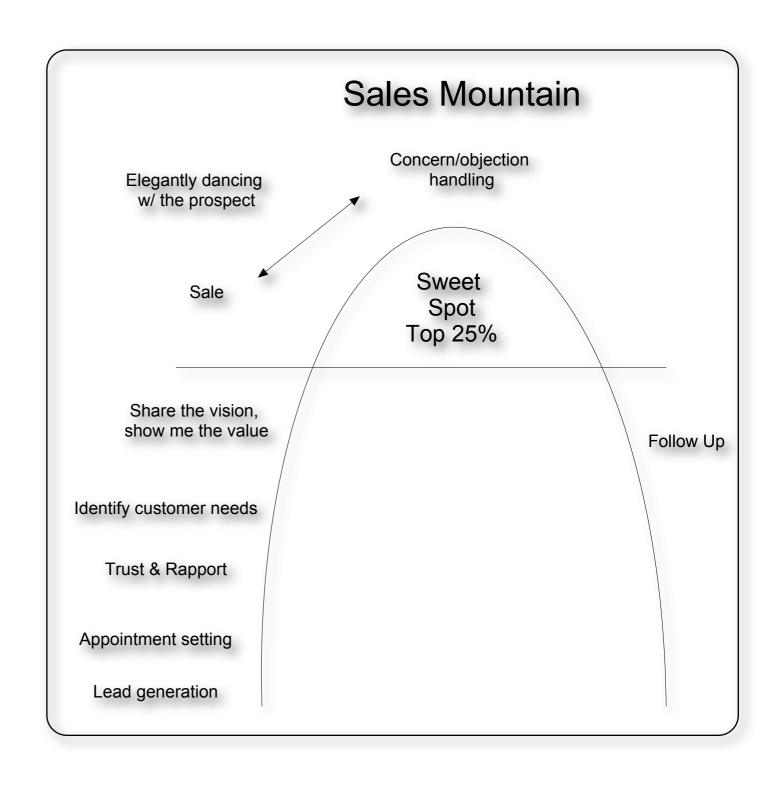
- Appointments
 - -Day Planner
 - Calendaring/PIM software
 - Outlook, Entourage, iCal, Now Up-to-Date, Google Calendar

- Business/campaign Expenses
 - Organize by category
 - -Comprises tax journal
 - Paper ledger
 - Quicken, Spreadsheet



Customized Sales Model

- Process of influence for all prospective clients
- Identify pipeline phases specific to business
- Close = "sweet spot"
- Follow-up till "buy or die"
- Professional persistence, maintain rapport
- Client retention activities



CRM implementation

- Paper-based:
 - Address book + files for activity history
 - -Very inexpensive
 - No integration with other services
 - -No backup
 - –No reporting
 - Limited portability





CRM Implementation (2)

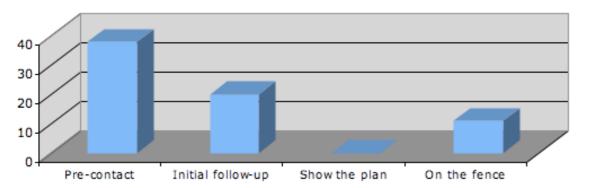
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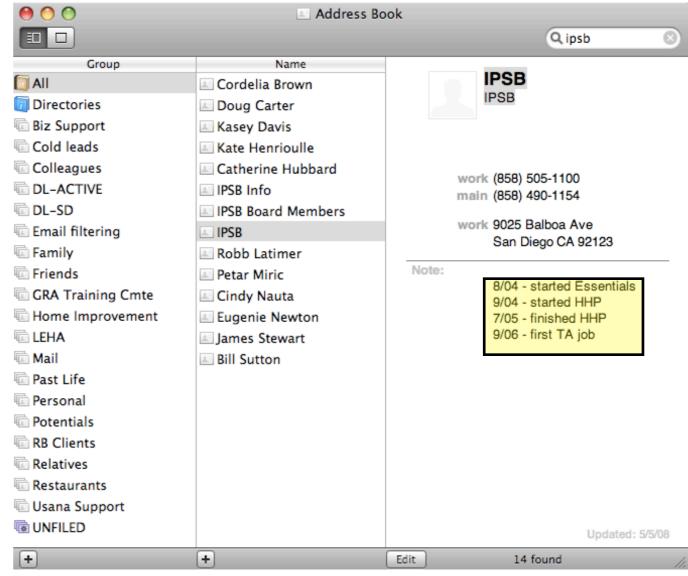
-Simple tracking spreadsheet + PIM software

–Simple, free (Excel/Google Docs + Outlook/Address Book/Gmail)

-Limited reporting functionality and integration with email,

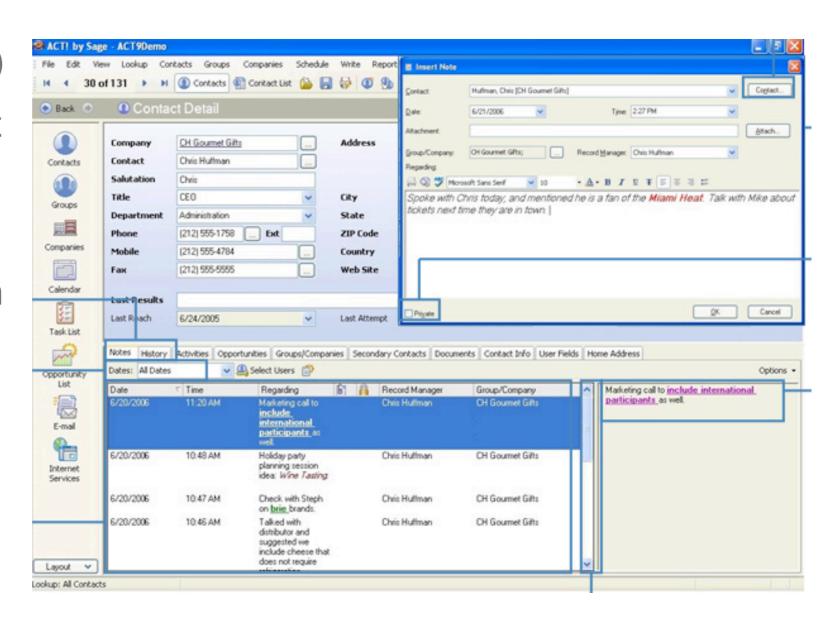
webhosting





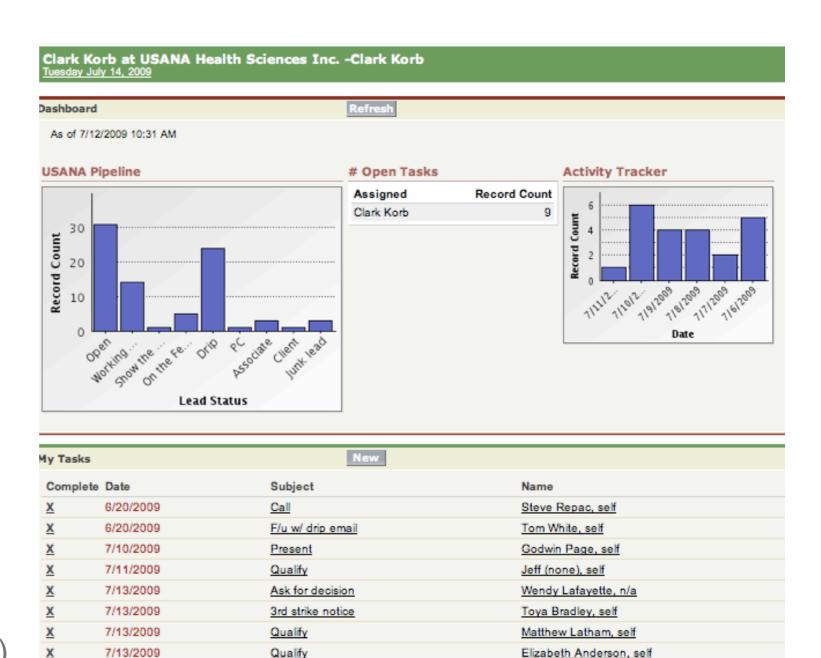
CRM Implementation (3)

- Application solution #2:
 - -Custom database software (ACT, Daylite)
 - -Larger initial/infrequent expense
 - -Improved reporting
 - -Limited integration with email, webhosting



CRM implementation (4)

- Hosted implementation:
 - Online service
 - Small periodic subscription
 - Easily customized
 - Interfaces well to email, webhosting
 - Vendors:
 - Salesforce(salesforce.com)
 - Batchbook(batchblue.com)
 - Zoho CRM (crm.zoho.com)
 - FreeCRM (freecrm.com)



Class project requirements

- Demonstrate CRM tool/process implementation:
 - Enter warm market names list into database (>= 10)
 - Define and show reporting/sorting pipeline phases relevant to custom sales model
 - Identify activity history tracking log
 - Illustrate timeliness capability (reminder/dashboard)
 - Schedule initial contact of preliminary leads (>= 10)
 - Provide hardcopy or electronic screenshots of system